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where s > a. By integration by parts we can easily check that we have:

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

so for the second derivative we have

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{f''\right\}(s) = s\mathcal{L}\left\{f'\right\} - f'(0) = s^2\mathcal{L}\left\{f\right\} - f'(0) - sf(0).$$

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Therefore, as with the usual Laplace transform we obtain:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{x}'\right\}(s) = s\mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{x}\right\}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0).$$

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Consider the nonhomogeneous system

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g}(t).$$

Taking the Laplace transform of each term in the above equation we have:

$$s\mathcal{L}{\mathbf{x}}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{A}\mathcal{L}{\mathbf{x}}(s) + \mathcal{L}{\mathbf{g}}(s).$$

- **2** For simplicity we assume that  $\mathbf{x}(0) = 0$ .
- We then obtain the system:

$$(\mathbf{sI} - \mathbf{A})\mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{x}\right\}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{g}\right\}(\mathbf{s}).$$

O By inverting the matrix we obtain:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{x}\right\}(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{g}\right\}(s).$$

Then we do inverse Laplace transform of each component using known Laplace transform relations.

## All the transforms we will need

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\cos(at)\right\}(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$$
$$\mathcal{L}\left\{1\right\}(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$
$$\mathcal{L}\left\{e^{at}\right\}(s) = \frac{1}{s-a}$$
$$\mathcal{L}\left\{t^n e^{at}\right\}(s) = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$$
$$\mathcal{L}\left\{f_{step}(t,b)\right\} = \frac{1 - e^{-bs}}{s}$$
$$\mathcal{L}\left\{e^{a(t-b)}f_{heavy}(t,b)\right\} = \frac{e^{-bs}}{s-a}.$$

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Consider the system

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{dt}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1\\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} f_{step}(t,1)\\ t \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$\mathcal{L}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} f_{step} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix} \right\}(s) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s} \\ \frac{1}{s^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

2 Then we compute the  $(sI - A)^{-1}$ :

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathcal{L}\left\{g\right\} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{(s-2)s} - \frac{1}{s^2(s-2)(s-1)} \\ \frac{1}{s^2(s-1)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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### Presenting the method

So by the cover-up method, we get:

$$\frac{1-e^{-s}}{(s-2)s} - \frac{1}{s^2(s-2)(s-1)}$$
$$= \frac{1-e^{-s}}{-2s} + \frac{1-e^{-s}}{2(s-2)} - \frac{1}{2s^2} + \frac{1}{(s-1)} - \frac{1}{4(s-2)} - \frac{3}{4s}.$$

2 Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= -\frac{1}{2} f_{step}(t,1) + \frac{1}{2} (e^t - e^{2(t-1)} f_{heavy}(t,1)) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} t + e^t - \frac{1}{4} e^t - \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$x_2(t) = -t^2 - 1 + e^t$$

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## In class example

Consider the system

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} f_{step}(t) \\ e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{1\right\}(s) = \frac{1}{s}, \mathcal{L}\left\{e^{at}\right\}(s) = \frac{1}{s-a}, \mathcal{L}\left\{t^{n}e^{at}\right\}(s) = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}\left\{f_{step}(t,b)\right\} = \frac{1 - e^{-bs}}{s}, \mathcal{L}\left\{e^{a(t-b)}f_{H}(t,b)\right\} = \frac{e^{-bs}}{s-a}$$

$$1-f_{\mathcal{H}}(t,b)=f_{step}(t,b)=egin{cases} 1, & 0\leq t\leq b\ & \ 0, & t>b \end{cases}$$

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First we compute the Laplace transform of g:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\binom{f_{step}}{e^{-2t}}\right\}(s) = \binom{\frac{1-e^{-s}}{s}}{\frac{1}{s+2}}$$

2 Then we compute the  $(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}$ :

$$(s\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathcal{L}\left\{g\right\} = \left(rac{1-e^{-s}}{(s+1)s} + rac{1}{(s+3)(s+1)(s+2)} \\ rac{1}{(s+3)(s+2)}
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### in class example

• For the first component we have:

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

for second

$$\frac{-1}{(s+3)}+\frac{1}{s+2}.$$

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So the first component is

$$x_1 = e^{-t} - e^{-(t-1)} f_{\mathcal{H}}(t,1) - f_{step}(t,1) + rac{1}{2}e^{-3t} - e^{-2t} + 2e^{-t}$$

the second component is

$$\frac{x_{0}(t) = -\rho^{-3t} + \rho^{-2t} + e^{-2t}}{AT244 \text{ Ordinary Differential Equations}} + e^{-2t} + e^{-2t$$

We return to the damping-free pendulum system

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{dt}} = y, \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{dt}} = -\frac{g}{L}\sin(x).$$

Consider the total energy of the system:

$$E(x, y) = \text{Potential} + \text{Kinetic}$$
$$= U(x, y) + K(x, y)$$
$$:= mgL(1 - cos(x)) + \frac{1}{2}mL^2y^2.$$

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