Laplace Transform: Properties and applications



1. Find the Fourier integral representation of the following non-periodic function:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin t, & t^2 < \pi^2, \\ 0, & t^2 > \pi^2. \end{cases}$$

Solution: The Fourier transform of f(t):

$$\mathcal{F}{f(t)} = g(\sigma)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\sigma t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin t e^{-i\sigma t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{2i\sin \sigma\pi}{1 - \sigma^2}.$$

Taking the inverse

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$$f(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{g(\sigma)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\sigma)e^{i\sigma t} d\sigma$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{2i\sin\sigma\pi}{1-\sigma^2} \right] e^{i\sigma t} d\sigma$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\sigma\pi\sin\sigma t}{1-\sigma^2} d\sigma.$$



8.8 2. Find the Fourier integral representation of the following non-periodic function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < t < -1, \\ -1, & -1 < t < 0, \\ 1, & 0 < t < 1, \\ 0, & 1 < t < \infty. \end{cases}$$

Solution: Realize that the given function is an odd function. We can directly use the sine integral formula:

$$\mathcal{F}_s\{f(t)\} = g_s(\sigma)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(t) \sin \sigma t \, dt$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left| (-\cos \sigma t)/\sigma \right|_0^1$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{1 - \cos \sigma}{\sigma}.$$

Taking the inverse

$$f(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1 - \cos \sigma)}{\sigma} \sin \sigma t \, d\sigma.$$

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$$f(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi, \\ 0, & x > \pi, \end{array} \right.$$

as Fourier sine integral and hence evaluate

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \cos(\pi \sigma)}{\sigma} \sin(\pi \sigma) d\sigma$$

Solution:

From the convergence of Fourier integral, we obtain

$$f_o(\pi) = \frac{1}{2}(f_o(\pi^+) + f_o(\pi^-)) = \frac{1}{2} = \int_0^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin(\sigma \pi) g_o(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

Here, $g_s(\sigma)$ is the Fourier sine transform of f_s (odd extension of f). By definition, $g_s(\sigma)$ is given by

$$g_s(\sigma) = \int_0^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f_0(\tau) \sin \sigma \tau d\tau$$

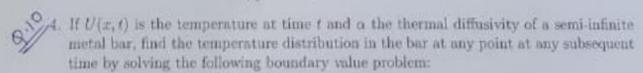
 $= \int_0^{\tau} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin \sigma \tau d\tau = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sigma} \cos \sigma \tau |_0^{\pi}$
 $= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sigma} (1 - \cos \sigma \pi)$

Finally, we have

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{2} &= \int_0^\infty \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin(\sigma \pi) g_s(\sigma) d\sigma \\ &= \int_0^\infty \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin(\sigma \pi) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sigma} (1 - \cos \sigma \pi) d\sigma \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - \cos(\pi \sigma)}{\sigma} \sin(\pi \sigma) d\sigma. \end{split}$$

Hence,

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \cos(\pi \sigma)}{\sigma} \sin(\pi \sigma) d\sigma = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$



$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}, \quad x > 0, \quad t > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad U(x, 0) = f(x).$$

Solution:

Taking Fourier cosine transform

$$\frac{d}{dt}\overline{U_{c}}(\sigma,t) + \alpha\sigma^{2}\overline{U_{c}} = 0,$$

which gives us

$$\overline{U}_c(\sigma, t) = Ae^{-\alpha\sigma^2t}$$

Using the initial condition,

$$\overline{U_c}(\sigma, t) = \overline{f_c}(\sigma)e^{-\alpha\sigma^2t}$$

where $\overline{f_c}(\sigma)$ is the Fourier cosine transform of f(x). Taking inverse, we get the solution

$$U(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \overline{f_c}(\sigma) e^{-\alpha \sigma^2 t} \cos \sigma x \, d\sigma.$$



5. Find the Laplace transforms of

(i)
$$te^{3t}\cos 4t$$
, (ii) $t\int_0^t e^{-3t}\sin 2t \ dt$, (iii) $\int_0^t \frac{e^{-3t}\sin 2t}{t} \ dt$.

Solution:

(i)

$$\mathcal{L}\{te^{3t}\cos 4t\} = -\frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{e^{3t}\cos 4t\}$$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{\cos 4t\}_{s\to s-3}$$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds}\left\{\frac{s-3}{(s-3)^2+4^2}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{(s-3)^2-16}{((s-3)^2+16)^2}$$

(ii)

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \int_0^t e^{-3t} \sin 2t\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{\mathcal{L}\{e^{-3t} \sin 2t\}}{s}$$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{\mathcal{L}\{\sin 2t\}_{s \to s + 3}}{s}$$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{2}{s((s+3)^2 + 4)}$$

$$= \frac{2(3s^2 + 12s + 13)}{(s^3 + 6s^2 + 13s)^2}$$

(iii)

$$\mathcal{L}\{\int_{0}^{1} \frac{e^{-3t} \sin 2t}{t} dt\} = \frac{1}{s} \int_{s}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}\{e^{-3t} \sin 2t\} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \int_{s}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(s+3)^{2} + 4} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \left| \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s+3}{2} \right) \right|_{s}^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \left[\tan^{-1} \infty - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s+3}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s+3}{2} \right) \right]$$

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

(Using various properties.)



