

Laplace transform

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What is Laplace transform ?

- . integral transform :
 - a function of some variable(s)
 - to a function of some other variable(s),
by means of an improper integral
 - e.g. integral depending on a parameter
- . tool to study ODEs

Suppose $f(t)$ is a function on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ or $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \int_0^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-st} dt \quad \text{kernel} \end{aligned}$$

$f(t)$ original function

$F(s)$ Laplace transform

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}[f(t)](s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \\ &= L[f(t)](s) = L[f(t)] \end{aligned}$$

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

Starting examples

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$$\underline{\text{Example 1}} \quad f(t) = 1 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}.$$

Compute $L[f]$

$$\begin{aligned} L[f] &= \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt = \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-s \cdot T}}{-s} + \frac{1}{s} \stackrel{(s>0)}{=} \frac{1}{s} \end{aligned}$$

$$L[f](s) = \frac{1}{s} \quad (s>0)$$

$$\underline{\text{Example 2}} \quad f(t) = e^{kt} \quad (k \in \mathbb{R})$$

$L[f] = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} L[e^{kt}] &= \int_0^\infty e^{kt} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{(k-s)t} dt = \left[\frac{e^{(k-s)t}}{k-s} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} \quad (s>k) \\ &= \frac{1}{s-k} \end{aligned}$$

$$L[e^{kt}] = \frac{1}{s-k} \quad \text{if } s>k$$

We are tabulating the formulas

eq 3 $f(t) = t^r \quad (r > -1)$

$$L[f] = ?$$
$$L[t^r] = \int_0^\infty t^r e^{-st} dt \quad u = st \quad du = s dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{u}{s}\right)^r e^{-u} du$$

$$= s^{-r-1} \int_0^\infty u^{r+1} e^{-u} \frac{du}{u} \stackrel{(r>-1)}{=} \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{s^{r+1}} \quad \text{if } s > 0$$

$$L[t^r] = \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{s^{r+1}} \quad \begin{cases} \text{if } r > -1 \\ \text{if } s > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Gamma(k) = \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^k \frac{du}{u}$$

Linearity

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$$L[k_1 f_1(t) + k_2 f_2(t)] = k_1 L[f_1(t)] + k_2 L[f_2(t)]$$

What are the conditions for $f(t)$ so that $L[f]$ is defined?

Definition: Let $f(t)$ be a function on $[a, b]$

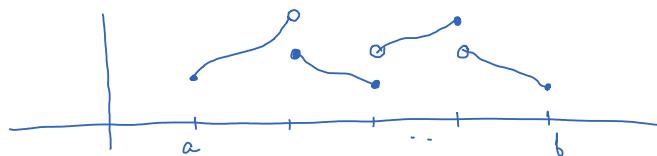
We say $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous if

(1) $f(t)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$

except for a finite number of discontinuities

(2) $f(t)$ only has discontinuity of Type 1

$\exists f(t_0^-), f(t_0^+)$ if t_0 is a discontinuity

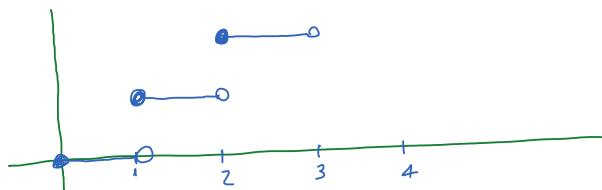


Definition: Let $f(t)$ be a function on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

$f(t)$ is piecewise continuous if

$\forall T > 0$, $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, T]$

Example 1



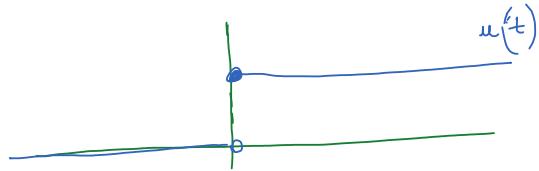
$t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$. $[t] = \text{biggest integer not exceeding } t$ (floor of t)

$$[e] = \lfloor 2.71 \dots \rfloor = 2$$

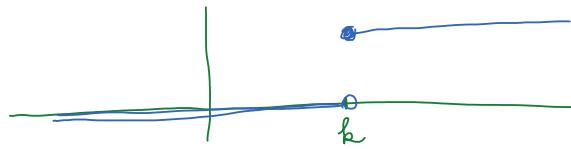
$$[\pi] = \lfloor 3.141592653589793 \dots \rfloor = 3$$

Example 2 Heaviside function

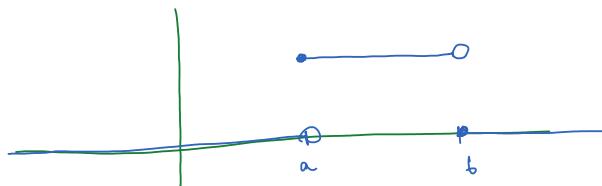
$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & (t < 0) \\ 1 & (t \geq 0) \end{cases}$$



Example 3 $u(t-k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < k \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq k \end{cases}$



Example 4 $[a, b]$ is an interval



$$\begin{aligned} u_{ab}(t) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \notin [a, b] \\ 1 & \text{if } t \in [a, b] \end{cases} \\ &= u(t-a) - u(t-b) \end{aligned}$$

Laplace transform of Heaviside.

$$\mathcal{L}[u(t-k)] = ? \quad (k \geq 0)$$

$$\int_0^\infty u(t-k) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_k^\infty e^{-st} dt = \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_k^\infty = \frac{e^{-sk}}{s} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[u(t-k)] = \frac{e^{-sk}}{s} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[u(t-b)] = \frac{1}{s} \quad (s > 0)$$

. $\mathcal{L}[u_{ab}(t)] = ?$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[u_{ab}(t)] &= \mathcal{L}[u(t-a) - u(t-b)] \\ &= \frac{e^{-sa} - e^{-sb}}{s} \quad (s > 0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[u_{ab}(t)] = \frac{e^{-sa} - e^{-sb}}{s} \quad (s > 0)$$

Definition: . $f(t)$ on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ has exponential order at most R ($R \in \mathbb{R}$)

if $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{Rt}} < +\infty$.

