

Equations 
$$p'_{ij} = \lambda_{j-1} p_{i,j-1} - \lambda_j p_{ij}$$

Of the form

"diff in time of  $p_{ij}$  = diff operator in space"

This is a partial differential equation

Poisson case

$$p'_{ij} = \lambda p_{i,j-1} - \lambda p_{ij}$$

$$p'_{ij} = -\lambda (p_{ij} - p_{i,j-1})$$

$$\frac{\partial p_{ij}}{\partial t} = -\lambda \nabla p_{ij}$$

Remark In diff equations, an important tool  
is Laplace transforms

The same is true for pde's

In particular, useful for transition  
densities

# Laplace transform

**Definition:** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then

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

**Possible strategy to solve a differential equation:**

- 1 Transform diff. equation into algebraic problem in  $s$  variable.
- 2 Solve algebraic problem and find  $\hat{f}$ .
- 3 Invert Laplace transform and find  $f$ .

# Existence of Laplace transform

## Theorem 9.

### Hypothesis:

- $f$  piecewise continuous on  $[0, A]$  for each  $A > 0$ .
- $|f(t)| \leq Ke^{at}$  for  $K \geq 0$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### Conclusion:

$\mathcal{L}f(s)$  exists for  $s > a$ .

**Vocabulary:**  $f$  satisfying  $|f(t)| \leq Ke^{at}$

$\leftrightarrow$  Called function of exponential order.

# Table of Laplace transforms

Function $f$	Laplace transform $\hat{f}$	Domain of $\hat{f}$
$\mathbf{1}$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s > 0$
$e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$	$s > a$
$\mathbf{1}_{[0,1)}(t) + k \mathbf{1}_{(t=1)}$	$\frac{1-e^{-s}}{s}$	$s > 0$
$t^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	$s > 0$
$t^p, p > -1$	$\frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{s^{p+1}}$	$s > 0$
$\sin(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$	$s > 0$
$\cos(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}$	$s > 0$
$\sinh(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2-a^2}$	$s >  a $
$\cosh(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2-a^2}$	$s >  a $
$e^{at} \sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2+b^2}$	$s > a$
$e^{at} \cos(bt)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2+b^2}$	$s > a$

## Table of Laplace transforms (2)

Function $f$	Laplace transform $\hat{f}$	Domain of $\hat{f}$
$t^n e^{at}, n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$	$s > a$
$u_c(t)$	$\frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$	$s > 0$
$u_c(t)f(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}\hat{f}(s)$	
$e^{ct}f(t)$	$\hat{f}(s-c)$	
$f(ct), c > 0$	$\frac{1}{c}\hat{f}\left(\frac{s}{c}\right)$	
$\int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau)$	$\hat{f}(s)\hat{g}(s)$	
$\delta(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}$	
$f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n \hat{f}(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$	
$(-t)^n f(s)$	$\hat{f}^{(n)}(s)$	

# Linearity of Laplace transform

Example of function  $f$ :

$$f(t) = 5 e^{-2t} - 3 \sin(4t).$$

Laplace transform by linearity: we find

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}f(s) &= 5 [\mathcal{L}(e^{-2t})](s) - 3 [\mathcal{L}(\sin(4t))](s) \\ &= \frac{5}{s+2} - \frac{12}{s^2+16}.\end{aligned}$$

Funktion  $f(t) = 5e^{-2t} - 3 \sin(4t)$

Laplace transform

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}(s) &= \mathcal{L}(5e^{-2t} - 3 \sin(4t)) \\ &= 5 \mathcal{L}(e^{-2t}) - 3 \mathcal{L}(\sin(4t)) \\ &= 5 \times \frac{1}{s+2} - 3 \times \frac{4}{s^2+4^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{5}{s+2} - \frac{12}{s^2+16}$$



# Relation between $\mathcal{L}f$ and $\mathcal{L}f'$

## Theorem 10.

### Hypothesis:

- 1  $f$  continuous,  $f'$  piecewise continuous on  $[0, A]$   
 $\leftrightarrow$  for each  $A > 0$ .
- 2  $|f(t)| \leq Ke^{at}$  for  $K, a \geq 0$ .

Conclusion:  $\mathcal{L}f'$  exists and

$$\mathcal{L}f'(s) = s\mathcal{L}f(s) - f(0)$$

# Expression für $\mathcal{L}f'$

$$\mathcal{L}f'(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \overbrace{e^{-st}}^{g(t)} f'(t) dt$$

ibp

$$= f g \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f \overbrace{g'}^{-s e^{-st}} dt$$

$$= e^{-st} f(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= -f(0) + s \mathcal{L}f(s)$$

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

# Proof of Theorem 10

Integration by parts:

$$\int_0^A e^{-st} f'(t) dt = [e^{-st} f(t)]_0^A + s \int_0^A e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

# Laplace transform of transitions

## Proposition 11.

Let

- Intensities  $\{\lambda_j; j \geq -1\}$ , with  $\lambda_{-1} = 0$
- Set of indices  $\{0 \leq i, j < \infty\}$
- $p_{ij}$  solution to forward system  
 $p'_{i,j}(t) = \lambda_{j-1}p_{i,j-1}(t) - \lambda_j p_{i,j}(t)$

Then for  $i \leq j$  the Laplace transform  $\hat{p}_{ij}$  satisfies

$$\hat{p}_{ij}(s) = \frac{1}{\lambda_j} \prod_{\ell=i}^j \frac{\lambda_\ell}{s + \lambda_\ell}$$

Proof - case  $i=j$  We have seen

$$p_{ii}(t) = e^{-d_i t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{p}_{ii}(s) = \frac{1}{s + d_i}$$

Case  $j > i$  Then

$$p'_{ij} = d_{j-1} p_{i,j-1} - d_j p_{i,j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{p}'_{ij} = d_{j-1} \hat{p}_{i,j-1} - d_j \hat{p}_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow s \hat{p}_{ij} - p_{ij}(0) \stackrel{=0}{=} = d_{j-1} \hat{p}_{i,j-1} - d_j \hat{p}_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow (s + d_j) \hat{p}_{ij} = d_{j-1} \hat{p}_{i,j-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{p}_{ij} = \frac{d_{j-1}}{s + d_j} \hat{p}_{i,j-1} \rightarrow \text{algebraic recursion}$$