

Section 16: Laplace Transforms of Derivatives and IVPs

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.

Example

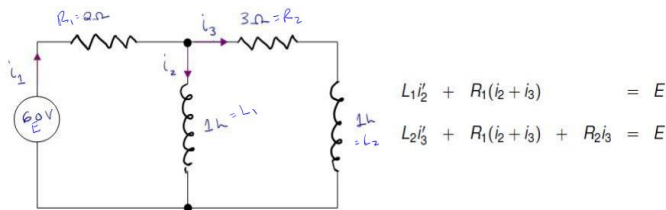


Figure: If we label current i_2 as $x(t)$ and current i_3 as $y(t)$, we get the system of equations below. (Assuming $i_1(0) = 0$.)

Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -2x - 2y + 60, & x(0) &= 0 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -2x - 5y + 60, & y(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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We took the Laplace transform of both equations and used the initial conditions. We arrived at the following linear, algebraic system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned}(s+2)X(s) + 2Y(s) &= \frac{60}{s} \\ 2X(s) + (s+5)Y(s) &= \frac{60}{s}\end{aligned}\quad \text{where} \quad \begin{aligned}X(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} \\ Y(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}\end{aligned}$$

We can restate this using a matrix formalism.

Example Continued...

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

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

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

$$\det(A) = (s+2)(s+5) - 4 = s^2 + 7s + 10 - 4 = s^2 + 7s + 6$$

$$\det(A_x) = \frac{60}{s}(s+5) - \frac{60}{s}(2) = \frac{60}{s}(s+5-2) = \frac{60}{s}(s+3)$$

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

$$\text{So } X(s) = \frac{\frac{60}{s}(s+3)}{s^2 + 7s + 6} = \frac{60(s+3)}{s(s+6)(s+1)}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{60}{s^2 + 7s + 6} = \frac{60}{(s+6)(s+1)}$$

Using partial fractions,

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

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

The solution to the IVP is

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

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

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

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

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

Example

Use the Laplace transform to solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x''(t) &= y, & x(0) &= 1, & x'(0) &= 0 \\ y'(t) &= x, & y(0) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Take the transform of each ODE

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{x''\} = \mathcal{L}\{y\} \Rightarrow s^2 X(s) - s \overset{''2}{x(0)} - \overset{''0}{x'(0)} = Y(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = \mathcal{L}\{x\} \quad s Y(s) - \overset{''1}{y(0)} = \overset{''1}{X(s)}$$

$$s^2 X(s) - s = Y(s)$$

$$s Y(s) - 1 = X(s)$$

\Rightarrow

$$s^2 X(s) - Y(s) = s$$

$$-X(s) + s Y(s) = 1$$

In matrix format

$$\begin{bmatrix} s^2 & -1 \\ -1 & s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} s^2 & -1 \\ -1 & s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = s^3 - 1$$

$$A_x = \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ 1 & s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A_x) = s^2 + 1$$

$$A_y = \begin{bmatrix} s^2 & s \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A_y) = s^2 + s$$

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

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

Using partial fractions

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

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

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

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

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$$x(t) = \frac{2}{3} e^t + \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)$$

$$y(t) = \frac{2}{3} e^t + \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)$$

is the solution to the IVP.