

## Laplace Transform

A function  $f(t)$  is called:

① of Exponential order  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ) if there exists  $M > 0$ ,  $t_0 > 0$  such that

$$|f(t)| \leq M e^{\alpha t} \text{ for every } t \geq t_0.$$

② Piecewise continuous on  $[0, L]$  if there exist a finite subdivision

$$t_0 = 0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n = L \text{ of } [0, L]$$

such that

(i)  $f$  is continuous on every  $]x_i, x_{i+1}[$

(ii) For every  $i$ :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_i^-} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_i^+} f(x)$

exists (are finite numbers)

Improper integral

$$\int_a^{+\infty} f(t) dt = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \int_a^L f(t) dt$$

Ex/ Determine if the integral

$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$  converges!

Sol  $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^L \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \tan^{-1}(x) \right]_0^L$

$$= \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \tan^{-1}(L) - \tan^{-1}(0) = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \tan^{-1}(L) = \frac{\pi}{2} < +\infty$$

$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$  converges and its value is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Theorem: let  $f(t)$  be a function of exponential order  $\alpha$  and piecewise continuous on  $[0, L]$  for every  $L > 0$

Then  $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$  converges for every  $s > \alpha$

Definition Let  $f(t)$  be a function of one variable  $t \geq 0$  such that:

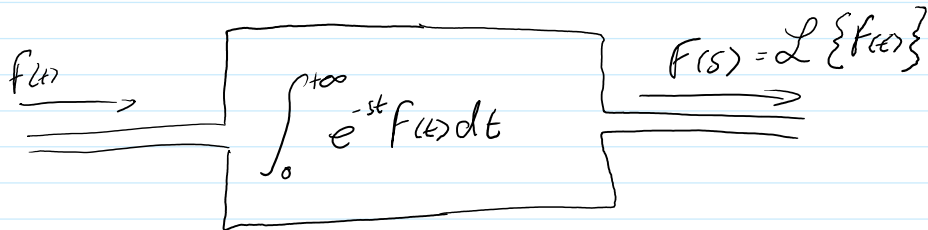
(i)  $f(t)$  is of exponential order  $\alpha$

(ii)  $f(t)$  is piecewise continuous on  $[0, L]$  where  $L > 0$

We define the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  as the function  $F(s)$  as follows:

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt, \quad s > \alpha$$

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If  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ , we write  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \iff f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$$

**Theorem**  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  are linear:

$$\textcircled{1} \mathcal{L}\{af(t) + bg(t)\} = a\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} + b\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{aF(s) + bG(s)\} = a\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} + b\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

Laplace transforms of basic functions

①  $f(t) = 1$  constant function

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad \dots \quad 1 \quad \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} \dots dt \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} (1) dt = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^L e^{-st} (1) dt$$

$$= \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \frac{-1}{s} e^{-st} \right]_0^L = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-1}{s} e^{-sL} + \frac{1}{s}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0$$

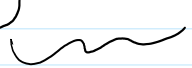
$$\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} = 1$$

②  $f(t) = t$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} t dt = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^L t e^{-st} dt$$

By parts:  $u = t \quad v' = e^{-st}$   
 $u' = 1 \quad v = \frac{-1}{s} e^{-st}$

$$\int t e^{-st} dt = \frac{-t}{s} e^{-st} + \frac{1}{s} \int e^{-st} dt$$

  
 $\frac{-1}{s} e^{-st}$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \frac{-t}{s} e^{-st} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} \right]_0^L$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} = t, \quad s > 0$$

③  $f(t) = t^n$  In general, we can show

that  $\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$  (by induction on  $n$ )

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \iff \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}\right\} = t^n, \quad s > 0$$

