

Section 15: Shift Theorems

Theorem (translation in s)

Suppose $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$. Then for any real number a

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s - a).$$

Theorem (translation in t)

If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ and $a > 0$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t - a)\mathcal{U}(t - a)\} = e^{-as}F(s).$$

Recall that the unit step function was defined as

$$\mathcal{U}(t - a) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < a \\ 1, & t \geq a \end{cases} \quad \text{for } a > 0$$

A Couple of Useful Results

Another formulation of this translation theorem is

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\mathcal{U}(t-a)\} = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}\{g(t+a)\}.$$

Since $g(t) = g((t+a)-a)$

Example: Find $\mathcal{L}\{\cos t \mathcal{U}(t - \frac{\pi}{2})\} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{\cos(t + \frac{\pi}{2})\}$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(t + \frac{\pi}{2}) &= \cos t \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin t \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= \cos t (0) - \sin t (1) \\ &= -\sin t\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos t \mathcal{U}(t - \pi/2)\} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{\cos(t + \frac{\pi}{2})\}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{-\sin t\}$$

$$= -e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\}$$

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

$$= \frac{-e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s}}{s^2 + 1}$$

A Couple of Useful Results

The inverse form of this translation theorem is

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-as}F(s)\} = f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a).$$

where $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$

Example: Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-2s}}{s(s+1)}\right\}$

We need to know $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s+1)}\right\}$ Doing a partial

fraction decomp

$$\frac{1}{s(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} \Rightarrow 1 = A(s+1) + Bs$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{set } s=0 & 1 = A(1) \quad A=1 \\ s=-1 & 1 = B(-1) \quad B=-1 \end{array}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s+1)}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+1}\right\}$$
$$= 1 - e^{-t} \quad \leftarrow \text{this is } f(t)$$

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

this is
 $f(t-2)u(t-2)$

Section 16: Laplace Transforms of Derivatives and IVPs

Suppose f has a Laplace transform and that f is differentiable on $[0, \infty)$. Obtain an expression for the Laplace transform of $f'(t)$. (Assume f is of exponential order c for some c .)

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt$$

Integrate by parts
 $u = e^{-st}$ $dv = f'(t) dt$

$$= e^{-st} f(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -s e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$du = -s e^{-st} dt$ $v = f(t)$

$$= (0 - e^0 f(0)) + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= s \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - f(0)$$

Transforms of Derivatives

If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$, we have $\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$. We can use this relationship recursively to obtain Laplace transforms for higher derivatives of f .

For example

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\} &= s\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} - f'(0) \\ &= s(sF(s) - f(0)) - f'(0) \\ &= s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)\end{aligned}$$

Transforms of Derivatives

For $y = y(t)$ defined on $[0, \infty)$ having derivatives y' , y'' and so forth, if

$$\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = Y(s),$$

then

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dy}{dt}\right\} = sY(s) - y(0),$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right\} = s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0),$$

\vdots

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^ny}{dt^n}\right\} = s^nY(s) - s^{n-1}y(0) - s^{n-2}y'(0) - \dots - y^{(n-1)}(0).$$

Differential Equation

For constants a , b , and c , take the Laplace transform of both sides of the equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(t), \quad y(0) = y_0, \quad y'(0) = y_1$$

we'll take the Laplace transform of the ODE

$$\mathcal{L}\{ay'' + by' + cy\} = \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

$$\text{let } \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = Y(s) \text{ and } \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = G(s)$$

$$a\mathcal{L}\{y''\} + b\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + c\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}\{g\}$$

$$a(s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)) + b(sY(s) - y(0)) + cY(s) = G(s)$$

Well isolate $Y(s)$.

$$as^2Y(s) - asy_0 - ay_1 + bsY(s) - by_0 + cY(s) = G(s)$$

$$(as^2 + bs + c)Y(s) - ay_0s - ay_1 - by_0 = G(s)$$

The original ODE is

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$$

$as^2 + bs + c$ is the characteristic polynomial

$$(as^2 + bs + c)Y(s) = ay_0s + ay_1 + by_0 + G(s)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{ay_0s + ay_1 + by_0}{as^2 + bs + c} + \frac{G(s)}{as^2 + bs + c}$$

The solution to the IVP is

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ Y(s) \right\}$$

Solving IVPs

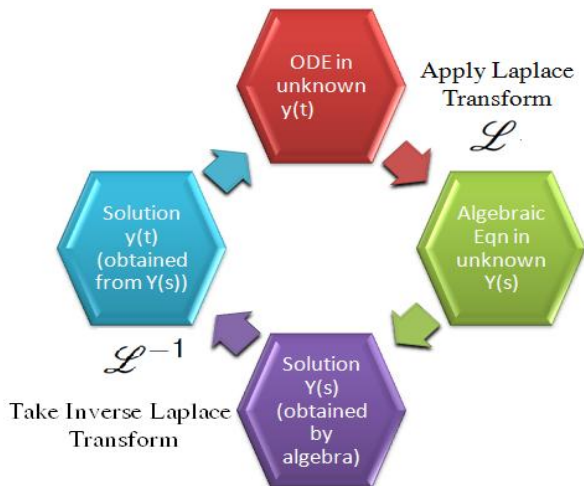


Figure: We use the Laplace transform to turn our DE into an algebraic equation. Solve this transformed equation, and then transform back.

General Form

We get

$$Y(s) = \frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} + \frac{G(s)}{P(s)}$$

where Q is a polynomial with coefficients determined by the initial conditions, G is the Laplace transform of $g(t)$ and P is the **characteristic polynomial** of the original equation.

$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} \right\}$ is called the **zero input response**,

and

$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{G(s)}{P(s)} \right\}$ is called the **zero state response**.