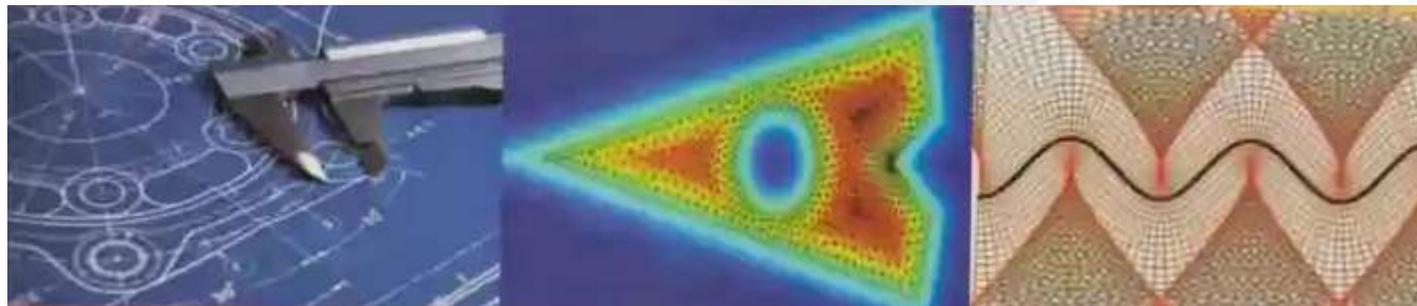


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Lecture Notes 7: Laplace Transform: Part B



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Chapter 4

Laplace Transform

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Transform of a Periodic Function

- Theorem 9 (Transform of a Periodic Function):** If $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$, of exponential order, and periodic with period T , then:

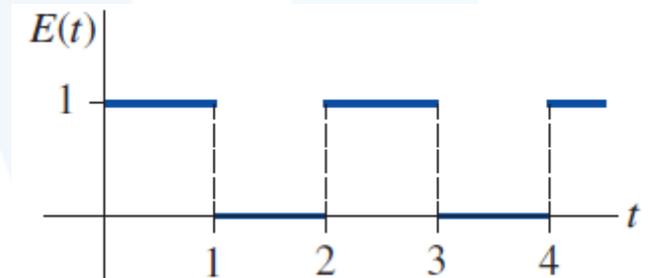
$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

- Example 15:** Transform of a Periodic Function

Find the Laplace transform of the periodic function shown in the figure

The function $E(t)$ is called a square wave and has period $T = 2$. For $0 \leq t < 2$, $E(t)$ can be defined by:

$$E(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 0, & 1 \leq t < 2 \end{cases}$$

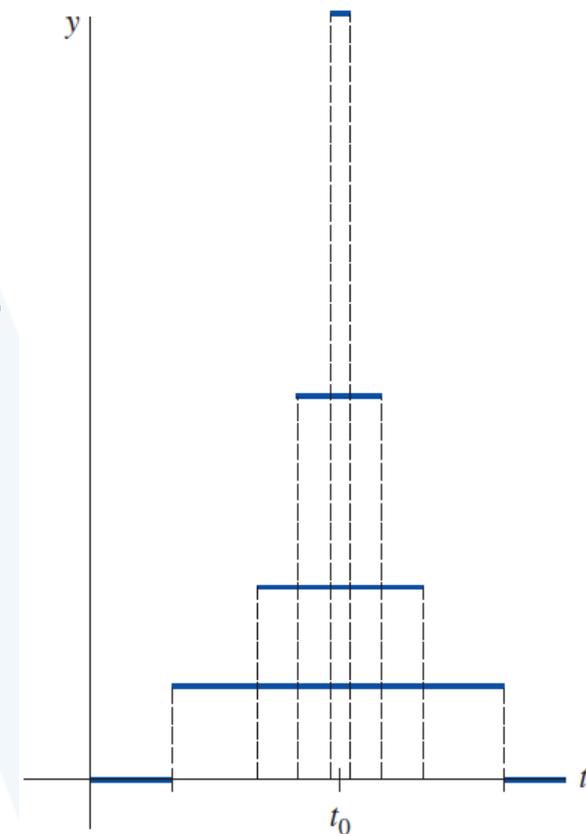
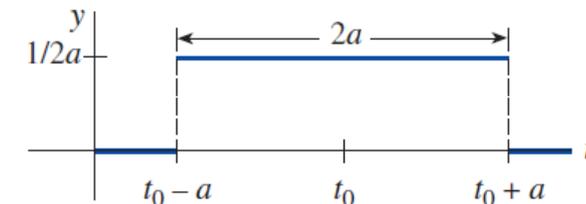




$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{E(t)\} &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \int_0^2 e^{-st} E(t) dt = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \int_0^1 e^{-sT} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s} = \frac{1}{s(1 + e^{-s})}\end{aligned}$$

5. The Dirac Delta Function

- We shall see that there does indeed exist a function, or more precisely a **generalized function**, whose Laplace transform is $F(s) = 1$.
- Mechanical systems are often acted on by an external force (or emf in an electrical circuit) of large magnitude that acts only for a very short period of time.



- The graph of the piecewise-defined function

$$\delta_a(t - t_0) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < t_0 - a \\ \frac{1}{2a}, & t_0 - a \leq t < t_0 + a \\ 0, & t \geq t_0 + a \end{cases}$$

$a > 0$, $t_0 > 0$, shown before could serve as a model for such a force.

