

Laplace Transform of a Periodic function

Let $f(t)$ be a periodic function with period T .
 that is $f(t+T) = f(t)$. then by definition

$$L(f(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_T^{2T} e^{-st} f(t) dt + \dots$$

$$= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + \dots$$

In I_2 , putting $t = T+u$ so that $dt = du$.

we get
$$I_2 = \int_T^{2T} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \int_0^T e^{-s(T+u)} f(T+u) du.$$

$$(\because f(T+u) = f(u))$$

$$= e^{-sT} \int_0^T e^{-su} f(u) du.$$

$$= e^{-sT} I_1$$

Similarly, in I_3 , putting $t = 2T+u$ so that $dt = du$

we get
$$I_3 = \int_{2T}^{3T} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \int_0^T e^{-s(2T+u)} f(2T+u) du.$$

$$= e^{-2sT} \int_0^T e^{-su} f(u) du = e^{-2sT} I_1$$

Proceeding the same way, we get

$$I_4 = e^{-3sT} I_1, \quad I_5 = e^{-4sT} I_1, \dots$$

$$\therefore L(f(t)) = I_1 + e^{-sT} I_1 + e^{-2sT} I_1 + e^{-3sT} I_1 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{I_1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \quad \left(\because \text{Sum of infinite gp with common ratio less than 1} \right)$$

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

Ex If $f(t) = t^2$ for $0 < t < 2$ and
 $f(t+2) = f(t)$ for $t > 2$. find $L(f(t))$.

Solution Since $f(t)$ is a periodic function with period $T=2$

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

Here $f(t) = t^2$, Hence.

$$L(f(t)) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \int_0^2 t^2 e^{-st} dt.$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \left[\frac{t^2 e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^2 - \int_0^2 \frac{2t e^{-st}}{-s} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \left[\frac{-4}{s} e^{-2s} + \frac{2}{s} \int_0^2 t e^{-st} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \left[\frac{-4 e^{-2s}}{s} + \frac{2}{s} \left[\frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^2 + \int_0^2 1 \cdot \frac{e^{-st}}{s} dt \right] \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \left[\frac{-4 e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{4 e^{-2s}}{s^2} - \frac{2 e^{-2s}}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-2 e^{-2s}}{1 - e^{-2s}} \left[\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^3} - \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^3} \right]$$

Ex (1) For the periodic function $f(t)$ of period 4,
 defined by $f(t) = \begin{cases} 3t & 0 < t < 2 \\ 6 & 2 < t < 4 \end{cases}$ find $L(f(t))$.

Solution Given $f(t+4) = f(t)$

\therefore For the periodic function $f(t)$ of period 4, we have

$$L(f(t)) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-4s}} \left[\int_0^4 e^{-st} f(t) dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-4s}} \left[\int_0^2 3t e^{-st} dt + \int_2^4 6 e^{-st} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-4s}} \left[\frac{3t e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^2 + \frac{3 e^{-st}}{s(-s)} \Big|_0^2 - \left[\frac{6 e^{-st}}{s} \right]_2^4 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-4s}} \left[\frac{-6}{s} e^{-2s} + \frac{3}{s^2} (1 - e^{-2s}) - \frac{6}{s} e^{-4s} + \frac{6e^{-2s}}{s} \right] \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-4s}} \left[\frac{3}{s^2} (1 - e^{-2s}) - \frac{6e^{-4s}}{s} \right]$$

Ex Find the Laplace transform of a periodic function $f(t)$ given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < t < L \\ -1 & L < t < 2L \end{cases}$$

Solution :-

$$L(f(t)) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sL}} \int_0^{2L} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sL}} \left[\int_0^L 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt + \int_L^{2L} (-1) e^{-st} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sL}} \left[\left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^L - \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_L^{2L} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sL}} \left[\frac{e^{-sL}}{-s} + \frac{1}{s} + \left(\frac{e^{-2sL}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-sL}}{-s} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sL}} \left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{e^{-2sL}}{s} - \frac{2e^{-sL}}{s} \right]$$

Ex Find the Laplace transform of 2c periodic function (9)

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 < t < c \\ 2c - t & c < t < 2c \end{cases}$$

Solution

$$L(f(t)) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2cs}} \int_0^{2c} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2cs}} \left[\int_0^c t e^{-st} dt + \int_c^{2c} (2c - t) e^{-st} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2cs}} \left[\left[\frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right]_0^c + \left[\frac{(2c - t) e^{-st}}{-s} - \frac{(c - 1) e^{-st}}{s^2} \right]_c^{2c} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2cs}} \left[\frac{-c}{s} e^{-sc} - \frac{e^{-sc}}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{e^{-2cs}}{s^2} + \frac{c}{s} e^{-sc} - \frac{e^{-cs}}{s^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2(1 - e^{-2cs})} \left[1 - e^{-sc} + e^{-2sc} - e^{-sc} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2(1 - e^{-2cs})} (1 + e^{-2sc} - 2e^{-sc}) = \frac{(1 - e^{-sc})^2}{s^2(1 - e^{-cs})(1 + e^{-cs})}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - e^{-sc})}{s^2(1 + e^{-cs})}$$

Ex The $\frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ -periodic function $f(t)$ is given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} a \sin \omega t & 0 < t < \pi/\omega \\ 0 & \frac{\pi}{\omega} < t < \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \end{cases}$$

find its Laplace transform.

Solution

$$L(f(t)) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{\omega}}} \left[\int_0^{\pi/\omega} (a \sin \omega t) e^{-st} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{a}{1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{\omega}}} \left[\int_0^{\pi/\omega} (\sin \omega t) e^{-st} dt \right]$$

let $I = \int_1^2 \sin \omega t e^{-st} dt$

$$= \frac{\sin \omega t e^{-st}}{-s} - \int \omega \cos \omega t \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt$$

$$= \frac{\sin \omega t e^{-st}}{-s} + \frac{\omega}{s} \int \cos \omega t e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \frac{\sin \omega t e^{-st}}{-s} + \frac{\omega}{s} \left[\frac{\cos \omega t e^{-st}}{-s} - \int \frac{-\sin \omega t (\omega) e^{-st}}{-s} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{-\sin \omega t e^{-st}}{s} + \frac{\omega}{s^2} \cos \omega t e^{-st} - \frac{\omega^2}{s^2} \int \sin \omega t e^{-st} dt$$

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$$I = -\frac{\sin \omega t e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{\omega}{s^2} \cos \omega t e^{-st} - \frac{\omega^2}{s^2} I$$

$$\Rightarrow I \left(1 + \frac{\omega^2}{s^2}\right) = -\frac{\sin \omega t e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{\omega \cos \omega t e^{-st}}{s^2}$$

$$L(f(t)) = \frac{a}{1 - e^{-2\pi s/\omega}} \left[\frac{-\sin \omega t e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{\omega \cos \omega t e^{-st}}{s^2} \right] \Bigg|_0^{\pi/\omega} \left[\frac{s^2}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{as^2}{(s^2 + \omega^2)(1 - e^{-2\pi s/\omega})} \left[\frac{-\omega(-1)e^{-s\pi/\omega}}{s^2} + \frac{\omega e^{-s(0)}}{s^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{as^2}{s^2(s^2 + \omega^2)(1 - e^{-2\pi s/\omega})} \left[\omega e^{-s\pi/\omega} + \omega \right]$$

$$= \frac{a\omega(1 + e^{-s\pi/\omega})}{(s^2 + \omega^2)(1 - e^{-\pi s/\omega})(1 + e^{-\pi s/\omega})}$$

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