

• **Problem 1, p 80 via LT Method**

$$\ddot{x}(t) - 5\dot{x}(t) = t - 2, x(0) = 0, \dot{x}(0) = 2$$

Prior to applying the LT technique (in answer to student question) note that when solving this by UC method, one must choose a *quadratic* particular (steady-state) solution. Why? because the LHS (left hand side) involves *only derivatives* of the unknown function $x(t)$. (No term involves just $x(t)$.) So, for example, the first derivative term would involve a linear power of t .¹)

Since the auxiliary equation is: $r^2 - 5r = r(r - 5) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x_{tr}(t) = c_1 e^{0t} + c_2 e^{5t} = c_1 + c_2 e^{5t}$$

Choose $x_{ss}(t) = At^2 + Bt + C \Rightarrow \dot{x}_{ss}(t) = 2At + B \Rightarrow \ddot{x}_{ss}(t) = 2A$

Inserting into ODE: $2A - 5(2At + B) = t - 2 \Rightarrow$

$$t^1: \quad -10A = 1 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{10}$$

$$t^0: \quad 2A - 5B = -\frac{1}{5} - 5B = -2 \Rightarrow B = \frac{9}{25}$$

So: $x(t) = x_{tr}(t) + x_{ss}(t) = c_1 + c_2 e^{5t} - \frac{1}{10}t^2 + \frac{9}{25}t, \dot{x}(t) = 5c_2 e^{5t} - \frac{1}{5}t + \frac{9}{25}$

Inserting initial conditions: $x(0) = 0 = c_1 + c_2, \dot{x}(0) = 2 = 5c_2 + \frac{9}{25} \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{41}{125}, c_1 = -\frac{41}{125}$

Hence: $x(t) = -\frac{41}{125} + \frac{9}{25}t - \frac{1}{10}t^2 + \frac{41}{125}e^{5t}$

Note that there are two different strategies (of roughly equal # of steps) when applying the LT method: 1) Combining all terms on RHS and using partial fractions, 2) Keeping all fractions separate on RHS and using THM12.

First, the LT of the ODE is:

$$s^2 Y(s) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0) - 5(sY(s) - x(0)) = s^2 Y(s) - 5sY(s) - 2 = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{2}{s} \Rightarrow s(s-5)Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{2}{s} + 2$$

Method 1: Combine all terms on RHS into one fraction, and use Partial Fractions

$$s(s-5)Y(s) = \frac{1-2s+2s^2}{s^2} \Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1-2s+2s^2}{s^3(s-5)} = \frac{A_1}{s} + \frac{A_2}{s^2} + \frac{A_3}{s^3} + \frac{B}{(s-5)}$$

¹ This can be generalized by saying that if the LHS has a lowest-order derivative of order k , and $g(t)$ on the RHS is an n degree polynomial, then we must choose $x_{ss}(t)$ to be an $(n+k)$ - degree polynomial.

$$\text{So: } 2s^2 - 2s + 1 = A_1s^2(s-5) + A_2s(s-5) + A_3(s-5) + Bs^3$$

$$(s=0) \Rightarrow 1 = -5A_3 \Rightarrow A_3 = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$(s=5) \Rightarrow 41 = 125B \Rightarrow B = \frac{41}{125}$$

$$(s=1) \Rightarrow 1 = -4A_1 - 4A_2 + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{41}{125} = -4(A_1 + A_2) + \frac{141}{125} \Rightarrow -\frac{16}{125} = -4(A_1 + A_2) \Rightarrow \frac{4}{125} = A_1 + A_2$$

$$(s=2) \Rightarrow 5 = -12A_1 - 6A_2 + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{328}{125} \Rightarrow 5 = -6(2A_1 + A_2) + \frac{403}{125} \Rightarrow \frac{111}{125} = -6A_1 - 3A_2$$

