

Solving Systems of Differential Equations with the Laplace Transform

Use the Laplace transform method to solve the following systems of differential equations:

1.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x \\ x(0) = 0; y(0) = 1. \end{cases}$$
2.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = x - 2y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 5x - y \\ x(0) = -1; y(0) = 2. \end{cases}$$
3.
$$\begin{cases} 2\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} - 2x = 1 \\ \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} - 3x - 3y = 2 \\ x(0) = 0; y(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$
4.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + x - y = 0 \\ \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + y - x = 0 \\ x(0) = 0; x'(0) = -2; \\ y(0) = 0; y'(0) = 1. \end{cases}$$
5.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = t^2 \\ \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = 4t \\ x(0) = 8; x'(0) = 0; \\ y(0) = 0; y'(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$
6.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 0 \\ \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 3y = te^{-t} \\ x(0) = 0; x'(0) = 2; \\ y(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Laplace transforms of some basic functions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{1\} &= \frac{1}{s}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\sin(at)\} &= \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(at)\} &= \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}; \quad s > |a| \\ \mathcal{L}\{t^n\} &= \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\cos(at)\} &= \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{u_a(t)\} &= \frac{e^{-as}}{s}; \quad s > 0 \\ \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} &= \frac{1}{s-a}; \quad s > a & \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(at)\} &= \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}; \quad s > |a| & \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-t_0)\} &= e^{-st_0} \\ & & & & \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Inverse Laplace transforms of some basic functions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} &= 1 & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}\right\} &= \frac{1}{a} \sin(at) & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}\right\} &= \cosh(at) \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^n}\right\} &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} t^{n-1} & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right\} &= \cos(at) & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-as}}{s}\right\} &= u_a(t) \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-a}\right\} &= e^{at} & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 - a^2}\right\} &= \frac{1}{a} \sinh(at) & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-st_0}\} &= \delta(t-t_0) \\ & & & & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{1\} &= \delta(t) \end{aligned}$$

Properties of the Laplace and Inverse Laplace transform

Translation Theorem I:

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s-a) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}|_{s \rightarrow s-a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s-a)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)|_{s \rightarrow s-a}\} = e^{at} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = e^{at}f(t)$$

Translation Theorem II:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t-a)u_a(t)\} = e^{-as}F(s) = e^{-as} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-as}F(s)\} = f(t-a)u_a(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}|_{t \rightarrow t-a} u_a(t)$$

Derivatives of Laplace Transforms:

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

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

Laplace Transform of Periodic Functions:

If $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$, of exponential order, and periodic with period T :

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

Laplace Transforms of Derivatives:

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY(s) - y(0)$$

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

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$$\mathcal{L}\{y^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n Y(s) - s^{n-1}y(0) - s^{n-2}y'(0) - \dots - sy^{(n-2)}(0) - y^{(n-1)}(0)$$

Convolution Theorem:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t) \star g(t)\} = F(s)G(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

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

$$(f \star g)(t) := \int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau) d\tau$$

Dirac Delta Function:

$$\int_0^\infty f(t)\delta(t-t_0) dt = f(t_0)$$

$$(f \star \delta)(t) = f(t)$$