

Laplace Transform

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1 Theory

1.1 Definition

Time domain $t \rightarrow s = \sigma + j\omega$ C-Frequency domain

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

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma-j\infty}^{\sigma+j\infty} e^{st} F(s) dt$$

General one-sided L-Transform

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

where unit step function (distribution selector)

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

The \mathcal{L} is a limit

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^N f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

1.2 Laplace Transform of Standard Function

Unity $\mathcal{L}\{1\}$

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

Linear Shift $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt = \frac{-1}{s-a} [e^{-(s-a)t}]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

Polynomial $\mathcal{L}\{t^n\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \int_0^\infty t^n e^{-st} dt = \frac{-1}{s} \int_0^\infty t^n de^{-st} = \frac{-1}{s} [t^n e^{-st}]_0^\infty + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt^n$$

Recall, the limit $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^N}{e^N} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Nt^{N-1}}{e^N} = \dots = 0$ (L'Hospital Rule)

$$= \frac{n}{s} \int_0^\infty t^{n-1} e^{-st} dt$$

Then,

$$= \frac{n}{s} \cdot \frac{n-1}{s} \int_0^\infty t^{n-2} e^{-st} dt = \dots = \frac{n!}{s^n} \mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

Exponential $\mathcal{L}\{t^a\}$

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

$$\text{Let } u = st \rightarrow \begin{cases} t = \frac{u}{s} \\ dt = \frac{du}{s} \end{cases}$$

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

Gamma Function $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty u^{x-1} e^{-u} du$

Property of $\Gamma(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(a+1) &= \int_0^\infty u^a e^{-u} du = - \int_0^\infty u^a de^{-u} \\ &= - \left[\frac{u^a}{e^u} \right] + a \int_0^\infty u^{a-1} e^{-u} du = a\Gamma(a) \\ \Gamma(1) &= \int_0^\infty u^0 e^{-u} du = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Generalize, for $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n) = \dots = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots\Gamma(1) = n!$$

Special case $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \int_0^\infty e^{-u} \frac{du}{\sqrt{u}}$$

Recall , $\frac{du}{\sqrt{u}} = 2d\sqrt{u}$

$$= 2 \int_0^\infty e^{-u} d\sqrt{u}$$

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{u} = x \rightarrow \begin{cases} d\sqrt{u} = dx \\ u = x^2 \end{cases} \\ = 2 \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$$

Tricks on integration of $\exp(-x^2)$

$$= 2 \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx \right\}^{\frac{2}{2}} = 2 \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx \cdot \int_0^\infty e^{-y^2} dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \left\{ \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Coordinate Transform

Rectangular $(x, y) \rightarrow$ Polar (r, θ)

$$(r, \theta) \begin{cases} dx dy = r dr d\theta \\ x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \end{cases} \quad x, y \in [0, +\infty] \rightarrow \begin{cases} r \in [0, \infty] \\ \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \end{cases} \quad \text{First Quadrant} \\ = 2 \left\{ \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-r^2} r dr d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$r dr = \frac{1}{2} dr^2$$

$$= 2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-r^2} dr^2 d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} [-e^{-r^2}]_0^\infty d\theta} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}} \\ = \sqrt{\pi}$$

SinCos $\mathcal{L}\{e^{j\omega t}\}$

Find $\mathcal{L}\{\sin\omega t\}$ by integration-by-parts

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin\omega t\} = \int_0^\infty \sin(\omega t) e^{-st} dt = \frac{-1}{s} \int_0^\infty \sin(\omega t) de^{-st} = \left[\frac{-1}{s} \sin(\omega t) e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty + \frac{\omega}{s} \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) e^{-st} dt$$

Find $\mathcal{L}\{e^{j\omega t}\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos\omega t + j\sin\omega t\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{j\omega t}\} = \frac{1}{s - j\omega} \quad (\text{By Shifting Property}) \\ = \frac{1}{s - j\omega} \cdot \frac{s + j\omega}{s + j\omega} = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} + j \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \\ \therefore \mathcal{L}\{\cos\omega t\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} \quad \mathcal{L}\{\sin\omega t\} = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

Find $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\sin bt\}$

Hyperbolic SinCos $\mathcal{L}\{\sinh\omega t\}$ $\mathcal{L}\{\cosh\omega t\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\sinh\omega t\} &= \mathcal{L}\{\sin(j\omega t)\} = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{\omega t} - e^{-\omega t}}{2} \cdot e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-\omega)t} - e^{-(s+\omega)t} dt = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s+\omega} - \frac{1}{s-\omega} \right) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 - \omega^2} \\ \mathcal{L}\{\cosh\omega t\} &= \mathcal{L}\{\cos(j\omega t)\} = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{\omega t} + e^{-\omega t}}{2} \cdot e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-\omega)t} + e^{-(s+\omega)t} dt = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s+\omega} + \frac{1}{s-\omega} \right) = \frac{s}{s^2 - \omega^2}\end{aligned}$$

1.3 Laplace Transform of Special Function

Heaviside Unit Step Function $\mathcal{L}\{u(t)\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u(t)\} = \int_0^\infty u(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s}$$

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

the effect of unit step function is change the range of function from \Re_0 onto $[0, \infty]$
Definition of $f(t)$ that $t < 0$ is ignored / un-important.

$$\mathcal{L}\{u(t)f_1(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f_2(t)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_1(t) &: D_1 \mapsto R_1 \\ f_2 &: D_1 \mapsto [0, \infty]\end{aligned}$$

