

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 Constant Coefficient IVPs

Consider the constant coefficient ODE with initial conditions given at $t = 0$.

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

The Laplace transform

$$Y(s) = \mathcal{L} \{y(t)\} = \frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} + \frac{G(s)}{P(s)}$$

where $G(s) = \mathcal{L} \{g(t)\}$ and P is the characteristic polynomial for the ODE.

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

Zero Input/Zero State Responses

In the solution to the IVP

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} \right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{G(s)}{P(s)} \right\}$$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} \right\}$ 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) $\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 2t \quad y(0) = 2$

Take transform of ODE

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

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

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

Solve for $Y(s)$

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

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

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

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

We'll do a partial fraction decomp on $\frac{2}{s^2(s+3)}$

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

multiply
by
 $s^2(s+3)$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= As(s+3) + B(s+3) + Cs^2 \\ &= A(s^2+3s) + B(s+3) + Cs^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{0}s^2 + \underline{0}s + \underline{2} = \underline{(A+C)}s^2 + \underline{(3A+B)}s + \underline{3B}$$

$$A + C = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C = -A$$

$$3A + B = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = -\frac{1}{3}B$$

$$3B = 2$$

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

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

$$Y(s) = \frac{-\frac{2}{9}}{s} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s^2} + \frac{\frac{20}{9}}{s+3}$$

The solution to the IVP

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

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

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

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

Let's verify y solves

$$y' + 3y = 2t \quad y(0) = 2$$

$$y(0) = \frac{-2}{9} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot 0 + \frac{20}{9} \cdot e^0 = \frac{-2}{9} + \frac{20}{9} = \frac{18}{9} = 2$$

$$y' = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{20}{9} (-3) e^{-3t} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{20}{3} e^{-3t}$$

So

$$y' + 3y = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{20}{3} e^{-3t} + 3 \left(\frac{-2}{9} + \frac{2}{3} t + \frac{20}{9} e^{-3t} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{20}{3} e^{-3t} - \frac{2}{3} + 2t + \frac{20}{3} e^{-3t}$$

$$= 2t \quad \text{as required.}$$

Solve the IVP using the Laplace Transform

$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = te^{-2t} \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$$

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

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

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} + 4\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + 4\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$\text{and } a = -2$$

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

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

Characteristic
polynomial for

$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$$

We'll finish next time.