. $f(t)$ on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ has exponential order

if it has exponential order at most R for some $R \in \mathbb{R}$

Examples: . $f(t) = t + 5e^{kt}$ ($k \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$) is of exp. ord. at most k

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{|t + 5e^{kt}|}{e^{kt}} \leq \underbrace{\sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{t}{e^{kt}}}_{< \infty} + 5 < +\infty$$

. $f(t) = e^{t^2}$ is not of exp. ord.

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{e^{t^2}}{e^{kt}} = \sup_{t \geq 0} \underbrace{e^{t^2 - kt}}_{\rightarrow +\infty} = +\infty$$

Theorem.

Suppose $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$
and of exponential order at most $k \in \mathbb{R}$

Then $L[f(t)]$ exists for $s > k$

Proof

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{kt}} < +\infty$$

$$|f(t)| < +\cdot e^{kt}$$

$$\int_0^\infty |f(t) e^{-st}| dt < + \int_0^\infty e^{(k-s)t} dt \\ < +\infty \quad \text{if } s > k$$

So $L[f(t)]$ converges when $s > k$

□

Lemma

If $f(t)$ is of exp. ord. at most k ,

then $f(t) \circ$ is of exp. ord at most $k+r$ for any $r \geq 0$

Proof

use definition

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{kt}} < +\infty$$

Then

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{(k+r)t}} \leq \sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{kt}} < +\infty$$

$\Rightarrow f(t) \circ$ is of exp. ord. at most $(k+r)$

□

k



exp. ord. at most k (standard terminology)

Further examples

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A good way to remember these examples
is to actually compute these formulas

$$L[\sin kt] = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$L[\cos kt] = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$L[\sinh kt] = \frac{k}{s^2 - k^2} \quad (s > |k|)$$

$$L[\cosh kt] = \frac{s}{s^2 - k^2} \quad (s > |k|)$$

$$L[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

For other Laplace transforms, compute directly.

There are tables of Laplace transforms

Example. $L[\cos kt] = ?$

$$\int_0^\infty \cos(kt) e^{-st} dt \quad (\textcircled{*})$$

$$\int \cos(kt) e^{rt} dt = \frac{e^{rt}}{r^2 + k^2} (r \cos kt + k \sin rt)$$

$$\underset{t=0}{\underline{RHS}} = \frac{1}{r^2 + k^2} (r + k \cdot 0) = \frac{r}{r^2 + k^2}$$

$$\underline{t=0} \quad \text{RHS} = \frac{1}{r^2 + k^2} (r + k \cdot 0) = \frac{r}{r^2 + k^2}$$

$$\underline{t=\infty} \quad \text{RHS} = 0 \quad \text{if } r < 0 .$$

$$\textcircled{*} = \left[\text{RHS} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} \stackrel{(s>0)}{=} 0 - \frac{-s}{s^2 + k^2} = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} [\cos kt] = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$\mathcal{L} [\sin kt] = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$\int \sin(kt) e^{rt} dt = \frac{e^{rt}}{r^2 + k^2} (r \sin kt - k \cos kt)$$

$$\underline{t=0} \quad \text{RHS} = \dots \quad \text{Do this exercise!}$$

$$\underline{t=\infty} \quad \text{RHS} = \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L} [\sin kt] = \left[\text{RHS} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} [\cos kt] = ? \quad \mathcal{L} [\sin kt] = ?$$

$$e^{ikt} = \cos kt + i \sin kt$$

$$\int_0^\infty \cos kt e^{-st} dt = ? \quad \int_0^\infty \sin kt e^{-st} dt = ?$$

$$\int_0^\infty e^{ikt} e^{-st} dt = ? = \int_0^\infty \cos kt e^{-st} dt + i \int_0^\infty \sin kt e^{-st} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^\infty e^{ikt} e^{-st} dt = ? = \int_0^\infty \cos kt e^{-st} dt + i \int_0^\infty \sin kt e^{-st} dt \\
 &= \int_0^\infty e^{(ik-s)t} dt = \left[\frac{e^{(ik-s)t}}{ik-s} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } s > 0 \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } s < 0 \end{cases} \\
 (s > 0) &= \frac{1}{s - ik} = \frac{s + ik}{s^2 + k^2} = \underbrace{\frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}}_{L[\cos kt]} + i \underbrace{\frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}}_{L[\sin kt]}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$L[\cos kt] = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$L[\sin kt] = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

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

In fact, $L[f(t)]$ can be considered as a function of a complex variable s .

Inverse Laplace transform

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Theorem . $f(t), g(t)$ piecewise continuous on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$,
exp ord.

$$\cdot F = L[f], G = L[g]$$

$$\cdot F(s) = G(s) \text{ for all } s \text{ sufficiently large}$$

Then at every point of continuity t , $f(t) = g(t)$

Given $F(s)$, what is $f(t)$ such that $L[f(t)] = F(s)$?

inverse Laplace transform

$$f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

Example . $L[e^{kt}] = \frac{1}{s-k}$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-k}\right] = e^{kt}$$

$$L[\cos kt] = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}\right] = \cos kt$$

$$L[\sin kt] = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}\right] = \sin kt$$

$$L[\cosh kt] = \frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}$$

$$L \left[\cosh kt \right] = \frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2 - k^2} \right] = \cosh kt$$

$$L \left[\sinh kt \right] = \frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{k}{s^2 - k^2} \right] = \sinh kt$$

Laplace correspondence

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Laplace transform :

$$f : [0, +\infty) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$F(s) = L[f(t)] \quad \text{in domain of convergence } s$$

$$f(t) \rightsquigarrow F(s)$$

$$f(t) \longrightarrow F(s)$$

$$1 \quad \frac{1}{s} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$e^{kt} \quad \frac{1}{s-k} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$t \quad \frac{1}{s^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

$$te^{kt} \quad \frac{1}{(s-k)^2} \quad (s > 0)$$

⋮

$$f_1(t), f_2(t) \longrightarrow F_1(s), F_2(s)$$

If $F_1(s) = F_2(s)$, then $f_1(t) = f_2(t)$

Thus means we can reverse the process

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

we don't know the reverse formula yet

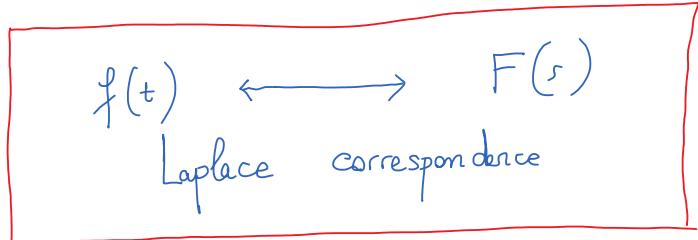
$$f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)] \quad \text{inverse Laplace transform}$$

