## HW 5 prob 3b solution

**Ex:** Find the inverse Laplace transform for the following expression:

$$F(s) = \frac{2s - 26}{s^2 + 10s + 169}$$

**SOL'N:** Our first step in finding the inverse transform is to express the denominator in terms of roots. For a quadratic polynomial, if the square of half the coefficient of *s* is less than the constant coefficient, the roots are complex. In that case, we can write the denominator in terms of the real and imaginary parts of the roots:

$$s^{2} + 10s + 169 = (s + a)^{2} + \omega^{2} = s^{2} + 2as + a^{2} + \omega^{2}$$

In this expression, a is the real part of the root and  $\omega$  is the imaginary part of the root. From this expression, we see that a equals half the middle coefficient:

$$a = \frac{10}{2} = 5$$

To find  $\omega$ , we use the value of *a* and the constant term in the denominator:

$$a^{2} + \omega^{2} = 169$$
  
 $5^{2} + \omega^{2} = 169$   
 $\omega = \pm \sqrt{169 - 5^{2}} = \pm \sqrt{144} = \pm 12$ 

Our roots are complex conjugates:

$$s_{1,2} = -a \pm j\omega = 5 \pm j12$$

We can express the denominator in several ways:

$$s^{2} + 10s + 169 = (s - (-a + j\omega))(s - (-a - j\omega)) = (s + a - j\omega)(s + a + j\omega)$$
  
$$s^{2} + 10s + 169 = (s + 5 - j12)(s + 5 + j12)$$

or

$$s^{2} + 10s + 169 = (s + a)^{2} + \omega^{2}$$
$$s^{2} + 10s + 169 = (s + 5)^{2} + 12^{2}$$

If we choose the first form for the denominator, we express F(s) as partial fractions:

$$F(s) = \frac{A_1}{s+5-j12} + \frac{A_1^*}{s+5+j12}$$

**NOTE:** Because the roots are conjugates and all the coefficients in F(s) are real, the coefficients of the partial fractions are always complex conjugates of each other.

We find  $A_1$  by multiplying F(s) by the root term and evaluating at the value of the root.

$$A_{1} = (s+5-j12)F(s)\Big|_{s=-(5-j12)} = \frac{2s-26}{s+5+j12}\Big|_{s=-(5-j12)}$$

or

$$A_1 = \frac{2\left[-(5-j12)\right] - 26}{-(5-j12) + 5+j12} = \frac{-36+j24}{j24} = \frac{(-j)(-36+j24)}{24} = 1+j\frac{3}{2}$$

**NOTE:** The value in the denominator will always be two times the imaginary part of the root we are evaluating, as the real parts will cancel out.

If we use a common denominator, we can identify terms for a decaying cosine and sine.

$$F(s) = \frac{1+j\frac{3}{2}}{s+5-j12} + \frac{1-j\frac{3}{2}}{s+5+j12}$$

or

$$F(s) = \frac{\left(1+j\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(s+5+j12\right) + \left(1-j\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(s+5-j12\right)}{\left(s+5-j12\right)\left(s+5+j12\right)}$$

or

$$F(s) = \frac{2s + 2 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot 12}{s^2 + 10s + 169} = \frac{2s - 26}{s^2 + 10s + 169}$$

Symbolically, if we write  $A_1$  as a complex number, we can express our results in generic form.

$$A_1 = c + jd$$

$$F(s) = \frac{c + jd}{s + a - j\omega} + \frac{c - jd}{s + a + j\omega} = \frac{2cs + 2ca - 2d\omega}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$$

Although it appears we have simply come full circle back to our original expression for F(s), we can ultimately express our results in terms of  $A_1$ .

We observe that the denominator is the denominator of a decaying cosine or sine. We now represent F(s) as a sum of transforms for a decaying cosine and sine:

$$F(s) = \frac{K_1(s+a)}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2} + \frac{K_2\omega}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2}$$

Equating the numerators with the numerator of the previous expression yields expression for  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ :

 $2cs + 2ca - 2d\omega = K_1(s+a) + K_2\omega$ 

Matching the coefficient for the highest power of *s* first yields our result in terms of the real and complex parts of  $A_1$ :

$$K_1 = 2c$$
 and  $K_2 = -2d$ 

**NOTE:** We can also bypass the steps of finding  $A_1$  and equate the numerator of F(s) directly with  $K_1(s+a)+K_2\omega$ . We see that  $K_1$  is the coefficient of *s*. Once we find  $K_1$ , we solve for  $K_2$ :

$$K_2 = \frac{\text{constant term } - K_1 a}{\omega}$$

Here, we will have  $K_1 = 2$  and  $K_2 = -3$ .

This approach is possible, however, only if we have an expression that has only two roots. If there are more roots, we must find  $A_1$ .

Now we take the inverse transform:

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{K_1(s+a)}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2} \right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{K_2 \omega}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2} \right\}$$

or

$$f(t) = K_1 e^{-at} \cos(\omega t) + K_2 e^{-at} \sin(\omega t)$$

or

$$f(t) = 2ce^{-at}\cos(\omega t) - 2de^{-at}\sin(\omega t)$$

or

$$f(t) = 2\operatorname{Re}[A_1]e^{-at}\cos(\omega t) - 2\operatorname{Im}[A_1]e^{-at}\sin(\omega t)$$

**NOTE:**  $A_1$  is the coefficient of the root term in the denominator that has a minus sign in it. If we find the coefficient of the root term in the denominator that has a plus sign in it, then we must use the conjugate of  $A_1$  in the above expression. This changes the sign of the decaying sine term. (The cosine term is unaffected.)

Here, these formulas give our final result:

 $f(t) = 2e^{-5t}\cos(12t) - 3e^{-5t}\sin(12t)$