- The function $\delta_a(t - t_0)$ is called a **unit impulse** since it possesses the integration property

$$\int_0^{\infty} \delta_a(t - t_0) dt = 1$$

- The **Dirac Delta Function** $\delta(t - t_0) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \delta_a(t - t_0)$

$$\delta(t - t_0) = \begin{cases} \infty, & t = t_0 \\ 0, & t \neq t_0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t - t_0) dt = 1$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(t) \delta(t - t_0) dt = f(t_0) \quad \text{sifting property}$$

- **Theorem 10 (Transform of Dirac Delta Function):** For $t_0 > 0$,

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - t_0)\} = e^{-st_0}, \quad \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = 1$$

- **Example 16:** Two Initial-Value Problems

Solve $y'' + y = 4\delta(t - 2\pi)$ subject to

(a) $y(0^-) = 1, y'(0^-) = 0$

(b) $y(0^-) = 0, y'(0^-) = 0.$

The two initial-value problems could serve as models for describing the motion of a mass on a spring moving in a medium in which damping is negligible.

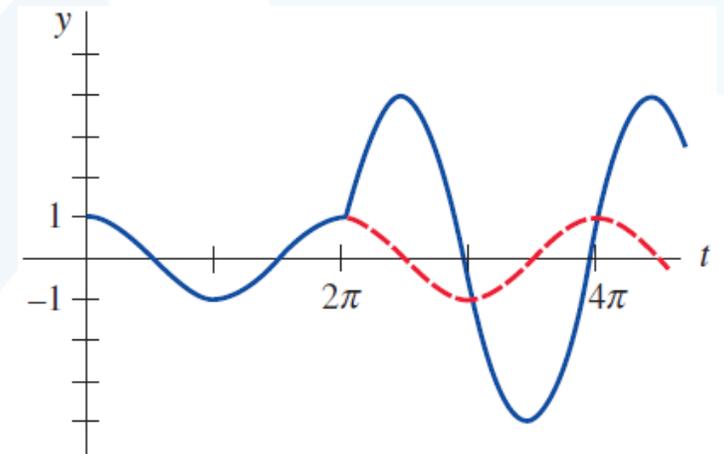
At $t = 2\pi$ the mass is given a sharp blow. In part (a) the mass is released from rest 1 unit below the equilibrium position. In part (b) the mass is at rest in the equilibrium position.

$$(a) \quad s^2 Y(s) - s + Y(s) = 4e^{-2\pi s} \Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{4e^{-2\pi s}}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$y(t) = \cos t + 4\sin(t - 2\pi)u(t - 2\pi)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} \cos t, & 0 \leq t < 2\pi \\ \cos t + 4\sin t, & t \geq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

The mass is exhibiting simple harmonic motion until it is struck at $t = 2\pi$. The influence of the unit impulse is to increase the amplitude of vibration to $\sqrt{17}$ for $t > 2\pi$.



$$(b) Y(s) = \frac{4e^{-2\pi s}}{s^2 + 1} \Rightarrow y(t) = 4\sin(t - 2\pi)u(t - 2\pi)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 2\pi \\ 4\sin t, & t \geq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

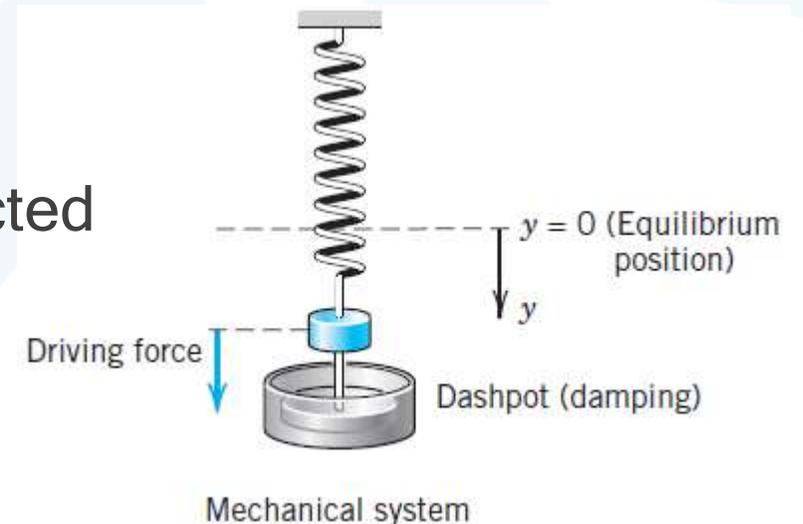
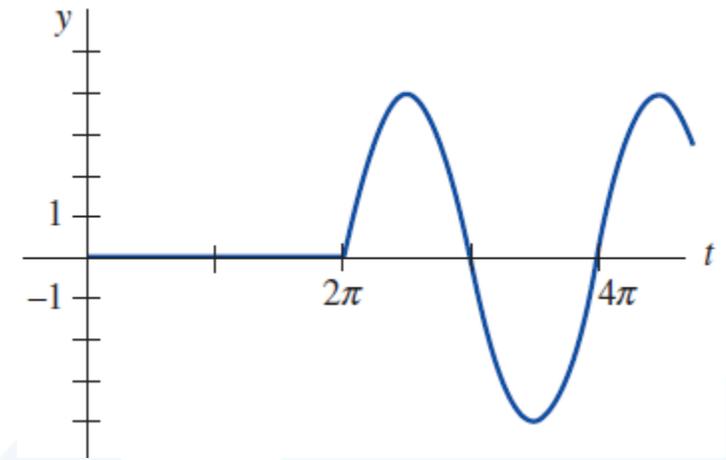
The mass exhibits no motion until it is struck at $t = 2\pi$.

- Example 17:** Damped Forced Vibrations

Solve the IVP for a damped mass-spring system acted upon by a sinusoidal force for some time interval.

