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Example Solve $y'' + a^2 y = f(t)$ $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$. Take L.T. of both sides.
 $Y = \mathcal{L}y$, $F = \mathcal{L}f$

$$\mathcal{L}(y'') + a^2 \mathcal{L}(y) = \mathcal{L}f$$

$$\text{Hence } s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + a^2 Y = F$$

$$\therefore (s^2 + a^2)Y(s) - 1 = F(s)$$

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{a} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}\right] + \frac{1}{a} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{a \cdot F(s)}{s^2 + a^2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \sin(at) + \frac{1}{a} \int_0^t f(u) \sin(a(t-u)) du$$

Example Solve $ty'' + y = 0$, $y(0) = 0$.

Let $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}y$. Recall $\mathcal{L}(tf(t)) = -\frac{d}{ds} F(s)$
 $F = \mathcal{L}f$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{L}(ty'') = -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(y'')$$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds} (s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0))$$

$$= -s^2 \frac{dY}{ds} - 2sY(s) + y(0)$$

$$-s^2 \frac{dY}{ds} - 2sY(s) + Y(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 \frac{dY}{ds} + (2s-1)Y = 0$$

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$$\therefore s^2 \frac{dY}{ds} = -(2s-1)Y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dY}{Y} = \frac{-(2s-1)}{s^2} ds. \text{ So we}$$

$$\text{have } \int \frac{dY}{Y} = \int \left(-\frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} \right) ds$$

Thus

$$\ln Y = -2 \ln s - \frac{1}{s} + C$$

Taking exponentials

$$\text{gives } Y(s) = e^C \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-1/s}$$

$$= \frac{A}{s^2} e^{-1/s}$$

$$= \frac{A}{s^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right)^3 + \dots \right)$$

$$= A \left(\frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{s^4} - \frac{1}{3!} \frac{1}{s^5} + \dots \right)$$

Recall

$$\mathcal{L}(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad \therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^{n+1}} \right) = \frac{1}{n!} t^n$$

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(Y(s)) = A \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2} \right) - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^3} \right) + \frac{1}{2!} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^4} \right) - \frac{1}{3!} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^5} \right) + \dots \right)$$

$$= A \left(t - \frac{1}{2!} t^2 + \frac{1}{2! 3!} t^3 - \frac{1}{3! 4!} t^4 + \dots \right)$$

$$= A \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{t^n}{n! (n+1)!}$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma(n+2) = (n+1)!}$$

$$\text{Now } J_a(t) = \left(\frac{t}{2} \right)^a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (t/2)^{2n}}{n! \Gamma(n+a+1)}$$

$$y(t) = A \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{t^n}{n! \Gamma(n+1+1)} = A \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(2\sqrt{t}/2)^{2n}}{n! \Gamma(n+1+1)}$$

Notice that

$$J_1(2\sqrt{t}) = \sqrt{t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{t^n}{n!(n+1)!}$$

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So $y(t) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{t}} J_1(2\sqrt{t})$

In fact $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^n} e^{-\frac{a}{s}}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} J_{n-1}(2\sqrt{at})$

Example $xy'' + (b-x)y' - ay = 0$ $a > 0$
we let

$y(x) = \int_0^{\infty} h(t) e^{-xt} dt$. Then

$y' = \int_0^{\infty} -t h(t) e^{-xt} dt$

$y'' = \int_0^{\infty} t^2 h(t) e^{-xt} dt$ and giving

$xy'' + (b-x)y' - ay = \int_0^{\infty} x t^2 h(t) e^{-xt} dt$

$= - \int_0^{\infty} t^2 h(t) \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-xt}) dt - (b-x) \int_0^{\infty} t h(t) e^{-xt} dt - \int_0^{\infty} a h(t) e^{-xt} dt$

$- \int_0^{\infty} b t h(t) e^{-xt} dt - \int_0^{\infty} t h(t) \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-xt}) dt$

