

Modelling and control summaries



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Laplace 3 – differential equations

WORKING DEFINITION OF LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

$F(s)$ is the Laplace transform of signal $f(t)$

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

LAPLACE OF DERIVATIVE

This is derived by using the integral definition directly and integration by parts.

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dt} dt = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dt} dt$$

$$L\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt \Rightarrow u = e^{-st}; \quad \frac{du}{dt} = -se^{-st}; \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}; \quad v = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt = [xe^{-st}]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -sxe^{-st} dt = x(0) + sX(s)$$

Key result

REMARK: The Laplace of derivative is often used to help solve differential equations, that is where one wants an expression for the system state which represents a solution.

EXAMPLE: Find the Laplace transform of $w(t)$ given it obeys the following ODE.

$$3 \frac{dw}{dt} + 6w = 9; \quad w(0) = -2$$

Take Laplace of every term in the ODE and then rearrange to solve for $W(s)$.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} L\left[\frac{dw}{dt}\right] &= sW(s) - w(0) \\ L[9] &= \frac{9}{s} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow 3[sW(s) - w(0)] + 6W(s) = \frac{9}{s} \Rightarrow W(s) = \frac{9}{s(3s+6)} + \frac{3w(0)}{3s+6}$$

TUTORIAL

Validate the following transforms for the given ODEs.

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} 2 \frac{dw}{dt} - 5w &= 4; \quad w(0) = 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow W(s) = \frac{4}{s(2s-5)} + \frac{2}{2s-5}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} 0.4 \frac{dz}{dt} + 0.1z &= 0.5u; \quad z(0) = -1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow Z(s) = \frac{0.5}{(0.4s+0.1)} U(s) + \frac{-0.4}{0.4s+0.1}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} 0.2 \frac{dp}{dt} - 0.5p &= 4e^{-2t}; \quad p(0) = 4 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow P(s) = \frac{4}{(0.2s-0.5)(s+2)} + \frac{0.8}{0.2s-0.5}$$

2nd and 3rd order differentials

The result is given here without derivation. Students will find the derivation is straightforward, integrating by parts twice.

$$L\left[\frac{d^2w}{dt^2}\right] = s^2W(s) - sw(0) - \frac{dw}{dt}(0);$$

$$L\left[\frac{d^3w}{dt^3}\right] = s^3W(s) - s^2w(0) - s \frac{dw}{dt}(0) - \frac{d^2w}{dt^2}(0)$$

<p>EXAMPLE: Use Laplace to represent the solution of the following ODE for arbitrary input signal $u(t)$.</p> $e \frac{d^2 w}{dt^2} + a \frac{dw}{dt} + bw = ku$	<p>Taking Laplace of every term in the equation gives:</p> $L\left[\frac{d^2 w}{dt^2}\right] = (s^2 W(s) - sw(0) - \frac{dw}{dt}(0)); \quad L\left[\frac{dw}{dt}\right] = sW(s) - w(0)$ $e(s^2 W(s) - sw(0) - \frac{dw}{dt}(0)) + a(sW(s) - w(0)) + bW(s) = kU(s)$ $W(s) = \frac{k}{es^2 + as + b} U(s) + \frac{e(sw(0) + \frac{dw}{dt}(0)) + aw(0)}{es^2 + as + b}$
<p>TUTORIAL</p> <p>Verify the solution for the following ODE with initial value $y(0)=2$ and initial gradient of 3.</p> $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = e^{-6t}$	$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + 4s + 4)(s + 6)} + \frac{2s + 11}{s^2 + 4s + 4}$

SUMMARY: The most important results you will use are the following.

- $$L[x(t)] = X(s);$$

$$L\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right] = sX(s) - x(0)$$

$$L\left[\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}\right] = s^2 X(s) - sx(0) - \frac{dx}{dt}(0)$$

$$L\left[\frac{d^3 x}{dt^3}\right] = s^3 X(s) - s^2 x(0) - s \frac{dx}{dt}(0) - \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}(0)$$

2. In the context of control, transfer functions and feedback, it is common to ignore any initial conditions.