

Unit 3 Lesson 10

For a system of the form

$$p(D)x = f(t),$$

we have "transfer function"

$$W(s) = \frac{1}{p(s)},$$

where $p(s)$ is the characteristic polynomial.

The transfer function of a DE is also the Laplace transform of the unit impulse response;

$$W(s) = L(w(t))$$

Example Problems:

1: Fail; $(s+2)(s+3) = s^2 + 5s + 6$, thus

$$P(s) = s^2 + 5s + 6I$$

2: All $p(s)$ have transfer function of the form $1/p(s)$;
by way of contradiction $p(s)$ does not exist.