

## Section 7.3: Translation Theorems

**Theorem (translation in  $s$ )** Suppose  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ . Then for any real number  $a$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s - a).$$

Consequently  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s - a)\} = e^{at}f(t)$  if  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = f(t)$ .

**Theorem (translation in  $t$ )** If  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$  and  $a > 0$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t - a)\mathcal{U}(t - a)\} = e^{-as}F(s).$$

Show  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a)\} = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$

Recall that  $f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < a \\ f(t-a), & t > a \end{cases}$

By definition

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

$$= \int_0^a \underbrace{e^{-st} f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a)}_{0} dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a) dt$$

$$= \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-a) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(u+a)} f(u) du$$

$$= e^{-as} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-su} f(u) du$$

$$= e^{-as} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

as expected.

let  $u = t - a$   
so  $t = u + a$

$$du = dt$$

when  $t = a$ ,  $u = 0$

and

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $u \rightarrow \infty$

Note

$$e^{-s(u+a)} = e^{-su} \cdot e^{-sa}$$

this  
is constant  
in  $u$

## A Couple of Useful Results

Another formulation of this translation theorem is

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\mathcal{U}(t-a)\} = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}\{g(t+a)\}.$$

$$\text{since } g(t) = g(t-a+a)$$

The inverse form of this translation theorem is

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-as}F(s)\} = f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a).$$

## Evaluate the Laplace or Inverse Laplace Transform

$$(a) \quad \mathcal{L}\{2t\mathcal{U}(t-3)\} = e^{-3s} \mathcal{L}\{2(t+3)\}$$

$$= e^{-3s} \mathcal{L}\{2t + 6\}$$

$$= e^{-3s} (2\mathcal{L}\{t\} + 6\mathcal{L}\{1\})$$

$$= e^{-3s} \left( \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{6}{s} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad \mathcal{L}\{\cos t \mathcal{U}(t - \frac{\pi}{2})\} &= e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{\cos(t + \frac{\pi}{2})\} \\
 &= e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{-\sin t\} \\
 &= -e^{-\pi/2 s} \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos(t + \frac{\pi}{2}) = \cos t \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin t \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = -\sin t$$

$$(c) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-4s}}{s^3} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-4s} \frac{1}{s^3} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (t-4)^2 \mathcal{U}(t-4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^3} \right\} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{2!} \frac{2!}{s^3} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2!} t^2 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{Decomp} \quad \frac{1}{s(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$1 = A(s+1) + Bs$$

$$\text{set } s=0 \quad 1=A$$

$$s=-1 \quad 1=-B$$

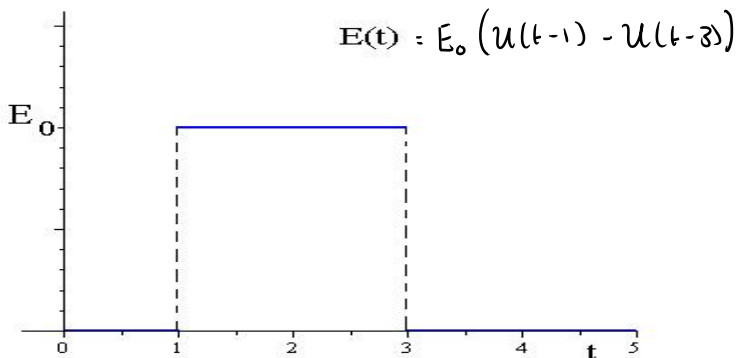


$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-s} \frac{1}{s(s+1)}\right\} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\bar{e}^s \frac{1}{s} - \bar{e}^s \frac{1}{s+1}\right\} \\
 &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\bar{e}^s \frac{1}{s}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\bar{e}^s \frac{1}{s+1}\right\} \\
 &= u(t-1) - e^{-(t-1)} u(t-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} = 1 \qquad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+1}\right\} = e^{-t}$$

## Solve the IVP

An LR-series circuit has inductance  $L = 1\text{h}$ , resistance  $R = 10\Omega$ , and applied force  $E(t)$  whose graph is given below. If the initial current  $i(0) = 0$ , find the current  $i(t)$  in the circuit.



Basic Eqn  $L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E$

$$\frac{di}{dt} + 10i = E_0 u(t-1) - E_0 u(t-3), \quad i(0) = 0$$

Let  $I(s) = \mathcal{L}\{i(t)\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{i' + 10i\} = \mathcal{L}\{E_0 u(t-1) - E_0 u(t-3)\}$$

$$sI(s) - i(0) + 10I(s) = \frac{E_0}{s} e^{-s} - \frac{E_0}{s} e^{-3s}$$

$$(s+10)I(s) = \frac{E_0}{s} e^{-s} - \frac{E_0}{s} e^{-3s}$$

$$I(s) = \frac{E_0}{s(s+10)} e^{-s} - \frac{E_0}{s(s+10)} e^{-3s}$$

Do a decomp on  $\frac{1}{s(s+10)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+10}$

$$1 = A(s+10) + Bs$$

set  $s=0$   $1=10A$   $A=\frac{1}{10}$

$s=-10$   $1=-10B$   $B=-\frac{1}{10}$

$$I(s) = \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-s} \frac{1}{s} - \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-s} \frac{1}{s+10} - \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-3s} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-3s} \frac{1}{s+10}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} = 1, \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+10}\right\} = e^{-10t}$$

$$i(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{I(s)\}$$

$$= \frac{E_0}{10} u(t-1) - \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10(t-1)} u(t-1) - \frac{E_0}{10} u(t-3) + \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10(t-3)} u(t-3),$$

$$i(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ \frac{E_0}{10} - \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10(t-1)}, & 1 \leq t < 3 \\ -\frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10(t-1)} + \frac{E_0}{10} e^{-10(t-3)}, & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$