

Let $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}[y(t)]$.

1. (a) Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} [sY(s) - y(0)] + Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{3}{s} \\ \Rightarrow (s+1)Y(s) - 2 &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{3}{s} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{1 - 3s + 2s^2}{s^2(s+1)} \end{aligned}$$

expanding the right hand side using partial fractions

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{6}{s+1} + \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{4}{s}$$

Taking the inverse transform yields

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= (6e^{-t} + t - 4)u_0(t) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} [sY(s) - y(0)] - 4Y(s) &= 3 \times \frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} \\ \Rightarrow (s-4)Y(s) &= \frac{6}{s^2 + 4} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{6}{(s-4)(s^2 + 4)} \end{aligned}$$

expanding the right hand side using partial fractions

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{3/10}{s-4} - \frac{(3/10)s}{s^2+4} - \frac{(6/10) \times 2}{s^2+4}$$

Taking the inverse transform yields

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{10}e^{4t} - \frac{3}{10}\cos 2t - \frac{6}{10}\sin 2t \right) u_0(t) \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} [sY(s) - y(0)] + 3Y(s) &= 6 \times \frac{1}{s}e^{-s} \\ \Rightarrow (s+3)Y(s) - 1 &= \frac{6}{s}e^{-s} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s+3} + \frac{6}{s(s+3)}e^{-s} \end{aligned}$$

expanding the right hand side using partial fractions

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s+3} + \left(\frac{2}{s} - \frac{2}{s+3} \right) e^{-s}$$

Taking the inverse transform yields

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= e^{-3t}u_0(t) + \left(2 - 2e^{-3(t-1)} \right) u_1(t) \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Noting that $f(t) = u_0(t) - 2u_1(t) + u_2(t)$, we can proceed as follows: Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} [sY(s) - y(0)] + 2Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s} (1 - 2e^{-s} + e^{-2s}) \\ \Rightarrow (s+2)Y(s) - 1 &= \frac{1}{s} (1 - 2e^{-s} + e^{-2s}) \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{1}{s(s+2)} (1 - 2e^{-s} + e^{-2s}) \end{aligned}$$

expanding the right hand side using partial fractions

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+2} \right) (1 - 2e^{-s} + e^{-2s})$$

Taking the inverse transform yields

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= e^{-2t}u_0(t) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-2t})u_0(t) - (1 - e^{-2(t-1)})u_1(t) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-2(t-2)})u_2(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-2t})u_0(t) - (1 - e^{-2(t-1)})u_1(t) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-2(t-2)})u_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

- (e) Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} [s(sY(s) - y(0)) - \frac{dy}{dt}(0)] + 4[sY(s) - y(0)] + 3Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s} \\ \Rightarrow (s^2 + 4s + 3)Y(s) - 1 &= \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)} + \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)(s+3)} \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{s(s+1)(s+3)} \\ &= \frac{(s+1)^2}{s^2(s+1)(s+3)} \\ &= \frac{s+1}{s^2(s+3)} \end{aligned}$$

expanding the right hand side using partial fractions

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = -\frac{2/9}{s+3} + \frac{1/3}{s^2} + \frac{2/9}{s}$$

Taking the inverse transform yields

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= \left(-\frac{2}{9}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{3}t + \frac{2}{9} \right) u_0(t) \end{aligned}$$

- (f) Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} [s(sY(s) - y(0)) - \frac{dy}{dt}(0)] + 4Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s-2} \\ \Rightarrow (s^2 + 4)Y(s) - 2s &= \frac{1}{s-2} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{2s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{(s-2)(s^2 + 4)} \end{aligned}$$

expanding the right hand side using partial fractions

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1/8}{s-2} - \frac{1/4}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{(15/8)s}{s^2 + 4}$$

Taking the inverse transform yields

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{8}e^{2t} - \frac{1}{8}\sin 2t + \frac{15}{8}\cos 2t \right) u_0(t) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{8}e^{2t} + \frac{\sqrt{226}}{8}\cos(2t + \phi) \right) u_0(t) \end{aligned}$$

where $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{15}\right)$.

