

# MEEM 3700 Mechanical Vibrations

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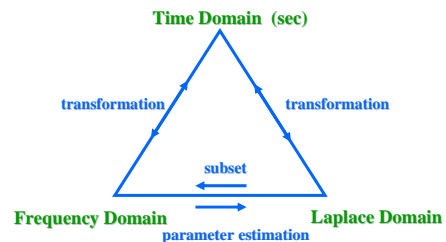
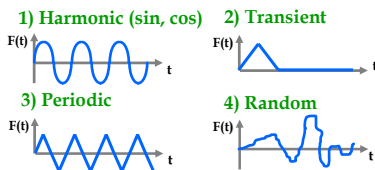
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## Laplace Transform



Each domain can be thought of as a different coordinate system that is used to view or describe the characteristics of a system or event.

The **Time Domain** is usually the basis for a description of a systems dynamic behavior, e.g. differential equation of motion. Events are measured as a function of time.

The **Frequency Domain** highlights the periodic characteristics of the system or event.

The **Laplace Domain** describes the system in terms of frequency and damping information (poles) or Mode Shape information (residues).

**Laplace Transform**

The Laplace transform of a function  $x(t)$  is defined as:

$$X(s) = L[x(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$\underbrace{e^{-st}}_{\text{Kernel of transformation}}$

Where  $s$  (a complex function) is a subsidiary variable.

$$s = -\sigma + j\omega \quad \text{Units are rad/sec}$$

**Laplace Transform: Example**

To solve:  $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F(t)$   $\longrightarrow$   $L[\dot{x}(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} e^{-st} dt$

$$= e^{-st} x(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -s e^{-st} x(t) dt$$

$$= e^{-st} x(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} x(t) dt$$

$$= sX(s) - x(0)$$

Similarly  $L[\ddot{x}(t)] = s^2 X(s) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0)$

**Laplace Transform: Example**

**In general:**  $\frac{d^m x(t)}{dx^m} = s^m X(s) - s^{m-1}x(0) - s^{m-2}\dot{x}(0) - \dots - x^{m-1}(0)$

**The EOM becomes:**  $mL[\ddot{x}(t)] + cL[\dot{x}(t)] + kL[x(t)] = L[F(t)]$

**i.e.**  $(ms^2 + cs + k)X(s) = F(s) + m\ddot{x}(0) + (ms + c)x(0)$

**For the steady-state solution:**  $\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + cs + k} = \frac{1}{m(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}$   
 (assuming  $x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0$ )

$$X(s) = H(s)F(s) \text{ where } H(s) = \frac{1}{ms^2 + cs + k}$$

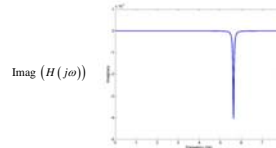
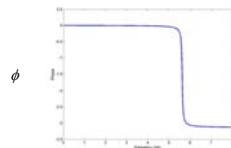
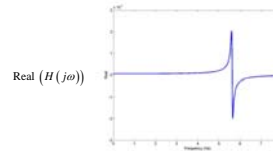
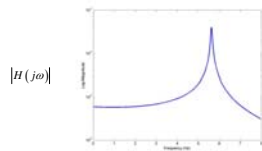
$$x(t) = L^{-1}[X(s)] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{F(s)}{ms^2 + cs + k}\right]$$

$H(s) = \frac{1}{ms^2 + cs + k}$  is called the Transfer Function

if  $s = j\omega$

**Recall from Lecture 12**

$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{-\omega^2 m + jc\omega + k}$  is called the Frequency Response Function



**Laplace Transform: Example**

**Special Case: Undamped System, Free Vibration**

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = 0 \Rightarrow \ddot{x} + \omega_n^2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad s^2 X(s) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0) + \omega_n^2 X(s) = 0$$

$$X(s) = \frac{x(0) + s\dot{x}(0)}{s^2 + \omega_n^2} \quad x(t) = L^{-1}[X(s)]$$

Use the Table of Laplace Transforms to get  $x(t)$  from  $X(s)$

i.e.  $X(s) = \frac{\dot{x}(0) + sx(0)}{s^2 + \omega_n^2}$

From the table:

$$L^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right) = \cos(at)$$

$$L^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}\right) = \sin(at)$$

$$x(t) = x(0)\cos(\omega_n t) + \frac{\dot{x}(0)}{\omega_n}\sin(\omega_n t)$$

**Laplace Transform: Method of Partial Fractions**

e.g. If  $X(s) = \frac{s+1}{s(s+2)}$  find  $x(t)$

This does not appear in the Laplace Transform table.

