

Laplace transforms (chap 6)

The goal is to get
a transform that
exists for $f(t)$
such that

$$|f(t)| \leq M e^{kt}$$

for some M & k .

For example, NOT
 e^{t^2} .

Definition : (Laplace transform)
If $f(t)$ is defined for all $t \geq 0$, its Laplace transform is a complex-valued function

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

where s is a complex number.

$$s = \sigma + i\omega$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{e^{-\sigma t} \cdot e^{-i\omega t} f(t)}_{\text{Original FT}} dt$$

Compensate for exponential growth.

In this course, we only consider s real.

The function $f(t)$ is the inverse Laplace transform. It is denoted by \mathcal{L}^{-1} of $F(s)$.

Example: LT of $f(t) = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(1) &= \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt \\ &= \left. -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s}\end{aligned}$$

So the inverse LT
of $F(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ is $f(t) = 1$.

Example: $f(t) = e^{at}$, $t \geq 0$

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at})(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot e^{at} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{s-a} e^{-(s-a)t} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

if $s > a$.

Theorem:

$$\text{If } |f(t)| \leq M e^{kt}$$

for some M & k and

f is piecewise continuous.

on every finite interval.

Then $\int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt$ for $s > k$.

$\mathcal{L}(f)$ exists and

it determines uniquely f .

Properties:

1. Linearity of the LT

$$\mathcal{L}(af(t) + bg(t)) = a\mathcal{L}(f(t)) + b\mathcal{L}(g(t))$$

$$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Example: $\mathcal{L}(\cosh at)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{L}(e^{at}) + \mathcal{L}(e^{-at}))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s+a} \right) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$$

2. LT of derivatives

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

$$- s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0)$$

$$- \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0).$$

Example: $f(t) = \sin(\omega t)$

$$f'(t) = \omega \cos(\omega t)$$

$$f''(t) = -\omega^2 \sin(\omega t) = -\omega^2 f(t)$$

$$f(0) = 0 \quad f'(0) = \omega$$

$$f''(t) = -\omega^2 f(t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f''(t)) = -\omega^2 \mathcal{L}(f(t))$$

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}(f) - s \cdot 0 - \omega = -\omega^2 \mathcal{L}(f)$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 \mathcal{L}(f) - \omega = -\omega^2 \mathcal{L}(f)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

3. LT of integrals

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^t f(\alpha) d\alpha\right) \\ = \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}(f) \quad \leftarrow$$

Example: Find the
inverse LT of

$$F(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + s/3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{2}{s+1/3} \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{2}{s+1/3}\right) &= 2 \int_0^t \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+1/3}\right)_{(\alpha)} d\alpha \\ &= 2 \int_0^t e^{-1/3\alpha} d\alpha \\ &= \boxed{6 - 6e^{-1/3t}} \end{aligned}$$

4. Shifting theorem

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

Proof:

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

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot \underbrace{[e^{at} f(t)]}_{g(t)} dt$$

$$= \mathcal{L}(g(t))(s) = \mathcal{L}(e^{at} f(t))(s)$$

Example:

$$\text{Facts: } \mathcal{L}(\sin \omega t) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos \omega t) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

Using this and shifting

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at} \cos \omega t) = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2} \quad *$$

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at} \sin \omega t) = \frac{\omega}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2}$$

Find the inverse LT
of

$$F(s) = \frac{3s - 137}{s^2 + 2s + 401}$$

Rewriting:

$$\frac{3s - 137}{s^2 + 2s + 401} = \frac{3s - 137}{s^2 + 2s + 1 + 400}$$

complete the square

$$= \frac{3s - 137}{(s+1)^2 + 20^2} = \frac{3(s+1) - 140}{(s+1)^2 + 20^2}$$

$$= 3 \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + 20^2} - 7 \frac{20}{(s+1)^2 + 20^2}$$

Applying inverse LT

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) = 3e^{-t} \cos 20t - 7e^{-t} \sin 20t$$

