

Third It helps solve ODEs

example Solve the IVP $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$
 $y'(0) = 2$.

Solution: Since LT is linear, we can transform the entire equation:

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' - 3y' - 4y\} = \mathcal{L}\{0\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} - 3\mathcal{L}\{y'\} - 4\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - sy(0) - y'(0) - 3[s \mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)] - 4 \mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - s - 2 - 3s \mathcal{L}\{y\} + 3 - 4 \mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

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

Solve by partial fraction decomposition to get

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{2}{s-4} + \frac{3}{s+1}$$

What functions have these as LT?

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{4t}\} = \frac{1}{s-4}, \quad \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}\} = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{2}{s} e^{4t} + \frac{3}{s} e^{-t}$$

Now solve it the other way in your notes!

Advantages?

- ① Works equally well with higher order ODEs.
- ② Turns an ODE into an algebraic equation

- ③ Many basic functions have well-known LTs
(chart page 321)
- ④ Incorporates both non homogeneous terms and initial data into the calculation,

ex. Solve $\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + 2x = 12e^{2t}$ $x(0) = 1$, $\dot{x}(0) = -1$.

Here $\mathcal{L}\{\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + 2x = 12e^{2t}\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\ddot{x}\} + 3\mathcal{L}\{\dot{x}\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{x\} = 12\left(\frac{1}{s-2}\right)$$

Finish this calculation:

$$\text{The solution is } x(t) = e^{2t} + 3e^{-2t} - 3e^{-t}$$

ex. Solve $y^{(4)} - y = 0$, $y(0) = y''(0) = y'''(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$.

Here $\mathcal{L}\{y^{(4)} - y = 0\}$ becomes

$$s^4 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - s^3 y(0) - s^2 y'(0) - s y''(0) - y'''(0) - \mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

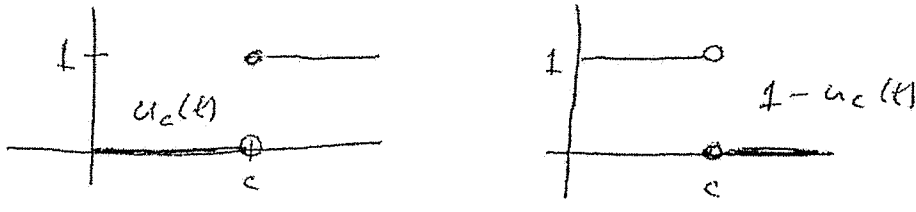
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{s^2}{s^4 - 1} = \frac{s^2}{(s^2-1)(s^2+1)} = \frac{As+B}{s^2-1} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+1}$$

NOTE: $a=c=0$
 $b=d=\frac{1}{2}$

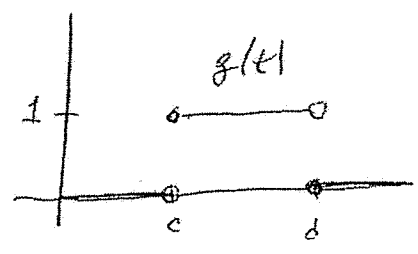
Hence $\boxed{y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sinh t + \frac{1}{2} \sin t}$ $= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s^2-1}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right)$

⑤ Forcing functions (the ~~nonlinear~~ $g(t)$ that makes a linear ODE nonhomogeneous), are not always continuous. LTs are good for this.

Define $u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < c \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$ a type of translated Heaviside function. Then $1 - u_c(t)$ "

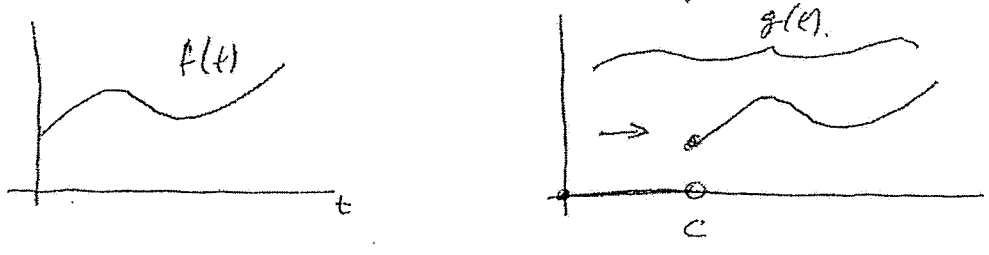


Then a pulse on (c, d) would be $g(t) = u_c(t) - u_d(t)$



And any modulated signal $f(t)$ ~~could~~ "turned on"

