

Laplace Transform Facts

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

Defined for f integrable with at worse exponential growth for $t \rightarrow \infty$.

1) Analytic for $\text{Re}(s) > C_a = \text{constant}$

2) $\mathcal{L}(f') = -f(0) + sF$ (integrate by parts)

3) $\mathcal{L}(f'') = -f'(0) - sf(0) + s^2 F$, etc.

4) Inverse $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} F(s) e^{st} ds$

Γ = path $s = \mu + ik$, $\mu = \text{const.} > C_a$
and $-\infty < k < \infty$, with direction k growing.

Example 1 $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$ $0 < x < 1$

with $u = 0$ at $x = 0, 1$ and

$u = f(x)$, $u_t = g(x)$ for $t = 0$.

Then $-g - sf + s^2 U - U'' = 0$

with $U = U(s, x)$, $U(s, 0) = U(s, 1) = 0$,

and $' = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

That is

$$-U'' + s^2 U = g + s f$$

The Green's function $G(x, y, s)$ for this problem, defined by

$$-G_{xx} + s^2 G = \delta(x-y)$$

+ boundary Cond. ($G=0$ at $x=0, 1$) is

$$G = \frac{-1}{s \sinh(s)} \begin{cases} \sinh(sx) \sinh(s(y-1)) & x < y \\ \sinh(sy) \sinh(s(x-1)) & x > y \end{cases}$$

Then
$$U = \int_0^1 G(x, y) \{g(y) + s f(y)\} dy$$

Note: Singularities of G at $s = i n \pi$, $n \neq 0$

These are simple poles (explain why $n=0$ is not singular)

Residue at $s = i n \pi$

$$G_n = \frac{-1}{i n \pi \cosh(i n \pi)} \begin{cases} \sinh(s_n x) \sinh(s_n (y-1)) & x < y \\ \sinh(s_n y) \sinh(s_n (x-1)) & x > y \end{cases}$$

$s_n = i n \pi$

Recall $\sinh(iz) = +i \sin(z)$, $\cosh(iz) = \cos z$

$$G = \alpha \sinh(sx) \quad \text{for } x < y$$

$$\beta \sinh(s(x-1)) \quad \text{for } x > y$$

Continuity at $x=y$ $\alpha \sinh(sy) = \beta \sinh(s(y-1))$

$$\therefore G = \begin{cases} \mu \sinh(sx) \sinh(s(y-1)) & x < y \\ \mu \sinh(sy) \sinh(s(x-1)) & x > y \end{cases}$$

S at $x=1$ requires

$$G_x^- - G_x^+ = 1 \quad \text{at } x=y$$

Wronskian

$$\mu \left[\sinh(sy) \cosh(s(y-1)) - \cosh(sy) \sinh(s(y-1)) \right] = 1$$

Wronskian \uparrow constant! Evaluate at $y=1$

$$\boxed{\mu s \sinh(s) = 1}$$

Explain Wronskian and Green's functions?

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Green's function $S=0$

take limit!!

$$G = \begin{cases} -x(y-1) & x < y \\ -y(x-1) & x > y \end{cases}$$

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Thus

$$G_n = \frac{1}{i n \pi (-1)^n} \begin{cases} \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi(y-1)) & x < y \\ \sin(n\pi y) \sin(n\pi(x-1)) & x > y \end{cases}$$

∴ Residue for U $\left[= \frac{1}{i n \pi} \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi y) \right]$

$$U_n = \frac{1}{i n \pi} \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi y) g(y) dy \sin(n\pi x) \quad g_n$$

Case $f \equiv 0$

$$U_n = + \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi y) f(y) dy \sin(n\pi x) \quad f_n$$

Case $g \equiv 0$

Inverse L.T.

Evaluate using residue theorem [see LT4!]

