

Section 7.1: Laplace Transforms and Inverse Transforms (Pt 2)

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Recall from last class the Laplace Transform for $t > 0$ is

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

And we have the following table

Figure 1: Laplace Transform Table

$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$
1. 1	$\frac{1}{s}$
2. e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
3. t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
4. t^p ($p > -1$)	$\frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{s^{p+1}}$
5. $\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
6. $\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
7. $\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$
8. $\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
9. $e^{at} \sin bt$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
10. $e^{at} \cos bt$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
11. $t^n e^{at}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
12. $u_c(t)$	$\frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$
13. $u_c(t)f(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}F(s)$
14. $e^{ct}f(t)$	$F(s-c)$
15. $f(ct)$	$\frac{1}{c}F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right) \quad c > 0$
16. $\int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau) d\tau$	$F(s)G(s)$
17. $\delta(t-c)$	e^{-cs}
18. $f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - \dots - sf^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
19. $(-t)^n f(t)$	$F^{(n)}(s)$

Good news Laplace Transforms also work for piecewise continuous functions!!!

Ex 6: Find the Laplace Transform of
 $f(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & , 0 < t < 2 \\ 1 & , t > 2 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \mathcal{L}\{f\} &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^2 -1 e^{-st} dt + \int_2^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^2 -e^{-st} dt + \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^R e^{-st} dt \end{aligned}$$

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&= \int_0^2 -e^{-st} dt + \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^R e^{-st} dt \\
&= \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^2 + \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right) \Big|_2^R \\
&= \frac{e^{-s(2)}}{s} - \frac{e^{-s(0)}}{s} + \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{e^{-sR}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-2s}}{-s} \right) \\
&\quad \text{converges to 0 if } s > 0 \\
&= \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{1}{s} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} \\
&= \frac{2e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{1}{s}
\end{aligned}$$

Inverse Laplace Transforms

If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ then we call $f(t)$ the Inverse Laplace Transform of $F(s)$.

i.e. If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$, then $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = f(t)$

Ex 7: We previously found that / So what are the inverse Laplace Transforms?

Ⓐ $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{s}\right\} = 3$

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Ex 8: Find the inverse Laplace Transform of $F(s) = \frac{2}{s} + \frac{3}{s-5}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2}{s} + \frac{3}{s-5}\right\} = 2\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} + 3\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-5}\right\}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot e^{5t}$$

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Ex 9: Find the inverse Laplace Transform of $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+6s+13}$

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So let's complete the square.

$$s^2+6s+9+13-9 = (s+3)^2+4 = (s-(-3))^2+2^2$$

So $\frac{1}{s^2+6s+13} = \frac{1}{(s-(-3))^2+2^2}$ looks like $\frac{b}{(s-a)^2+b^2}$

All we are missing is a 2 in the numerator.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+6s+13}\right\} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{(s-(-3))^2+2^2}\right\} \quad \text{by the table} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2}{(s-(-3))^2+2^2}\right\} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} \sin(2t) \end{aligned}$$

The method of partial fractions is often helpful in finding Laplace inverse transforms.

Ex 10: Find the inverse Laplace Transform of $F(s) = \frac{4s-11}{s^2-7s+10}$

Note the denominator is factorable.

$$s^2-7s+10 = (s-2)(s-5)$$

So we can use partial fraction decomposition.

$$\frac{4s-11}{s^2-7s+10} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s-5} = \frac{A(s-5)+B(s-2)}{(s-2)(s-5)}$$

$$4s-11 = As-5A+Bs-2B$$

$$4s-11 = (A+B)s - (5A+2B)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B=4 & \textcircled{1} \\ 5A+2B=11 & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

Multiply $\textcircled{1}$ by 2 and perform $\textcircled{1}-\textcircled{2}$ | Plug $A=1$ into $\textcircled{1}$
 $A+B=4$

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 2A + 2B = 8 \\
 -(5A + 2B = 11) \\
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 -3A = -3 \\
 A = 1
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 A + B = 4 \\
 1 + B = 4 \\
 B = 3
 \end{array}$$

So $\frac{4s-11}{s^2-7s+10} = \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{3}{s-5}$

So $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{4s-11}{s^2-7s+10}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-2}\right\} + 3\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-5}\right\}$

$$= e^{2t} + 3e^{5t}$$