

Applications involving Fourier Transform

1) Heat equation on an infinite line

Consider an infinitely long rod as wire made of homogeneous material and uniform cross-section whose lateral surface is impervious to heat.

Suppose that the edge^{2nd} is kept along x-axis and the temp $u(x,t)$ is the same at any point in a particular cross-section but may change from cross-section to cross-section.

Let $f(x)$ be the initial temp distribution. then the heat-conduction in the rod is given by the B.V.P.

* Example. Note: $\mathcal{F}^{-1}\left[e^{-a^2 s^2}; s \rightarrow x\right] = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4a^2}}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_{xx} = a^2 u_t \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t > 0 \\ \text{B.C. } u(x,t) \rightarrow 0, \quad u_x(x,t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty \\ \text{I.C. } u(x,0) = f(x) \quad -\infty < x < \infty \end{array} \right\} \text{--- ①}$$

$\Rightarrow$ We define the Fourier transform of the function $u(x,t)$ w.r.t. x by

$$\mathcal{F}[u(x,t); x \rightarrow s] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{isx} u(x,t) \cdot dx = U(s,t)$$

with this definition we have Fourier transform of

$$\mathcal{F}[u_x(x,t); x \rightarrow s] = -is U(s,t)$$

$$\mathcal{F}[u_{xx}(x,t); x \rightarrow s] = s^2 U(s,t)$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[u_t(x,t); x \rightarrow s] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{isx} u_t(x,t) \cdot dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{isx} u(x,t) \cdot dx \\ &= U_t(s,t). \end{aligned}$$

Denoting $\mathcal{F}[f(x)] = F(s)$

and taking the fourier transform of eqn (1) it is to the problem.

$$-s^2 U(s,t) = -a^2 U_{xx}(s,t)$$

$$\text{i.e. } U_{xx}(s,t) + a^2 s^2 U(s,t) = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\therefore \text{I.C. } U(s,0) = F(s) \quad \dots (3)$$

General solution of eqn (2) is

$$U(s,t) = A(s) \cdot e^{-a^2 s^2 t}$$

$$\text{Using the I.C. } U(s,0) = F(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(s) = A(s) \cdot e^0$$

$$\Rightarrow F(s) = A(s)$$

Thus we have,

$$U(s,t) = F(s) \cdot e^{-a^2 s^2 t} \quad \dots (4)$$

We know that

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[e^{-a^2 s^2 t} : s \rightarrow x] = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4a^2 t}} = g(x,t) \text{ say}$$

Taking inverse fourier transform of eqn (4) and using the convolution theorem we have.

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\xi) \cdot g(x-\xi, t) d\xi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a\sqrt{\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\xi) \cdot g(x) e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4a^2 t}} d\xi$$

This is required solution.

$$\mathcal{F}[e^{-a^2 x^2}] = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}}$$
$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\left[e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}}\right] = a\sqrt{2\pi} e^{-a^2 x^2}$$

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2. Heat equation on semi-infinite line.

Example - Consider B.V.P.

$$u_{xx} = a^2 u_t, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad t > 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{B.C. } u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u(x, t) \rightarrow 0, \quad u_x(x, t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{I.C. } u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

$\Rightarrow$ Since the interval is semi-infinite and in the B.C. it is given that

$$u_x(0, t) = 0$$

We use Fourier cosine transform.

We define.

$$\mathcal{F}_c[u(x, t): x \rightarrow s] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} u(x, t) \cdot \cos sx \, dx.$$

$$= U(s, t) \text{ say.}$$

with this definition we have

$$\mathcal{F}_c[u_{xx}(x, t): x \rightarrow s] = -s^2 U(s, t) - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cdot u_x(0, t) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= -s^2 U(s, t) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{F}_c[u_t(x, t): x \rightarrow s] = U_s(s, t)$$

$$\text{Denoting } \mathcal{F}_c[f(x): x \rightarrow s] = F(s).$$

Taking Fourier cosine transform of the eqn. $\textcircled{1}$.
we get

$$-s^2 U(s, t) = -a^2 U_s(s, t).$$

$$U_t(s, t) + a^2 s^2 U(s, t) \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{I.C. } U(s, 0) = F(s) \quad \dots \textcircled{3}$$

A general solution of equation $\textcircled{2}$ is

$$U(s, t) = A(s) \cdot e^{-a^2 s^2 t}.$$

Using eqn $\textcircled{3}$, we get

$$A(s) = F(s)$$

Hence.

$$U(s,t) = F(s) \cdot e^{-a^2 s^2 t}$$

taking the inverse ^{cosine} laplace transform. we get the required solution as.

$$u(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} F(s) \cdot e^{-a^2 s^2 t} \cos xs \, ds.$$