~~$$u = 2\pi i \sum U_n = \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{\pi} g_n \sin(n\pi x) e^{in\pi t} + \sum_{n \neq 0} (+2\pi i) f_n \sin(n\pi x) e^{in\pi t}$$~~

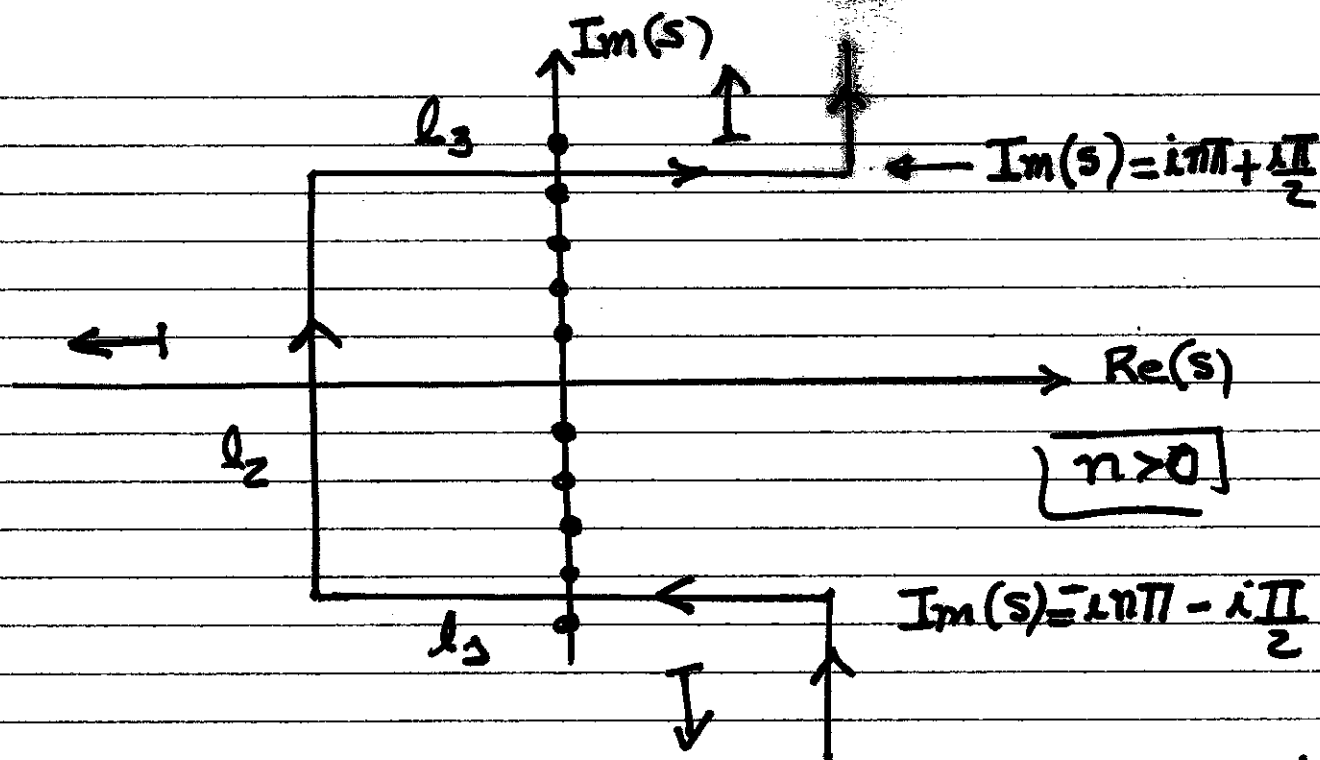
Note: $g_{-n} = -g_n$ & $f_{-n} = f_n$

$$u = \sum U_n = \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{i n \pi} g_n \sin(n\pi x) e^{in\pi t}$$

$$+ \sum_{n \neq 0} f_n \sin(n\pi x) e^{in\pi t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2g_n \sin(n\pi x) \frac{\sin(n\pi t)}{n\pi} + 2f_n \sin(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi t)$$

Fourier Series Solution.



