


## Introduction to Laplace Transforms


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## Outline

- Review last class
- Why Laplace transforms
  - Definitions of Laplace transforms
  - Getting a transform by integration
  - Finding transforms (and inverse transforms) from tables and theorems
  - Applications to differential equations
- Examples for homogenous and nonhomogeneous equations



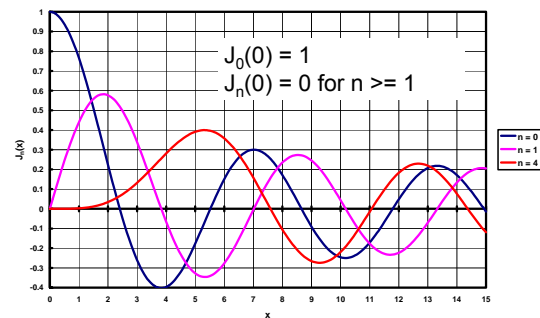
## Review Last Class

- Bessel's Equation  $\frac{d^2y(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + \frac{x^2 - \nu^2}{x^2} y = 0$
- Solution for non-integer  $\nu$  is  $y = AJ_{\nu}(x) + BJ_{-\nu}(x)$
- Solution for integer  $\nu = n$  is  $y = AJ_n(x) + BY_n(x)$
- Can find Bessel functions in tables and from Excel (integer only) or MATLAB (both integer and non-integer)



## Bessel Functions $J_n(x)$

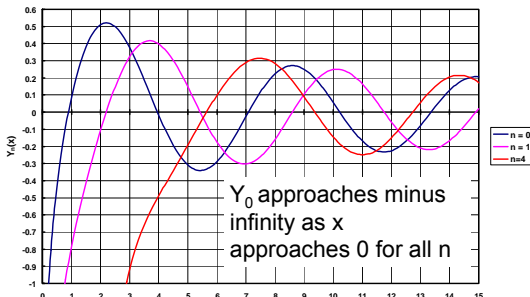
Bessel Functions of the First Kind for Integer Orders



$J_0(0) = 1$   
 $J_n(0) = 0$  for  $n \geq 1$

## Bessel Functions $Y_n(x)$


Bessel Functions of the Second Kind for Integer Order



$Y_0$  approaches minus infinity as  $x$  approaches 0  
 $Y_n$  approaches 0 for all  $n > 0$

## Laplace Transform Definition

- Transforms from a function of time,  $f(t)$ , to a function in a complex space,  $F(s)$ , where  $s$  is a complex variable
- The transform of a function, is written as  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  denotes the Laplace transform
- Laplace transform defined as the following integral:  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = F(s)$
- Have tables of  $F(s) \Leftrightarrow f(t)$



### Simple Laplace Transforms

f(t)	F(s)	f(t)	F(s)
$t^n$	$n!/s^{n+1}$	$e^{at}\sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2}$
$t^x$	$\Gamma(x+1)/s^{x+1}$		
$e^{at}$	$1/(s-a)$	$e^{at}\cos \omega t$	$\frac{(s-a)}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2}$
$\sin \omega t$	$\omega/(s^2 + \omega^2)$		
$\cos \omega t$	$s/(s^2 + \omega^2)$	Additional transforms in pp 264-267/248-251 of Kreyszig 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> edition	
$\sinh \omega t$	$\omega/(s^2 - \omega^2)$		
$\cosh \omega t$	$s/(s^2 - \omega^2)$		

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- ### Finding Laplace Transforms
- Although we can use the transform definition to find transforms, we usually rely on tables
  - Simple integration: find  $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}]$
  - $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \frac{1}{a-s} e^{(a-s)t} \Big|_0^\infty = \frac{1}{s-a}$
  - Such integration is for example only; we can find such simple transforms in the transform tables
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- ### Why Laplace Transforms?
- Simplified technique for solving initial value problems (IVP)
  - Use transform tables to get transforms labeled F(s) for usual functions, f(t)
    - Transforms differential equations (with t as independent variable) into algebraic equations (with s as algebraic variable) and initial condition(s)
    - Tables used to transform equations terms from f(t) to F(s) and vice versa
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- ### Why Laplace Transforms (cont'd)
- Transformed ODE in s space is manipulated to get only F(s) forms available in transform table
  - Use transform tables to get transforms from terms in F(s) back to f(t) term
  - You now have the solution!
  - Simple example: find y(t) for  $dy/dt + ky = 0$  with  $y(0) = a$
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- ### Simple Example
- Find y(t) for  $dy/dt + ky = 0$
  - From transform table  $\mathcal{L}(dy/dt) = sY(s) - y(0)$  and  $\mathcal{L}[ky(t)] = kY(s)$
  - Transformed equation of  $dy/dt + ky = 0$  is  $sY(s) - y(0) + kY(s) = 0$
  - Find Y(s) by algebra:  $Y(s) = y(0)/(s - k)$
  - From transform table for  $Y(s) = 1/(s - a)$ ,  $y(t) = e^{-at}$ , so solution is  $y(t) = y(0)e^{-kt}$
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- ### Basic Transform Properties
- Linearity Theorem
  - $\mathcal{L}[af_1(t) + bf_2(t)] = a\mathcal{L}[f_1(t)] + b\mathcal{L}[f_2(t)]$
  - First shifting theorem
  - If  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s)$  then  $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)] = F(s - a)$
  - Derivative transforms for  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s)$ 
    - $\mathcal{L}[df/dt] = sF(s) - f(0)$
    - $\mathcal{L}[d^2f/dt^2] = s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
    - $\mathcal{L}[d^nf/dt^n] = s^nF(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - \dots - sf^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
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### Linearity Theorem

