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Simple Laplace Transforms - continued

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}[1](s) &= \frac{1}{s}, \ \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0 \\ \mathcal{L}[t](s) &= \frac{1}{s^2}, \ \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0 \\ \mathcal{L}[e^{kt}](s) &= \frac{1}{s-k}, \ \operatorname{Re}(s) > \operatorname{Re}(k) \end{split}$$

Applying the Laplace transform to

$$\cos(\omega t) = \frac{e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}}{2}, \ \omega \in \mathbb{R}, t \ge 0,$$

we see that

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos(\omega t)](s) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathcal{L}[e^{i\omega t}](s) + \mathcal{L}[e^{-i\omega t}](s) \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s - i\omega} + \frac{1}{s + i\omega} \right), \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0,$$

or equivalently

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos(\omega t)](s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0.$$

Similar calculations starting from

$$\sin(\omega t) = \frac{e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}}{2}$$

shows that

$$\mathcal{L}[\sin(\omega t)](s) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \ \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0.$$

The s-shifting property §11.2.4

Theorem

Suppose $f(t),\ t \ge 0$, is a function whose Laplace transform

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)](s)$$

is defined for $Re(s) > \sigma$, and $a \in \mathbb{C}$. Then

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)](s) = F(s-a), \operatorname{Re}(s) > \sigma + \operatorname{Re}(a).$$

Proof

From

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)](s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st}e^{at}f(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-a)t}f(t) dt$$

$$= F(s-a) \text{where } F(s) \qquad \qquad = \int_0^\infty e^{-st}f(t) dt, \text{ Re}(s) > 0.$$

But

$$\operatorname{Re}(s-a) > \sigma \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re}(s) > \sigma + \operatorname{Re}(a),$$

so we conclude that

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)](s) = F(s-a), \operatorname{Re}(s) > \sigma + \operatorname{Re}(a).$$

Example

Compute

$$\mathcal{L}[te^{2t}](s).$$

Solution

Let

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[t] = \frac{1}{s^2}, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0.$$

So by the s-shifting property, we see that

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{2t}t](s) = F(s-2) = \frac{1}{(s-2)^2}, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 2.$$

Derivatives of Laplace Transforms §11.2.4

Theorem

Suppose $f(t), t \ge 0$, is a function whose Laplace Transform

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)](s)$$

is defined for $Re(s) > \sigma$.

Then

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n}, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0, \ n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Proof

Differentiating

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)](s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt, \operatorname{Re}(s) > \sigma,$$

with respect to s gives

$$\begin{split} \frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n} &= \frac{d}{ds^n} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) \, dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d}{ds^n} \left(e^{-st} f(t) \right) \, dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d}{ds^n} \left(e^{-st} \right) f(t) \, dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty (-1)^n t^n e^{-st} f(t) \, dt \\ &= (-1)^n \int_0^\infty e^{-st} (-1)^n f(t) \, dt \\ &= (-1)^n \mathcal{L}[t^n f(t)](s) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t^n f(t)](s) &= (-1)^n \frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n}, \ \operatorname{Re}(s) > \sigma. \end{split}$$

Q.E.D. (note we don't know how to prove that the domain remains the same but know that it is).

Example

Compute

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n](s)$$
.

Proof

Let

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[1](s) = \frac{1}{s}, \text{ Re}(s) > 0.$$

Then

$$\mathscr{L}[t^n](s) = \mathscr{L}[t^n \cdot 1](s) = (-1)^n \frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right).$$

It's easy to see that

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n](s) = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}.$$

So in summary

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n](s) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \ \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0.$$

The Laplace Transforms of derivatives §11.3.1

Theorem

Suppose that $f(t), t \ge 0$ satisfies

$$\left| \frac{d^j f}{dt^j}(t) \right| \le M e^{\sigma t}, \ h = 1, 2, ..., n$$

for some M > 0, and $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$. Then,

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^{j}f}{dt^{j}}(t)\right](s) = s^{n}F(s) - \sum_{j=1}^{n} s^{n-j}\frac{d^{j-1}f}{dt^{j-1}}(0), \ j = 1, 2, ..., n$$

where

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)](s).$$

Some examples:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df}{dt}(t)\right](s) &= s\mathcal{L}[f(t)](s) - f(0) \\ \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2f}{dt^2}(t)\right](s) &= s^2\mathcal{L}[f(t)](s) - sf(0) - \frac{df}{dt}(0) \end{split}$$

Proof

From the definition

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df}{dt}(t)\right](s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \frac{df}{dt}(t) dt,$$

we see that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df}{dt}(t)\right](s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \frac{df}{dt}(t) dt$$

$$= \lim_{T \to \infty} \int_0^T e^{-st} \frac{df}{dt}(t) dt$$

$$= \lim_{T \to \infty} \left[e^{-st} f(t) \Big|_0^T - \int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{-st} \right) f(t) dt \right]$$

$$= \lim_{T \to \infty} \left[e^{-sT} f(T) - f(0) + s \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt \right]$$

But

$$\begin{split} \left| \lim_{T \to \infty} e^{-sT} f(T) \right| &= \lim_{T \to \infty} \left| e^{-sT} f(T) \right| \\ &= \lim_{T \to \infty} \left| e^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)T} e^{-\operatorname{Im}(s)iT} f(T) \right| \\ &= \lim_{T \to \infty} \left| e^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)T} \right| \left| e^{-\operatorname{Im}(s)iT} \right| \left| f(T) \right| \\ &= \lim_{T \to \infty} e^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)T} \left| f(T) \right| \\ &= \lim_{T \to \infty} e^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)T} M e^{\sigma T} \\ &= M \lim_{T \to \infty} e^{-(\operatorname{Re}(s) - \sigma)T} = 0, \ \operatorname{Re}(s) > \sigma. \end{split}$$

Thus,

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df}{dt}(t)\right](s) = -f(0) + s\mathcal{L}[f(t)](s)$$