

# Recap: Variation of Parameters

Goal - Find general solution to a

$$y'' + by' + cy = f(x)$$

1) Find homogeneous solution  $y_h = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$   
to  $y'' + by' + cy = 0$

2) Find particular solution to the nonhomogeneous  
DE of the form  $y_p = V_1 y_1 + V_2 y_2$  where

$$V_1 = \int \frac{-y_2 f(x)}{y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2} dx \quad \text{and} \quad V_2 = \int \frac{y_1 f(x)}{y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2} dx$$

3)  $y = y_h + y_p$

Examples  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 30\sqrt{x}e^{2x}$

1) Find  $y_h$       Aux eq     $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$   
 $(r-2)^2 = 0$   
 $r = 2$

$$y_h = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 x e^{2x}$$

2)  $y_1 = e^{2x} \Rightarrow y_1' = 2e^{2x}$

$y_2 = x e^{2x} \Rightarrow y_2' = 2x e^{2x} + e^{2x}$

So  $y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = e^{4x}$

$$V_1 = \int \frac{-y_2 f(x)}{e^{4x}} dx = \int \frac{-x e^{2x} 30\sqrt{x} e^{2x}}{e^{4x}} dx$$

$$= \int -30 x^{3/2} dx$$

$$= -12 x^{5/2}$$

$$V_2 = \int \frac{y_1 f(x)}{e^{4x}} dx = \int \frac{e^{2x} 30\sqrt{x} e^{2x}}{e^{4x}} dx$$

$$= \int 30 x^{1/2} dx$$

$$= 20x^{3/2}$$

$$y_p = v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2$$

$$= -12x^{5/2}e^{2x} + 20x^{3/2}xe^{2x}$$

$$= -12x^{5/2}e^{2x} + 20x^{5/2}e^{2x} = 8x^{5/2}e^{2x}$$

$$3) \quad y = y_h + y_p = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x} + 8x^{5/2} e^{2x}$$

One of the most common applications of second-order DEs is the mass-spring system.

Imagine a mass attached to a hanging spring. It sits naturally at some equilibrium.

We then stretch and release the mass-spring and observe the motion.

Let  $y$  be the displacement (in meters)

of the mass (in kg) from its equilibrium

Then  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  is its velocity and  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$  is its acceleration.

We can measure the force on the mass as follows:  $F = F_{\text{spring}} + F_{\text{friction}} + F_{\text{ext}}$

where  $F$  is the total force,  $F_{\text{spring}}$  is the force exerted by the spring,  $F_{\text{friction}}$  is the force due to friction/air resistance/damping, and  $F_{\text{ext}}$  is any forces external to the system (all in newtons N)

We now use the following facts from Physics:

$F_{\text{spring}} = -ky$  where  $k > 0$  is the spring constant  
(stiffness) in N/m (Hooke's Law)

$F_{\text{friction}} = -by'$  where  $b > 0$  is the damping constant in  $N \cdot \frac{m}{s}$  (Stokes' Law)

$$F = my'' \quad (\text{Newton's 2nd Law})$$

Thus  $my'' = -ky - by' + F_{\text{ext}}$

$$my'' + by' + ky = F_{\text{ext}} \quad *$$

This DE is homogeneous if  $F_{\text{ext}} = 0$   
nonhomogeneous if  $F_{\text{ext}} \neq 0$

Consider first when  $F_{\text{ext}} = 0$  i.e.  $my'' + by' + ky = 0$

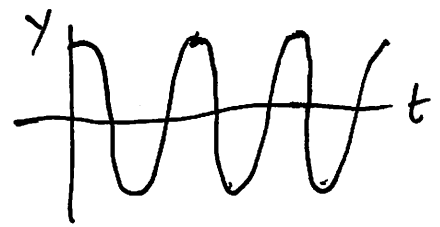
Case 1: no damping i.e.  $b = 0$  i.e.  $my'' + ky = 0$

Aux eq is  $mr^2 + k = 0$  so  $r = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-k}{m}}$

i.e.  $r = \pm i\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

Thus  $y = C_1 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right)$

ie oscillatory motion



Using difference rule for cosine, we can

write  $y$  as  $y = A \cos(\sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}t - \phi)$

where  $A = \sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2}$  and  $\phi$  is the angle in the interval  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  such that  $\tan(\phi) = \frac{C_2}{C_1}$

$A$  is the amplitude of the oscillations

$\sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}$  is the angular frequency (radians/seconds)

$\frac{\sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}}{2\pi}$  is the natural frequency (cycles per sec)

$\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{K/m}}$  is the period (in seconds)

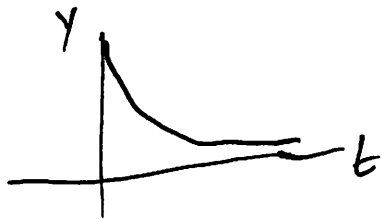
Case 2:  $b \neq 0$  ie  $my'' + by' + Ky = 0$