- Statement of Theorem
- $\mathcal{L}[af_1(t) + bf_2(t)] = a\mathcal{L}[f_1(t)] + b\mathcal{L}[f_2(t)]$
- Proof of linearity theorem
- $$\mathcal{L}[af_1(t) + bf_2(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} [af_1(t) + bf_2(t)] dt$$

$$= a \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f_1(t) dt + b \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f_2(t) dt = a\mathcal{L}[f_1(t)] + b\mathcal{L}[f_2(t)]$$
- Importance: The Laplace transform of a ODE with constant coefficients is the sum of the transforms of all terms in the ODE

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### First Shifting Theorem

- If  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s)$  then  $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)] = F(s - a)$
- Get proof of first shifting theorem by modifying integral for  $F(s)$  to get  $F(s - a)$
- $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$
- $F(s - a) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} [e^{at} f(t)] dt = \mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)]$
- E.g.  $\mathcal{L}[\sin(\omega t)] = F(s) = \omega^2 / (s^2 - \omega^2)$  then  $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}\sin(\omega t)] = F(s - a) = \omega^2 / [(s - a)^2 - \omega^2]$

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### Derivative Transformations

- Derivation for  $f' = df/dt$
- $$\mathcal{L}(f') = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt = [e^{-st} f(t)]_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = [0 - f(0)] + s\mathcal{L}(f)$$
- Derivative transforms of different orders
  - $\mathcal{L}[df/dt] = sF(s) - f(0)$
  - $\mathcal{L}[d^2f/dt^2] = s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
  - $\mathcal{L}[d^nf/dt^n] = s^nF(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - \dots - sf^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0)$

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### Transform Notation

- Use lower case letters for dependent variables in original differential equation
- Time,  $t$ , is the usual independent variable
- If the ODE uses  $f(t)$ , use  $F(s)$  for the notation of the transformed variable
  - Similarly use  $Y(s)$  for the transformed variable if the original variable is  $y(t)$
  - Transform tables usually use  $f(t)$  and  $F(s)$

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### Solving Differential Equations

- Transform all terms in the differential equation to get an algebraic equation
  - For a differential equation in  $y(t)$  we get the transforms  $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}[y(t)]$
  - Similar notation for other transformed functions in the equation  $R(s) = \mathcal{L}[r(t)]$
- Solve the algebraic equation for  $Y(s)$
- Obtain the inverse transform for  $Y(s)$  from tables to get  $y(t)$ 
  - Manipulations often required to get from  $Y(s)$  equation to transforms in tables

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### Differential Equation Example

- Transform all terms in the differential equation to get an algebraic equation
  - For  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$  we get the following:
 
$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 3[sY(s) - y(0)] + 2Y(s) = 0$$
- Solve the algebraic equation for  $Y(s)$ 
  - $(s^2 + 3s + 2)Y(s) = (s + 3)y(0) + y'(0)$
  - $(s + 1)(s + 2) Y(s) = y(0) s + 3y(0) + y'(0)$
$$Y(s) = \frac{y(0)s}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} + \frac{3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s + 1)(s + 2)}$$

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### Get Inverse Transform

- From transform table in Kreyszig (section 6.9, tenth edition, p. 249, entries 11 and 12 for  $a \neq b$ )

$$F(s) = \frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)} \Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{ae^{at} - be^{bt}}{a-b}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)} \Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{e^{at} - e^{bt}}{a-b}$$

- We have

$$Y(s) = \frac{y(0)s}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

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### Apply Inverse Transforms

$$Y(s) = \frac{y(0)s}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$y(t) = y(0) \frac{(-1)e^{1t} - (-2)e^{-2t}}{-1 - (-2)} + [3y(0) + y'(0)] \frac{e^{1t} - e^{-2t}}{-1 - (-2)}$$

$$y(t) = y(0)[2e^{-2t} - e^{-t}] + [3y(0) + y'(0)][e^{-t} - e^{-2t}]$$

- Solution valid for any initial conditions

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### About Inverse Transformations

