

# Advanced Mathematics

## Second order differential equations. Laplace Transform.

- (\*) The solutions of the characteristic equation associated to a linear, second order ODE with constant coefficients are  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ . Find the differential equation and its general solution. Do the same for the case  $\lambda_1 = -1$  y  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .
- Find the general solutions of the following differential equations:  
 1)  $y'' - y = 0$  2)  $y'' - 8y' + 15y = 0$  3)  $y'' - 3y' - 10y = 0$ . 4)  $y'' - 6y' + 25y = 0$   
 5)  $2y'' + 2y' + 3y = 0$  6)  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$  7)  $y'' + 4y = 0$
- Find the general solutions of the following non-homogeneous differential equations:  
 1)  $y'' + 3y' - 10y = 6e^{4x}$  2)  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 2e^{2t} + \frac{t}{2}$  3)  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 14 \sin(2x) - 18 \cos(2x)$   
 4)  $y'' + 4y = 3 \sin(x)$  5)  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = e^x \sin(x)$  6)  $2y'' - 4y' - 8y = -50 \cos(3x) - 40 \sin(3x)$ .
- Solve the following *boundary value problem*:

$$x'' + x' - 6x = 0, \quad x(0) = 1 \text{ and } x(\infty) = 0.$$

- Solve the following initial and boundary value problems:  
 1)  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0, \quad y(1) = e^2, \quad y'(1) = 3e^2$  2)  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = 11$   
 3)  $2y'' - y' + 2y = e^{4x}, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = 2$  4)  $y'' - y' - 5y = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y(x) = -\frac{1}{5}$   
 5)  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 2e^{-2t}(9 \sin(2t) + 4 \cos(2t)), \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$ .
- (\*) Assume that the roots of the polinomial  $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$  have negative real part. Prove that every solution to the ODE  $x'' + ax' + bx = 0$  satisfies  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$ .
- (\*) Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be three positive constants. Prove that the difference between any two of the solutions of the equation  $ax'' + bx' + cx = g(t)$ , where  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function, converges to zero when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Consider the ODE  $x'' + a_1x' + a_0x = q(t)$ , with  $a_0 \neq 0$ , where  $q$  is a polinomial of degree 2. Prove that there is a particular solution of the equation which is also a polinomial of degree 2.
- Consider the ODE  $x'' + a_1x' + a_0x = q(t)$ .  
 a) If  $q(t) = e^{\alpha t}$ , prove that the equation admits a particular solution of one of this forms:  $Ae^{\alpha t}$  when  $\alpha$  is not a root of the characteristic equation,  $Ate^{\alpha t}$ , when  $\alpha$  is a *simple* root of the characteristic equation, and  $At^2e^{\alpha t}$  in the case that  $\alpha$  is a *double* root of the characteristic equation.  
 b) If  $q(t) = \cos \alpha t$ , prove that the equation admits a particular solution of the forms  $A \cos \alpha t + B \sin \alpha t$  or  $t(A \cos \alpha t + B \sin \alpha t)$ , if  $\pm \alpha i$  are roots of the characteristic equation.
- Damped Oscillator** A disk, fixed to a mass  $m$ , is immersed in a fluid that performs a damping force (ie. friction)  $-b \frac{dx}{dt}$ . The elastic restoring force of a spring is  $-kx$ . Write and solve the equation for the damped spring (See Figure ??).

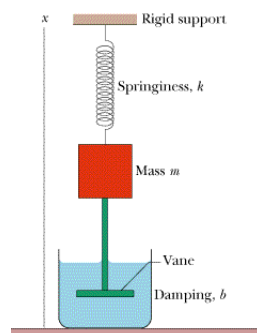


Figure 1: Damped oscillator

11. (\*) In an RLC circuit (Resistor, inductor, capacitor, see Figure ??) the potential drop on each element are given by:

Resistance:  $V_R = -RI$

Inductor:  $V_L = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$

Capacitor:  $\frac{dV_C}{dt} = -\frac{1}{C}I(t)$

(where  $R$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$  are constants and  $I$  is the current, dependent on time). If  $E(t)$  denotes the voltage of a battery, find the differential equation of the system under Kirchoff laws. Take the derivative of the final expression and compare with the previous exercise.