The integrand is $\frac{-1}{s \sinh(s)} \sinh(sx) \sinh(s(y-1)) e^{st}$
 $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots$ (etc)

Over the segments l_1 and l_3 $\sinh(s)$ is independent of π (periodicity) and the numerator stays bounded. Thus, because of the $\frac{1}{s}$ factor, these integrals vanish as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Consider now the integral over l_2 (after the $n \rightarrow \infty$ limit) as $\text{Re}(s) \rightarrow -\infty$

$$\text{Then } |\sinh(sx)| \leq C e^{-\text{Re}(s)x}$$

$$|\sinh(s(y-1))| \leq C e^{-\text{Re}(s)(1-y)}$$

$$|\sinh(s)| \sim \frac{1}{2} e^{-\text{Re}(s)}$$

Thus $|I| \lesssim \frac{C}{|s|} \underbrace{e^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)[1-y+x-1]}}_{e^{\operatorname{Re}(s)(y-x)}} e^{+\operatorname{Re}(s)t}$

but $y > x \therefore$ this vanishes exponentially

\Rightarrow only residues remain!

Very important to check integrals vanish, so that only residues remain!

Example 2 $u_t + u_x = 0 \quad 0 < x < 1$
 $u = 0$ for $x = 0, u = f(x)$ for $t = 0$

Then $-f + sU + U' = 0, U = 0$ for $x = 0$

i.e. $U' + sU = f \quad \text{or} \quad U = e^{-sx} \int_0^x e^{sy} f(y) dy$

Note: U has no singularities!

\therefore if we ~~could~~ could move the integral over Γ in the inverse to $\operatorname{Re}(s) = -\infty$, we would get $u = 0$; nonsense!!

But $e^{-s(x-y)}$ blows up exponentially as $\operatorname{Re}(s) \rightarrow -\infty$; cannot discard the integral.

This example is interesting because it does not have normal modes

[generally: singularities of the L.T. are associated with spectrum][†]

Equation for eigen functions; $u = \varphi(x)e^{\lambda t}$

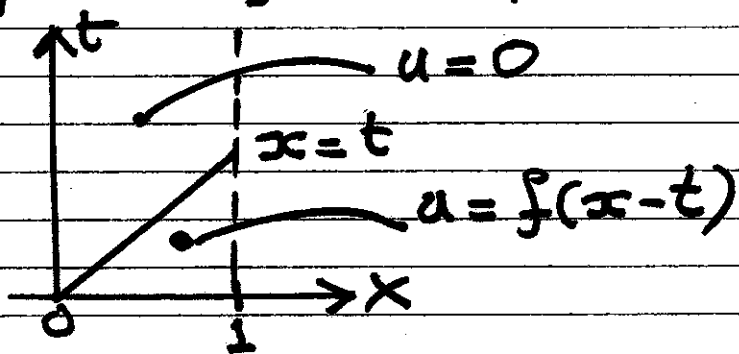
$$\varphi' = -\lambda\varphi, \quad \varphi(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore \varphi = c e^{-\lambda x} \text{ but } \checkmark \Rightarrow c = 0$$

No eigen modes

{ This is an example where an ∞ operator has no spectrum... this is why "normal" is so important for ∞ operators! }

What is going on?



Solution vanishes after finite time!

But eigen modes can only vanish exponentially!

Example 3 Man at the end of a string
Of course example 1 was kind of too simple!

We knew the answer in advance. Now:

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0 \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$u = 0 \quad x = 0$$

$$mu_{tt} = -ku - T u_x \quad x = 1$$

and given $u = f, u_t = g$ for $t = 0$

Then

$$-U'' + s^2 U = g + s f \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$U = 0 \quad \text{for } x = 1$$

and, at $x = 1$: $s^2 U - u_t^\circ - s u^\circ = -\frac{k}{m} U - \frac{T}{m} U'$

We split the problem into ~~two~~ ~~sub~~ ~~problems~~

~~(1) $g + s f = 0$~~

solution with $g + s f = 0$ (a)

" with $u_t^\circ + s u^\circ = 0$ (b)

The solution to (b) is similar to example 1, but
the B.C. at $x = 1$ is $(s^2 + \frac{k}{m})U + \frac{T}{m}U' = 0$

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Green's function is ~~harder~~ harder
to write, but same idea works.