- Use transform table
- May be able to use the first shifting theorem discussed earlier
- Method of partial fractions will be discussed later in this lecture
- Use second shifting theorem
  - Second shifting theorem uses definitions of Heavyside unit function and Dirac delta function discussed next lecture

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### Nonhomogenous ODE Example

- Look at nonhomogeneous case for same ODE analyzed previously
- $y'' + 3y' + 2y = r(t)$
- Transform all terms in the equation and rearrange to solve for  $Y(s)$

$$-s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 3[sY(s) - y(0)] + 2Y(s) = R(s) = \mathcal{L}[r(t)]$$

$$-(s^2 + 3s + 2)Y(s) = (s + 3)y(0) + y'(0) + R(s)$$

$$-(s + 1)(s + 2) Y(s) = y(0) s + R(s) + 3y(0) + y'(0)$$

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### Nonhomogenous Example II

- Solve  $(s + 1)(s + 2) Y(s) = y(0) s + R(s) + 3y(0) + y'(0)$  for  $Y(s)$

$$Y(s) = \frac{R(s)}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{y(0)s + 3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$Q(s) \equiv \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$Y(s) = R(s)Q(s) + [y(0)s + 3y(0) + y'(0)]Q(s)$$

- $Q(s)$ ,  $H(s)$  or  $W(s)$  also used for  $Q$  is called the system or transfer function

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### Nonhomogenous Example III

- Second term same as homogenous case

$$Y(s) = \frac{R(s)}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{y(0)s + 3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$\frac{y(0)s + 3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{y(0)s}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

- Kreyszig, Table 6.9, No. 11 & 12

$$\mathcal{T}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s+1)(s+2)} \right] = \frac{-1e^{-1t} - (-2)e^{-2t}}{-1 - (-2)}$$

$$\mathcal{T}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \right] = \frac{e^{-1t} - e^{-2t}}{-1 - (-2)}$$

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### Nonhomogenous Example IV

- Pick some  $r(t)$  and get corresponding  $R(s)$  to get example solution
  - Pick  $r(t) = \sin \omega t$  so  $R(s) = \omega/(s^2 + \omega^2)$

$$Y(s) = \frac{y(0)s + R(s)}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{y(0)s}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{\omega}{(s+1)(s+2)(s^2 + \omega^2)} + \frac{3y(0) + y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

- Cannot find  $\omega/(s+a)(s+b)(s^2 + \omega^2)$  in transform table

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### Partial Fractions

- Method to convert fraction with several factors in denominator into sum of individual factors (in denominator)
- Example is  $1/(s+a)(s+b)$
- Write  $1/(s+a)(s+b) = A/(s+a) + B/(s+b)$
- Multiply by  $(s+a)(s+b)$  and equate coefficients of like powers of  $s$ 
  - $1 = A(s+b) + B(s+a)$
  - $-A + B = 0$  for  $s^1$  terms and  $1 = bA + aB$  for  $s^0$  terms and  $A + B = 0$  for  $s^1$  terms

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### Partial Fractions II

- $-A + B = 0$  for  $s^1$  terms and  $1 = bA + aB$  for  $s^0$  terms
- Solving for  $A$  and  $B$  gives  $A = -B = 1/(b-a)$
- Result:  $1/(s+a)(s+b) = 1/[(b-a)(s+a)] - 1/[(b-a)(s+b)]$
- This actually matches a table entry
- Follow same basic process for more complex fractions
- Special rules for repeated factors and complex factors

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### Partial Fraction Rules

- Repeated factors for repeated factors
 
$$\frac{1}{\dots(s+a)^n \dots} = \dots + \frac{A_n}{(s+a)^n} + \frac{A_{n-1}}{(s+a)^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{A_2}{(s+a)^2} + \frac{A_1}{s+a} + \dots$$
- Complex factors  $(s + \alpha - i\beta)(s + \alpha + i\beta)$ 

$$\frac{1}{\dots(s + \alpha - i\beta)(s + \alpha + i\beta) \dots} = \dots + \frac{As + B}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2} + \dots$$
- Pure imaginary factor is complex factor with  $\alpha = 0$ 

$$\dots + \frac{1}{s^2 + \beta^2} + \dots = \dots + \frac{1}{(s - i\beta)(s + i\beta)} = \dots + \frac{As + B}{s^2 + \beta^2} + \dots$$

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### Example: Apply Partial Fractions

