

Lecture 12

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

First...

One more Example of the
Method of Undetermined Coefficients

$$y'' + 2y' + y = t^2 + 8e^t$$

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

A) Solve Homogeneous Problem

$$\rightarrow \begin{aligned} y_h'' + 2y_h' + y_h &= 0 \\ r^2 + 2r + 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Characteristic
(or "auxiliary")
equation

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-4}}{2} = -1 \quad (\text{Case III})$$

$$\Rightarrow y_h = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t}$$

B) find the particular solution

$$\text{Trial solution: } y_p(t) = At^2 + Bt + C + Dte^t$$

$$\rightarrow y'_P(t) = 2At + B + De^t$$

$$\rightarrow y''_P(t) = 2A + De^t$$

$$\begin{aligned}y''_P + 2y'_P + y_P &= 2A + De^t \\&\quad + 2(2At + B + De^t) \\&\quad + At^2 + Bt + C + De^t\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= At^2 + (4A + B)t + (2A + 2B + C) + 4De^t \\&= t^2 + 8e^t\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = 1}, \quad 4A + B = 0, \quad 2A + 2B + C = 0, \quad 4D = 8$$
$$\hookrightarrow 4 + B = 0 \quad \hookrightarrow 2(1) + 2(-4) + C = 0$$
$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{B = -4} \quad \hookrightarrow 2 - 8 + C = 0 \quad \hookrightarrow \boxed{C = 6}$$

$$4D = 8 \rightarrow \boxed{D = 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_P(t) = t^2 - 4t + 6 + 2e^t$$

c) General Solution: $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t} \\ + t^2 - 4t + 6 + 2e^t$$

D) Use $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0$ to solve c_1, c_2

$$\rightarrow y'(t) = -c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-t} - c_2 t e^{-t} \\ + 2t - 4 + 2e^t$$

- $y(0) = c_1 + 6 + 2 = c_1 + 8 = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = -7}$

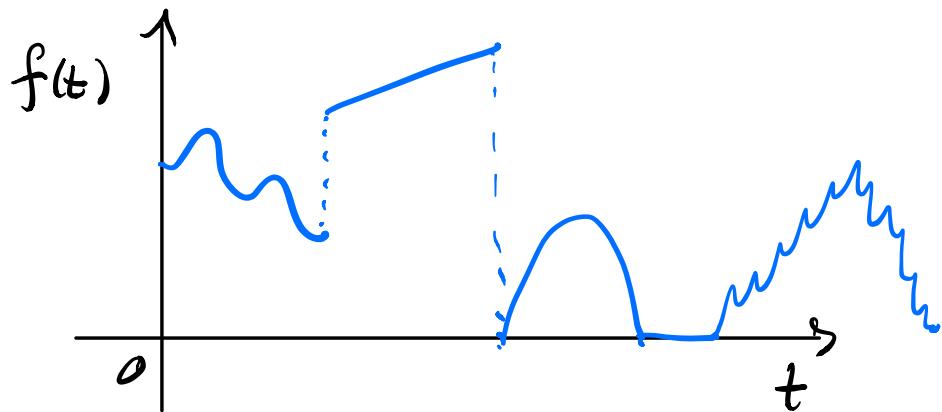
- $y'(0) = -c_1 + c_2 - 4 + 2 \\ = -7 + c_2 - 4 + 2 \\ = 5 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = -5}$

$y(t) = -7e^{-t} - 5te^{-t} + t^2 - 4t + 6 + 2e^t$

The Solution

So far, this seems to work (even if it's tedious). What happens if we have:

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



ENTER: LAPLACE TRANSFORM

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

- * The Laplace transform (LT) takes a $f(t)$ and returns a new function $F(s)$

- * $f(t)$ is in the "time domain", and $F(s)$ is in the "frequency domain".
- * It is common notation to denote the LT of a function $f(t), y(t), i(t), \dots$ with a capital letter: $\bar{F}(s), Y(s), I(s), \dots$

Named after Pierre-Simon Laplace



Example 1 $f(t) = 3t$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{3t\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (3t) dt \\ &= -\frac{3}{s} t e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \frac{3}{s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \end{aligned}$$

$(s > 0)$

$$= -\frac{3}{s^2} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 0 - \left(-\frac{3}{s^2} e^0\right) = \boxed{\frac{3}{s^2} \quad (s > 0)}$$

Example 2 $f(t) = c$

$$\mathcal{L}\{c\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} c dt = -\frac{c}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^\infty$$

$$= 0 - \left(-\frac{c}{s} e^0\right) = \frac{c}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F(s) = \frac{c}{s}, s > 0}$$

Example 3 $f(t) = e^{2t}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{2t}\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} (e^{2t}) dt = \int_0^\infty e^{(2-s)t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2-s} e^{(2-s)t} \Big|_0^\infty = 0 - \frac{1}{2-s} e^0 = \frac{1}{s-2} \quad (s > 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F(s) = \frac{1}{s-2}, s > 2}$$

If you're bad at integrals, don't worry!
Tables are extensively used for
Laplace Transforms. (see Laplace-Table.pdf)

* You won't always find an exact match on the Table, so it's important to know a few properties.

A) Linearity:

$$\circ \mathcal{L}\{c f(t)\} = c \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

$$\circ \mathcal{L}\{f(t) + g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} + \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

Example 4

$$f(t) = e^{-2t} + 3t^2 - \sin(5t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t} + 3t^2 - \sin(5t)\}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}\} + 3 \mathcal{L}\{t^2\} - \mathcal{L}\{\sin(5t)\}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \#2 \\ a = -2 \end{array} \right) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \#3 \\ n = 2 \end{array} \right) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \#7 \\ b = 5 \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s+a} + 3 \left(\frac{2}{s^3} \right) - \frac{5}{s^2+25}$$

B) Shifts:

$$\text{If } \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{L}\{e^{bt}f(t)\} = F(s-b)$$

Examples $s \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^t \sin(st)\} = \frac{s}{(s-1)^2 + 25}$$

$$\#7, b=5: \mathcal{L}\{\sin(st)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 25}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{-4t} t^2\} = \frac{2}{(s+4)^3}$$

$$\#3, n=2: \mathcal{L}\{t^2\} = \frac{2!}{s^{2+1}} = \frac{2}{s^3}$$

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↳ Course Documents

↳ Laplace-Table.pdf