

7.1 Laplace Transform

Applying the Laplace Transform
to a linear n^{th} order diff-eq

$$a_n \frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y = g(t)$$

changes it to an algebraic equation that involves
the conditions

$$y(0), y'(0), \dots, y^{(n-1)}(0)$$

Transform

$$\int x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$$

Transforms x^2 to $\frac{x^3}{3} + C$

Note that differentiation & integration
are both linear operators

$$\int \alpha f + \beta g dx = \alpha \int f dx + \beta \int g dx$$

We want to do an integral transform

$$\int_a^b k(s,t) f(t) dt \quad \text{that transforms}$$

$f(t)$ into a function of s .

E.g. $f(t) \rightarrow g(s)$

Basic Definition

If $f(t)$ is defined for $t \geq 0$, then

$$\int_0^{\infty} k(s,t) f(t) dt = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b k(s,t) f(t) dt$$

DEF 7.1

Let f be a function defined for $t \geq 0$.

Then the integral

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

is said to be the Laplace transform of f provided the integral converges.

Notation

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = G(s)$$

Ex: Evaluate $\mathcal{L}\{1\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (1) dt = \left. \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_0^{\infty} = 0 - \left(-\frac{1}{s}\right) = \frac{1}{s}, s > 0.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)\} = \alpha \mathcal{L}\{f\} + \beta \mathcal{L}\{g\}$$

→ Laplace transform is linear!

Exponential Order

A function f is said to be of exponential order if there exist numbers $c, M > 0$, and $T > 0$ such that

$$|f(t)| \leq M e^{ct} \text{ for } t > T$$

Sufficient conditions for the existence of the Laplace transforms.

Let $f(t)$ be piecewise cont. on the interval $[0, \infty)$ and is of exponential order for $t > T$, then $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ exists for $s > c$.

$$\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2+k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2+k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cosh kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2-k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sinh kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2-k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt = \left. \frac{e^{-(s-a)t}}{-(s-a)} \right|_0^{\infty}, \quad \begin{matrix} s-a > 0 \\ s > a \end{matrix}$$

$$= 0 - \left(\frac{1}{-(s-a)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s-a}$$

7.1 (cont.)

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cos kt \, dt = \left[\frac{1}{k} e^{-st} \sin kt - \frac{s}{k^2} e^{-st} \cos kt \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{s^2}{k^2} e^{-st} \cos kt \, dt$$

$$\begin{array}{r} e^{-st} \cos kt \\ + \\ -s e^{-st} \frac{\sin kt}{k} \\ - \\ s^2 e^{-st} \frac{\cos kt}{k^2} \end{array}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{s^2}{k^2}\right) \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cos kt \, dt}_{\mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\}} = \left[\frac{1}{k} e^{-st} \sin kt - \frac{s}{k^2} e^{-st} \cos kt \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\left(\frac{k^2 + s^2}{k^2}\right) \mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\} = \frac{s}{k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\} = \frac{k^2}{k^2 + s^2} \left(\frac{s}{k^2}\right) = \frac{s}{k^2 + s^2}$$