

Laplace transform \mathcal{L}

$$(\mathcal{L} e^{ax})(s) = \frac{1}{s-a} \quad (a \in \mathbb{C})$$

$$(\mathcal{L} \cos(\omega x))(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} \quad (\omega \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(\mathcal{L} \sin(\omega x))(s) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$(\mathcal{L}(e^{ax} f(x)))(s) = (\mathcal{L}f)(s-a) \quad (a \in \mathbb{C})$$

$$\left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{(s-a)^n} \right) (x) = \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{ax}$$

$$(\mathcal{L} f^{(j)})(s) = s^j (\mathcal{L}f)(s) - \sum_{k=1}^j f^{(k-1)}(0) s^{j-k}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y''(x) + a_1 y'(x) + a_2 y(x) &= b(x) \quad , x > 0 \\ y(0) &= y_0, \quad y'(0) = y_1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xRightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \underbrace{(s^2 + a_1 s + a_0)}_{=: P(s)} (\mathcal{L}y)(s) - \underbrace{(y_0 s + y_1 + a_1 y_0)}_{=: Q(s)} &= (\mathcal{L}b)(s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\xRightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} \boxed{u(x) = \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{Q}{P} \right) (x) + b * \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s} \right) (x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \stackrel{\mathcal{L}^{-1}}{\Rightarrow} \quad & y(x) = \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{Q}{P} \right) (x) + b * \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{p} \right) (x) \\ & = \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{Q + \mathcal{L}b}{p} \right) (x) \end{aligned}$$

Partial fraction decomposition

Let $P(s) = (s - \lambda_0)(s - \lambda_1)$ where $\lambda_0 \neq \lambda_1, \lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} & \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{a}{s - \lambda_0} + \frac{b}{s - \lambda_1} \\ & = \frac{(a+b)s - a\lambda_1 - b\lambda_0}{(s - \lambda_0)(s - \lambda_1)} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} a & = \left. \frac{Q(s)}{s - \lambda_1} \right|_{s = \lambda_0} = \frac{Q(\lambda_0)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1} \\ b & = \left. \frac{Q(s)}{s - \lambda_0} \right|_{s = \lambda_1} = \frac{Q(\lambda_1)}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_0} \end{aligned}$$

or, equivalently,

$$a + b = y_0, \quad -a\lambda_1 - b\lambda_0 = y_1 + a_1 y_0$$

Exercise Let $P(s) = (s - \lambda)^2, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} = \frac{a}{s - \lambda} + \frac{b}{(s - \lambda)^2}$$

Find a and b .

Example

$$y''(x) - 2y'(x) - 8y(x) = 0 \leftarrow b(x) = 0$$

$a_1 = -2$ $a_0 = -8$

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

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Characteristic polynomial:

$$P(s) = s^2 - 2s - 8 = (s+2)(s-4)$$

and

$$Q(s) = s.$$

Then

$$\frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} = \frac{a}{s+2} + \frac{b}{s-4}$$

with

$$a = \frac{s}{s-4} \Big|_{s=-2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$b = \frac{s}{s+2} \Big|_{s=4} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{P}{Q})(x)$$

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

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

Example

$$y''(x) - 2y'(x) + 2y(x) = b(x)$$

$$y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 3$$

Then

$$P(s) = s^2 - 2s + 2$$

$$= (s - (1+i))(s - (1-i))$$

$$\left[P(s) = s^2 + a_1s + a_0 \text{ with } a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{R} \right.$$

λ zero of $P \Rightarrow \bar{\lambda}$ zero of P

$$P(\bar{\lambda}) = \bar{\lambda}^2 + a_1\bar{\lambda} + a_0 = \overline{\lambda^2 + a_1\lambda + a_0} = \bar{0} = 0 \left. \right]$$

