

# Seminar 102. Lecture 6. Laplace transform.

[Ref: 吴崇试 (8, 18; Riley (13.2)]

Notations: | Important formula  
Laplace transform

Recall: Integral transform: "change of domain"  $F(k) \Leftrightarrow f(x)$

$$\underbrace{F(k)}_{\text{image}} = \int_a^b \underbrace{K(k, x)}_{\text{kernel}} \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{pre-image}} dx$$

Fourier transform	$K = e^{-ikx}$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
Laplace transform	$K = e^{-kx}$	$0 \leq x < \infty$
Sine transform	$K = \sin kx$	$0 \leq x < \infty$
Cosine transform	$K = \cos kx$	$0 \leq x < \infty$
Hankel transform	$K = x J_n(kx)$	$0 \leq x < \infty$
Mellin transform	$K = x^{k-1}$	$0 \leq x < \infty$

Bessel function

## 6.1. Def. of L.T.

$$F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} f(t) dt$$

use "t, p" in usual

Notations:

$$\begin{aligned} F(p) &= \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} & \text{or} & & F(p) &\doteq f(t) \\ f(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(p)\} & \text{or} & & f(t) &\doteq F(p) \end{aligned}$$

Remark: Let  $f(t)|_{t < 0} = 0$ , i.e.  $f(t-t') \equiv f(t-t') \eta(t-t')$ , where

$$\eta(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

is the Heaviside unit step function.

EX1. Find the L.T. of  $f(t) = 1$ .

## 6.2. Properties.

$$\textcircled{\#} \quad 1 \doteq \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-pt} dt = -\frac{1}{p} e^{-pt} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{p}, \quad \text{Re } p > 0.$$

□

EX2. Find the L.T. of  $f(t) = e^{\alpha t}$ .

$$e^{\alpha t} \doteq \int_0^{\infty} e^{\alpha t} \cdot e^{-pt} dt = \frac{1}{p-\alpha}, \operatorname{Re}(p-\alpha) > 0.$$

□

## 6.2. Properties of L.T.

① L.T. is a linear transform. [Proof: by definition] □

~~② L.T.  $F(p)$  is analytic at  $\operatorname{Re} p > s_0$ , where  $s_0$  is called~~

Remark:  $\sin ut = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{iut} - e^{-iut}) \doteq \frac{1}{2i}\left(\frac{1}{p-iu} - \frac{1}{p+iu}\right) = \frac{u}{p^2+u^2}$   
 $\cos ut = \frac{1}{2}(e^{iut} + e^{-iut}) \doteq \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{p-iu} + \frac{1}{p+iu}\right) = \frac{p}{p^2+u^2}$

②  $F(p)$  is analytic at  $\operatorname{Re} p > s_0$ , where  $s_0$  is called abscissa of convergence

③ ~~When  $\operatorname{Re}(p) \rightarrow \infty$~~   $\lim_{\operatorname{Re} p \rightarrow \infty} F(p) = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{\operatorname{Im} p \rightarrow \pm \infty} F(p) = 0.$$

④ The derivative of L.T.:

$$f'(t) \doteq pF(p) - f(0)$$

Proof:  $\int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-pt} dt = f(t) e^{-pt} \Big|_0^{\infty} + p \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-pt} dt$

□

Corollary:  $f^{(n)}(t) \doteq p^n F(p) - p^{n-1} f(0) - p^{n-2} f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0).$

⑤ The integration of L.T.

$$\int_0^t f(t') dt' \doteq \frac{1}{p} F(p)$$

Proof. Def. Idt.  $\Rightarrow \left(\int_0^t f(t') dt'\right) \doteq \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(t') dt'\right\}$

④  $\frac{d}{dt} \Rightarrow$

$$f(t) \doteq p \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(t') dt'\right\} - 0 \quad (\neq \overline{f(p)})$$

$$F(p) = p \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(t') dt'\right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{p} F(p) \doteq \int_0^t f(t') dt'$$

# 6-3. Application of L.T. on solving ODEs.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Rightarrow p \quad \int_0^+ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p}$$

So we can use L.T. to transform calculus into algebras.

