

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

- ▶ We'll start with a linear IVP (constant coefficient for now).

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

- ▶ We'll take the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE.

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

- ▶ Letting $\mathcal{L} \{ y(t) \} = Y(s)$ and $\mathcal{L} \{ g(t) \} = G(s)$ use the various properties of Laplace transforms and necessary algebra to get

$$Y(s) = \frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} + \frac{G(s)}{P(s)}, \quad (P \text{ and } Q \text{ are determined by the ODE})$$

- ▶ Then we find our solution y by taking the inverse transform

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

Solve the IVP using the Laplace Transform

$$(a) \quad \frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 2t \quad y(0) = 2$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y\right\} = \mathcal{L}\{2t\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dy}{dt}\right\} + 3\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 2\mathcal{L}\{t\}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$A+C = 0$$

$$3A+B = 0$$

$$3B = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -A = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{3}B = -\frac{2}{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } Y(s) &= \frac{-2/9}{s} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s^2} + \frac{\frac{2/9}{s+3}}{s+3} + \frac{2}{s+3} \\ &= \frac{-\frac{2}{9}}{s} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s^2} + \frac{\frac{20}{9}}{s+3} \end{aligned}$$

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

Our solution to the IVP

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

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

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

Let's verify that this solves the IVP.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial condition: } y(0) &= \frac{-2}{9} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot 0 + \frac{20}{9} e^0 = \frac{-2}{9} + \frac{20}{9} \\ &= \frac{18}{9} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ODE: } y = \frac{-2}{9} + \frac{2}{3}t + \frac{20}{9}e^{-3t}$$

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

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

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

$$= 2t$$

So our y satisfies the ODE and the initial condition.

Solve the IVP using the Laplace Transform

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

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

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

$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} f(t)\}$
with $a = -2$
and $f(t) = t$

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

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

$$s^2 Y(s) - \overset{1}{s} y(0) - \overset{0}{y'(0)} + 4(sY(s) - y(0)) + 4Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$$

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

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

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

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

Note $s+4 = s+2+2$ so $\frac{s+4}{(s+2)^2} = \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{2}{(s+2)^2}$

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

Note $\frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$ looks like $\frac{1}{s^2}$ with s shifted by -2

$\frac{1}{(s+2)^4} = \frac{1}{3!} \frac{3!}{(s+2)^4}$ looks like $\frac{3!}{s^4}$ with
 s shifted by -2 .

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{3!} \frac{3!}{(s+2)^4} + \frac{1}{s+2} + 2 \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$$

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

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{3!} \frac{3!}{(s+2)^4} + \frac{1}{s+2} + 2 \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right\}$$

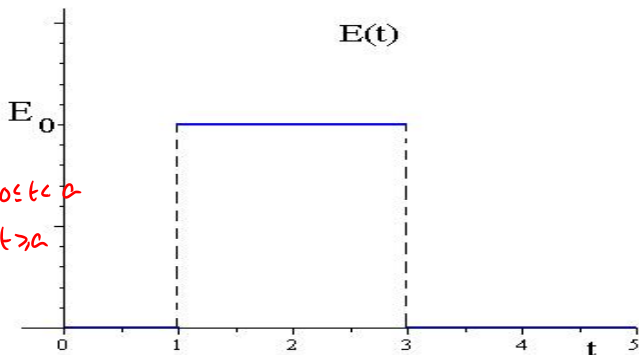
$$y = \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3!}{(s+2)^4} \right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s+2} \right\} + 2 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right\}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{6} t^3 e^{-2t} + e^{-2t} + 2t e^{-2t}$$

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.

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E(t)$$



$$u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < a \\ 1, & t \geq a \end{cases}$$

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

LR Circuit Example

The IVP is

$$\frac{di}{dt} + 10i = E_0 u(t-1) - E_0 u(t-3), \quad i(0) = 0$$

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

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

$$s I(s) - \underbrace{i(0)}_0 + 10 I(s) = E_0 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} - E_0 \frac{e^{-3s}}{s}$$

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

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

Let's do a decomp on $\frac{1}{s(s+10)}$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{E_0}{10} - \frac{E_0}{10} \frac{1}{s+10} \right\} &= \frac{E_0}{10} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \right\} - \frac{E_0}{10} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s+10} \right\} \\ &= \frac{E_0}{10} - \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10t} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Let's write $i(t)$ in pieces

If $t < 1$, $u(t-1) = 0$ and $u(t-3) = 0$

$$i(t) = 0$$

If $1 \leq t < 3$, $u(t-1) = 1$ and $u(t-3) = 0$

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

If $t \geq 3$, $u(t-1) = 1$ and $u(t-3) = 1$

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

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

$$i(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ \frac{E_0}{10} - \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10(t-1)}, & 1 \leq t < 3 \\ \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10(t-3)} - \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10(t-1)}, & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$