

Section 16: Laplace Transforms of Derivatives and IVPs

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

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

Solving IVPs

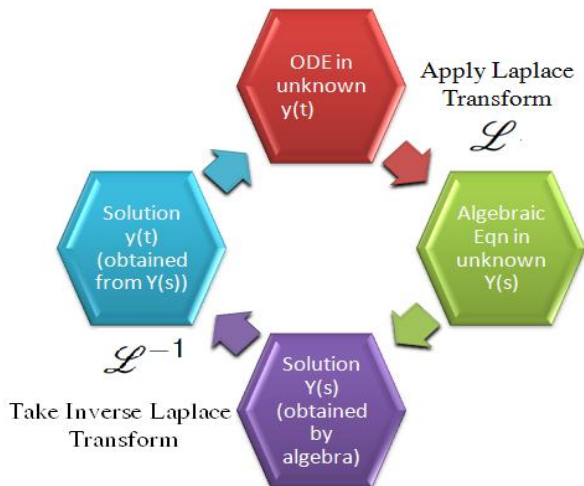


Figure: We use the Laplace transform to turn our DE into an algebraic equation. Solve this transformed equation, and then transform back.

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**.

Solve the IVP using the Laplace Transform

(a) $\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 2t$ $y(0) = 2$ Let $\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = Y(s)$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y' + 3y\} = \mathcal{L}\{2t\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + 3\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 2\mathcal{L}\{t\}$$

$$sY(s) - y(0) + 3Y(s) = 2\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)$$

$$(s+3)Y(s) - 2 = \frac{2}{s^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$(s+3)Y(s) = \frac{2}{s^2} + 2$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s^2(s+3)} + \frac{2}{s+3}$$

Will decompose $\frac{2}{s^2(s+3)}$

$$\frac{2}{s^2(s+3)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s+3} \quad \text{Clear fractions}$$

$$2 = As(s+3) + B(s+3) + Cs^2$$

$$2 = A(s^2 + 3s) + B(s+3) + Cs^2$$

$$2 = (A+C)s^2 + (3A+B)s + 3B$$

Match coefficients

$$A+C = 0 \quad 3B = 2$$

$$3A+B=0$$

$$B = \frac{2}{3}, \quad A = \frac{-B}{3} = \frac{-2}{9} \quad \text{and} \quad C = -A = \frac{2}{9}$$

So

$$Y(s) = \frac{-2/9}{s} + \frac{2/3}{s^2} + \frac{2/9}{s+3} + \frac{2}{s+3}$$

$$= \frac{-2/9}{s} + \frac{2/3}{s^2} + \frac{20/9}{s+3}$$

The solution to the IVP is $y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(s)\}$

$$y(t) = \frac{-2}{9} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} + \frac{2}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} + \frac{20}{9} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+3}\right\}$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{3}t + \frac{20}{9}e^{-3t}$$

Solve the IVP using the Laplace Transform

$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = te^{-2t} \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0 \quad \text{Let } Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} + 4\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + 4\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}\{te^{-2t}\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} f(t)\} = F(s-a) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$s^2 Y(s) - \underbrace{s y(0)}_{\substack{1 \\ \downarrow}} - \underbrace{y'(0)}_{\substack{0 \\ \downarrow}} + 4 \left(s Y(s) - \underbrace{y(0)}_{\substack{1 \\ \downarrow}} \right) + 4 Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$$

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

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

$$(s^2 + 4s + 4)Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} + s + 4$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2(s^2 + 4s + 4)} + \frac{s+4}{s^2 + 4s + 4}$$

Note $s^2 + 4s + 4 = (s+2)^2$ and $s+4 = s+2 + 2$

$$\text{so } Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)^4} + \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{2}{(s+2)^2}$$

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

Also $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^4}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{3!} \cdot \frac{3!}{s^4}\right\} = \frac{1}{3!} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3!}{s^4}\right\} = \frac{1}{3!} t^3$

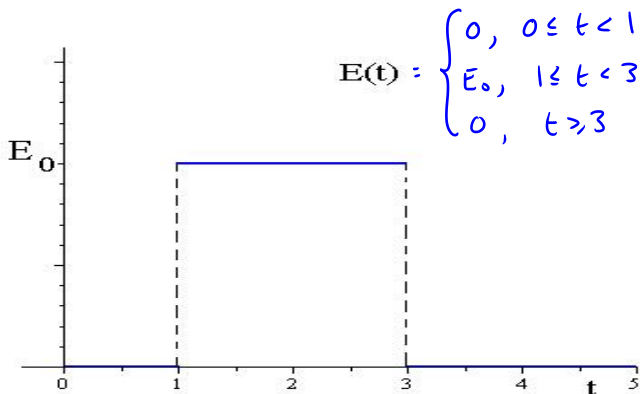
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$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(s)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+2)^4}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+2}\right\} + 2 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+2)^2}\right\}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{3!} t^3 e^{-2t} + e^{-2t} + 2te^{-2t}$$

Solve the IVP

An LR-series circuit has inductance $L = 1\text{h}$, resistance $R = 10\Omega$, and applied force $E(t)$ whose graph is given below. If the initial current $i(0) = 0$, find the current $i(t)$ in the circuit.



The ODE is $L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E$

LR Circuit Example

Writing E in terms of unit steps

$$E(t) = 0 - 0u(t-1) + E_0u(t-1) - E_0u(t-3) + 0u(t-3)$$

The IVP is

$$\frac{di}{dt} + 10i = E_0u(t-1) - E_0u(t-3), \quad i(0) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{L}\{i(t)\} = I(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{di}{dt}\right\} + 10\mathcal{L}\{i\} = E_0\mathcal{L}\{u(t-1)\} - E_0\mathcal{L}\{u(t-3)\}$$

$$sI(s) - \underset{0}{i(0)} + 10I(s) = E_0 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} - \frac{E_0 e^{-3s}}{s}$$

$$(s+10)I(s) = E_0 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} - E_0 \frac{e^{-3s}}{s}$$

$$I(s) = E_0 \frac{e^{-s}}{s(s+10)} - E_0 \frac{e^{-3s}}{s(s+10)}$$

We'll decompose $\frac{1}{s(s+10)}$

$$\frac{1}{s(s+10)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+10}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(s+10) + Bs$$

$$\text{Set } s=0 \quad 1=10A \quad A=\frac{1}{10}$$

$$s=-10 \quad 1=-10B \quad B=-\frac{1}{10}$$

So

$$I(s) = \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-s} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+10} \right) - \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-3s} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+10} \right)$$

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

$$\text{where } f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ F(s) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+10}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+10}\right\}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-10t}$$

The current $i(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{I(s)\}$

$$i(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{E_0}{10} e^{-s} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+10}\right)\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{E_0}{10} e^{-3s} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+10}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \frac{E_0}{10} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-s} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+10}\right)\right\} - \frac{E_0}{10} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-3s} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+10}\right)\right\}$$

$$i(t) = \frac{E_0}{10} (1 - e^{-10(t-1)}) u(t-1) - \frac{E_0}{10} (1 - e^{-10(t-3)}) u(t-3)$$