For (a) we try

$$U = \mu \sinh(sx), \text{ some const. } \mu.$$

Substituting into the B.C.

$$\mu \left(s^2 + \frac{k}{m} \right) \sinh(s) + \mu \frac{I}{m} s \cosh(s) = u_t^0 + s u^0$$

This determines μ . The inverse transform is then done with the same method

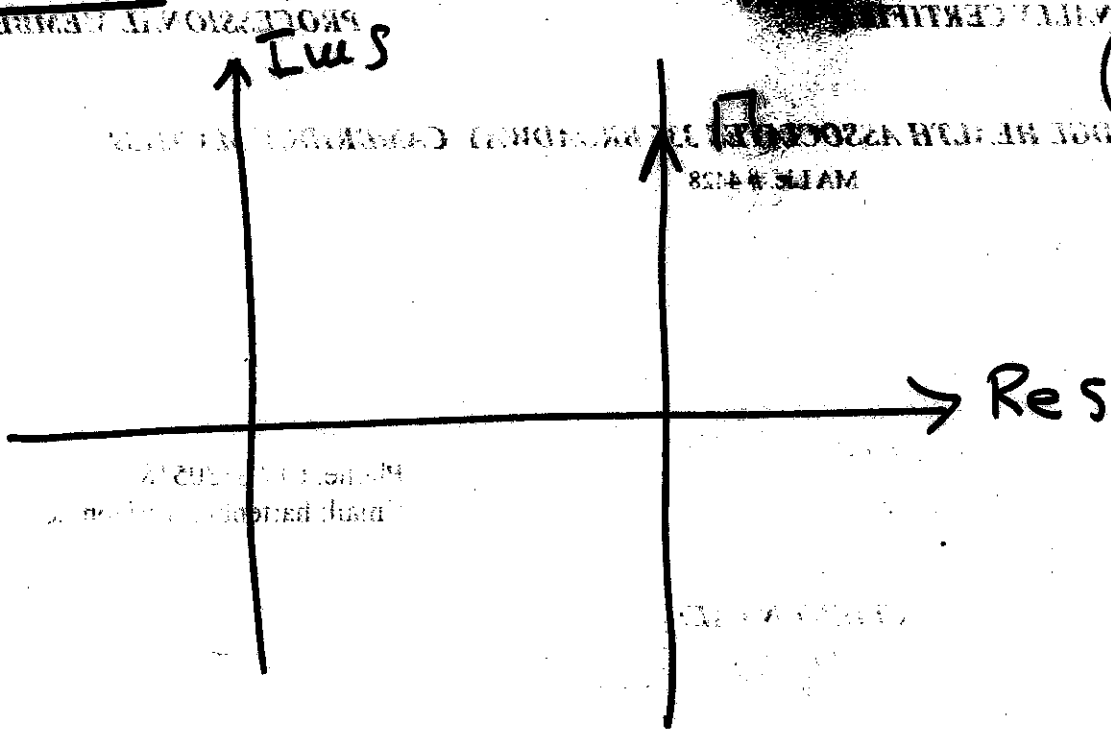
[Note that singularities in μ
now correspond to resonances.

Note: Continuum spectrum, etc. happens when U has singularities other than poles [essential or branch points].

Using the L.T. is not restricted to ~~self~~ self-adjoint or normal problems (nor constant coeff.)

"Clever" manipulations with it allow you to extract information about the solution otherwise you would not have.

Example (Combustion instability)



Suppose you can move Γ to $\text{Re}(s) < 0$
(but not $\text{Re}(s) = -\infty$!))

Then stability: no singularities
on $\text{Re}(s) > 0$

instability: singularities on $\text{Re}(s) > 0$

Such singularities can be reached numerically
in a stable way

← Far better than discretizing and then
trying to look at a finite approx. to
problem ← can be very unstable