

### 3.4 SOLUTION OF DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION BY LAPLACE TRANSFORM TECHNIQUE

There are so many methods to solve a linear differential equation. If the initial conditions are known, then Laplace transform technique is easier to solve the differential equation. The Laplace transform transforms the differential equation into an algebraic equation.

$$\begin{aligned} L[y'(t)] &= sL[y(t)] - y(0) \\ L[y''(t)] &= s^2L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0) \end{aligned}$$

#### Problems using Partial Fraction

**Example: 1.** Solve  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 3\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 2$ , given  $x = 0$  and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 5$  for  $t = 0$  using Laplace transform method.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } x'' - 3x' + 2x = 2; x(0) = 0; x'(0) = 5$$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} L[x''(t)] - 3L[x'(t)] + 2L[x(t)] &= 2L(1) \\ [s^2L[x(t)] - sx(0) - x'(0)] - 3[sL[x(t)] - x(0)] + 2L[x(t)] &= \frac{2}{s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Substituting } x(0) = 0; x'(0) = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} [s^2L[x(t)] - 0 - 5] - 3[sL[x(t)] - 0] + 2L[x(t)] &= \frac{2}{s} \\ s^2L[x(t)] - 3sL[x(t)] + 2L[x(t)] &= \frac{2}{s} + 5 \\ s^2L[x(t)] - 3sL[x(t)] + 2L[x(t)] &= \frac{2}{s} + 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } L[x(t)] = \bar{x}$$

$$s^2\bar{x} - 3s\bar{x} + 2\bar{x} = \frac{2}{s} + 5$$

$$[s^2 - 3s + 2]\bar{x} = \frac{2}{s} + 5$$

$$(s - 1)(s - 2)\bar{x} = \frac{2}{s} + 5$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{2+5s}{s(s-1)(s-2)}$$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{2+5s}{s(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s-1} + \frac{C}{s-2}$$

$$\frac{2+5s}{s(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{A(s-1)(s-2)+Bs(s-2)+Cs(s-1)}{s(s-1)(s-2)}$$

$$A(s - 1)(s - 2) + Bs(s - 2) + Cs(s - 1) = 2 + 5s \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Put } s = 0 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$A(-1)(-2) = 2$$

$$A = 1$$

$$\text{Put } s = 1 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$B(1)(-1) = 7$$

$$B = -7$$

$$\text{Put } s = 2 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$C(2)(1) = 2 + 10$$

$$C = 6$$

$$\frac{2+5s}{s(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{7}{s-1} + \frac{6}{s-2}$$

$$\therefore \bar{x} = \frac{1}{s} - 7 \frac{1}{s-1} + 6 \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$x(t) = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \right] - 7L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s-1} \right] + 6L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s-2} \right]$$

$$x(t) = 1 - 7e^t + 6e^{2t}$$

**Example: 2. Using Laplace transform solve the differential equation  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^{-t}$ , with  $y(0) = 1 = y'(0)$ .**

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^{-t}; \text{ with } y(0) = 1 = y'(0).$$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$L[y''(t)] - 3L[y'(t)] - 4L[y(t)] = 2L(e^{-t})$$

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0)] - 3[sL[y(t)] - y(0)] - 4L[y(t)] = 2 \frac{1}{s+1}$$

Substituting  $y(0) = 1 = y'(0)$ .

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - s - 1] - 3[sL[y(t)] - 1] - 4L[y(t)] = \frac{2}{s+1}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] - s - 1 - 3sL[y(t)] + 3 - 4L[y(t)] = \frac{2}{s+1}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] - 3sL[y(t)] - 4L[y(t)] = \frac{2}{s+1} + s - 2$$

$$\text{Put } L[y(t)] = \bar{y}$$

$$s^2\bar{y} - 3s\bar{y} - 4\bar{y} = \frac{2}{s+1} + s - 2$$

$$[s^2 - 3s - 4]\bar{y} = \frac{2}{s+1} + s - 2$$

$$[s^2 - 3s - 4]\bar{y} = \frac{2+s(s+1)-2(s+1)}{s+1}$$

$$= \frac{2+s^2+s-2s-2}{s+1}$$

$$(s+1)(s-4)\bar{y} = \frac{s^2-s}{s+1}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{s^2-s}{(s+1)(s+1)(s-4)}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{s^2-s}{(s+1)^2(s-4)}$$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{s^2-s}{(s+1)^2(s-4)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{C}{s-4}$$

