

1. Solve the system of differential equations  $\frac{d\mathbf{Y}}{dt} = U\mathbf{Y}$  defined by the matrix below using generalized eigenvectors.

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$U$  is upper triangular  $\Rightarrow \lambda = 4, -1$

$$\lambda = 4 : \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_3 + \frac{5}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_3}} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -5v_1 + 3v_2 &= 0 & v_1 &= \frac{3}{5}v_2 & v_1 &= 3 \\ 2v_3 &= 0 & v_3 &= 0 & v_2 &= 5 \\ & & & & v_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

when  $v_2 = 5$

$v = (3, 5, 0)$  is an eigenvector.

To (a) A triangular matrix with non-zero entries on the diagonal and zero entries below the diagonal is called upper triangular.

$$\lambda = -1 : \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - \frac{5}{3}R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{19}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3v_2 + 5v_3 &= 0 & v_2 &= -\frac{5}{3}v_3 = 0 & \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ -\frac{19}{3}v_3 &= 0 & v_3 &= 0 & \end{aligned}$$

$$(U + I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 15 & 6 \\ 0 & 25 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - \frac{5}{3}R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 15 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$15w_2 + 6w_3 = 0 \Rightarrow w_2 = -\frac{2}{5}w_3 \Rightarrow w = (0, -2, 5) \text{ is a generalized eigenvector}$$

$$u = (U + I)w = (19, 0, 0)$$

$$Y(t) = C_1 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C_3 \left( t \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{-t}$$

2. Compute the Laplace transform of the function  $f(t) = t^2$  using the definition of the Laplace transform as an improper integral.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\{t^2\} &= \int_0^\infty t^2 e^{-st} dt = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^R t^2 e^{-st} dt \quad u = t^2 \\
 &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s} t^2 e^{-st} \right]_0^R + \int_0^R \frac{2}{s} t e^{-st} dt \quad v = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \\
 &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s} t^2 e^{-st} - \frac{2}{s^2} t e^{-st} \right]_0^R + \int_0^R \frac{2}{s^2} e^{-st} dt \quad u = t \\
 &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s} t^2 e^{-st} - \frac{2}{s^2} t e^{-st} - \frac{2}{s^3} e^{-st} \right]_0^R \quad v = -\frac{2}{s^2} e^{-st} \\
 &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{s} \frac{R^2}{e^{sR}} - \frac{2}{s^2} \frac{R}{e^{sR}} - \frac{2}{s^3} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{sR}} + \frac{2}{s^3} \right) = \frac{2}{s^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. (a) Using the included table of Laplace transforms, find the Laplace transform  $F(s)$  of the function  $e^{it}$  (where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ).

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{it}; s\} = \mathcal{L}\{1; s-i\} = \frac{1}{s-i}$$

- (b) Identify the real and imaginary parts of your answer in part (a), and use Euler's formula to derive the Laplace transforms of  $\sin t$  and  $\cos t$ . (HINT: Multiply your fraction in part (a) by  $s+i$  in the numerator and denominator.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} + i \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} &= \mathcal{L}\{e^{it}\} = \frac{1}{s-i} \cdot \frac{s+i}{s+i} \\
 &= \frac{s+i}{s^2+1} = \frac{s}{s^2+1} + i \cdot \frac{1}{s^2+1} \\
 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} &= \frac{s}{s^2+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} = \frac{i}{s^2+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Find the inverse Laplace transforms of the following functions.

$$(a) F(s) = \frac{5s}{s^2 + 2s - 24} = \frac{5s}{(s+6)(s-4)}$$

$$\frac{5s}{s^2 + 2s - 24} = \frac{A}{s+6} + \frac{B}{s-4} \quad \text{when } s=4 \quad 20 = 10B$$

$$\Rightarrow 5s = A(s-4) + B(s+6) \quad \text{when } s=-6 \quad -30 = -10A$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} &= 3 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+6}\right\} + 2 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-4}\right\} \\ &= 3e^{-6t} + 2e^{4t} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) G(s) = \frac{6s+3}{4s^2 + 4s + 17} = \frac{6}{4} \cdot \frac{s + \frac{1}{2}}{s^2 + s + \frac{17}{4}} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{s + \frac{1}{2}}{(s + \frac{1}{2})^2 + 16}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} H(s + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\text{where } H(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 16}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = \frac{3}{2} e^{-t/2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{H(s)\}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} e^{-t/2} \cdot \cos 4t$$

5. Use Laplace transforms to solve the following initial value problems.

(a)  $y'' - 4y = 3t; \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$

$$Y = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' - 4y\} = s\mathcal{L}\{y'\} - 4Y = s^2 Y - 4Y$$

$$(s^2 - 4)Y = 3\mathcal{L}\{t\} = -3 \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}\{1\}$$

$$= -3 \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) = \frac{3}{s^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = \frac{3}{s^2(s^2 - 4)} = \frac{A}{s^2} + \frac{B}{s} + \frac{C}{s+2} + \frac{D}{s-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = A(s^2 - 4) + Bs(s^2 - 4) + Cs^2(s-2) + Ds^2(s+2)$$

when  $s=2$  :  $3 = 16D$  when  $s=-2$  :  $3 = -16C$   
 $\Rightarrow D = \frac{3}{16} \quad \Rightarrow C = -\frac{3}{16}$

when  $s=0$  :  $3 = -4A$  when  $s=1$  :  $3 = \frac{9}{4} - 3B + \frac{3}{16} + \frac{9}{16}$   
 $\Rightarrow A = -\frac{3}{4} \quad \Rightarrow B = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(s)\} = -\frac{3}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} - \frac{3}{16} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+2}\right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{16} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-2}\right\} \\ &= -\frac{3}{4}t - \frac{3}{16}e^{-2t} + \frac{3}{16}e^{2t} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) y^{(4)} - y = 0; \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = y''(0) = y^{(3)}(0) = 0 \quad Y = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y^{(4)} - y\} = s\mathcal{L}\{y^{(3)}\} - Y = s^2\mathcal{L}\{y''\} - Y$$

$$= s^3\mathcal{L}\{y'\} - Y = s^4 Y - s^3 Y$$

$$s^4 Y - s^3 Y = 0 \Rightarrow (s^4 - 1)Y = s^3$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = \frac{s^3}{s^4 - 1} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^3 = A(s+1)(s^2+1) + B(s-1)(s^2+1) + (Cs+D)(s^2-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{when } s=1 &: 1 = 4A & \text{when } s=-1 &: -1 = -4B \\ &\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{4} & &\Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{when } s=0 &: 0 = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} - D & \text{when } s=2 &: 8 = \frac{15}{4} + \frac{5}{4} + 6C \\ &\Rightarrow D=0 & &\Rightarrow 6C=3 \\ & & &\Rightarrow C=\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+1}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} e^t + \frac{1}{4} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} \cos t$$

# Laplace Transforms

Function	Laplace transform	Function	Laplace transform
1	$\frac{1}{s}$	$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
$f'(t)$	$sF(s) - f(0)$	$t^n e^{at}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
$tf(t)$	$-F'(s)$	$\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
$e^{at}f(t)$	$F(s-a)$	$\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
$(f * g)(t)$	$F(s)G(s)$	$t \cos at$	$\frac{s^2 - a^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$
$u(t-a)f(t)$	$e^{-as}\mathcal{L}\{f(t+a)\}$	$t \sin at$	$\frac{2as}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$
$\delta(t-a)$	$e^{-as}$		