
LaPlace Transforms

ECE 341: Random Processes

Lecture #10

note: All lecture notes, homework sets, and solutions are posted on www.BisonAcademy.com

Transfer Functions and Differential Equations:

LaPlace transforms assume all functions are in the form of

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} a \cdot e^{st} & t > 0 \\ 0 & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This results in the derivative of y being:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = s \cdot y(t)$$

This lets you convert differential equations into transfer functions and back.

Example 1: Find the transfer function from X to Y

$$\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} + 6\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 11\frac{dy}{dt} + 6y = 8\frac{dx}{dt} + 10x$$

Solution: Substitute 's' for $\frac{d}{dt}$

$$s^3Y + 6s^2Y + 11sY + 6Y = 8sX + 10X$$

Solve for Y

$$(s^3 + 6s^2 + 11s + 6)Y = (8s + 10)X$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{8s+10}{s^3+6s^2+11s+6} \right) X$$

The transfer function from X to Y is

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{8s+10}{s^3+6s^2+11s+6} \right)$$

- Note: The transfer function is often called 'G(s)' since it is the gain from X to Y.
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Example 2: Find the differential equation relating X and Y

$$Y = \left(\frac{8s+10}{s^3+6s^2+11s+6} \right) X$$

Cross multiply:

$$(s^3 + 6s^2 + 11s + 6)Y = (8s + 10)X$$

Note that 'sY' means 'the derivative of Y'

$$\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} + 6\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 11\frac{dy}{dt} + 6y = 8\frac{dx}{dt} + 10x$$

Sidelight: Fractional powers are not allowed in transfer functions.

- s^2Y means 'the second derivative of Y'.
- $s^{2.3}Y$ means 'the 2.3th derivative of Y'.

I have no idea what a 0.3 derivative is.

Solving Transfer Functions with Sinusoidal Inputs

Example 3: Find $y(t)$ given

$$Y = \left(\frac{8s+10}{s^3+6s^2+11s+6} \right) X$$

and

$$x(t) = 3 \cos(4t)$$

Solution: From Euler's identity:

$$e^{j4t} = \cos(4t) + j \sin(4t)$$

$$(a + jb) e^{j4t} = (a \cos(4t) - b \sin(4t)) + j(\cdot)$$

$$a + jb \leftrightarrow a \cos(4t) - b \sin(4t)$$

- real = cosine
 - -imag = sine
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Take the real part and you the sine wave.

$$s = j4$$

$$X = 3 + j0$$

Convert to phasors

$$Y = \left(\frac{8s+10}{s^3+6s^2+11s+6} \right) X$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{8s+10}{s^3+6s^2+11s+6} \right)_{s=j4} (3 + j0)$$

$$Y = (-0.191 - j0.315)(3 + j0)$$

$$Y = -0.544 - j0.946$$

meaning

$$y(t) = -0.544 \cos(4t) + 0.946 \sin(4t)$$

Example 4: Find $y(t)$ if

$$x(t) = 5 \cos(20t) + 6 \sin(20t)$$

Solution:

$$Y = \left(\frac{8s+10}{s^3+6s^2+11s+6} \right)_{s=j20} (5 - j6)$$

$$Y = (-0.019 - j0.005)(5 - j6)$$

$$Y = -0.123 + j0.092$$

meaning

$$y(t) = -0.123 \cos(20t) - 0.092 \sin(20t)$$

Note that the gain varies with frequency (i.e. this is a filter).

Example 5: Find $y(t)$ if

$$x(t) = 3 \cos(4t) + 5 \cos(20t) + 6 \sin(20t)$$

Solution: Treat this as two separate problems

- $x(t) = 3 \cos(4t)$
- $x(t) = 5 \cos(20t) + 6 \sin(20t)$

The total input is the sum of the two $x(t)$'s.

The total output is the sum of the two $y(t)$'s

$$y(t) = -0.544 \cos(4t) + 0.946 \sin(4t) \\ -0.123 \cos(20t) - 0.092 \sin(20t)$$



Solving Transfer Functions with Step Inputs

Common LaPlace Transforms		
Name	Time: $y(t)$ ($t > 0$)	LaPlace: $Y(s)$
delta (impulse)	$\delta(t)$	1
unit step	1	$\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$
unit ramp	t	$\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)$
unit parabola	t^2	$\left(\frac{2}{s^3}\right)$
decaying exponential	e^{-bt}	$\left(\frac{1}{s+b}\right)$
	$t e^{-bt}$	$\left(\frac{1}{(s+b)^2}\right)$
	$t^2 e^{-bt}$	$\left(\frac{2}{(s+b)^3}\right)$
	$2a \cdot e^{-bt} \cos(ct - \theta)u(t)$	$\left(\frac{a \angle \theta}{s+b+jc}\right) + \left(\frac{a \angle -\theta}{s+b-jc}\right)$

Example: Find the impulse response of

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{5}{s+3} \right)$$

Solution: Translating:

$$Y = \left(\frac{5}{s+3} \right) X$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{5}{s+3} \right) (1)$$

From the above table:

$$y(t) = 5e^{-3t}u(t)$$

Example: Find the step response of

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{5}{s+3} \right)$$

Solution: Translating:

$$Y = \left(\frac{5}{s+3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) = \left(\frac{5}{s(s+3)} \right)$$

