

Laplace Transform

The Laplace transform of a function $F(t)$ is denoted by $L[F(t)]$ or $f(s)$ and defined as

$$f(s) = L[F(t)] = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^a e^{-st} F(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt, \quad t \geq 0$$

Here L operator is known as Laplace transformation operator.

s = real or complex no. generally taken +ve.

Note: — it helps in solving the diff. eqns. with boundary values w/out finding general sol. & the values of arbitrary const.

Note: $L[F(t)]$ exists only if

- (i) $F(t)$ should be an arbitrary piecewise-cont. function in every finite interval and that $F(t) = 0 \quad \forall \quad t$.
- (ii) $F(t)$ should be of exponential order.

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Properties

(1) Linearity Property;

$$L[a_1 F_1(t) + a_2 F_2(t)] = a_1 L[F_1(t)] + a_2 L[F_2(t)]$$

where a_1 & a_2 are const.

Proof:

LHS

$$L[a_1 F_1(t) + a_2 F_2(t)] = a_1 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F_1(t) dt + a_2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F_2(t) dt$$

$$= a_1 L[F_1(t)] + a_2 L[F_2(t)]$$

or Generalised form can be written as

$$L\left[\sum_{n=1}^h a_n F_n(t)\right] = \sum_{n=1}^h a_n L[F_n(t)]$$

(2) Change of Scale Property;

If $f(s)$ is the L.T. of $F(t)$

then L.T. of $F(at)$ is $\frac{1}{a} f\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$

Proof: $f(s) = L[F(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt$ — (1)

$$\therefore L[F(at)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(at) dt$$
 — (2)

put $at = u \Rightarrow dt = \frac{du}{a}$ in (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L[F(at)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)u} F(u) \frac{du}{a} \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)u} F(u) du \end{aligned}$$

$$L[F(at)] = \frac{1}{a} f\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

(3) First translation or shifting property:

If $f(s)$ is the L.T. of $F(t)$ then the L.T. of $e^{at} F(t)$ will be $f(s-a)$ i.e.

$$\boxed{L[e^{at} F(t)] = f(s-a)}$$

Proof:

we know that $L[F(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt = f(s)$

$$\therefore L[e^{at} F(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} F(t) dt$$

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

$$= \left. \frac{e^{-(s-a)t}}{-(s-a)} \right|_0^{\infty} = f(s-a)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{L[e^{at} F(t)] = f(s-a)}$$

(4) Second translation property or Heaviside Shifting Theorem:

If $L[F(t)] = f(s)$ and $G(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; 0 \leq t < a \\ F(t-a) & ; t \geq a \end{cases}$

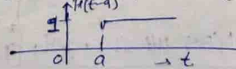
then $\boxed{L[G(t)] = e^{-as} f(s)}$

we can express

$$L[F(t-a) H(t-a)] = e^{-as} f(s)$$

where $H(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; t < a \\ 1 & ; t \geq a \end{cases}$

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called Heaviside unit step function ($H(t)$)



Proof:

$$\boxed{L[F(t-a) H(t-a)] = e^{-as} f(s)} \quad \text{Second Shifting Theorem or Heaviside's " "}$$

$$L[F(t-a) H(t-a)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} [F(t-a) \cdot H(t-a)] dt$$

$$= \int_0^a e^{-st} F(t-a) \cdot 0 dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t-a) \cdot 1 dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t-a) dt$$

put $t-a = u$
 $dt = du$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(u+a)} F(u) du$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-as} e^{-su} F(u) du$$

$$= e^{-as} f(s) \quad \text{Hence proved}$$

$$\# \boxed{L[F(t) H(t-a)] = e^{-as} L[F(t+a)]}$$

Proof:

$$L[F(t) H(t-a)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} [F(t) H(t-a)] dt$$

$$= \int_0^a e^{-st} F(t) \cdot 0 dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) \cdot 1 dt \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

now put $(t-a) = u \Rightarrow dt = du$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(a+u)} F(a+u) du$$

$$= e^{-as} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-su} F(a+u) du$$

$$\boxed{L[F(t) H(t-a)] = e^{-as} L[F(t+a)]} \quad \text{Hence proved}$$

Problems

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① find L.T. of 1, k, t, kt, e^{at} and e^{-at}

Solⁿ:

$$F(t) = 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow L[1] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s} \text{ Ans.}$$

$$\Rightarrow L[k] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} k dt = k \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{k}{s} \text{ Ans.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow L[t] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t dt \\ &= \left(t \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt \\ &= \frac{0}{s} - \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right] \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow L[kt] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} kt dt = k \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t dt \\ &= \frac{k}{s^2} \text{ Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow L[e^{at}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{(a-s)t} dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^{(a-s)t}}{-(s-a)} \right] \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s-a} \text{ if } \operatorname{Re} s > a \text{ Ans.}$$

$$\Rightarrow L[e^{-at}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{-at} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s+a)t} dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^{-(s+a)t}}{-(s+a)} \right] \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s+a} \text{ Ans.}$$

find LT of functions (i) $e^{at} \cos \omega t$ (ii) $e^{at} \sin \omega t$ 13

Solⁿ (i) $e^{at} \cos \omega t$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[e^{at} \cos \omega t] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} \cos \omega t \, dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} \left(\frac{e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}}{2} \right) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a-i\omega)t} + e^{-(s-a+i\omega)t} \, dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{-(s-a-i\omega)t}}{-(s-a-i\omega)} + \frac{e^{-(s-a+i\omega)t}}{-(s-a+i\omega)} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{s-a-i\omega} + \frac{1}{s-a+i\omega} \right] \\
 &= \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2} \quad \text{Ans} \quad s > a
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $e^{at} \sin \omega t$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[e^{at} \sin \omega t] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} \sin \omega t \, dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}) \, dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2i} \int_0^{\infty} [e^{-(s-a-i\omega)t} - e^{-(s-a+i\omega)t}] \, dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2i} \left[\frac{1}{s-a-i\omega} - \frac{1}{s-a+i\omega} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2i} \left(\frac{2i\omega}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2} \right) = \frac{\omega}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2} \quad \text{Ans} \quad s > a
 \end{aligned}$$

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find LT of $\frac{e^{at}-1}{a}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Solⁿ: } L\left[\frac{e^{at}-1}{a}\right] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \left(\frac{e^{at}-1}{a} \right) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{e^{-(s-a)t}}{-(s-a)} - \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{s(s-a)} \quad \text{Ans}
 \end{aligned}$$