


■ 1.2 Laplace Transform and Inverse Transform

■ Laplace transform?

- Let $f(t)$ be a given function which is defined for all $t \geq 0$
- We multiply $f(t)$ by e^{-st} and integrate with respect to t from zero to infinity.
- Then, if the resulting integral exists, it is a function of S , say, $F(s)$:

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

 $F(s)$: “Laplace Transform” of the function $f(t)$ and will be denoted by $\mathcal{L}(t)$

- Laplace transformation?

$$F(s) = \underline{\mathcal{L}(t)} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \quad (1)$$

➔ The operation just described, which yields $F(s)$ from a given $f(t)$, is called the “**Laplace transformation**”, as distinguished from the transform.

■ Inverse Transform?

: The original function $f(t)$ in eqn(1) is called the “inverse transform” or “inverse of $F(s)$ ” and will be denoted by $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F)$: that is, we shall write

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F)$$

<Notation>

Original functions are denoted by lower-case letters and their transforms by the same letters in capital, so that $F(s)$ denotes the transform of $f(t)$, and $Y(s)$ denotes transform of $y(t)$ and so on.

- (ex.1) Let $f(t) = 1$, when $t \geq 0$. Find $F(s)$
 - (sol.) From eqn(1)

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = \mathcal{L}(1) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty};$$

$$\text{Hence, when } s > 0, \quad \mathcal{L}(1) = \frac{1}{s}$$

- (ex.2) Let $f(t) = e^{at}$ when $t \geq 0$, where a is a constant.
Find $\mathcal{L}(f)$.

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at}) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{at} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{at} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{a-s} e^{-(s-a)t} \Big|_0^{\infty} ;$$

$$\text{hence, when } s-a > 0, \quad \mathcal{L}(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

(Question?)

“Must we go on in this fashion and obtain the transform of one function after another directly from the definition?”

➡ The Answer is **”NO!”**

: The reason is that the Laplace transformation has many general **properties** which are helpful for that purpose.

➡ A very important property : “Linearity”
(just as differentiation and integration)

<Theorem> (Linearity of the Laplace transformation)

The Laplace transformation is a linear operation, that is, for any function $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ whose Laplace transform exists and any constants a and b we have

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

(proof) By the definition

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

■ (ex.3) $f(t) = \cosh at = \frac{1}{2}(e^{at} - e^{-at}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f)?$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \rightarrow a = jw \rightarrow f(t) = \cosh(jw) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{jwt} + e^{-jwt}) = \cos wt \end{array}$$

sol.) From Theorem (Linearity) and Example 2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \circ \mathcal{L}(\cosh at) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}(e^{at}) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}(e^{-at}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s+a} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2s}{s^2 - a^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$$

$$\circ \mathcal{L}(\sinh at) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}(e^{at}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}(e^{-at}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s+a} \right)$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$$

Table1. some Elementary function $f(t)$ and Laplace Transforms $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f)$

	$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}(f)$		$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}(f)$
1	1	$\frac{1}{s}$	6	e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
2	t	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	7	$\cos wt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + w^2}$
3	t^2	$\frac{2!}{s^3}$	8	$\sin wt$	$\frac{w}{s^2 + w^2}$
4	t^n ($n=1,2,\dots$)	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	9	$\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
5	t^a (a positive)	$\frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{s^{a+1}}$	10	$\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$

※ properties of Gamma function : $\Gamma(a + 1)$

◦ Definition :

$$\Gamma(a) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{a-1} dt \quad (a > 0)$$

or $\Gamma(a + 1) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^a dt$

◦ Recurrence relation of the Gamma function.

- From the partial integration method, we obtain

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg'$$

$$\therefore \int f'g = fg - \int fg'$$

$f = \int e^{-st} dt = -e^{-t}$ $g' = at^{a-1}$

$$\Gamma(a + 1) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^a dt \quad (f' = e^{-t}, g = t^a)$$

$$= -e^{-t} t^a \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} (-e^{-t}) at^{a-1} dt$$

$$= 0 + a \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{a-1} dt = \Gamma(a)$$

$$= a\Gamma(a)$$

$$\therefore \Gamma(a + 1) = a\Gamma(a)$$

* $a = n$: positive integer

$$\Gamma(1) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} dt = -[e^{-t}]_0^{\infty} = -(0 - 1) = 1$$

$$\Gamma(2) = \Gamma(1 + 1) = 1\Gamma(1) = 1!$$

$$\Gamma(3) = \Gamma(2 + 1) = 2\Gamma(2) = 2 \cdot 1 = 2!$$

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$$\therefore \Gamma(n + 1) = n!$$

<The proof of formulas in Table1>

- Proof of formulas 5 : $st = x \quad (dt = \frac{1}{s} dx)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(t^a) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^a dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \left(\frac{x}{s}\right)^a \frac{1}{s} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{s^{a+1}} \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{e^{-x} x^a dx}_{\Gamma(a+1)} = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{s^{a+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}(t^a) = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{s^{a+1}}$$

- proof of formula 4

From formula 5. where $a = n$ (positive integer).

$$\mathcal{L}(t^n) = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

→ for the case of $n=1$ and $n=2$, formula 2 and 4 can be obtained directly

◦ proof of formulas 7 and 8

–First, Let us consider the Euler's formula

$$\begin{cases} e^{j\omega t} = \cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t \\ e^{-j\omega t} = \cos \omega t - j \sin \omega t \end{cases}$$

➡ usage in complex-number expressed in the polar form and in complex phasor notation.

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

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{j\omega t}) = \frac{1}{s - j\omega} = \frac{s + j\omega}{(s - j\omega)(s + j\omega)} = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} + j \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

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$$\therefore \mathcal{L}(\cos \omega t) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\sin \omega t) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$