

LAPLACE TRANSFORM

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LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Let $f(t)$ be a function of t defined for all $t \geq 0$. then the Laplace transform of $f(t)$, denoted by $L[f(t)]$ is defined by $L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$ Provided that the integral exists, “s” is a parameter which may be real or complex. Clearly $L[f(t)]$ is a function of s and is briefly written as $F(s)$ (i.e.) $L[f(t)] = F(s)$

PIECEWISE CONTINUOUS FUNCTION

A function $f(t)$ is said to be piecewise continuous is an interval $a \leq t \leq b$, if the interval can be sub divided into a finite number of intervals in each of which the function is continuous and has finite right and left hand limits.

EXPONENTIAL ORDER

A function $f(t)$ is said to be exponential order if $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} f(t)$ is a finite quantity, where $s > 0$ (exists).

PROPERTIES

- $L[af(t) \pm bg(t)] = aL[f(t)] \pm bL[g(t)]$, where a and b are constants.
- If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $L[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$; $a > 0$
- If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then
 - i) $L[e^{-at}f(t)] = F(s + a)$ and ii) $L[e^{at}f(t)] = F(s - a)$
- $L[f'(t)] = sL[f(t)] - f(0)$
- $L[f^n(t)] = s^n L[f(t)] - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) \dots - s^{n-3}f''(0) - \dots f^{n-1}(0)$
- If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $L\left[\int_0^t f(t)dt\right] = \frac{F(s)}{s}$
- If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then
 - i) $L[tf(t)] = -\frac{d}{ds}F(s)$ and ii) $L[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s)$

STANDARD FUNCTIONS

- $L(1) = \frac{1}{s}$
- $L(t) = \frac{1}{s^2}$
- $L(t^n) = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}}$
- $L(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}, s > a$
- $L(e^{-at}) = \frac{1}{s+a}, s > a$
- $L(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2+a^2}, s > |a|$
- $L(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2+a^2}, s > |a|$
- $L(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2-a^2}, s > |a|$
- $L(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2-a^2}, s > |a|$

PERIODIC FUNCTIONS

Definition: A function $f(t)$ is said to be periodic if $f(t + T) = f(t)$ for all values of t and for certain values of T . The smallest value of T for which $f(t + T) = f(t)$ for all t is called **periodic function**.

Example:

$$\sin t = \sin(t + 2\pi) = \sin(t + 4\pi) \dots$$

$\therefore \sin t$ is periodic function with period 2π .

Let $f(t)$ be a periodic function with period T .

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

Example:

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Find the Laplace transform of $f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin \omega t, 0 < t < \frac{\pi}{\omega} \\ 0, & \frac{\pi}{\omega} < t < \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \end{cases}, f\left(t + \frac{2\pi}{\omega}\right) = f(t)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} L(f(t)) &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{1-e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{\omega}}} \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} e^{-st} \sin \omega t dt \\ &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{\omega}}} \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{s^2 + \omega^2} (-s \sin \omega t - \omega \cos \omega t) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{\omega}}} \left\{ \frac{e^{-s\frac{\pi}{\omega}}}{s^2 + \omega^2} (-s \sin \pi - \omega \cos \pi) + \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{1-e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{\omega}}} \left[\frac{e^{-s\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \omega + \omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1^2 - \left(e^{-\frac{\pi s}{\omega}}\right)^2} \left[\frac{\omega(e^{-s\frac{\pi}{\omega}} + 1)}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right] = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-\frac{\pi s}{\omega}})(1 - e^{-\frac{\pi s}{\omega}})} \left[\frac{\omega(e^{-s\frac{\pi}{\omega}} + 1)}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{\omega}{(1 - e^{-\frac{\pi s}{\omega}})(s^2 + \omega^2)} \end{aligned}$$

INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Definition

If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $f(t)$ is called an inverse Laplace transform of $F(s)$ and it is denoted by $f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)]$, where L^{-1} is called the inverse Laplace transform operator.

$L(f(t))$	$F(s)$
$L(1) = \frac{1}{s}$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) = 1$
$L(t) = \frac{1}{s^2}$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) = t$
$L(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \text{ if } n \text{ is an integer}$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}\right) = t^n$ $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}\right) = \frac{t^n}{n!}$

$L(f(t))$	$F(s)$
$L(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-a}\right) = e^{at}$
$L(e^{-at}) = \frac{1}{s+a}$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+a}\right) = e^{-at}$
$L(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}\right) = \sin at$
$L(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right) = \cos at$
$L(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2},$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}\right) = \sinh at$
$L(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$	$L^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}\right) = \cosh at$

PROPERTIES

$L(f(t)) = F(s)$ and $L(g(t)) = G(s)$, then

1. $L^{-1}(aF(s) \pm bG(s)) = aL^{-1}(F(s)) \pm bL^{-1}(G(s))$, where a and b are constants.

$$2. L^{-1}[F(s + a)] = e^{at} L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

$$3. L^{-1}[F(s - a)] = e^{-at} L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

$$4. \text{ If } L^{-1}(F(s)) = f(t) \text{ and } f(0) = 0 \text{ then } L^{-1}[sF(s)] = -\frac{d}{dt} L^{-1}F(s)$$

$$5. L^{-1}\left(\frac{F(s)}{s}\right) = \int_0^t L^{-1}(F(s)) ds$$

$$6. L^{-1}(F(s)) = -\frac{1}{t} L^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{ds} F(s)\right)$$

$$7. L^{-1}(F(s)) = t L^{-1}\left(\int_s^\infty F(s) ds\right)$$

Example:

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

Solution:

$$\left(\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)(s)}\right) = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+2} + \frac{C}{s}$$

$$1 = A(s+2)s + B(s+1)s + C(s+1)(s+2)$$

Put $s = -1, -2, 0$ then $A = -1, B = \frac{1}{2}$ and $C = \frac{1}{2}$

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

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

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

