

9. The denominator $s^2 + 4s + 5$ is *irreducible* over the reals. Completing the square, $s^2 + 4s + 5 = (s + 2)^2 + 1$. Now convert the function to a *rational function* of the variable $\xi = s + 2$. That is,

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

We find that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{\xi^2 + 1} - \frac{2\xi}{\xi^2 + 1}\right] = 5 \sin t - 2 \cos t.$$

Using the fact that $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]_{s \rightarrow s-a}$,

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1 - 2s}{s^2 + 4s + 5}\right] = e^{-2t}(5 \sin t - 2 \cos t).$$

13. Taking the Laplace transform of the ODE, we obtain

$$s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0) - 2[s Y(s) - y(0)] + 2 Y(s) = 0.$$

Applying the *initial conditions*,

$$s^2 Y(s) - 2s Y(s) + 2 Y(s) - 1 = 0.$$

Solving for $Y(s)$, the transform of the solution is

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

Since the denominator is *irreducible*, write the transform as a function of $\xi = s - 1$. That is,

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

First note that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\xi^2 + 1}\right] = \sin t.$$

Using the fact that $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]_{s \rightarrow s-a}$,

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 - 2s + 2}\right] = e^t \sin t.$$

Hence $y(t) = e^t \sin t$.

17. Taking the Laplace transform of the ODE, we obtain

$$s^4 Y(s) - s^3 y(0) - s^2 y'(0) - s y''(0) - y'''(0) - 4[s^3 Y(s) - s^2 y(0) - s y'(0) - y''(0)] + 6[s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0)] - 4[s Y(s) - y(0)] + Y(s) = 0$$

Applying the *initial conditions*,

$$s^4 Y(s) - 4s^3 Y(s) + 6s^2 Y(s) - 4s Y(s) + Y(s) - s^2 + 4s - 7 = 0.$$

Solving for the transform of the solution,

$$Y(s) = \frac{s^2 - 4s + 7}{s^4 - 4s^3 + 6s^2 - 4s + 1} = \frac{s^2 - 4s + 7}{(s - 1)^4}.$$

Using partial fractions,

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

Note that $\mathcal{L}[t^n] = (n!)/s^{n+1}$ and $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]_{s \rightarrow s-a}$. Hence the solution of the IVP is

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2 - 4s + 7}{(s - 1)^4}\right] = \frac{2}{3}t^3 e^t - t^2 e^t + t e^t.$$