Solving ODEs using LT

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Consider the IVP

$$y'' + ay' + by = r(t) \quad (*)$$

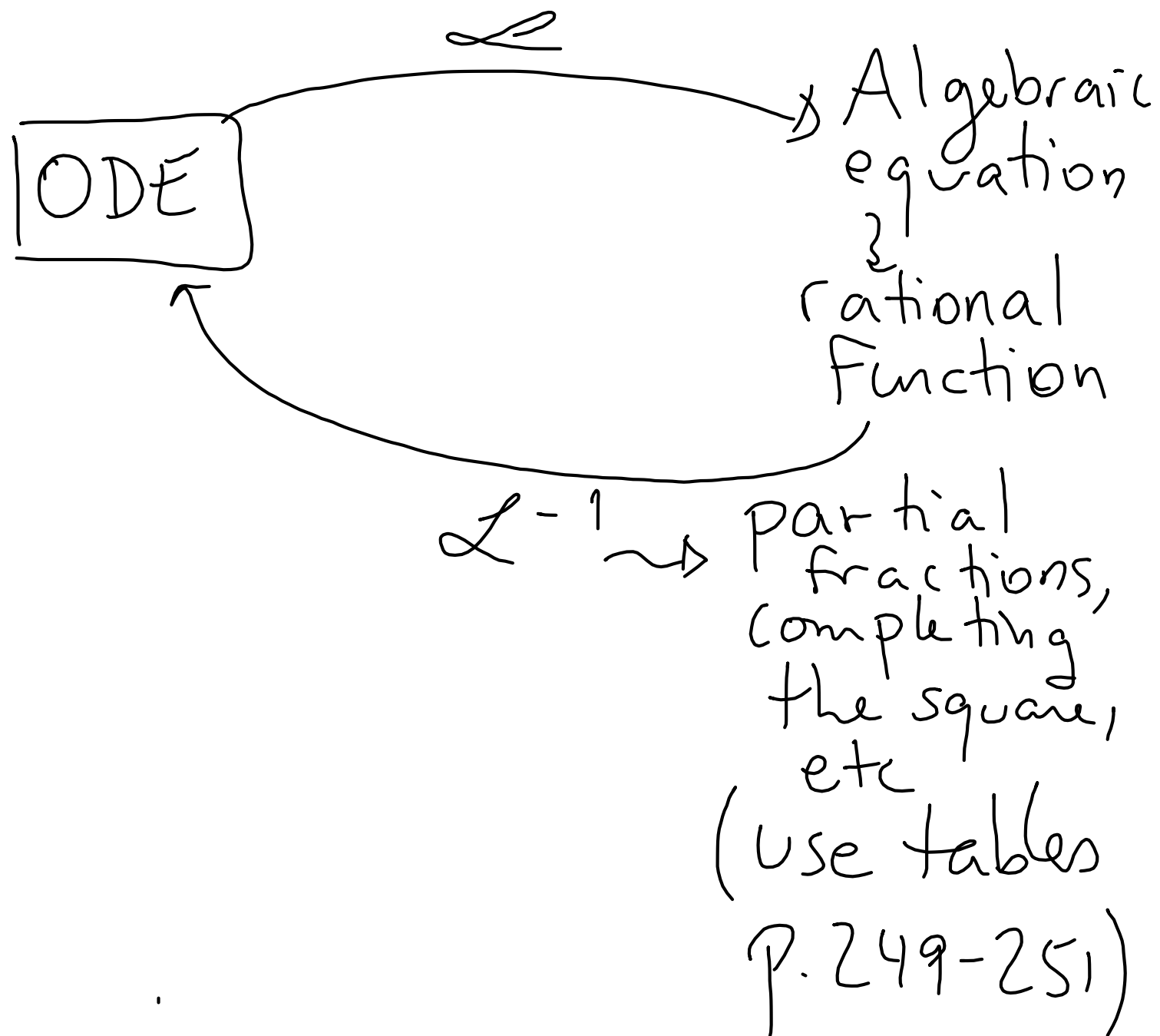
$$y(0) = k_0 \quad y'(0) = k_1$$

a, b constants.

$r(t)$: input (driving force)

$y(t)$: output (response)

\hookrightarrow time



Apply \mathcal{L} to (*).

$$\mathcal{L}(y'' + ay' + by)(s) = \mathcal{L}(r)(s)$$

|| LT for derivatives

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

$$+ a[s \mathcal{L}(y) - y(0)]$$

$$+ b \mathcal{L}(y) = \mathcal{L}(r)$$

Isolating $\mathcal{L}(y)$, we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{(s+a)y(0) + y'(0)}{s^2 + as + b} + \frac{\mathcal{L}(r)}{s^2 + as + b}$$

(rational function
of s)

Get y by applying
the inverse LT.

Two advantages

1. You don't need to first find the homogeneous solution and then a particular solution.
2. The initial conditions are taken care of automatically.

We call

$$Q(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + as + b} \quad \text{the } \underline{\text{transfer function.}}$$

If $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 0$

we have

that
$$Q = \frac{\mathcal{L}(y)}{\mathcal{L}(r)} = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{output})}{\mathcal{L}(\text{input})}$$

It only depends on
a & b, not on r.