(g) Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} [s(sY(s) - y(0)) - \frac{dy}{dt}(0)] + 2[sY(s) - y(0)] + Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s+1} \\ \Rightarrow (s^2 + 2s + 1)Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s+1} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{1}{(s+1)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Using the 2nd Shift theorem $F(s+a) = \mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)]$ gives on taking the inverse transform

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}t^2u_0(t) \end{aligned}$$

(h) Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} [s(sY(s) - y(0)) - \frac{dy}{dt}(0)] + 4[sY(s) - y(0)] + 4Y(s) &= 4 \times \frac{1}{s} \\ \Rightarrow (s^2 + 4s + 4)Y(s) - 2s - 8 &= \frac{4}{s} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{2s^2 + 8s + 4}{s(s+2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

expanding the right hand side using partial fractions

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{2}{(s+2)^2}$$

Using the 2nd Shift theorem gives on taking the inverse transform

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= (1 + e^{-2t} + 2te^{-2t})u_0(t) \end{aligned}$$

2. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 * \sin 2t &= \int_0^t 1 \sin 2(t-u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos 2(t-u) \Big|_0^t \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2t) \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively

$$\begin{aligned} 1 * \sin 2t &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\mathcal{L}[1]][\mathcal{L}[\sin 2t]] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s} \times \frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2}\right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1/2}{s} - \frac{1/2s}{s^2 + 2^2}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\cos 2t}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}e^{-t} * 1 &= \int_0^t e^{-u} du \\ &= -e^{-u} \Big|_0^t \\ &= 1 - e^{-t}\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively

$$\begin{aligned}e^{-t} * 1 &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\mathcal{L}[e^{-t}]][\mathcal{L}[1]] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1} \times \frac{1}{s}\right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}\right] \\ &= 1 - e^{-t}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}t * t &= \int_0^t u(t-u) du \\ &= \frac{u^2 t}{2} - \frac{u^3}{3} \Big|_0^t \\ &= \frac{t^3}{6}\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively

$$\begin{aligned}t * t &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\mathcal{L}[t]][\mathcal{L}[t]] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2} \times \frac{1}{s^2}\right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^4}\right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{3!}{6s^4}\right] \\ &= \frac{t^3}{6}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}t * e^{2t} &= \int_0^t u e^{2(t-u)} du \\ &= -\frac{2u+1}{4} e^{2(t-u)} \Big|_0^t \\ &= \frac{1}{4} e^{2t} - \frac{2t+1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively

$$\begin{aligned}t * e^{2t} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\mathcal{L}[t]][\mathcal{L}[e^{2t}]] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2} \times \frac{1}{s-2}\right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[-\frac{1/4}{s} - \frac{1/2}{s^2} + \frac{1/4}{s-2}\right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{t}{2} + \frac{1}{4} e^{2t}\end{aligned}$$

3. Taking the *Laplace* transform of the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned}[sY(s) - y(0)] + 3Y(s) &= \mathcal{L}[\cos 4t] \\ \Rightarrow (s+3)Y(s) &= \mathcal{L}[\cos 4t] \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{\mathcal{L}[\cos 4t]}{s+3} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \mathcal{L}[\cos 4t] \mathcal{L}[e^{-3t}] \\ \Rightarrow y(t) &= \cos 4t * e^{-3t}\end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= \int_0^t \cos 4u e^{-3(t-u)} du \\&= \Re \left(\int_0^t e^{i4u} e^{-3(t-u)} du \right) \\&= \Re \left(e^{-3t} \int_0^t e^{(3+i4)u} du \right) \\&= \Re \left(e^{-3t} \frac{e^{(3+i4)u}}{3+i4} \Big|_0^t \right) \\&= \Re \left(e^{-3t} \frac{3-i4}{25} \left(e^{3t} (\cos 4t + i \sin 4t) - 1 \right) \right) \\&= \frac{3 \cos 4t + 4 \sin 4t - 3e^{-3t}}{25}\end{aligned}$$

4. Taking the *Laplace* transform of the integral equation gives

$$\begin{aligned}Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2+1^2} + 2\frac{s}{s^2+1^2} Y(s) \\ \Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}\right) Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2+1} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(s-1)^2}{s^2+1} Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2+1} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Using the 2nd Shift theorem gives

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= te^t u_0(t)\end{aligned}$$