$$\frac{s^2-s}{(s+1)^2(s-4)} = \frac{A(s+1)(s-4)+B(s-4)+C(s+1)^2}{(s+1)^2(s-4)}$$

$$A(s+1)(s-4) + B(s-4) + C(s+1)^2 = s^2 - s \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Puts } s = -1 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$\text{Puts } s = 4 \text{ in (1)}$$

equating the coefficients of  $s^2$ , we get

$$-5B = 1 + 1$$

$$25C = 16 - 4$$

$$A + C = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1 - C \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{12}{25}$$

$$B = \frac{-2}{5}$$

$$C = \frac{12}{25}$$

$$A = \frac{13}{25}$$

$$\frac{s^2-s}{(s+1)^2(s-4)} = \frac{25}{25(s+1)} - \frac{2}{5(s+1)^2} + \frac{12}{25(s-4)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \bar{y} &= \frac{13}{25(s+1)} - \frac{2}{5(s+1)^2} + \frac{12}{25(s-4)} \\ y(t) &= \frac{13}{25} L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)}\right] - \frac{2}{5} L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}\right] + \frac{12}{25} L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-4}\right] \\ y(t) &= \frac{13}{25} e^{-t} - \frac{2}{5} t e^{-t} + \frac{12}{25} e^{4t}\end{aligned}$$

**Example: 3.** Solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 3 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = e^{-t}$ , with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$  using Laplace transform.

**Solution:**

Given  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^{-t}$ ; with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 1$ .

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$\begin{aligned}L[y''(t)] - 3L[y'(t)] + 2L[y(t)] &= L(e^{-t}) \\ [s^2L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0)] - 3[sL[y(t)] - y(0)] + 2L[y(t)] &= \frac{1}{s+1}\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}[s^2L[y(t)] - s - 0] - 3[sL[y(t)] - 1] + 2L[y(t)] &= \frac{1}{s+1} \\ s^2L[y(t)] - s - 3sL[y(t)] + 3 + 2L[y(t)] &= \frac{1}{s+1} \\ s^2L[y(t)] - 3sL[y(t)] + 2L[y(t)] &= \frac{1}{s+1} + s - 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } L[y(t)] = \bar{y}$$

$$s^2\bar{y} - 3s\bar{y} + 2\bar{y} = \frac{1}{s+1} + s - 3$$

$$[s^2 - 3s + 2]\bar{y} = \frac{1}{s+1} + s - 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}[s^2 - 3s + 2]\bar{y} &= \frac{1+s(s+1)-3(s+1)}{s+1} \\ &= \frac{1+s^2+s-3s-3}{s+1}\end{aligned}$$

$$(s-1)(s-2)\bar{y} = \frac{s^2-2s-2}{s+1}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{s^2-2s-2}{(s+1)(s-1)(s-2)}$$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{s^2-2s-2}{(s+1)(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s-1} + \frac{C}{s-2}$$

$$\frac{s^2-2s-2}{(s+1)(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{A(s-1)(s-2)+B(s+1)(s-2)+C(s+1)(s-1)}{(s+1)(s-1)(s-2)}$$

$$A(s-1)(s-2) + B(s+1)(s-2) + C(s+1)(s-1) = s^2 - 2s - 2 \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Puts } s = -1 \text{ in (1)} \quad \text{puts } s = 1 \text{ in (1)} \quad \text{puts } s = 2 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$6A = 1 + 2 - 2 \quad -2B = 1 - 4 \quad 3C = 4 - 4 - 2$$

$$A = \frac{1}{6} \quad B = \frac{3}{2} \quad C = \frac{-2}{3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{s^2-2s-2}{(s+1)(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{1}{6(s+1)} + \frac{3}{2(s-1)} - \frac{2}{3(s-2)}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{6(s+1)} + \frac{3}{2(s-1)} - \frac{2}{3(s-2)}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{6}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)}\right] + \frac{3}{2}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-1}\right] - \frac{2}{3}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-2}\right]$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{6}e^{-t} + \frac{3}{2}e^t - \frac{2}{3}e^{2t}$$

**Example: 4.** Using Laplace transform solve the differential equation  $y'' + 2y' - 3y = sint$ , with  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ .

**Solution:**

Given  $y'' + 2y' - 3y = sint$  with  $y(0) = 0 = y'(0)$ .