(find by tables and elementary operations of $F(s)$)

$$\text{Def} \rightarrow F(s) - L[f(t)]$$

$$f(t) \rightsquigarrow F(s) = L[f(t)]$$

$$f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)] \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$



We have a correspondence between a function $f(t)$ and a function $F(s)$, from $f(t)$ to $F(s)$. have Laplace transform from $F(s)$ to $f(t)$. use tables

Laplace correspondence

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

Questions: . If we change $f(t)$, how does $F(s)$ change ?

. If we change $F(s)$, how does $f(t)$ change ?

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$f(t - k) \longleftrightarrow ?$$

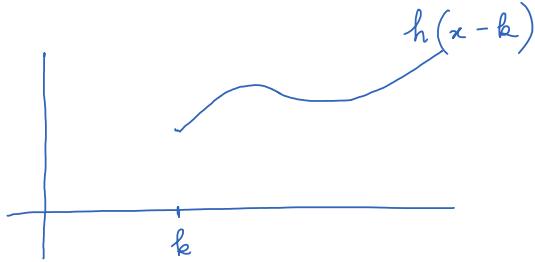
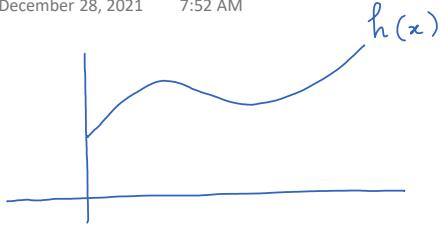
$$f'(t) \longleftrightarrow ?$$

$$? \longleftrightarrow F(s - k)$$

$$? \longleftrightarrow F'(s)$$

Translations

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$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$? \longleftrightarrow F(s-k)$$

Suppose $F(s) = L[f(t)]$ for $s > k'$

Then $F(s-k) = L[e^{kt} f(t)]$ for $s > k + k'$

$f(t)$	\longleftrightarrow	$F(s)$	$(s > k')$
$e^{kt} \cdot f(t)$	\longleftrightarrow	$F(s-k)$	$(s > k+k')$

Proof $F(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$ for $s > k'$

$$\Rightarrow L[e^{kt} f(t)] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cdot e^{kt} f(t) dt$$

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

$$= F(s-k) \text{ if } s-k > k' (\Rightarrow s > k+k')$$

Example : Find $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{(s-k)^2}\right)$.

$$L[t] = \frac{1}{s^2} = F(s) \text{ for } s > 0$$

$$L[e^{kt} \cdot t] = \frac{1}{(s-k)^2} = F(s-k) \text{ for } s > k$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-k)^2}\right] = e^{kt} t$$

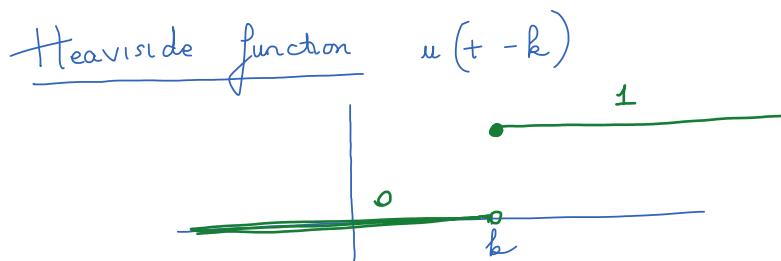
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-k)} \right] = e^{kt} t$$

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$e^{kt} f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s-k)$$

$$e^{kt} f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s-k)$$

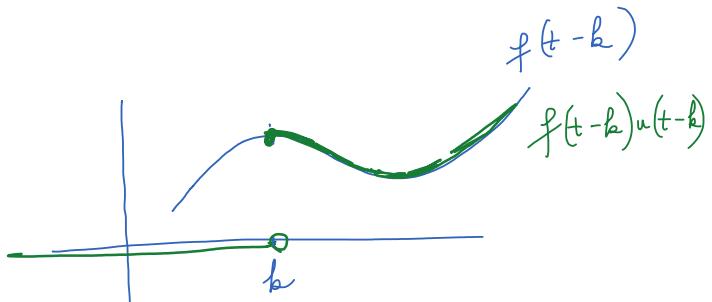
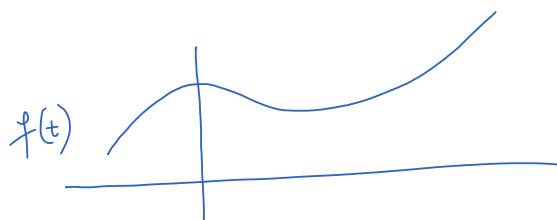
(translation on s-domain)



Translation on t domain

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$f(t-k) u(t-k) \longleftrightarrow ?$$



$$F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt. \quad \text{Suppose } k \geq 0$$

