

Assignment: P 41 Sheng: 1,2,4,5( a), b), c)),6( b), c)), 7a)

Second session of Class: Remaining Material in Ch I, Sheng

**Lemma 3b.1:**  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} L[f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} F(s) = 0$ , for any continuous<sup>1</sup>  $f$ .

**Proof:** 
$$|L[f(t)]| = \left| \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \right| \leq \int_0^{\infty} |f(t)|e^{-st} dt$$

Moreover, for any continuous  $f(t)$ , there exist  $M, \alpha, t_0$  such that:

$$|f(t)| < Me^{\alpha t} \quad \text{for all } t > t_0$$

(i.e., any continuous function, no matter how fast-growing, is bounded above by an exponential function for sufficiently large values of  $t$ .)

Hence, choose  $M, \alpha$  such when  $t_0 = 0$ :  $|f(t)| < Me^{\alpha t}$  for all  $t > 0$

$$|L[f(t)]| = \left| \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \right| \leq \int_0^{\infty} |f(t)|e^{-st} dt < \int_0^{\infty} Me^{\alpha t} e^{-st} dt = M \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-\alpha)t} dt$$

So: 
$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} M \int_0^d e^{-(s-\alpha)t} dt = M \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{e^{-(s-\alpha)t}}{(\alpha-s)} \Big|_0^d \right\} = M \left\{ \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-(s-\alpha)d}}{(\alpha-s)} - \frac{e^0}{(\alpha-s)} \right\}$$

$$= M \left\{ 0 - \frac{1}{(\alpha-s)} \right\} = \frac{M}{(s-\alpha)}$$

Hence: 
$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} F(s) \leq \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} |F(s)| < \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M}{(s-\alpha)} = 0$$

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

The above Lemma gives us a valuable insight into the unique aspects of  $s$  – space (the domain space where the LTs live, i.e. the domain of the functions  $F(s)$ , given that  $t$  – space is the domain space where  $f(t)$  live, i.e. the arguments of the LTs). Its ‘asymptotic’ behavior is such that it always vanishes, i.e.  $F$  is non-zero on a *finite* interval.

We can use Lemma 3b.1 to prove, for example, Thm 10:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s), \text{ (where } : F(s) = L[f(t)] \text{)}$$

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<sup>1</sup> This Lemma can be generalized also to piecewise continuous functions.

**Note1:** we're taking a right-hand limit on the left hand side (in  $t$ -space) since the domain of  $f$  is nonnegative.

Proof: According to Thm2, for any differentiable (therefore continuous)  $f$ :

$$L\left[\frac{d}{dt} f(t)\right] = sL[f(t)] - f(0)$$

Now, obviously, (since  $f$  is continuous<sup>2</sup>):  $f(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t)$

$$\text{Hence: } L\left[\frac{d}{dt} f(t)\right] = sL[f(t)] - f(0) = sL[f(t)] - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t)$$

Taking the  $s \rightarrow \infty$  limit of both sides:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} L\left[\frac{d}{dt} f(t)\right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sL[f(t)] - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t)$$

**Note 2:** The last term on the right hand side is a constant with respect to  $s$ . Therefore its limiting value is the same throughout.<sup>3</sup>

But according to Lemma3b.1, the left hand side vanishes, if we assume the derivative of  $f$  is continuous.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence: } \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} L\left[\frac{d}{dt} f(t)\right] &= 0 = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sL[f(t)] - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) \\ \therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sL[f(t)] \end{aligned}$$

**Thm 11** is the analogous version, this time when:  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $t \rightarrow 0^+$

Both Theorems 10 & 11 should be viewed as tracking the limiting behavior of  $f$  in  $t$ -space and in reciprocal  $s$ -space simultaneously. Their seeming redundancy has a theoretical and a practical value. In theory, what makes their results interesting is giving the insight into the corresponding adjustment one needs to make in  $s$ -space (one must multiply the LT of  $f$  by  $s$ ), so it's not just a simple matter of a strict correspondence between  $t$  and  $1/s$ . Their results also have practical value since if we know the LT of  $f$ , but if it's difficult to obtain the inverse LT (i.e.,  $f$ ), we can bypass having to if all we're interested in obtaining are the initial ( $t \rightarrow 0$ ) and asymptotic ( $t \rightarrow \infty$ ) conditions of  $f$ .

