

# AMS361 - Differential Equations

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# Introduction

## **0.0.1 Lecture Information**

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction to Linear Equations

### 1.1 Characteristics of Differential Equations

- linear vs nonlinear - an equation is linear if the dependent variable or its derivative is linear
- order of ordinary differential equations - the order of an ordinary differential equation is the number of the highest derivative in the equation
- homogeneous vs inhomogeneous - an equation is homogeneous if it can be arranged so its dependent variable terms are equal to 0

num. DV	num. IV	1	2+
1		ordinary differential equation	partial differential equation
2		system of ordinary differential equations	system of partial differential equations

# Chapter 2

## First Order Equations

### 2.1 Separable First Order Equations

Form:

$$y' = \frac{f(x)}{g(y)} \quad 1$$

Solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f(x)}{g(y)} \quad 1$$

$$g(y)dy = f(x)dx \quad 2$$

$$\int g(y)dy = \int f(x)dx \quad 3$$

$$\text{integrate and solve for } y \quad 4$$

### 2.2 Linear First Order Equations

Form:

$$y' + P(x)y + Q(x) = 0 \quad 1$$

Solution Derivation:

$$y' + P(x)y + Q(x) = 0 \quad 1$$

$$v(x)[y' + P(x)y + Q(x) = 0] \text{ - multiply by some factor } v(x) \quad 2$$

$$v(x)y' + v(x)P(x)y + v(x)Q(x) = 0 \quad 3$$

$$\text{let } v'(x) = v(x)P(x) \text{ - this way, } \frac{d[v(x)y(x)]}{dx} = v(x)y' + v(x)P(x)y \quad 4$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = v(x)P(x) \quad 5$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{v(x)} = \int P(x)dx \quad 6$$

$$\ln(v(x)) = \int P(x)dx + c \quad 7$$

$$v(x) = e^{\int P(x)dx + c} = Ae^{\int P(x)dx} \quad 8$$

$$v(x)y' + v(x)P(x)y + v(x)Q(x) = 0 \quad 9$$

plug in  $v(x)$  and solve as a first order linear differential equation 10

Solution:

$$y' + P(x)y + Q(x) = 0 \quad 1$$

let  $v(x) = Ae^{\int P(x)dx}$  2

$$v(x)[y' + P(x)y + Q(x) = 0] \quad 3$$

$$v(x)y' + v(x)P(x)y + v(x)Q(x) = 0 \quad 4$$

substitute and solve as a first order linear differential equation 5

## 2.3 Polynomial Functions

Form:

$$y' = F(ax + by + c) \quad 1$$

Solution Derivation:

$$y' = F(ax + by + c) \quad 1$$

let  $u = ax + by + c$  2

$$u' = a + by' \quad 3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{du}{dx} - a\right)\frac{1}{b} \text{ - solve for } y' \quad 4$$

$$y' = F(u) = \frac{u' - a}{b} \quad 5$$
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Solution:

$$y' = F(ax + by + c) \quad 1$$

let  $u = ax + by + c$  2

$$y' = F(u) = \frac{u' - a}{b} \quad 3$$

solve for  $u$  as a separable first order linear differential equation 4

substitute and solve for  $y$  5

## 2.4 Homogeneous Differential Equations

Form:

$$y' = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad 1$$

Solution Derivation:

$$y' = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad 1$$

let  $u = \frac{y}{x}$  2

$$ux = y \quad 3$$

$$u'x + u = y' \quad 4$$

$$y' = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = F(u) = u'x + u \quad 5$$

$$F(u) - u = \frac{du}{dx}x \quad 6$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{du}{F(u)-u} \quad 7$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \int \frac{du}{F(u)-u} \quad 8$$

$$\ln(x) = \int \frac{du}{F(u)-u} + c \quad 9$$

$$x = Ae^{\int \frac{du}{F(u)-u}} \quad 10$$

solve for  $u$ , then substitute and solve back for  $y$  11

Solution:

$$y' = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad 1$$

$$\text{let } u = \frac{y}{x} \quad 2$$

$$x = Ae^{\int \frac{du}{F(u)-u}} \quad 3$$

solve for  $u$ , then substitute and solve back for  $y$  4

## 2.5 Bernoulli Differential Equations

Form:

$$y' + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n \quad 1$$

Solution:

$$y' + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n \quad 1$$

$$y'y^{-n} + P(x)y^{1-n} = Q(x) \quad 2$$

$$\text{let } u = y^{1-n} \quad 3$$

$$u' = (1-n)y^{-n}y' \quad 4$$

$$\frac{1}{1-n}u' + P(x)u = Q(x) \text{ solve for } u \text{ as a separable first order linear equation} \quad 5$$

