

# Laplace Transform

More formally, for any  $f(t)$  define:

$$(1) \quad f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int F(s) e^{st} ds$$

normalizing constant

where:

$$(2) \quad F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

Notation:  $F(s) = \mathcal{Z}\{f(t)\}$  (transform)

$$f(t) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\{F(s)\} \quad (\text{inverse transform})$$

# Limitations of Laplace Transform

Only defined for  $f(t)$  where the integral (2) converges.

Requires:  $e^{-\sigma_0 t} / f(t) \rightarrow 0$

for some finite  $\sigma_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

The transform  $F(s)$  is then defined for any

$$s = \sigma + j\omega \quad \text{with } \sigma \geq \sigma_0$$

and the integral (1) is over all values of  $s$  which satisfy this condition. ] "region of convergence"

## Examples

$f(t) = e^{pt}$  can be transformed for any  
finite  $p \in \mathbb{C}$

However,  $f(t) = e^{t^2}$  cannot be transformed

Since  $e^{-\sigma_0 t} f(t) = e^{(t^2 - \sigma_0 t)} \rightarrow \infty$

for any finite  $\sigma_0$ .

## Note:

When working with Laplace transforms we assume we are using values of  $s$  in the region of convergence. (ROC)

By above def'n of ROC,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} f(t) = 0$$

for these values of  $s$ .

# Fundamental Transform

(only one you need!)

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{pt}\} = \frac{1}{s-p} \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{pt}\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{pt} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{(p-s)t} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[ \left( \frac{1}{p-s} \right) e^{(p-s)t} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{p-s} \right) \left[ \cancel{e^{(p-s)\infty}} - 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\emptyset$

for any  $s$  in  
ROC

## Property #1: Linearity

$$\mathcal{L}\{a_1 f_1(t) + a_2 f_2(t)\} = a_1 F_1(s) + a_2 F_2(s)$$

for any transformable functions  $f_1(t), f_2(t)$   
any (complex) constants  $a_1, a_2$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \{a_1 f_1(t) + a_2 f_2(t)\} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= a_1 \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} f_1(t) e^{-st} dt}_{F_1(s)} + a_2 \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} f_2(t) e^{-st} dt}_{F_2(s)}$$

And generally:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^N a_i f_i(t)\right\} = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i F_i(s)$$

Linearity lets us build more complex transforms:

Consider:  $f(t) = Ae^{at} \cos(bt + \psi)$   
 $= Ce^{pt} + \bar{C}e^{\bar{p}t}$

with  $p = a + bj$ ,  $C = \left(\frac{A}{2}\right)e^{j\psi}$  (polar form)

Then by linearity

$$\mathcal{L}\{Ae^{at} \cos(bt + \psi)\} = \frac{C}{s-p} + \frac{\bar{C}}{(s-\bar{p})}$$

We can combine the two terms:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{Ae^{at}\cos(bt+\psi)\} &= \frac{C}{s-p} + \frac{\bar{C}}{s-\bar{p}} \\ &= \frac{A[(s-a)\cos\psi - b\sin\psi]}{s^2 - 2as + (a^2 + b^2)}\end{aligned}$$

so

$$\mathcal{L}\{Ae^{at}\cos(bt+\psi)\} = \frac{A[(s-a)\cos\psi - b\sin\psi]}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$$

But we will see it is often easier to keep the two terms separate when solving problems.



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Hence  $\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{c\} = \frac{c}{s}}$  for any  $c \in \mathbb{C}$

# Common Mistakes

$$\mathcal{L}\{c\} \neq c \quad \left( \mathcal{L}\{c\} = \frac{c}{s} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f_1(t)f_2(t)\} \neq F_1'(s)F_2'(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f_1(t)f_2(t)\} = \{ \text{unspeakably ugly} \}$$

## Property #2: Diff'n rule

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{df}{dt} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} df$$

$$\text{(by parts)} = \left[ e^{-st} f(t) \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$F(s)$

$$= sF(s) - f(0)$$

# Higher Derivatives

$$\mathcal{L}\{\ddot{f}(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{\dot{f}_1(t)\} \text{ with } f_1(t) = \dot{f}(t) \\ = sF_1(s) - f_1(0)$$

$$\text{but } F_1(s) = \mathcal{L}\{\dot{f}(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{L}\{\ddot{f}(t)\} = s^2 F(s) - \dot{f}(0) - s f(0)$$

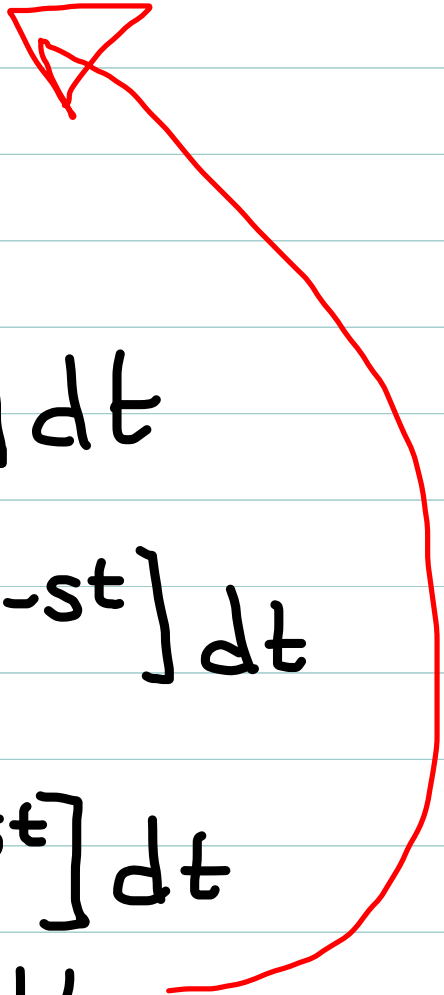
and generally

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(k)}(t)\} = s^k F(s) - f^{(k-1)}(0) - s f^{(k-2)}(0) - \dots - s^{k-1} f(0)$$

Note: Laplace will allow us to directly account for IC effects (no Linear algebra!)