Aux eq is  $mr^2 + br + K = 0$

So  $r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4mK}}{2m}$

If  $b^2 - 4mk > 0$ , then we have two distinct negative real roots  $r_1, r_2$

So  $y = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y = 0$



We call this overdamping

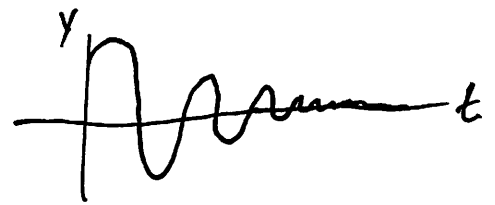
If  $b^2 - 4mk < 0$  we get complex roots

$$r = \frac{-b}{2m} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{4mk - b^2}}{2m}$$

with negative real part  $-\frac{b}{2m}$

Then  $y = e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left( C_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{4mk - b^2}}{2m}t\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{4mk - b^2}}{2m}t\right) \right)$

and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y = 0$

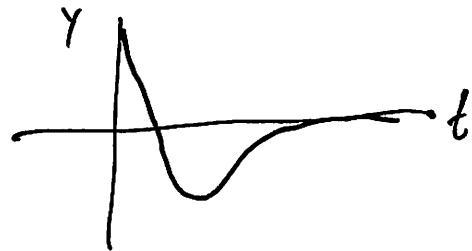


~~This~~ This is underdamping

If  $b^2 - 4mk = 0$  we get a repeated negative root  $r = -\frac{b}{2m}$

$$\text{So } y = c_1 e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} + c_2 t e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t}$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y = 0$$



This is critical damping

When  $F_{\text{ext}} \neq 0$  we have  $my'' + by' + ky = F(t)$

and a solution looks like  $y = y_h + y_p$

In this context,  $y_h$  is the transient solution

and  $y_p$  is the steady-state solution.

For a function  $f(t)$  defined on  $[0, \infty)$ ,

the Laplace transform of  $f$  is

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

Observe that  $L(f)$  will be a function of  $s$ .

As such  $L(f)$  is often denoted  $F(s)$



Example - 1)  $f(t) = 1$

2)  $f(t) = e^{at}$  for constant  $a$

3)  $f(t) = t$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad L(1) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^N e^{-st} dt \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^N \right] \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s} e^{-sN} + \frac{1}{s} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \quad s > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \quad L(e^{at}) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^N e^{-st+at} dt \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^N e^{-(s-a)t} dt \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s-a} e^{-(s-a)t} \Big|_0^N \right] \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s-a} e^{-(s-a)N} + \frac{1}{s-a} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s-a} \quad s > a$$

$$3) L(t) = \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} dt = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^N t e^{-st} dt$$

For  $\int t e^{-st} dt$ , let  $u = t$  and  $dv = e^{-st} dt$   
 $du = dt$  and  $v = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st}$

So integral is  $-\frac{1}{s} t e^{-st} + \int \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} dt$   
 $= -\frac{1}{s} t e^{-st} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st}$

Thus  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{s} t e^{-st} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} \right) \Big|_0^N$   
 $= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( -\frac{1}{s} t e^{-sN} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-sN} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2} \right]$   
 $= \frac{1}{s^2} \quad s > 0$

Similarly, we can show:

$$L(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad s > 0$$

$$L(\sin(bt)) = \frac{b}{s^2 + b^2} \quad s > 0$$

$$L(\cos(bt)) = \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2} \quad s > 0$$

$$L(e^{at} \sin(bt)) = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2} \quad s > a$$

$$L(e^{at} \cos(bt)) = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2} \quad s > a$$

$$L(t^n e^{at}) = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}} \quad s > a$$

Ex - 1)  $f(t) = t^2$

2)  $f(t) = \cos(3t)$

3)  $f(t) = \sin(4t)$

4)  $f(t) = e^{6t} \cos(t)$

5)  $f(t) = e^t \sin(5t)$

6)  $f(t) = t^3 e^{-t}$

7)  $f(t) = 8e^{2t} + t^4$

$$1) \quad L(f) = \frac{2!}{s^3} = \frac{2}{s^3} \quad s > 0$$

$$2) \quad L(f) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 9} \quad s > 0$$

$$3) \quad L(f) = \frac{4}{s^2 + 16} \quad s > 0$$

$$4) \quad L(f) = \frac{s-6}{(s-6)^2 + 1} \quad s > 6$$

$$5) \quad L(f) = \frac{5}{(s-1)^2 + 25} \quad s > 1$$

$$6) \quad L(f) = \frac{3!}{(s+1)^4} = \frac{6}{(s+1)^4} \quad s > -1$$

$$7) \quad L(f) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (8e^{2t} + t^4) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} 8e^{-st} e^{2t} + t^4 e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} 8e^{-st} e^{2t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^4 dt$$

$$= 8 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{2t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^4 dt$$

$$= 8 L(e^{2t}) + L(t^4)$$

$$= 8 \cdot \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{4!}{s^5}$$

$$= \frac{8}{s-2} + \frac{24}{s^5} \quad s > 2$$

Fact- The Laplace transform is linear

That is, if  $f_1, f_2$  are two functions whose Laplace transforms exist for  $s > k$  then  $L(f_1 + f_2) = L(f_1) + L(f_2)$  for  $s > k$