General One Sided Laplace Transform for any function

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

General One Sided Laplace Transform for any function start at t_0

$$\mathcal{L}\{u(t_0 - t)f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty f(t)u(t_0 - t)e^{-st} dt$$

Ramp Function $\mathcal{L}\{r(t)\}$

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} t \cdot u(t) = t & t > 0 \\ 0 & t = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{r(t)\} = \int_0^\infty te^{-st} dt = \mathcal{L}\{t^1\} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

Dirac Delta Function $\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\}$

$$\delta(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & t = 0 \\ 0 & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

Sign Function $\mathcal{L}\{\text{sgnt}\}$

$$\text{sgn}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ 0 & t = 0 \\ -1 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\text{sgnt}\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{sgnt} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt - \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-st} dt = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \frac{2}{s}$$

1.4 Properties of \mathcal{L}

\mathcal{L} is a linear operator

$$\mathcal{L}(a \cdot f(t) + b \cdot g(t)) = a \cdot \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} + b \cdot \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(a \cdot f(t) + b \cdot g(t)) &= \int_0^{\infty} [a \cdot f(t) + b \cdot g(t)] e^{-st} dt \\ &= a \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt + b \int_0^{\infty} g(t) e^{-st} dt = a \cdot \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} + b \cdot \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

Exponential Linear Shift $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \mathcal{L}\{e^{-(s-a)t}\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{at} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

Unity Linear Shift $\mathcal{L}\{u(t-t_0)f(t)\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u(t_0-t)f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} u(t_0-t)f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_{t_0}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

Scaling $\mathcal{L}\{f(at)\} = \frac{1}{|a|} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}_{s'=\frac{s}{a}} = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$

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

$$\text{Let } u = at \rightarrow \begin{cases} t = \frac{u}{a} \\ dt = \frac{du}{a} \end{cases}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-\frac{su}{a}} \frac{du}{a} = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-\frac{s}{a}u} du = \frac{1}{a} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}_{s'=\frac{s}{a}}$$

Differentiation $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right\} &= \int_0^\infty \frac{df(t)}{dt} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} df(t) \\ &= [e^{-st} f(t)]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty f(t) de^{-st} = f(0) + s\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}\end{aligned}$$

Generalize,

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n}\right\} = \left[\frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n}\right]_{t=0} + s\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^{n-1} f(t)}{dt^{n-1}}\right\} = \dots = f^{(n)}(t)_{t=0} + s f^{(n-1)}(t)_{t=0} + s^{n-1}$$

Integration $\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(x) dx\right\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(x) dx\right\} &= \int_0^\infty \left\{\int_0^t f(x) dx\right\} e^{-st} dt = \frac{-1}{s} \int_0^\infty \left\{\int_0^t f(x) dx\right\} de^{-st} \\ &= \frac{-1}{s} \int_0^t f(x) dx \cdot e^{-st} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=\infty} + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} d\left(\int_0^t f(x) dx\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_0^t f(x) dx\right) dt = \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(x) dt = \frac{1}{s} F(s)\end{aligned}$$

Generalize,

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t \dots \int_0^t f(x) dx^n\right\} = \frac{F(s)}{s^n}$$

t -multiplying $\mathcal{L}\{tf(t)\}$

Convolution

2 Application

2.1 Linear System and Convolution

System Relation in time domain is a convolution

$$y(t) = x(t) * g(t) = \int_0^\infty x(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau = \int_0^\infty x(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau$$

By L-transform,

$$\begin{aligned}Y(s) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} y(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \left(\int_0^\infty x(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau\right) dt\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } t' = t - \tau &\implies \begin{cases} t = t' + \tau \\ dt = d\tau \end{cases} \\
&= \int_0^\infty e^{-s(t'+\tau)} \left(\int_0^\infty r(t')g(\tau)d\tau \right) dt' \\
&= \int_0^\infty e^{-st'} x(t')dt' \int_0^\infty e^{-s\tau} g(\tau)d\tau \\
&= X(s)G(s)
\end{aligned}$$

In frequency domain,

$$Y(s) = X(s)G(s)$$

∴ via \mathcal{L} , complicated calculus problem become a simple algebra problem

3 Inverse Laplace

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{c-j\infty}^{c+j\infty} F(s)e^{st} ds$$

This integral is difficult to compute.

Computation of inverse Laplace Transform via D-contour using complex calculus

$$\int_{b-j\infty}^{b+j\infty} F(s)e^{st} ds + \int_{C_R} F(s)e^{st} ds = \oint_D F(s)e^{st} ds$$

Since

$$\int_{C_R} F(s)e^{st} ds = 0 \quad \text{for } R \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus

$$\oint_D F(s)e^{st} ds = \sum \text{Res} \{F, z_k\}$$

∴

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{b-jR}^{b+jR} F(s)e^{st} ds = \oint_D F(s)e^{st} ds = \sum \text{Res} \{F, z_k\}$$

Therefore the inverse Laplace Transform can be computed using residue as

$$f(t) = \oint_D F(s)e^{st} ds = \sum \text{Res} \{F, z_k\}$$

Find Inverse via Linearity

If a complicated function can be broken down into components:

$$F(s) = F_1(s) + F_2(s) + \dots + F_n(s)$$

Then the inverse Laplace transform can be computed by summing the inverse of all components together

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \mathcal{L}\{F_1(s) + F_2(s) + \dots + F_n(s)\} = \sum \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F_i(s)\}$$

When the component is *simple*, a table-look up approach can be used to speed up the computation.

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