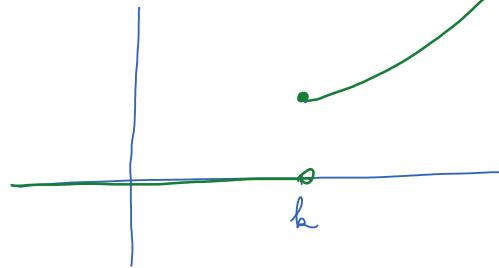
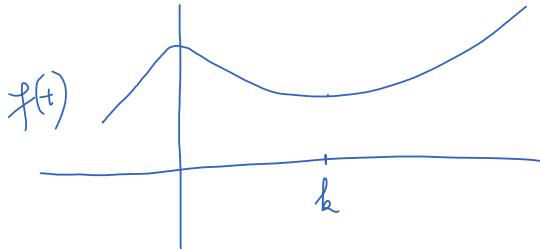
$$\mathcal{L} \left[f(t-k) u(t-k) \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-k) u(t-k) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L[f(t-k)u(t-k)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-k) dt \\
&= \underbrace{\int_0^k}_{0} + \int_k^{\infty} \\
&= \int_k^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-k) dt \\
&= \int_k^{\infty} e^{-s(t-k)} f(t-k) dt \cdot e^{-sk} \\
&= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st'} f(t') dt' \cdot e^{-sk} = F(s) e^{-sk}
\end{aligned}$$

□

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
f(t) & \longleftrightarrow & F(s) \quad (s > k') \\
f(t-k)u(t-k) & \xrightarrow{(k \geq 0)} & F(s)e^{-sk} \quad (s > k')
\end{array}$$

$$f(t) - u(t-k) \longleftrightarrow ?$$



$$f(t) - u(t-k) \longleftrightarrow e^{-sk} L[f(t+k)]$$

Summary on translations

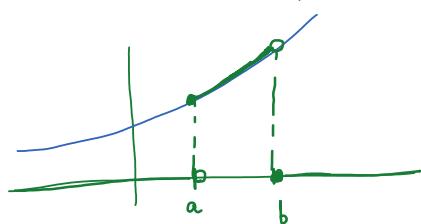
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
f(t) & \longleftrightarrow & F(s) \quad (s > k') \\
e^{kt} f(t) & \xleftarrow{(k \in \mathbb{R})} & F(s-k) \quad (s > k+k') \\
& & \text{(on } s\text{-domain)} \\
f(t-k)u(t-k) & \xleftarrow{(k \geq 0)} & F(s)e^{-sk}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(t-k) u(t-k) &\xleftarrow{(k \geq 0)} F(s) e^{-sk} \\
 f(t) u(t-k) &\xleftarrow{(k \geq 0)} L[f(t+k)] e^{-sk} \\
 (\text{on } t\text{-domain})
 \end{aligned}$$

Example. Find $L[s \sin t \ u(t-\pi)]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[s \sin t \ u(t-\pi)] &= e^{-s\pi} L[\underbrace{\sin(t+\pi)}_{-s \sin t}] \\
 &= -e^{-s\pi} L[s \sin t] \\
 &= \frac{-e^{s\pi}}{s^2 + 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example. $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < a \\ e^t & \text{if } a \leq t < b \\ 0 & \text{if } t \geq b \end{cases}$



$$L[f(t)]$$

We have $f(t) = e^t \left(u(t-a) - u(t-b) \right)$

We find $L[e^t u(t-a)]$ and $L[e^t u(t-b)]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[e^t u(t-a)] &= L[e^{t-a} e^a u(t-a)] \cdot e^a \\
 &= e^{-as} \cdot \frac{1}{s-1} \cdot e^a
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^{-as} \cdot \frac{1}{s-1} \cdot e^a \\
 &= \frac{e^{a(1-s)}}{s-1} \\
 \text{So } L[f(t)] &= L \left[e^t (u(t-a) - u(t-b)) \right] \\
 &= \frac{e^{a(1-s)} - e^{b(1-s)}}{s-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Derivatives

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$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$f'(t) \longleftrightarrow ?$$

$$? \longleftrightarrow F'(s)$$

$$f^{(k)}(t) \longleftrightarrow ?$$

$$? \longleftrightarrow F^{(k)}(s)$$

We know how Laplace transform changes if we take $f'(t)$, $f^{(k)}(t)$

$$f'(t) \longleftrightarrow L[f'(t)] = sF(s) - f(0)$$

$$f^{(k)}(t) \longleftrightarrow L[f^{(k)}(t)] = s^k F(s) - (s^{k-1}f(0) + s^{k-2}f'(0) + \dots + f^{(k-1)}(0))$$

On s-domain:

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$? \longleftrightarrow F'(s)$$

$$\text{We have } F'(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$(suppose ok) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d}{ds} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

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

$$= - L[t f(t)] = L[-t f(t)]$$

$$F^{(k)}(s) = \frac{d^k}{s^n} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F^{(k)}(s) &= \frac{d^k}{ds^k} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d^k}{ds^k} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^\infty (-1)^k t^k f(t) e^{-st} dt \\
 &= (-1)^k L[t^k f(t)] = L[(-1)^k t^k f(t)]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f(t) & \longleftrightarrow & F(s) & (s > k') \\
 -t f(t) & \longleftrightarrow & F'(s) & (s > k') \\
 (-1)^k t^k f(t) & \longleftrightarrow & F^{(k)}(s) & (s > k') \\
 & & & \text{on } s\text{-domain}
 \end{array}$$

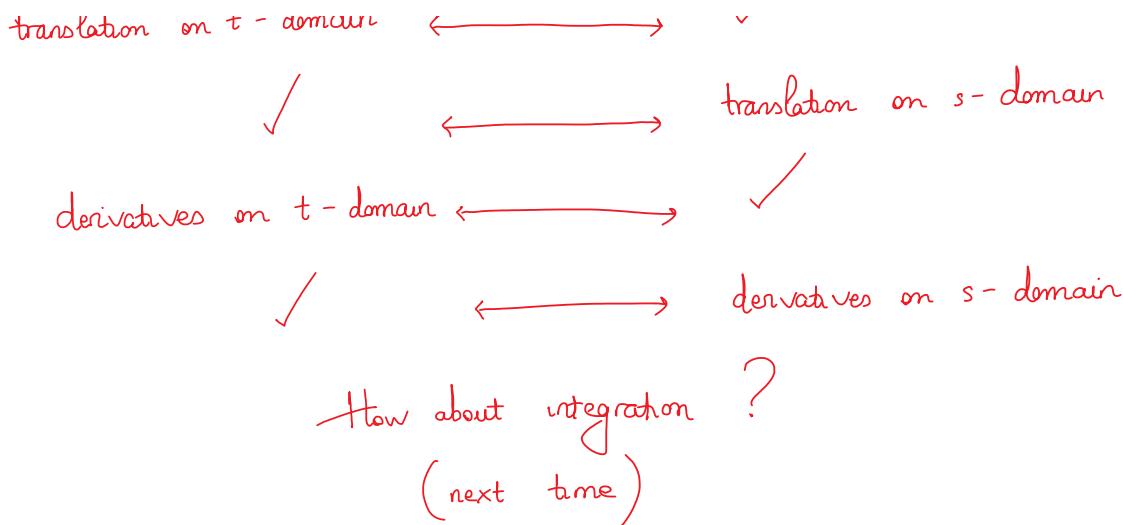
Example: Find $L[t \cos t]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[t \cos t] &= -\frac{d}{ds} L[\cos t] \\
 &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \right) = \frac{s^2 - 1}{(s^2 + 1)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find $L[e^{bt} t \cos t]$

