

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

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

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

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

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

$$\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots$$

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

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 $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$. Take \mathcal{L} of the ODE

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

$$\text{set } G(s) = \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}.$$

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

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

Isolate $Y(s)$

$$as^2Y(s) - asy(0) - ay'(0) + bsY(s) - by(0) + cY(s) = G(s)$$

$$\text{use } y(0) = y_0 \text{ and } y'(0) = y_1$$

$$(as^2 + bs + c)Y(s) - asy_0 - ay_1 - by_0 = G(s)$$

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

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

$as^2 + bs + c$ is the characteristic polynomial for the ODE

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

The solution to the IVP is

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

Solving IVPs

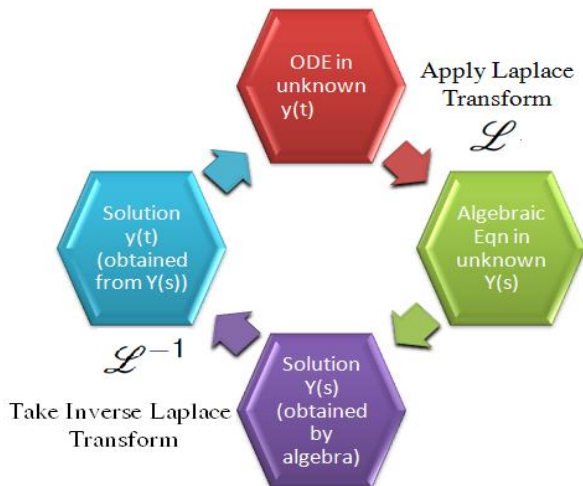


Figure: We use the Laplace transform to turn our DE into an algebraic equation. Solve this transformed equation, and then transform back.

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

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

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

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

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

$$sY(s) - y(0) + 3Y(s) = 2\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) = \frac{2}{s^2}$$

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

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

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

To find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y\}$, we need to decompose the first term.

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

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

$$= As^2 + 3As + Bs + 3B + Cs^2$$

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

$$A+C = 0 \Rightarrow C = -A$$

$$3A+B = 0 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{3}B$$

$$3B = 2 \Rightarrow B = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{so} \quad A = -\frac{2}{9}, C = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(s) &= \frac{-2/9}{s} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s^2} + \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{s+3} + \frac{2}{s+3} \\ &= \frac{-2/9}{s} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s} + \frac{\frac{20}{9}}{s+3} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$y(t) = -\frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{3}t + \frac{20}{9}e^{-3t} \quad \text{soln to the IVP}$$

Solve the IVP using the Laplace Transform

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

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Use } y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

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

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

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

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

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

Note $s+4 = s+2+2$ so

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

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

$$\text{Note } \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^4}\right\} = \frac{1}{3!} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3!}{s^4}\right\} = \frac{1}{3!} t^3$$

The solution to the IVP

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

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{3!} e^{-2t} t^3 + e^{-2t} + 2e^{-2t} t$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{6} t^3 e^{-2t} + e^{-2t} + 2t e^{-2t}$$