



MATH 308: WEEK-IN-REVIEW 8 (6.3 - 6.5)

6.1-6.6 Laplace Transform

Review

- Definition of the Laplace transform

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

- General strategy for solving differential equations with the Laplace transform

1. Laplace transform
2. Solve for $Y(s)$
3. Inverse transform

- Common Laplace transforms

$f(t)$	$F(s)$	defined for
1	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s > 0$
e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$	$s > a$
$t^n (n = 1, 2, \dots)$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	$s > 0$
$\sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}$	$s > 0$
$\cos(bt)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}$	$s > 0$
$e^{at} t^n (n = 1, 2, \dots)$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$	$s > a$
$e^{at} \sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$	$s > a$
$e^{at} \cos(bt)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$	$s > a$
$u_c(t) (c \geq 0)$	$\frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$	$s > 0$
$\delta(t-c) (c \geq 0)$	e^{-cs}	—

- Shift theorems

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs}F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)f(t)\} = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}\{f(t+c)\}$$

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

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



1 6.2: Solving ODEs with Laplace Transforms

Review

- Laplace transform of derivatives

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f''\} = s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'''\} = s^3F(s) - s^2f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$$

- How to solve differential equations with the Laplace transform
 - Apply the Laplace transform to each term of the ODE.
 - Substitute initial conditions and solve for $Y(s)$.
 - Compute the inverse Laplace transform to find $y(t)$.



1. Use the Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = -2, \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

SOLUTION 1 *Let's solve this step-by-step using the Laplace transform method.*

First, apply the Laplace transform to both sides of the differential equation. Define $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$.

Using the properties of the Laplace transform for derivatives:

$$-\mathcal{L}\{y''\} = s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) = s^2Y(s) - s(-2) - 1 = s^2Y(s) + 2s - 1, \quad -\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY(s) - y(0) = sY(s) - (-2) = sY(s) + 2, \quad -\mathcal{L}\{y\} = Y(s), \quad -\mathcal{L}\{0\} = 0.$$

So the equation becomes:

$$s^2Y(s) + 2s - 1 - 3[sY(s) + 2] + 2Y(s) = 0.$$

Distribute and simplify:

$$s^2Y(s) + 2s - 1 - 3sY(s) - 6 + 2Y(s) = 0.$$

Combine like terms:

$$(s^2 - 3s + 2)Y(s) + (2s - 7) = 0.$$

Solve for $Y(s)$:

$$(s^2 - 3s + 2)Y(s) = -2s + 7, \\ Y(s) = \frac{-2s + 7}{s^2 - 3s + 2}.$$

Factor the denominator: $s^2 - 3s + 2 = (s - 1)(s - 2)$, so:

$$Y(s) = \frac{-2s + 7}{(s - 1)(s - 2)}.$$

Now, use partial fractions to decompose $Y(s)$:

$$\frac{-2s + 7}{(s - 1)(s - 2)} = \frac{a}{s - 1} + \frac{b}{s - 2}.$$

Multiply through by $(s - 1)(s - 2)$:

$$-2s + 7 = a(s - 2) + b(s - 1).$$

Expand and equate coefficients:

$$-2s + 7 = as - 2a + bs - b = (a + b)s + (-2a - b).$$

- Coefficient of s : $a + b = -2$, - Constant: $-2a - b = 7$.



Solve the system: - From $a + b = -2$, express $b = -2 - a$. - Substitute into $-2a - b = 7$:

$$-2a - (-2 - a) = 7,$$

$$-2a + 2 + a = 7,$$

$$-a + 2 = 7,$$

$$-a = 5,$$

$$a = -5.$$

- Then $b = -2 - (-5) = -2 + 5 = 3$.

Thus:

$$Y(s) = \frac{-5}{s-1} + \frac{3}{s-2}.$$

Take the inverse Laplace transform: - $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{-5}{s-1}\right\} = -5e^t$, - $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{s-2}\right\} = 3e^{2t}$.

So:

$$y(t) = -5e^t + 3e^{2t}.$$

Verify the initial conditions: - $y(0) = -5e^0 + 3e^0 = -5 + 3 = -2$, matches. - $y'(t) = -5e^t + 6e^{2t}$, so $y'(0) = -5 + 6 = 1$, matches.

