

The Laplace Transform - Let f be a suitable function. The Laplace Transform of f

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

Ex: $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } t > 2 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^2 (1) e^{-st} dt + \int_2^{\infty} (0) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^2 e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^2 = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-2s} + \frac{1}{s} e^0 \\ &= \frac{1}{s} (1 - e^{-2s}) \end{aligned}$$

Transforms:

1. $f(t) = 0 \Rightarrow F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} (0) \cdot e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} 0 dt = 0$

2. $h(t) = 1 \Rightarrow H(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt$

The value depends on s . Let's look at two cases

i) $s < 0$

$$\Rightarrow H(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} + \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Rightarrow H(s) = +\infty$$

ii) $s = 0$

$$H(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^0 dt = \int_0^{\infty} 1 dt = +\infty$$

iii) $s > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{s} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} + \frac{1}{s} (1) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$H(s) = \begin{cases} +\infty & s \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{s} & s > 0 \end{cases} \quad \longleftarrow \text{this is mostly what we will be concerned with}$$

Ex, $f(t) = t^n \quad t \in [0, +\infty)$

$n=0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t^0] = \mathcal{L}[1] = \frac{1}{s} \quad \leftarrow \text{already have this.}$

$n=1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t^1] = \mathcal{L}[t] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot t \, dt$

$\Rightarrow u=t, \quad dv=e^{-st} dt$
 $du=dt, \quad v=-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}$

$$\mathcal{L}[t] = (t)(-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} (-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}) \, dt$$

$$= (0-0) + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \, dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[1] = \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$n=2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t^2] = \int_0^{\infty} t^2 e^{-st} \, dt$

$\Rightarrow u=t^2 \quad dv=e^{-st} dt$
 $du=2t \, dt \quad v=-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}$

$$= (t^2)(-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} (-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st})(2t \, dt)$$

$$= (0-0) + \frac{2}{s} \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} \, dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{s} \mathcal{L}[t] = \frac{2}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} = \frac{2}{s^3}$$

$n=3 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t^3] = \int_0^{\infty} t^3 e^{-st} \, dt$

$u=t^3 \quad dv=e^{-st} dt$
 $du=3t^2 \, dt \quad v=-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}[t^2] &= \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right) \Big|_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right) \cdot 3t^2 dt \\
 &= (0 - 0) + \int_0^\infty \frac{3}{s} t^2 e^{-st} dt \\
 &= \frac{3}{s} \mathcal{L}[t^2] = \frac{3}{s} \cdot \frac{2}{s^3} = \frac{3!}{s^4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Guess the general case:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}[t^n] &= \int_0^\infty t^n e^{-st} dt \\
 &= \left(t^n \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right) \right) \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{n}{s} \cdot t^{n-1} \right) e^{-st} dt \\
 &= (0 - 0) + \frac{n}{s} \int_0^\infty t^{n-1} e^{-st} dt \\
 &= \frac{n}{s} \mathcal{L}[t^{n-1}] \\
 &= \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

So Table:

1. $\mathcal{L}[1] = 1/s$

2. $\mathcal{L}[t] = 1/s^2$

3. $\mathcal{L}[t^2] = 2/s^3$

4. $\mathcal{L}[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$

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

$$u = s - a$$

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

$$= -\frac{1}{u} e^{-ut} \Big|_0^{\infty} = (0 + \frac{1}{u} e^0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$S_u \quad \mathcal{L}[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$Ex: \quad \mathcal{L}[\cos(at)] = \int_0^{\infty} \cos(at) e^{-st} dt$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ll} u = \cos(at) & dv = e^{-st} dt \\ du = -a \sin(at) & v = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \cos(at) \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right) \cdot (-a \sin(at)) dt$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{s} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{a}{s} e^{-st} \sin(at) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{a}{s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \sin(at) dt$$

$$u = \sin(at) \quad dv = e^{-st} dt$$

$$du = a \cos(at) \quad v = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{a}{s} \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \sin(at) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right) (a \cos(at)) dt \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{a}{s} \left((0 - 0) + \frac{a}{s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cos(at) dt \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{a^2}{s^2} \mathcal{L}[\cos(at)]$$

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and we have

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos(at)] = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{a^2}{s^3} \mathcal{L}[\cos(at)] \Rightarrow \text{Solve}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos(at)] + \frac{a^2}{s^3} \mathcal{L}[\cos(at)] = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}[\cos(at)] \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{s^3}\right) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\cos(at)] \cdot \frac{1/s}{1 + a^2/s^3} = \frac{1/s}{1 + a^2/s^3} \cdot \frac{s^3}{s^3} = \frac{s}{s^3 + a^2}$$

What do we get from the ODEs

$$\mathcal{L}[f'(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} f'(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$u = e^{-st}, \quad dv = f'(t) dt$$

$$du = -s e^{-st} dt, \quad v = f(t)$$

$$= f(t) \cdot e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \cdot (-s e^{-st}) dt$$

$$= 0 - f(0) \cdot e^0 + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= s \mathcal{L}[f] - f(0)$$

Ex: $y'(t) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[y'] = -y(0) + s \mathcal{L}[y]$

Ex: $y' = 3y$, $y(0) = 1$

$$\mathcal{L}[y'] = \mathcal{L}[3y]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[y'] = 3\mathcal{L}[y]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[y'] - 3\mathcal{L}[y] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s\mathcal{L}[y] - y(0) - 3\mathcal{L}[y] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s \overset{\uparrow}{Y(s)} - y(0) - 3Y(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (s-3)Y(s) - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s-3}$$

This is in terms of s . We need t .

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a} \underset{a=3}{=} \frac{1}{s-3} \Rightarrow y(t) = e^{3t}$$

Done!