### Property #3: "t-mult" rule

$$\mathcal{L}\{tf(t)\} = -\frac{d}{ds} F(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{tf(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} tf(t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)[te^{-st}] dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)\left[-\frac{d}{ds} e^{-st}\right] dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} -\frac{d}{ds} [f(t)e^{-st}] dt \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt\end{aligned}$$


## Use of t-mult rule

$$\mathcal{L}\{te^{pt}\} = \frac{-d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s-p} \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{(s-p)^2}$$

Similarly  $\mathcal{L}\{t^2e^{pt}\} = \mathcal{L}\{tf_1(t)\}$ ,  $f_1(t) = te^{pt}$

$$= \frac{-d}{ds} F_1(s) = \frac{-d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{(s-p)^2} \right]$$

So  $\mathcal{L}\{t^2e^{pt}\} = \frac{2}{(s-p)^3}$

Generally:

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^k e^{pt}\} = \frac{k!}{(s-p)^{k+1}}$$



## Recap: Laplace Transform

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int F(s) e^{st} ds$$

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### Properties:

1.) Linearity:  $\mathcal{L}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^N a_i f_i(t)\right\} = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i F_i(s)$

2.) Diff. rule:  $\mathcal{L}\{\dot{f}(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$

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⋮

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(k)}(t)\} = s^k F(s) - f^{(k-1)}(0) - \dots - s^{k-1} f(0)$$

## Use of LT for Diff'l Eqn

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}\{\alpha_n y^{(n)}(t) + \dots + \alpha_1 \dot{y}(t) + \alpha_0 y(t)\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{\beta_m u^{(m)} + \dots + \beta_1 \dot{u}(t) + \beta_0 u(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

GIVES:

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_n [s^n Y(s) - y^{(n-1)}(0) - s y^{(n-2)}(0) - \dots - s^{n-1} y(0)] \\ &+ \dots + \alpha_1 [s Y(s) - y(0)] + \alpha_0 Y(s) \\ &= \beta_m [s^m U(s) - u^{(m-1)}(0) - s u^{(m-2)}(0) - \dots - s^{m-1} u(0)] \\ &+ \dots + \beta_1 [s U(s) - u(0)] + \beta_0 U(s) \end{aligned}$$

# Collect Terms

$$r(s)Y(s) - c(s) = q(s)U(s) - b(s)$$

$$r(s) = \alpha_n s^n + \dots + \alpha_1 s + \alpha_0$$

$$q(s) = \beta_m s^m + \dots + \beta_1 s + \beta_0$$

$c(s)$  =  $n-1$  order polynomial in  $s$  from IC terms on  $y(t)$

$b(s)$  =  $m-1$  order polynomial in  $s$  from IC terms on  $u(t)$ .

Re-arrange for  $Y(s)$

$$Y(s) = \left[ \frac{g(s)}{r(s)} \right] U(s) + \left[ \frac{c(s) - b(s)}{r(s)} \right]$$

IC terms

Or:

$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s) + \left[ \frac{c(s) - b(s)}{r(s)} \right]$$

Alternate def'n of TF:

$$G(s) = \left[ \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} \right]_{ICs=0} = \left[ \frac{\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}}{\mathcal{L}\{u(t)\}} \right]_{ICs=0}^{\text{zero}}$$

## Example

$$2y^{(3)} + 8\ddot{y} + 14\dot{y} + 10y = 3\ddot{u} + 15\dot{u} + 18u$$

$$2[s^3Y(s) - \ddot{y}_0 - s\dot{y}_0 - s^2y_0] + 8[s^2Y(s) - \dot{y}_0 - sy_0] \\ + 14[sY(s) - y_0] + 10Y(s)$$

$$= 3[s^2U(s) - \dot{u}_0 - s u_0] + 15[sU(s) - u_0] + 18U(s)$$

OR:

$$(2s^3 + 8s^2 + 14s + 10)Y(s) \\ - [2s^2y_0 + s(2\dot{y}_0 + 8y_0) + (2\ddot{y}_0 + 8\dot{y}_0 + 14y_0)] \\ = (3s^2 + 15s + 18)U(s) - [3s u_0 + (3\dot{u}_0 + 15u_0)]$$

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$r(s)$

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Thus:

$$Y(s) = \boxed{\left[ \frac{3s^2 + 15s + 18}{2s^3 + 8s^2 + 14s + 10} \right]} \overset{G(s)}{U}(s) + \left[ \frac{2s^3 y_0 + s(2\dot{y}_0 + 8y_0 - 3u_0) + (2\ddot{y}_0 + 8\dot{y}_0 + 14y_0 - 3\dot{u}_0 - 15u_0)}{2s^3 + 8s^2 + 14s + 10} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  We assume all ICs on  $y(t)$  Known; and  $u(t)$  Known  
So  $U(s)$  can be computed and ICs on  $u(t)$

$\Rightarrow$  All terms on RHS are Known, so  
we know  $Y(s)$

$\Rightarrow$  "Simply" invert transform to get  $y(t)$   
 $y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(s)\}$