

MA 110 - Ordinary Differential Equations

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- Recall : Definition & Properties of Laplace transforms

Examples

We know that

$$L(\cos \beta t) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \beta^2}, \quad L(\sin \beta t) = \frac{\beta}{s^2 + \beta^2}.$$

Therefore, using

$$F'(s) = -L(tf(t)),$$

$$L(t \cos \beta t) = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + \beta^2} \right) = \frac{s^2 - \beta^2}{(s^2 + \beta^2)^2},$$

and

$$L(t \sin \beta t) = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\beta}{s^2 + \beta^2} \right) = \frac{2s\beta}{(s^2 + \beta^2)^2}.$$

Inverse Laplace Transforms - Examples

$$L(t \sin \beta t) = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\beta}{s^2 + \beta^2} \right) = \frac{2s\beta}{(s^2 + \beta^2)^2}.$$

Thus,

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

Thus, from [Property 5](#) $\left(L \left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \right) = \frac{F(s)}{s}, \text{ for } s > \alpha \right)$

$$L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{(s^2 + \beta^2)^2} \right) = \int_0^t \frac{\tau \sin \beta \tau}{2\beta} d\tau,$$

and from [Property 4](#) $(L(f') = sL(f) - f(0))$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{t \sin \beta t}{2\beta} \right) = L^{-1} \left(\frac{s^2}{(s^2 + \beta^2)^2} \right).$$

Example - I shifting theorem

Find the inverse transform of

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 - 4s + 5}.$$

Note that

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

Using I shift theorem, $L(e^{at}f(t)) = F(s - a)$.

Here,

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

Hence,

$$L^{-1}(G(s)) = L^{-1}(F(s - 2)) = e^{2t} \sin t.$$

Property 7 : Integration of Laplace transforms

Suppose $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is piecewise continuous of exponential order. Suppose further that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(t)}{t}$ exists. Then,

$$L\left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right) = \int_s^\infty F(\tilde{s}) d\tilde{s}, \quad s > \alpha.$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_s^\infty F(\tilde{s}) d\tilde{s} &= \int_{\tilde{s}=s}^\infty \left(\int_{t=0}^\infty e^{-\tilde{s}t} f(t) dt \right) d\tilde{s} \\ &= \int_{t=0}^\infty \int_{\tilde{s}=s}^\infty e^{-\tilde{s}t} f(t) d\tilde{s} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(t) \left[\frac{e^{-\tilde{s}t}}{-t} \right]_s^\infty dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt = L\left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Example

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

We have:

$$\ln\left(1 + \frac{\omega^2}{s^2}\right) = - \int_s^\infty \frac{d}{ds} \left(\ln\left(1 + \frac{\omega^2}{s^2}\right) \right) ds.$$

Hence,

$$L^{-1} \left(\ln\left(1 + \frac{\omega^2}{s^2}\right) \right) = L^{-1} \left(- \int_s^\infty \frac{d}{ds} \left(\ln\left(1 + \frac{\omega^2}{s^2}\right) \right) ds \right)$$

From [Property 7](#),

$$L^{-1} \left(\int_s^\infty F(\tilde{s}) d\tilde{s} \right) = \frac{f(t)}{t}, \quad s > \alpha.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\ln \left(1 + \frac{w^2}{s^2} \right) \right) &= \frac{2w^2}{s(s^2 + w^2)} \\
 &= \frac{2}{s} - \frac{2s}{s^2 + w^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $f(t) = 2 - 2 \cos wt$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1} \left(\int_s^\infty F(\tilde{s}) d\tilde{s} \right) &= L^{-1} \left(\int_s^\infty \left(\frac{2}{\tilde{s}} - \frac{2\tilde{s}}{\tilde{s}^2 + w^2} \right) d\tilde{s} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{2 - 2 \cos wt}{t} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow L^{-1} \left(\ln \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{s^2} \right) \right)$$

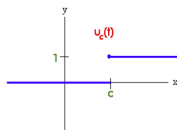
$$\Rightarrow L^{-1} \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) \right).$$

Heaviside function

For $c \geq 0$, the function

$$u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < c \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq c \end{cases}$$

is called the Heaviside function.



Example

Write the following piecewise continuous function in terms of Heaviside functions:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & t \in [0, 4) \\ 5 & t \in [4, 7) \\ -1 & t \in [7, 9) \\ 1 & t \geq 9. \end{cases}$$

Note that $u_c - u_d$ takes 1 on $[c, d)$ and 0 everywhere else. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= 2(u_0 - u_4) + 5(u_4 - u_7) - (u_7 - u_9) + u_9 \\ &= 2u_0 + 3u_4 - 6u_7 + 2u_9. \end{aligned}$$

Laplace Transform of Heaviside function

$$L(u_c(t))(s) = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(u_c(t))(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u_c(t) dt \\ &= \int_c^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{e^{-cs}}{s}, \end{aligned}$$

for $s > 0$.

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Consider the new function

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < c \\ f(t - c) & \text{if } t \geq c. \end{cases}$$

Note that

$$g(t) = u_c(t)f(t - c).$$

Property 8 : II Shifting theorem

Suppose $L(f(t)) = F(s)$ for $s > a \geq 0$. If $c > 0$, then for $s > a$,

$$L(u_c(t)f(t - c)) = e^{-cs}F(s).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} L(u_c(t)f(t - c)) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u_c(t) f(t - c) dt \\ &= \int_c^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t - c) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(u+c)} f(u) du \\ &= e^{-cs} F(s). \end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the Laplace transform of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin t & 0 \leq t < \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \sin t + \cos(t - \frac{\pi}{4}) & t \geq \frac{\pi}{4}. \end{cases}$$

Write

$$f(t) = \sin t + u_{\frac{\pi}{4}}(t) \cdot \cos(t - \frac{\pi}{4}).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} L(f(t)) &= L(\sin t) + L(u_{\frac{\pi}{4}}(t) \cdot \cos(t - \frac{\pi}{4})) \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}s} \cdot \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{1 + e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}s}s}{s^2 + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

(use $L(u_c(t)f(t - c)) = e^{-cs}F(s)$).