The solution is:

$$\boxed{y(t) = -5e^t + 3e^{2t}}$$

**2. Use the Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem**

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

SOLUTION 2 Apply the Laplace transform to the equation, with $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$:

$$-\mathcal{L}\{y''\} = s^2Y(s) - s(1) - (-1) = s^2Y(s) - s + 1, \quad -\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY(s) - 1, \quad -\mathcal{L}\{y\} = Y(s), \quad -\mathcal{L}\{0\} = 0.$$

The transformed equation is:

$$(s^2Y(s) - s + 1) + 2(sY(s) - 1) + 5Y(s) = 0.$$

Simplify:

$$s^2Y(s) - s + 1 + 2sY(s) - 2 + 5Y(s) = 0,$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 5)Y(s) - s - 1 = 0.$$

Solve for $Y(s)$:

$$(s^2 + 2s + 5)Y(s) = s + 1,$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{s + 1}{s^2 + 2s + 5}.$$

Complete the square in the denominator:

$$s^2 + 2s + 5 = (s + 1)^2 + 4.$$

So:

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

This matches the form $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos(bt)\} = \frac{s - a}{(s - a)^2 + b^2}$, with $a = -1$, $b = 2$:

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

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

Thus:

$$y(t) = e^{-t} \cos(2t).$$

Verify: $-y(0) = e^0 \cos(0) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$, $-y'(t) = -e^{-t} \cos(2t) - 2e^{-t} \sin(2t)$, so $y'(0) = -1 - 2 \cdot 0 = -1$.

The solution is:

$$\boxed{y(t) = e^{-t} \cos(2t)}$$



3. Use the Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 6y' + 9y = 3e^{-t}, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

SOLUTION 3 Take the Laplace transform:

$$- \mathcal{L}\{y''\} = s^2Y(s) - s(1) - 0 = s^2Y(s) - s, \quad - \mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY(s) - 1, \quad - \mathcal{L}\{y\} = Y(s), \quad - \mathcal{L}\{3e^{-t}\} = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} = \frac{3}{s+1}.$$

The equation becomes:

$$(s^2Y(s) - s) + 6(sY(s) - 1) + 9Y(s) = \frac{3}{s+1}.$$

Simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} s^2Y(s) - s + 6sY(s) - 6 + 9Y(s) &= \frac{3}{s+1}, \\ (s^2 + 6s + 9)Y(s) - s - 6 &= \frac{3}{s+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Factor: $s^2 + 6s + 9 = (s+3)^2$, so:

$$(s+3)^2Y(s) - s - 6 = \frac{3}{s+1}.$$

Solve:

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

Combine the right-hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} s + 6 &= \frac{(s+6)(s+1)}{s+1} = \frac{s^2 + 7s + 6}{s+1}, \\ \frac{3}{s+1} + s + 6 &= \frac{3 + s^2 + 7s + 6}{s+1} = \frac{s^2 + 7s + 9}{s+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$Y(s) = \frac{s^2 + 7s + 9}{(s+1)(s+3)^2}.$$

Partial fractions:

$$\frac{s^2 + 7s + 9}{(s+1)(s+3)^2} = \frac{a}{s+1} + \frac{b}{s+3} + \frac{c}{(s+3)^2}.$$

Multiply through:

$$s^2 + 7s + 9 = a(s+3)^2 + b(s+1)(s+3) + c(s+1).$$

Expand and equate:

$$(a+b)s^2 + (6a+4b+c)s + (9a+3b+c) = s^2 + 7s + 9.$$



Solve: - $a + b = 1$, - $6a + 4b + c = 7$, - $9a + 3b + c = 9$.

From $a + b = 1$, $b = 1 - a$. Substitute: - $6a + 4(1 - a) + c = 7 \Rightarrow 2a + 4 + c = 7 \Rightarrow c = 3 - 2a$, - $9a + 3(1 - a) + (3 - 2a) = 9 \Rightarrow 6a + 3 + 3 - 2a = 9 \Rightarrow 4a + 6 = 9 \Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{4}$, - $b = 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$, - $c = 3 - 2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$.

