

On an application of Laplace transforms

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Abstract: In this study, complex differential equations are solved using laplace transform. Firstly we seperate real and imaginer parts of equation. Thus from one unknown equation is obtained two unknown equation system. Later we obtain laplace transforms of real and imaginer parts of solutions using laplace transform. In the latest we obtain real and imaginer parts of solution using inverse laplace transform.

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1 Introduction

In real, general solutions of some equations, especially type of elliptic, are not found. Real partial differential equation systems when number of independent variables are even can be transformed to a complex partial differential equations. The solving a complex equation can more easier with complex methods. For example,

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Laplace equation hasn't got general solution in R^2 , but it can be written

$$u_{z\bar{z}} = 0$$

with the relation

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial \bar{z}}$$

and the solution of this equation is

$$u = f(z) + g(\bar{z})$$

where f is analytic, g is anti analytic arbitrary functions. A partial differential equation system which has two real dependant and two real independant variables can be transformed to a complex equation. For example,

$$u_x - v_y = 0$$

$$u_y + v_x = 0.$$

Cauchy Riemann system transforms to complex equation

$$w\bar{z} = 0$$

where $w = u + iv, z = x + iy$. All solutions of this complex equation are analytic functions.

Moreover any order complex differential equation can be transformed to real partial differential equation system which has two unknowns, two independent variables by separating the real and imaginary parts. The solution of complex equation can be put forward helping solutions of this real system.

In this study, we investigate solutions of first order constant coefficients complex equations with Laplace transforms. Laplace transform using several areas of mathematics is an integral transform. We can solve ordinary differential equations, system of ordinary differential equations, integral equations, integro differential equations, difference equations, integro difference equations and also calculate some generalized integrals with Laplace transform. Moreover we can use Laplace transform in electrical circuits. Therefore we can solve fractional differential equations via Laplace transforms [2,3]. Nonlinear differential equations can be solved Laplace decomposition method [4].

2 Basic definitions and theorems

Definition 1. Let $F(t)$ be a function for $t > 0$. Laplace transform of $F(t)$.

$$L(F(t)) = f(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot f(t) dt \quad (2)$$

is defined. Since integral (1) is a function of s , $L(F(t)) = f(s)$ is written.

Theorem 1. Laplace transforms of some functions are given in following.

$F(t)$	$L(F(t)) = f(s)$
1	$\frac{1}{s}$
t	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$

Theorem 2. If $F^{(n)}(t)$ is partial continuous then

$$L(F^{(n)}(t)) = s^n f(s) - s^{n-1}F(0) - s^{n-2}F'(0) - s^{n-2}F''(0) - \dots - F^{(n-1)}(0)$$

where $L(F(t)) = f(s)$.

Theorem 3. Laplace transforms of partial derivatives of $u(x,t)$ are following.

$$(i) L\left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right] = s.U(x,s) - u(x,0)$$

$$(ii) L\left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right] = \frac{\partial U(x,s)}{\partial x},$$

where $U(x,s) = L[u(x,t)]$.

2.1 Complex derivatives

Let $w = w(z, \bar{z})$ be a complex function. Here $z = x + iy$, $w(z, \bar{z}) = u(x, y) + i.v(x, y)$. First order derivatives according to z and \bar{z} of $w(z, \bar{z})$ are defined as following:

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right). \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right). \quad (4)$$

3 Solution of complex differential equations from first order which is constant coefficients

Theorem 4. Let A, B, C are real constants, $F(z, \bar{z})$ is a polynomial of z, \bar{z} and $w = u + iv$ is a complex function. Then a solution of

$$A \cdot \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + B \cdot \frac{\partial w}{\partial \bar{z}} + C \cdot w = F(z, \bar{z})$$

$$w(x, 0) = f(x)$$

is

$$u = L^{-1} \left[\frac{(A+B) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x, 0)) + 2C(2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x, 0)) - s(A-B)(2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x, 0))}{[(A+B)D + 2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2} \right]$$

$$v = L^{-1} \left[\frac{(A+B) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x, 0)) + 2C(2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x, 0)) - s(B-A)(2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x, 0))}{[(A+B)D + 2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2} \right]$$

Proof.

$$A \cdot \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + B \cdot \frac{\partial w}{\partial \bar{z}} + C \cdot w = F(z, \bar{z}) \quad (5)$$

If it is used equalities (3), (4) in equality (5), following equality is obtained .

$$A \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) + B \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) + Cw = F_1(x, y) + iF_2(x, y) \quad (6)$$

If in (6) $w = u + iv$ is written, following equality is obtained .

$$A \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + B \cdot \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + 2C \cdot (u + iv) = 2F_1(x, y) + 2iF_2(x, y) \quad (7)$$

If (7) is separated to real and imaginer parts, then following equation system is obtained

$$(A+B) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (A-B) \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + 2Cu = 2F_1(x, y) \quad (8)$$

$$(A+B) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + (B-A) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 2Cv = 2F_2(x, y) \quad (9)$$

If we use laplace transform for above (8), (9) equalities, then we get following equalities

$$(A+B) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + (A-B)(sV - v(x, 0)) + 2CU = 2F_1^* \quad (10)$$

$$(A+B)\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + (B-A)(sU - u(x,0)) + 2CV = 2F_2^* \quad (11)$$

Where U, V, F_1^*, F_2^* are laplace transforms of u, v, F_1, F_2 respectively. If (10), (11) is rerugulate and is used cramer rule, then (12), (13) equalities are obtained.