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## 2.6 Ricatti Differential Equation

Form:

$$y' = A_0(x) + A_1(x)y + A_2(x)y^2, \text{ given } y_0(x) \quad 1$$

Solution:

$$y_0(x) = A_0(x) + A_1(x)y_0 + A_2(x)y_0^2, \text{ given } y_0(x) \quad 1$$

$$y'_0 = A_0(x) + A_1(x)y_0 + A_2(x)y_0^2 \quad 2$$

$$\text{the general solution will be of the form } y = y_0(x) + \frac{1}{z(x)} \quad 3$$

$$y^2 = y_0(x)^2 + 2y_0(x)\frac{1}{z(x)} + \frac{1}{z(x)^2} \quad 4$$

$$y' = y'_0(x) - \frac{1}{z(x)^2}z(x)' \quad 5$$



$$\begin{aligned}
y' &= y'_0(x) - \frac{1}{z^2} z' = A_0(x) + A_1(x)(y_0 + \frac{1}{z}) + A_2(x)(y_0^2 + 2y_0 \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2}) & 6 \\
y'_0 &= A_0(x) + A_1(x)y_0 + A_2(x)y_0^2 - \text{subtract} & 7 \\
& - \frac{1}{z^2} z' = A_1(x) \frac{1}{z} + & 8 \\
& A_2(x) \frac{2y_0}{z} + \frac{A_2(x)}{z^2} & 8 \\
z' &= -A_1(x)z(x) - A_2(x)2y_0(x)z(x) - A_2(x) & 9 \\
z' &= (-A_1 - 2A_2y_0)z(x) - A_2(x) & 10 \\
& \text{solve as a first order linear differential equation} & 11
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.7 Exact Differential Equations

Form:

$$\begin{aligned}
M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy &= 0 & 1 \\
\text{the equation is exact if } \frac{M(x, y)}{\delta y} &= \frac{N(x, y)}{\delta x} & 2
\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

if the equation is not exact, multiply it by a factor  $\rho$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho[M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy] &= 0 & 1 \\
\rho(x)M(x, y) &= \rho(x)N(x, y) \text{ or } \rho(y)M(x, y) = \rho(y)N(x, y) & 2 \\
\frac{d(\rho M(x, y))}{dy} &= \frac{d(\rho N(x, y))}{dx} & 3 \\
\rho(x)M_y &= \rho'(x)N + \rho(x)N_x \text{ or } \rho'(y)M + \rho(y)M_y = \rho(y)N_x & 4 \\
\rho(x)[M_y - N_x] &= \rho'(x)N \text{ or } \rho(y)[M_y - N_x] = -\rho'(y)M & 5 \\
\rho(x) \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} &= \frac{d\rho}{dx} \text{ or } \rho(y) \frac{M_y - N_x}{M} = -\frac{d\rho}{dy} & 6 \\
\int \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} dx &= \int \frac{d\rho}{\rho(x)} \text{ or } \int \frac{M_y - N_x}{M} dy = \int -\frac{d\rho(y)}{\rho(y)} & 7 \\
\rho &= e^{\int \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} dx} \text{ or } \rho = e^{\int \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} dy} & 8
\end{aligned}$$

if the equation is exact:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1 &= \int M(x, y)dx & 1 \\
F_1(x, y) &+ g(y) & 2 \\
F_2 &= \int N(x, y)dy & 3 \\
F_2(x, y) &+ h(x) & 4 \\
& \text{combine } F_1 \text{ and } F_2 \text{ to yield } f(x) & 5
\end{aligned}$$

# Chapter 3

## Mathematical Models

### 3.1 Newton's Equation of Cooling

Newton's Law of Cooling formula is used to calculate the temperature of an object as it loses heat as a function of its original body temperature, the environmental temperature, and time.

Form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dT}{dt} &= t(A - T) & 1 \\ T(t = 0) &= T_0 & 2\end{aligned}$$

Variables:

$$\begin{aligned}T &= \text{temperature of the body} & 1 \\ A &= \text{temperature of the environment} & 2 \\ k &= \text{thermal conductivity} & 3 \\ t &= \text{time} & 4\end{aligned}$$

### 3.2 Toricelli's Draining Equation

Toricelli's law relates the speed of fluid exiting from an opening in a container with the height of the fluid above the opening.