In the circuit analysis, we have

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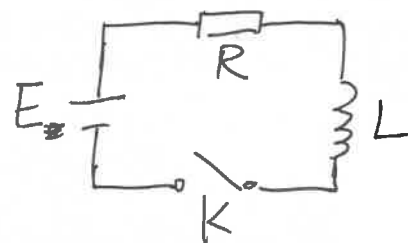
Resistor:	$u = iR$
Inductor:	$u = L \frac{di}{dt}$
Capacitor:	$i = C \frac{du}{dt}$

and

Kirchhoff laws:	
KVL:	$\sum_{\text{node}} i = 0$
KCL:	$\sum_{\text{loop}} u = 0$

Ex3. Consider a RL circuit, find  $i(t)$  after the K is closed

From the KVL, we have an ODE



$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E,$$

and BC:  $i(0) = 0$ .

Apply L.T.  $i(t) \doteq I(p)$ , then  $L \frac{di}{dt} \doteq LpI - i(0) = LpI$ ,

$$LpI + RI = \frac{1}{p} E$$

$$\Rightarrow I(p) = \frac{E}{p} \cdot \frac{1}{Lp+R} = \frac{E}{R} \left( \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{Lp+R} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow i(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{I(p)\} = \frac{E}{R} (1 - e^{-Rt/L})$$

□

Ex4. Solve the ODE:

$$y''(t) - y'(t) - 2y(t) = 0$$

and BCs:  $y(0) = 1, y(t)|_{t \rightarrow \infty}$  converge.

(Definite solution problem)

Remark: "定解问题"

Assuming we have L.T.:  $y(t) \doteq Y(p)$ :

$$y'(t) \doteq pY(p) - y'(0), y''(t) \doteq p^2Y(p) - p - y'(0)$$

unknown

Therefore, the original ODE becomes

$$[p^2 Y(p) - p - y'(0)] - [pY(p) - 1] - 2Y(p) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(p) = \frac{p-1+y'(0)}{p^2-p-2} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{p-2} + \frac{2}{p+1} \right) + \frac{1}{3} y'(0) \left( \frac{1}{p-2} - \frac{1}{p+1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(p)\} = \frac{1}{3} (2 - y'(0)) e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3} (1 + y'(0)) e^{2t}$$

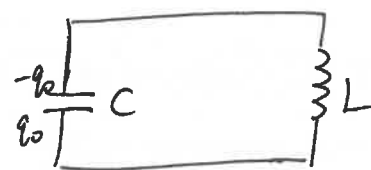
From  $y(t)|_{t \rightarrow \infty}$  converge, we have  $y'(0) = -1$ .

Therefore, we have

$$y(t) = e^{-t}$$

□

Ex 5. Consider a LC circuit, find  $i(t)$ .



From  $u = \frac{q}{C}$ ,  $u = L \frac{di}{dt}$ , KVL, we have

$$\frac{q(t)}{C} = L \frac{di}{dt}, \quad q(t) = - \int_0^t i(t') dt' + q_0$$

$$\Rightarrow L \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t') dt' = \frac{q_0}{C} \quad (\text{this is an integro-differential eqn})$$

Apply L.T.  $i(t) \doteq I(p)$ :

$$L p I(p) + \frac{1}{C} \cdot \frac{1}{p} I(p) = \frac{1}{p} \cdot \frac{q_0}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow I(p) = \frac{q_0}{L C p^2 + 1}$$

Recall that  $\sin ut \doteq \frac{1}{p^2 + u^2}$ , we have  $i(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{I(p)\} = \frac{q_0}{\sqrt{LC}} \sin \frac{t}{\sqrt{LC}}$

This indicates that LC circuit will produce a wave with  $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ .

## 6.4. Inverse of L.T., special case

The uniqueness of the inverse of L.T. :

I.L.T. is unique if and only if the  $f(t)$  is <sup>continuous</sup> ~~unique~~.

We thereby only consider the  $f(t)$  that is continuous.

① The inverse of derivatives: (if we know  $F(p) \doteq f(t)$ )

$$\boxed{F^{(n)}(p) \doteq (-t)^n f(t)}$$

Proof:  $F^{(n)}(p) = \left(\frac{d}{dp}\right)^n \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-pt} dt = \int_0^\infty f(t) \cdot (-t)^n e^{-pt} dt. \quad \square$

Corollary: From  $\frac{1}{p} \doteq 1$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{p^2} \doteq -\frac{d}{dp} \frac{1}{p} \doteq t$$

$$\frac{1}{p^3} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d}{dp}\right)^2 \frac{1}{p} \doteq \frac{1}{2} t^2 \quad \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^n} \doteq \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

Ex 6. Find the I.L.T. of  $\frac{1}{p^3(p+\alpha)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p^3(p+\alpha)} &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1}{p^3} - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{1}{\alpha^3} \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{\alpha^3} \frac{1}{p+\alpha} \\ &\doteq \frac{1}{2\alpha} t^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} t + \frac{1}{\alpha^3} - \frac{1}{\alpha^3} e^{-\alpha t}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

