

Laplace-Stieltjes Transform and its Asymptotic Expansion

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Abstract

In this paper we will present the method of asymptotic expansion of Laplace-Stieltjes transform defined as $[f(x)] = m(t, z) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-zx}}{1+tx} f(x) dx$. Asymptotic Transforms which comes to further improvement the extension of the Laplace-Stieltjes Transforms to all locally integrable function as proposed by Watson's Lemma. It gives us a way to obtain the complete asymptotic expansion of integrals on the real axis that have an exponential type of kernel.. To obtain the asymptotic expansion of the transform, we follow the technique of Handelsman and Blestein.

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1. Introduction

One of the generalization of Laplace-Stieltjes transform given by Giona and Paterno [1] is defined by the equation $M[f(x)] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-zx}}{1+tx} f(x) dx \dots(1)$ where $0 < z < \infty$ and $|\arg t| < \pi$. It is also denoted as $M[f(x)] = m(t, z)$ and known as Laplace-Stieltjes transform.

2. Existence of Laplace-Stieltjes Transform

Theorem: If the function $f(x)$ is piecewise continuous on every finite interval in the range $0 < x < \infty$, then a Laplace-Stieltjes transform of $f(x)$ exists for all $Re(z) > M, |\arg t| < \pi$.

3. Classical Properties of the Laplace-Stieltjes transform

3.1 Linear Property

The Laplace-Stieltjes transform is linear for every pair of function $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$ and every pair of constant a_1 and a_2 ,

$$M[a_1 f_1(x) + a_2 f_2(x)] = a_1 M[f_1(x)] + a_2 M[f_2(x)] \dots(2)$$

3.2 Translation Property or Shifting Theorem

If $M[f(x)] = m(t, z)$, when $Re(z) > \alpha$, α is positive number then

$$M[e^{-ax} f(x)] = m(t, z + a), \dots(3)$$

$Re(z) > \alpha + a$, a is positive number.

3.3 Change of Scale Property

If $M[f(x)] = m(t, z)$, then $M[f(ax)] = \frac{1}{a} m\left(\frac{t}{a}, \frac{z}{a}\right)$, ... (4)

where 'a' is non-zero constant.

3.4 Multiplication by x^n

If $f(x)$ is piecewise continuous and locally integrable in the interval $0 < x < \infty$ and if $M[f(x)] = m(t, z)$, then

$$M[x^n f(x)] = (-1)^n \frac{d}{dz^n} m(t, z), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \dots(5)$$

3.4 Division by x^n

If $f(x)$ is piecewise continuous and locally integrable in the interval $0 < x < \infty$ and if $M[f(x)] = m(t, z)$, then

$$M\left[\frac{f(x)}{x^n}\right] = \int_z^\infty \int_z^\infty \dots \int_z^\infty m(t, u) (du)^n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \dots(6)$$

proved that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \int \frac{f(x)}{x} dx$, exists.

3.5 Laplace-Stieltjes Transform of the derivative of $f(x)$

If $f(x)$ is piecewise continuous and locally integrable in the interval $0 < x < \infty$ and if $M[f(x)] = m(t, z)$, then

$$M[f'(x)] = -f(0) + (z+t).m(t, z) + t^2 \frac{d}{dt} m(t, z), \quad \dots(7)$$

where $f'(x)$ denotes derivative of $f(x)$.

3.6 Inversion Theorem

Let $f(x)$ be continuous and $x^{-1}f(x)$ be locally integrable function in the interval $0 < x < \infty$, and if $M[f(x)] = m(t, z)$, then

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} m(t, z) \cdot e^{zx} (1+tz) dz, \quad \dots(8)$$

where 'c' is constant and $\text{Re}(z) > 0, |\arg t| < \pi$.

4. Asymptotic Expansion

Asymptotic analysis gives the behavior of function at and near given points in their domains of definition. To describe the behavior of the function $F(z)$ as $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ within a sector $a \leq \text{Re } z \leq b$, it is in many cases sufficient to derive an expression of the form $F(z) = \phi(z)[1+r(z)]$... (9)

where $\phi(z)$ is a function of similar structure of $F(z)$ and $r(z)$ converges to zero as $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ within the given sector. Equation (9) is called the asymptotic representation of $F(z)$ for large $|z|$.