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$L[y''(t)] + 2L[y'(t)] - 3L[y(t)] = L(sint)$$

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0)] + 2[sL[y(t)] - y(0)] - 3L[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

Substituting  $y(0) = 0 = y'(0)$ .

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - 0 - 0] + 2[sL[y(t)] - 0] - 3L[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] + 2sL[y(t)] - 3L[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] + 2sL[y(t)] - 3L[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

Put  $L[y(t)] = \bar{y}$

$$s^2\bar{y} + 2s\bar{y} - 3\bar{y} = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$[s^2 + 2s - 3]\bar{y} = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$(s - 1)(s + 3)\bar{y} = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{(s-1)(s+3)(s^2+1)}$$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{1}{(s-1)(s+3)(s^2+1)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s+3} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{(s-1)(s+3)(s^2+1)} = \frac{A(s^2+1)(s+3)+B(s-1)(s^2+1)+(Cs+D)(s-1)(s+3)}{(s-1)(s+3)(s^2+1)}$$

$$A(s^2 + 1)(s + 3) + B(s - 1)(s^2 + 1) + (Cs + D)(s - 1)(s + 3) = 1 \cdots (1)$$

Put  $s = 1$  in (1)

$$8A = 0 + 1$$

$$A = \frac{1}{8}$$

Put  $s = -3$  in (1)

$$B(-4)(10) = 1$$

$$B = \frac{-1}{40}$$

equating the coefficients of  $s^2$ , we get

$$A + B + C = 0 \Rightarrow C = -A - B = \frac{-1}{8} + \frac{1}{40}$$

$$C = \frac{-1}{10}$$

Puts  $= 0$  in (1), we get

$$3A - B - 3D = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{40} - 3D = 1$$

$$3D = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{40} - 1$$

$$3D = \frac{15+1-40}{40} \Rightarrow D = \frac{-24}{40 \times 3} \Rightarrow D = \frac{-1}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{(s-1)(s+3)(s^2+1)} = \frac{1}{8(s-1)} - \frac{1}{40(s+3)} + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{10}\right)s - \frac{1}{5}}{s^2+1}$$

$$\therefore \bar{y} = \frac{1}{8(s-1)} - \frac{1}{40(s+3)} - \frac{s}{10(s^2+1)} - \frac{1}{5(s^2+1)}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{8}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)}\right] - \frac{1}{40}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+3}\right] - \frac{1}{10}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+1}\right] - \frac{1}{5}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right]$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{8}e^t - \frac{1}{40}e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{10}(cost - 2sint)$$

**Example: 5.** Using Laplace transform solve the differential equation  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 4e^{2t}$ , with  $y(0) = -3$  and  $y'(0) = 5$ .

**Solution:**

Given  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 4e^{2t}$ ; with  $y(0) = -3$  and  $y'(0) = 5$ .

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$L[y''(t)] - 3L[y'(t)] + 2L[y(t)] = 4L(e^{2t})$$

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0)] - 3[sL[y(t)] - y(0)] + 2L[y(t)] = 4 \frac{1}{s-2}$$

Substituting  $y(0) = -3$  and  $y'(0) = 5$ .

$$[s^2L[y(t)] + 3s - 5] - 3[sL[y(t)] + 3] + 2L[y(t)] = \frac{4}{s-2}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] + 3s - 5 - 3sL[y(t)] - 9 + 2L[y(t)] = \frac{4}{s-2}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] - 3sL[y(t)] + 2L[y(t)] = \frac{4}{s-2} - 3s + 14$$

$$\text{Put } L[y(t)] = \bar{y}$$

$$s^2\bar{y} - 3s\bar{y} + 2\bar{y} = \frac{4}{s-2} - 3s + 14$$

$$[s^2 - 3s + 2]\bar{y} = \frac{4}{s-2} + 14 - 3s$$

$$[s^2 - 3s + 2]\bar{y} = \frac{4+(14-3s)(s-2)}{s-2}$$

$$(s-1)(s-2)\bar{y} = \frac{4+(14-3s)(s-2)}{s-2}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{4+(14-3s)(s-2)}{(s-1)(s-2)^2}$$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{4+(14-3s)(s-2)}{(s-1)(s-2)^2} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s-2} + \frac{C}{(s-2)^2}$$

$$\frac{4+(14-3s)(s-2)}{(s-1)(s-2)^2} = \frac{A(s-2)^2 + B(s-1)(s-2) + C(s-1)}{(s-1)(s-2)^2}$$

