

Lecture 14

Laplace Transforms (Part 3)

Algebra Tricks

(I) Completing the Square

$$\begin{aligned}s^2 + bs + c &= s^2 + bs + \frac{b^2}{4} - \frac{b^2}{4} + c \\ &= \left(s + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4} + c\end{aligned}$$

Example 1

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 4 \frac{dy}{dt} + 5y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 3$$

- 1) Take the Laplace Transform (LT) of the ODE:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right\} - 4 \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dy}{dt}\right\} + 5\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

$$\underbrace{s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0)}_{\#36} - 4 \underbrace{\left(s Y(s) - y(0) \right)}_{\#35} + 5 Y(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 Y(s) - s - 3 - 4s Y(s) + 4 + 5 Y(s) = 0$$

2) Solve for $Y(s)$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 - 4s + 5) Y(s) - s + 1 = 0$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{s - 1}{s^2 - 4s + 5}$$

$$\left(H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 - 4s + 5} = \frac{Y(s)}{X_{\text{input}}(s)} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Transfer} \\ \text{function} \end{array} \right)$$

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

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{s - 1}{s^2 - 4s + 5} \right\}$$

$s^2 - 4s + 5$ doesn't have real roots.

$$s^2 - 4s + 4 - 4 + 5 = (s-2)^2 + 1$$

"completing the square"

$$Y(s) = \frac{s-1}{s^2 - 4s + 5} = \frac{s-1}{(s-2)^2 + 1}$$

$$\#20: \mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos(bt)\} = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$$

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

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

$$\#19: \mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \sin(bt)\} = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s-2}{(s-2)^2 + 1}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s-2)^2 + 1}\right\} \\ &\quad \xrightarrow[\substack{\#20 \\ a=2, b=1}]{} e^{2t} \cos(t) + \xrightarrow[\substack{\#19 \\ a=2, b=1}]{} e^{2t} \sin(t) \end{aligned}$$

(II) Partial Fractions

Given a ratio of two polynomials : $\frac{P(s)}{Q(s)}$

(Q is higher order than P)

IIA) $Q(s)$ has distinct real roots:

$$Q(s) = (s-r_1)(s-r_2)\cdots(s-r_n)$$

$$\frac{P(s)}{Q(s)} = \frac{A_1}{s-r_1} + \frac{A_2}{s-r_2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{s-r_n}$$

Example 2

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} &= \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+2} \\ &= \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2}\end{aligned}$$

(see last lecture)

II B) $Q(s)$ has repeated roots

$$Q(s) = (s-r_1)(s-r_2)(s-r_3)(s-r_4)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(s)}{Q(s)} = \frac{A_1}{s-r_1} + \frac{A_2}{s-r_2} + \frac{A_3}{s-r_3} + \frac{B_1}{s-r_4} + \frac{B_2}{(s-r_4)^2} + \frac{B_3}{(s-r_4)^3}$$

Example 3

$$Y(s) = \frac{s^2 + 9s + 2}{(s-1)^2(s+3)}$$

$$\frac{s^2 + 9s + 2}{(s-1)^2(s+3)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{(s-1)^2} + \frac{C}{s+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 + 9s + 2 = \cancel{\frac{A}{s-1}} (s-1)^2(s+3) + \cancel{\frac{B}{(s-1)^2}} (s-1)^2(s+3) + \cancel{\frac{C}{s+3}} (s-1)^2(s+3)$$

$$s^2 + 9s + 2 = A(s-1)(s+3) + B(s+3) + C(s-1)^2$$

Trick: LHS = RHS for all s, so
set s to various values to
solve for A, B and C

Set s = 1:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 9 + 2 &= 0 + B(1+3) + 0 \\ \Rightarrow 12 &= 4B \Rightarrow \boxed{B = 3} \end{aligned}$$

Set s = -3:

$$\begin{aligned} 9 - 27 + 2 &= 0 + 0 + C(-3-1)^2 \\ \Rightarrow -16 &= 16C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = -1} \end{aligned}$$

Set s = 0 (?):

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= -3A + 3B + C \\ &= -3A + 9 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = -3A + 8 \Rightarrow -6 = -3A$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = 2}$$

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

$$\#2: \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$\#23: \mathcal{L}\{t^n e^{at}\} = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$$

$$y(t) = 2 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-1}\right\} + 3 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+3}\right\}$$

$\downarrow \#2, a=1$ $\downarrow \#23, \begin{matrix} a=1 \\ n=1 \end{matrix}$ $\downarrow \#2, a=-3$
 $= 2 e^t + 3 t e^t - e^{-3t}$

II C) Irreducible quadratics

$$Q(s) = (s-r_1)(s-r_2)(s-r_3) \underbrace{(s^2 + bs + c)}_{\text{can't reduce}} \\ (\text{complex roots})$$

$$\frac{P(s)}{Q(s)} = \frac{A_1}{s-r_1} + \frac{A_2}{s-r_2} + \frac{A_3}{s-r_3} + \frac{B_1 s + B_0}{s^2 + bs + c}$$

Example 4

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 5y = -8e^{-t}$$

$$y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 12$$

i) Take the LT of the ODE

$$s^2 Y - sy(0) - y'(0) - 2(sY(s) - y(0)) + 5Y(s) = \frac{-8}{s+1}$$

#36
#35
#2

$$\Rightarrow s^2 Y - 2s - 12 - 2s Y + 4 + 5Y = \frac{-8}{s+1}$$

2) Solve for $Y(s)$

$$(s^2 - 2s + 5)Y(s) - 2s - 8 = \frac{-8}{s+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(s^2 - 2s + 5)Y(s) &= 2s + 8 - \frac{8}{s+1} \\&= \frac{(2s+8)(s+1) - 8}{s+1} \\&= \frac{2s^2 + 10s + 8 - 8}{s+1} = \frac{2s^2 + 10s}{s+1}\end{aligned}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2s^2 + 10s}{(s+1)(s^2 - 2s + 5)}$$

$$\frac{2s^2 + 10s}{(s+1)(s^2 - 2s + 5)} = \frac{As + B}{s^2 - 2s + 5} + \frac{C}{s+1}$$

multiply through by denominator

$$\begin{aligned}
 2s^2 + 10s &= \frac{As+B}{s^2-2s+5} (s+1) \cancel{(s^2-2s+5)} \\
 &\quad + \frac{C}{s+1} \cancel{(s+1)} \cancel{(s^2-2s+5)} \\
 &= (As+B)(s+1) + C(s^2-2s+5)
 \end{aligned}$$

set $s = -1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 - 10 &= 0 + C(1 + 2 + 5) \\
 \Rightarrow -8 &= 8C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = -1}
 \end{aligned}$$

set $s = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= B(0+1) + C(0+0+5) \\
 &= B + 5C = B - 5 \Rightarrow \boxed{B = 5}
 \end{aligned}$$

set $s = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 12 &= (A + 5)(2) - (1 - 2 + 5) \\
 &= 2A + 10 - 4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{B=5} \\
 \downarrow \\
 \text{C=-1}
 \end{array}$$

$$12 = 2A + 6 \Rightarrow 6 = 2A$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A=3}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{3s+5}{s^2-2s+5} - \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$s^2-2s+5 = s^2-2s+1-1+5 = (s-1)^2+4$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{3s+5}{(s-1)^2+4} - \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$= \frac{3(s-1)+8}{(s-1)^2+4} - \frac{1}{s+1}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{\#20} & \text{\#19} & \text{\#2} \\ a=1, b=2 & a=1, b=2 & a=-1 \end{array}$$

$$y(t) = 3e^t \cos(2t) + 4e^t \sin(2t) - e^{-t}$$