

★ Transformation of Initial Value Problems

Last lecture we defined the Laplace transform of a function $f(t)$ as:

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

and the inverse Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = f(t)$$

And we wrote down a table of common L.T.s

Today, we will use the Laplace transform (LT) to solve initial value problems (IVPs)

Consider the const. coeff linear ODE:

$$ax'' + bx' + cx = f(t)$$

$$x(0) = x_0 \quad x'(0) = x'_0$$

1. Start by taking the L.T. of both sides

$$\mathcal{L}\{ax'' + bx' + cx\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

2. Since the L.T. is linear, we can write

$$a\mathcal{L}\{x''\} + b\mathcal{L}\{x'\} + c\mathcal{L}\{x\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

Q: What is the L.T. of the derivative of a function $x'(t)$?

$$\mathcal{L}\{x'(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} x'(t) dt$$

integrate by parts

$$du = x'(t) dt \quad v = e^{-st}$$

$$u = x(t) \quad dv = -se^{-st} dt$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(x(t) e^{-st} \right) \Big|_0^b - \int_0^b -se^{-st} x(t) dt \right]$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\underbrace{\left(x(b) e^{-sb} - x(0) \right)}_{\text{converges to 0 if } s > 0} + s \underbrace{\int_0^b e^{-st} x(t) dt}_{\text{this is the definition of } \mathcal{L}\{x(t)\}} \right]$$

$$= -x(0) + s \mathcal{L}\{x(t)\}$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = sX(s) - x(0) \quad \text{if } s > 0}$$

Note: we will use lower case letters for functions of t $x(t)$, $f(t)$, ... and use upper case letters for the Laplace transforms: $X(s)$, $F(s)$, ...

We can repeat this procedure for higher order derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{x''(t)\} &= s \mathcal{L}\{x'(t)\} - x'(0) \\ &= s \left[sX(s) - x(0) \right] - x'(0) \\ &= s^2 X(s) - sx(0) - x'(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x'''(t)\} = s^3 X(s) - s^2 x(0) - s x'(0) - x''(0)$$

and so on

Ex: $x'' - x' - 6x = 0 \quad x(0) = 2 \quad x'(0) = -1$

1. Take L.T. of both sides

$$\mathcal{L}\{x''\} - \mathcal{L}\{x'\} - 6\mathcal{L}\{x\} = 0$$

$$(s^2 X(s) - s x(0) - x'(0)) - (s X(s) - x(0)) - 6X(s) = 0$$

$$s^2 X - 2s - (-1) - sX + 2 - 6X = 0$$

2. Solve for $X(s)$

$$(s^2 - s - 6)X - 2s + 1 + 2 = 0$$

$$(s^2 - s - 6)X = 2s - 3$$

$$X(s) = \frac{2s-3}{s^2-s-6} = \frac{2s-3}{(s-3)(s+2)}$$

We want to take the inverse L.T. of this term, but first we need to rewrite it in a more convenient form

3. Use the method of partial fractions

$$X(s) = \frac{2s-3}{(s-3)(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{B}{s+2}$$

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this looks like $\mathcal{L}\{e^{3t}\} = \frac{1}{s-3}$ looks like $\mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}\} = \frac{1}{s+2}$

Need to find A and B.

Multiply both sides by the common denominator $(s-3)(s+2)$

$$2s-3 = A(s+2) + B(s-3)$$

$$2s-3 = (A+B)s + (2A-3B)$$

$$2 = A+B$$

$$2-B = A$$

$$A = \frac{10}{5} - \frac{7}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$2A-3B = -3$$