$$A(s-2)^2 + B(s-1)(s-2) + C(s-1) = 4 + (14-3s)(s-2) \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Put } s = 1 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$\text{Put } s = 2 \text{ in (1)}$$

equating the coefficients of  $s^2$ , we get

$$A = 4 - 11$$

$$C = 4 + 0$$

$$A + B = -3 \Rightarrow -7 + B = -3$$

$$A = -7$$

$$C = 4$$

$$B = 4$$

$$\frac{4+(14-3s)(s-2)}{(s-1)(s-2)^2} = \frac{-7}{s-1} + \frac{4}{s-2} + \frac{4}{(s-2)^2}$$

$$\therefore \bar{y} = \frac{-7}{s-1} + \frac{4}{s-2} + \frac{4}{(s-2)^2}$$

$$y(t) = -7L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)}\right] + 4L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-2}\right] + 4L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-2)^2}\right]$$

$$= -7e^t + 4e^{2t} + 4e^{2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right]$$

$$y(t) = -7e^t + 4e^{2t} + 4e^{2t}t$$

**Example: 6.** Using Laplace transform solve the differential equation  $y'' - 4y' + 8y = e^{2t}$ , with  $y(0) = 2$  and  $y'(0) = -2$ .

**Solution:**

Given  $y'' - 4y' + 8y = e^{2t}$ ; with  $y(0) = 2$  and  $y'(0) = -2$ .

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$L[y''(t)] - 4L[y'(t)] + 8L[y(t)] = L(e^{2t})$$

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0)] - 4[sL[y(t)] - y(0)] + 8L[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s-2}$$

Substituting  $y(0) = 2$  and  $y'(0) = -2$ .

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - 2s + 2] - 4[sL[y(t)] - 2] + 8L[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] - 2s + 2 - 4sL[y(t)] + 8 + 8L[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] - 4sL[y(t)] + 8L[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s-2} + 2s - 10$$

$$\text{Put } L[y(t)] = \bar{y}$$

$$s^2\bar{y} - 4s\bar{y} + 8\bar{y} = \frac{1}{s-2} + 2s - 10$$

$$[s^2 - 4s + 8]\bar{y} = \frac{1}{s-2} + 2s - 10$$

$$[s^2 - 4s + 8]\bar{y} = \frac{1+(2s-10)(s-2)}{s-2}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1+(2s-10)(s-2)}{(s-2)(s^2-4s+8)}$$

$$= \frac{1+(2s-10)(s-2)}{(s-2)[(s-2)^2+4]}$$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{1+(2s-10)(s-2)}{(s-2)[(s-2)^2+4]} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B(s-2)+C}{(s-2)^2+4}$$

$$= \frac{A[(s-2)^2+4]+B[(s-2)+C](s-2)}{[s-2][(s-2)^2+4]}$$

$$A[(s-2)^2+4] + B[(s-2)+C](s-2) = 1 + (2s-10)(s-2) \cdots (1)$$

Put  $s = 2$  in (1)      Put  $s = 0$  in (1)      equating the coefficients of  $s^2$ , we get

$$4A = 1 + 0 \quad 8A + 4B - 2C = 21 \quad A + B = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + B = 2$$

$$A = \frac{1}{4} \quad C = -6 \quad B = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\frac{1+(2s-10)(s-2)}{(s-2)[(s-2)^2+4]} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{s-2} + \frac{\frac{7}{4}(s-2)-6}{(s-2)^2+4}$$

$$\therefore \bar{y} = \frac{1}{4(s-2)} + \frac{\frac{7}{4}(s-2)}{4(s-2)^2+4} - 6 \frac{1}{(s-2)^2+4}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{4}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-2)}\right] + \frac{7}{4}L^{-1}\left[\frac{(s-2)}{(s-2)^2+4}\right] - 6L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-2)^2+4}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}e^{2t} + \frac{7}{4}e^{2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right] - 6e^{2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}e^{2t} + \frac{7}{4}e^{2t}\cos 2t - 6e^{2t}\frac{\sin 2t}{2}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{4}e^{2t} + \frac{7}{4}e^{2t}\cos 2t - 3e^{2t}\sin 2t$$

### Problems without using Partial Fraction

**Example: 7. Solve using Laplace transform**  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dx}{dt} + x = e^t$ , with  $x = 2, \frac{dx}{dt} = -1$  at  $t = 0$