- Split expression not found in table into components (complex factor,  $s^2 + \omega^2$ )
 
$$\frac{\omega}{(s+1)(s+2)(s^2 + \omega^2)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+2} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$
- Multiply by original denominator
 
$$\omega = A(s+2)(s^2 + \omega^2) + B(s+1)(s^2 + \omega^2) + (Cs + D)(s+1)(s+2)$$

$$\omega = A(s^3 + 2s^2 + \omega^2 s + 2\omega^2) + B(s^3 + s^2 + \omega^2 s + \omega^2) + C(s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s) + D(s^2 + 3s + 2)$$

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### Continuing Example

- Equate coefficients of like  $s$  powers
 
$$\omega = A(s^3 + 2s^2 + \omega^2 s + 2\omega^2) + B(s^3 + s^2 + \omega^2 s + \omega^2) + C(s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s) + D(s^2 + 3s + 2)$$
- $0 = A + B + C$  ( $s^3$  terms)
- $0 = 2A + B + 3C + D$  ( $s^2$  terms)
- $0 = A\omega^2 + B\omega^2 + 2C + 3D$  ( $s^1$  terms)
- $\omega = 2A\omega^2 + B\omega^2 + 2D$  ( $s^0$  terms)
- Solve for  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$

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### Solve for A, B, C, and D

- Gauss elimination for augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ \omega^2 & \omega^2 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2\omega^2 & \omega^2 & 0 & 2 & \omega \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\omega^2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\omega^2 & -2\omega^2 & 2 & \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\omega^2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3\omega^2 & 2-\omega^2 & \omega \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\omega^2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2-\omega^2-\frac{9\omega^2}{2-\omega^2} & \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Backsolve for A, B, C, and D

$$D = \frac{\omega}{2-\omega^2 - \frac{9\omega^2}{2-\omega^2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\omega^2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2-\omega^2 - \frac{9\omega^2}{2-\omega^2} & \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\omega(2-\omega^2)}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\omega^2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2-\omega^2 - \frac{9\omega^2}{2-\omega^2} & \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \frac{-3D}{2-\omega^2} = \frac{-3}{2-\omega^2} \frac{\omega(2-\omega^2)}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2} = \frac{-3\omega}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2}$$

$$B = C + D = \frac{-3\omega}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2} + \frac{\omega(2-\omega^2)}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2} = \frac{-\omega - \omega^3}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2}$$

$$A = -B - C = -\frac{-\omega - \omega^3}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2} - \frac{-3\omega}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2} = \frac{4\omega + \omega^3}{(2-\omega^2)^2 - 9\omega^2}$$

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### Write Y(s) – Get Transforms

$$Y(s) = \frac{y(0)s}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{\omega}{(s+1)(s+2)(s^2+\omega^2)} + \frac{3y(0)+y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$\frac{\omega}{(s+1)(s+2)(s^2+\omega^2)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+2} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+\omega^2} = \frac{4\omega+\omega^3}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} + \frac{-\omega-\omega^3}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2}$$

$$\frac{s+1}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} + \frac{s+2}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} + \frac{-3\omega}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} s + \frac{\omega(2-\omega^2)}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2}$$

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### Write Y(s) – Get Transforms II

$$Y(s) = \frac{y(0)s}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{4\omega+\omega^3}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{-\omega-\omega^3}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} \frac{1}{s+2}$$

$$- \frac{3\omega}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} \frac{s+\frac{(2-\omega^2)}{3}}{(s^2+\omega^2)} + \frac{3y(0)+y'(0)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$y(t) = y(0) \frac{2e^{-2t} - (-1)e^{-t}}{-2 - (-1)} + \frac{(4\omega+\omega^3)e^{-t}}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} - \frac{(\omega+\omega^3)e^{-2t}}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2}$$

$$- \frac{3\omega}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} \left[ \cos \omega t + \frac{2-\omega^2}{3} \frac{\sin \omega t}{\omega} \right] + (3y(0)+y'(0)) \frac{e^{-2t} - e^{-t}}{-2 - (-1)}$$

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### Laplace Transform Solution

$$y(t) = y(0)(2e^{-2t} - e^{-t}) + \frac{(4\omega+\omega^3)e^{-t}}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} - \frac{(\omega+\omega^3)e^{-2t}}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2}$$

$$- \frac{3\omega \sin \omega t}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} + \frac{\omega(2-\omega^2) \cos \omega t}{(2-\omega^2)^2-9\omega^2} - (3y(0)+y'(0))(e^{-2t} - e^{-t})$$

- Usual solution starts with numerical values of  $\omega$  and initial conditions
  - These numerical values simplify the result
  - Solution presented here is valid for any  $\omega$  and any initial conditions

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### Other Applications

- We can apply this to a system of equations for  $y_i(t)$ 
  - Transform all equations from  $y_i(t)$  to  $Y_i(s)$
  - Solve simultaneous algebraic equations for each  $Y_i(s)$
  - Get inverse transforms for  $y_i(t)$
  - Will consider systems of equations in the next class period

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