

Study Material

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Laplace Transform

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Defⁿ:- Let $f(t)$ be a real function defined for all real $t > 0$

$$\text{Define } F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} f(t) dt$$

for all value of p for which this improper integral exists. The function F is called the Laplace Transform of f and we write

$$L\{f\} = F \text{ or } L\{f(t)\} = F(p)$$

Q. find the Laplace transform of

(i) $f(t) = c$, where $c \neq 0$ is a constant

(ii) $f(t) = t$ (iii) $f(t) = e^{at}$, $p > a$

Solⁿ:- By defⁿ

$$L(c) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} c dt = c \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt}$$

$$= c \left[\frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} = c \left[\frac{0}{-p} - \left(-\frac{1}{p} \right) \right] = \frac{c}{p}$$

Note 1 - In particular, if $a=1$, then $L\{t\} = \frac{1}{p^2}$ Page 17

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad L(t) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cdot t \, dt \\
 &= \left[t \frac{e^{-pt}}{p} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \, dt \\
 &= [0 - 0] + \frac{1}{p} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \, dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} \left[\frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{p} \cdot \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(t) = \frac{1}{p^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iii)} \quad L\{e^{at}\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} e^{at} \, dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(p-a)t} \, dt = \left[\frac{e^{-(p-a)t}}{-(p-a)} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \frac{1}{p-a}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{(p-a)}$$

Q. Find (i) $L\{t^n\}$, if n is a positive integer
 (ii) $L\{\sin at\}$ (iii) $L\{\cos at\}$

Solⁿ: $\therefore L\{t^n\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t^n \, dt$

$$= \left[\frac{t^n e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} + \frac{n}{p} \int_0^{\infty} t^{n-1} e^{-pt} \, dt$$

$$= [0 - 0] + \frac{n}{p} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t^{n-1} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{t^n\} = \frac{n}{p} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t^{n-1} dt$$

Continuing this process, we get

$$L\{t^n\} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{p \cdot p \cdot p \dots p (n-n+1)} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} dt$$

$$= \frac{n!}{p^n} \left[\frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{n!}{p^{n+1}} = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{p^{n+1}}, \quad p > 0$$

$$(ii) L\{\sin at\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \sin at \, dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^{-pt}}{p^2 + a^2} \{-p \sin at + a \cos at\} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{a}{p^2 + a^2}, \quad p > 0$$

$$\text{Similarly } L\{\cos at\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cos at \, dt = \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2}, \quad p > 0$$

8. Find (i) $L\{\cosh at\}$ (ii) $L\{\sinh at\}$

$$\text{Soln.} \quad L\{\cosh at\} = L\left\{ \frac{e^{at} + e^{-at}}{2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [L\{e^{at}\} + L\{e^{-at}\}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{p-a} + \frac{1}{p+a} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p+a+p-a}{(p-a)(p+a)} = \frac{p}{p^2 - a^2}$$

$$\text{Qiv } L\{\sinh at\} = L\left\{\frac{e^{at} - e^{-at}}{2}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [L\{e^{at}\} - L\{e^{-at}\}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{p-a} - \frac{1}{p+a} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(p+a) - (p-a)}{(p-a)(p+a)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{\sinh at\} = \frac{a}{p^2 - a^2}$$

Q. Find the Laplace transform of the function:

$$f(t) = (\sin t - \cos t)^2$$

Solⁿ - We have $f(t) = (\sin t - \cos t)^2$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t - 2 \sin t \cdot \cos t$$

$$= 1 - \sin 2t$$

$$\therefore L\{f(t)\} = L\{1 - \sin 2t\}$$

$$= L\{1\} - L\{\sin 2t\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} - \frac{2}{p^2 + 4} \quad \#$$