$$L[e^{bt} t \cos t] = \frac{(s - b)^2 - 1}{((s - b)^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f(t) & \longleftrightarrow & F(s) \\
 \text{translation on } t\text{-domain} & \longleftrightarrow & \checkmark \\
 / & & \text{translation on } s\text{-domain}
 \end{array}$$



Inverse Laplace transform: Post's inversion formula

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Let $f: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous

Say f is of exponential order k if

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{kt}} < +\infty$$

$$F(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt \quad (s > k)$$

Theorem: (Post's inversion formula)

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \cdot \left(\frac{k}{t}\right)^{k+1} \cdot F^{(k)}\left(\frac{k}{t}\right) = f(t)$$

Example. find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right]$

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s}, \quad F^{(k)}(s) = \frac{(-1)^k k!}{s^{k+1}}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \cancel{\frac{(-1)^k}{k!}} \cdot \left(\cancel{\frac{k}{t}}\right)^{k+1} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(-1)^k} \cancel{k!}}{\cancel{(k/t)^{k+1}}} = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right]$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1$$

Example: find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+h}\right]$

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s+h}, \quad F^{(k)}(s) = \frac{(-1)^k k!}{(s+h)^{k+1}}$$

$$\cancel{-} \cdot \cancel{1} \quad \cancel{0} \quad \cancel{(-1)^k} \quad \cancel{(k)^{k+1}} \quad \cancel{(-1)^k} \cancel{k!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+h}\right] &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{(k+1)^k}}{\cancel{k+1}} \cdot \left(\frac{k}{t}\right)^{k+1} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(k+1)^k} \cancel{k+1}}{\left(\frac{k}{t} + h\right)^{k+1}} \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^{k+1}}{\cancel{t^{k+1}}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{t^{k+1}}}{(k + th)^{k+1}} \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{th}{k}\right)^{k+1}} \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left[-(k+1) \underbrace{\log \left(1 + \frac{th}{k}\right)}_{\sim \frac{th}{k}} \right] \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{k+1}{k} \cdot th} = e^{-th} \\
L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+h}\right] &= e^{-h \cdot t}
\end{aligned}$$

Brief review on Laplace transforms

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Laplace transforms are useful tools to solve differential equations, integral equations.

$$f: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} , f(t)$$

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

$$\begin{matrix} f_1(t) \\ f_2(t) \end{matrix} \rightsquigarrow F(s) \Rightarrow f_1(t) = f_2(t)$$

$$F(s) = L[f(t)] , f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

Laplace correspondence

Laplace correspondences:

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$f'(t) \longleftrightarrow sF(s) - f(0) \quad \text{Derivatives}$$

$$f''(t) \longleftrightarrow s^2 F(s) - s f(0) - f'(0)$$

$$f^{(n)}(t) \longleftrightarrow s^n F(s) - \left(s^{n-1} f(0) + s^{n-2} f'(0) + \dots + f^{(n-1)}(0) \right)$$

$$-t f(t) \longleftrightarrow F'(s)$$

$$(-1)^n t^n f(t) \longleftrightarrow F^{(n)}(s)$$

$$f(t) \cdot e^{kt} \longleftrightarrow F(s-k) \quad \text{Translations}$$

$$f(t) \cdot e^{kt}$$

$$u(t - k)$$

$$f(t - k) u(t - k)$$

$$f(t) u(t - k)$$

$$F(s - k)$$

$$\frac{e^{-ks}}{s}$$

$$e^{-ks} F(s)$$

$$e^{-ks} L[f(t + k)]$$

antiderivative of $f(t)$

?

periodic function $f(t)$

?

convolution $f(t) * g(t)$

?

Laplace transform of an antiderivative

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

$$F(s) = L[f(t)]$$

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$g(t) = \int_0^t f(x) dx \quad ?$$

By the fundamental theorem of calculus. $g'(t) = f(t)$

$$L[g(t)] = ?$$

Theorem: Suppose $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous

$f(t)$ has exponential order k ($k \geq 0$)

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{kt}} : t \geq 0 \right\} < +\infty$$

constant

$$F(s) = L[f(t)]$$

$$g(t) = \int_0^t f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Then } L[g(t)] = \frac{F(s)}{s} \quad (s > k)$$

Proof First we show that $g(t)$ has exponential order k

$$g(t) = \int_0^t f(x) dx \quad \left(\left| \frac{f(t)}{e^{kt}} \right| \leq +\infty \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow |g(t)| \leq \int_0^t |f(x)| dx$$

$\therefore \dots$

$+ \int kx \dots = t$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \leq \int_0^t \frac{1}{k} e^{kx} dx = \frac{1}{k} \left[e^{kx} \right]_{x=0}^{x=t} \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{k} (e^{kt} - 1) \leq \frac{1}{k} e^{kt} = H' e^{kt} \quad \text{with } H' = \frac{1}{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow g(t)$ has exponential order k

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow L[f(t)] &= L[g'(t)] \\
 &= s L[g(t)] - g(0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(s) &= s L[g(t)] - 0 \quad (g(t) = \int_0^t f(x) dx) \\
 &\Rightarrow g(0) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow L[g(t)] = \frac{1}{s} F(s).$$