10. Solve the following IBVP for one dimensional heat conduction equation for a rod of unit length and with unit diffusivity:

$$U_t = U_{xx}, 0 < x < 1, t > 0,$$

 $U(x, 0) = 3\sin(2\pi x), 0 < x < 1,$
 $U(0, t) = 0 = U(1, t), t > 0.$

Solution:

Using $\mathcal{L}\{U(x,t)\} = u(x,s)$ and taking transform on the equation, we get

$$\frac{d^2\overline{u}(x,s)}{dx^2} - s\overline{u}(x,s) = -3\sin(2\pi x).$$

Solving this non-homogeneous ODE:

$$\overline{u}(x, s) = A(s)e^{\sqrt{sx}} + B(s)e^{-\sqrt{sx}} + \frac{3\sin(2\pi x)}{s + 4\pi^2}$$

Converting and using the boundary conditions, A(s) = 0 = B(s) thereby getting

$$\overline{u}(x,s) = \frac{3\sin(2\pi x)}{s + 4\pi^2}.$$

Inverting.

$$u(x,t) = 3e^{-4\pi^2t}\sin(2\pi x),$$

(ii) Take
$$\frac{2s^2 - 3s + 5}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + 1}$$
. Find $A = -3, B = 5, C = 3, D = -3$ so that

$$\frac{2s^2 - 3s + 5}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} = -\frac{3}{s} + \frac{5}{s^2} + \frac{3s}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{3}{s^2 + 1}$$

By inverting.

$$F(t) = 5t - 3 - 3(\sin t - \cos t)$$



(i)
$$\frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)^2}$$
, (ii) $\frac{s+2}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}$.

8. Find the inverse Laplace transforms of the following by the theory of residues: $\frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)^2}, \text{ (ii) } \frac{s+2}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}.$ Solution: (i) Poles are s=-1 (simple pole) and s=2 (double pole). Residue due to s=-1 is $\frac{e^{-t}}{9}$ and due to s=2 is $\frac{te^{2t}}{3}-\frac{e^{2t}}{9}$. Hence the required functions is found as

$$\frac{e^{-t}}{9} + \frac{te^{2t}}{3} - \frac{e^{2t}}{9}.$$

(ii) The poles are s=-1, s=2i, s=-2i. The respective residues are $\frac{e^{-t}}{5}, -\frac{1}{10}(1+3i)e^{2ii}, -\frac{1}{10}(1-3i)e^{-2it}$. The required function is obtained as

$$\frac{1}{5}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{5}\cos 2t + \frac{3}{5}\sin 2t$$



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(i)
$$\ddot{y} + 2\ddot{y} + 5y = e^{-t} \sin t$$
, $y(0) = 0$, $\dot{y}(0) = 1$, (ii) $t\ddot{y} + 2\ddot{y} + ty = 0$, $y(0) = 1$.

(i) After getting the Laplace transform of y as

$$\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 1} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 2^2}$$

and then inverting

$$y(t) = \frac{e^{-t}}{3} [\sin t + \sin 2t]$$

(ii)

Taking Laplace transform on the equation,

$$-\frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{\dot{y}\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{\dot{y}\} - \frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds}[s^2\mathcal{L}\{y\} - sy(0) - \dot{y}(0)] + 2[s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)] - \frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0,$$

which gives the ODE

$$\frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{y\} = -\frac{1}{s^2 + 1},$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{y\} = -\tan^{-1}(s) + C.$$

Inverting

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{t}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{d}{ds}(\tan^{-1}(s) + C)\right\} = \sin t/t.$$



Find the Laplace transform of the following unit step functions:
 (i) 2H(sin πt) = 1, (ii) H(t³ - 6t² + 11t - 6).
 Solution: (i) From definition of unit step function

(i)
$$2H(\sin \pi t) - 1$$
, (ii) $H(t^3 - 6t^2 + 11t - 6)$.

$$H(\sin \pi t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \sin \pi t > 0, \\ 0, & \sin \pi t < 0. \end{cases}$$

This will give the given function as +1 between 0 and 1, 2 and 3, and so on whereas it will be -1 between 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and so on. That is

$$\mathcal{L}\{2H(\sin \pi t) - 1\} = \int_{0}^{1} e^{-st} dt - \int_{3}^{2} e^{-st} dt + \int_{2}^{3} e^{-st} dt - \int_{3}^{4} e^{-st} dt + \cdots$$

$$= \left| \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_{0}^{1} - \left| \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_{1}^{2} + \left| \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_{2}^{2} - \left| \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_{3}^{4} + \cdots$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{11 - e^{-s}}{s \cdot 1 + e^{-s}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \tanh \frac{s}{2}$$

(ii)
$$\frac{1}{s}[e^{-s} - e^{-2s} + e^{-3s}]$$

From definition of unit step function

$$H(t^3 - 6t^2 + 11t - 6) = \begin{cases} 1, & (t - 1)(t - 2)(t - 3) > 0, \\ 0, & (t - 1)(t - 2)(t - 3) < 0. \end{cases}$$

This will give the given function as +1 between 1 and 2, and 3 and ∞ .

$$\mathcal{L}\{H(t^3 - 6t^2 + 11t - 6)\} = \int_1^3 e^{-st} dt + \int_3^\infty e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \left| \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_1^2 + \left| \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_3^\infty$$

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



7. Find the inverse Laplace transforms:
(i)
$$\frac{2s+3}{s^2+4s+6}$$
, (ii) $\frac{2s^2-3s+5}{s^2(s^2+1)}$.
Solution: (i)

$$f(s) = \frac{2s+3}{s^2+4s+6}$$

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

Taking inverse

$$F(t) = e^{-2t} (2\cos\sqrt{2}t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sin\sqrt{2}t)$$