Solving for A_1, A_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{12}{125} &= 3A_1 + 3A_2 \Rightarrow \frac{123}{125} = -3A_1 \Rightarrow A_1 = -\frac{41}{125}, A_2 + A_1 = \frac{4}{125} \Rightarrow A_2 = \frac{45}{125} = \frac{9}{25} \\ \frac{111}{125} &= -6A_1 - 3A_2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{1-2s+2s^2}{s^3(s-5)} = -\frac{41}{125s} + \frac{9}{25s^2} - \frac{1}{5s^3} + \frac{41}{125(s-5)} \\ &= -\frac{41}{125} L^{-1}\{t^0\} + \frac{9}{25} L^{-1}\{t\} - \frac{1}{5} L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2}t^2\right\} + \frac{41}{125} L^{-1}\{e^{5t}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So: } x(t) = L^{-1}\{Y(s)\} = -\frac{41}{125} + \frac{9}{25}t - \frac{1}{10}t^2 + \frac{41}{125}e^{5t}$$

Method 2: Keep terms on RHS separate, and use THM12 (when necessary)

$$s(s-5)Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{2}{s} + 2 \Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^3(s-5)} - \frac{2}{s^2(s-5)} + \frac{2}{s(s-5)} \equiv \alpha(s) + \beta(s) + \gamma(s)$$

Now, the last fraction (denoted $\gamma(s)$) has a denominator term which is the product of two linear irreducibles. Hence one can use the Heaviside Cover method:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{s(s-5)} &= \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{(s-5)} \Rightarrow (s=0) \rightarrow A = -\frac{2}{5}, (s=5) \rightarrow B = \frac{2}{5} \\ L^{-1}\{\gamma(s)\} &= L^{-1}\left\{-\frac{2}{5s} + \frac{2/5}{(s-5)}\right\} = -\frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{5}e^{5t} \end{aligned}$$

The second fraction (denoted $\beta(s)$) is a candidate for THM12, since factoring the denominator terms one readily recognizes simple inverse LT functions:

$$\beta(s) = \frac{-2}{s^2(s-5)} = -2\left\{\frac{1}{s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(s-5)}\right\} = -2\{L\{t\} \cdot L\{e^{5t}\}\} = -2L\{(t * e^{5t})\}$$

$$\text{where: } (t * e^{5t}) = \int_0^t (t-u)e^{5u} du = \int_0^t ue^{5(t-u)} du$$

Selecting the second representation of the convolution yields a slightly simpler integral (since t behaves as a constant):

$$\int_0^t u e^{5(t-u)} du = e^{5t} \int_0^t u e^{-5u} du \quad \text{Let } w = -5u, \text{ hence: } e^{5t} \int_0^t u e^{-5u} du = \frac{e^{5t}}{25} \int_0^{-5t} w e^w dw$$

Integrating by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^{5t}}{25} \int_0^{-5t} w e^w dw &= \frac{e^{5t}}{25} \left\{ w e^w \Big|_0^{-5t} - \int_0^{-5t} e^w dw \right\} = \frac{e^{5t}}{25} \left\{ -5t e^{-5t} - e^w \Big|_0^{-5t} \right\} \\ &= \frac{e^{5t}}{25} \left\{ -5t e^{-5t} - e^{-5t} + 1 \right\} = \frac{1}{25} (-5t - 1 + e^{5t}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence: } L^{-1}\{\beta(s)\} = -2\{t * e^{5t}\} = -\frac{2}{25}(-5t - 1 + e^{5t}) = \frac{1}{25}(10t - 2e^{5t} + 2)$$

Similarly for the first fraction (denoted $\alpha(s)$) is another candidate for THM12:

$$\alpha(s) = \frac{1}{s^3(s-5)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{s^3} \cdot \frac{1}{(s-5)} \right\} = \left\{ L\left\{ \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right\} \cdot L\{e^{5t}\} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} L\{t^2 * e^{5t}\}$$

$$\text{where: } (t^2 * e^{5t}) = \int_0^t (t-u)^2 e^{5u} du = \int_0^t u^2 e^{5(t-u)} du$$

Again, selecting the second representation of the convolution yields a slightly simpler integral (since t behaves as a constant):

$$\int_0^t u e^{5(t-u)} du = e^{5t} \int_0^t u^2 e^{-5u} du \quad \text{Let } w = -5u, \text{ hence: } e^{5t} \int_0^t u^2 e^{-5u} du = -\frac{e^{5t}}{125} \int_0^{-5t} w^2 e^w dw$$

