

Integration of Laplace Transform:

- Let $f(t)$ be a function of t such that
- (i) $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on every finite interval in the range $t \geq 0$.
 - (ii) There exists constants $k > 0$, and $M > 0$ such that $|f(t)| \leq M e^{kt}$, $t \geq 0$
 - (iii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\}$ exists finitely,

then

$$L\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty F(u) du. \text{ Hence } L^{-1}\left\{\int_s^\infty F(u) du\right\} = \frac{f(t)}{t}$$

Proof:-

By definition

$$F(s) = L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt \quad (1)$$

Integrating (1) both side from s to ∞ we get.

$$\int_s^\infty F(u) du = \int_s^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-ut} f(t) dt \right) du.$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \left(\int_s^\infty e^{-ut} f(t) du \right) dt$$

----- [By change of order of integration]

$$= \int_0^\infty f(t) \left[\int_s^\infty e^{-ut} du \right] dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty f(t) \left(\frac{e^{-ut}}{-u} \right)_s^\infty dt$$

$$\int_s^{\infty} F(u) du = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \left[\frac{f(t)}{t} \right] dt, \quad s > k$$

$$= L \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\}, \text{ by definition L.T.}$$

Hence

$$\boxed{\int_s^{\infty} F(u) du = L \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\}}$$

Thus we have

$$\boxed{L^{-1} \left\{ \int_s^{\infty} F(u) du \right\} = \frac{f(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{t} L^{-1} \{ F(s) \}}$$

Corollary If $L\{f(t)\} = F(s)$, then $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} F(s) ds$
provided that the integral converges.

Proof:- From above th^m,

$$L \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\} = \int_s^{\infty} F(u) du$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt = \int_s^{\infty} F(u) du.$$

Taking limit of both side as $s \rightarrow 0^+$ and assuming that the integral converges, we get

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} F(u) du.$$

Example (1) Show that $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solⁿ Use above corollary to prove that

Let $f(t) = \sin t$ so that $F(s) = L\{\sin t\} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$.

But by corollary

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} F(u) du.$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} du$$

$$= [\tan^{-1} u]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Example (2) Prove that

$$L\left\{\frac{\cos at - \cos bt}{t}\right\} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{s^2 + b^2}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

Solⁿ:- $L\{\cos at - \cos bt\} = L\{\cos at\} - L\{\cos bt\}$

$$= \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} - \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2} \rightarrow F(s) \text{ say } (*)$$

By Integration of transform th^m,

$$\int_s^{\infty} F(u) du = L\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\}$$

$$\therefore L \left\{ \frac{\cos at - \cos bt}{t} \right\} = \int_s^\infty F(u) du$$

$$= \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{u}{u^2+a^2} - \frac{u}{u^2+b^2} \right) du.$$

--- by (*)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{2u}{u^2+a^2} - \frac{2u}{u^2+b^2} \right) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\log(u^2+a^2) - \log(u^2+b^2) \right]_s^\infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\log \left(\frac{u^2+a^2}{u^2+b^2} \right) \right]_{u=s}^\infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \left[\log \left(\frac{u^2+a^2}{u^2+b^2} \right) \right] - \log \left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2+b^2} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \left[\log \left(\frac{1+a^2/u^2}{1+b^2/u^2} \right) \right] + \log \left(\frac{s^2+b^2}{s^2+a^2} \right) \right\}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{s^2+b^2}{s^2+a^2} \right)$$

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$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

Example (3) $L\left\{\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right\} = ?$

Solⁿ :-

$$L\{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}\} = L\{e^{-at}\} - L\{e^{-bt}\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b} \rightarrow F(s)$$

(say) (A.)

By Integration of L.T th^m we get

$$L\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty F(u) du$$

$$L\left\{\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty \left[\frac{1}{u+a} - \frac{1}{u+b}\right] du$$

$$= \left[\log(u+a) - \log(u+b) \right]_{u=s}^\infty$$

$$= \left[\log\left(\frac{u+a}{u+b}\right) \right]_{u=s}^\infty$$

$$= \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \left[\log\left(\frac{u+a}{u+b}\right) \right] - \log\left(\frac{s+a}{s+b}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \left[\log\left(\frac{1+a/u}{1+b/u}\right) \right] + \log\left(\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right)$$

$$= 0 + \log\left(\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right) = \log\left(\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right)$$

Example (4) Prove that $\bar{L}' \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{u(u+1)} du \right\} = \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{t}$

Solⁿ

As you know

$$L \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\} = \int_0^{\infty} F(u) du, \text{ hence}$$

$$\bar{L}' \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} F(u) du \right\} = \frac{1}{t} f(t) = \frac{1}{t} \bar{L}' \{ F(s) \} \quad \dots (1)$$

Here

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

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{L}' \{ F(s) \} &= \bar{L}' \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \right\} - \bar{L}' \left\{ \frac{1}{s+1} \right\} \\ &= 1 - e^{-t} \quad \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\bar{L}' \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{u(u+1)} du \right\} = \frac{1}{t} (1 - e^{-t}) \quad \dots \text{[by (1) and (2)]}$$

Homework

$$(1) \bar{L}' \left\{ \frac{s}{(s^2+16)^2} \right\} \quad (2) \bar{L} \left\{ \frac{\sin 2t}{t} \right\}$$

$$(3) \text{ Prove that } L \left\{ \frac{\sin^2 t}{t} \right\} = \frac{1}{4} \log \left(\frac{s^2+4}{s^2} \right)$$