Do a partial fraction expansion

$$Y = \left(\frac{5}{s(s+3)} \right) = \left(\frac{A}{s} \right) + \left(\frac{B}{s+3} \right)$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{5}{s(s+3)} \right) = \left(\frac{5/3}{s} \right) - \left(\frac{5/3}{s+3} \right)$$

Using the above table for each term:

$$y(t) = \left(\frac{5}{3} - \frac{5}{3}e^{-3t} \right) u(t)$$

Repeated Roots

Find the step response of

$$Y = \left(\frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right) X$$

Solution: Use the table or change the problem

$$Y = \left(\frac{1}{(s+1.01)(s+0.99)} \right) X$$

There are no longer repeated roots

The differential equation is almost identical

- It's just a model for a real system
 - No model is perfect
 - The odds of two poles being *exactly* the same is almost zero
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Solving with Complex Roots:

$$\left(\frac{a\angle\theta}{s+b+jc}\right) + \left(\frac{a\angle-\theta}{s+b-jc}\right) \Rightarrow 2a \cdot e^{-bt} \cos(ct - \theta)u(t)$$

Example: Find the $y(t)$ given that

$$Y(s) = G \cdot U = \left(\frac{15}{s^2+2s+10}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$$

Solution: Factoring $Y(s)$

$$Y(s) = \left(\frac{15}{(s)(s+1+j3)(s+1-j3)}\right)$$

Using partial fraction expansion:

$$Y(s) = \left(\frac{1.5}{s}\right) + \left(\frac{0.7906\angle-161.56^\circ}{s+1+j3}\right) + \left(\frac{0.7906\angle161.56^\circ}{s+1-j3}\right)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 + 1.5812 \cdot e^{-t} \cdot \cos(3t + 161.56^\circ) \quad \text{for } t > 0$$



Properties of LaPlace Transforms

Linearity: $af(t) + bg(t) \Leftrightarrow aF(s) + bG(s)$

Convolution: $f(t) * g(t) \Leftrightarrow F(s) \cdot G(s)$

Differentiation: $\frac{dy}{dt} \Leftrightarrow sY - y(0)$
 $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \Leftrightarrow s^2Y - sy(0) - \frac{dy(0)}{dt}$

Integration: $\int_0^t x(\tau)d\tau = \frac{1}{s} X(s)$

Delay: $x(t - T) \Leftrightarrow e^{-sT} X(s)$

Proofs

Linearity:

$$\begin{aligned}L(af(t) + bg(t)) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (af(t) + bg(t)) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (af(t)) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (bg(t)) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \\&= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \\&= aF(s) + bG(s)\end{aligned}$$

Convolution:

$$f(t) * g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - \tau) \cdot g(\tau) \cdot d\tau$$

$$L(f(t) * g(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - \tau) \cdot g(\tau) \cdot d\tau \right) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - \tau) \cdot g(\tau) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \right) \cdot d\tau$$

$$= \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - \tau) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \right) \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\tau) \cdot e^{-s\tau} \cdot d\tau \right)$$

$$= F(s) \cdot G(s)$$

Differentiation:

$$L\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{dx(t)}{dt}\right) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt$$

Assume causal (zero for $t < 0$)

$$L\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{dx(t)}{dt}\right) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt$$

Integrate by parts.

$$(ab)' = a' \cdot b + a \cdot b'$$

$$\int a' \cdot b \cdot dt = ab - \int a \cdot b' \cdot dt$$

Let

$$a' = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$a = x$$

$$b = e^{-st}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}L\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) &= \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{dx(t)}{dt}\right) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \\&= (x \cdot e^{-st})_0^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -s \cdot x(t) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \\&= -x(0) + s \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \\&= sX - x(0)\end{aligned}$$

Integration:

$$L\left(\int_0^t x(\tau) \cdot d\tau\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^t x(\tau) \cdot d\tau\right) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt$$

Integrate by parts.

$$\int a \cdot b' \cdot dt = ab - \int a' \cdot b \cdot dt$$

Let

$$a = \int_0^t x(\tau) \cdot d\tau$$

$$b' = e^{-st}$$

then

$$a' = x$$

$$b = \frac{-1}{s} e^{-st}$$

$$L\left(\int_0^t x(\tau) \cdot d\tau\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^t x(\tau) \cdot d\tau\right) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt$$

$$= \left(\int_0^t x(\tau) \cdot d\tau \cdot \frac{-1}{s} e^{-st} \right)_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{-1}{s} e^{-st} \cdot dt$$

Assuming the function vanishes at infinity

$$= \frac{1}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot dt$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) X(s)$$

Time Delay

$$L(x(t-T)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t-T) \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt$$

Do a change of variable

$$t - T = \tau$$

$$L(x(t-T)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \cdot e^{-s(\tau+T)} \cdot d\tau$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \cdot e^{-s\tau} \cdot e^{-sT} \cdot d\tau$$

$$= e^{-sT} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \cdot e^{-s\tau} \cdot d\tau$$

$$= e^{-sT} \cdot X(s)$$

Summary

LaPlace transforms

- Turn differential equations into algebraic equations
- Turn convolution in to multiplication

They are very useful in solving differential equations

- i.e. Analog Signals
- Multiplications is easier than convolution

They will also be useful in Random Processes

- If we ever need to convolve continuous pdf's, LaPlace transforms will turn this into multiplication
- In statistics, LaPlace transforms are termed *moment generating functions*