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Initial Value theorem:

If the Laplace transform of $f(t)$ and $f'(t)$ exists and $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s F(s)]$$

Proof:

We know that

$$L[f'(t)] = s L[f(t)] - f(0)$$

$$= s F(s) - f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow s F(s) = L[f'(t)] + f(0)$$

$$s F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0)$$

Taking limit as $s \rightarrow \infty$ on both sides we get,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0) \right\}$$



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$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0)$$

$$= 0 + f(0)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t)$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s)$$

Final value theorem:

If the Laplace transform of $f(t)$ and $f'(t)$ exists and $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s F(s)]$$

Proof:

We know that,

$$L[f'(t)] = s L[f(t)] - f(0) \\ = s F(s) - f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow s F(s) = L[f'(t)] + f(0)$$

Taking limit $s \rightarrow 0$ on both sides, we get,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s F(s)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0) \right\}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} f'(t) dt + f(0)$$

$$= [f(t)]_0^{\infty} + f(0)$$

$$= f(\infty) - f(0) + f(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s F(s)]$$



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① Verify the initial and final value theorem for

$$f(t) = 1 + e^{-t} (\sin t + \cos t)$$

Soln:

$$F(s) = L[1 + e^{-t} \sin t + e^{-t} \cos t]$$

$$= L(1) + L(\sin t)_{s \rightarrow s+1} + L(\cos t)_{s \rightarrow s+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} + \left(\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right)_{s \rightarrow s+1} + \left(\frac{s}{s^2+1} \right)_{s \rightarrow s+1}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{s} + \frac{s+2}{s^2+2s+2}$$

$$\therefore s F(s) = s \left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{s+2}{s^2+2s+2} \right]$$

Initial value theorem:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [1 + e^{-t} (\sin t + \cos t)] = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{s+2}{s^2+2s+2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} 1 + \frac{s^2+2s}{s^2+2s+2}$$

$$= 1 + 1$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s) = 2$$

IVT is verified.

Final value theorem:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [1 + e^{-t} (\sin t + \cos t)] = 1$$



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$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s F(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{s+2}{s^2+2s+2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[1 + \frac{s^2+2s}{s^2+2s+2} \right] = 1$$

Hence $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s F(s) = 1$, FVT is verified

Laplace Transform of Some Special functions:

Unit Step function:

The unit step function also called Heavisides unit function is defined as,

$$u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < a \\ 1, & t > a \end{cases}$$

This is the unit step functions at $t=a$. It can also be denoted by $H(t-a)$ or $u_a(t)$.

Result:

Laplace Transform of unit step function is $\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$ i.e., $L[u(t-a)] = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}$

Proof:

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

$$= \int_0^a e^{-st} u(t-a) dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} u(t-a) dt$$

$$= 0 + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_a^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \quad (s > 0)$$