

# Announcements

1) HW # 4 due Tuesday  
next week

Recall:  $\mathcal{L}(f')(s)$

$$= s \mathcal{L}(f)(s) - f(0)$$

provided  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{e^{xs}} = 0!$

For which functions  $f$  is  
this true?

# Exponential Order

(Big O of an exponential function)

A function  $f$  is of exponential order  $\alpha$  if  $\exists M > 0$  and

$T \in \mathbb{R}$  (most of the time,  $T \geq 0$ )

such that

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

for all  $t \geq T$   
( $f$  is  $O(e^{\alpha t})$ )

If  $f$  is of exponential order  $s$ ,

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{e^{sx}} \right| \leq \frac{M e^{sx}}{e^{sx}} = M$$

for all  $x \geq T$ .

If  $f$  is of exponential order  $s-1$ ,

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{e^{sx}} \right| \leq \frac{M e^{(s-1)x}}{e^{sx}} = \frac{M}{e^x}$$

$\rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

In general, if  $f$  is of exponential order  $\alpha$  where  $\alpha < s$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{e^{sx}} = 0,$$

so the formula for  $\mathcal{L}(f')$  holds for all such functions:

includes any polynomial,  
any bounded function  
( $\sin(x)$ ,  $\cos(x)$ ,  $\arctan(x)$ , etc),  
logarithms, rational  
functions, ...

## Back to Brine Problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 6h(t) - \frac{3x(t)}{500}$$

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} .2, & 0 \leq t < 10 \\ .4, & t \geq 10 \end{cases}$$

Apply Laplace transform  
to both sides:

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)(s) = \mathcal{L}\left(6h(t) - \frac{3x(t)}{500}\right)(s)$$

Using linearity of the Laplace transform, the right-hand side of the equality becomes

$$6 \mathcal{L}(h(t))(s) - \frac{3}{500} \mathcal{L}(x(t))(s)$$

drop the  $t$ 's to get

$$6 \mathcal{L}(h)(s) - \frac{3}{500} \mathcal{L}(x)(s).$$

On the left-hand side of the equality, use the derivative rule.

$$\mathcal{L}(x')(s) = s \mathcal{L}(x)(s) - x(0)$$

$x(0)$  = amount of salt in the tank when  $t=0$ ,

$$= 30 \text{ kg, so}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x')(s) = s \mathcal{L}(x)(s) - 30.$$



Equating both sides,

$$s \mathcal{L}(x)(s) - 30$$

$$= 6 \mathcal{L}(h)(s) - \frac{3 \mathcal{L}(x)(s)}{500}$$

Solve for  $\mathcal{L}(x)(s)$ :

$$s \mathcal{L}(x)(s) + \frac{3 \mathcal{L}(x)(s)}{500} = 6 \mathcal{L}(h)(s) + 30$$

$$(500s + 3) \mathcal{L}(x)(s)$$

$$= 3000 \mathcal{L}(h)(s) + 15,000$$

Divide by  $500s + 3$

$$\mathcal{L}(x)(s) = \frac{3,000\mathcal{L}(h)(s) + 15,000}{500s + 3}$$

Need to compute

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

$$= \int_0^{10} .2e^{-st} dt$$

$$+ \int_{10}^{\infty} .4e^{-st} dt$$

$$\int_0^{10} 2e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \frac{2e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^{10} = \frac{2e^{-10s}}{-s} + \frac{2}{s}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} 4e^{-st} dt = 4 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^x e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 4 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^x$$

$$= 4 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{e^{-10s}}{s} - \frac{e^{-sx}}{s} \right)$$

If  $s > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-sx}}{s} = 0 \text{ and}$$

if  $s \leq 0$ , the Laplace transform does not exist. So we have

$$f(s) = \frac{2}{s} \left( 1 - e^{-10s} + 2e^{-10s} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{s} \left( 1 + e^{-10s} \right)$$

Putting all this together,

$$\mathcal{L}(x)(s) =$$

$$\frac{3000 \left( \frac{2}{s} (1 + e^{-10s}) \right) + 15000}{500s + 3}$$

$$= \frac{600}{s(500s+3)} + \frac{600e^{-10s}}{s(500s+3)} + \frac{15000}{500s+3}$$

$s > 0$ , so this function  
is continuous!

We can separate a bit  
using partial fractions:

$$\frac{1}{s(500s+3)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{500s+3}$$

$$1 = A(500s+3) + Bs$$

$$\underline{s=0}$$

$$1 = 3A$$

$$A = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\underline{s = -\frac{3}{500}}$$

$$1 = \frac{-3}{500} B$$

$$B = \frac{-500}{3}$$

Rewrite using partial fractions:

$$\mathcal{L}(x)(s) =$$

$$600 \left( \frac{1}{3s} - \frac{500}{3(500s+3)} \right) +$$

$$600 \left( \frac{e^{-10s}}{3s} - \frac{500e^{-10s}}{3(500s+3)} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{15000}{500s+3}$$

How do we get back to  $x(t)$ ?

# Inverse Laplace Transforms

(Section 7.4)

A way back to your original function from its Laplace Transform!



Observation: The Laplace Transform, restricted to functions of exponential order that are continuous is **one-to-one** (up to a set of Lebesgue measure zero)

There will be an inverse for the transform!