

Homework 3 — MATH 1586 Spring 2018

Recall the technique of integration by parts is of the form

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du.$$

Also recall that we derived the antiderivative of the natural logarithm using integration by parts:

$$\int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x + C.$$

Recall that an “improper integral” of the form \int_a^∞ or of the form $\int_{-\infty}^b$ is understood in the following way:

$$\int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

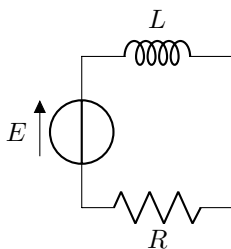
and

$$\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

Finally, recall the definition of the Laplace transform of a function f :

$$\mathcal{L}\{f\}(x) = \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-xt} dt.$$

1. (“RL-Circuit problem”)



In a series circuit containing only a resistor (R , measured in ohms), an inductor (L , measured in henries which are ohm · sec), and a current at time t , $i(t)$ (measured in amps), Kirchoff’s second law states that the sum of the voltage drop across the inductor $\left(L \frac{di}{dt}\right)$ and the voltage drop across the resistor (iR) is the same as the impressed voltage ($E(t)$) on the circuit. We obtain the differential equation for the current $i(t)$

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri(t) = E(t),$$

where L and R are constants known as the inductance and resistance.

A 25-volt electromotive force is applied to a series circuit in which the inductance is 1 henry and the resistance is 30 ohms. $i' + 30i = 25$

a.) What is the differential equation we must solve here?

Solution: $\frac{di}{dt} + 30i(t) = 25$

b.) Calculate $\frac{d}{dt} [e^{30t}i(t)]$. What do you notice about this compared to the left-hand side of your differential equation?

Solution:

$$\frac{d}{dt} [e^{30t}i(t)] \stackrel{\text{product rule}}{=} \left(\frac{d}{dt} e^{30t} \right) i(t) + e^{30t} \frac{di}{dt} = 30e^{30t}i(t) + e^{30t} \frac{di}{dt}.$$

We notice that the derivative here is the same as the left-hand side of the differential equation multiplied with e^{30t} .

c.) Multiply your differential equation on both sides by e^{30t} and then rewrite the left-hand side as $\frac{d}{dt} [e^{30t}i(t)]$.

Solution: We get

$$\frac{d}{dt} [e^{30t}i(t)] = 25e^{30t}.$$

d.) Solve the differential equation by integrating and solving for $i(t)$.

Solution: Integrating yields

$$\int \frac{d}{dt} [e^{30t}i(t)] dt = \int 25e^{30t} dt.$$

Since the integral of the derivative of a function is the function itself this gives us the left-hand-side. The right-hand side comes from straightforward integration:

$$e^{30t}i(t) = \frac{25}{30}e^{30t} + C.$$

Therefore

$$i(t) = \frac{25}{30} + Ce^{-30t}.$$

(note: we do not find a value of C here because no initial condition was given!)

2. Compute $\int_5^{11} xe^x dx$.

Solution: Let $u = x$ and $dv = e^x dx$. Then $du = dx$ and $v = e^x$.

Therefore by integration by parts:

$$\int xe^x dx = xe^x - \int e^x dx = xe^x - e^x.$$

Thus we may compute

$$\int x e^x dx = x e^x - e^x \Big|_5^{11} = (11e^{11} - e^{11}) - (5e^5 - e^5).$$

3. Compute $\int x^2 e^x dx$.

Solution: Let $u = x^2$ and $dv = e^x dx$. Then $du = 2x dx$ and $v = e^x$. Thus by integration by parts,

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2 \int x e^x dx.$$

To compute $\int x e^x dx$ we must do integration by parts again. Let $u_2 = x$ and $dv_2 = e^x dx$. Then $du_2 = dx$ and $v_2 = e^x$. Hence

$$\int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + C.$$

Therefore we have shown that

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2(x e^x - e^x) + C_1, \quad C_1 = 2C.$$

4. Compute $\int (2x + 3)e^{2x} dx$.

Solution: Let $u = 2x + 3$ and $dv = e^{2x} dx$. Then $du = 2 dx$ and $v = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x}$. Using integration by parts, we compute

$$\int (2x + 3)e^{2x} dx = (2x + 3) \frac{e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{2}{2} \int e^{2x} dx = \frac{(2x + 3)e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + C.$$

5. Compute $\int_2^3 \ln(x) dx$.

Solution: We know already that $\int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x + C$. Use that to compute

$$\int_2^3 \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x \Big|_2^3 = (3 \ln(3) - 3) - (2 \ln(2) - 2).$$

6. Let $f(t) = e^{7t}$.

(a) What integral must you solve in order to calculate $\mathcal{L}\{f\}(x)$ (for $x > 7$)?

Solution: We must calculate

$$\mathcal{L}\{f\}(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{7t} e^{-xt} dt.$$

(b) Calculate $\mathcal{L}\{f\}(x)$ as an improper integral.

Solution: Calculate for $x > 7$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f\}(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{7t} e^{-xt} dt \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{(7-x)t} dt \\ &\stackrel{u=(7-x)t, \frac{1}{7-x} du=dt}{=} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{7-x} \int_{t=0}^{t=b} e^u du \\ &= \frac{1}{7-x} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} e^{(7-x)t} \Big|_0^b \\ &= \frac{1}{7-x} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[e^{(7-x)b} - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{7-x} \\ &= \frac{1}{x-7}.\end{aligned}$$

Note that the limit of $e^{(7-x)b}$ tends to zero since whenever $x > 7$ we have $7-x < 0$.

7. Let $f(t) = t$.

(a) Let $x > 0$. What integral must you solve in order to calculate $\mathcal{L}\{f\}(x)$?

Solution: $\int_0^{\infty} te^{-xt} dt$

(b) Calculate $\mathcal{L}\{f\}(x)$ using integration by parts and improper integration.

Solution: Let $u = t$ and $dv = e^{-xt}$. Then $du = dt$ and $v = -\frac{1}{x}e^{-xt}$.

So,

$$\int te^{-xt} dt = -\frac{t}{x}e^{-xt} - \int \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)e^{-xt} dt = \frac{-te^{-xt}}{x} - \frac{e^{-xt}}{x^2}$$

Therefore we see that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\infty} te^{-xt} dt &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b te^{-xt} dt \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. -te^{-xt} - \frac{e^{-xt}}{x^2} \right|_0^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(-be^{-xb} - \frac{e^{-xb}}{x^2} \right) - \left(0 - \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2}.\end{aligned}$$