

Section 15: Shift Theorems

We added two shift theorems to our catalog of Laplace transform results.

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

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

In other words, if $F(s)$ has an inverse Laplace transform, then

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

The Unit Step Function

Then we defined the unit step function $\mathcal{U}(t - a)$ for $a > 0$ by

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

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 other words,

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

Yet another useful statement of this theorem is

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

Example

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

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

Note $\cos(t + \frac{\pi}{2}) = \cos t \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin t \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$
 $= \cos t (0) - \sin t (1)$
 $= -\sin t$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{\cos t u(t - \pi/2)\} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{-\sin t\}$$

$$= -e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\}$$

$$= -e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-e^{-\pi/2 s}}{s^2 + 1}$$

Example

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

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

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

Partial fractions

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

$$s=0 \Rightarrow A=1$$

$$s=-1 \Rightarrow B=-1$$

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

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

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

Section 16: Laplace Transforms of Derivatives and IVPs

Suppose f has a Laplace transform¹ and that f is differentiable on $[0, \infty)$. Obtain an expression for the Laplace transform of $f'(t)$ using integration by parts to get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt \\ &= -f(0) + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= sF(s) - f(0).\end{aligned}$$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

¹Assume f is of exponential order c for some c .

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

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

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

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

Laplace Transforms and IVPs

For constants a , b , and c , take the Laplace transform of both sides of the equation and isolate $\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = Y(s)$.

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

Let $G(s) = \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$. Take \mathcal{L} of ODE

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

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

$$a (s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)) + b (sY(s) - y(0)) + c Y(s) = G(s)$$

Isolate $Y(s)$ using algebra

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

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

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

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

Characteristic
polynomial
for the
ODE

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(t),$$

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

The solution to the IVP

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

Solving IVPs

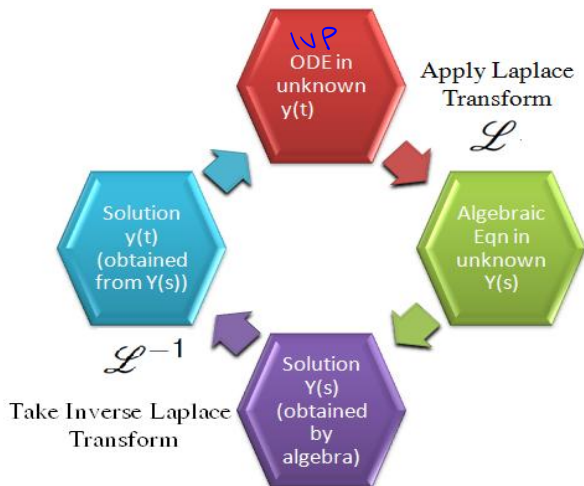


Figure: We use the Laplace transform to turn our DE into an algebraic equation. Solve this transformed equation, and then transform back.

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**.

Solve the IVP using the Laplace Transform

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Decompose the 1st term

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

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

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

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

$$B = \frac{2}{3}, \quad A = -\frac{1}{3}B = -\frac{2}{9}, \quad C = -A = \frac{2}{9}$$

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

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

The solution to the IVP

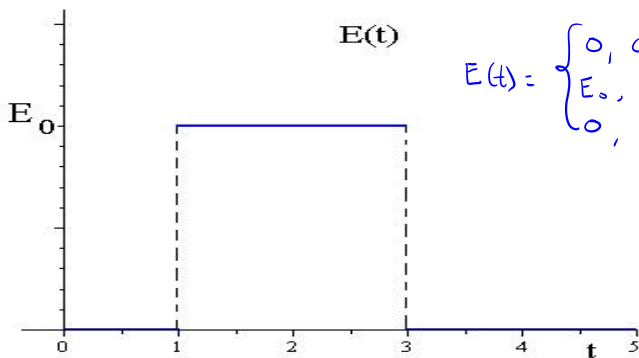
$$y(t) = \frac{-2}{9} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} + \frac{2}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} + \frac{20}{9} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+3}\right\}$$

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

Solve the IVP

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.

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



$$E(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ E_0, & 1 \leq t < 3 \\ 0, & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

LR Circuit Example

$$E(t) = 0 - 0u(t-1) + E_0 u(t-1) - E_0 u(t-3) + 0u(t-3)$$

$$L=1, \quad R=10$$

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

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{i' + 10i\} = \mathcal{L}\{E_0 u(t-1) - E_0 u(t-3)\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{i'\} + 10\mathcal{L}\{i\} = E_0 \mathcal{L}\{u(t-1)\} - E_0 \mathcal{L}\{u(t-3)\}$$

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

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

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

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

We need $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s+10)}\right\}$

Using partial fractions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is the current in the circuit. We can write this as

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

$$0 \leq t < 1$$

$$u(t-1) = 0$$

$$u(t-3) = 0$$

$$1 \leq t < 3$$

$$u(t-1) = 1$$

$$u(t-3) = 0$$

$$t \geq 3$$

$$u(t-1) = 1$$

$$u(t-3) = 1$$