$$2(2-B)-3B = -3$$

$$4-5B = -3$$

$$-5B = -7$$

$$B = \frac{7}{5}$$

so

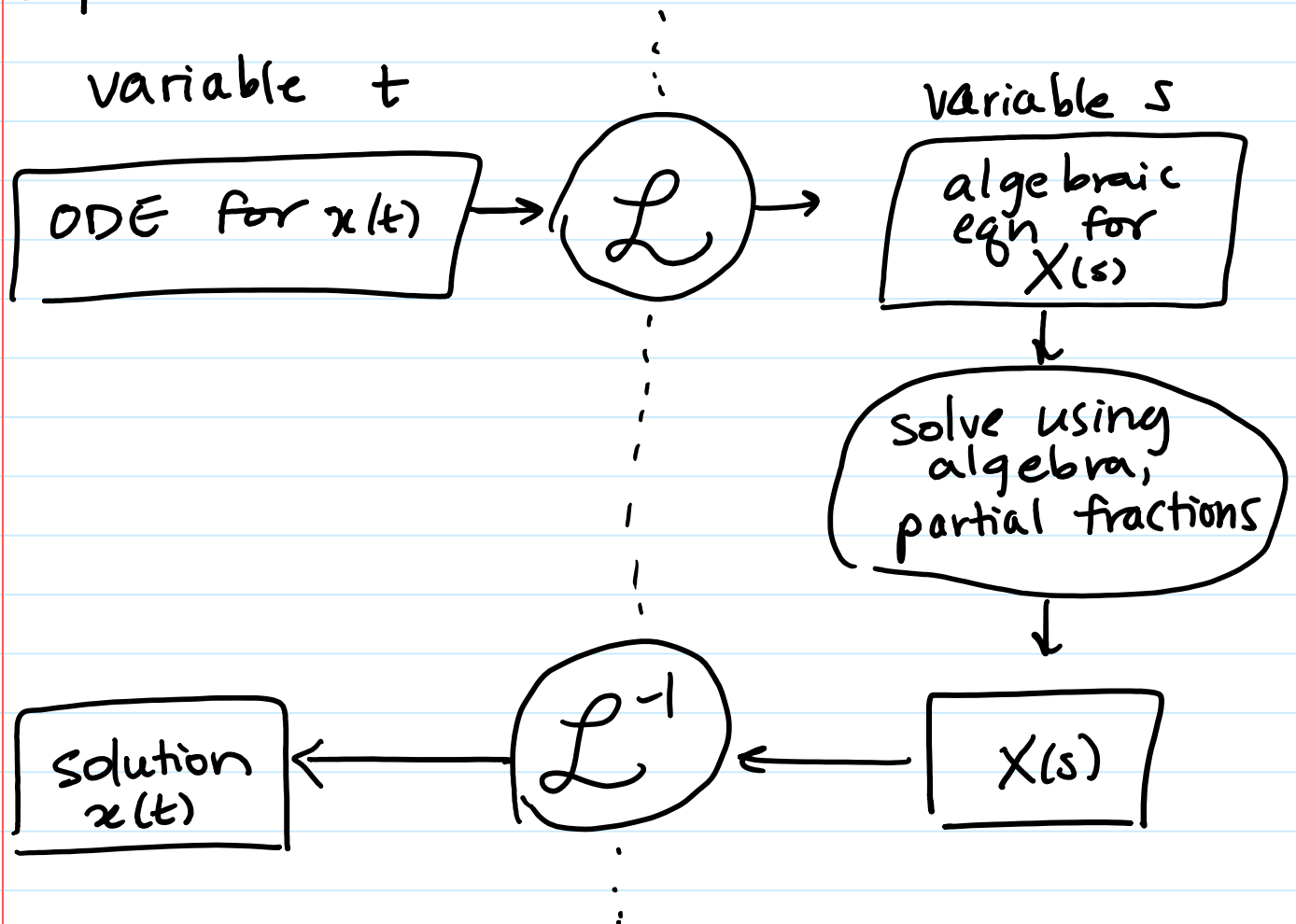
$$X(s) = \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s-3} \right) + \frac{7}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s+2} \right)$$

4. Now take the inverse L.T.

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{X(s)\} = \frac{3}{5} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-3}\right) + \frac{7}{5} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+2}\right)$$

$$x(t) = \frac{3}{5} e^{3t} + \frac{7}{5} e^{-2t}$$

Laplace Transform Procedure:



the Laplace transform and inverse L.T. help us move back and forth between t and s variable

The L.T. transforms the ODE in t into an algebraic equation in s .

