

1) More examples on Laplace transform of step functions

Example 1 Find the Laplace transform of the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t^2 - 1, & 0 \leq t < 2 \\ -t^2 + 2, & 2 \leq t < 4 \\ -t^2 + 3t, & 4 \leq t \end{cases}$$

Solution

Step 1 Represent f using step functions

$$f(t) = (t^2 - 1) + (-t^2 + 2 - (t^2 - 1))u_2(t) + (-t^2 + 3t - (-t^2 + 2))u_4(t) = (t^2 - 1) + (-2t^2 + 3)u_2(t) + (3t - 2)u_4(t)$$

Step 2 Find the Laplace transform of each term

$$1) \mathcal{L}\{t^2 - 1\} = \frac{2}{s^3} - \frac{1}{s}$$

$$2) \mathcal{L}\{(-2t^2 + 3)u_2(t)\} = e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{-2(t+2)^2 + 3}{-2(t^2 + 4t + 4) + 3}\right\} =$$

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$$= e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}\{-2t^2 - 8t - 5\} = e^{-2s} \left(\frac{4}{s^3} + \frac{8}{s^2} + \frac{5}{s} \right)$$

$$2) \mathcal{L}\{(3t+2)u_4(t)\} = e^{-4s} \mathcal{L}\left\{ \frac{3(t+4) - 24}{3t+10} \right\} =$$

$$= e^{-4s} \left(\frac{3}{s^2} + \frac{10}{s} \right)$$

Combining all together we get

$$\frac{2}{s^3} - \frac{1}{s} - e^{-2s} \left(\frac{4}{s^3} + \frac{8}{s^2} + \frac{5}{s} \right) + e^{-4s} \left(\frac{3}{s^2} + \frac{10}{s} \right)$$

Example 2 Find the inverse Laplace transform

of the function $F(s) = \frac{e^{-\pi s}(s^2 + 5s + 4)}{(s-1)(4s^2 + 8s + 13)}$

Solution 1) First find the inverse Laplace of

$$\frac{s^2 + 5s + 4}{(s-1)(4s^2 + 8s + 13)}$$

$$4s^2 + 8s + 13 = 4 \left(s^2 + 2s + \frac{13}{4} \right) \quad \text{completing square}$$

$$= 4 \left(\underbrace{s^2 + 2s + 1}_{(s+1)^2} + \frac{9}{4} \right) = 4 \left((s+1)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 \right) \quad \alpha = -1, \beta = \frac{3}{2}$$

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$$\frac{s^2 + 5s + 4}{(s-1)(s^2 + s + 13)} = \frac{s^2 + 5s + 4}{4(s-1)\left(s+1 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right)}$$

Find the partial fraction decomposition of

$$\frac{s^2 + 5s + 4}{(s-1)\left(s+1 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B(s+1) + C \cdot \frac{3}{2}}{\left(s+1 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right)}$$

Common denominator:

$$s^2 + 5s + 4 = A\left(s+1 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right) + \left(B(s+1) + C \cdot \frac{3}{2}\right)(s-1)$$

If $s=1$: $\frac{1+5+4}{10} = A \frac{2^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2}{4 + \frac{9}{4}} = A \cdot \frac{25}{4} \Rightarrow$

$$A = \frac{40}{25} = \frac{8}{5}$$

If $s=-1$: $\frac{1-5+4}{-1} = A \cdot \frac{9}{4} + C \cdot \frac{3}{2}(-2) \Rightarrow$

$$2 \cdot \frac{8}{5} - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2} - 3C = 0 \Rightarrow C = \frac{6}{5}$$

Coefficient of s^1 : $1 = A + B \Rightarrow B = 1 - \frac{8}{5} = 1 - \frac{8}{5} = -\frac{3}{5}$

$$\int_0 \frac{s^2 + 5s + 4}{(s-1)(4s^2 + 8s + 13)} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{8}{5} \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{3}{5} \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + (\frac{3}{2})^2} + \frac{6}{5} \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{(s+1)^2 + (\frac{3}{2})^2} \right) = \frac{2}{5} \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{3}{20} \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + (\frac{3}{2})^2} +$$

$$+ \frac{3}{10} \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{(s+1)^2 + (\frac{3}{2})^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s^2 + 5s + 4}{(s-1)(4s^2 + 8s + 13)} \right\} = \frac{2}{5} e^t - \frac{3}{20} e^{-t} \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}t\right) +$$

$$+ \frac{3}{10} e^{-t} \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}t\right) (*)$$