$$(A+B)\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + 2CU + s(A-B)V = 2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0)$$

$$s(B-A)U + (A+B)\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + 2CV = 2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (A+B)D+2C & s(A-B) \\ s(B-A) & (A+B)D+2C \end{vmatrix} = [(A+B)D+2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2$$

$$U = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0) & s(A-B) \\ 2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0) & (A+B)D+2C \end{vmatrix}}{[(A+B)D+2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2}$$

$$U = \frac{(A+B)\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0)) + 2C(2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0)) - s(A-B)(2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0))}{[(A+B)D+2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2} \quad (12)$$

$$V = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (A+B)D+2C & 2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0) \\ s(B-A) & 2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0) \end{vmatrix}}{[(A+B)D+2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2}$$

$$V = \frac{(A+B)\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0)) + 2C(2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0)) - s(B-A)(2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0))}{[(A+B)D+2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2} \quad (13)$$

Followings are obtained from inverse laplace transform of (12), (13).

$$u(x,y) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{(A+B)\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0)) + 2C(2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0)) - s(A-B)(2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0))}{[(A+B)D+2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2} \right] \quad (14)$$

$$v(x,y) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{(A+B)\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0)) + 2C(2F_2^* + (B-A)u(x,0)) - s(B-A)(2F_1^* + (A-B)v(x,0))}{[(A+B)D+2C]^2 + s^2(A-B)^2} \right] \quad (15)$$

Example 1. Solve the following problem

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + 2\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 3z^2 + 2 \quad (16)$$

with the condition

$$w(x,0) = x^3 + x \quad (17)$$

Coefficients of equation are $A = 1, B = 2, C = 0$ and $F(z, \bar{z}) = 3z^2 + 2$. Real and imaginary parts of $F(z, \bar{z})$ are $F_1(x, y) = 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 2, F_2(x, y) = 6xy$. Laplace transforms of $F_1(x, y)$ and $F_2(x, y)$ are following.

$$F_1^*(x, s) = L[F_1(x, y)] = (3x^2 + 2)/s - 6/s^3.$$

$$F_2^*(x, s) = L[F_2(x, y)] = 6x/s^2.$$

From theorem

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= L^{-1}[(3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} ((6x^2 + 4)/s - 12/s^3) + s(12x/s^2 + x^3 + x))/(9D^2 + s^2)] \\ &= L^{-1}[(48x/s + s(x^3 + x))/(9D^2 + s^2)] \\ &= L^{-1}[\frac{1}{s^2(1 + \frac{9D^2}{s^2})}(\frac{48x}{s} + s(x^3 + x))] \\ &= L^{-1}[\frac{1}{s^2}(\frac{48x}{s} + s(x^3 + x) - \frac{54x}{s})] \\ &= L^{-1}[\frac{-6x}{s^3} + \frac{x^3 + x}{s}] = x^3 + x - 3xy^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, y) &= L^{-1}[\frac{3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\frac{12x}{s^2} + x^3 + x) - s((\frac{6x^2+4}{s} - \frac{12}{s^3}))}{9D^2 + s^2}] \\ &= L^{-1}[\frac{(\frac{48}{s^2} + 3x^2 - 1)}{9D^2 + s^2}] \\ &= L^{-1}[\frac{1}{s^2(1 + \frac{9D^2}{s^2})}(\frac{48}{s^2} + 3x^2 - 1)] \\ &= L^{-1}[\frac{1}{s^2}(-\frac{6}{s^2} + 3x^2 - 1)] \\ &= L^{-1}[\frac{-6}{s^4} + \frac{3x^2 - 1}{s^2}] = -y^3 + 3x^2y - y. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$w = u + iv = x^3 + x - 3xy^2 + i(-y^3 + 3x^2y - y) = z^3 + \bar{z}.$$

Example 2. Solve the following problem

$$2 \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial \bar{z}} = 4z + 1$$

with the condition

$$w(x, 0) = x^2 + 5x.$$

Solution 1. Coefficients of equation are $A = 2, B = -1, C = 0$ and $F(z, \bar{z}) = 4z + 1$.

$$F_1^*(x, s) = L[F_1(x, y)] = (4x + 1)/s$$

$$F_2^*(x, s) = L[F_2(x, y)] = 4/s^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(x,y) &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} ((8x+2)/s) - 3s(8/s^2 - 3(x^2+5x))}{D^2 + s^2} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{8}{s} - \frac{24}{s} + 9s(x^2+5x)}{D^2 + 9s^2} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{9s^2(1 + \frac{D^2}{9s^2})} \left(\frac{-16}{s} + 9sx^2 + 45sx \right) \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{9s^2} \left(1 - \frac{D^2}{9s^2} + \frac{D^4}{81s^4} - \frac{D^6}{729s^6} + \dots \right) \left(\frac{-16}{s} + 9sx^2 + 45sx \right) \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{9s^2} \left(\frac{-16}{s} + 9sx^2 + 45sx - \frac{18}{9s} \right) \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[-\frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{x^2+5x}{s} \right] = x^2 + 5x - y^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(x,y) &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\frac{8}{s^2} - 3(x^2+5x)) + 3s(8x+2)/s}{D^2 + 9s^2} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{9s^2(1 + \frac{D^2}{9s^2})} (-6x - 15 + 24x + 6) \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{9s^2} \left(1 - \frac{D^2}{9s^2} + \frac{D^4}{81s^4} - \frac{D^6}{729s^6} + \dots \right) (18x - 9) \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{9s^2} (18x - 9) \right] \\
 &= 2xy - y.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned}
 w &= u + iv \\
 &= x^2 + 5x - y^2 + i(2xy - y) \\
 &= x^2 + 2ixy - y^2 + 3(x - iy) + 2(x + iy) \\
 &= z^2 + 3\bar{z} + 2z.
 \end{aligned}$$

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