Integrating by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{e^{5t}}{125} \int_0^{-5t} w^2 e^w dw = -\frac{e^{5t}}{125} \left\{ w^2 e^w \Big|_0^{-5t} - 2 \int_0^{-5t} w e^w dw \right\} = -\frac{e^{5t}}{125} \left\{ 25t^2 e^{-5t} - 2w e^w \Big|_0^{-5t} + 2 \int_0^{-5t} e^w dw \right\} \\ &= -\frac{e^{5t}}{125} \left\{ 25t^2 e^{-5t} + 10t e^{-5t} + 2e^w \Big|_0^{-5t} \right\} = -\frac{e^{5t}}{125} (25t^2 e^{-5t} + 10t e^{-5t} + 2e^{-5t} - 2) = -\frac{1}{5} t^2 - \frac{2}{25} t - \frac{2}{125} + \frac{2}{125} e^{5t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence: } L^{-1}\{\alpha(s)\} = \frac{1}{2}\{t^2 * e^{5t}\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{5} t^2 - \frac{2}{25} t - \frac{2}{125} + \frac{2}{125} e^{5t} \right\} = -\frac{1}{10} t^2 - \frac{1}{25} t - \frac{1}{125} + \frac{1}{125} e^{5t}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= L^{-1}\{Y(s)\} = L^{-1}\{\alpha(s)\} + L^{-1}\{\beta(s)\} + L^{-1}\{\gamma(s)\} \\ &= \left\{ -\frac{1}{10} t^2 - \frac{1}{25} t - \frac{1}{125} + \frac{1}{125} e^{5t} \right\} + \frac{1}{25} \{10t + 2 - 2e^{5t}\} - \frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{5} e^{5t} \\ &= -\frac{1}{10} t^2 + \frac{9}{25} t - \frac{41}{125} + \frac{41}{125} e^{5t} \end{aligned}$$

Of course, there is yet *another* method in which one could apply partial fractions to the above terms $\alpha(s)$, $\beta(s)$, but this would take just as much work (if not more) as Method1, where all the fractions are lumped together into one fraction, and subsequently applying partial fractions to it.

- **Problem 3, p 81 via LT Method:**

$$\ddot{x}(t) - 3\dot{x}(t) + 2x(t) = 8t^2 + 12e^{-t}, x(0) = 0, \dot{x}(0) = 2$$

As a review, according to UC method:

$$\text{Auxiliary equation: } r^2 - 3r + 2 = (r - 2)(r - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x_{tr}(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^t$$

Since

$$g(t) = 8t^2 + 12e^{-t} \Rightarrow x_{ss}(t) = At^2 + Bt + C + De^{-t}, \dot{x}_{ss}(t) = 2At + B - De^{-t}, \ddot{x}_{ss}(t) = 2A + De^{-t}$$

Hence inserting $x_{ss}(s)$ into the ODE:

$$(2A + De^{-t}) - 3(2At + B - De^{-t}) + 2(At^2 + Bt + C + De^{-t}) = 8t^2 + 12e^{-t}$$

$$t^2: \quad 2A = 8 \Rightarrow A = 4$$

$$t^1: \quad -6A + 2B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 12$$

$$t^0: \quad 2A - 3B + 2C = 0 \Rightarrow C = 14$$

$$e^{-t}: \quad D + 3D + 2D = 12 \Rightarrow D = 2$$

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^t + 4t^2 + 12t + 14 + 2e^{-t}, \dot{x}(t) = 2c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^t + 8t + 12 - 2e^{-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(0) = 0 = c_1 + c_2 + 16, \dot{x}(0) = 2 = 2c_1 + c_2 + 10$$

$$\therefore c_1 = 8, c_2 = -24$$

$$\text{So: } x(t) = 8e^{2t} - 24e^t + 4t^2 + 12t + 14 + 2e^{-t}$$

Using LTs:

$$L\{\ddot{x}(t) - 3\dot{x}(t) + 2x(t)\} = (s^2 Y - s \cdot 0 - 2) - 3(sY - 0) + 2Y = L\{8t^2 + 12e^{-t}\} = \frac{16}{s^3} + \frac{12}{s+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 - 3s + 2)Y - 2 = \frac{16}{s^2} + \frac{12}{s+1} \Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{16}{s^3(s-2)(s-1)} + \frac{12}{(s+1)(s-2)(s-1)} + \frac{2}{(s-2)(s-1)}$$

