

L004 Section 6.1 Examples, part 2 notes

In the last video, we looked at inverting transforms using partial fractions. Here we look at when and how to “complete the square” in the denominator.

- Find the inverse Laplace transform:

$$\frac{2s + 3}{s^2 + 2s + 5}$$

The denominator is irreducible (for example, $b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4(5) < 0$). This is when we want to complete the square:

$$\frac{2s + 3}{s^2 + 2s + 5} = \frac{2s + 3}{(s^2 + 2s + 1) + 4} = \frac{2s + 3}{(s + 1)^2 + 2^2}$$

We need to make this look like the table entries

$$\frac{s - a}{(s - a)^2 + b^2} \quad \frac{b}{(s - a)^2 + b^2}$$

so we write:

$$\frac{2(s + 1) + 1}{(s + 1)^2 + 2^2} = 2 \frac{s + 1}{(s + 1)^2 + 2^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{(s + 1)^2 + 2^2}$$

Now we can do the inversion:

$$2e^{-t} \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} \sin(2t)$$

- Suppose that we define

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

We want to write $\mathcal{L}(y'(t))$ in terms of $Y(s)$, if possible.

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(y'(t)) dt &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} y'(t) dt \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{c} e^{-st} \\ -se^{-st} \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{c} y'(t) \\ y(t) \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \\ & (y(t)e^{-st}) \Big|_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} y(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

We assume that the limit of $y(t)e^{-st}$ is zero (we assume $Y(s)$ exists), so that this expression simplifies to:

$$\mathcal{L}(y'(t)) = sY(s) - y(0)$$

- Similarly, find a formula for $\mathcal{L}(y''(t))$ in terms of $Y(s)$.

SOLUTION: Almost identical to the previous problem, except the table has another row.

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(y''(t)) dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} y''(t) dt &\Rightarrow \begin{array}{c|c|c} + & e^{-st} & y''(t) \\ - & -se^{-st} & y'(t) \\ + & s^2 e^{-st} & y(t) \end{array} \Rightarrow \\ &(y'(t)e^{-st} + se^{-st}y(t))\Big|_0^\infty + s^2 \int_0^\infty e^{-st}y(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

We assume that the limit of the expression is zero (we assume $Y(s)$ and $\mathcal{L}(y'(t))$ both exist), so that this expression simplifies to:

$$\mathcal{L}(y''(t)) = s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)$$

These two expressions are special cases of Table Entry 18 (from the table in the book).