Unit Step Function :-

It is also called as Heaviside function. It is defined as

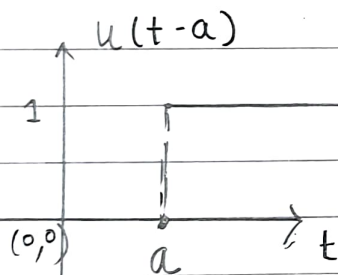
$$u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t < a \\ 1, & \text{if } t > a \end{cases} \quad (a \geq 0) \quad (\text{see fig A})$$

(shifted a unit to the right hand side)

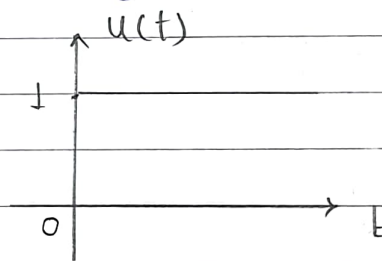
• Here $u(t-a) = 1$, at $t = a$ (where we leave it undefined).

• The special case $u(t)$, which has its jump at zero.

$$\text{i.e. } u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } t > 0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{see fig B})$$



(fig A)



(fig B)

- The unit step function is a typical "engineering function," made to measure for engineering applications, which often involve function (mechanical or electrical driving forces) that are either 'off' or 'on'. Multiplying $f(t)$ with $u(t-a)$ we can produce all sorts of effects.
- The unit step function are very helpful when solving ODEs with right sides function i.e. $r(t)$ is complicated function.

- If you have following type of function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} f_1(t), & 0 < t < a_1 \\ f_2(t), & a_1 < t < a_2 \\ f_3(t), & t > a_2 \end{cases}$$

Then you can write into unit step function as follow.

$$f(t) = f_1(t) [u(t) - u(t - a_1)] + f_2(t) [u(t - a_1) - u(t - a_2)] + f_3(t) [u(t - a_2)]$$

So using unit step function, you can write piecewise continuous function into single line.

- If $f(t) = \begin{cases} f_1(t), & 0 < t < a_1 \\ f_2(t), & a_1 < t < a_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1}(t), & a_{n-2} < t < a_{n-1} \\ f_n(t), & t > a_{n-1} \end{cases}$

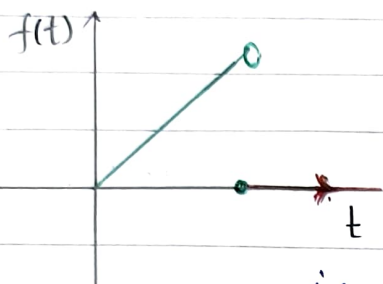
then using unit step function it express as.

$$f(t) = f_1(t) [u(t) - u(t - a_1)] + f_2(t) [u(t - a_1) - u(t - a_2)] + \dots + f_n(t) [u(t - a_{n-1})]$$

That is in single expression.

Examples (1) If $f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & \text{for } 0 \leq t < 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

then f in terms of Heaviside function.

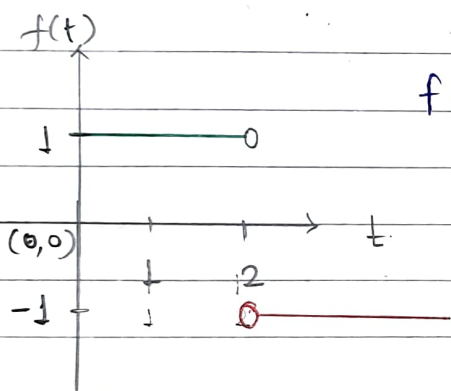


At $t=4$, $f(t)=0$, and

$$f(t) = t [u(t) - u(t-4)], \quad t \neq 4$$

ie $f(t) = t \cdot u(t) - t u(t-4)$.

(2) $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t < 2 \\ -1 & t > 2 \end{cases}$



$$f(t) = 1 \cdot [u(t) - u(t-2)] + (-1) [u(t-2)]$$

$$= u(t) - 2u(t-2)$$

$$= 1 - 2u(t-2)$$

$$(u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases})$$

(3) $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ t+1 & t > 1 \end{cases}$

$$f(t) = 0 [u(t) - u(t-1)] + (t+1) u(t-1)$$

$$= (t+1) u(t-1)$$

Homework: Express in terms of Heaviside's fuⁿ

(a) $f(t) = \begin{cases} \cos t & 0 < t < \pi \\ \sin t & t > \pi \end{cases}$

Sketch it

(b) $f(t) = \begin{cases} \cos t & 0 < t < \pi \\ \cos 2t & \pi < t < 2\pi \\ \cos 3t & t > 2\pi \end{cases}$

Laplace Transform of unit step function $u(t-a)$

By definition of Laplace transform,

$$\begin{aligned} L\{u(t-a)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u(t-a) dt \\ &= \int_0^a e^{-st} u(t-a) dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} u(t-a) dt \\ &= \int_0^a e^{-st} 0 dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} (1) dt \quad \left(\because u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ 1 & t > a \end{cases} \right) \\ &= 0 + \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_a^{\infty} \\ &= 0 + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right] + \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \\ &= \frac{e^{-as}}{s}, \quad s > 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$L\{u(t-a)\} = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}, \quad s > 0$$

In particular

$$L\{u(t)\} = \frac{e^{-(0)s}}{s} = \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0$$

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[use $u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases}$
and defⁿ of LT
find out
 $L\{u(t)\}$]