To solve, we use Partial Fractions

$$\frac{s+1}{s(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{s+1}{s(s+2)} = \frac{A(s+2) + sB}{s(s+2)}$$

i.e.  $s + 1 = A(s + 2) + sB = (A + B)s + 2A$

Equating Coefficients:  $A + B = 1 \quad 2A = 1 \quad A = B = \frac{1}{2}$

Hence  $X(s) = \frac{1}{2s} + \frac{1}{2(s+2)}$  Now, from table:  $x(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-2t})$

**Laplace Transform: Other Rules – Multiple Roots**

e.g.  $\frac{\omega^2}{s(s+\omega)^2} \longrightarrow \frac{\omega^2}{s(s+\omega)^2} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+\omega} + \frac{C}{(s+\omega)^2}$

Multiply both sides by  $s(s+\omega)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^2 &= A(s+\omega)^2 + Bs(s+\omega) + Cs \\ &= A(s^2 + 2s\omega + \omega^2) + Bs^2 + Bs\omega + Cs \\ &= s^2(A+B) + s(2A\omega + B\omega + C) + A\omega^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equating Coefficients:  $A=1 \quad A+B=0 \quad A=-B=-1$

$$\begin{aligned} 2A\omega + B\omega + C &= 0 \longrightarrow C = -(2A\omega + B\omega) \\ &= -\omega(2A + B) \\ &= -\omega \end{aligned}$$

$A = 1$	$B = -1$	$C = -\omega$
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**Laplace Transform: Other Rules – Multiple Roots (continued)**

From the equation coefficients:  $A = 1 \quad B = -1 \quad C = -\omega$

Hence,

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

From table,

$$x(t) = 1 - e^{-\omega t} - \omega t e^{-\omega t}$$

**Laplace Transform: Another example involving Partial Fractions**

$$X(s) = \frac{s+3}{(s+1)(s^2+2s+5)} \longrightarrow \frac{s+3}{(s+1)(s^2+2s+5)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2+2s+5}$$

$$(s+3) = (A+B)s^2 + (2A+B+C)s + (5A+C)$$

$$A+B=0 \quad 2A+B+C=1 \quad 5A+C=0$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \quad B = -\frac{1}{2} \quad C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{2(s+1)} + \frac{1-s}{2(s^2+2s+5)} = \frac{1}{2(s+1)} - \frac{s+1-2}{2(s^2+2s+5)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(s+1)} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+4} + \frac{2}{2(s^2+2s+5)} \longrightarrow \text{Invert this using the table to get}$$

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

**Laplace Transform: Other Rules**

**If**  $F(s) = \frac{P(s)}{Q(s)}$

**express**  $Q(s) = (s-a_1)(s-a_2)...(s-a_n)$

**where**  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are distinct roots of  $Q(s)$

**Then**  $f(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{P(a_k)}{Q'(a_k)} e^{a_k t} \quad Q' = \frac{dQ}{ds}$

**e.g.**  $\frac{P(s)}{Q(s)} = \frac{F_0}{ms^2+cs+k} \quad a_{1,2} = -\frac{c}{2m} \pm \sqrt{\frac{c^2-4km}{2m}}$

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0 e^{a_1 t}}{2ma_1+c} + \frac{F_0 e^{a_2 t}}{2ma_2+c}$$

**Solution of an O.D.E. using Laplace Transforms**

For example:  $\ddot{x} + 4\dot{x} + 3x = 0$        $x(0) = 0$        $\dot{x}(0) = 1$

**Laplace Transform Method**

$$[s^2 X(s) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0)] + 4[sX(s) - x(0)] + 3X(s) = 0$$

$$s^2 X(s) - 1 + 4sX(s) - 0 + 3X(s) = 0$$

$$X(s)[s^2 + 4s + 3] = 1$$

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

$$x(t) = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 3} \right]$$

expand  $\frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 3}$  as partial fractions.

**Traditional Method**

$$m = 1 \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{3} \quad 2\zeta\omega_n = 4$$

Overdamped System  $\zeta = \frac{4}{2\sqrt{3}} \geq 1$

$$\alpha^2 + 4\alpha + 3 = 0$$

$$\alpha_{1,2} = -1, -3$$

$$x(t) = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-3t}$$

$$x(0) = 0 \quad \dot{x}(0) = 1$$

$$A + B = 0 \quad A = -B$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 1 = -A - 3B$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \quad B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t}$$

**Solution of an O.D.E. using Laplace Transforms**

Using partial fractions:  $X(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 3} = \frac{A}{(s+1)} + \frac{B}{(s+3)}$

$$A(s+3) + B(s+1) = 1 \quad s = -1 \text{ and } s = -3 \text{ are the roots}$$

put  $s = -1 \Rightarrow 2A = 1 \quad A = \frac{1}{2}$

put  $s = -3 \Rightarrow -2B = 1 \quad B = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$x(t) = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1/2}{(s+1)} - \frac{1/2}{(s+3)} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{from table}} x(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} \quad \text{Same as before}$$

**Solution of an O.D.E. using Laplace Transforms**

**Alternate Method:**

If  $X(s) = \frac{P(s)}{Q(s)}$

Here  $a_1 = -1$      $P(s) = 1$   
 $a_2 = -3$      $Q(s) = s^2 + 4s + 3$

$x(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{P(a_k)}{Q'(a_k)} e^{a_k t}$

$x(t) = \frac{1}{2s+4}|_{s=-1} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2s+4}|_{s=-3} e^{-3t}$