The second and third fractions, since their denominator terms consist in non repeating linear irreducibles, can be easily resolved using the Heaviside Cover method:

$$\frac{12}{(s+1)(s-2)(s-1)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s-2} + \frac{C}{s-1} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} s = -1: & A = \frac{12}{(-3)(-2)} = 6 \\ s = 2: & B = \frac{12}{3} = 4 \\ s = 1: & C = \frac{12}{-2} = -6 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{2}{(s-2)(s-1)} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s-1} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} s = 2: & A = 2 \\ s = 1: & B = -2 \end{cases}$$

Hence the inverse LTs of the second and third fractions are:

$$L^{-1}\left\{\left(\frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{4}{s-2} - \frac{6}{s-1}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{s-2} - \frac{2}{s-1}\right)\right\} = (2e^{-t} + 4e^{2t} - 6e^t) + (2e^{2t} - 2e^t) = 6e^{2t} - 8e^t + 2e^{-t}$$

Applying partial fractions to the first term:

$$\frac{16}{s^3(s-2)(s-1)} = \frac{A_1}{s} + \frac{A_2}{s^2} + \frac{A_3}{s^3} + \frac{B}{s-2} + \frac{C}{s-1} \Rightarrow 16 = (A_1s^2 + A_2s + A_3)(s-2)(s-1) + Bs^3(s-1) + Cs^3(s-2)$$

$$s = 0: \quad 16 = 2A_3 \Rightarrow A_3 = 8$$

$$s = 1: \quad 16 = -C \Rightarrow C = -16$$

$$s = 2: \quad 16 = 8B \Rightarrow B = 2$$

$$\text{So: } \begin{aligned} s = -1: \quad 16 &= 6A_1 - 6A_2 + 48 + 4 - 48 \Rightarrow 2 = A_1 - A_2 \\ s = -2: \quad 16A_1 - 24A_2 + 96 + 48 - 512 &\Rightarrow 16 = 2A_1 - A_2 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow A_1 = 14, A_2 = 12$$

Hence the inverse LT of the first term is:

$$L^{-1}\left\{\frac{14}{s} + \frac{12}{s^2} + \frac{8}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s-2} - \frac{16}{s-1}\right\} = 14 + 12t + 4t^2 + 2e^{2t} - 16e^t$$

Combining the two results:

$$x(t) = L^{-1}\{Y\} = (14 + 12t + 4t^2 + 2e^{2t} - 16e^t) + (6e^{2t} - 8e^t + 2e^{-t}) = 14 + 12t + 4t^2 + 8e^{2t} - 24e^t + 2e^{-t}$$

- Problem 7 (p 81 Sheng)

$$\ddot{x}(t) + x(t) = -9 \cos 2t, x(0) = 2, \dot{x}(0) = 1$$

Again, for the sake of review, using the method of UC:

$$r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r_{1,2} = \pm i \Rightarrow x_r(t) = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_{ss}(t) &= A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t \Rightarrow \ddot{x}_{ss}(t) = -4x_{ss}(t) \Rightarrow \ddot{x}_{ss}(t) + x_{ss}(t) = -3x_{ss}(t) \\
&= -3A \cos 2t - 3B \sin 2t = -9 \cos 2t \Rightarrow A = 3, B = 0 \\
\therefore x(t) &= c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t + 3 \cos 2t, \dot{x}(t) = -c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t - 6 \sin 2t \\
x(0) = 2 &= c_1 + 3 \Rightarrow c_1 = -1, \dot{x}(0) = 1 = c_2 \\
\therefore x(t) &= -\cos t + \sin t + 3 \cos 2t
\end{aligned}$$