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = r(t), \quad r(t) = 10 \sin 2t \text{ if } 0 < t < \pi$$

and 0 if $t > \pi$; $y(0^-) = 1, y'(0^-) = -5$.



$$(s^2 Y(s) - s + 5) + 2(sY(s) - 1) + 2Y(s) = 10 \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} (1 - e^{-\pi s})$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{20}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} - \frac{20e^{-\pi s}}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} + \frac{s - 3}{s^2 + 2s + 2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s - 3}{s^2 + 2s + 2} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s + 1 - 4}{(s + 1)^2 + 1} \right\} = e^{-t} (\cos t - 4 \sin t)$$

$$\frac{20}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} = \frac{-2s - 2}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{2(s - 1) + 6 - 2}{(s + 1)^2 + 1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{20}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} \right\} = -2 \cos 2t - \sin 2t + e^{-t} (2 \cos t + 4 \sin t)$$

$$y(t) = e^{-t}(\cos t - 4\sin t) - 2\cos 2t - \sin 2t + e^{-t}(2\cos t + 4\sin t)$$

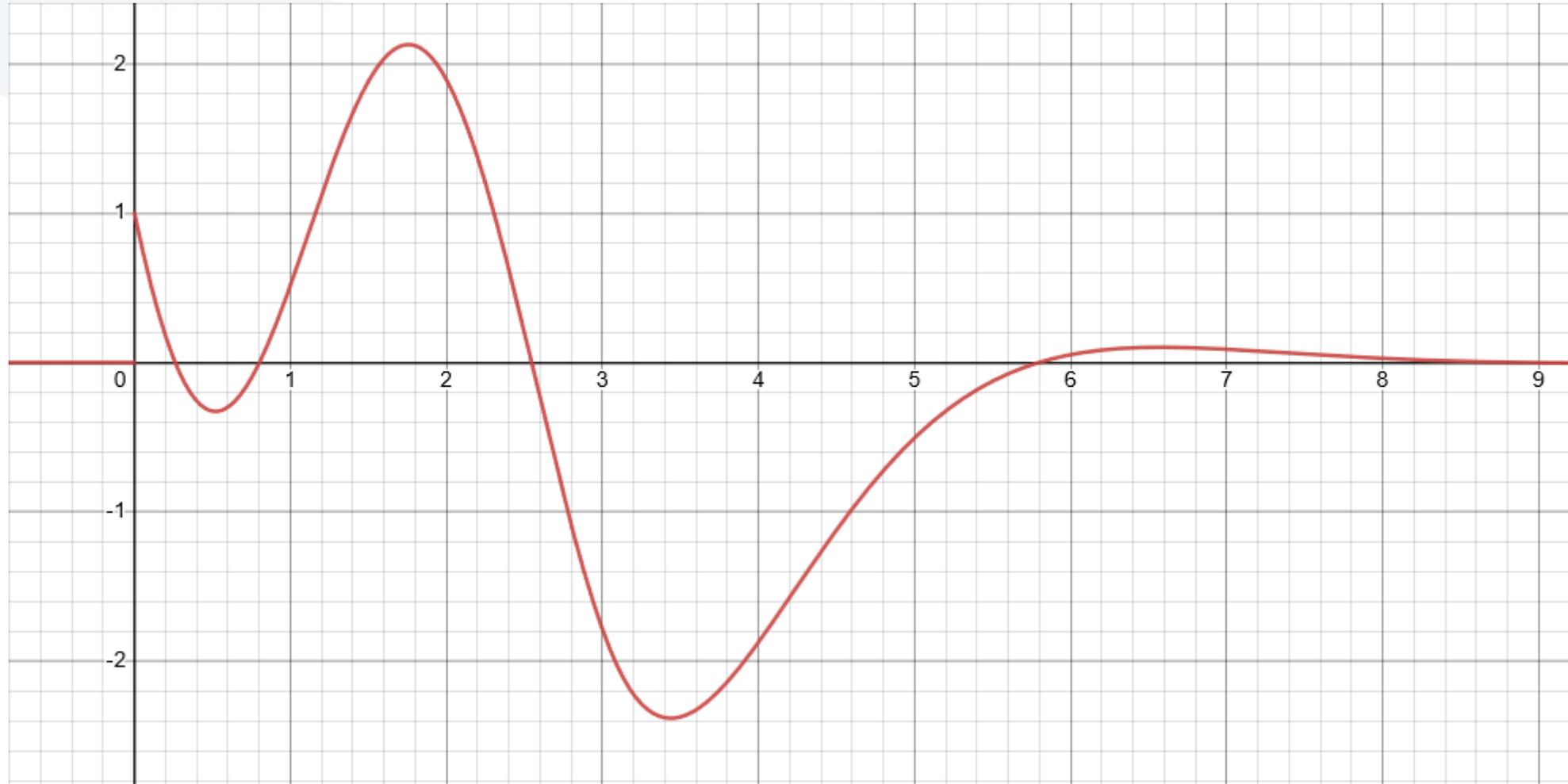
$$y(t) = 3e^{-t}\cos t - 2\cos 2t - \sin 2t, \quad 0 < t < \pi$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ -\frac{20e^{-\pi s}}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} \right\} = 2\cos(2t - 2\pi) + \sin(2t - 2\pi) - e^{-(t-\pi)}[2\cos(t - \pi) + 4\sin(t - \pi)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ -\frac{20e^{-\pi s}}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} \right\} = 2\cos 2t + \sin 2t + e^{-(t-\pi)}(2\cos t + 4\sin t)$$

$$y(t) = 3e^{-t}\cos t - 2\cos 2t - \sin 2t + 2\cos 2t + \sin 2t + e^{-(t-\pi)}(2\cos t + 4\sin t)$$

$$y(t) = e^{-t}[(3 + 2e^\pi)\cos t + 4e^\pi\sin t], \quad t > \pi$$



- **Theorem 11 (Initial Value Theorem):** If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ and if the indicated limits exist, then:

$$f(0^+) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$$

- When F is known but f is not, the initial value theorem eliminates the need to explicitly find f in order to evaluate $f(0^+)$.
- **Example 18:** Initial value theorem

Calculate the initial value of the function $f(t)$, whose Laplace transform is:

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

$$f(0^+) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2s(s+1)}{(s+1)^2 + 5^2} = 2$$

Verification:

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2(s+1)}{(s+1)^2 + 5^2} \right\} = 2e^{-t} \cos(5t) \Rightarrow$$
$$f(0^+) = f(0) = 2$$

- **Theorem 12 (Final Value Theorem):** If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ and if the indicated limits exist, then:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

- When F is known but f is not, the final value theorem eliminates the need to explicitly find f in order to evaluate limit $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$.

