

Recall

Def Laplace transform of a function $f(t)$ is

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

Not all functions have Laplace transforms.

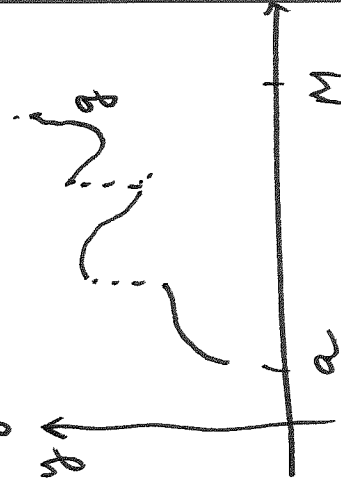
For a function $f(t)$, Laplace transform exists if $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$ converges ($< \infty$) (= finite #)



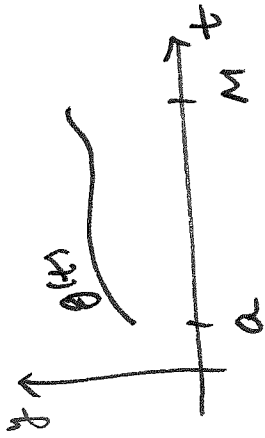
$$\int_0^{\infty} \dots = \int_0^a \dots + \int_a^M \dots + \int_M^{\infty} \dots$$

If each integral on the right exists, then the integral on the left will also exist.

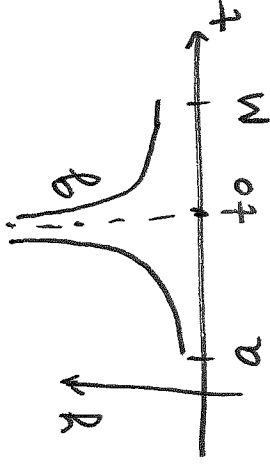
$\int_a^M g(t) dt$: both limits a, M are finite,
if $g(t)$ is piecewise continuous,
then $\int_a^M g(t) dt$ exists



g is piecewise
continuous



g is continuous
 \rightarrow piecewise continuous



$g(t)$ is not
 piecewise continuous
 since it approaches
 ∞ as $t \rightarrow t_0 \in [a, M]$

$\int_0^a h(t) dt$: it is possible that even if $h(t) \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow 0$,
 $\int_0^a h(t) dt$ converges

Ex $\int_0^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}}$: exists

$\int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t}$: diverges

$\int_0^a h(t) dt < \infty$,
 (converges)

$\int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t^p} < \infty$ if $0 < p < 1$ p-test

we say that $h(t)$ is integrable at $t=0$.

$\int_M^\infty y(t) dt$. One can show that if $|y(t)| \leq Ke^{\alpha t}$ when $t \geq M$

for some $K, \alpha > 0$, then $\int_M^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$ exists for $s > \alpha$.

For example, $|t^2| \leq 2e^t$ for $t \geq 6$
 here $K=2, \alpha=1, M=6$

$$\Rightarrow \int_6^\infty t^2 e^{-st} dt < \infty \text{ for } s > 1 = \alpha$$

$$\text{Ex } |e^{yt} \sin(t^2 + 3t)| \leq 1 \cdot e^{yt} \Rightarrow \text{here } K=1, \alpha=y$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty e^{-st} e^{yt} \sin(t^2 + 3t) dt < \infty \text{ for } s > y$$

Def If $|f(t)| \leq Ke^{\alpha t}$ for $t \geq M$, some $K > 0, \alpha > 0$, we say that $f(t)$ is of EXPONENTIAL ORDER as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Thm (Existence of Laplace transform)

Given a function $f(t)$ defined on $t > 0$, $L\{f(t)\}$ exists if

(a) $\int_a^\infty f(t) dt$ exists ($f(t)$ is integrable at the origin)

(b) $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[a, M]$

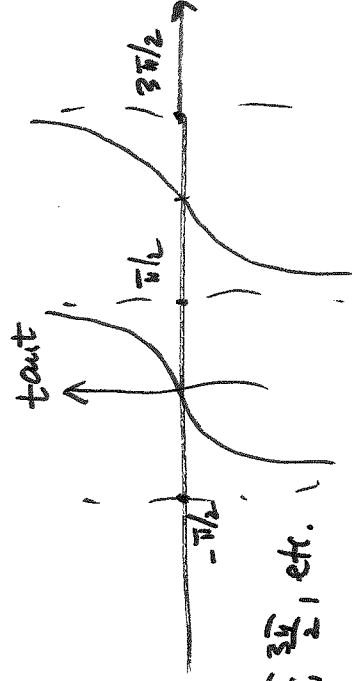
(c) $f(t)$ is of exponential order as $t \rightarrow \infty$

If one of the conditions is not satisfied, the Laplace transform may not exist.

Two examples of functions for which Laplace transform does not exist:

$f(t) = e^{t^2}$ — grows faster than any e^{at}

$\int_0^\infty e^{t^2 - st} dt$ does not converge.



has infinite jumps at $t = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots$

Corollary If $f(t)$ satisfies hypotheses of the above thm, then

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} F(s) = 0$$

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

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

Thm If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ and $f(t)$ is of exponential order

as $t \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{t f(t)\} = -\frac{dF}{ds}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n F}{ds^n}$$

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

$$\frac{dF}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

f is of
exp order

\Rightarrow we can
switch the order
of $\frac{d}{ds}$ and \int

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (e^{-st} f(t)) dt = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = -t e^{-st}$$

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

To prove $\mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n F}{ds^n}$

we can use the method of

mathematical induction.

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad \mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t f(t)\} = -\frac{dF}{ds}$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \mathcal{L}\{t \cdot 1\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}\{1\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{s^2} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^2\} = \mathcal{L}\{t \cdot t\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}\{t\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{1}{s^2} = \frac{2}{s^3} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{t^2\} = \frac{2}{s^3}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^3\} = \mathcal{L}\{t \cdot t^2\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}\{t^2\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{2}{s^3} = \frac{2 \cdot 3}{s^4} = \frac{2 \cdot 3}{s^4} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{t^3\} = \frac{6}{s^4}$$

$$6 = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 3!$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad \mathcal{L}\{t \sin at\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}\{\sin at\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} \right) = -\frac{2 \cdot 2s(-1)}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{4s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad \mathcal{L}\{t \cos at\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}\{\cos at\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \right) = -\frac{1 \cdot (s^2 + a^2) - ds \cdot s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} =$$

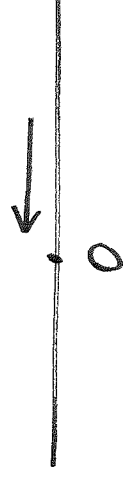
$$= \frac{s^2 - 4}{(s^2 + 4)^2}$$

One of the reasons we study Laplace transforms is the following property.

Thm If the Laplace transform of a function $f(t)$ is

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0^+)$$



$$\square \mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^M e^{-st} f'(t) dt \stackrel{\text{integr. by parts}}{=} \left[e^{-st} f(t) \right]_0^M + \int_0^M s e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$\left| \begin{aligned} u &= e^{-st} & dv &= f'(t) dt \\ du &= -s e^{-st} dt & v &= f(t) \end{aligned} \right. = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \left[e^{-st} f(t) \right]_0^M + \int_0^M s e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \left[e^{-st} f(t) \right]_0^M + s \int_0^M e^{-st} f(t) dt = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} f(t) - e^{-st} f(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= -e^{s \cdot 0} f(0+) + s \underbrace{\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}}_{F(s)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = s \cdot F(s) - f(0+) \quad \square$$