

Use Laplace transforms to solve the IVP

$$y'' - 2y' + y = e^t, \tag{1}$$

$$y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -4 \tag{2}$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}\{e^t\}, \tag{3}$$

where

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY - y(0) = sY - 3,$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} = s^2Y - sy(0) - y'(0) = s^2Y - 3s + 4,$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^t\} = \frac{1}{s-1}.$$

Substitute these into Eq. (3) to obtain

$$s^2Y - 3s + 4 - 2(sY - 3) + Y = \frac{1}{s-1}.$$

2. Solve for Y :

$$(s^2 - 2s + 1)Y = \frac{1}{s-1} + 3s - 10,$$

$$(s-1)^2Y = \frac{1}{s-1} + 3s - 10,$$

so

$$Y = \frac{1}{(s-1)^3} + \frac{3s-10}{(s-1)^2}.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s-1)^3} + \frac{3s-10}{(s-1)^2} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s+1}\right\} \quad \text{add 1 to all } s\text{'s} \\ &= e^{at} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{3(s+1)-10}{s^2}\right\}_{a=1} \quad \text{by I-1TT} \\ &= e^t \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{3}{s} - \frac{7}{s^2}\right\} \\ &= e^t \left[\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^3}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{s}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{7}{s^2}\right\} \right] \\ &= e^t \left[\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2!}{s^3}\right\} \cdot \frac{1}{2!} + 3\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} - 7\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} \right] \\ &= e^t \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 3 - 7t \right). \end{aligned}$$