

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

The Laplace Transform $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ of a "suitable" function $f(t)$ defined on $[0, \infty)$ is the function $F(s)$ given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-st} f(t) dt\end{aligned}$$

(where s may be complex!)

KEY: Laplace transforms are linear, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{af(t) + bg(t)\} &= a\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} + b\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}.\end{aligned}$$

(defined for all s for which each transform is defined).

Find $\mathcal{L}\{1\}$. (i.e., $f(t)=1$)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{1\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (1) dt \\ &= \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^{\infty} \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{e^{-sb}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-s(0)}}{-s} \right] = \frac{1}{s} \quad (s > 0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s} \iff \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} = 1.$$

for $s > 0$

The Laplace Transform of $f(t)=1$ is $F(s)=\frac{1}{s}$ for $s > 0$.

The inverse Laplace Transform of $F(s)=\frac{1}{s}$ is $f(t)=1$.

$$\text{Ex: } \mathcal{L}\{-3\} = -3 \cdot \frac{1}{s} = \frac{-3}{s}$$

(by linearity of \mathcal{L})

Find $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{at} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{(a-s)t} dt \\
 &= \left[\frac{e^{(a-s)t}}{(a-s)} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{e^{(a-s)b}}{a-s} - \frac{e^{(a-s)(0)}}{a-s} \right] = \boxed{\frac{1}{s-a}, s > a} \\
 &\quad \text{0 if } s > a.
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{Ex: } \mathcal{L}\{5e^{-2t}\} = 5\mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{(by linearity of } \mathcal{L}) \\
 &= 5 \cdot \frac{1}{s-(-2)} \\
 &= \frac{5}{s+2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du \quad \begin{array}{l} u = t \quad dv = e^{-st} dt \\ du = dt \quad v = \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \end{array}$$

$$= \left[\frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} + \int \frac{e^{-st}}{s} dt \right]_0^{\infty}$$

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

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(\frac{b e^{-sb}}{-s} + \frac{e^{-sb}}{-s^2} \right) - \left(\frac{0}{-s} + \frac{1}{-s^2} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{s^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

if $s > 0$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2} \iff \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} = t \quad (s > 0).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\{t\} &= \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} dt \\
 u &= t \quad dv = e^{-st} dt \\
 du &= dt \quad v = \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \\
 &= \left[\frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} - \int \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt \right]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \left[\frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} dt \right]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right]_0^b - \left(\frac{0 e^{-0}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-0}}{s^2} \right) \\
 &\quad \text{(if } s > 0) \\
 &= \frac{1}{s^2} \\
 \mathcal{L}\{t\} &= \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad s > 0 \\
 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} &= t.
 \end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\{t^n\} &= \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is an integer}). \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is not an integer.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \mathcal{L}\{t^5\} = \frac{5!}{s^6} = \frac{120}{s^6}.$$

Using Linearity:

$$\mathcal{L}\{4e^{2t} + 3e^{-3t} - 2t^2 + 4t + 6\}$$

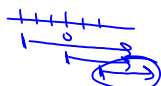
we could:

$$\int_0^{\infty} (4e^{2t} + 3e^{-3t} - 2t^2 + 4t + 6)e^{-st} dt = \dots$$

OR:

$$F(s) = \frac{4}{s-2} + \frac{3}{s+3} - \frac{2 \cdot 2!}{s^3} + \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{6}{s}$$

$\begin{matrix} s > 2 & s > -3 & s > 0 \end{matrix}$



Use Linearity:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}\{e^{3t} + t^2 - 4t + 2\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{e^{3t}\} + \mathcal{L}\{t^2\} - 4\mathcal{L}\{t\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{1\} \\ &= \frac{1}{s-3} + \frac{2}{s^3} - \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s} \quad (s > 3) \\ &= \frac{s^3 + 2(s-3) - 4s(s-3) + 2s^2(s-3)}{s^3(s-3)} \\ &= \frac{3s^3 - 10s^2 + 14s - 6}{s^3(s-3)} = \mathcal{L}\{e^{3t} + t^2 - 4t + 2\} \end{aligned}$$

hyperbolic:

$$\cosh(kx) = \frac{e^{kx} + e^{-kx}}{2}$$

$$\sinh(kx) = \frac{e^{kx} - e^{-kx}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(kx)\} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s-k} + \frac{1}{s+k} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s+k + s-k}{s^2 - k^2} \right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(kx)\} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s-k} - \frac{1}{s+k} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s+k - (s-k)}{s^2 - k^2} \right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(kx)\} = \int_0^{\infty} \cos(kx)e^{-sx} dx$$

(leads to "unwinding" int. by parts...)

Instead, we'll "complexify":

$$e^{ikx} = \cos(kx) + i\sin(kx). \quad (1)$$

$$e^{-ikx} = \cos(-kx) + i\sin(-kx) \\ = \cos(kx) - i\sin(kx). \quad (2)$$

$$\cos(kx) = \frac{e^{ikx} + e^{-ikx}}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(kx)\} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s-ik} + \frac{1}{s+ik} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s+ik + s-ik}{s^2+k^2} \right) \\ = \boxed{\frac{s}{s^2+k^2}}$$

$$\sin(kx) = \frac{e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx}}{2i}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin(kx)\} = \frac{1}{2i} \left(\frac{1}{s-ik} - \frac{1}{s+ik} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2i} \left(\frac{s+ki - (s-ki)}{s^2+k^2} \right) \\ = \boxed{\frac{k}{s^2+k^2}}$$

$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$	
1	$1/s$	$s > 0$
t	$1/s^2$	$s > 0$
t^n , n an integer	$n!/s^{n+1}$	$s > 0$
e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$	$s > a$
$\cos(kt)$	$\frac{s}{s^2+k^2}$	$s > 0$
$\sin(kt)$	$\frac{k}{s^2+k^2}$	$s > 0$
$\cosh(kt)$	$\frac{s}{s^2-k^2}$	$s > k $
$\sinh(kt)$	$\frac{k}{s^2-k^2}$	$s > k $

Backwards?

$$F(s) = \frac{2s-14}{(s+1)(s-3)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s-3}$$

$$= \frac{4}{s+1} - \frac{2}{s-3}$$

$$= 4 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s-3}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ 4e^{-t} - 2e^{3t} \right\}.$$

$$F(s) = \frac{2s^2 - s + 11}{(s-1)(s^2+5)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2+5}$$

$$2s^2 - s + 11 = A(s^2+5) + (Bs+C)(s-1)$$

$$2s^2 - s + 11 = As^2 + 5A + Bs^2 - Bs + Cs - C$$

$$\underline{s^2}: 2 = A+B \quad A=2, B=0, C=-1.$$

$$\underline{s}: -1 = -B+C \Rightarrow F(s) = \frac{2}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s^2+5}$$

$$\underline{1}: 11 = 5A - C$$

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

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

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ 2e^t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sin(\sqrt{5}t) \right\}.$$

$$F(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+4s+13} = \frac{s+1}{(s+2)^2+9}$$

$$= \frac{s+2-1}{(s+2)^2+9}$$

$$e^{at} \cos kt = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2+k^2} = \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+9} - \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+9}$$

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