

Math 3321 – Lecture 14 notes

Table of Laplace Transforms

$$f(x) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] \qquad F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(x)]$$

$$1 \qquad \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0$$

$$e^{\alpha x} \qquad \frac{1}{s - \alpha}, \quad s > \alpha$$

$$\cos \beta x \qquad \frac{s}{s^2 + \beta^2}, \quad s > 0$$

$$\sin \beta x \qquad \frac{\beta}{s^2 + \beta^2}, \quad s > 0$$

$$e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x \qquad \frac{s - \alpha}{(s - \alpha)^2 + \beta^2}, \quad s > \alpha$$

$$e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x \qquad \frac{\beta}{(s - \alpha)^2 + \beta^2}, \quad s > \alpha$$

$$x^n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \qquad \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad s > 0$$

$$x^n e^{rx}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \qquad \frac{n!}{(s - r)^{n+1}}, \quad s > r$$

$$x \cos \beta x \qquad \frac{s^2 - \beta^2}{(s^2 + \beta^2)^2}, \quad s > 0$$

$$x \sin \beta x \qquad \frac{2\beta s}{(s^2 + \beta^2)^2}, \quad s > 0$$

And we discovered last time that:

$$\mathcal{L}[f(x)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} f(x) dx$$

$$\mathcal{L}[y'(x)] = -y(0) + s\mathcal{L}[y(x)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}[y''(x)] = -y'(0) - sy(0) + s^2\mathcal{L}[y(x)]$$

Some properties:

$$\mathcal{L}[\alpha f(x)] = \alpha F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = F(s) \pm G(s)$$

Note: $\mathcal{L}[f(x)g(x)]$ is generally not equal to $\mathcal{L}[f(x)]\mathcal{L}[g(x)]$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{s} &= \mathcal{L}[1] = \mathcal{L}[1 \cdot 1] \\ &\neq \mathcal{L}[1] \cdot \mathcal{L}[1] \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2}\end{aligned}$$

The Laplace Transform is typically used to solve problems of the form:

$y'' + ay' + by = f(x)$, $y(0) = \alpha$, $y'(0) = \beta$ where $f(x)$ is a piecewise defined function.

Using the information above, we could solve for the Laplace transform of $y(x)$ given

$y'' + ay' + by = f(x)$, $y(0) = \alpha$, $y'(0) = \beta$ (an initial value problem). So, the question is, what is $y(x)$? This is where *Inverse Laplace Transforms* comes in.

DEFINITION If $F(s)$ is a given transform and if the function f , continuous on $[0, \infty)$, has the property that $\mathcal{L}[f(x)] = F(s)$, then f is called the **inverse Laplace transform** of $F(s)$, and is denoted by $f(x) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$

The operator \mathcal{L}^{-1} is called the **inverse operator** of \mathcal{L}

We will use the table on these next examples and “go backwards”:

$$e^{\alpha x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{s - \alpha}$$

Examples:

Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$:

1. $F(s) = \frac{1}{s-3}$ $\therefore \frac{1}{s-\alpha}, \alpha = 3$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-3}\right] = \boxed{e^{3x}}$$

$$1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{s}$$

$$2. F(s) = \frac{4}{s} - \frac{3}{s-4}$$

$$f(x) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{4}{s} - \frac{3}{s-4} \right]$$

$$= 4 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] - 3 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s-4} \right]$$

$$= 4(1) - 3(e^{4x})$$

$$= \boxed{4 - 3e^{4x}}$$

$$xe^{-2x}$$

$$3. F(s) = \frac{2}{(s+2)^2} - \frac{s}{s^2 - 2s + 2}$$

$$x^n e^{rx}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{n!}{(s-r)^{n+1}}, \quad s > r$$

$$\frac{2}{s+2^2} \quad ;$$

$$\frac{2}{(s+2)^2}$$

$$xe^{-2x}$$

$$2 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right]$$
$$r = -2, n = 1$$

$$\frac{s}{s^2 - 2s + 2} \quad ;$$

$$\frac{s}{(s^2 - 2s + 1) + 1}$$

$$e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x \quad .$$

$$= \frac{s}{(s-1)^2 + 1}$$

$$\frac{s-\alpha}{(s-\alpha)^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 1$$

$$\frac{s}{(s-1)^2+1} = \frac{s-1+1}{(s-1)^2+1} = \frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2+1} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2+1}$$