Using the method of LTs:

$$\begin{aligned}
L\{\ddot{x} + x\} &= (s^2 Y - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0)) + Y = L\{-9 \cos 2t\} = \frac{-9s}{s^2+4} \\
\Rightarrow (s^2 + 1)Y &= \frac{-9s}{s^2+4} + 2s + 1 \\
\therefore Y(s) &= \frac{-9s}{(s^2+1)(s^2+4)} + 2 \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{s^2+1} = \frac{-9s}{(s^2+1)(s^2+4)} + L\{2 \cos t + \sin t\}
\end{aligned}$$

(The last two terms are immediately obtainable, as shown above)

The first term, however, as in the case of Problem1, can be solved either using partial fractions or THM12:

Method1 (Partial Fractions)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{-9s}{(s^2+1)(s^2+4)} &= \frac{A_1 s + A_2}{s^2+1} + \frac{B_1 s + B_2}{s^2+4} \Rightarrow -9s = (A_1 s + A_2)(s+4) + (B_1 s + B_2)(s+1) \\
\Rightarrow -9s &= (A_1 + B_1)s^3 + (A_2 + B_2)s^2 + (4A_1 + B_1)s + (4A_2 + B_2) \\
s^3: & \quad 0 = A_1 + B_1 \Rightarrow A_1 = -B_1 \\
s^2: & \quad 0 = A_2 + B_2 \Rightarrow A_2 = -B_2 \\
s^1: & \quad -9 = 4A_1 + B_1 = 4A_1 - A_1 \Rightarrow A_1 = -3, B_1 = 3 \\
s^0: & \quad 0 = 4A_2 + B_2 = -4B_2 + B_2 = 0 \Rightarrow B_2 = A_2 = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So: } L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{-9s}{(s^2+1)(s^2+4)} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{-3s}{s^2+1} + \frac{3s}{s^2+4} \right\} = -3 \cos t + 3 \cos 2t$$

$$\text{Hence: } x(t) = L^{-1}\{Y(s)\} = (-3 \cos t + 3 \cos 2t) + (2 \cos t + \sin t) = -\cos t + \sin t + 3 \cos 2t$$

Method2 (THM12)

$$-\frac{9s}{(s^2+1)(s^2+4)} = -9 \left(\frac{s}{s^2+1} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right) = -9L\{\cos t\}L\left\{\frac{1}{2} \sin 2t\right\} = L\{-9(\cos t * \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t)\} = -\frac{9}{2}L\{\cos t * \sin 2t\}$$

$$\text{where: } \cos t * \sin 2t = \int_0^t \cos(t-u) \sin 2u du = \int_0^t \cos u \sin 2(t-u) du$$

Picking the first version (though both integrals involve roughly the same amount of work):

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \cos(t-u) \sin 2u \, du &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t [\sin(t+u) - \sin(t-3u)] \, du = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin(t+u) \, du - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin(t-3u) \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{U_1(0)=t}^{U_1(t)=2t} \sin U_1 \, dU_1 + \frac{1}{6} \int_{U_2(0)=t}^{U_2(t)=-2t} \sin U_2 \, dU_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \cos U_1 \Big|_t^{2t} - \frac{1}{6} \cos U_2 \Big|_t^{-2t} = -\frac{1}{2} (\cos 2t - \cos t) - \frac{1}{6} (\cos 2t - \cos t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos t - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t - \frac{1}{6} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{6} \cos t = \frac{2}{3} \cos t - \frac{2}{3} \cos 2t = \frac{2}{3} (\cos t - \cos 2t) \end{aligned}$$

Note: In the two integrals, the first and second U-substitutions are: $U_1(u) = (t + u)$, $U_2(u) = (t - 3u)$. Also note how the property $\cos(-A) = \cos A$ was used in evaluating the second integral at the upper limit $-2t$.

$$\text{So: } L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{-9s}{(s^2+1)(s^2+4)} \right\} = -\frac{9}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} (\cos t - \cos 2t) = -3 \cos t + 3 \cos 2t$$

$$\text{Hence: } x(t) = L^{-1} \{Y(s)\} = (-3 \cos t + 3 \cos 2t) + (2 \cos t + \sin t) = -\cos t + \sin t + 3 \cos 2t$$