4.1. Introduction and Preliminary Results

4.1.1 Asymptotic sequence

A sequence of functions φ_n as $n \rightarrow 0$ to ∞ is called an asymptotic sequence at $z \rightarrow z_0$ from S if whenever $n > m$, we have $\varphi_n(z) = o(\varphi_m(z))$ as $z \rightarrow z_0$ from S .

4.1.2 Watson’s Lemma

Suppose that $f \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), X)$ has an asymptotic expansion in terms of $\{t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ as $t \rightarrow 0^+$; i.e., suppose that $f(t) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n t^n$, Then, for any $u \in \{f\}$ we have that

$$u(z) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{n!}{z^{n+1}} \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty$$

Wong [6] and Saxena [5] have obtained the asymptotic expansion of Stieltjes transform and generalized Stieltjes transform. Also the asymptotic expansions of Stieltjes transform and Laplace transform are obtained by Widder [7]. Also some authors are given the asymptotic expansion of some integral transformations by using the different methods. In this article we obtain the asymptotic expansion of Laplace –Stieltjes transform defined by Giona and Paterno [2],

$$m(t, z) = M[f(x)] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-zx}}{1+tx} f(x) dx$$

where z is complex variable and $t \in (C \setminus (-\infty, 0])$, and studied by Chaudhary and Nikam [3]. To obtain the asymptotic expansion of the transform(1), we follow the technique of Handelsman and Blestein [4].

The basic idea to get the asymptotic expansion of the integral transform $I(\lambda) = \int_0^{\infty} h(\lambda x) f(x) dx$ given

by Handelsman and Blestein is as follows:

$$\text{If } f(x) \approx \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} c_r x^{a_r} \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{and } h(x) \approx \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} d_r x^{-b_r} \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } b_r \neq a_r + 1 \text{ for any } r, \text{ then as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

$$I(\lambda) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{-b_r} d_r M[f; 1-b_r] + \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{-1-a_r} c_r M[h; 1+a_r] \quad \dots (10)$$

Where $M[f; 1-b_r]$ denotes the Mellin transform at function $f(x)$ with parameter λ , the Mellin transform of kernel $h(x)$ evaluated at λ .

5. Asymptotic expansion of Laplace –Stieltjes transform

$$\text{Let } f(x) \approx \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} c_r x^{a_r} \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

For $x = \frac{1}{y}$ in (1.2), it becomes

$$m(t, z) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-z/y}}{y+t} \frac{1}{y} f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-zy}}{y+t} \phi(y) dy \quad \dots (11)$$

Where

$$\phi(y) = \frac{1}{y} f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} c_r y^{a_r-1} \quad \text{as } y \rightarrow 0 \quad \dots (12)$$

From the equation (1), kernel is

$$k(t, z; y) = \frac{e^{-zy}}{1+ty}$$

Considering expansion of Laplace –Stieltjes transform w.r.t. t, for t = 1,

$$k(1, z; y) = \frac{e^{-zy}}{1+y}$$

$$k(1, z; y) \sim \frac{1}{1+y} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{r!} z^r y^r$$

$$k(1, z; y) \sim \frac{1}{y} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{r!} z^r y^r, \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\sim \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{r!} z^r y^{-(1-r)}, \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\sim \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} d_r y^{-b_r} \quad \dots (13)$$

where $d_r = \frac{(-1)^r z^r}{r!}$ and $b_r = 1 - r$

Using result [1, 312(4)], Mellin transform of kernel $k(1, z; y) = \frac{e^{-zy}}{1+y}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore M[k(1, z; y)] &= M\left[\frac{e^{-zy}}{1+y}\right] \\ &= [\Gamma p \cdot e^z \Gamma(1-p, z)] \quad \dots (14) \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{Re } z > 0$, $\text{Re } p > 0$ and $\Gamma(a, z)$ is an incomplete gamma function.

From the above discussion and by using Handelsman and Blestein technique, we arrive at following theorem;

Theorem: If

$$\phi(y) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} c_r y^{a_r-1} \quad \text{as } y \rightarrow 0,$$

$$k(1, z; y) \sim \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} d_r y^{-b_r} \quad \text{and } a_r \neq 1 - r$$

then as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$m(t, z) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r z^r}{r!} \cdot t^{-(1-r)} M[\phi, r] + \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} c_r \cdot t^{-a_r} e^z \Gamma a_r \Gamma(1-a_r, z)$$

which gives asymptotic expansion of Laplace –Stieltjes transform.

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