**Solution:**

Given  $x'' - 2x' + x = e^t; x(0) = 2; x'(0) = -1$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$L[x''(t)] - 2L[x'(t)] + L[x(t)] = L(e^t)$$

$$[s^2L[x(t)] - sx(0) - x'(0)] - 2[sL[x(t)] - x(0)] + L[x(t)] = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

Substituting  $x(0) = 2; x'(0) = -1$

$$[s^2L[x(t)] - 2s + 1] - 2[sL[x(t)] - 2] + L[x(t)] = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$s^2L[x(t)] - 2sL[x(t)] + L[x(t)] = \frac{1}{s-1} + 2s - 5$$

$$s^2L[x(t)] - 2sL[x(t)] + L[x(t)] = \frac{1}{s-1} + 2s - 5$$

Put  $L[x(t)] = \bar{x}$

$$s^2\bar{x} - 2s\bar{x} + \bar{x} = \frac{1}{s-1} + 2s - 5$$

$$[s^2 - 2s + 1]\bar{x} = \frac{1}{s-1} + 2s - 5$$

$$(s - 1)^2\bar{x} = \frac{1}{s-1} + 2s - 5$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{(s-1)(s-1)^2} + \frac{2s}{(s-1)^2} - \frac{5}{(s-1)^2}$$

$$x(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^3}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s-1)^2}\right] - 5L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\right]$$

$$= e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-1+1}{(s-1)^2}\right] - 5e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right]$$

$$= e^t \frac{t^2}{2!} + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\right] - 5e^t t$$

$$= e^t \frac{t^2}{2!} + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-1}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\right] - 5e^t t$$

$$= e^t \frac{t^2}{2!} + 2e^t + 2e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] - 5e^t t$$

$$= e^t \frac{t^2}{2} + 2e^t + 2e^t t - 5e^t t$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{t^2 e^t}{2} + 2e^t - 3e^t t$$

**Example: 8. Solve the following differential equation using Laplace transform**

$(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = t^2 e^t$  Given  $y(0) = 2$  and  $Dy(0) = 3$

**Solution:**

Given  $(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = t^2 e^t$  with  $y(0) = 2$  and  $Dy(0) = 3$

$$\text{i.e., } D^2y - 2Dy + y = t^2e^t$$

$$y'' - 2y' + y = t^2e^t \text{ With } y(0) = 2 \text{ and } y'(0) = 3$$

Apply Laplace transform on both sides, we get

$$L[y''(t)] - 2L[y'(t)] + L[y(t)] = L(t^2e^t)$$

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0)] - 2[sL[y(t)] - y(0)] + L[y(t)] = L[t^2]_{s \rightarrow s-1}$$

Substituting  $y(0) = 2$  and  $y'(0) = 3$ .

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - 2s - 3] - 2[sL[y(t)] - 2] + L[y(t)] = \left[\frac{2!}{s^3}\right]_{s \rightarrow s-1}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] - 2s - 3 - 2sL[y(t)] + 4 + L[y(t)] = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] - 2sL[y(t)] + L[y(t)] = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3} + 2s - 1$$

$$\text{Put } L[y(t)] = \bar{y}$$

$$s^2\bar{y} - 2s\bar{y} + \bar{y} = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3} + 2s - 1$$

$$[s^2 - 2s + 1]\bar{y} = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3} + 2s - 1$$

$$(s-1)^2\bar{y} = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3} + 2s - 1$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{2}{(s-1)^5} + \frac{2s}{(s-1)^2} - \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{(s-1)^5}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s-1)^2}\right] - L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\right]$$

$$= 2e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^5}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-1+1}{(s-1)^2}\right] - e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right]$$

$$= 2e^t \frac{t^4}{4!} + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\right] - e^t t$$

$$= 2e^t \frac{t^4}{24} + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-1}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\right] - e^t t$$

$$= e^t \frac{t^4}{12} + 2e^t + 2e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] - e^t t$$

$$= e^t \frac{t^4}{12} + 2e^t + 2e^t t - e^t t$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{t^4 e^t}{12} + 2e^t + e^t t$$