$- \int_0^{\infty} a h(t) e^{-xt} dt$

$= - \cancel{t^2 h(t) e^{-xt}} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} (t^2 h(t)) e^{-xt} dt$

$- \int_0^{\infty} b t h(t) e^{-xt} dt - \cancel{t h(t) e^{-xt}} \Big|_0^{\infty}$

$+ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} (t h(t)) e^{-xt} dt$

$- \int_0^{\infty} a h(t) e^{-xt} dt$

$= \int_0^{\infty} [t(1+t)h'(t) + (1-a+(2-b)t)h(t)] e^{-xt} dt = 0$

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So $t(1+t)h'(t) + (1-a+(2-b)t)h(t) = 0$

This gives

$$h(t) = At^{a-1}(1+t)^{b-a-1}$$

$\therefore y(x) = A \int_0^\infty t^{a-1}(1+t)^{b-a-1} e^{-xt} dt$
is a solution

Typically $A = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)}$

$$U(a, b, x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty t^{a-1}(1+t)^{b-a-1} e^{-xt} dt$$

This is

Tricomi's confluent hypergeometric function. We know a second solution

is ${}_1F_1(a, b, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{n! (b)_n} x^n$ Kummer's con. hyp. fun.

We can show

$${}_1F_1(a, b, x) = \frac{\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(b-a)\Gamma(a)} \int_0^1 e^{xt} t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-a-1} dt$$

Many special cases:

$${}_1F_1(a, a, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{(a)_n}{(a)_n} x^n = e^x$$

$${}_1F_1\left(\alpha + \frac{1}{2}, 2\alpha + 1, 2ix\right) = \Gamma(\alpha + 1) e^{ix} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-\alpha} J_\alpha(x) \text{ etc.}$$

$1 \neq p \leq q$

$${}_pF_q(a_1, \dots, a_p, b_1, \dots, b_q, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{(a_1)_n \dots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n \dots (b_q)_n} x^n$$

— The general hypergeometric function

Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) have more than one independent variable

Example (i) $\frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, k a constant
The heat equation, $t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$

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$$(2) \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0$$

c is a constant

The wave equation.

$$(3) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{Laplace's equation.}$$

$$\Delta u = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_k^2}$$

In n dimensions, $\frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u$, $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \Delta u$

$$\Delta u = 0$$

We will solve some PDEs by L.T.

Example $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = x$, $x, t > 0$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(0, t) = 0$$

Let $U(x, s) = \int_0^\infty u(x, t) e^{-st} dt$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} e^{-st} dt = \left[u(x, t) e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty + s \int_0^\infty u(x, t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} e^{-st} dt = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^\infty u e^{-st} dt = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \frac{x}{s}, \quad \mathcal{L}\left(x \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) = \mathcal{L}(x)$$

So $xsU + \frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{x}{s}$

Integrating factor is $e^{\int xs dx} = e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}}$

$$e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}} xsU + e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}} \frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{x}{s} e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}}$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}} U \right) = \frac{x}{s} e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}}$$

$$e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}} U = \frac{1}{s} \int x e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{2} = y \\ dy = x dx \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \int e^{sy} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} e^{\frac{s x^2}{2}} + C$$

$$U = \frac{1}{s^2} + C e^{-s x^2/2}$$

$$U(0, s) = \frac{1}{s^2} \int_0^\infty u(0, t) e^{-st} dt = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } U(0, s) = \frac{1}{s^2} + C = 0 \quad \therefore C = -\frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$U(x, s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-s x^2/2}$$

$$u(x, t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-s x^2/2} \right)$$

$$= t - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2} e^{-s x^2/2} \right)$$

Now

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s) e^{-sa}) = f(t-a) H(t-a)$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2} e^{-s x^2/2} \right) = \left(t - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) H \left(t - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = t - \left(t - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) H \left(t - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{2} & t > \frac{x^2}{2} \\ t & t \leq \frac{x^2}{2} \end{cases}$$