$Q' = \frac{dQ}{ds}$

$= \frac{e^{-t}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t}$

**Solution of an O.D.E. using Laplace Transforms: Example 2**

$\ddot{x} + 4\dot{x} + 3x = e^{-t} \xrightarrow{LT} [s^2 X(s) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0)] + 4[sX(s) - x(0)] + 3X(s) = L(e^{-t})$

with

$x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 1$

Here

$\omega_n = \sqrt{3}$

and it is an

Overdamped System

$\zeta = \frac{4}{2\sqrt{3}} > 1$

$(s^2 X(s) - s - 1) + 4(sX(s) - 1) + 3(Xs) = \frac{1}{s+1}$  from table

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

$X(s)[s^2 + 4s + 3] = \frac{1}{(s+1)} + (s+5) = \frac{s^2 + 6s + 6}{(s+1)}$

$X(s) = \frac{s^2 + 6s + 6}{(s+1)(s^2 + 4s + 3)} = \frac{s^2 + 6s + 6}{(s+1)^2 (s+3)}$

$x(t) = L^{-1}[X(s)]$

**Solution of an O.D.E. using Laplace Transforms: Example 2**

**Using Partial Fractions:** 
$$\frac{s^2 + 6s + 6}{(s+1)^2(s+3)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{C}{s+3}$$

$$A(s+1)(s+3) + B(s+3) + C(s+1)^2 = s^2 + 6s + 6$$

**put**  $s = -1 \Rightarrow 2B = 1 \quad B = \frac{1}{2}$

**put**  $s = -3 \Rightarrow 4C = 9 - 18 + 6 \quad C = -\frac{3}{4}$

**Equation Coefficients of  $s^2$ :**  $A + C = 1 \quad A = 1 - C = 1 + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{7}{4}$

$$x(t) = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{7/4}{(s+1)} + \frac{1/2}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{-3/4}{s+3} \right] \quad \text{From table,}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{7}{4}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}te^{-t} - \frac{3}{4}e^{-3t}$$

**time delay theorem**  $\rightarrow$

$$L^{-1}F(s-a) = e^{at}L^{-1}F(s)$$

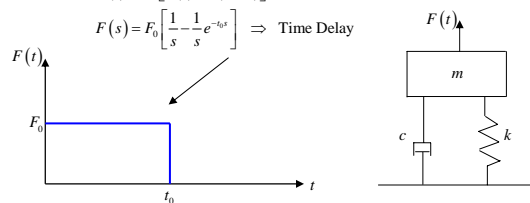
**Laplace Transform Method: Example 3**

Determine the response of the harmonic oscillator ( $m, c, k$ ) to the excitation shown in the figure below, a constant force  $F_0$  acting for time  $t_0$ .

**Solution** The differential equation of motion is  $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F(t)$ . We take the Laplace Transform of both sides of the equation, observing that

$$f(t) = F_0[u(t) - u(t-t_0)] \quad L[F(t)] = \frac{F_0(1 - e^{-t_0s})}{s}$$

$$F(s) = F_0 \left[ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s}e^{-t_0s} \right] \Rightarrow \text{Time Delay}$$



**Therefore** 
$$m[-sx(0) - \dot{x}(0) + s^2X(s)] + c[-x(0) + sX(s)] + kX(s) = \frac{F_0(1 - e^{-t_0s})}{s}$$

**or** 
$$(ms^2 + cs + k)X(s) = \frac{F_0(1 - e^{-t_0s})}{s} + (ms + c)x(0) + m\dot{x}(0)$$

**Laplace Transform Method: Example 3**

But  $x(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ ; therefore,

$$X(s) = \frac{(1 - e^{-t_0 s}) F_0}{s(ms^2 + cs + k)} = X_1(s) + X_2(s) \text{ , where}$$

$$X_1(s) = \frac{F_0}{s(ms^2 + cs + k)} \text{ , } X_2(s) = \frac{-F_0 e^{-t_0 s}}{s(ms^2 + cs + k)}$$

To invert these, use the standard form.

**Laplace Transform Method: Example 3**

If  $F(s) = \frac{P(s)}{Q(s)}$ , then  $F(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{P(a_k)}{Q'(a_k)} e^{a_k t}$ , For  $P(s) = F_0$ ,  $Q(s) = ms^3 + cs^2 + ks$

$$Q = 3ms^2 + 2cs + k$$

$$a_1 = 0, \quad a_{2,3} = \frac{-c}{2m} \pm \frac{(c^2 - 4km)^{1/2}}{2m}$$

$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are distinct roots of  $Q(s)$ .

$$x_1(t) = F_0 \left( \frac{1}{k} + \frac{e^{a_2 t}}{3ma_2^2 + 2ca_2 + k} + \frac{e^{a_3 t}}{3ma_3^2 + 2ca_3 + k} \right)$$

For  $X_2(s)$ , we note that it is of the form  $X_2(s) = e^{-at} X_1(s)$ .

Using the time delay property,

$$x_2(t) = -F_0 \left( \frac{1}{k} + \frac{e^{a_2(t-t_0)}}{3ma_2^2 + 2ca_2 + k} + \frac{e^{a_3(t-t_0)}}{3ma_3^2 + 2ca_3 + k} \right) \quad t > t_0, \quad x_2(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < t_0$$

### Laplace Transform Method: Example 3