**Example: 9.** Solve using Laplace transform  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dt} + 9y = 6t^2e^{-3t}$ , given that  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dt} + 9y = 6t^2e^{-3t} \text{ with } y(0) = 0 \text{ and } y'(0) = 0$$

$$y'' + 6y' + 9y = 6t^2e^{-3t} \text{ With } y(0) = 0 \text{ and } y'(0) = 0$$

Apply Laplace transform on both sides, we get

$$L[y''(t)] + 6L[y'(t)] + 9L[y(t)] = 6L(t^2e^{-3t})$$

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0)] + 6[sL[y(t)] - y(0)] + 9L[y(t)] = 6L[t^2]_{s \rightarrow s+3}$$

Substituting  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .

$$[s^2L[y(t)] - 0 - 0] + 6[sL[y(t)] - 0] + 9L[y(t)] = 6 \left[ \frac{2!}{s^3} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+3}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] + 6sL[y(t)] + 9L[y(t)] = \frac{12}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$s^2L[y(t)] + 6sL[y(t)] + 9L[y(t)] = \frac{12}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$\text{Put } L[y(t)] = \bar{y}$$

$$s^2\bar{y} + 6s\bar{y} + 9\bar{y} = \frac{12}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$[s^2 + 6s + 9]\bar{y} = \frac{12}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$(s+3)^2\bar{y} = \frac{12}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{12}{(s+3)^5}$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{12}{(s+3)^5} \right] = 12e^{-3t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^5} \right]$$

$$= 12e^{-3t} \frac{t^4}{4!}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{t^4 e^{-3t}}{2}$$

**Example: 10.** Solve  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} + 5x = e^{-t} \sin t$ ;  $x(0) = 0$  and  $x'(0) = 1$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } x'' + 2x' + 5x = e^{-t} \sin t; x(0) = 0; x'(0) = 1$$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$L[x''(t)] + 2L[x'(t)] + 5L[x(t)] = L(e^{-t} \sin t)$$

$$[s^2L[x(t)] - sx(0) - x'(0)] + 2[sL[x(t)] - x(0)] + 5L[x(t)] = L[\sin t]_{s \rightarrow s+1}$$

Substituting  $x(0) = 0; x'(0) = 1$

$$[s^2L[x(t)] - 0 - 1] + 2[sL[x(t)] - 0] + 5L[x(t)] = \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+1}$$

$$s^2L[x(t)] + 2sL[x(t)] + 5L[x(t)] - 1 = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1}$$

$$s^2L[x(t)] + 2sL[x(t)] + 5L[x(t)] = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1} + 1$$

$$\text{Put } L[x(t)] = \bar{x}$$

$$s^2\bar{x} + 2s\bar{x} + 5\bar{x} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1} + 1$$

$$[s^2 + 2s + 5]\bar{x} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1} + 1$$

$$[s^2 + 2s + 5]\bar{x} = \frac{1}{s^2+2s+2} + 1$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{(s^2+2s+2)(s^2+2s+5)} + \frac{1}{s^2+2s+5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5-2} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+2s+2} - \frac{1}{s^2+2s+5} \right] + \frac{1}{s^2+2s+5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(s^2 + ax + b)(s^2 + ax + c)} \\ &= \frac{1}{c - b} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2 + ax + b} - \frac{1}{s^2 + ax + c} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+2s+2} - \frac{1}{s^2+2s+5} \right] + \frac{1}{s^2+2s+5} \\
&= \frac{1}{3(s^2+2s+2)} - \frac{1}{3(s^2+2s+5)} + \frac{1}{s^2+2s+5} \\
\bar{x} &= \frac{1}{3(s^2+2s+2)} + \frac{2}{3(s^2+2s+5)} \\
x(t) &= \frac{1}{3} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+2s+2)} \right] + \frac{2}{3} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+2s+5)} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{3} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1} \right] + \frac{2}{3} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+4} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right] + \frac{2}{3} e^{-t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} \sin t + \frac{2}{3} e^{-t} \frac{\sin 2t}{2} \\
\therefore x &= \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} [\sin t + \sin 2t]
\end{aligned}$$

**Example: 11.** Solve using Laplace transform  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} = t^2 + 2t$ , given that  $y = 4$ ,  $y' = -2$  when  $t = 0$

**Solution:**

Given  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} = t^2 + 2t$  with  $y(0) = 4$  and  $y'(0) = -2$

$y'' + y' = t^2 + 2t$  with  $y(0) = 4$  and  $y'(0) = -2$

Apply Laplace transform on both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
L[y''(t)] + L[y'(t)] &= L(t^2) + L(2t) \\
[s^2 L[y(t)] - sy(0) - y'(0)] + [sL[y(t)] - y(0)] &= \frac{2}{s^3} + 2 \frac{1}{s^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $y(0) = 4$  and  $y'(0) = -2$ .

