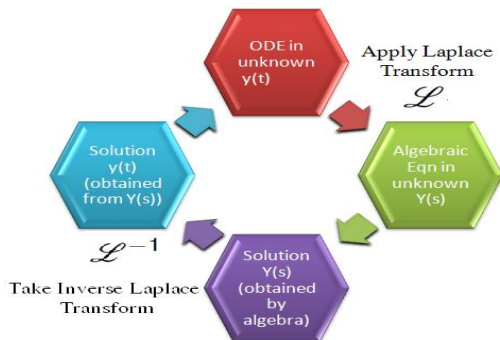


## Section 16: Laplace Transforms of Derivatives and IVPs



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

## Impulse

A 32 lb object is attached to a spring with spring constant 25 lb/ft. A dashpot induces 8 lb per ft/sec of velocity. The object is at rest at equilibrium. When  $t = t_0$ , a unit impulse force  $f(t) = \delta(t - t_0)$  is applied. Use the fact that  $\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - a)\} = e^{-as}$  for any constant  $a \geq 0$  to determine the displacement  $x(t)$ .

$$m x'' + \beta x' + k x = f(t)$$

weight  $W = 32 \text{ lb} = m g = m (32 \text{ ft/sec}^2)$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1 \text{ slug}$$

$$x'' + 8x' + 25x = \delta(t - t_0) \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 0$$

$$r^2 + 8r + 25$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x'' + 8x' + 25x\} = \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-t_0)\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x''\} + 8\mathcal{L}\{x'\} + 25\mathcal{L}\{x\} = e^{-t_0 s}$$

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

$$s^2 X(s) - \underbrace{s x(0)}_{0''} - \underbrace{x'(0)}_{0''} + 8(sX(s) - \underbrace{x(0)}_{0''}) + 25X(s) = e^{-t_0 s}$$

$$(s^2 + 8s + 25)X(s) = e^{-t_0 s}$$

$$\Rightarrow X(s) = \frac{e^{-t_0 s}}{s^2 + 8s + 25}$$

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

we need  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+8s+25}\right\}$

$s^2+8s+25$  is irreducible  $\Rightarrow$  Complete the square

$$s^2+8s+16 + 25-16 = (s+4)^2+9$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+4)^2+9}\right\} = e^{-4t} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+3^2}\right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \frac{1}{s^2+3^2} \quad \omega/s \rightarrow s+4 \end{array} = \frac{1}{3} e^{-4t} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{s^2+3^2}\right\}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-4t} \sin(3t)$$

$$X(s) = \frac{e^{-t_0 s}}{s^2 + 8s + 25}$$

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

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{X(s)\} \quad \text{The displacement}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-4(t-t_0)} \sin(3(t-t_0))u(t-t_0)$$

# Solving a System

We can solve a system of ODEs using Laplace transforms. Here, we'll consider systems that are

- ▶ linear,
- ▶ having initial conditions at  $t = 0$ , and
- ▶ constant coefficient.

Let's see it in action (i.e. with a couple of examples).

## Example

Solve the system of equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -2x - 2y + 60, \quad x(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 5y + 60, \quad y(0) = 0$$

Let  $X(s) = \mathcal{L}\{x(t)\}$  and  $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x'\} = \mathcal{L}\{-2x - 2y + 60\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = \mathcal{L}\{-2x - 5y + 60\}$$

$$s X(s) - \underset{0}{x(0)} = -2 X(s) - 2 Y(s) + \mathcal{L}\{60\} \leftarrow 60/s$$

$$s Y(s) - \underset{0}{y(0)} = -2 X(s) - 5 Y(s) + \frac{60}{s}$$

$$s X + 2 X + 2 Y = \frac{60}{s}$$

$$(s+2)X + 2Y = \frac{60}{s}$$

$$s Y + 2 X + 5 Y = \frac{60}{s}$$

$$2X + (s+5)Y = \frac{60}{s}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} s+2 & 2 \\ 2 & s+5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 60/s \\ 60/s \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} s+2 & 2 \\ 2 & s+5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_X = \begin{bmatrix} 60/s & 2 \\ 60/s & s+5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_Y = \begin{bmatrix} s+2 & 60/s \\ 2 & 60/s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= (s+2)(s+5) - 2 \cdot 2 \\ &= s^2 + 7s + 10 - 4 \\ &= s^2 + 7s + 6 = (s+1)(s+6) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_X) &= \frac{60}{s}(s+5) - \frac{60}{s}(2) = 60 + \frac{60}{s}(5-2) \\ &= 60 + \frac{60}{s} \cdot 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(A_Y) = (s+2) \frac{60}{s} - 2 \cdot \frac{60}{s} = 60 + \frac{60}{s}(2-2)$$

$$X(s) = \frac{\det(A_x)}{\det(A)} = \frac{60\left(1 + \frac{3}{s}\right)}{(s+1)(s+6)} = \frac{60(s+3)}{s(s+1)(s+6)}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{\det(A_y)}{\det(A)} = \frac{60}{(s+1)(s+6)}$$

We need to do partial fraction  
decomps.

$$X(s) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{s+6} = \frac{30}{s} - \frac{24}{s+1} - \frac{6}{s+6}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{D}{s+1} + \frac{E}{s+6} = \frac{12}{s+1} - \frac{12}{s+6}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{X(s)\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{30}{s} - \frac{24}{s+1} - \frac{6}{s+6}\right\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(s)\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{12}{s+1} - \frac{12}{s+6}\right\}\end{aligned}$$

$$x(t) = 30 - 24e^{-t} - 6e^{-6t}$$

$$y(t) = 12e^{-t} - 12e^{-6t}$$