- **Example 19:** Final value theorem

Calculate the final value of the function $f(t)$, whose Laplace transform is:

$$F(s) = \frac{s + 2}{s(s + 1)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(s + 2)}{s(s + 1)} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s + 2}{s + 1} = 2$$

Verification:

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s + 2}{s(s + 1)} \right\} = (2 - e^{-t})$$
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = 2$$

6. Systems of Linear Differential Equations

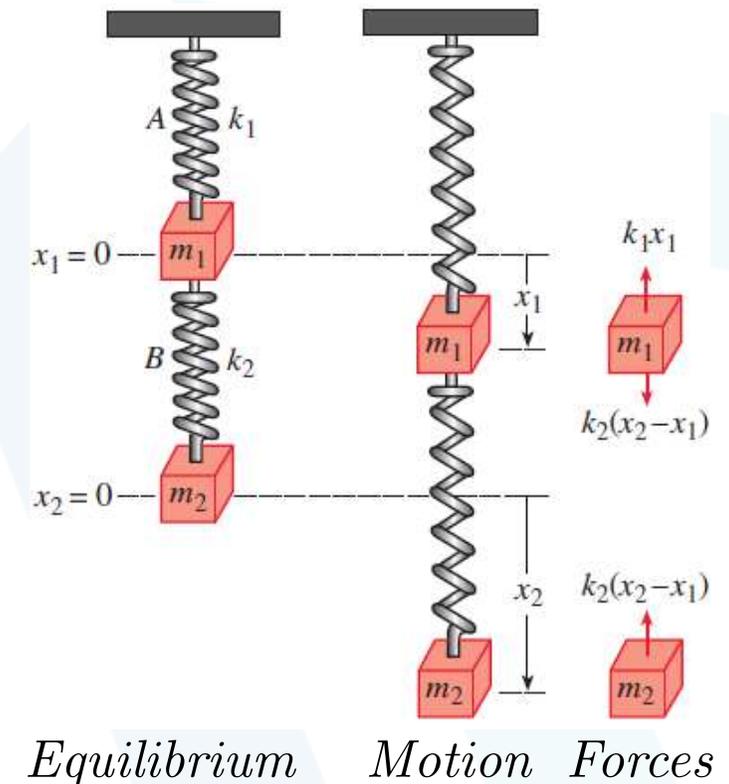
- When initial conditions are specified, the LT reduces a system of linear DEs with constant coefficients to a set of simultaneous algebraic equations in the transformed functions.

Coupled Springs

$$m_1 x_1'' = -k_1 x_1 + k_2 (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$m_2 x_2'' = -k_2 (x_2 - x_1)$$

that describes the motion of two masses m_1 and m_2 in the coupled spring/mass system shown in the figure beside.



- **Example 20:** Coupled Springs

Use the Laplace transform to solve

$$\begin{aligned} x_1'' + 10x_1 - 4x_2 &= 0 \\ -4x_1 + x_2'' + 4x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (k_1 = 6, k_2 = 4, m_1 = 1, \text{ and } m_2 = 1)$$