② $t=c > 0$ could be written $g(t) = u_c(t)f(t-c)$



Some results for step functions and pulses

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{\text{I}} \quad \mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u_c(t) dt = \int_c^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_c^A e^{-st} dt = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-sA}}{-s} - \left(\frac{e^{-cs}}{-s} \right) \\ &= \frac{e^{-cs}}{s}, \quad s > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{II}} \quad \mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) - u_d(t)\} = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s} - \frac{e^{-ds}}{s} = \frac{e^{-cs} - e^{-ds}}{s}, \quad s > 0.$$

$$\textcircled{\text{III}} \quad \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs} F(s)$$

where $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$, for $s > a \geq 0$.

Why?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) f(t-c)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u_c(t) f(t-c) dt \\ &= \int_c^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-c) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(t+c)} f(t) dt \\ &= e^{-sc} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = e^{-sc} F(s) \end{aligned}$$

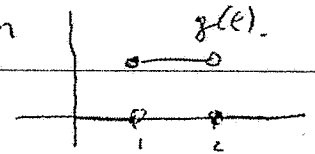
when $s > a$ as long as $a \geq 0$.

Here a comes from $F(s)$.

example Solve the IVP $y'' - 3y' - 4y = g(t)$

where $g(t)$ is the unit pulse function

$$g(t) = u_1(t) - u_2(t),$$



and $y(0) = 1$, and $y'(0) = 2$.

Solution Note: One could think of this problem as 3 separate ODEs (IVPs actually): as follows:

① Solve the IVP $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 2$ and then evaluate the endpoint of the solution

② $t = 1$. ~~Then~~ Call these $y(1) = y_1$, $y'(1) = y'_1$.

③ Solve the new IVP ③ $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 1$, $y(1) = y_1$, $y'(1) = y'_1$. Then evaluate the solution to this ODE ③ $t = 2$. call it $y(2) = y_2$, $y'(2) = y'_2$

④ Solve again the ODE $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0$ with new initial conditions $y(2) = y_2$, $y'(2) = y'_2$.

⑤ Stitch together your solutions to a single function.

Laplace Transform solution

Transform the equation to $\mathcal{L}\{y'' - 3y' - 4y\} = u_1(t) - u_2(t)$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' - 3y' - 4y\} = \mathcal{L}\{u_1(t) - u_2(t)\}$$

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

As in the previous example on the left hand side.

Solve for $\mathcal{L}\{y\}$ to get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{y\} &= \left(\frac{e^{-s} - e^{-2s}}{s} + s - 1 \right) \left(\frac{1}{s^2 - 3s - 4} \right) \\ &= \frac{e^{-s} - e^{-2s}}{s(s-4)(s+1)} + \frac{s-1}{(s-4)(s+1)}\end{aligned}$$

Note that the latter term is just the Laplace transform of the homogeneous solution, and decomposes to

$$\frac{s-1}{(s-4)(s+1)} = \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s-4} \right) + \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right)$$

Using a partial fraction decomposition on the other term, we set

$$(e^{-s} - e^{-2s}) \left(\frac{1}{s(s-4)(s+1)} \right) = (e^{-s} - e^{-2s}) \left(-\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{1}{20} \left(\frac{1}{s-4} \right) + \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) \right)$$

Put this together to get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{y\} = & e^{-s} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{1}{20} \left(\frac{1}{s-4} \right) + \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) \right) \\ & - e^{-2s} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{1}{20} \left(\frac{1}{s-4} \right) + \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) \right) \\ & + \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s-4} \right) + \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$, and $\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)\} = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$,
and $\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs}F(s)$.

Hence on each of the summands above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) = & u_1(t) \left(-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{20} e^{4(t-1)} + \frac{1}{5} e^{-(t-1)} \right) \\ & - u_2(t) \left(-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{20} e^{4(t-2)} + \frac{1}{5} e^{-(t-2)} \right) \\ & + \frac{3}{5} e^{4t} + \frac{2}{5} e^{-t}. \end{aligned}$$

Messy, sure! But graph this function (you will need a log plot to really see it). It is a smooth function, even at the pts $t=1$ and $t=2$, and solves $y'' - 3y' - 4y = u_1(t) - u_2(t)$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 2$.