So:

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

Inverse transform:

$$y(t) = \frac{3}{4}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-3t} + \frac{3}{2}te^{-3t}.$$

Combine:

$$y(t) = \frac{3}{4}e^{-t} + \left(\frac{3}{2}t + \frac{1}{4}\right)e^{-3t}.$$

Verify: - $y(0) = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$, - $y'(0) = -\frac{3}{4} + \left(-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2}\right) = 0$.

The solution is:

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



4. Use the Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem

$$y''' - y' = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 2, \quad y''(0) = -1.$$

SOLUTION 4 Apply the Laplace transform:

$$-\mathcal{L}\{y'''\} = s^3 Y(s) - s^2(1) - s(2) - (-1) = s^3 Y(s) - s^2 - 2s + 1, \quad -\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY(s) - 1, \quad -\mathcal{L}\{0\} = 0.$$

The equation becomes:

$$(s^3 Y(s) - s^2 - 2s + 1) - (sY(s) - 1) = 0,$$

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

Solve:

$$Y(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2s - 2}{s(s^2 - 1)}.$$

Partial fractions:

$$\frac{s^2 + 2s - 2}{s(s-1)(s+1)} = \frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{s-1} + \frac{c}{s+1}.$$

Multiply through:

$$s^2 + 2s - 2 = a(s-1)(s+1) + bs(s+1) + cs(s-1).$$

Expand:

$$(a+b+c)s^2 + (b-c)s - a = s^2 + 2s - 2.$$

$$\text{Equate: } -a + b + c = 1, \quad -b - c = 2, \quad -a = -2 \Rightarrow a = 2, \quad -2 + b + c = 1 \Rightarrow b + c = -1, \quad -b = 2 + c, \\ 2 + c + c = -1 \Rightarrow c = -\frac{3}{2}, \quad -b = 2 - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

So:

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s} + \frac{1/2}{s-1} - \frac{3/2}{s+1}.$$

Inverse transform:

$$y(t) = 2 + \frac{1}{2}e^t - \frac{3}{2}e^{-t}.$$

$$\text{Verify: } -y(0) = 2 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = 1, \quad -y'(0) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = 2, \quad -y''(0) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = -1.$$

The solution is:

$$\boxed{y(t) = 2 + \frac{1}{2}e^t - \frac{3}{2}e^{-t}}$$



2 6.3: Step Functions

Review

- The unit step function $u_c(t)$ is defined by

$$u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$$

- It can be used to write discontinuous functions into a single equation.
- The Laplace transform of $u_c(t)$ is

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)\} = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s}, \quad s > 0$$

- Laplace transforms of shifts

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs}F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)f(t)\} = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}\{f(t+c)\}$$

- Inverse Laplace transform of shifts

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



5. Convert the following function to a piecewise function. Also, graph the function. Compute its Laplace transform.

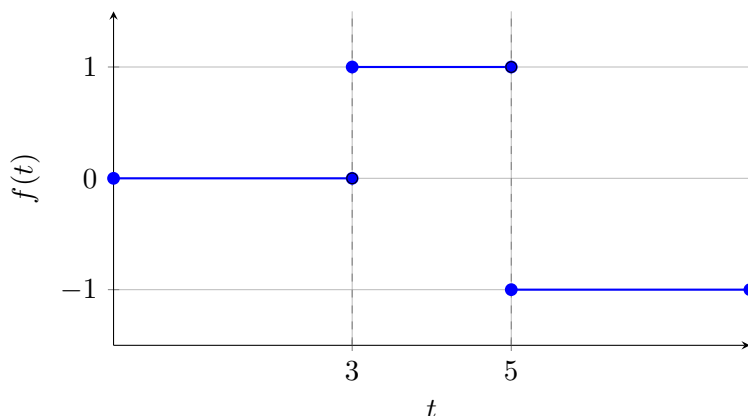
$$f(t) = u_3(t) - 2u_5(t)$$

SOLUTION 5 - For $t < 3$: $u_3(t) = 0$, $u_5(t) = 0$, so $f(t) = 0 - 2 \cdot 0 = 0$. - For $3 \leq t < 5$: $u_3(t) = 1$, $u_5(t) = 0$, so $f(t) = 1 - 2 \cdot 0 = 1$. - For $t \geq 5$: $u_3(t) = 1$, $u_5(t) = 1$, so $f(t) = 1 - 2 \cdot 1 = -1$.