Ex: $x'' + x = \cos(2t)$ $x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 1$

1. Take the L.T. of both sides

$$\mathcal{L}\{x''\} + \mathcal{L}\{x\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos(2t)\}$$

$$s^2 X - s x(0) - x'(0) + X = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$s^2 X - 1 + X = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

2. Solve for $X(s)$

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

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

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

← this is the L.T. of $\sin(t)$

rewrite using partial fractions

3. Partial fractions

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

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

$$s = (A+Bs)(s^2+1) + (C+Ds)(s^2+4)$$

$$s = As^2 + A + Bs^3 + Bs + Cs^2 + 4C + Ds^3 + 4Ds$$

$$s = (B+D)s^3 + (A+C)s^2 + (B+4D)s + (A+4C)$$

$$C+D=0$$

$$A+C=0$$

$$B+4D=1$$

$$A+4C=0$$

$$B=-D$$

$$A=-C$$

$$-D+4D=1$$

$$-C+4C=0$$

$$B = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$A=0$$

$$3D=1$$

$$C=0$$

$$D = \frac{1}{3}$$

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

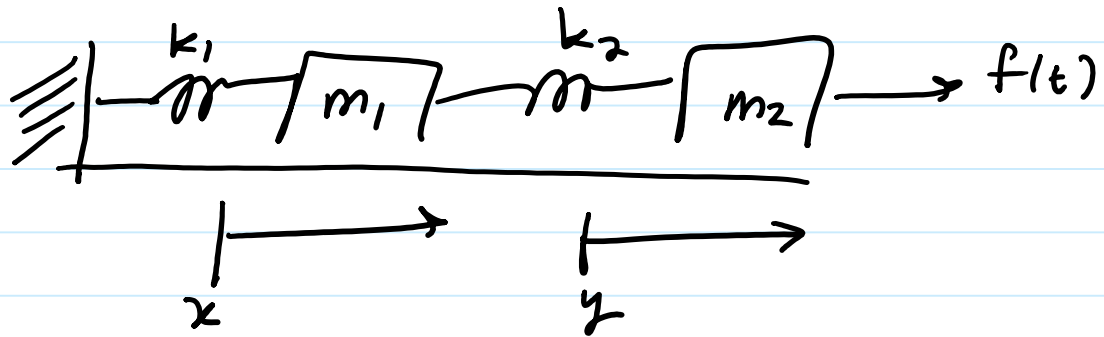
$$\text{So } X(s) = -\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{s}{s^2+4} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{s}{s^2+1} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

4. Take the inverse L.T.

$$x(t) = -\frac{1}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right\} + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right\}$$

$$x(t) = -\frac{1}{3} \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{3} \cos(t) + \sin(t)$$

We can also use the Laplace transform to solve linear systems of ODE:



$$2x'' = -6x + 2y$$

$$y'' = 2x - 2y + 40 \sin(3t)$$

$$\text{with } x(0) = x'(0) = y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$

1. Take L.T. of both sides

$$X(s) = \mathcal{L}\{x\}$$

$$Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x''\} = s^2 X - s x(0) - x'(0) = s^2 X$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} = s^2 Y - s y(0) - y'(0) = s^2 Y$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin(3t)\} = \frac{3}{s^2 + 9}$$

So we have

$$\begin{cases} 2s^2 X = -6X + 2Y \\ s^2 Y = 2X - 2Y + \frac{120}{s^2 + 9} \end{cases}$$