Form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dV}{dt} &= \frac{A(y)dy}{dt} = -k\sqrt{g} & 1 \\ y(t = 0) &= y_0 & 2\end{aligned}$$

Variables:

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \text{volume of fluid in the container} & 1 \\ A &= \text{area of the upper surface of the fluid in the container} & 2\end{aligned}$$

$y$ = height of fluid over the opening	3
$k$ = constant based on viscosity of water, other variables	4
$g$ = constant of acceleration due to gravity	5

### 3.3 Population Differential Equation

This is the logistic model of the population growth model equation.

Form:

$$\frac{P}{t} = kP(M - P) = kMP - kP^2 \quad 1$$

$$P(t = 0) = P_0 \quad 2$$

Variables:

$$P = \text{population} \quad 1$$

$$M = \text{carrying capacity} \quad 2$$

$$k = \text{rate of growth} \quad 3$$

$$t = \text{time} \quad 4$$

### 3.4 Rocket Differential Equation

This model is used to find the velocity of a rocket fired in into the atmosphere, taking into account air resistance. This equation can be modified to suit any scenario that involves applying external forces to a moving mass.

Form:

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = -mg - kv \quad 1$$

$$v(t = 0) = v_0 \quad 2$$

Variables:

$$v = \text{velocity of the rocket} \quad 1$$

$$m = \text{mass of the rocket} \quad 2$$

$$g = \text{acceleration due to gravity} \quad 3$$

$$k = \text{drag/air resistant coefficient} \quad 4$$

$$t = \text{time} \quad 5$$

### 3.5 Finance Differential Equation

This equation is used to model interest.

Form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= zr - w & 1 \\ z(t=0) &= z_0 & 2\end{aligned}$$

Variables:

$$\begin{aligned}z &= \text{initial investment} & 1 \\ r &= \text{interest rate} & 2 \\ w &= \text{payments} & 3 \\ t &= \text{time} & 4\end{aligned}$$

### 3.6 Swimmer's Problem

This equation is used to model a swimmer trying to cross a river with a current.

Form:

$$v_w(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = v_c(1 - \frac{x^2}{a}) \quad 1$$

Variables:

$$\begin{aligned}v_c &= \text{velocity of the current (perpendicular to swimmer)} & 1 \\ v_s &= \text{velocity of the swimmer (perpendicular to current)} & 2 \\ y &= \text{distance from the shortest path across from the start position (parallel to current)} & 3 \\ x &= \text{position along shortest path between shores (perpendicular to current)} & 4 \\ a &= \text{half the distance of the distance between shores} & 5\end{aligned}$$

### 3.7 Plane Landing Equation

This equation is used model the landing of a plane through perpendicular winds, assuming the plane continually adjusts its angle to face the destination

Form:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{x}{2}[(\frac{x}{a})^{-\alpha} - (\frac{x}{a})^{\alpha}] & 1 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y}{x} - \frac{W}{v_0} \sqrt{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}} & 2 \\ \frac{y}{x} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}} &= (\frac{x}{a})^{-\alpha} & 3 \\ \alpha &= \frac{W}{v_0} & 4\end{aligned}$$

Variables:

$$\begin{aligned}a &= \text{distance at which descent begins} & 1 \\ w &= \text{wind (perpendicular to plane's route)} & 2\end{aligned}$$

$v_0$  = plane's velocity

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# Chapter 4

## Higher Order Differential Equations

### 4.1 General Overview of Higher Order Differentials

Higher order differential equations of the second degree follow the form:

$$a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = f(x)$$

1

$f(x)$	$a_i(x)$	constant	variable
0		characteristic equation method	cauchy-euler
$\neq 0$		method of undetermined coefficients or variation of parameters	variation of parameters

### 4.2 Homogeneous Linear Differential Equations

This is the characteristic equation method, where one side consisting of all dependent variable terms and their derivatives is converted to a simple polynomial equation in terms of  $\lambda$

Form:

$$\begin{aligned}
& a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y^{(1)} + a_0 y = 0 & 1 \\
& \text{make substitution } y = e^{\lambda x} \text{ -} \dot{\text{;}} \text{ this is the only way a derivative will} & 2 \\
& \text{not go to zero due to falling order or produce a coefficient with } x & 3 \\
& a_n \lambda^n e^{\lambda x} + a_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} e^{\lambda x} + \dots + a_1 \lambda e^{\lambda x} + a_0 e^{\lambda x} = 0 & 4 \\
& e^{\lambda x} (a_n \lambda^n + a_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \lambda + a_0) = 0 & 5 \\
& e^{\lambda x} \neq 0 & 6 \\
& a_n \lambda^n + a_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \lambda + a_0 = 0 & 7 \\
& \text{solve for } \lambda \text{ and substitute to solve for } y & 8 \\
& y_{GS} = c_0 y_0 + c_1 y_1 + \dots + c_{n-1} y_{n-1} + c_n y_n & 9
\end{aligned}$$