Also, if  $f$  is a function whose Laplace transform exists for  $s > k$ , and if  $c$  is a constant, then  $L(cf) = c L(f)$  for  $s > k$ .

Ex. 1)  $f(t) = 3t - \cos(5t)$

2)  $f(t) = 9 \sinh(t) + e^{8t}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1) \quad L(f) &= L(3t - \cos(5t)) \\
 &= L(3t) - L(\cos(5t)) \\
 &= 3L(t) - \frac{s}{s^2 + 25} \\
 &= 3 \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 25} \\
 &= \frac{3}{s^2} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 25} \quad s > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2) \quad L(f) &= L(9\sin(t) + e^{8t}) \\
 &= L(9\sin(t)) + L(e^{8t}) \\
 &= 9L(\sin(t)) + \frac{1}{s-8} \\
 &= 9 \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s-8} \\
 &= \frac{9}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s-8} \quad s > 8
 \end{aligned}$$

For what functions does the Laplace transform exist? The obvious answer is the functions for which  $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$  exist on some interval  $(k, \infty)$

$f(t)$  must be piecewise continuous on  $[0, \infty)$

i.e. no vertical asymptotes on  $[0, \infty)$

For example,  $\ln(t)$ ,  $\frac{1}{t}$ ,  $\tan(t)$ ,  $\sec(t)$ ,  
 $\csc(t)$ ,  $\cot(t)$  do NOT have Laplace transforms

$$\text{Ex - } f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & 3 \leq t \leq 6 \\ e^t & 6 < t \end{cases}$$

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

$$= \int_0^3 e^{-st} dt + \int_3^6 0 dt + \int_6^{\infty} e^{-st} e^t dt$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^3 + 0 + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_6^N e^{-(s-1)t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-3s} + \frac{1}{s} + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s-1} e^{-(s-1)t} \Big|_6^N \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-3s} + \frac{1}{s} + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s-1} e^{-(s-1)N} + \frac{1}{s-1} e^{-6(s-1)} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-3s} + \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s-1} e^{-6(s-1)} \quad s > 1$$

$f(t)$  must be of exponential order.

Formally,  ~~$f(t)$~~   $f(t)$  is of exponential order  $K$

if there exist positive constants  $T$  and  $M$

such that  $|f(t)| \leq M e^{kt}$  for all  $t \geq T$

Informally,  $f(t)$  does not grow faster than

$e^{kt}$  for all constants  $K$

For example,  $e^{t^n}$  for  $n > 1$  does NOT have a Laplace transform

e.g.  $e^{t^2}$ ,  $e^{t^{3/2}}$ ,  $e^{(t-1)^5}$

For a function  $F(s)$ , if there exists a function  $f(t)$  defined on  $[0, \infty)$  such that

$L(f) = F(s)$ , then  $f(t)$  is the inverse Laplace transform of  $F$  and we write  $f(t) = L^{-1}(F)$



Ex - 1) ~~1)~~  $F(s) = \frac{1}{s}$

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

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

4)  $F(s) = \frac{5}{s^2+25}$

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

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

7)  $F(s) = \frac{24}{s^5}$

1)  $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) = 1$

2)  $L^{-1}(F) = e^{3t}$

3)  $L^{-1}(F) = \cos(2t)$

4)  $L^{-1}(F) = \sin(5t)$

5)  $L^{-1}(F) = e^{-3t} \sin(t)$

$$6) L^{-1}(F) = e^{-3t} \cos(t)$$

$$7) L^{-1}(F) = t^4 \quad \left( \frac{24}{s^5} = \frac{4!}{s^{4+1}} \right)$$

Fact - The inverse Laplace transform is linear

$$\text{ie } L^{-1}(F_1 + F_2) = L^{-1}(F_1) + L^{-1}(F_2) \quad \text{and}$$

$$L^{-1}(cF) = cL^{-1}(F)$$

$$\text{Ex - } 1) F(s) = \frac{9}{s}$$

$$2) F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 - 5s + 6}$$

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

$$4) F(s) = \frac{4}{s^2 + 6s + 25}$$

$$5) F(s) = \frac{s-7}{s^2 - 4s + 5}$$

$$6) F(s) = \frac{8}{s^2 - 2s + 1}$$

$$7) F(s) = \frac{10}{s^3}$$