2. Collect like terms and solve for $X(s)$ and $Y(s)$

$$(2s^2 + 6)X - 2Y = 0$$

$$(s^2 + 3)X - Y = 0$$

$$(s^2 + 2)Y - 2X = \frac{120}{s^2 + 9}$$

so we have the algebraic system of eqns

$$(s^2 + 3)X - Y = 0$$

$$-2X + (s^2 + 2)Y = \frac{120}{s^2 + 9}$$

1st eqn: $Y = (s^2 + 3)X$

plug into:
2nd eqn $-2X + (s^2 + 2)(s^2 + 3)X = \frac{120}{s^2 + 9}$

$$(s^4 + 3s^2 + 2s^2 + 6 - 2)X = \frac{120}{s^2 + 9}$$

$$(s^4 + 5s^2 + 4)X = \frac{120}{s^2 + 9}$$

$$(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 1)X = \frac{120}{s^2 + 9}$$

$$X(s) = \frac{120}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 9)}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{120(s^2 + 3)}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 9)}$$

3. Use partial fractions to expand

$$\frac{120}{(s^2+9)(s^2+4)(s^2+1)} = \frac{As+B}{s^2+9} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+4} + \frac{Es+F}{s^2+1}$$

Since 120 on the left is a constant,
we know that $A = C = E = 0$

$$\frac{120}{(s^2+9)(s^2+4)(s^2+1)} = \frac{B}{s^2+9} + \frac{D}{s^2+4} + \frac{F}{s^2+1}$$

Multiply by the common denominator

$$120 = B(s^2+4)(s^2+1) + D(s^2+9)(s^2+1) + F(s^2+9)(s^2+4)$$

plug in $s^2 = -9$

$$120 = B(-5)(-8) + D(\cancel{0})(-8) + F(\cancel{0})(-5)$$

$$3 = \frac{120}{40} = B$$

plug in $s^2 = -4$

$$120 = B(\cancel{0})(-3) + D(5)(-3) + F(\cancel{5})(0)$$

$$120 = D(-15) \rightarrow D = -8$$

plug in $s^2 = -1$

$$120 = B(\cancel{3})(0) + D(\cancel{0})(0) + F(8)(3)$$

$$F = 120/24 = 5$$

$$\text{so } X(s) = \frac{3}{s^2+9} - \frac{8}{s^2+4} + \frac{5}{s^2+1}$$

a similar process gives

$$Y(s) = \frac{-18}{s^2+9} + \frac{8}{s^2+4} + \frac{10}{s^2+1}$$

4. Use inverse L.T. to get soln:

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{s^2+9} \right\} - 8 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right\} + 5 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right\}$$

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

so need to pull in
a factor of 2

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{s^2+9} \right\} - 4 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2+4} \right\} + 5 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right\}$$

$$x(t) = 3 \sin(3t) - 4 \sin(2t) + 5 \sin(t)$$

$$y(t) = -6 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{s^2+9} \right\} + 4 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2+4} \right\} + 10 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right\}$$

$$y(t) = -6 \sin(3t) + 4 \sin(2t) + 10 \sin(t)$$

Thm: (Transform of Integrals)

$$\mathcal{L} \left\{ \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \right\} = \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L} \{ f(t) \} = \frac{F(s)}{s}$$

and conversely

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{F(s)}{s} \right\} = \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$$

We can use this theorem to help us find inverse L.T.

Ex: Find the inverse L.T. of $G(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-3)}$

Want to use $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{F(s)}{s} \right\} = \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$

Need to find $F(s)$ and $f(t)$

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

then $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s-3} \right\} = e^{3t}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ G(s) \} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{F(s)}{s} \right\} \\ &= \int_0^t e^{3\tau} d\tau \\ &= \left[\frac{e^{-3\tau}}{-3} \right]_0^t = \frac{1}{3} [e^{-3t} - 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = \frac{1}{3} [e^{3t} - 1]$$

This method is more convenient than partial fractions when you want to find the inverse L.T. of a fn like:

$$\frac{P(s)}{s^n Q(s)}$$