

Use Laplace transforms to solve the IVP

$$y' - y = \sin t, \quad (1)$$

$$y(0) = 0. \quad (2)$$

1. Take \mathcal{L} of ODE (1):

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'\} - \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = Y,$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY - y(0) = sY - 0 = sY,$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}.$$

Substitute these into Eq. (3) to obtain

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

2. Solve for Y :

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

so

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)(s - 1)} \quad (\text{use p.f.d.}) \\ &= \frac{as + b}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{c}{s - 1} = \dots (\text{you show}) \dots \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s - 1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

3. Apply \mathcal{L}^{-1} :

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \right\} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{1}{s - 1} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \cos t - \frac{1}{2} \sin t + \frac{1}{2} e^t. \end{aligned}$$