Convolution of functions

The **convolution** of $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ is defined as:

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(t - \tau)g(\tau) d\tau.$$

Check:

- ❶ $f * g = g * f$ (Put $y = t - \tau$.)
- ❷ $f * (g_1 + g_2) = f * g_1 + f * g_2$
- ❸ $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$
- ❹ $f * 0 = 0 * f = 0$.

Remark: $f * 1$ need not be f .

Check that $\sin t * 1 = 1 - \cos t$.

Property 9 : Laplace transform of convolution

Suppose $L(f)$ and $L(g)$ exist for all $s > a \geq 0$. Then,

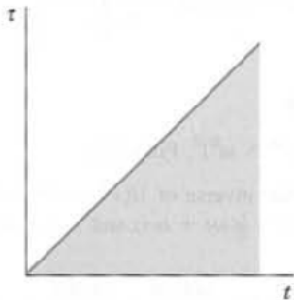
$$L(f * g) = L(f) \cdot L(g),$$

for $s > a$.

Proof: Let $L(f) = F(s)$ and $L(g) = G(s)$. Fix $\tau \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-s\tau} G(s) &= L(u_\tau(t)g(t-\tau)) \text{ using II shifting theorem} \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} u_\tau(t) g(t-\tau) dt \\ &= \int_\tau^\infty e^{-st} g(t-\tau) dt. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(f) \cdot L(g) &= F(s)G(s) = \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-s\tau} f(\tau) d\tau \right) G(s) \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-s\tau} G(s) f(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{\tau=0}^\infty f(\tau) \left(\int_{t=\tau}^\infty e^{-st} g(t-\tau) dt \right) d\tau \end{aligned}$$



That is,

$$\begin{aligned} L(f) \cdot L(g) &= \int_{\tau=0}^{\infty} f(\tau) \left(\int_{t=\tau}^{\infty} e^{-st} g(t-\tau) dt \right) d\tau \\ &= \int_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-st} \left(\int_{\tau=0}^t f(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (f * g)(t) dt = L(f * g). \end{aligned}$$

Example

Find L^{-1} of

$$H(s) = \frac{a}{s^2(s^2 + a^2)}.$$

Recall

$$L(t) = \frac{1}{s^2},$$

and

$$L(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

Thus,

$$L(t * \sin at) = H(s).$$

Now,

$$t * \sin at = \int_0^t (t - \tau) \sin a\tau \, d\tau = \frac{at - \sin at}{a^2}.$$

Example

Solve the IVP:

$$y'' + 4y = g(t), \quad y(0) = 3, y'(0) = -1.$$

Taking Laplace transforms:

$$L(y'') + 4L(y) = L(g) = G(s).$$

Thus,

$$s^2 L(y) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4L(y) = G(s).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}L(y) &= \frac{3s-1}{s^2+4} + \frac{G(s)}{s^2+4} \\&= 3 \cdot \frac{s}{s^2+4} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{s^2+4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{s^2+4} \cdot G(s) \\&= 3L(\cos 2t) - \frac{1}{2}L(\sin 2t) + \frac{1}{2}L(\sin 2t) \cdot L(g) \\&= 3L(\cos 2t) - \frac{1}{2}L(\sin 2t) + \frac{1}{2}L(\sin 2t * g).\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$y = 3 \cos 2t - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin 2(t-x)g(x)dx.$$

Property 10. Laplace transform of periodic functions

Let f be a periodic function with period p whose Laplace transform exists. Then,

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

$$\begin{aligned} L(f)(s) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^p e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_p^{2p} e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_{2p}^{3p} e^{-st} f(t) dt + \dots \\ &\quad \text{setting } t - (n-1)p \text{ as } t \text{ in the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ integral} \\ &= \int_0^p e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_0^p e^{-s(t+p)} f(t) dt + \int_0^p e^{-s(t+2p)} f(t) dt \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sp}} \int_0^p e^{-st} f(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Example

Solve

$$\begin{aligned}2y_1' - y_2' - y_3' &= 0, y_1' + y_2' = 4t + 2, y_2' + y_3' = t^2 + 2; \\ y_1(0) &= 0, y_2(0) = 0, y_3(0) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Taking Laplace transforms and denoting Laplace transforms of y_1, y_2, y_3 by Y_1, Y_2, Y_3 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}2sY_1 - sY_2 - sY_3 &= 0 \\ sY_1 + sY_2 &= \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s} \\ sY_2 + Y_3 &= \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s}.\end{aligned}$$

Solving:

$$Y_1 = \frac{2}{s^3}, Y_2 = \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s^2}, Y_3 = \frac{2}{s^3} - \frac{2}{s^2}.$$

Thus,

$$y_1(t) = t^2, y_2(t) = t^2 + 2t, y_3(t) = t^2 - 2t.$$

Solution of a system of DE using LT

Solve $x' = x + y, y' = 4x + y$.

Denoting $X(s)$ and $Y(s)$ as the LT's of x and y respectively.

Taking Laplace transforms,

$$sX - x(0) = X + Y$$

$$sY - y(0) = 4X + Y.$$

Solving:

$$X(s) = \frac{(s-1)x(0) + y(0)}{s^2 - 2s - 3}, Y(s) = \frac{4x(0) + (s-1)y(0)}{s^2 - 2s - 3}.$$

Take L^{-1} to get $x(t)$ and $y(t)$.

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