Thm 9 (Periodic function thm):

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<sup>2</sup> Recall from CalcI: for any continuous function:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(t) = f(a)$  for any  $a: \infty < a < \infty$ . (Note that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(t)$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a+} f(t) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a-} f(t)$ . If we define the domain of  $f$  to be  $[c, \infty)$ , however, then the condition for  $f$ 's continuity at the endpoint  $c$  becomes:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c+} f(t) = f(c)$ .

<sup>3</sup> I.e., for any constant-valued function  $f(t) = k$ :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(t) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = k$ , for all  $a: \infty < a < \infty$ .

If  $f$  is periodic, i.e.  $f(t + p) = f(t)$ , then: 
$$L[f(t)] = \frac{\int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt}{(1 - e^{-ps})}$$

Proof:

$$L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt + \int_p^{2p} f(t)e^{-st} dt + \int_{2p}^{3p} f(t)e^{-st} dt + \dots + \int_{np}^{(n+1)p} f(t)e^{-st} dt + \dots$$

In the second integral, perform the  $u$  – substitution:  $u = t - p$ , then:  $du = dt$  and

$$t = u+p. \text{ So: } \int_p^{2p} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_{u(p)}^{u(2p)} f(u+p)e^{-s(u+p)} du = e^{-sp} \int_0^p f(u)e^{-su} du \quad (\text{since } f(u+p) = f(u))$$

In the third integral, perform the  $u$  – substitution:  $u = t - 2p$ , then:  $du = dt$  and

$$t = u+2p. \text{ So: } \int_{2p}^{3p} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_{u(2p)}^{u(3p)} f(u+2p)e^{-s(u+2p)} du = e^{-2sp} \int_0^p f(u)e^{-su} du$$

(since  $f(u+2p) = f(u)$  )

etc...

In the  $n$ -th integral, perform the  $u$  – substitution:  $u = t - np$ , then:  $du = dt$  and

$$t = u+np. \text{ So: } \int_{np}^{(n+1)p} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_{u(np)}^{u((n+1)p)} f(u+np)e^{-s(u+np)} du = e^{-nsp} \int_0^p f(u)e^{-su} du$$

(since  $f(u+np) = f(u)$  )

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} L[f(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt + \int_p^{2p} f(t)e^{-st} dt + \int_{2p}^{3p} f(t)e^{-st} dt + \dots + \int_{np}^{(n+1)p} f(t)e^{-st} dt + \dots \\ &= \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt + e^{-sp} \int_0^p f(u)e^{-su} du + e^{-2sp} \int_0^p f(u)e^{-su} du + \dots + e^{-nsp} \int_0^p f(u)e^{-su} du + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now, because  $u$  is just a dummy-index of integration, we can re-name it as  $t$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} L[f(t)] &= \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt + e^{-sp} \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt + e^{-2sp} \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt + \dots + e^{-nsp} \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt + \dots \\ &= \left[ 1 + e^{-sp} + e^{-2sp} + \dots + e^{-nsp} + \dots \right] \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sp}} \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt \end{aligned}$$

(Since the series  $1 + e^{-sp} + e^{-2sp} + \dots$  is an infinite geometric series, with  $r = e^{-sp}$ .

Moreover, since  $r = e^{-sp} < 1$ , then the series converges to:  $\frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-e^{-sp}}$  )

Thm 12 (Convolution Thm).

For :

$$F(s) = L[f(t)], G = L[g(t)]$$

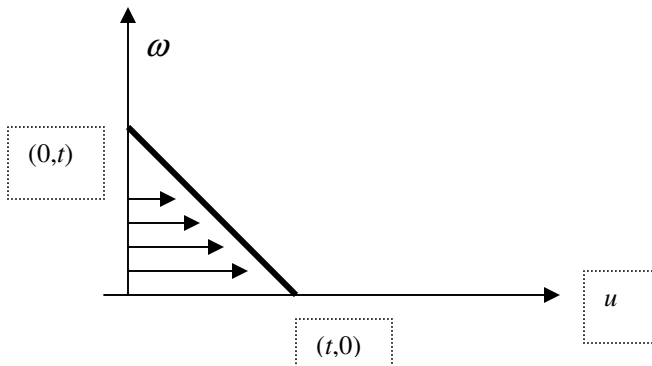
$$\therefore F(s)G(s) = L[(f * g)], \text{ where : } (f * g) \equiv \int_0^t f(u)g(t-u)du = \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u)du$$

Proof:

$$F(s)G(s) = \int_0^\infty f(\omega)e^{-s\omega} d\omega \int_0^\infty g(u)e^{-su} du = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f(\omega)g(u)e^{-s(\omega+u)} d\omega du$$

Let  $t = \omega + u$ . Then:  $\omega = t - u$ ,  $d\omega = dt$ .