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$e^x \cos x$
 $e^x \sin x$

$e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$
 $\frac{\beta}{(s-\alpha)^2 + \beta^2}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{(s+2)^2} - \frac{s}{s^2-2s+2} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[2 \left(\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right) - \frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2+1} - \frac{1}{(s-1)^2+1} \right]$$

$$= 2 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2+1} \right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2+1} \right]$$

$$= 2x e^{-2x} - e^x \cos x - e^x \sin x$$

Need Partial Fraction Decomposition!

$$4. F(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2+1)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2+1} = \frac{A(s^2+1) + (Bs+C)(s+1)}{(s+1)(s^2+1)}$$

$$1 = A(s^2+1) + Bs(s+1) + C(s+1)$$

$$s = -1 : 1 = 2A \rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$s = 0 : 1 = A + C \rightarrow C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$s^2 \text{ terms! } 0 = A + B \rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})}{s+1} - \frac{\frac{1}{2}s}{s^2+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s^2+1}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+1} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2+1} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} \sin x$$

$$5. F(s) = \frac{s^2 - 3s - 1}{s^3 + s^2 - 2s} = \frac{s^2 - 3s - 1}{s(s^2 + s - 2)} = \frac{s^2 - 3s - 1}{s(s+2)(s-1)}$$

$$\frac{s^2 - 3s - 1}{s^3 + s^2 - 2s} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+2} + \frac{C}{s-1}$$

$$s^2 - 3s - 1 = A(s+2)(s-1) + Bs(s-1) + Cs(s+2)$$

$$s = -2 : 9 = 6B \rightarrow B = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$s = 1 : -3 = 3C \rightarrow C = -1$$

$$s = 0 : -1 = -2A \rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})}{s} + \frac{(\frac{3}{2})}{s+2} - \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-2x} - e^x$$

$$Y = \mathcal{L}[y]$$

Find the solution of the initial value problem:

6. $y'' - y = e^x$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y'] &= -y(0) + s \mathcal{L}[y] \\ &= -y(0) + sY\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[y''] = -y'(0) - sy(0) + s^2Y$$

$$\mathcal{L}[y''] - \mathcal{L}[y] = \mathcal{L}[e^x]$$

$$\underbrace{(-y'(0))}_0 - \underbrace{sy(0)}_1 + s^2Y - Y = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$-s + s^2Y - Y = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$s^2Y - Y = \frac{1}{s-1} + s$$

$$Y(s^2 - 1) = \frac{1}{s-1} + s$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{(s^2-1)(s-1)} + \frac{s}{(s^2-1)}$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{(s^2-1)(s-1)} + \frac{s}{s^2-1} = \frac{1 + s(s-1)}{(s^2-1)(s-1)}$$
$$= \frac{s^2 - s + 1}{(s^2-1)(s-1)}$$

$$\text{PFD} : \frac{s^2 - s + 1}{(s^2-1)(s-1)} = \frac{s^2 - s + 1}{(s+1)(s-1)(s-1)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{(s-1)^2} + \frac{C}{s+1}$$

$$s^2 - s + 1 = A(s-1)(s+1) + B(s+1) + C(s-1)^2$$

$$s = 1 : 1 = 2B \rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$s = -1 : 3 = 4C \rightarrow C = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$s^2 \text{ terms} : 1 = A + C \rightarrow A = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{s-1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y] = \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s-1} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \right] + \frac{3}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+1} \right]$$

$$x^n e^{rx}, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{n!}{(s-r)^{n+1}}$$

$$n=1, r=1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4} e^x + \frac{1}{2} x e^x + \frac{3}{4} e^{-x}$$

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