subject to $x_1(0) = 0, x_1'(0) = 1, x_2(0) = 0, x_2'(0) = -1$

$$s^2 X_1(s) - sx_1(0) - x_1'(0) + 10X_1(s) - 4X_2(s) = 0$$

$$-4X_1(s) + s^2 X_2(s) - sx_2(0) - x_2'(0) + 4X_2(s) = 0$$

$$(s^2 + 10)X_1(s) - 4X_2(s) = 1$$

$$-4X_1(s) + (s^2 + 4)X_2(s) = -1$$

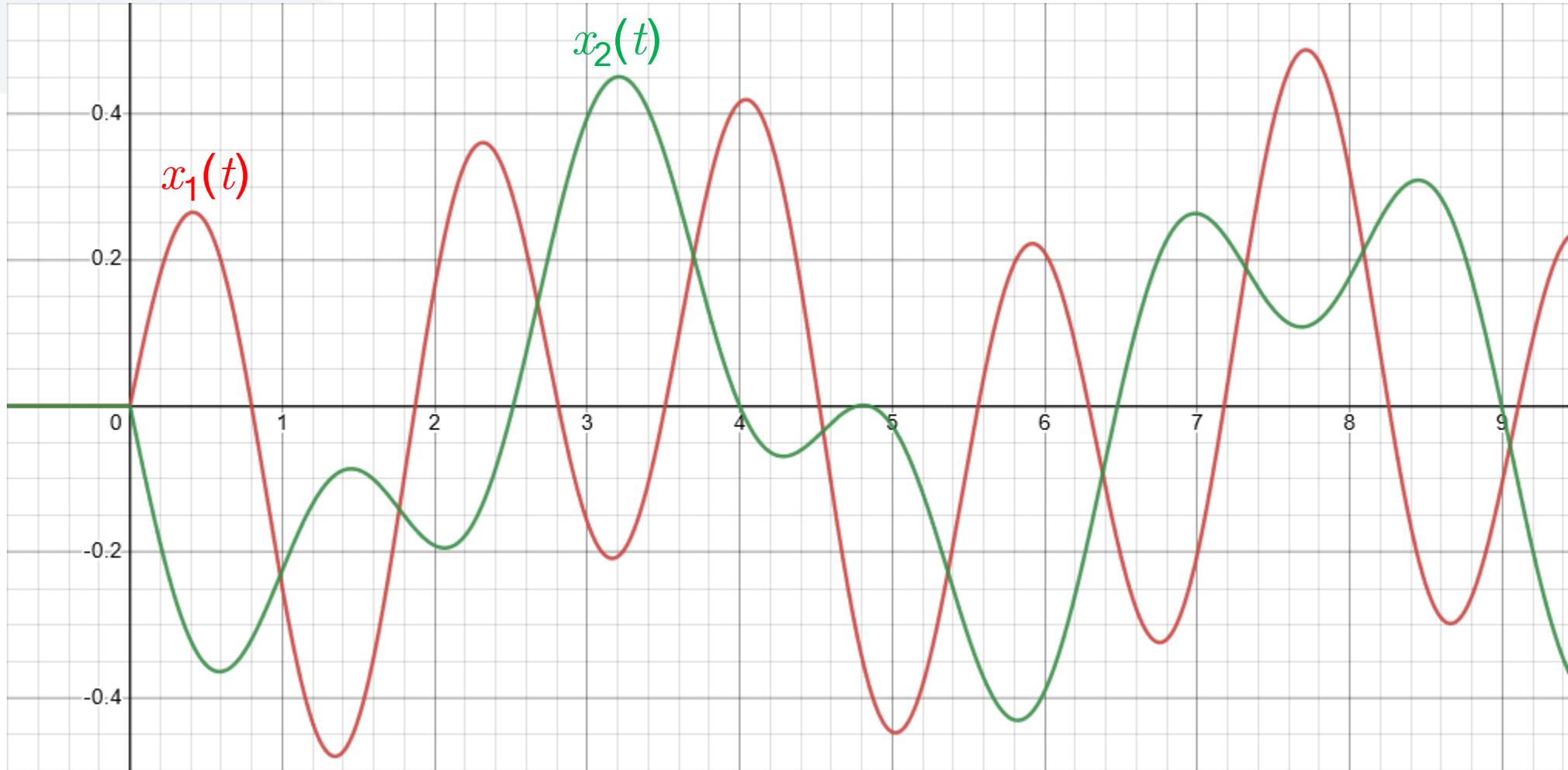
Solving for $X_1(s)$ and using partial fractions on the result yields:

$$X_1(s) = \frac{s^2}{(s^2 + 2)(s^2 + 12)} = -\frac{1/5}{s^2 + 2} + \frac{6/5}{s^2 + 12}$$
$$x_1(t) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10} \sin \sqrt{2}t + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{5} \sin 2\sqrt{3}t$$

Substituting the expression for $X_1(s)$ into the first equation

$$X_2(s) = \frac{s^2 + 6}{(s^2 + 2)(s^2 + 12)} = -\frac{2/5}{s^2 + 2} - \frac{3/5}{s^2 + 12}$$
$$x_2(t) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5} \sin \sqrt{2}t - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{10} \sin 2\sqrt{3}t$$

The motion of each mass is **harmonic** (the system is **undamped!**), being the superposition of a **slow** oscillation and a **rapid** oscillation.



Networks

$$L \frac{di_1(t)}{dt} + Ri_2(t) = E(t)$$

$$RC \frac{di_2(t)}{dt} + i_2(t) - i_1(t) = 0$$

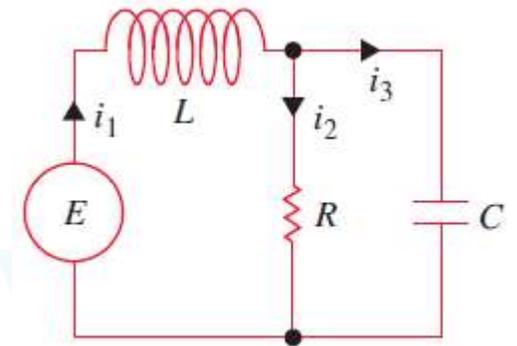
- Example 21:** An Electrical Network

Solve the system before under the conditions $E(t) = 60 \text{ V}$, $L = 1 \text{ H}$, $R = 50 \text{ } \Omega$, $C = 10^{-4} \text{ F}$, and the currents i_1 and i_2 are initially zero.

$$\frac{di_1(t)}{dt} + 50i_2(t) = 60$$

$$5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{di_2(t)}{dt} + i_2(t) - i_1(t) = 0$$