**EX** Find  $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{2}{3}t^4 - 3t^3 + t^2 - 3\right\}$

$$\text{sol } \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{2}{3}t^4 - 3t^3 + t^2 - 3\right\}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}\mathcal{L}\{t^4\} - 3\mathcal{L}\{t^3\} + \mathcal{L}\{t^2\} - 3\mathcal{L}\{1\}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{4!}{s^5}\right) - 3\left(\frac{3!}{s^4}\right) + \left(\frac{2!}{s^3}\right) - 3\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$$

$$= \frac{16}{s^5} - \frac{18}{s^4} + \frac{2}{s^3} - \frac{3}{s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{s^7}\right\} = \frac{3}{6!}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{6!}{s^7}\right\} = \frac{3}{6!}t^6$$

④  $f(t) = e^{at}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^L e^{(a-s)t} dt$$

$$= \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(a-s)} e^{(a-s)t} \right]_0^L = \lim_{L \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(a-s)} e^{(a-s)L} - \frac{1}{(a-s)} \right], \quad s > a$$

$$= \frac{-1}{a-s} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}, \quad s > a \iff \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-a}\right\} = e^{at}$$

Ex  $\mathcal{L}\{2e^{-3t} + 4e^{2t} + 3t^2\}$

$$= 2\mathcal{L}\{e^{-3t}\} + 4\mathcal{L}\{e^{2t}\} + 3\mathcal{L}\{t^2\}$$

$$= \frac{2}{s+3} + \frac{4}{s-2} + \frac{3 \cdot 2!}{s^3}$$

Ex  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2s+3}{s^2-5s+6}\right\}$

Sol partial fractions

$$\frac{2s+3}{s^2+5s+6} = \frac{2s+3}{(s-2)(s-3)} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s-3}$$

$$\frac{2s+3}{(s-2)(s-3)} = \frac{As-3A+Bs-2B}{(s-2)(s-3)}$$

$$A+B = 2 \quad \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow B = 2-A$$

$$-3A-2B = 3 \quad \textcircled{2} \quad B = 2+7 = 9$$

$$-3A-2(2-A) = 3$$

$$-3A-4+2A = 3$$

$$-A = 7$$

$$A = -7$$

$$\text{So } \frac{2s+3}{s^2-5s+6} = \frac{-7}{s-2} + \frac{9}{s-3}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s+3}{s^2-5s+6} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{-7}{s-2} + \frac{9}{s-3} \right\}$$

$$= -7 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s-2} \right\} + 9 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s-3} \right\}$$

$$= -7e^{2t} + 9e^{3t}$$

5)  $f(t) = \cos(at)$  or  $\sin(at)$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

We know that  $\mathcal{L} \left\{ e^{iat} \right\} = \frac{1}{s-ia}$

$$\mathcal{L} \{ \cos(at) + i \sin(at) \} = \frac{s+ia}{(s-ia)(s+ia)}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \{ \cos(at) \} + i \mathcal{L} \{ \sin(at) \} = \frac{s+ia}{s^2+a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \{ \cos(at) \} + i \mathcal{L} \{ \sin(at) \} = \frac{s}{s^2+a^2} + i \frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \{ \cos(at) \} = \frac{s}{s^2+a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L} \{ \sin(at) \} = \frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$$



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

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

**Ex**  $\mathcal{L} \{ \sin(\sqrt{3}t) \} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{s^2+3}$

$$\mathcal{L} \{ \cos(\sqrt{3}t) \} = \frac{s}{s^2+3}$$

**Ex** Find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right\} = \frac{s}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2+4} \right\} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sin(2t)$

**Ex** Find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s+1)(s^2+1)} \right\}$

Partial fractions

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

$$\frac{s}{(s+1)(s^2+1)} = \frac{As^2 + A + Bs^2 + Bs + Cs + C}{(s+1)(s^2+1)}$$

$$s^2: A+B=0 \quad (1) \quad -1+2: -A+C=1 \quad (4)$$

$$s: B+C=1 \quad (2) \quad (4)+(3) \Rightarrow 2C=1 \Rightarrow C=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$A+C=0 \quad (3) \quad A=-C=-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(1) - B = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

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