

V Laplace Transform of Periodic functions

Periodic function: If at equal intervals of abscissa x , the values of each ordinate $f(x)$ repeats itself i.e. $f(x) = f(x+a) \forall x \Rightarrow f(x)$ is a periodic function of period a .

Laplace transform of Periodic function: Let $f(t)$ is a periodic function with period T , i.e. $f(t+T) = f(t)$ then

$$L\{f(t)\} = \frac{\int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt}{1 - e^{-sT}}$$

Proof: We know $L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$
 $= \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_T^{2T} e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_{2T}^{3T} e^{-st} f(t) dt + \dots$

Putting $t = u+T$ in second integral, $t = u+2T$ in the third integral and so on then

$$L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_0^T e^{-s(u+T)} f(u+T) du + \int_0^T e^{-s(u+2T)} f(u+2T) du + \dots$$

 $= \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt + e^{-sT} \int_0^T e^{-su} f(u) du + e^{-2sT} \int_0^T e^{-su} f(u) du + \dots$

$$\because f(u) = f(u+T) = f(u+2T) = \dots$$

$$= \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt + e^{-sT} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt + e^{-2sT} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt + \dots$$

$$= (1 + e^{-sT} + e^{-2sT} + \dots) \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

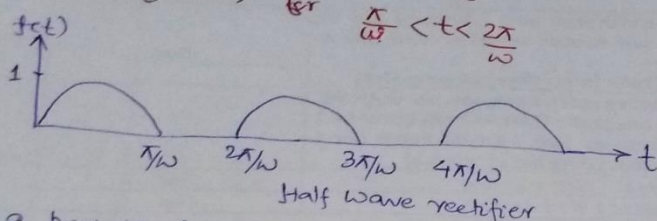
$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt \quad [\because 1 + a + a^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-a}]$$

hence proved

eg. 1 Find the Laplace transform of the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin \omega t, & \text{for } 0 < t < \frac{\pi}{\omega} \\ 0, & \text{for } \frac{\pi}{\omega} < t < \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \end{cases}$$

Soln



$f(t)$ is a periodic function with $2\pi/\omega$ period

$$L\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-s \cdot 2\pi/\omega}} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-s \cdot 2\pi/\omega}} \int_0^{\pi/\omega} e^{-st} \sin \omega t dt + 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-s \cdot 2\pi/\omega}} \left[e^{-st} \frac{(-s \sin \omega t - \omega \cos \omega t)}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right]_0^{\pi/\omega}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2\pi s/\omega}} \left[\frac{e^{-\pi s/\omega} (\omega) + \omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\omega (1 + e^{-\pi s/\omega})}{(s^2 + \omega^2) (1 + e^{-\pi s/\omega}) (1 - e^{-\pi s/\omega})}$$

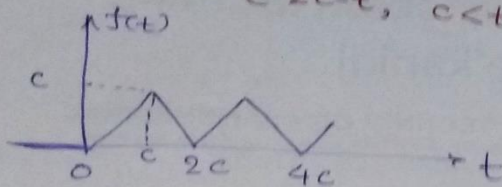
$$= \frac{\omega}{(s^2 + \omega^2) (1 - e^{-\pi s/\omega})} \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$\begin{cases} \int e^{ax} \sin bx \\ e^{ax} (a \sin bx - b \cos bx) \\ = \frac{-b \cos bx}{a^2 + b^2} \end{cases}$$

Q.2 Find the Laplace transform of the triangular wave function of period $2c$ given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 < t < c \\ 2c-t, & c < t < 2c \end{cases}$$

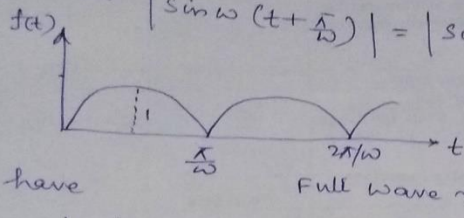
Soln



$$\begin{aligned} L\{f(t)\} &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-s2c}} \int_0^{2c} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-2cs}} \left[\int_0^c e^{-st} \cdot t dt + \int_c^{2c} e^{-st} (2c-t) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-2cs}} \left[\left| -\frac{te^{-st}}{s} \right|_0^c - \left| \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right|_0^c \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| \frac{e^{-st}(2c-t)}{-s} \right|_c^{2c} + \left| \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right|_c^{2c} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-2cs}} \left[-\frac{ce^{-sc}}{s} - \frac{e^{-sc}}{s^2} + \frac{ce^{-sc}}{s} + \frac{e^{-2sc}}{s^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{e^{-sc}}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-2cs}} \left(\frac{1-2e^{-cs}+e^{-2cs}}{s^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{(1-e^{-cs})^2}{(1+e^{-cs})(1-e^{-cs})} = \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{(1-e^{-cs})}{(1+e^{-cs})} \text{ Ans} \end{aligned}$$

eg.3 Find the Laplace transform of the function
 $f(t) = |\sin \omega t|, t \geq 0$

Soln: Let $|\sin \omega(t + \frac{\pi}{\omega})| = |\sin \omega t|$ for any t
 $\therefore T = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$



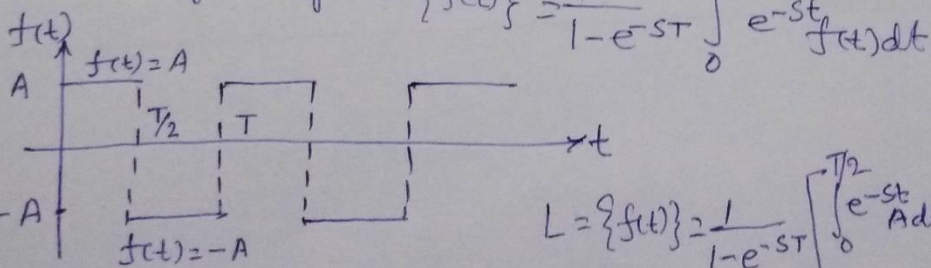
We have

$$\begin{aligned} L\{f(t)\} &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \left[\int_0^{T/\omega} e^{-st} \sin \omega t \, dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-s\pi/\omega}} \left[e^{-st} \left(\frac{-s \sin \omega t - \omega \cos \omega t}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right) \right]_0^{T/\omega} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-s\pi/\omega}} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + \omega^2} \left[e^{-sT/\omega} (\omega) + \omega \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-s\pi/\omega}} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + \omega^2} \left[\omega (1 + e^{-s\pi/\omega}) \right] \\ &= \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \frac{1 + e^{-s\pi/\omega}}{1 - e^{-s\pi/\omega}} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 4 Find the Laplace transform of the periodic function (sawtooth wave)

$$f(t) = \frac{kt}{t} \text{ for } 0 < t < T, f(t+T) = f(t)$$

Obtain Laplace transform of rectangular wave given by



$$L\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \left[\int_0^{T/2} e^{-st} A \, dt + \int_{T/2}^T e^{-st} (-A) \, dt \right]$$