2) Then $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\pi s} (s^2 + 5s + 4)}{(s-1)(4s^2 + 8s + 13)} \right\} = u_{\pi}(t) \left(\frac{2}{5} e^{t-\pi} - \frac{3}{20} e^{-(t-\pi)} \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}(t-\pi)\right) + \frac{3}{10} e^{-(t-\pi)} \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}(t-\pi)\right) \right)$

multiply (*)
by $u_{\pi}(t)$ and
repla t by $t-\pi$
everywhere in (*)

$$= \frac{2}{5} e^{-(t-\pi)} e^{\pi} e^t - \frac{3}{20} e^{+\pi} e^{-t} \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}t - \frac{3}{2}\pi\right) + \frac{3}{10} e^{\pi} e^{-t} \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}t - \frac{3}{2}\pi\right)$$

$$= u_{\pi}(t) \left(\frac{2}{5} e^{-\pi} e^t - \frac{3}{20} e^{+\pi} e^{-t} \underbrace{\cos\left(\frac{3}{2}t - \frac{3}{2}\pi\right)}_{-\sin\frac{3}{2}t} + \frac{3}{10} e^{\pi} e^{-t} \underbrace{\sin\left(\frac{3}{2}t - \frac{3}{2}\pi\right)}_{\cos\frac{3}{2}t} \right)$$

$$f = u_{\pi}(t) \left(\frac{2}{5} e^{-\pi} e^t + \frac{3}{20} e^{\pi} e^{-t} \sin \frac{3}{2} t + \frac{3}{10} e^{\pi} e^{-t} \cos \frac{3}{2} t \right)$$

Rem General rule how to transform $\cos/\sin(\frac{\pi n}{2} \pm \theta)$

$$do \pm \begin{matrix} \cos \\ \sin \end{matrix}(\theta)$$

1) If n is odd then \cos is switched to \sin and \sin is switched to \cos , while if n is even the function does not change.

2) To determine the sign (+ or -) put $\frac{\pi n}{2}$ on the unit circle and assume that θ is small and positive ($0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$). Then if you look ^{for example} for $\cos(\frac{\pi n}{2} \pm \theta)$ check what is the sign of $\cos(\frac{\pi n}{2} \pm \theta)$ for such θ . Then

it will give the right sign in the formula.

2) Convolution integral

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform

$$of \frac{s}{(s^2+49)(s^2-6s+34)}$$

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Take $F = \frac{s}{s^2+49}$, $G = \frac{1}{s^2+6s+10} = \frac{1}{(s-3)^2+25}$

1) $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2+7^2} \right\} = \cos(7t)$ *table*

2) $g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-3)^2+5^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{5} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{5}{(s-3)^2+5^2} \right\}$ *table*

$= \frac{1}{5} e^{3t} \sin 5t$

|| by the convolution theorem

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F \cdot G\} = \int_0^t f(x)g(t-x)dx = \frac{1}{5} \int_0^t \cos 7(t-x) e^{3x} \sin 5x dx$

Some people stop here in their homework but you need to continue to calculate the integral

$= \frac{1}{5} \int_0^t e^{3x} \cos \frac{7(t-x)}{\beta} \sin \frac{5x}{\alpha} dx$

$\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(\alpha+\beta) + \sin(\alpha-\beta)) \Rightarrow$

$\sin 5x \cos 7(t-x) = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(5x+7t-7x) + \sin(5x-7t+7x))$

$+ \sin(5x-7t+7x) = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(7t-2x) + \sin(12x-7t))$

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$$\frac{1}{5} \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \cos(7t-\tau) \sin 5\tau \, d\tau =$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(7t-2\tau) + \frac{1}{10} \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(12\tau-7t) \, d\tau$$

$$1) \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(7t-2\tau) \, d\tau = \frac{1}{3} e^{3t} \sin(7t-2t) +$$

