

Solving Differential Equations (DE)

① $\dot{x} + 3x = 0$, where $x(0) = 5$ ↗ integrating both sides

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -3x \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} = -3dt \Rightarrow \ln|x| = -3t + C$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e^{-3t+C} = e^C e^{-3t} \quad (1)$$

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We have $x(0) = 5$, (1) $\Rightarrow 5 = e^C e^0 \Rightarrow e^C = 5$

\therefore the solution to the DE is $x(t) = 5e^{-3t}$

② $\dot{x} + 3x = e^{-2t}$, where $x(0) = 5$

Consider the form $\dot{x} + p(t)x = q(t)$ (1)

(1) can be solved using $\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt}$

where $p(t) = 3 \Rightarrow \mu(t) = e^{3t}$

Multiplying both sides by e^{3t} , (*) $\Rightarrow e^{3t} \dot{x} + 3e^{3t}x = e^{3t}e^{-2t} = e^t$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(xe^{3t}) = e^t$$

Integrate both sides: $\int \frac{d}{dt}(xe^{3t}) dt = \int e^t dt$

$$\Rightarrow xe^{3t} = e^t + C \Rightarrow x = e^{-3t}(e^t + C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e^{-2t} + Ce^{-3t}$$

We have $x(0) = 5 \Rightarrow 5 = e^0 + Ce^0 \Rightarrow C = 4$

\therefore the solution to the DE is $x(t) = e^{-2t} + 4e^{-3t}$

Partial Fraction Expansion

Case 1: Distinct Poles

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

Assume: $F(s) = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+2}$

Multiply both sides by $(s+1)(s+2)$

$$\Rightarrow s+3 = A(s+2) + B(s+1)$$

• $s = -1 \Rightarrow 2 = A(1) + 0 \Rightarrow A = 2$

• $s = -2 \Rightarrow 1 = 0 + B(-1) \Rightarrow B = -1$

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

Case 2: Repeated Poles

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

The PFE takes the form $\frac{1}{s(s+1)^2} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{(s+1)^2}$

Multiply both sides by $s(s+1)^2 \Rightarrow 1 = A(s+1)^2 + Bs(s+1) + Cs$
 $\Rightarrow 1 = (A+B)s^2 + (2A+B+C)s + A$

We may have the system $\begin{cases} A+B=0 \\ 2A+B+C=0 \\ A=1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A=1 \\ B=-1 \\ C=-1 \end{cases}$

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

Solve DEs using Laplace transform

$$\ddot{x} + x = \sin 2t, \text{ when } x(0) = 6$$

Use Laplace transform:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}\{\ddot{x}\} = sX(s) - x(0) \\ \mathcal{L}\{x\} = X(s) \\ \mathcal{L}\{\sin(2t)\} = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow sX(s) - 6 + X(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \Rightarrow (s+1)X(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow (s+1)X(s) = \frac{6s^2 + 26}{s^2 + 4} \Rightarrow X(s) = \frac{6s^2 + 26}{(s+1)(s^2 + 4)}$$

$$X(s) = \frac{6s^2 + 26}{(s+1)(s^2 + 4)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{Bs + C}{s^2 + 4}$$

Multiply both sides by $(s+1)(s^2 + 4) \Rightarrow 6s^2 + 26 = A(s^2 + 4) + (Bs + C)(s+1)$

$$\Rightarrow 6s^2 + 26 = (A+B)s^2 + (B+C)s + (4A+C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B=6 \\ B+C=0 \\ 4A+C=26 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A=32/5 \\ B=-2/5 \\ C=2/5 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow X(s) = \frac{32/5}{s+1} + \frac{(-2s/5 + 2/5)}{s^2 + 4}$$

Take inverse Laplace transform $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{A}{s+a}\right] = Ae^{-at}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}\right] = \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + \omega^2}\right] = \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{\omega}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{32}{5}e^{-t} - \frac{2}{5}\cos(2t) + \frac{2}{40}\sin(2t)$$

$$\circ \circ \quad x(t) = \frac{32}{5}e^{-t} - \frac{2}{5}\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{5}\sin(2t)$$