### 4.2.1 Addressing Duplicates

When solving the characteristic equation, there is a possibility that there can be duplicate values for  $\lambda$  and  $y$ . In the case that there is more than one solution of  $y_i = e^{cx}$ , multiply duplicate solutions by the independent variable, in this case  $x$ , to produce a solution that is linearly independent from the others. The reasoning behind this is that  $\frac{d(xe^{cx})}{dx} = e^{cx} + xe^{cx}$ , so the extra terms get absorbed into lower derivative values.

## 4.3 Euler-Cauchy Linear Differential Equations

Form:

$$\begin{aligned}
& x^n y^{(n)} + x^{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + x y^{(1)} + y = 0 & 1 \\
& \text{let } y = x^\lambda \text{ -} \dot{\text{;}} \text{ when multiplied with the coefficients, will pro-} & 2 \\
& \text{duce terms all of the same order} & 3 \\
& x^n (x^\lambda)^{(n)} + x^{n-1} (x^\lambda)^{(n-1)} + \dots + (x^\lambda) y^{(1)} + (x^\lambda) = 0 & 4 \\
& x^n [(\lambda)(\lambda-1)\dots(\lambda-n)] x^{(\lambda-n)} + \dots + x \lambda x^{\lambda-1} + x^\lambda = 0 & 5 \\
& x^n [(\lambda)(\lambda-1)\dots(\lambda-n) + \dots + \lambda + 1] = 0 & 6 \\
& x^\lambda \neq 0 & 7 \\
& (\lambda)(\lambda-1)\dots(\lambda-n) + \dots + \lambda + 1 = 0 & 8 \\
& \text{solve for } \lambda \text{ and substitute to solve for } y & 9
\end{aligned}$$

### 4.3.1 Addressing Duplicates

In the case of duplicate solutions for  $y_i = x^\lambda$ , multiply solutions by  $\ln(x)$  until all solutions are of the form  $y_i = \ln(x)^c x^\lambda$  and linearly independent.

## 4.4 Inhomogeneous Differential Equations

### 4.4.1 Finding a Particular Solution

Theorem: The general solution to an inhomogeneous differential equation is the sum of the characteristic equation of the dependant terms and a particular solution to the equation.

$$y_{GS}(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$$

For any extra terms not included in the characteristic equation, one can find a trial solution by setting a  $y$  value to all extra terms with variable coefficients. Polynomial terms must be reduced as well.

### 4.4.2 Reduction of Order

Given an higher order linear differential equation,  $a_2xy'' + a_1xy' + a_0xy = 0$  and a particular solution  $y_1(x)$ , we can get a second solution.

$y_2 = u(x)y_1$   $y_2' = u(x)y_1' + u'(x)y_1$   $y_2'' = u(x)y_1'' + 2u'(x)y_1' + u''(x)y_1$  plug  $y_2, y_2', y_2''$  into the equation

### 4.4.3 Variational Principle Method

Given an equation  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x) = f(x)$

The solution of a higher order differential euqation requires two solutions,  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$

Propose a particular solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(x) &= u_1y_1 + u_2y_2 & y_p'(x) &= u_1'y_1 + u_1y_1' + u_2'y_2 + u_2y_2' & y_p'(x) &= & 1 \\ & & & (u_1'y_1 + u_2'y_2) + (u_1y_1' + u_2y_2') & \text{when } u_1'y_1 + u_2'y_2 &= 0 & 2 \end{aligned}$$



# Chapter 5

## Systems of Differential Equations

### 5.1 General Overview

Systems of differential equations are systems of equations involving differentials. Listed here are three of many possible ways of solving a system.

- Substitution Method
- Operator Method
- Eigen Method

### 5.2 Substitution Method

Given:

$$x' = ax + by + c \quad y' = dx + ey + f$$

- Separate the variables in one of the equations.
- Take the derivative of both sides.
- Substitute into the other equation.
- Solve the equation as a second order linear differential equation.

