

Today's Topic : Laplace Transforms
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Warmup Exercise:

Calculate the following improper integral.

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-7t} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\infty e^{-7t} dt &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T e^{-7t} dt \\
&= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{7} (1 - e^{-7T}) \\
&= \frac{1}{7}
\end{aligned}$$

Let s be a constant:

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-7t} e^{-st} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty e^{-7t}e^{-st} dt &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T e^{(-s-7)t} dt \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{-s-7} \left(e^{-(s+7)T} - 1 \right)\end{aligned}$$

We need $s + 7 > 0$ to have convergence

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} e^{-(s+7)T} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{(s+7)T}} = 0$$

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\int_0^\infty e^{-7t} e^{-st} dt &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{-s-7} \left(e^{-(s+7)T} - 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{-s-7} (0 - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{s+7}
\end{aligned}$$

The Laplace transform of $f(t)$:

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

Example:

$$\mathcal{L} (e^{-7t}) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-7t}e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s+7}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(e^{-7t}\right)=\frac{1}{s+7}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+7}\right)=e^{-7t}$$

You will need three skills:

- a.** Compute a Laplace transform
- b.** Compute an inverse Laplace transform
- c.** Use transforms to solve differential equations

$$\mathcal{L} \left(e^{-7t} \right) = \frac{1}{s + 7}$$

More generally,

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

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A special case of $\mathcal{L} \left(e^{\lambda t} \right) = \frac{1}{s - \lambda}$ is when $\lambda = 0$

$$\mathcal{L} \left(1 \right) = \mathcal{L} \left(e^{0t} \right) = \frac{1}{s - 0} = \frac{1}{s}$$

If a and b are constants then:

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

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\left(1+e^{2t}+4e^{3t}\right) &= \mathcal{L}\left(1\right)+\mathcal{L}\left(e^{2t}\right)+4\mathcal{L}\left(e^{3t}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s}+\frac{1}{s-2}+\frac{4}{s-3}\end{aligned}$$

We are going to need the Laplace transform of t^n

$$\mathcal{L}(t^n) = \int_0^{\infty} t^n e^{-st} dt$$

Integration by Parts: $\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$

$$\mathcal{L}(t^1) = \int_0^\infty \boxed{t} \boxed{e^{-st} \, dt}$$

u ***dv***

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} \left(t^1 \right) &= \int_0^\infty t e^{-st} dt \\
&= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-T}{s e^{sT}} + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt \\
&= 0 + \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L} \left(1 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{s^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(t^2) &= \int_0^\infty t^2 e^{-st} dt \\
&= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-T^2}{se^{sT}} + \frac{2}{s} \int_0^\infty te^{-st} dt \\
&= 0 + \frac{2}{s} \mathcal{L}(t) \\
&= \frac{2}{s^3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T^2}{se^{sT}} &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2T}{s^2 e^{sT}} \\
&= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{s^3 e^{sT}} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T^2}{e^{sT}} = 0$$

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$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T^4}{e^{sT}} = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T^n}{e^{sT}} = 0$$

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(T)}{e^{sT}} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(f'(t)) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f'(t) dt \\
&= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{f(t)}{e^{st}} \right]_0^T - \int_0^\infty (-s) e^{-st} f(t) dt
\end{aligned}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{u} \qquad \mathbf{dv}$
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$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} (f'(t)) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f'(t) dt \\
&= 0 - f(0) + s \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt \\
&= s \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt - f(0)
\end{aligned}$$

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For example, if $f(t) = t^n$ then $f'(t) = nt^{n-1}$ so:

$$\mathcal{L} (nt^{n-1}) = s\mathcal{L} (t^n) - 0^n = s\mathcal{L} (t^n)$$

$$n\mathcal{L} (t^{n-1}) = s\mathcal{L} (t^n)$$

$$\mathcal{L} (t^n) = \frac{n}{s}\mathcal{L} (t^{n-1})$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(t^1) = \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}(t^0) = \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}(1) = \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

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

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Example:

Calculate the Laplace transform of $2t^2 - 3t + 4$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(2t^2 - 3t + 4) &= 2\mathcal{L}(t^2) - 3\mathcal{L}(t) + 4\mathcal{L}(1) \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{2}{s^3} - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{s} \\ &= \frac{4}{s^3} - \frac{3}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s}\end{aligned}$$

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

This is an algebraic equation relating $\mathcal{L}(f')$ to $\mathcal{L}(f)$

We can use this to reduce a differential equation to an algebraic equation

Find a function $y = y(t)$ that solves the differential equation:

$$y'' - 2y' = e^{2t} \quad \text{where } y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$

Find a function $Y = Y(s)$ that solves the algebraic equation:

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