

Lecture 8

Laplace Transform

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t -space \longrightarrow s -space

Example 1: $f(t) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) &:= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\tau} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0\end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Let $s \in \mathbb{C}$ and $f(t) = 1$

$$\mathcal{L}\{1\}(s) = \frac{1}{s}, \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$$

Exercise!

Example 3: $g(t) = e^{i\omega t}$ where $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{e^{i\omega t}\}(s) &:= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{i\omega t} dt \quad \text{where } s \in \mathbb{C}. \\ &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\tau} e^{-st} e^{i\omega t} dt\end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\tau} e^{(-s+i\omega)t} dt$$

$$= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \left. \frac{e^{(-s+i\omega)t}}{-s+i\omega} \right|_{t=0}^{t=\tau} \quad [s = \text{Re}(s) + i\text{Im}(s)]$$

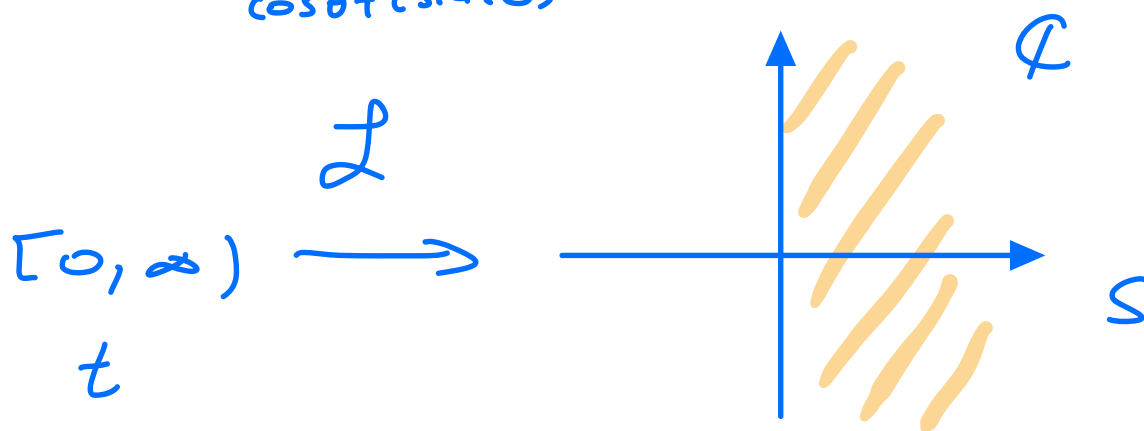
$$= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{(-I_r(s) + \omega)t} i}{-s + i\omega} e^{-\text{Re}(s)t} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=\tau}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{-s + i\omega} \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbb{C} \text{ for which } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0.$$

$$= \frac{1}{-s + i\omega}$$

Recall: $|e^{i\theta}| = 1$
 $\cos\theta + i\sin(\theta)$

where $\Theta \in \mathbb{R}$



Example 4:

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{-i\omega t}\}(s) = \frac{1}{s+i\omega}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$$

Proven as in Example 3.

Example 5:

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(\omega t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}}{2}\right\}(s)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}\{e^{i\omega t}\}(s) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}\{e^{-i\omega t}\}(s)$$

by lin. \rightarrow

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s-i\omega} + \frac{1}{s+i\omega} \right)$$

$$= \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$$

Example 6:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin(\omega t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}}{2i}\right\}(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t) \\ & - [\cos(\omega t) - i \sin(\omega t)] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \quad , \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0.$$

Table of Laplace Transforms:

$$\mathcal{L}\{0\}(s) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{1\}(s) = 1/s \quad s > 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\}(s) = 1/s^2 \quad s > 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\}(s) = \frac{1}{s-a} \quad s > a$$

$$\omega \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(\omega t)\}(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} \quad , \quad s > 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin(\omega t)\}(s) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \quad , \quad s > 0$$

Translation property
of Laplace Transforms

If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s)$ for $s > 0$ then

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\}(s) = F(s-a), \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

multiplication by e^{at} results in a shift by a .

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} F(s-a) &:= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \underbrace{f(t) e^{at}}_{\text{}} dt \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\}(s) \end{aligned}$$

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Example: $\mathcal{L}\{t\}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad s > 0$

$$\mathcal{L}\{te^{at}\}(s) = \frac{1}{(s-a)^2}, \quad s > a$$

Example: $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(\omega t)\}(s) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \quad s > 0$
 $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{3t}\sin(2t)\}(s) = \frac{2}{(s-3)^2 + 4}, \quad s > 3$$

Technical tools

→ Preliminaries:

- An integral is said to be absolutely convergent if

$$\int_0^{\infty} |f(x)| dx < \infty$$

- Comparison test: Let's assume that

$$|f(x)| \leq |g(x)| \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

$$\text{and} \quad \int_0^{\infty} g(x) dx < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx < \infty$$