$$[s^2 L[y(t)] - 4s + 2] + [sL[y(t)] - 4] = \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s^2}$$

$$s^2 L[y(t)] + sL[y(t)] - 4s + 2 - 4 = \frac{2+2s}{s^3}$$

$$s^2 L[y(t)] + sL[y(t)] = \frac{2(1+s)}{s^3} + 4s + 2$$

$$\text{Put } L[y(t)] = \bar{y}$$

$$s^2 \bar{y} + s\bar{y} = \frac{2(1+s)}{s^3} + 2(2s + 1)$$

$$s(s^2 + s)\bar{y} = \frac{2(s+1)}{s^3} + 2(2s + 1)$$

$$s(s+1)\bar{y} = \frac{2(s+1)}{s^3} + 2(2s + 1)$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{2(s+1)}{s^4(s+1)} + \frac{2(2s+1)}{s(s+1)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{s^4} + 2 \left[ \frac{s+(s+1)}{s(s+1)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{s^4} + 2 \left[ \frac{s}{s(s+1)} + \frac{s+1}{s(s+1)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{s^4} + 2 \left[ \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{s} \right]$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{2}{s^4} + \frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{2}{s}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^4}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] \\
 &= 2\frac{t^3}{3!} + 2e^{-t} + 2(1) \\
 \therefore y &= \frac{t^3}{3} + 2e^{-t} + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example: 12. Solve using Laplace transform**  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 9x = \cos 2t$ , if  $x(0) = 1$ ;  $x\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } x'' + 9x = \cos 2t; x(0) = 1; x\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$

Since  $x'(0)$  is not given assume  $x'(0) = k$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get,

$$L[x''(t)] + L[x(t)] = L(\cos 2t)$$

$$[s^2L[x(t)] - sx(0) - x'(0)] + 9L[x(t)] = L(\cos 2t)$$

$$\text{Substituting } x(0) = 1; x\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$

$$[s^2L[x(t)] - s - k] + 9L[x(t)] = \frac{s}{s^2+4}$$

$$s^2L[x(t)] + 9L[x(t)] = \frac{s}{s^2+4} + s + k$$

$$[s^2 + 9]L[x(t)] = \frac{s}{s^2+4} + s + k$$

$$\text{Put } L[x(t)] = \bar{x}$$

$$[s^2 + 9]\bar{x} = \frac{s}{s^2+4} + s + k$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{s}{(s^2+9)(s^2+4)} + \frac{s}{s^2+9} + \frac{k}{s^2+9}$$

$$= \frac{s}{9-4} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+4} - \frac{1}{s^2+9} \right] + \frac{s}{s^2+9} + \frac{k}{s^2+9}$$

$$= \frac{s}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+4} - \frac{1}{s^2+9} \right] + \frac{s}{s^2+9} + \frac{k}{s^2+9}$$

$$= \frac{s}{5(s^2+4)} - \frac{s}{5(s^2+9)} + \frac{s}{s^2+9} + \frac{k}{s^2+9}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{s}{5(s^2+4)} + \frac{(5s-s)}{5(s^2+9)} + \frac{k}{s^2+9}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \frac{s}{s^2+4} + \frac{4}{5} \frac{s}{s^2+9} + \frac{k}{s^2+9}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{5} L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right] + \frac{4}{5} L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+9}\right] + k L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+9}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \cos 2t + \frac{4}{5} \cos 3t + k \frac{\sin 3\pi}{3} \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Given } x\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$

$$\text{Put } t = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ in (1)}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow x\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{5} \cos \frac{2\pi}{2} + \frac{4}{5} \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + k \frac{\sin \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3}$$

$$-1 = \frac{1}{5}(-1) + 0 + \frac{k}{3}(-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{k}{3} &= \frac{1}{5} - 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{k}{3} = \frac{-4}{5} \Rightarrow k = \frac{12}{5} \\&= \frac{1}{5} \cos 2t + \frac{4}{5} \cos 3t + \frac{12}{5} \frac{\sin 3t}{3} \\ \therefore x(t) &= \frac{1}{5} [\cos 2t + 4 \cos 3t + 4 \sin 3t]\end{aligned}$$