□

Example. compute $L \left[\int_0^t x \cdot e^{ax} dx \right]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L \left[\int_0^t x \cdot e^{ax} dx \right] &= \frac{1}{s} \cdot L \left[t e^{at} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \cdot L[t] (s - a) \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{(s - a)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example. compute $L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s(s^2 + a^2)} \right]$

$$\frac{1}{s(s^2 + a^2)} = \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$\int_0^t f(x) dx \longleftrightarrow ? \quad \frac{1}{s} \quad \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{a} L^{-1} \left[\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} \right] = \frac{1}{a} \sin(at)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t f(x) dx &= \int_0^t \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \left(-\frac{\cos(ax)}{a} \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=t} = \frac{1}{a^2} (1 - \cos(at)) \end{aligned}$$

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

Example : find a function $f(t)$ satisfying

$$f(t) - \int_0^t f(x) dx = t^2 e^t$$

'integral equation'

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

$$L[t^2 e^t] = L[t^2] (s-1) = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3}$$

Taking Laplace transform, we have $F(s) - \frac{1}{s} F(s) = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3}$

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

$$F(s) = \frac{2s}{(s-1)^4} = \frac{2(s-1+1)}{(s-1)^4}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3} + \frac{2}{(s-1)^4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(s) &= \frac{1}{(s-1)^3} + \frac{-1}{(s-1)^4} \\
 f(t) &= L^{-1} [F(s)] = L^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{(s-1)^3} + \frac{2}{(s-1)^4} \right] \\
 &= e^t \cdot L^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s^4} \right] \\
 &= e^t \cdot \left(t^2 + \frac{t^3}{3} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Laplace transform can be used to solve many integral equations !

Laplace transform of a periodic function

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Definition. Suppose $f : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Say f is periodic if there exists $P > 0$

such that $f(t+P) = f(t) \forall t \geq 0$

The smallest such P is called the period of f

Suppose f is periodic with period P

$$L[f(t)] = ?$$

since f is periodic, f has exponential order 0

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \left| \frac{f(t)}{e^{0 \cdot t}} \right| < +\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists L[f(t)]$$

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

$$= \int_0^P + \int_P^{+\infty}$$

$$F(s) = \int_0^P f(t) e^{-st} dt + \underbrace{\int_P^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt}_{\begin{aligned} t &= x + P \\ &\overbrace{\phantom{\int_P^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt}}^{\text{let } t = x + P} \end{aligned}}$$

$$= \int_P^{+\infty} f(x+P) e^{-s(x+P)} dx$$

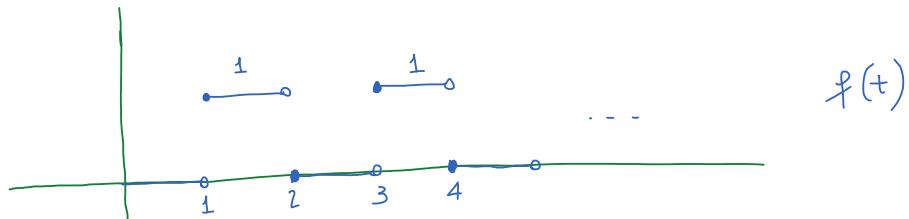
$$= \int_0^{+\infty} f(x) e^{-sx} dx \cdot e^{-sP}$$

$$= F(s) e^{-sP}$$

$$F(s) (1 - e^{-sP}) = \int_0^P f(t) e^{-st} dt .$$

Theorem: Suppose f is periodic with period P
 Then $F(s) = L[f(t)]$ exists
 and $F(s)(1 - e^{-sP}) = \int_0^P f(t) e^{-st} dt$

Example:



$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq t < 2 \end{cases} \quad (\text{period 2})$$

Compute $L[f(t)]$.

$$\begin{aligned} F(s)(1 - e^{-2s}) &= \int_0^2 f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_1^2 e^{-st} dt = \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \frac{e^{-s} - e^{-2s}}{s} \end{aligned}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{e^{-s}(1 - e^{-s})}{s(1 - e^{-s})(1 + e^{-s})}$$

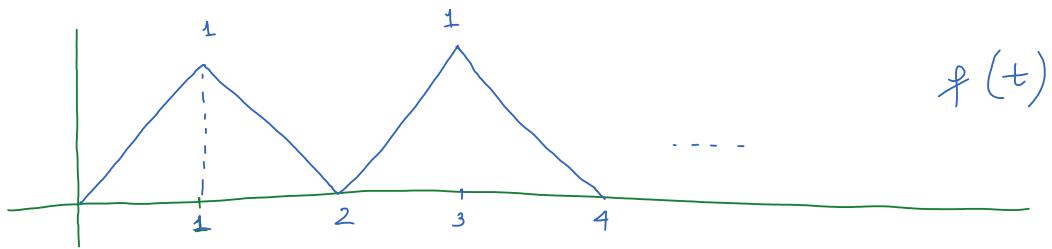
$$F(s) = \frac{e^{-s}}{s(1 + e^{-s})} \quad \square$$

Example:



$\therefore (+)$

Example :



$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 2-t & \text{if } 1 \leq t \leq 2 \end{cases} \quad (\text{period } 2)$$

$$F(s) = L[f(t)]$$

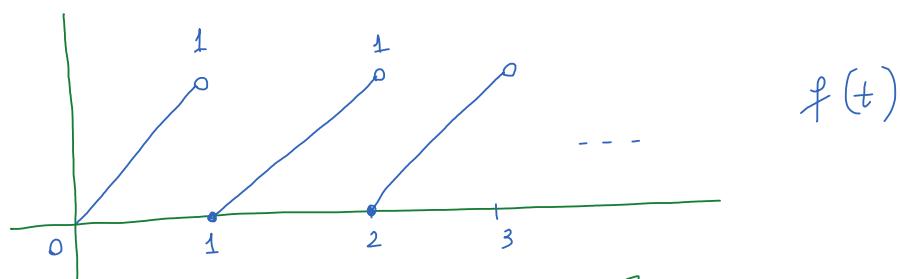
$$\begin{aligned} (1 - e^{-2s}) F(s) &= \int_0^2 f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t e^{-st} dt + \int_1^2 (2-t) e^{-st} dt \end{aligned}$$