Piecewise form:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 3 \\ 1 & 3 \leq t < 5 \\ -1 & t \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

Graph: The function is 0 until $t = 3$, jumps to 1 from $t = 3$ to $t < 5$, then drops to -1 at $t = 5$ and remains there.



Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{u_3(t)\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{u_5(t)\} = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s} - 2\frac{e^{-5s}}{s} = \frac{e^{-3s} - 2e^{-5s}}{s}.$$

The Laplace transform is:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{f\} = \frac{e^{-3s} - 2e^{-5s}}{s}}$$



6. Convert the following function to a piecewise function. Compute its Laplace transform.

$$f(t) = t - \cos(t - 2)u_2(t) - tu_3(t)$$

SOLUTION 6 - For $t < 2$: $u_2(t) = 0$, $u_3(t) = 0$, so $f(t) = t - 0 - 0 = t$. - For $2 \leq t < 3$: $u_2(t) = 1$, $u_3(t) = 0$, so $f(t) = t - \cos(t - 2)$. - For $t \geq 3$: $u_2(t) = 1$, $u_3(t) = 1$, so $f(t) = t - \cos(t - 2) - t = -\cos(t - 2)$.

Piecewise form:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t & t < 2 \\ t - \cos(t - 2) & 2 \leq t < 3 \\ -\cos(t - 2) & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{t\} - \mathcal{L}\{\cos(t - 2)u_2(t)\} - \mathcal{L}\{tu_3(t)\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} - \mathcal{L}\{t\} &= \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad - \mathcal{L}\{u_2(t) \cos(t - 2)\} = e^{-2s} \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}, \quad - tu_3(t) = u_3(t)(t - 3) + 3u_3(t), \quad - \mathcal{L}\{u_3(t)(t - 3)\} = \\ e^{-3s} \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad - \mathcal{L}\{3u_3(t)\} &= 3 \frac{e^{-3s}}{s}, \quad - \mathcal{L}\{tu_3(t)\} = e^{-3s} \frac{1}{s^2} + 3 \frac{e^{-3s}}{s} = e^{-3s} \frac{1 + 3s}{s^2}. \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f\} = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{se^{-2s}}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{(1 + 3s)e^{-3s}}{s^2}.$$

The Laplace transform is:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{f\} = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{se^{-2s}}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{(1 + 3s)e^{-3s}}{s^2}}$$



7. Convert the following piecewise function into a form that involves step functions.

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 2 \\ 3, & 2 \leq t < 5 \\ \sin(3t), & t \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION 7 Express using step functions: - $t < 2$: $g(t) = 0$, - $2 \leq t < 5$: $3(u_2(t) - u_5(t))$, - $t \geq 5$: $\sin(3t)u_5(t)$.

So:

$$g(t) = 3u_2(t) - 3u_5(t) + \sin(3t)u_5(t).$$

Check: - $t < 2$: $0 - 0 + 0 = 0$, - $2 \leq t < 5$: $3(1 - 0) + 0 = 3$, - $t \geq 5$: $3(1 - 1) + \sin(3t) = \sin(3t)$.

The step function form is:

$$g(t) = 3u_2(t) - 3u_5(t) + \sin(3t)u_5(t)$$



8. Convert the following piecewise function into a form that involves step functions. Compute its Laplace transform.

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 3t, & t < 5 \\ e^{3t}, & t \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION 8 *Step function form:*

$$g(t) = 3t(1 - u_5(t)) + e^{3t}u_5(t).$$

Check: - $t < 5$: $3t \cdot 1 + 0 = 3t$, - $t \geq 5$: $3t \cdot 0 + e^{3t} = e^{3t}$.

Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = 3\mathcal{L}\{t\} - 3\mathcal{L}\{tu_5(t)\} + \mathcal{L}\{e^{3t}u_5(t)\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} - \mathcal{L}\{3t\} &= \frac{3}{s^2}, \quad - tu_5(t) = u_5(t)(t - 5) + 5u_5(t), \quad - \mathcal{L}\{u_5(t)(t - 5)\} = e^{-5s} \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad - \mathcal{L}\{5u_5(t)\} = 5 \frac{e^{-5s}}{s}, \\ 3\mathcal{L}\{tu_5(t)\} &= 3e^{-5s} \frac{1 + 5s}{s^2}, \quad - \mathcal{L}\{e^{3t}u_5(t)\} = e^{15}e^{-5s} \frac{1}{s - 3} = \frac{e^{15-5s}}{s - 3}. \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\mathcal{L}\{g\} = \frac{3}{s^2} - 3e^{-5s} \frac{1 + 5s}{s^2} + \frac{e^{15-5s}}{s - 3}.$$

The Laplace transform is:

$$\mathcal{L}\{g\} = \frac{3}{s^2} - 3e^{-5s} \left(\frac{1 + 5s}{s^2} \right) + \frac{e^{15-5s}}{s - 3}$$



9. Solve the initial value problem.

$$f'' + 4f = u_3(t), \quad f(0) = 0, \quad f'(0) = 0.$$

SOLUTION 9 *Laplace transform:* - $\mathcal{L}\{f''\} = s^2F(s)$, - $\mathcal{L}\{f\} = F(s)$, - $\mathcal{L}\{u_3(t)\} = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s}$.

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

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

Partial fractions:

$$\frac{1}{s(s^2 + 4)} = \frac{a}{s} + \frac{bs + c}{s^2 + 4},$$

$$1 = a(s^2 + 4) + (bs + c)s,$$

$$- a = \frac{1}{4}, \quad - b = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad - c = 0.$$

So:

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

Inverse transform:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{4}u_3(t)[1 - \cos(2(t - 3))].$$

The solution is:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{4}u_3(t)[1 - \cos(2(t - 3))]$$



10. Solve the initial value problem.

$$w'' + 2w' = \begin{cases} 3, & t < 5 \\ 0, & t \geq 5 \end{cases}, \quad w(0) = 0, \quad w'(0) = 0.$$

SOLUTION 10 Rewrite: $w'' + 2w' = 3(1 - u_5(t))$.

Laplace transform:

$$s^2 W(s) + 2s W(s) = 3 \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{e^{-5s}}{s} \right),$$

$$W(s) = \frac{3(1 - e^{-5s})}{s^2(s + 2)}.$$

Partial fractions:

$$\frac{3}{s^2(s + 2)} = -\frac{3/4}{s} + \frac{3/2}{s^2} + \frac{3/4}{s + 2},$$

$$W(s) = \left(-\frac{3/4}{s} + \frac{3/2}{s^2} + \frac{3/4}{s + 2} \right) (1 - e^{-5s}).$$

Inverse transform:

$$w(t) = \left(-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2}t + \frac{3}{4}e^{-2t} \right) - u_5(t) \left[-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2}(t - 5) + \frac{3}{4}e^{-2(t-5)} \right]$$



11. Consider a spring and mass system with a 5 kg mass hanging on a spring. When the mass is hung on the spring, the spring extends 50 cm. The mass experiences a damping force of 8 N when the mass is moving 2 m/s. The mass starts from equilibrium at rest, but there is an external force $\cos(t)$ that lasts for the first 3π seconds. Write down the initial value problem that describes this situation.

SOLUTION 11 - Mass $m = 5 \text{ kg}$, - $k = \frac{mg}{\text{extension}} = \frac{5 \cdot 10}{0.5} = 100 \text{ N/m}$, - Damping: $c \cdot 2 = 8 \Rightarrow c = 4 \text{ Ns/m}$, - Force: $\cos(t)(1 - u_{3\pi}(t))$, - Initial conditions: $u(0) = 0$, $u'(0) = 0$.