② The inverse of the integrations

$$\boxed{\int_p^\infty F(p') dp' \doteq \frac{1}{t} f(t)}$$

Proof:  $\frac{d}{dp} \left( \int_p^\infty F(p') dp' \right) \doteq (-t) f(t)$   
 $-F(p) = -\frac{1}{t} f(t) \quad \square$

Corollary:  $\frac{\sin ut}{t} \doteq \int_p^\infty \frac{u}{p^2 + u^2} dp' = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan \frac{p}{u}$

Corollary: If the integration exists at  $p \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$\boxed{\int_0^\infty F(p) dp = \int_0^\infty \frac{f(t)}{t} dt}$$

Ex 7. Solve  $\int_0^\infty \frac{f(t)}{t} dt$  where  $f(t) = \sin t$ .

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin t}{t} = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{p^2+1} dp = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

③  $F(p)$  is analytic at  $p = \infty$ :

$$F(p) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n p^{-n} \Rightarrow f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{n+1}}{n!} t^n$$

④ The convolution theorem of L.T.: Remark: for F.T., it is  $\mathcal{F}(f)\mathcal{F}(g) = \mathcal{F}\{f * g\}$

If  $\cancel{F_1(p)} \cancel{F_2(p)} F_*(p) \doteq f_*(t)$ ,  $G(p) \doteq g(t)$ , then

$$\cancel{F_*(p)} \cancel{G(p)} \doteq \int_0^t f(t') g(t-t') dt' \quad (\cancel{F_*(p)})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } F_*(p) G(p) &= \int_0^\infty f(t') e^{-pt'} dt' \int_0^\infty g(t'') e^{-pt''} dt'' \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(t') dt' \int_0^\infty g(t'') e^{-P(t'+t'')} dt'' \\ &\stackrel{\substack{(t = t' + t'') \\ (t'' = t - t')}}{=} \int_0^\infty f(t') dt' \int_{t'}^\infty g(t-t') e^{-Pt} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-Pt} dt \int_0^t f(t') g(t-t') dt', \end{aligned}$$

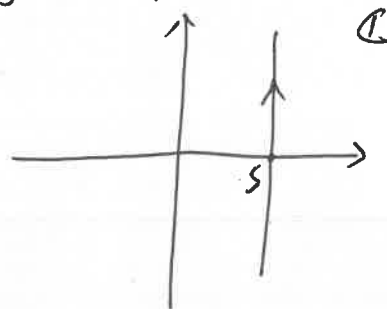
Remark:  $\int_0^\infty dt' \int_{t'}^\infty dt \equiv \int_0^\infty dt \int_0^t dt'$  from multivariable calculus.  $\square$

6.5. Inverse of L.T., General case.

Theorem. If  $\int_{s-i\infty}^{s+i\infty} |F(p)| dp$  ( $s > s_0$ ) converge  $\forall s$ , then for  $\text{Re}(p) > s_0$ , ~~we have~~

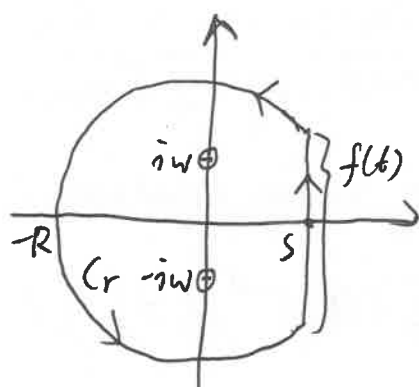
$$F(p) \doteq \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{s-i\infty}^{s+i\infty} F(p) e^{pt} dp$$

~~Proof:~~ i.e. ~~a~~ a complex integral.

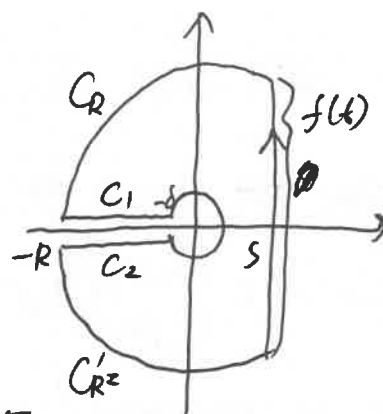


Proof: Refer to 吴崇试 P.128.  $\square$

Practically, we usually refer to the contour (围道) below:



For singlevalued function



For multivariable function

EX8. Find the I.L.T. of  $F(p) = \frac{1}{(p^2 + w^2)^2}$ ,  $w > 0$ .