Integrate by parts

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s} \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{1 + e^s}$$

□

Example (sawtooth function)



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

$$f(t) = t \quad \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \quad (\text{period } 1)$$

$$F(s) (1 - e^{-s}) = \int_0^1 f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F(s) (1 - e^{-s}) &= \int_0^1 f(t) e^{-st} dt \\
&= \int_0^1 t e^{-st} dt = \int_0^1 t d(e^{-st} \cdot \frac{1}{-s}) \\
&= \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} + t \right]_{t=0}^{t=1} - \int_0^1 \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt \\
&= \frac{e^{-s}}{-s} + \frac{1}{s} \cdot \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_{t=0}^{t=1} \\
F(s) (1 - e^{-s}) &= \frac{e^{-s}}{-s} + \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{e^{-s}}{-s} = \frac{e^{-s}}{-s} \left(1 + \frac{1}{s} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$F(s) = -\frac{e^{-s}}{1 - e^{-s}} \cdot \frac{s+1}{s^2} \quad \square$$

Convolution product

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Suppose $f, g: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are piecewise continuous.

$h(t) = f(t) \cdot g(t)$ pointwise product

$$\int_0^t f(x) g(t-x) dx = : f(t) * g(t)$$

$$= : (f * g)(t)$$

convolution product / convolution 'tích chập'

Example: $f(t) = 1$

$$g(t) = 1$$

Compute $(f * g)(t)$.

Know $(f \cdot g)(t) = 1$ (pointwise product)

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(x) g(t-x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^t 1 \cdot 1 dx = t \Rightarrow (f * g)(t) = t$$

(convolution product)

Example:

$$f(t) = t^p$$

$$g(t) = t^q$$

Compute $(f * g)(t)$. convolution product

$$(f \cdot g)(t) = t^{p+q} \quad \text{pointwise product}$$

t

$(f * g)(t) = t^p \cdot$ pointwise product

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(x) g(t - x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^t x^p (t - x)^q dx$$

If $p \in \mathbb{N}$ or $q \in \mathbb{N}$, we can use binomial expansion
to compute $f * g$

$$f(t) = t^p, \quad g(t) = t \quad (q = 1)$$

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t x^p (t - x) dx$$

$$= t \int_0^t x^p dx - \int_0^t x^{p+1} dx$$

$$= t \cdot \left[\frac{x^{p+1}}{p+1} \right]_0^t - \left[\frac{x^{p+2}}{p+2} \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{t^{p+2}}{p+1} - \frac{t^{p+2}}{p+2}$$

$$= \frac{t^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow t^p * t = \frac{t^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \quad \text{convolution product}$$

$$t^p * t = t^{p+1} \quad \text{pointwise product}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f(t) & \longleftrightarrow & F(s) \\
 g(t) & \longleftrightarrow & G(s) \\
 (f * g)(t) & \longleftrightarrow & F(s) \cdot G(s)
 \end{array}$$

Theorem. If $F(s) = L[f(t)]$

$$G(s) = L[g(t)]$$

then $F(s)G(s) = L[f(t) * g(t)]$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2 + k^2)^2}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + k^2}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + k^2}\right]$$

$$F(s) = \frac{s^5 + 4s^4 + 3s^3 + 2s^2 + 1}{(s^2 + 2s + 2)(s^2 - 1)(s^2 + 5)(s^2 + 10)}$$

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = ?$$

Use convolution product

Convolution - review

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$$f, g : [0, +\infty) \xrightarrow{+} \mathbb{R}$$

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(x) g(t-x) dx$$

Example. $f(t) = e^{-t}$, $g(t) = \sin t$

$$f * g = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t f(x) g(t-x) dx = \int_0^t e^{-x} \underbrace{\sin(t-x)}_{d \cos(t-x)} dx \\ &= \left[\cos(t-x) e^{-x} \right]_{x=0}^{x=t} - \int_0^t \cos(t-x) \underbrace{d(e^{-x})}_{-e^{-x} dx} \\ &= e^{-t} - \text{const} + \int_0^t e^{-x} \underbrace{\cos(t-x) dx}_{-\sin(t-x)} \\ &= e^{-t} - \text{const} - \left[e^{-x} \sin(t-x) \right]_{x=0}^{x=t} + \int_0^t \sin(t-x) d(e^{-x}) \\ &\Rightarrow 2 \int_0^t \sin(t-x) e^{-x} dx = e^{-t} + \sin t - \text{const} \\ &\Rightarrow e^{-t} * \sin t = \frac{1}{2} (e^{-t} + \sin t - \text{const}) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Properties of convolutions

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Proposition: Let f, g, h be piecewise-continuous functions. Then.

$$(i) f * g = g * f \quad (\text{commutativity})$$

$$(ii) (f * g) * h = f * (g * h) \quad (\text{associativity})$$

$$(iii) f * (g + h) = f * g + f * h \quad (\text{distributivity})$$

$$(iv) f * 0 = 0$$

Convolution is commutative:

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(x) g(t-x) dx \quad \textcircled{1} \quad \text{asymmetric formula}$$

$$f * g \neq g * f$$

Change variables: put $u = t - x$

$$\textcircled{1} = \int_0^t f(t-u) g(u) (-du)$$

$$= \int_0^t g(u) f(t-u) du = (g * f)(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow f * g = g * f$$

Convolution is associative $(f * g) * h \stackrel{?}{=} f * (g * h)$

we want to show

$$[(f * g) * h](t_0) = [f * (g * h)](t_0)$$

$$[(f * g) * h](t_0) = \int_0^{t_0} \underbrace{(f * g)(x)}_{\substack{\text{unpack} \\ x \mapsto \dots}} h(t_0 - x) dx$$

unpack

$$\int f(y) g(x-y) dy$$

$$= \int_0^{t_0} h(t_0-x) dx \int_0^x f(y) g(x-y) dy = \int_0^{t_0} dy \int_0^{t_0} dx \ h(t_0-x) \underline{f(y)} g(x-y)$$

$$= \int_0^{t_0} f(y) dy \int_0^{t_0} h(t_0-x) g(x-y) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{t_0} f(y) \underbrace{\int_0^{t_0-y} g(x') h(t_0-y-x') dx'}_{g * h (t_0-y)}$$

$$= \int_0^{t_0} f(y) (g * h)(t_0-y) dy$$

$$= \left[f * (g * h) \right] (t_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$$

group / ring / field

What is a ring?