Furthermore, the limits of integration with respect to  $u$  are:  $u = 0$  to  $u = t$ . To understand why, consider the figure below:



To see this (informally) observe that in the  $(\omega, u)$  coordinate system, the line:  $\omega = t - u$  has  $u$ -intercept  $(t, 0)$  and  $\omega$ -intercept:  $(0, t)$ . Hence, as the inscribed arrows in the triangle suggest, we can fill up the entire first quadrant by traveling first from  $u = 0$  to  $u = t$ , and then stacking these arrows vertically from  $\omega = 0$  to  $\omega = t$ . If we let  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ , then the entire space is filled. (To understand this more formally requires the tools of CalcIII, i.e. conformal mappings and the Jacobian.)

So:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(s)G(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} f(\omega)g(u)e^{-s(\omega+u)}dud\omega = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u)e^{-st}dudt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \left\{ \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u)du \right\} dt \\
 &= L \left[ \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u)du \right] = L[(f * g)]
 \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** If  $g$  were initially expressed in terms of dummy variable  $\omega$  and  $f$  in terms of  $u$ , we'd arrive at the expression:

$$F(s)G(s) = L \left[ \int_0^t g(t-u)f(u)du \right] = L[(g * f)] \Rightarrow (f * g) = \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u)du = \int_0^t g(t-u)f(u)du = (g * f)$$

i.e., the Convolution with respect to two functions is a commutative operation

### Selected Examples

- Example (Problem 3, p 41 Sheng)

For  $|\sin t|$ ,  $p = \pi$ .

$$\text{So according to Thm 9: } L[|\sin t|] = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\pi s}} \int_0^{\pi} e^{-st} \sin t dt$$

To evaluate the integral, you can use Formula 30 (Appendix A7—this was also derived using integration by parts in Handout 1a.) However, you could also use Euler's Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[|\sin t|] &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\pi s}} \int_0^{\pi} e^{-st} \left( \frac{e^{it} - e^{-it}}{2i} \right) dt = \frac{1}{2i(1 - e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} e^{(i-s)t} dt - \int_0^{\pi} e^{-(i+s)t} dt \right\} \\
 &= \frac{i}{2(1 - e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} e^{-(i+s)t} dt - \int_0^{\pi} e^{(i-s)t} dt \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

(since:  $1/i = -i$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{i}{2(1 - e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} e^{-(i+s)t} dt - \int_0^{\pi} e^{(i-s)t} dt \right\} &= \frac{i}{2(1 - e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ -\frac{e^{-(i+s)t}}{(i+s)} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \frac{e^{(i-s)t}}{(i-s)} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{i}{2(1 - e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ \frac{1 - e^{-i\pi} e^{-s\pi}}{(i+s)} + \frac{-e^{i\pi} e^{-s\pi} + 1}{(i-s)} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

But according to Euler's Thm:  $e^{\pm i\pi} = \cos \pi \pm i \sin \pi = -1$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{i}{2(1-e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ \frac{1-e^{-i\pi}e^{-s\pi}}{(i+s)} + \frac{1-e^{i\pi}e^{-s\pi}}{(i-s)} \right\} = \frac{i}{2(1-e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ \frac{1+e^{-s\pi}}{(i+s)} + \frac{e^{-s\pi}+1}{(i-s)} \right\} \\ & = \frac{i}{2(1-e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{i+s} + \frac{1}{i-s} \right] + e^{-s\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{i+s} + \frac{1}{i-s} \right] \right\} = \frac{i}{2(1-e^{-\pi s})} \left\{ (1+e^{-\pi s}) \left( \frac{1}{i+s} + \frac{1}{i-s} \right) \right\} \\ & = \frac{i(1+e^{-\pi s})}{2(1-e^{-\pi s})} \left[ \frac{i-s+i+s}{(-1-s^2)} \right] = \frac{i(1+e^{-\pi s})}{2(1-e^{-\pi s})} \left[ \frac{-2i}{(s^2+1)} \right] = \frac{-i^2(1+e^{-\pi s})}{(1-e^{-\pi s})(s^2+1)} = \frac{(1+e^{-\pi s})}{(1-e^{-\pi s})(s^2+1)} \end{aligned}$$

