

Section 16: Laplace Transforms of Derivatives and IVPs

A 1 kg mass is attached to a spring with spring constant 10 N/m. A dashpot induces damping numerically equation to 2 times the instantaneous velocity. A driving force of $f(t) = 18e^{-t}$ is imposed. If the mass starts at equilibrium from rest, determine the displacement for $t > 0$. Use the method of Laplace transforms.

$$mx'' + \beta x' + kx = f(t) \quad m=1, \beta=2, k=10$$

$$x'' + 2x' + 10x = 18e^{-t} \quad x(0) = 0, x'(0) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = X(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x'' + 2x' + 10x\} = \mathcal{L}\{18e^{-t}\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x''\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{x'\} + 10\mathcal{L}\{x\} = 18\mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}\}$$

$$s^2 X(s) - \underbrace{sX(0)}_0 - \underbrace{X'(0)}_0 + 2(sX(s) - \underbrace{X(0)}_0) + 10X(s) = \frac{18}{s+1}$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 10) X(s) = \frac{18}{s+1}$$

$$X(s) = \frac{18}{(s+1)(s^2 + 2s + 10)}$$

$$s^2 + 2s + 10$$

Discriminant

$$b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 \\ = 4 - 40 < 0$$

It's irreducible

Partial fractions

$$\frac{18}{(s+1)(s^2 + 2s + 10)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2 + 2s + 10}$$

$$18 = A(s^2 + 2s + 10) + (Bs + C)(s + 1)$$
$$= A(s^2 + 2s + 10) + B(s^2 + s) + C(s + 1)$$

$$\underline{0}s^2 + \underline{0}s + \underline{18} = \underline{(A+B)}s^2 + \underline{(2A+B+C)}s + \underline{10A+C}$$

$$A+B=0 \Rightarrow B=-A$$

$$2A+B+C=0 \Rightarrow 2A-A+C=0$$

$$10A+C=18$$

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$$\hline -9A = -18$$

$$\Rightarrow A=2$$

$$B = -A = -2, \quad C = -A = -2$$

$$X(s) = \frac{2}{s+1} - \frac{2s+2}{s^2+2s+10}$$

Complete the square

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 + 2s + 10 &= s^2 + 2s + 1 + 9 \\ &= (s+1)^2 + 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$X(s) = \frac{2}{s+1} - 2 \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + 3^2}$$

$\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + 3^2}$ looks like $\frac{s}{s^2 + 3^2} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t)\}$
shifted

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

$$x(t) = 2e^{-t} - 2e^{-t} \cos(3t)$$

$$* \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s-a)\} = e^{at} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+3^2}\right\} = e^{-t} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+3^2}\right\}$$