Using the contour above, we have

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{s-i\infty}^{s+i\infty} \frac{1}{(p^2 + w^2)^2} e^{pt} dp, \quad (t > 0),$$

and the singularities are shown above:  $p = \pm iw$ .

According to the Jordan's lemma, we have

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_R} \frac{1}{(p^2 + w^2)^2} e^{pt} dp = 0.$$

Therefore, according to the Residue theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \sum \text{Res} \left\{ \frac{1}{(p^2 + w^2)^2} e^{pt} \right\} - 0 = \text{Res} \left\{ \frac{e^{pt}}{(p^2 + w^2)^2} \right\} \Big|_{p=iw} + \text{Res} \left\{ \frac{e^{pt}}{(p^2 + w^2)^2} \right\} \Big|_{p=-iw} \\ &= \left\{ \left[ \frac{t}{(p+iw)^2} - \frac{2}{(p+iw)^3} \right] e^{pt} \right\} \Big|_{p=iw} + \left\{ \left[ \frac{t}{(p-iw)^2} - \frac{2}{(p-iw)^3} \right] e^{pt} \right\} \Big|_{p=-iw} \\ &= \frac{1}{2w^3} (\sin wt - wt \cos wt). \end{aligned}$$

6.6. Using L.T. to find the  $\Sigma$  series.

If ~~a~~ a ~~series~~ series can be represented by  $\Sigma F(n)$ , where  $F(p)$  is ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~for~~ image function, then it can be represented by

$$\Sigma_n F(n) = \Sigma_n \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-nt} dt = \int_0^\infty \Sigma_n f(t) e^{-nt} dt = \int_0^\infty f(t) \left( \Sigma_n e^{-nt} \right) dt$$

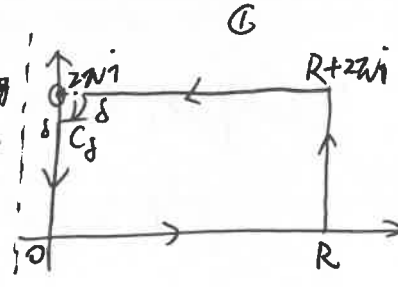
Over there, we exchanged the sequence of the integration and sum. It requires the ~~for~~ function  $(f(t)e^{-nt})$  to be differentiable, integratable and continuous. (uniform convergence).

EX 9. Find  $\Sigma_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ .

Consider a L.T.  $F(n) \doteq f(x)$ , we ~~have~~ have  $\frac{1}{n^2} \doteq x$ , then

$$S = \Sigma_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \Sigma_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^\infty x e^{-nx} dx = \int_0^\infty x \Sigma_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-nx} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{x e^{-x}}{1 - e^{-x}} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{x}{e^x - 1} dx.$$

Therefore, we can use the complex integral to find  $S$ :

$$\text{Consider } \oint_C \frac{z^2}{e^z - 1} dz = \int_0^R \frac{z^2}{e^x - 1} dx + \int_0^{2W} \frac{(R+iy)^2}{e^{R+iy} - 1} idy + \int_R^{R+2Wi} \frac{z^2}{e^z - 1} dz + \int_{R+2Wi}^0 \frac{(iy)^2}{e^{iy} - 1} dy = 0$$


where ~~only B, C and D contains imaginary part~~ only B, C and D contains imaginary part.

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} B = 0, \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} D = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot 2Wi \operatorname{Res} \left( \frac{z^2}{e^z - 1} \right)_{z=2Wi} = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot 2Wi \cdot \frac{(2Wi)^2}{2} = -\frac{Wi}{2} \cdot (2Wi)^2 = -2W^2 i$$

$$A + C = -\int_0^\infty \frac{4Wi x - 4W^2}{e^x - 1} dx, \quad E = \int_0^{2W} \frac{y^2 e^{iy/2}}{2 \sin(y/2)} dy$$

$$\Rightarrow -\int_0^\infty \frac{4Wi x - 4W^2}{e^x - 1} dx + \int_0^{2W} \frac{y^2 e^{iy/2}}{2 \sin(y/2)} dy + 2W^2 i = 0$$

The imaginary part,  $4W \int_0^\infty \frac{x}{e^x - 1} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2W} y^2 dy = 2W^3 \Rightarrow S = -\frac{1}{3} W^2 + \frac{1}{2} W^2 = \frac{W^2}{6}$ .