$$i_1(0^-) = i_2(0^-) = 0$$



$$sI_1(s) + 50I_2(s) = \frac{60}{s}$$

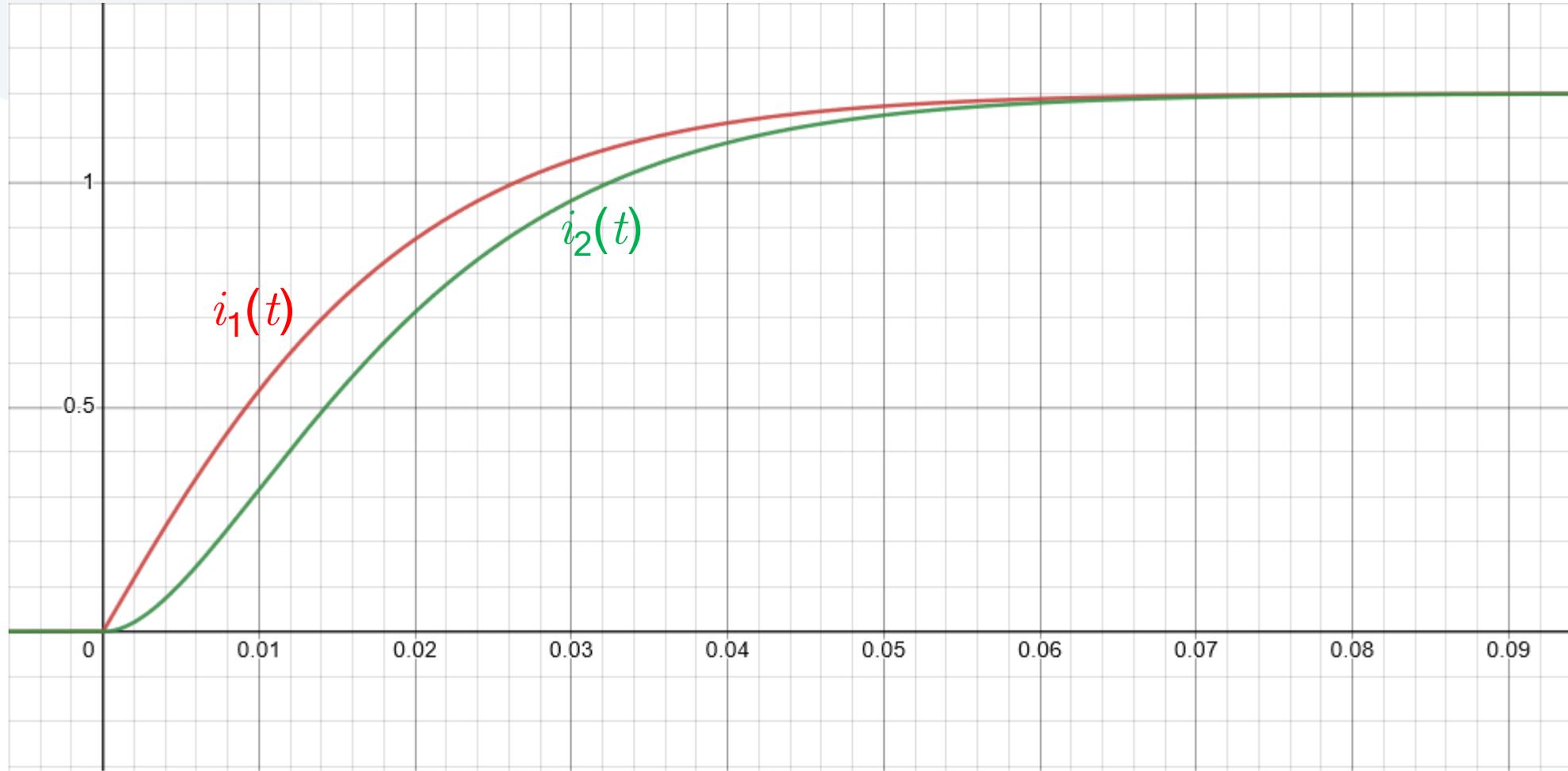
$$-200I_1(s) + (s + 200)I_2(s) = 0$$

$$I_1(s) = \frac{60s + 12000}{s(s + 100)^2} = \frac{6/5}{s} - \frac{6/5}{s + 100} - \frac{60}{(s + 100)^2}$$

$$i_1(t) = \frac{6}{5} - \frac{6}{5}e^{-100t} - 60te^{-100t}$$

$$I_2(s) = \frac{12000}{s(s + 100)^2} = \frac{6/5}{s} - \frac{6/5}{s + 100} - \frac{120}{(s + 100)^2}$$

$$i_2(t) = \frac{6}{5} - \frac{6}{5}e^{-100t} - 120te^{-100t}$$



Double Pendulum

$$(m_1 + m_2)l_1^2\theta_1'' + m_2l_1l_2\theta_2'' + (m_1 + m_2)l_1g\theta_1 = 0$$

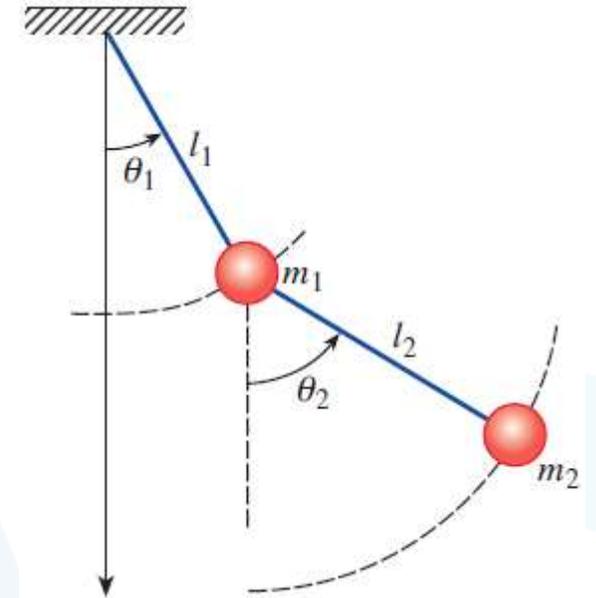
$$m_2l_2^2\theta_2'' + m_2l_1l_2\theta_1'' + m_2l_2g\theta_2 = 0$$

