

Definition: Piecewise continuous functions

A function f is called piecewise continuous over the interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ if f is defined over I and continuous at every point of I except for a finite set of points $t_1, \dots, t_n \in I$, at which f has finite left and right limits.

Example

$$f(t) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t < 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Function f is discontinuous, and we can prove that there exists no differentiable function x such that $x'(t) = f(t)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$. However, there are situations in which we may want to interpret and solve such an equation. Ideas?

Transform table

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

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

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

$$\mathcal{L}(\sin(ut)) = \frac{u}{s^2 + u^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos(ut)) = \frac{s}{s^2 + u^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = sF(s) - f(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f'(t)) = s^2 F(s) - s f(0) - f'(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\cosh(ut)) = \frac{s}{s^2 - u^2}, \quad s > |u|$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\sinh(ut)) = \frac{u}{s^2 - u^2}, \quad s > |u|$$

Table of transform

Exercise

Find the Laplace transform of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(t)}{t}, & t > 0 \\ 0, & t = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan(s), \quad s > 0$$

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

$$= -\mathcal{L}(\sin(t)/t) = -\frac{1}{s^2 + u^2}, \quad u > 0$$

$$F(s) = -\frac{1}{s^2 + u^2} \Rightarrow F(s) = -\int \frac{1}{s^2 + u^2} ds = C - \arctan(s)$$

$$F(s) \xrightarrow[s \rightarrow \infty]{} 0 \quad \text{because } f \text{ is bounded. So: } C = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \arctan(s) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

6.2 Solution of initial Value problem

Inverse table transformation.

$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s))$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$
$e^{at} t^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}, \quad s > a$
$e^{at} \cos(bt)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}, \quad s > a$
$e^{at} \sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}, \quad s > a$
$e^{at} f(t)$	$F(s-a)$
$cf(ct)$	$F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right)$
$u_c(t)f(t-c)$	$e^{-cs} F(s)$
f'	$sF(s) - f(0)$
f''	$s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
$f^{(n)}$	$s^n F(s) - \sum_{k=1}^n s^{n-k} f^{(k-1)}(0)$
$(-t)^n f$	$F^{(n)}(s)$

$$\mathcal{L}(u(t-c)) = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t-c)u(t-c)) = e^{-cs} F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(g(t)u(t-c)) = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}(g(t+c))$$

Step function table.

Step function (Heaviside function)

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

or $H(t) = H(t-c)$

$$1 - u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < c \\ 0 & t \geq c \end{cases}$$

$$h(1 - u_c(t)) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < c \\ 0 & t \geq c \end{cases}$$

then $\text{If } c=3 \text{ (switch occur at } t=3\text{)}$

$$u_3(t) = u(t-3) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 1 & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

can write like one step

$$u_3(t) = u(t-3) + h(t-3) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 1 & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

break part:

$$f(t) = -2u_1(t) + 4u_3(t) + 4u_5(t)$$

(can multiply by constant $\rightarrow f(t)u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ f(t) & t \geq c \end{cases}$)

$$f(t) = -2 + 4u_1(t) + 4u_3(t) + 4u_5(t)$$

Ex. $f(t) = \begin{cases} -2 & 0 \leq t < 1 \rightarrow t=1 \\ 4 & 1 \leq t < 3 \rightarrow t=3 \\ 8 & 3 \leq t < 5 \rightarrow t=5 \\ 12 & t \geq 5 \end{cases}$

$$f(t) = -2 + 6u_1(t) + 4u_3(t) + 4u_5(t)$$

Ex. $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$

$$f(t) = u(t)$$

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