

7.3. Operational Properties I. (Translation Theorems)

7.1, 7.2 : Learn how to transform/inverse transform some basic functions.

7.3, 7.4: Learn rules about how to transform some combinations of functions.

Thm 1: (1st translation thm / s-axis)

If $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = F(s)$ then $\mathcal{L}(e^{at} f(t)) = F(s-a)$
for any real number a .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \mathcal{L}(e^{at} f(t)) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt \\ &= F(s-a) \end{aligned}$$

Ex: $\mathcal{L}(t^2 e^{3t})$
 $a = 3, \quad \mathcal{L}(t^2) = \frac{2!}{s^3} = F(s)$

By Thm 1, $\mathcal{L}(t^2 e^{3t}) = F(s-3) = \frac{2}{(s-3)^3}$

Ex: $\mathcal{L}(e^{-t} \sin(2t))$

$a = -1, \quad \mathcal{L}(\sin(2t)) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} = F(s)$

By Thm 1, $\mathcal{L}(e^{-t} \sin(2t)) = F(s+1) = \frac{2}{(s+1)^2 + 4}$

Cor: (1st translation theorem for inverse Laplace)

$$\text{If } \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) = f(t) \text{ then } \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s-a)) = e^{at} f(t)$$

Ex: Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+2s+5}\right)$

Recall: $\mathcal{L}(\sin(at)) = \frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$ (*)

Key point: Realize $\frac{1}{s^2+2s+5}$ is a translation of (*)

$$\frac{1}{s^2+2s+5} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+4} \stackrel{(a=2)}{=} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \boxed{\frac{2}{(s+1)^2+4}}$$

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

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

then $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s+1)) = e^{-t} \sin(2t)$

Finally, $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+2s+5}\right) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} \sin(2t)$.

Ex: $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{2s+5}{s^2+6s+34}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2s+5}{s^2+6s+34} &= \frac{2s+5}{(s+3)^2+25} = 2 \cdot \frac{(s+3)}{(s+3)^2+25} - \frac{1}{(s+3)^2+25} \\ &= 2 F_1(s+3) - \frac{1}{5} F_2(s+3) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_1(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 5^2}, \quad F_2(s) = \frac{5}{s^2 + 5^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F_1(s)) = \cos(5t), \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F_2(s)) = \sin(5t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\dots) &= 2\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F_1(st+3)) - \frac{1}{5}\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F_2(st+3)) \\ &= 2e^{-3t}\cos(5t) - \frac{1}{5}e^{-3t}\sin(5t) \end{aligned}$$

⊕ 2nd Translation Thm (t-axis)

Motivation: Consider $f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-2t} & \text{for } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } t > 1. \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } \mathcal{L}(f(t)) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{-st} e^{-2t} dt = \int_0^1 e^{-(s+2)t} dt \\ &= \left. \frac{e^{-(s+2)t}}{-(s+2)} \right|_0^1 = \frac{e^{-(s+2)} - 1}{-(s+2)} \quad \text{⊕} \end{aligned}$$

Original function $f(t)$ is not continuous at $t=1$ but $F(s)$ is continuous

⊕ Heaviside function: $u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$

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

$$\text{Rewrite } f(t) = e^{-2t} + \underbrace{u(t-1)}_{\text{Heaviside}} (-e^{-2t}) = \begin{cases} e^{-2t} & t < 1 \\ 0 & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Thm 2 (2nd trans thm) If $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = F(s)$ then
 $\mathcal{L}(u(t-a)f(t-a)) = e^{-as}F(s)$ for any $a > 0$.

Thm 2': $\mathcal{L}(u(t-a)g(t)) = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}(g(t+a))$

Comparing Thm 2 vs Thm 2': $f(t-a) = g(t)$

Ex: $f(t) = e^{-2t} - u(t-1)e^{-2t}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(f(t)) &= \mathcal{L}(e^{-2t}) - \mathcal{L}(u(t-1)e^{-2t}) \\ &= \frac{1}{s+2} - e^{-s}\mathcal{L}(e^{-2(t+1)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{s+2} - e^{-s}\mathcal{L}(e^{-2t})e^{-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{s+2} - e^{-(s+2)}\frac{1}{s+2} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-(s+2)}}{s+2} \quad (\text{*)} \end{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} g(t) = e^{-2t} \\ (\text{By 2'}) \\ a = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Ex: $f(t) = \begin{cases} f_1(t) & 0 \leq t < t_1 \\ f_2(t) & t_1 \leq t < t_2 \\ f_3(t) & t \geq t_2 \end{cases}$

Rewrite $f(t) = f_1(t) + u(t-t_1)(f_2(t) - f_1(t))$
 $+ u(t-t_2)(f_3(t) - f_2(t))$
 $= f_1 + u(t-t_1)(f_2 - f_1) + u(t-t_2)(f_3 - f_2)$

$$\boxed{\text{Cor: } \mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-as} F(s)) = u(t-a) \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s))|_{t-a}}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{e^{-s}}{s^2+s}\right) \stackrel{\text{Cor (a=1)}}{=} u(t-1) \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+s}\right)|_{t-1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+s}\right) \stackrel{\text{Partial Fraction}}{=} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}\right)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-t}$$

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

$$\text{Ex: Solve } y'' - y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t < 1, \\ 2 & \text{for } t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$y(0) = 4, \quad y'(0) = 2.$$

$$\text{Realize } y'' - y = 2u(t-1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y'' - y) = 2\mathcal{L}(u(t-1))$$

$$s^2 Y - s y(0) - y'(0) - Y = 2 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} \quad (\mathcal{L}(1) = \frac{1}{s})$$

$$(s^2 - 1) Y - 4s - 2 = 2 \frac{e^{-s}}{s}$$

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

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

① $2 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{e^{-s}}{s(s^2-1)}\right) \stackrel{(a=1)}{=} 2 \underbrace{u(t-1)}_{\textcircled{1}} \underbrace{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s(s^2-1)}\right)}_{\textcircled{2}} \Big|_{t-1}$

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

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

(...) $A = -1, B = \frac{1}{2}, C = \frac{1}{2}$

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

$$= -1 + \frac{1}{2}e^t + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}$$

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

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

$$\frac{4s+2}{s^2-1} = \frac{D}{s-1} + \frac{E}{s+1} \dots D=3, E=1.$$

Final answer: $y = u(t-1)(-2 + e^{t-1} + e^{-(t-1)}) + 3e^t + e^{-t}$