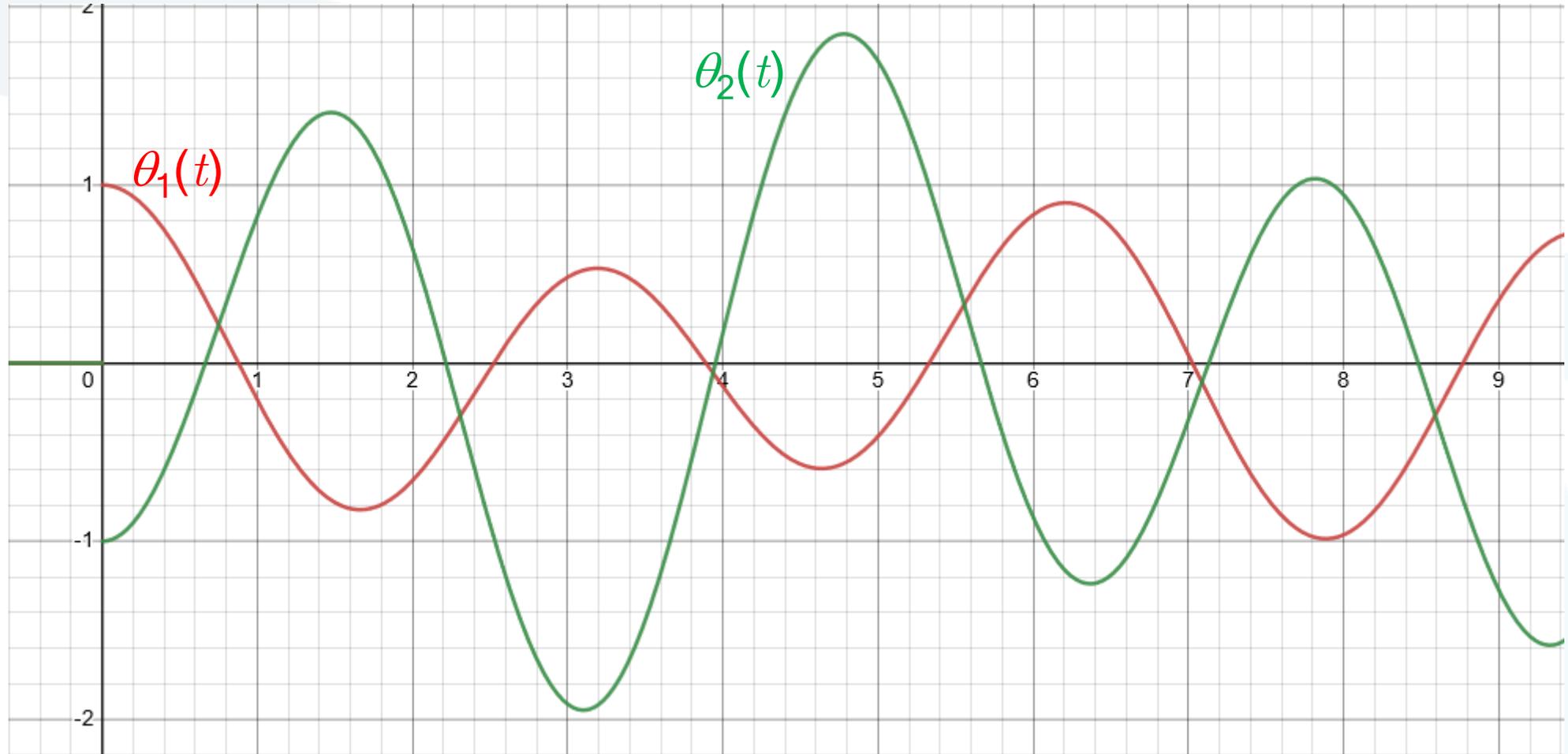
- Example 22:** Double Pendulum

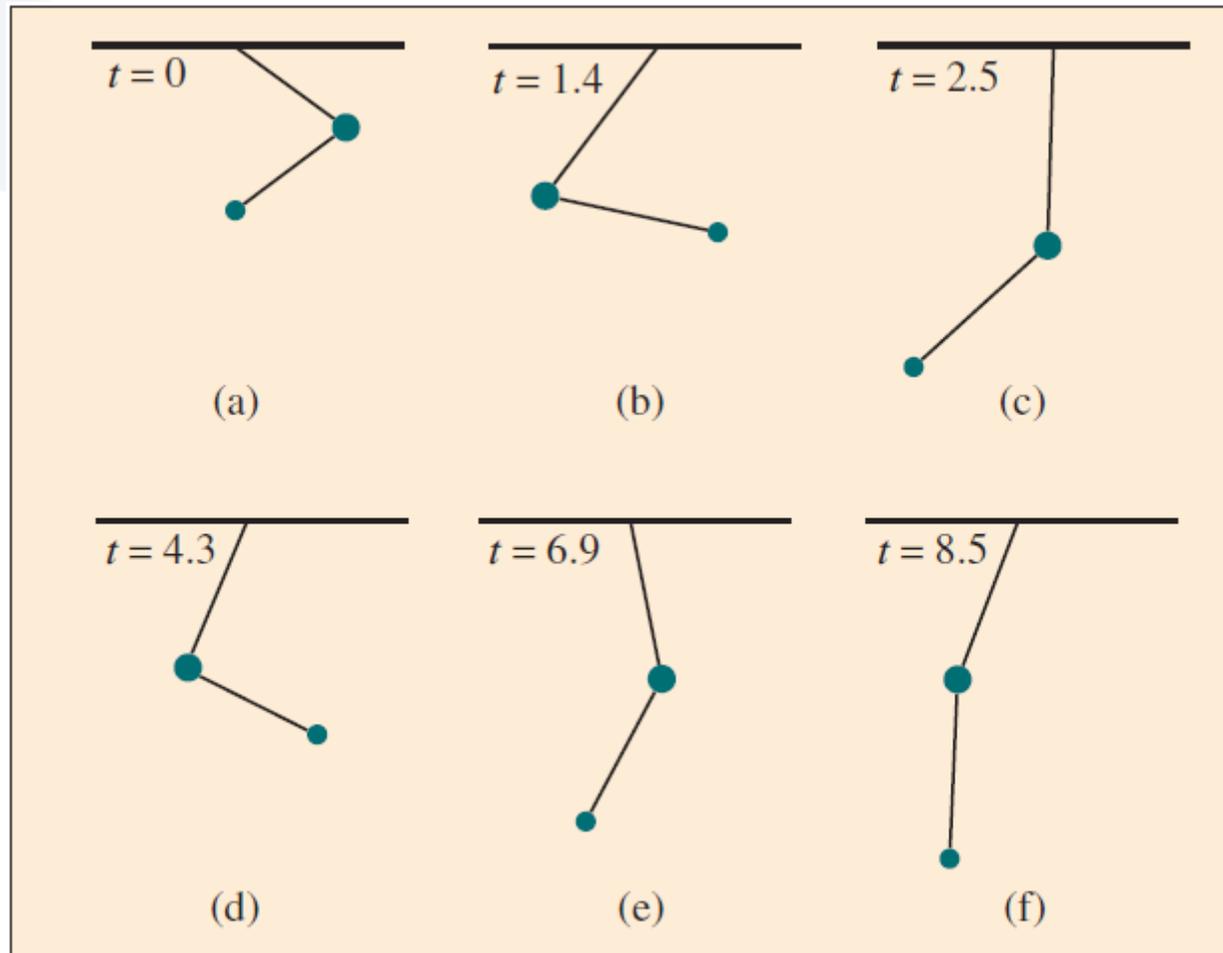
$$m_1 = 3, m_2 = 1, l_1 = l_2 = 16, \theta_1(0) = 1, \theta_2(0) = -1, \theta_1'(0) = \theta_2'(0) = 0$$