$$Q(s) = 2s - 1$$

$$\frac{Q(s)}{P(s)} = \frac{a}{s - (1+i)} + \frac{b}{s - (1-i)}$$

$$a = \left. \frac{2s-1}{s-(1-i)} \right|_{s=1+i} = \frac{1+2i}{2i} = 1 + \frac{1}{2i} = 1 - \frac{i}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{2s-1}{s-(1+i)} \Big|_{s=1-i} = \frac{1-2i}{-2i} = 1 + \frac{i}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{Q}{P} \right) (x) &= \left(1 - \frac{i}{2} \right) \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s-(1+i)} \right) (x) + \\ &+ \left(1 + \frac{i}{2} \right) \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s-(1-i)} \right) (x) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{i}{2} \right) e^{(1+i)x} + \left(1 + \frac{i}{2} \right) e^{(1-i)x} \\ &= e^x \left(\left(1 - \frac{i}{2} \right) e^{ix} + \left(1 + \frac{i}{2} \right) e^{-ix} \right) \\ &= e^x \left(e^{ix} + e^{-ix} + \frac{i}{2} (e^{-ix} - e^{ix}) \right) \\ &= e^x \left(2 \cos x + \sin x \right) \quad \left[e^{\pm i\theta} = \cos \theta \pm i \sin \theta \right] \\ &= \hat{y}(x) \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{y}(x)$ is the solution to

$$\begin{aligned} y''(x) - 2y'(x) + 2y(x) &= 0 \\ y(0) &= 2, \quad y'(0) = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\frac{1}{P(s)} = \frac{1}{2i} \left(\frac{1}{s-(1+i)} - \frac{1}{s-(1-i)} \right)$$

$$\left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{p}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{2i} \left(e^{(1+i)x} - e^{(1-i)x} \right)$$

$$= e^x \sin x$$

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_0^x f(y)g(x-y)dy$$

Thus

$$(b * \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{p})(x) = e^x \int_0^x b(y) e^{-y} \sin(x-y) dy$$

and

$$y(x) = \hat{y}(x) + b * \left(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{p}\right)(x)$$

$$y(x) = e^x + e^x \int_0^x b(y) e^{-y} \sin(x-y) dy$$

$$(2\cos x + \sin x)$$

Example

$$y''(x) + 2y'(x) + 5y(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$$

$$y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$$

$P(s) = s^2 + 2s + 5$ has no real zeros.

Applying \mathcal{L} :

$$(s^2 + 2s + 5)(\mathcal{L}y)(s) - 1 = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 1}$$

$$(\mathcal{L}y)(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2s + 3}{s^2 + 2s + 5}$$

$$(\mathcal{L}y)(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2s + 3}{(s^2 + 2s + 2)(s^2 + 2s + 5)}$$

(Real) partial fraction decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s^2 + 2s + 3}{(s^2 + 2s + 2)(s^2 + 2s + 5)} &= \frac{As + B}{s^2 + 2s + 2} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + 2s + 5} \\ &= \frac{\dots\dots\dots}{(s^2 + 2s + 2)(s^2 + 2s + 5)} \end{aligned}$$

leads to

$$A + C = 0$$

$$2A + B + 2C + D = 1$$

$$5A + 2B + 2C + 2D = 2$$

$$5B + 2D = 3$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \text{Gauss-Algorithm}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = C = 0, \quad B = \frac{1}{3}, \quad D = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

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$$s^2 + as + b = \left(s + \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{a^2}{4} + b$$

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

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

Example

$$y_1'(x) + 2y_2'(x) - 3y_2(x) = 12e^x$$

$$y_1'(x) - y_2'(x) - y_1(x) = 6$$

$$y_1(0) = y_2(0) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{y}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x) \\ y_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}'(x) + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{y}(x) = \mathbf{b}(x)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(0) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 12e^x \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Apply \mathcal{L} :

$$s (\mathcal{L}y_1)(s) + (2s-3)(\mathcal{L}y_2)(s) = 12 \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$(s-6)(\mathcal{L}y_1)(s) - s(\mathcal{L}y_2)(s) = 6 \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} s & 2s-3 \\ s-6 & -s \end{pmatrix}}_{=: A(s)} \begin{pmatrix} (\mathcal{L}y_1)(s) \\ (\mathcal{L}y_2)(s) \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{s-1} \\ \frac{1}{s} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$=: A(s)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A(s)^{-1} = - \frac{1}{3(s-2)(s-3)} \begin{pmatrix} -s & 3-2s \\ 6-s & s \end{pmatrix}$$

We find

$$(\mathcal{L}y_1)(s) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{s-1} - 3 \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{7}{2} \frac{1}{s-3} - \frac{1}{s}$$

$$(\mathcal{L}y_2)(s) = 6 \frac{1}{s-2} - \frac{7}{2} \frac{1}{s-3} - \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{s-1}$$

Applying \mathcal{L}^{-1} :

$$y_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^x - 3 e^{2x} + \frac{7}{2} e^{3x} - 1$$

$$y_2(x) = 6 e^{2x} - \frac{7}{2} e^{3x} - \frac{5}{2} e^x$$

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