### 5.3 Operator Method

Given:

$$x' = ax + by + c \quad y' = dx + ey + f$$

- Let  $D = \frac{d}{dt}$  and substitute into both equations
- Bring all terms to one side
- Factor out the dependent variables
- Solve like a regular systems of equations

### 5.4 Eigen Method

Just like any systems of equations, a systems of differential equations can be represented in matrix form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_0 \\ x'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ x'_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n \\ b_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the characteristic equation of the system, find the kernel of the primary coefficient matrix.

$$X_c(t) : \det(A - \lambda) = 0 \begin{vmatrix} A_{0,0} - \lambda & A_{0,1} \\ A_{1,0} & A_{1,1} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ solve for } \lambda \text{ for each } \lambda, \text{ plug}$$

it back into the matrix to find the eigenvectors  $\begin{pmatrix} A_{0,0} - \lambda_0 & A_{0,1} \\ A_{1,0} & A_{1,1} - \lambda_0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{v}_0 = 0$

$X_p(t)$  : solve for the remaining terms as you would in the method of undetermined coefficients

# Chapter 6

## Laplace Transforms

Definition:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt$$

### 6.1 Common Laplace Transform Forms

Properties and Theorems of Laplace Transformations

Property/Theorem	t-space	S-space
Linearity	$af(t) + bf(t)$	$aF(s) + bF(s)$
Periodic Function	$f(t) = f(t + T)$	$\frac{1}{1-e^{-Ts}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t)dt$
Unit Step Function	$u(t - \alpha)$	$\frac{1}{s} e^{-\alpha s}$
Exponential Function	$e^{\alpha t}$	$\frac{1}{s - \alpha}$
Trig - cosine	$\cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
Trig - sine	$\sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
Polynomial Case 0	$f(t) = 1$	$\frac{1}{s}$
Polynomial Case 1	$f(t) = t$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
Polynomial Case n	$f(t) = t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
Deg. 1 Variable Coefficient	$tf(t)$	$-F'(s)$
Deg. n Variable Coefficient	$t^n f(t)$	$(-1)^n F^{(n)}(s)$
Derivative	$f'(t)$	$sF(s) - f(0)$
Derivative	$f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - \sum_{k=1}^n s^{n-k} f^{(k-1)}(0)$

### 6.1.1 Convolution Theorem

$\star$  refers to the convolution operator, a way of combining two functions into a third. The formal definition is as follows:

$$f(t) \star g(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau \quad 1$$

Convolution Theorem:

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t) \star g(t)] = F(s)G(s) \text{ and } \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = f(t) \star g(t) \quad 1$$

Proof of the Convolution Theorem:

$$\text{let } u(t) = 1 \text{ if } t \geq 0 \text{ and } u(t) = 0 \text{ otherwise} \quad 1$$

$$[f(t) \star g(t)]u(t) \quad 2$$

$$(\int_0^{\inf} f(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau) * u(t-\tau) \quad 3$$

$$\int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau)u(t-\tau)d\tau + \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau)u(t-\tau)d\tau \quad 4$$

$$\int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau \quad 5$$

$$f(t) \star g(t) = \int_0^{\inf} f(\tau)g(t-\tau)u(t-\tau)d\tau \quad 6$$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t) \star g(t) = \int_0^{\inf} f(\tau)g(t-\tau)u(t-\tau)d\tau] \quad 7$$

$$\int_0^{\inf} \int_0^{\inf} f(\tau)g(t-\tau)u(t-\tau)e^{-st}d\tau dt \quad 8$$

$$\int_0^{\inf} f(\tau)d\tau \int_0^{\inf} g(t-\tau)u(t-\tau)e^{-st}dt \quad 9$$

$$\text{let } t = t_1 + \tau, dt = dt_1 \quad 10$$

$$\int_0^{\inf} f(\tau)d\tau \int_0^{\inf} g(t_1)u(t_1)e^{-s(t_1+\tau)}dt_1 \quad 11$$

$$\int_0^{\inf} f(\tau)e^{-s\tau}d\tau \int_0^{\inf} g(t_1)u(t_1)e^{-st_1}dt_1 \quad 12$$

$$\text{let } F(s) = \int_0^{\inf} f(\tau)e^{-s\tau}d\tau, G(s) = \int_0^{\inf} g(t_1)u(t_1)e^{-st_1}dt_1 \quad 13$$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t) \star g(t)] = F(s)G(s) \quad 14$$

Properties of Convolutions

- commutative
- associative
- distributive

## 6.2 Complex Inverses

More complex inverses can be solved three ways:

- Separate an inverse using a convolution, solve the components separately, and plug the values into the convolution

- Partial fraction decomposition into separate terms and solve individually