$$\theta_1(t) = \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} t + \frac{3}{4} \cos 2t$$

$$\theta_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} t - \frac{3}{2} \cos 2t$$







Positions of masses at various times

Solving Systems of Equations in Matrix Form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{b}(t)$$

where

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} b_1(t) \\ b_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ b_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

subject to the initial conditions $x_1(0^-) = x_1, x_2(0^-) = x_2, \dots, x_n(0^-) = x_n$

$$\mathbf{X}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} X_1(s) \\ X_2(s) \\ \vdots \\ X_n(s) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} B_1(s) \\ B_2(s) \\ \vdots \\ B_n(s) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$



$$s\mathbf{X}(s) - \mathbf{x}_0 = A\mathbf{X}(s) + \mathbf{B}(s)$$

$$[sI - A]\mathbf{X}(s) = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{B}(s)$$

$$\mathbf{X}(s) = [sI - A]^{-1}[\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{B}(s)]$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI - A]^{-1}[\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{B}(s)]\}$$

- **Example 23:** Initial value problem

Solve the initial value problem

$$x' - 2x + y = \sin t$$

$$y' + 2x - y = 1$$

subject to $x(0) = 1, y(0) = -1$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/(s^2 + 1) \\ 1/s \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{X}(s) = \left[s \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]^{-1} \left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/(s^2 + 1) \\ 1/s \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{X}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s - 2 & 1 \\ 2 & s - 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} (s^2 + 2)/(s^2 + 1) \\ (1 - s)/s \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\mathbf{X}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s - 1}{s(s - 3)} & \frac{-1}{s(s - 3)} \\ \frac{-2}{s(s - 3)} & \frac{s - 2}{s(s - 3)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s^2 + 2}{(s^2 + 1)} \\ \frac{1 - s}{s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(s - 1)(s^3 + s^2 + 2s + 1)}{s^2(s - 3)(s^2 + 1)} \\ \frac{-(s^4 - s^3 + 3s^2 + s + 2)}{s^2(s - 3)(s^2 + 1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{3}t - \frac{1}{5}\sin t - \frac{2}{5}\cos t + \frac{43}{45}e^{3t}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{5}{9} + \frac{2}{3}t + \frac{1}{5}\sin t - \frac{3}{5}\cos t - \frac{43}{45}e^{3t}$$

Determination of e^{tA} by Means of the Laplace Transform

- The solution of the homogeneous system of equations: $x'(t) = Ax(t)$ subject to the initial condition $x(0) = x_0$, can be written

$$x(t) = e^{tA}x_0$$

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI - A]^{-1}\}x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{tA} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI - A]^{-1}\}$$

- Theorem 13 (Determination of e^{tA} by Means of the Laplace Transform):** Let A be a real $n \times n$ matrix with constant elements. Then the exponential matrix

$$e^{tA} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI - A]^{-1}\}$$

- **Note:** Theorem 13 determines e^{tA} in the cases when A is **diagonalizable** with **real eigenvalues**, when it is **diagonalizable** with **complex conjugate eigenvalues**, and also when it is **not diagonalizable**.
- **Example 24:** Determination of e^{tA}

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix A has the distinct eigenvalues 1 and 2, and so is diagonalizable.

$$[sI - A] = \begin{bmatrix} s + 2 & -6 \\ 2 & s - 5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [sI - A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s - 5}{s^2 - 3s + 2} & \frac{6}{s^2 - 3s + 2} \\ \frac{-2}{s^2 - 3s + 2} & \frac{s + 2}{s^2 - 3s + 2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{tA} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI - A]^{-1}\} = \begin{bmatrix} 4e^t - 3e^{2t} & -6e^t + 6e^{2t} \\ 2e^t - 2e^{2t} & -3e^t + 4e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Example 25:** Determination of e^{tA}

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix A has the complex conjugate eigenvalues $-1 \pm 2i$.

$$[sI - A] = \begin{bmatrix} s + 3 & 4 \\ -2 & s - 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [sI - A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s - 1}{s^2 + 2s + 5} & \frac{-4}{s^2 + 2s + 5} \\ \frac{2}{s^2 + 2s + 5} & \frac{s + 3}{s^2 + 2s + 5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{tA} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI - A]^{-1}\} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t}(\cos 2t - \sin 2t) & -2e^{-t}\sin 2t \\ e^{-t}\sin 2t & e^{-t}(\cos 2t + \sin 2t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Example 26:** Determination of e^{tA}

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix A has the repeated eigenvalue 4 and is not diagonalizable.

$$[sI - A] = \begin{bmatrix} s - 4 & -1 \\ 0 & s - 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [sI - A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s - 4} & \frac{1}{(s - 4)^2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{s - 4} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow e^{tA} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{4t} & te^{4t} \\ 0 & e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$