The set of piecewise-continuous functions with addition, convolution

forms a commutative ring without unit

(the unit is the 'delta function',
 not a piecewise - continuous function)

Laplace transform of convolutions

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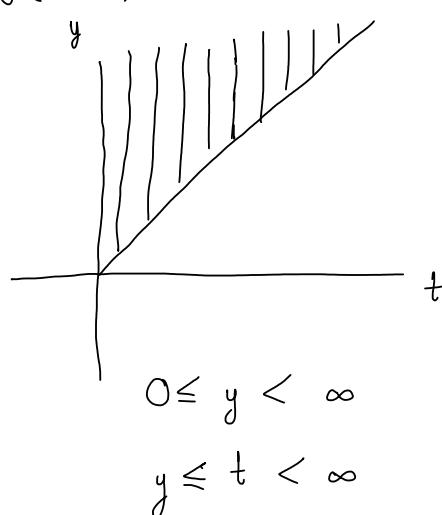
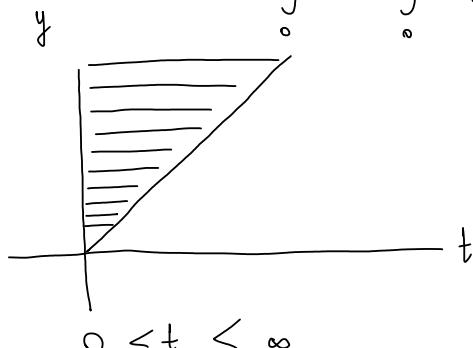
Proposition: Let f, g be piecewise-continuous functions of exponential order
 Then $\mathcal{L}[f * g] = \mathcal{L}[f] \mathcal{L}[g]$

Laplace transform takes convolution to pointwise-product

Laplace transform of convolution.

$$\mathcal{L}[f * g](s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \underbrace{(f * g)(t)}_{\substack{\text{unpack} \\ t}} dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty dt \int_0^t dy e^{-st} f(y) g(t-y)$$



$$= \int_0^\infty dy \int_y^\infty dt e^{-st} f(y) g(t-y)$$

\circlearrowleft put $t' = t - y$

$$= \int_0^\infty dy \int_0^\infty dt' e^{-s(t'+y)} f(y) g(t')$$

$$= \int_0^\infty f(y) e^{-sy} dy \quad \int_0^\infty g(t') e^{-st'} dt'$$

$$= \underbrace{\int_0^t f(y) e^{-sy} dy}_{L[f](s)} - \underbrace{\int_0^t g(t') e^{-st'} dt'}_{L[g](s)}$$

$$\Rightarrow L[f * g](s) = L[f](s) L[g](s)$$

$$\Rightarrow L[f * g] = L[f] L[g]$$

□

Convolution: examples

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$$L[f * g] = L[f] \cdot L[g]$$

Laplace correspondence

$$f \longleftrightarrow L[f] = F$$

$$g \longleftrightarrow L[g] = G$$

$$f * g \longleftrightarrow L[f * g] = F \cdot G$$

$$L^{-1}[F \cdot G] = L^{-1}[F] * L^{-1}[G]$$

This identity allows us to compute the inverse Laplace transform of any rational function!

Example. compute $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s-1)}\right]$

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s-1)}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-1}\right] \\ &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-1}\right] \\ &= t * e^t \\ &= \int_0^t dx (t-x) e^x = \int_0^t (t-x) de^x \\ &= \underbrace{\left[e^x (t-x) \right]_{x=0}^{x=t}}_{-t} - \int_0^t e^x \underbrace{d(t-x)}_{-dx} \\ &= -t + \int_0^t e^x dx = e^t - 1 - t \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s-1)}\right] = t * e^t = e^t - t - 1 .$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2(s-1)} \right] = t * e^t = e^t - t - 1 .$$

Example : compute $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2 + k^2)^2} \right]$ ①

$$\begin{aligned} ① &= \frac{1}{k^2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{k}{s}}{s^2 + k^2} \quad \frac{\frac{k}{s}}{s^2 + k^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{k^2} \underbrace{\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{k}{s}}{s^2 + k^2} \right]}_{\sin(kt)} * \underbrace{\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{k}{s}}{s^2 + k^2} \right]}_{\sin(kt)} \\ &= \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kt) * \sin(kt) \\ &= \frac{1}{2k^2} \int_0^t dx \cdot 2 \underbrace{\sin k(t-x)}_{\sin kx}, \\ &= \frac{1}{2k^2} \int_0^t dx \cdot (\cos k(2x-t) - \cos kt) \\ &= \frac{1}{2k^2} \left[\frac{\sin k(2x-t)}{2k} \right]_{x=0}^{x=t} - \frac{1}{2k^2} \cdot t \cos kt \\ &= \frac{1}{2k^2} (\sin kt - kt \cos kt) \end{aligned}$$

Laplace transform can solve some integral equation

Example find $y(t)$ satisfying $y'' + 4y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$ ($t > 0$)

Example find $y(t)$ satisfying $y(t) = t + \int_0^t y(x) \sin(t-x) dx \quad (t > 0)$

This is an integral equation

$$y(t) = t + y(t) * \sin t$$

\downarrow Laplace transform $\mathcal{Y}(s) = \mathcal{L}[y(t)]$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{L}[t] + \mathcal{Y} \mathcal{L}[\sin t]$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \frac{1}{s^2} + \mathcal{Y} \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$\mathcal{Y} \frac{s^2}{s^2+1} = \frac{1}{s^2} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y} = \frac{s^2+1}{s^4} = \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\mathcal{Y}] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^4}\right] \\ &= t + \frac{t^3}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Convolution allows us to 'Laplace inverse transform' rational functions