

# Laplace Transforms

Let 'f' be a function defined for  $t \geq 0$  the integral

$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$  is said to be laplace transforms of 'f', provided the integral converges. It is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$  /  $L(f)$  /  $F(s)$

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

? Evaluate  $\mathcal{L}\{1\}$  or Find the laplace Transform of  $f(t) = 1$

$$\text{ans: } \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \times 1 dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \left[ \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= -\frac{e^{-s \times \infty}}{s} + \frac{e^{-s \times 0}}{s} = -\frac{e^{-\infty}}{s} + \frac{e^0}{s} = \frac{0}{s} + \frac{1}{s} \\ = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{s}}}$$

?  $\mathcal{L}\{t\}$  .

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \times t dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} t \cdot e^{-st} dt$$

$$= t \cdot \left[ \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& = -\frac{1}{5} t \cdot e^{-st} \Big|_0^\infty + \frac{1}{5} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt \\
& = -\frac{1}{5} t e^{-st} \Big|_0^\infty + \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^\infty \\
& = -\frac{1}{5} [t e^{-st} + \frac{1}{5} e^{-st}] \Big|_0^\infty \\
& = -\frac{1}{5} [\infty \times e^{-s \times \infty} + \frac{1}{5} \times e^{-s \times 0}] - (0 \cdot e^{-s \times 0} + \frac{1}{5} \times e^{-s \times 0}) \\
& = -\frac{1}{5} [\infty \times e^{-s \times \infty} + \frac{1}{5} \times e^{-s \times 0}] \\
& = -\frac{1}{5} [e^{-\infty} + 0 - \frac{1}{5} e^0] \\
& = -\frac{1}{5} [0 + \frac{1}{5} \times 0 + 0 - \frac{1}{5} \times 1] \\
& = -\frac{1}{5} [-\frac{1}{5}] \\
& = \frac{1}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Rightarrow s > a \\
& \text{Thus result is valid for } s - a > 0
\end{aligned}$$

Q Evaluate a)  $e^{-3t}$  b)  $e^{6t}$

an:  $L \{e^{-3t}\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \times e^{-3t} dt$

$$\begin{aligned}
& = \int_0^\infty e^{-st - 3t} dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-(s+3)t} dt \\
& = \left[ -\frac{e^{-(s+3)t}}{s+3} \right]_0^\infty \\
& = -\frac{e^{-(s+3)\times 0}}{s+3} + \frac{e^{-(s+3)\times \infty}}{s+3} \\
& = \frac{0}{s+3} + \frac{1}{s+3} = \frac{1}{s+3}
\end{aligned}$$

? L { $e^{at}$ }

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

$$\begin{aligned}
& = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} + at dt \\
& = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt + a \int_0^\infty t dt \\
& = \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-a)t} dt \\
& = \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-a)t} dt \\
& = -\frac{e^{-(s-a)t}}{s-a} \Big|_0^\infty \\
& = -\frac{e^{-(s-a)\times 0}}{s-a} + \frac{e^{-(s-a)\times \infty}}{s-a}
\end{aligned}$$

b)  $e^{6t}$

L { $e^{6t}$ } =  $\int_0^\infty e^{-st} e^{6t} dt$

$$\begin{aligned}
& = \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-6)t} dt \\
& = -\frac{e^{-(s-6)t}}{s-6} \Big|_0^\infty \\
& = -\frac{e^{-(s-6)\times 0}}{s-6} + \frac{e^{-(s-6)\times \infty}}{s-6}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s-6}$$

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$$\text{Evaluate } L\{\sin at\}$$

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

$$L\{\sin at\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \sin at dt$$

$$L\{\sin at\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \sin at dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \sin at \ e^{-st} dt = \left[ \frac{\sin at}{s} e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty -$$

$$\int_0^\infty \cos at \times -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} dt$$

$$= 0 + 0 + \frac{a}{s} \int_0^\infty \cos at e^{-st} dt$$

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

$$= \frac{a}{s} \left[ \frac{c - \cos at}{s} e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \sin at e^{-st} dt$$

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

$$= \frac{a}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{a}{s} \right] L\{\sin at\}$$

$$L\{\sin at\} = \frac{a}{s^2} - \frac{a^2}{s^2} L\{\sin at\}$$

$$L\{\sin at\} + \frac{a^2}{s^2} L\{\sin at\} = \frac{a}{s^2}$$

$$L\{\sin at\} \left[ 1 + \frac{a^2}{s^2} \right] = \frac{a}{s^2}$$

$$L\{\sin at\} \left[ \frac{s^2 + a^2}{s^2} \right] = \frac{a}{s^2}$$

$$L\{\sin at\} = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}, \text{ provided } \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} > 0$$

? Evaluate  $L\{\sin at\}$   
an:  $L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$

$$L\{\sin at\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \sin at dt \quad \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$L\{\sin at\} = \frac{2}{s^2 + a^2} = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4}$$