- Example (5c, p 41 Sheng)

Use **Thm 10** to verify in the case of  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t)$ , where:  $f(t) = 2t - 3\sin 2t$

In  $t$ -space:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \{2t - 3\sin 2t\} = 2\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t - 3\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sin 2t = 0 - 0 = 0$

In  $s$ -space:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s), F(s) &= L[2t - 3\sin 2t] = 2L[t] - 3L[\sin 2t] = 2 \cdot \frac{1!}{s^2} - 3 \cdot \frac{2}{s^2-4} \\ &= \frac{2}{s^2} - \frac{6}{s^2-4} \Rightarrow sF(s) = \frac{2}{s} - \frac{6s}{s^2-4} = \frac{2s^2-8-6s^2}{s^3-4s} = \frac{-2(3s^2+4)}{s^3-4s} \\ \therefore \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2(3s^2+4)}{s^3-4s} = -2 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{s^2}{s^3} + \frac{4}{s^3}}{1 - \frac{4s}{s^3}} = -2 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{s} + \frac{4}{s^3}}{1 - \frac{4}{s^2}} = -2 \cdot \left( \frac{0}{1} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we've verified the result of **Thm10**

- Example (6d, p 42 Sheng)

Use **Thm 11** to verify in the case of  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$ , where:  $f(t) = 4e^{-3t} - 10e^{-t}\sin 2t$

In  $t$ -space:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \{4e^{-3t} - 10e^{-t} \sin 2t\} = 4\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-3t} - 10\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-t} \sin 2t) = 4 \cdot 0 - 10 \cdot 0 = 0$$

In  $s$ -space:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s), F(s) &= L[4e^{-3t} - 10e^{-t} \sin 2t] = 4L[e^{-3t}] - 10L[e^{-t} \sin 2t] = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{s+3} - 10G(s+1) \\ (G(s) = L[\sin 2t]) &= \frac{2}{s^2+4} \Rightarrow G(s+1) = \frac{2}{(s+1)^2+4} \\ \therefore F(s) &= \frac{4}{s+3} - \frac{20}{(s+1)^2+4} \Rightarrow sF(s) = \frac{4s}{s+3} - \frac{20s}{(s+1)^2+4} \\ \therefore \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{4s}{s+3} - \frac{20s}{(s+1)^2+4} \right\} = \frac{0}{3} - \frac{0}{5} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Example (7b, pg 42 Sheng)

Use Thm 12 to find the inverse LT of

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

$$F(s)G(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)} \cdot \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)} \Rightarrow f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)] = \sin t = g(t) = L^{-1}[G(s)]$$

Hence according to Thm12:  $L^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = (f * g) = \int_0^t \sin(t-u) \sin u \, du$

Method1:  $\sin(t-u)\sin u = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(t-2u) - \cos t]$  (using product-to-sum rule)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f * g &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t [\cos(t-2u)] \, du - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \cos t \, du \Rightarrow U(u) = (t-2u) \therefore du = -\frac{1}{2} dU \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \int_{U(0)}^{U(t)} \cos U \, dU - \frac{1}{2} \cos t \int_0^t du = -\frac{1}{4} \sin U \Big|_t^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} \cos t u \Big|_0^t = -\frac{1}{4} (-\sin t - \sin t) - \frac{t}{2} \cos t \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin t - \frac{t}{2} \cos t = \frac{1}{2} [\sin t - t \cos t] \end{aligned}$$

Method 2 (more cumbersome, but a review of some simple integration and other trig formulae)

$$\sin(t-u)\sin u = \sin t \cos u \sin u - \cos t \sin^2 u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \sin(t-u)\cos u \, du &= \sin t \int_0^t \sin u \cos u \, du - \cos t \int_0^t \sin^2 u \, du \\ &= \sin t \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 u \Big|_0^t - \cos t \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (1 - \cos 2t) \, dt = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sin^3 t - t \cos t + \cos t \int_0^t \cos 2t \, dt \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sin^3 t - t \cos t + \cos t \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin 2u \Big|_0^t \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sin^3 t - t \cos t + \cos t \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sin^3 t - t \cos t + \cos t \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \sin t \cos t \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sin^3 t - t \cos t + \sin t \cos^2 t \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sin t (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) - t \cos t \right\} = \frac{1}{2} [\sin t - t \cos t] \end{aligned}$$