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## Lecture 2. The inverse Laplace transform $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ .

Definition.  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}F$  iff  $F = \mathcal{L}f$ .

Examples. Inverse the table!

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

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

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

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

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

We use by  
the same table  
but «from right  
to left»

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(aF + fG) = a\mathcal{L}^{-1}F + f\mathcal{L}^{-1}G$$

Examples.

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

$$= 3\cos 2t - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t.$$

$\Leftarrow$  Calculus      Partial Fractions (undefined coefficients)  
 Rational fractions:  $\frac{P(s)}{Q(s)}$

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} A+B=2 \\ A+2B=0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A=4 \\ B=-2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{4}{s-2} - \frac{2}{s-1}.$$

$$= 4e^{2t} - 2e^t.$$

(Well defined only for  $s > 2$ )

~~Final solution~~.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)(s+3)} \right) = -\frac{1}{6}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{15}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{10}e^{-3t}$$

For  $s > 2$

$$\frac{a}{s+1} + \frac{b}{s-2} + \frac{c}{s+3}$$

Numerators

$$a(s-2)(s+3) + b(s+1)(s+3) + c(s+1)(s-2) = 1$$

1st way: Compare coefficients for  $s^2, s, 1$ ,  
and solve system for  $a, b, c$  (3 equations  
with 3 variables).

2nd way: The substitution.

$$s = -1 \Rightarrow -6a = 1 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$s = 2 \Rightarrow 15b = 1 \Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$s = -3 \Rightarrow 10c = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{10}$$

$s^2$	$a + b + c = 0$
$s$	$a + 4b - c = 0$
$\pm$	$-6a + 3b - 2 = 1$

The substitution  
is impossible  
sometimes

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## Transforms of Derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathcal{L}f')(s) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f'(t) dt = \\
 &= e^{-st} f(t) \Big|_0^\infty + s \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt, \\
 &= -f(0) + s\mathcal{L}f(s). \quad (\mathcal{L}f' = -f(0) + s\mathcal{L}f)
 \end{aligned}$$

Generalization (without proof).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}f^{(k)}(s) &= s^k \mathcal{L}f(s) \\
 &\quad - \underbrace{s^{k-1}f(0) - s^{k-2}f'(0) - \dots - f^{(k-1)}(0)}_{\text{boundary terms}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us start

Table 2.

For the computation of the Laplace transform of derivative we need to know boundary values at  $t=0$ .

## Applications to ordinary differential equations.

### Examples.

$$1. \quad y' - 3y = 2, \quad y(0) = 2 \quad (1)$$

-  $y(x)$  satisfies to the equation

-  $y(0) = 2$  (boundary condition)



Step 1. Take the Laplace transform of both parts of the equation.

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

$$(s-3)Y - y(0) = \frac{2}{s}.$$

$s$  is the variable. We have now an algebraic equation connecting  $(Y, s)$ :

$$\textcircled{a} \quad (s-3)Y = \frac{2}{s} + 2 = \frac{2(s+1)}{s},$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad Y(s) = \frac{2(s+1)}{s(s-3)}$$

We solved the algebraic equation!

Step 3. Take the inverse Laplace transform

$$y(x) = (\mathcal{L}^{-1} Y)(x)$$

Partial fractions.

$$\frac{2(s+1)}{s(s-3)} = 2 \left( \frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{s-3} \right) = \frac{2(a(s-3) + bs)}{s(s-3)}$$

$$a+b=1$$

$$-3a=0$$

$$a=-\frac{1}{3}, b=\frac{4}{3}$$

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

Verification:  $y(0)=2$

Problem 2.

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

$y(t)$

Step 1.

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

$$(s+2)Y - y(0) = \frac{s}{s^2+9}$$

$$(s+2)Y = \frac{s}{s^2+9} - 1$$

$$\text{Step 2. } Y(s) = -\frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{s}{(s^2+9)(s+2)}$$

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$$\underline{\text{Step 3.}} \quad y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} Y$$

$$y(t) = -e^{-2t} + \dots$$

$$\frac{s}{(s^2+9)(s+2)} = \frac{a}{s+2} + \frac{Bs}{s^2+9} + \frac{C}{s^2+9}$$

$$a(s^2+9) + Bs(s+2) + C(s+2) = s$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} s^2 \\ s \\ 1 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} a+B=0 \\ 2B+C=1 \\ 9a+2C=0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} B=-a \\ a=-\frac{2}{13} \\ B=\frac{2}{13} \\ C=\frac{9}{13} \end{array} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} a=-\frac{2}{13} \\ B=\frac{2}{13} \\ C=\frac{9}{13} \end{array}}$$

$$\underline{y(t) = (a-1)e^{-2t} + B \cos 3t + \frac{C}{3} \sin 3t},$$

$$= -\frac{15}{13} e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{13} \cos 3t + \frac{3}{13} \sin 3t,$$

Substitution:  $t=0 \Rightarrow y(0) = -1.$

Problem 3,

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$$y'' - 4y' = e^{-t}, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

$$(s^2 - 4s)Y - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4y(0) = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$s(s-4)Y = \frac{1}{s+1} + s - 5$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{(s+1)s(s-4)} + \frac{1}{s-4} - \frac{5}{s(s-4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s-4} + \frac{-5s-4}{s(s-4)(s+1)} = \frac{1}{s-4} + \frac{a}{s} + \frac{B}{s-4} + \frac{C}{s+1}$$

$$y(t) = \underline{a + (B+C)e^{4t}} + ce^{-t}$$

$$a(s-4)(s+1) + Bs(s+1) + Cs(s-4) = -5s - 4$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} s^2 \\ s \\ 1 \end{array} \right| \left. \begin{array}{l} a + B + C = 0 \\ -3a + B - 4c = -5 \\ -4a = -4 \end{array} \right| \left. \begin{array}{l} a = 1 \\ B + C = -1 \\ B - 4C = -2 \end{array} \right| \left. \begin{array}{l} a = 1 \\ B = -\frac{6}{5} \\ C = \frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right.$$

$$y(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{5}e^{4t} + \frac{1}{5}e^{-t}$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$$y'(0) = -1$$

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Table 2

$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}f(s), s > 0$
$f^{(k)}(t)$	$s^k \mathcal{L}f(s) - s^{k-1} f(0) - \dots - f^{(k-1)}(0)$
$e^{at} f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}f(s-a), s > \max(0, a)$
$U(t-a) f(t-a), a > 0$	$e^{-sa} \mathcal{L}f$