(integration
by parts
using logs)

$$+ \frac{2}{3} \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \cos(7t-2\tau) \, d\tau = \frac{1}{3} e^{3t} \sin(7t-2t) \Big|_0^t +$$

$$+ \frac{2}{9} e^{3t} \cos(7t-2t) \Big|_0^t - \frac{4}{9} \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(7t-2\tau) \, d\tau \Rightarrow$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{4}{9}\right) \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(7t-2\tau) \, d\tau = \frac{1}{3} e^{3t} \sin(7t-2t) \Big|_0^t +$$

$$+ \frac{2}{9} e^{3t} \cos(7t-2t) \Big|_0^t \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(7t-2\tau) \, d\tau = \frac{9}{13} \left(\frac{1}{3} (e^{3t} \sin 5t - \sin 7t) \right)$$

$$+ \frac{2}{9} (e^{3t} \cos 5t - \cos 7t) = \frac{3}{13} e^{3t} \sin 5t - \frac{3}{13} \sin 7t + \frac{2}{13} e^{3t} \cos 5t - \frac{2}{13} \cos 7t$$

$$\int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(12\tau - 7t) d\tau = \frac{1}{3} e^{3t} \sin(12\tau - 7t) \Big|_0^t -$$

$$- \frac{12}{3} \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \cos(12\tau - 7t) d\tau = \frac{1}{3} e^{3\tau} \sin(12\tau - 7t) \Big|_0^t$$

$$- 4 \left(\frac{1}{3} e^{3\tau} \cos(12\tau - 7t) \Big|_0^t + 4 \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(12\tau - 7t) d\tau \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} e^{3\tau} \sin(12\tau - 7t) \Big|_0^t - \frac{4}{3} e^{3\tau} \cos(12\tau - 7t) \Big|_0^t$$

$$- 16 \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(12\tau - 7t) d\tau \Rightarrow$$

$$17 \int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(12\tau - 7t) d\tau = \frac{1}{3} e^{3t} \sin 5t - \frac{1}{5} \sin(-7t)$$

$$- \frac{4}{3} e^{3t} \cos 5t + \frac{4}{3} \cos(-7t) \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_0^t e^{3\tau} \sin(12\tau - 7t) d\tau = \frac{1}{51} e^{3t} \sin 5t + \frac{1}{51} \sin 7t -$$

$$- \frac{4}{51} e^{3t} \cos 5t + \frac{4}{51} \cos 7t$$

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Combining all together we get

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F \cdot G\} = \frac{1}{10} \left(\frac{3}{13} e^{3t} \sin 5t - \frac{3}{13} \sin 7t + \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{2}{13} e^{3t} \cos 5t - \frac{2}{13} \cos 7t + \frac{1}{51} e^{3t} \sin 5t + \frac{1}{51} \sin 7t - \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{4}{51} e^{3t} \cos 5t + \frac{4}{51} \cos 7t \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \left(\left(\frac{3}{13} + \frac{1}{51} \right) e^{3t} \sin 5t + \left(\frac{2}{13} - \frac{4}{51} \right) e^{3t} \cos 5t \right.$$
$$\left. \frac{166}{663} \qquad \frac{102 - 52}{663} = \frac{50}{663} \right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{-2}{13} + \frac{4}{51} \right) \cos 7t + \left(\frac{-3}{13} + \frac{1}{51} \right) \sin 7t =$$
$$\frac{-50}{663} \qquad \frac{13 - 153}{663} = \frac{-140}{663}$$

$$= \frac{166}{3315} e^{3t} \sin 5t + \frac{5}{663} e^{3t} \cos 5t - \frac{5}{663} \cos 7t - \frac{14}{663} \sin 7t$$

Example 4

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(c) Express the solution of the given initial value problem in terms of a convolution integral

$$y'' + 4y' + 3y = f(t), \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -2$$

Solution $\times \mathcal{L}\{y\} = Y$

$$+ 4 \times \mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY(s) - y(0) = sY(s) - 1$$

$$+ 1 \times \mathcal{L}\{y''\} = s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) =$$

$$= s^2 Y(s) - s + 2$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' + 4y' + 3y\} = (s^2 + 4s + 3)Y - s + 2 - 4 =$$

$$= (s^2 + 4s + 3)Y - s - 2 = f(s)$$

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

$$\rightarrow \frac{s+2}{(s+1)(s+3)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+3}$$

$$(s+2) = A(s+3) + B(s+1)$$

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

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$$s = -3: \quad -1 = -2B \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s+2}{(s+1)(s+3)} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t}$$

$$2) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2+4s+3} \cdot G(s) \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2+4s+3} \right) * g$$

$$\frac{1}{s^2+4s+3} = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)} = \frac{C}{s+1} + \frac{D}{s+3} \Rightarrow$$

$$1 = C(s+3) + D(s+1)$$

$$s = -1: \quad 1 = 2C \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$s = -3: \quad 1 = -2D \Rightarrow D = -\frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2+4s+3} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} \Rightarrow$$

