

Section 16: Laplace Transforms of Derivatives and IVPs

Use Laplace Transforms to Solve and IVP

- Start with constant coefficient IVP with IC at $t = 0$. For example,

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

- Let $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$ and take the transform of both sides of the ODE using any necessary results.
- Sub in the initial conditions where they appear in the transformed equation.
- Use basic algebra to isolate the transform $Y(s)$.
- Using whatever algebra or function identities that are needed, take the inverse transform to obtain the solution

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

The Laplace Transform 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

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dy}{dt}\right\} = sY(s) - y(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right\} = s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^3y}{dt^3}\right\} = s^3Y(s) - s^2y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0)$$

⋮

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

Solve the IVP using the Laplace Transform

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

$$\text{Let } Y = \mathcal{L}\{y\}.$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{s^2}$$

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

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

$\stackrel{\text{2}}{\cancel{s^2Y}}$ $\stackrel{\text{0}}{\cancel{-sy(0)}}$ $\stackrel{\text{0}}{\cancel{-y'(0)}}$ $\stackrel{\text{2}}{\cancel{+4(sY - y(0))}}$ $\stackrel{\text{2}}{\cancel{+4Y}}$

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

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

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

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

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

$$s^2 + 4s + 4 = (s+2)^2$$

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

we need a decomp on $\frac{s+4}{(s+2)^2}$

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

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

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

The solution to the IVP is

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

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

$$\boxed{y(t) = \frac{1}{3!} e^{-zt} t^3 + e^{-zt} + 2 e^{-zt} t}$$

$$y(0) = 1,$$

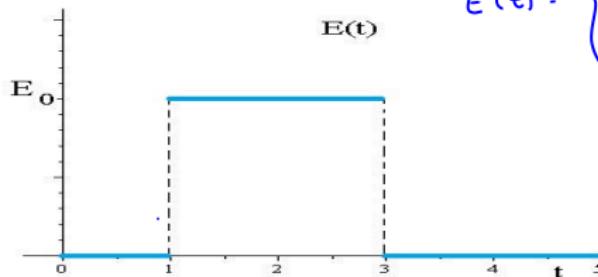
Check : does $y(0) = 1$?

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{3!} e^{\circ}(0)^3 + e^{\circ} + z e^{\circ}(0) = 1$$

An IVP with Piecewise Input

One of the most powerful uses of the Laplace transform is in applications that involve a piecewise defined forcing function. Let's look at an example.

An LR-series circuit has inductance $L = 1\text{h}$, resistance $R = 10\Omega$, and implied voltage $E(t)$ whose graph is given below. If the initial current $i(0) = 0$, find the current $i(t)$ in the circuit.



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

Figure: A switch is closed for two seconds from $t = 1$ until $t = 3$ during which a constant E_0 volts is applied.

$$E(t) = 0 - 0U(t-1) + E_0U(t-1) - E_0U(t-3) + 0U(t-3)$$

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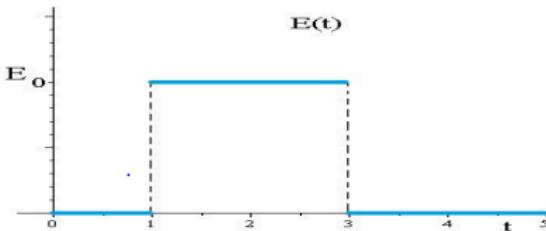


Figure: $L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E(t)$, $i(0) = 0$ where $L = 1$, $R = 10$ and $E(t)$ is shown.

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

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

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

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

$$S\mathcal{I}(s) - i(0) + 10 \mathcal{I}(s) = E_0 \frac{e^{-1s}}{s} - E_0 \frac{e^{-3s}}{s}$$

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

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

Partial fractions

$$\frac{E_0}{s(s+10)} = \frac{\frac{E_0}{10}}{s} - \frac{\frac{E_0}{10}}{s+10}$$

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

we'll use $\bar{\mathcal{L}}\{e^{-as} F(s)\} = f(t-a)u(t-a)$

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

$$\text{Let } f(t) = \bar{\mathcal{L}}\left\{ \frac{E_0}{10} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+10} \right) \right\}$$

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

we'll get $f(t-1)u(t-1) - f(t-3)u(t-3)$

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

The current $i(t) = \bar{\mathcal{L}}\{I(s)\}$

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

we could write this in stacked notation

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

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

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