

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.

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

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

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

$$sX(s) - x(0) = -2X(s) - 2Y(s) + \frac{60}{s}$$

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

Example Continued...¹

Using $X(0) = 0, Y(0) = 0$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Using Cramer's rule

¹ Cramer's Rule will be helpful at some point.

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Hence} \quad X(s) = \frac{\frac{60}{s}(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+6)} = \frac{60(s+3)}{s(s+1)(s+6)}$$

$$\text{and} \quad Y(s) = \frac{60}{(s+1)(s+6)}$$

We'll need to do partial fraction decomps
to take the inverse transforms.

$$X(s) = \frac{60(s+3)}{s(s+1)(s+6)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{s+6}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{60}{(s+1)(s+6)} = \frac{D}{s+1} + \frac{E}{s+6}$$

For X : $60(s+3) = A(s+1)(s+6) + Bs(s+6) + Cs(s+1)$

Set $s=0$ $60(3) = A(1)(6) \Rightarrow A = \frac{60(3)}{6} = 30$

$s=-1$ $60(2) = B(-1)(6) \Rightarrow B = \frac{60(2)}{-6} = -20$

$s=-6$ $60(-3) = C(-6)(-5) \Rightarrow C = \frac{60(-3)}{30} = -6$

Ψ would be similarly decomposed

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

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

The solution to the system

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

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

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

Example

Use the Laplace transform to solve the system of equations

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

Let $\mathcal{L}\{x\} = X$, $\mathcal{L}\{y\} = Y$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{x''\} &= \mathcal{L}\{y\} & s^2 X - s x(0) - x'(0) &= Y \\ \mathcal{L}\{y'\} &= \mathcal{L}\{x\} & s Y - y(0) &= X\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 X - s &= Y \\ sY - 1 &= X \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} s^2 X - Y &= s \\ -X + sY &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Using Cramer's Rule

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} s^2 & -1 \\ -1 & s \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_X = \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ 1 & s \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_Y = \begin{bmatrix} s^2 & s \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = s^3 - 1, \quad \det(A_X) = s^2 + 1, \quad \det(A_Y) = s^2 + s$$

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

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

$s^2 + s + 1$ is irreducible

We'd need to do a partial fraction decomp
on each of X and ψ

$$X = \frac{s^2 + 1}{(s-1)(s^2 + s + 1)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{Bs + C}{s^2 + s + 1}$$

$$\psi = \frac{s(s+1)}{(s-1)(s^2 + s + 1)} = \frac{D}{s-1} + \frac{Es + F}{s^2 + s + 1}$$

After some computations, we find

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

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

we have to complete the square

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

Every s will need to be expressed in terms of $s + \frac{1}{2}$

Note $s-1 = s+\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}-1 = s+\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2}$

$$s+2 = s+\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$X = \frac{2/3}{s-1} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}(s+\frac{1}{2})}{(s+\frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{3/2}{(s+\frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}}$$

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

we'll finish next time

Cramer's Rule

Cramer's Rule is a method to solve an algebraic linear system of the form

$$\begin{array}{rcl} ax & + & by = e \\ cx & + & dy = f \end{array}$$

Define the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_x = \begin{bmatrix} e & b \\ f & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad A_y = \begin{bmatrix} a & e \\ c & f \end{bmatrix}.$$

If $\det(A) \neq 0$, then the system is uniquely solvable and the solution

$$x = \frac{\det(A_x)}{\det(A)} \quad \text{and} \quad y = \frac{\det(A_y)}{\det(A)}.$$

Cramer's Rule 3×3 case

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}z &= b_1 \\a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}z &= b_2 \\a_{31}x + a_{32}y + a_{33}z &= b_3\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_x = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ b_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ b_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A_y = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & b_1 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & b_2 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & b_3 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_z = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & b_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $\det(A) \neq 0$, then the solution to the system

$$x = \frac{\det(A_x)}{\det(A)}, \quad y = \frac{\det(A_y)}{\det(A)}, \quad \text{and} \quad z = \frac{\det(A_z)}{\det(A)}.$$