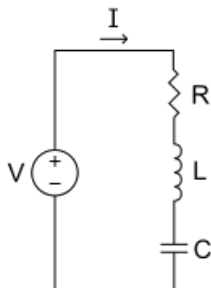


Figure 2: RLC circuit

12. a) (\*) Given  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $Lf(s_0) := \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-s_0 t} dt$  exists for some  $s_0 > 0$  and also  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-s_0 t} f(t) = 0$ . Prove that, for all  $s > s_0$  the following integral has a finite value:

$$Lf(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt.$$

The function  $Lf$  is the *Laplace Transform* of the function  $f$ . Verify that the domain of  $Lf$  is at least  $[s_0, \infty)$ .

b) Verify the following table of transforms:

1)  $f(x) = 1$  has  $Lf(s) = \frac{1}{s}$       2)  $f(x) = x$  has  $Lf(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$

3)  $f(x) = e^{-\alpha x}$  has  $Lf(s) = \frac{1}{s+\alpha}$       4)  $f(x) = \sin \beta x$  has  $Lf(s) = \frac{\beta}{s^2 + \beta^2}$ .

5)  $f(x) = \cos \beta x$  has  $Lf(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \beta^2}$ .      6) Find  $Lf(s)$ , where  $f(x) = e^{3x} \sin x$ .

13. Prove the following properties of the Laplace transform:

a) For functions  $f$  and  $g$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  we have that  $L(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha Lf + \beta Lg$ .

b) If  $f$  is twice differentiable, then  $Lf'(s) = sLf(s) - f(0)$  and  $Lf''(s) = s^2Lf(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$ .

14. Find the Laplace transform of the following functions:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} x \sin x, & x \geq 3 \\ 0, & x < 3 \end{cases}, \quad \text{and} \quad g(t) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0, & x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

15. Consider the functions:

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

4)  $Lf(s) = \frac{s-7}{25+(s-7)^2}$       5)  $Lf(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+1}$ .

in each case find  $f$ , ie. the inverse Laplace transform.

16. (\*) Let  $H(s) = \frac{1}{s+3}$ ,  $H(s) = \frac{4}{s^2+3s+1}$  and  $H(s) = \frac{s}{s^2-4s+3}$  be three *transference functions* of electric circuits. Find the differential equations for those circuits.

17. Solve the following initial value problems by means of the Laplace transform:

a)  $y'' - 6y' + 5y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 3$ ,  $y'(0) = 11$       b)  $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$

c)  $\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^{3x} \\ y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$       d)  $\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = e^{-2x} \\ y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$

e)  $\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^{-x} + 3 \\ y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$

# LAPLACE TRANSFORM TABLE

The following functions of the independent variable  $t$  have Laplace transforms given by the functions of  $s$  on the right:

1. If  $f(t) = 1, \forall t$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{1}{s}$
2. If  $f(t) = \sin(\alpha t),$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{\alpha}{s^2 + \alpha^2}$
3. If  $f(t) = \cos(\alpha t),$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2}$
4. If  $f(t) = e^{-\alpha t},$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{1}{s + \alpha}$
5. If  $f(t) = \sinh(\alpha t),$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{\alpha}{s^2 - \alpha^2}$
6. If  $f(t) = \cosh(\alpha t),$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - \alpha^2}$
7. If  $f(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\beta t),$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{\beta}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2}$
8. If  $f(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\beta t),$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{s + \alpha}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2}$
9. In general, given  $f(t),$  then  $L[e^{-\alpha t} f(t)](s) = Lf(s + \alpha)$
10. If  $f(t) = t^n,$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}},$  ( $\Gamma$  is the Euler's Gamma function).
11. If  $f(t) = te^{-\alpha t},$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{1}{(s + \alpha)^2}$
12. If  $f(t) = t \sin(\alpha t),$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{2\alpha s}{(s^2 + \alpha^2)^2}$
13. If  $f(t) = t \cos(\alpha t),$  then  $Lf(s) = \frac{s^2 - \alpha^2}{(s^2 + \alpha^2)^2}$
14. In general, given  $f(t),$  then  $L[t^n f(t)](s) = (-1)^n \frac{\partial^n Lf(s)}{\partial s^n}$