Note:

$$* \int_0^\infty e^{-st} [\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)] dt$$

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

### Linearity property

? ST  $L\{af(t) + bg(t)\} = aL\{f(t)\} + b$

$$L\{g(t)\}.$$

an:  $L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt \quad \text{--- ①}$

$$L\{g(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} g(t) dt \quad \text{--- ②}$$

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

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

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} af(t) dt + \int_0^\infty e^{-st} bg(t) dt$$

$$- a \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt + b \int_0^\infty e^{-st} g(t) dt$$

$$= aL\{f(t)\} + bL\{g(t)\}. \quad (\text{by ① \& ②})$$

? Evaluate  $L\{1+5t\}$

an:

$$= \frac{1}{5} + 5 \cdot t \times \frac{1}{5^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} + \frac{5}{5^2}$$

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? Evaluate  $L\{10e^{-3t} - 5t + 8\}$

$$= 10L\{e^{-3t}\} - 5L\{t\} + 8L\{1\}$$

$$= 10 \times \frac{1}{s+3} - 5 \times \frac{1}{s^2} + 8 \times \frac{1}{s}$$

$$= \frac{10}{s+3} - \frac{5}{s^2} + \frac{8}{s}$$

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First shifting property

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IF  $L\{f(t)\} = F(s)$  then prove that

$L\{e^{at} f(t)\} = F(s-a)$  where  $s-a > k$

for some  $k$ ?

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

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

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

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

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## Transform of some basic functions

$$* L\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$* L\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$* L\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

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

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

$$* L\{\sinh kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2-k^2}$$

$$* L\{t^n e^{at}\} = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$$

? Evaluate  $L\{\sin^2 t\}$

$$\text{an: } \sin^2 t = \frac{1-\cos 2t}{2}$$

$$L\{\sin^2 t\} = L\left\{\frac{1-\cos 2t}{2}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} L\{1-\cos 2t\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [L\{1\} - L\{\cos 2t\}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right]$$

$$= F(s-a)$$

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### Exponential order

? Evaluate  $L\{e^{a-bt}\}$

$$\text{or: } L\{e^{a-bt}\} = L\{e^a \cdot e^{-bt}\}$$

$$= e^a L\{e^{-bt}\}$$

$$= e^a \times \frac{1}{s - (-b)}$$

$$= e^a \times \frac{1}{s + b}$$

$$= \frac{e^a}{s + b}$$

$$= e^a \times \frac{1}{s - c}$$

A function 'f' is said to be exponential order if there exist constants  $c, M > 0$  and  $T > 0$  such that

$$|f(t)| \leq M e^{ct} \quad \text{for all } t \geq T$$

Sufficient condition for existence of  $L\{f(t)\}$

Find the Laplace transform of  $(t+1)^2 e^t$

$$\text{or: } L\{(t+1)^2 e^t\} = L\{(t^2 + 2t + 1)e^t\}$$

$$= L\{t^2 e^t + 2te^t + e^t\}$$

$$= L\{t^2 e^t\} + 2L\{te^t\} + L\{e^t\} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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

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

$$L\{te^t\} = \frac{1!}{(s-1)^{1+1}} = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$L\{e^t\} = \frac{1}{s-1} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

sub ②, ③ & ④ in ①

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

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By the additive interval property of definite integrals,

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

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

$$= I_1 + I_2$$

The integral  $I_1$  exists because it can be written as the sum of integrals over intervals on which  $e^{-st} f(t)$  is continuous.

Now  $f$  is of exponential order so, there exists  $C, M > 0$  and  $T > 0$  so that  $|f(t)| \leq M e^{ct}$  for all  $t > T$ .

Then

$$|I_2| = \left| \int_T^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt \right| \leq \int_T^\infty e^{-st} |f(t)| dt$$

$$\leq \int_T^\infty e^{-st} M e^{ct} dt$$

$$\leq M \int_T^\infty e^{-st+ct} dt$$

$$\leq M \int_T^\infty e^{-(s-c)t} dt$$

$$\leq M \left[ \frac{e^{-\infty}}{cs-c} \right]_T^\infty$$

$$\leq M \left[ \frac{-e^{-\infty}}{(cs-c)} + \frac{e^{-cT}}{(s-c)} \right]$$

$$\leq M \left[ 0 + \frac{e^{-cT}}{cs-c} \right]$$

$$|I_2| \leq M \frac{e^{-cT}}{cs-c}$$

for  $s > c$   
since  $\int_T^\infty e^{-cs-c} t dt$  converges. The integral

$\int_T^\infty |e^{-st} f(t)| dt$  converges by comparison

test for improper integral.

This implies  $I_2$  exists for  $s > c$ . The existence of  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  implies that

$L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$  exists for  $s > c$ .