IVP:

$$5u'' + 4u' + 100u = \cos(t)(1 - u_{3\pi}(t)), \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u'(0) = 0$$



3 6.6: Delta Functions

Review

- The Dirac delta function $\delta(t - c)$ is defined by

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)\delta(t - c) dt = f(c), \quad c \geq 0$$

- It models instantaneous impulses.
- The Laplace transform of $\delta(t - c)$ is

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - c)\} = e^{-cs}$$

- Laplace transforms involving delta functions

$$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\delta(t - c)\} = g(c)e^{-cs}$$



12. Find the Laplace transform of the following function:

$$f(t) = t^2\delta(t-3) + e^t\delta(t-5).$$

SOLUTION 12 Using the property: - $\mathcal{L}\{t^2\delta(t-3)\} = (3)^2e^{-3s} = 9e^{-3s}$, - $\mathcal{L}\{e^t\delta(t-5)\} = e^5e^{-5s}$.

$$\mathcal{L}\{f\} = 9e^{-3s} + e^{5-5s}.$$

The Laplace transform is:

$\mathcal{L}\{f\} = 9e^{-3s} + e^{5-5s}$
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13. Solve the initial value problem:

$$y'' + 2y' + y = \delta(t - 3), \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

SOLUTION 13 *Laplace transform:* - $\mathcal{L}\{y''\} = s^2Y(s) - s(1) - (-1) = s^2Y(s) - s + 1$, - $\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY(s) - 1$, - $\mathcal{L}\{y\} = Y(s)$, - $\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - 3)\} = e^{-3s}$.

$$(s^2Y(s) - s + 1) + 2(sY(s) - 1) + Y(s) = e^{-3s},$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 1)Y(s) - s - 1 = e^{-3s},$$

$$(s + 1)^2Y(s) = e^{-3s} + s + 1,$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{e^{-3s}}{(s + 1)^2} + \frac{s + 1}{(s + 1)^2} = e^{-3s} \frac{1}{(s + 1)^2} + \frac{1}{s + 1}.$$

Inverse transform:

$$y(t) = u_3(t)(t - 3)e^{-(t-3)} + e^{-t}.$$

The solution is:

$$y(t) = e^{-t} + u_3(t)(t - 3)e^{-(t-3)}$$



14. A 2 kg mass is suspended from a spring and damper. When the mass is hung at rest, it stretches the spring by 2 meters. When the mass moves at 1 m/s, the damper exerts a resistive force of 4 N. At $t = 2$ seconds, the system is struck with a hammer, delivering an instantaneous impulse force of magnitude 3 N. The mass starts motion from equilibrium with an initial upward velocity of 0.5 m/s.

- (a) Determine the spring constant k and damping coefficient c .
 (b) Write the governing differential equation for the displacement $u(t)$.
 (c) Solve for $u(t)$ and describe the motion of the system.

(Use $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$.)

SOLUTION 14 (a) *Parameters:* - $k = \frac{mg}{\text{extension}} = \frac{2 \cdot 10}{2} = 10 \text{ N/m}$, - $c = \frac{4}{1} = 4 \text{ Ns/m}$.

(b) *Equation:* - Upward velocity $u'(0) = -0.5$ (downward positive), - $2u'' + 4u' + 10u = 3\delta(t - 2)$, $u(0) = 0$, $u'(0) = -0.5$.

(c) *Solve:*

$$2(s^2U(s) + 0.5) + 4sU(s) + 10U(s) = 3e^{-2s},$$

$$(2s^2 + 4s + 10)U(s) = 3e^{-2s} - 1,$$

$$U(s) = \frac{3e^{-2s} - 1}{2(s^2 + 2s + 5)},$$

$$U(s) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 4} + \frac{3}{2} e^{-2s} \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 4}.$$

Inverse transform:

$$u(t) = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-t} \sin(2t) + \frac{3}{4}u_2(t)e^{-(t-2)} \sin(2(t-2)).$$

Motion: The mass oscillates with decaying amplitude; the impulse at $t = 2$ increases the amplitude temporarily.

Answers:

(a) $k = 10 \text{ N/m}, \quad c = 4 \text{ Ns/m}$

(b) $2u'' + 4u' + 10u = 3\delta(t - 2), \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u'(0) = -0.5$

(c) $u(t) = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-t} \sin(2t) + \frac{3}{4}u_2(t)e^{-(t-2)} \sin(2(t-2))$