

Section 15: Shift Theorems

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

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

For example,

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \implies \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}t^n\} = \frac{n!}{(s - a)^{n+1}}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(kt)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2} \implies \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\cos(kt)\} = \frac{s - a}{(s - a)^2 + k^2}.$$

Theorem (translation in t)

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

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

In particular,

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

As another example,

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \implies \mathcal{L}\{(t-a)^n\mathcal{U}(t-a)\} = \frac{n!e^{-as}}{s^{n+1}}.$$

A Couple of Useful Results

Another formulation of this translation theorem is

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

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

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

Note

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } \mathcal{L}\{\cos t u(t - \pi/2)\} &= e^{-\pi/2 s} \mathcal{L}\{\cos(t + \pi/2)\} \\
 &= e^{-\pi/2 s} \mathcal{L}\{-\sin t\} \\
 &= -e^{\frac{i\pi}{2} s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{-e^{-\frac{\pi}{2} s}}{s^2 + 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

A Couple of Useful Results

The inverse form of this translation theorem is

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

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

We need to find $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s+1)}\right\}$

We will do partial fraction decomp

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

$$1 = A(s+1) + Bs$$

$$\begin{array}{l} s=0 \quad 1=A \\ s=-1 \quad 1=-B \end{array} \} \Rightarrow \quad A=1 \quad \text{and} \quad B=-1$$

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

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s-(-1)} \right\}$$

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

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

$$= (1 - e^{-(t-2)})u(t-2)$$

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

$$u = e^{-st} \quad du = -s e^{-st} dt$$

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

$$v = f(t) \quad dv = f'(t) dt$$

$f(t) e^{-st} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ for sufficiently large s

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

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

If we call $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

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

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

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

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

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

Take transform of both sides

$$\mathcal{L}\{ay'' + by' + cy\} = \mathcal{L}\{g\}$$

$$a \mathcal{L}\{y''\} + b \mathcal{L}\{y'\} + c \mathcal{L}\{y\} = G(s)$$

$$a \left(s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0) \right) + b \left(s Y(s) - y(0) \right) + c Y(s) = G(s)$$

$Y(s)$ is the Laplace transform of the solution to the IVP with $y(0) = y_0$ and $y'(0) = 1$.

Let's isolate $Y(s)$.

$$as^2 Y(s) - as y(0) - ay'(0) + bs Y(s) - by(0) + c Y(s) = G(s)$$

$$as^2 Y(s) - as y_0 - ay_1 + bs Y(s) - by_0 + c Y(s) = G(s)$$

$$as^2 Y(s) + bs Y(s) + c Y(s) = ay_0 s + ay_1 + by_0 + G(s)$$

$$(as^2 + bs + c) Y(s) = ay_0 s + ay_1 + by_0 + G(s)$$

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

Note that $as^2 + bs + c$ is the characteristic polynomial for the original ODE

And the solution to the IVP

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

Solving IVPs

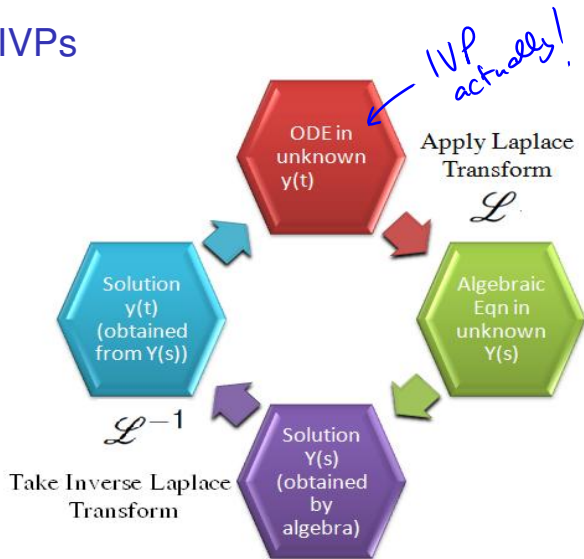


Figure: We use the Laplace transform to turn our DE into an algebraic equation. Solve this transformed equation, and then transform back.

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**.