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$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 3} \cdot G(s) \right\} = \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} \right) * g(t) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left(e^{-t+\tau} - e^{-3t+3\tau} \right) g(\tau) d\tau =$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left(e^{-t+\tau} - e^{-3t+3\tau} \right) g(\tau) d\tau + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t}$$

(6) Solve the same problem using the method of variation of parameters and compare the answer with item a.

$$y'' + 4y' + 3y = g(t)$$

Char. equation is $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -3$

Look for a solution in the form

$$y(t) = u_1(t) e^{-t} + u_2(t) e^{-3t} \quad \text{so that}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} & e^{-3t} \\ -e^{-t} & -3e^{-3t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1'(t) \\ u_2'(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g(t) \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$u_1'(t) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^{-3t} \\ p(t) & -3e^{-3t} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} e^{-t} & e^{-3t} \\ -e^{-t} & 3e^{-3t} \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-ge^{-3t}}{-2e^{-4t}} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g(t) e^t \Rightarrow$$

$$u_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(\tau) e^{\tau} d\tau + C_1$$

$$u_2'(t) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ -e^{-t} & g(t) \end{vmatrix}}{-2e^{-4t}} = \frac{g(t)e^{-t}}{-2e^{-4t}} = -\frac{1}{2} e^{3t} g(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(\tau) e^{3\tau} d\tau \Rightarrow$$

$$y(t) = u_1(t) e^{-t} + u_2(t) e^{-3t} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^t g(\tau) e^{\tau} d\tau \right) e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^t g(\tau) e^{3\tau} d\tau \right) e^{-3t} + C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-3t} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (e^{\tau-t} - e^{3\tau-3t}) d\tau + C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-3t}$$

Use initial conditions $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = -2$

to determine C_1 & C_2 :

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = 1$$

$$y'(0) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{0-0} - e^{3 \cdot 0 - 3 \cdot 0}) + \int_0^0 \frac{d}{d\tau} (e^{\tau-t} - e^{3\tau-3t}) d\tau$$

$$+ C_1 e^0 - 3C_2 e^{-3 \cdot 0} = -2 \Rightarrow C_1 + 3C_2 = 2$$

$$\begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = 1 \\ C_1 + 3C_2 = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2 - 2C_2 + 3C_2 = 1 \Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{1}{2} \\ C_1 = 1 - C_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (e^{\tau-t} - e^{3\tau-3t}) d\tau + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t}$$

or in \Rightarrow

3) Example of finding fundamental set of solutions using series solutions

Example 5 Find two linearly independent solutions of the equation

$$L[y] = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

Take for simplicity $x = x_0$

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \Rightarrow 2y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^n$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^n$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^n - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$- 2a_n x^n = 0 \Rightarrow a_{n+2} = \frac{2a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)}$$

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{2}{n+2} a_n$$

Page 11 / So if n is even, $n=2k$, $k \geq 0$

$$a_{2k} = \frac{2}{2k} a_{2k-2} = \frac{1}{k} a_{2k-2} = \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{k-1} a_{2k-4} = \dots = \frac{1}{k(k-1) \dots 2 \cdot 1} a_0 = \frac{1}{k!} a_0$$

So $a_{2k} = \frac{1}{k!} a_0$

If n is odd, $n=2k+1$, $k \geq 0$

$$a_{2k+1} = \frac{2}{2k+1} a_{2k-1} = \frac{2}{2k+1} \frac{2}{2k-1} a_{2k-3} = \dots$$

$$= \frac{2^k}{(2k+1)(2k-1) \dots 3} a_1 \Rightarrow a_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{(2k+1)!!} a_1$$

$(2k+1)!! \rightarrow$ product of all odd numbers up to $2k+1$

So if $a_0 = 1$ and $a_1 = 0$ (i.e. $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$)

Then $a_{2k} = \frac{1}{k!}$ and $a_{2k+1} = 0, k \geq 0$

$$y_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} x^{2k} = e^{x^2}$$

17 If $a_0 = 0$ & $a_1 = 1$, then

$$a_{2k} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a_{2k+1} = \frac{2^k}{(2k+1)!!} \quad \text{for } k \geq 0$$

$$y_2(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!!}$$