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★ Assignment ★

Q.1. Find the inverse laplace transform of the following function.

a) $\frac{2}{(p+1)(p^2+1)}$

⇒ Consider $\frac{2}{(p+1)(p^2+1)} = \frac{A}{p+1} + \frac{Bp+C}{p^2+1} \dots \textcircled{*}$

$$2 = A(p^2+1) + (Bp+C)(p+1)$$

$$2 = Ap^2 + A + Bp^2 + Bp + Cp + C$$

$$2 = (A+B)p^2 + (B+C)p + A+C$$

⇒ $A+C=2 \dots \textcircled{1}$

$A+B=0 \dots \textcircled{2}$

$B+C=0 \dots \textcircled{3}$

solving above eqⁿs.

$$A+B-B-C=0 \Rightarrow A+C=2$$

$$A-C=0$$

$$2A=2$$

$$\boxed{A=1} \Rightarrow B=-1$$

$$C=1$$

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put the value in equation ①

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{(p+1)(p^2+1)} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{p+1} - \frac{p+1}{p^2+1} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{p+1} + \frac{1}{p^2+1} - \frac{p}{p^2+1} \right] \\ &= e^{-t} + \sin t - \cos t \end{aligned}$$

2) $\frac{1}{(p^4-1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{consider } \left[\frac{1}{(p^4-1)} \right] &= \left[\frac{1}{(p^2-1)(p^2+1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{p^2-1} - \frac{1}{p^2+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

taking inverse Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{p^4-1} \right] &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{p^2-1} - \frac{1}{p^2+1} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\sinh t - \sin t] \end{aligned}$$

3) $\frac{p}{(p^2+a^2)(p^2+b^2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left[\frac{p}{(p^2+a^2)(p^2+b^2)} \right] &= p \left[\frac{1}{p^2+a^2} - \frac{1}{p^2+b^2} \right] \\ &= p \left[\frac{p^2+b^2 - p^2-a^2}{(p^2+a^2)(p^2+b^2)} \right] \\ &= p \left[\frac{b^2-a^2}{(p^2+a^2)(p^2+b^2)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{p}{(p^2+a^2)(p^2+b^2)} \right] = \frac{1}{(b^2-a^2)} \left[\frac{p}{p^2+a^2} - \frac{p}{p^2+b^2} \right]$$

taking inverse on both sides.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{p}{(p^2+a^2)(p^2+b^2)} \right] = \frac{1}{(b^2-a^2)} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{p}{p^2+a^2} - \frac{p}{p^2+b^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{b^2-a^2} [\cos at - \cos bt]$$

$$= \frac{1}{b^2-a^2} (\cos at - \cos bt)$$

4). $\frac{4p^2-16}{p^3(p+2)^2}$

$\Rightarrow$ Here,

$$\frac{4p^2-16}{p^3(p+2)^2} = \frac{A}{p} + \frac{B}{p^2} + \frac{C}{p^3} + \frac{D}{p+2} + \frac{E}{(p+2)^2} \quad \dots (*)$$

$$4p^2-16 = Ap^2(p+2)^2 + Bp(p+2)^2 + C \cdot (p+2)^2 + D(p+2) \cdot p^3 + E \cdot p^3$$

$$= Ap^2[p^2+4p+4] + Bp[p^2+4p+4] + C[p^2+4p+4] + D(p^4+2p^3) + Ep^3$$

$$= Ap^4 + A4p^3 + A4p^2 + Bp^3 + 4Bp^2 + 4Bp + Cp^2 + 4Cp + 4C + p^4D + 2Dp^3 + Ep^3$$

$$= (A+D)p^4 + (4A+B+2D+E)p^3 + (4A+4B+C)p^2 + (4B+4C)p + 4C$$

comparing coefficient.

$$A+D=0, \quad 4B+4C=0, \quad 4A+B+2D+E=0, \quad 4C=-16$$

$$-D-2=0$$

$$4B=16$$

$$-8+4+4+E=0 \Rightarrow E=0$$

$$\boxed{D=2}$$

$$\boxed{B=4}$$

$$\boxed{E=0}$$

$$\boxed{C=-4}$$

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$$4A + 4B + C = 4$$

$$4A + 16 - 4 = 4$$

$$4A = 4 - 12$$

$$4A = -8$$

$$A = -2$$

$$4A + B + 2D + E = 0$$

$$-8 + 4 + 4 + E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 0$$

Eq (*) becomes,

$$\frac{4p^2 - 16}{p^3(p+2)^2} = -\frac{2}{p} + \frac{4}{p^2} - \frac{4}{p^3} + \frac{2}{p+2} + \frac{0}{(p+2)^2}$$

taking inverse laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{4p^2 - 16}{p^3(p+2)^2} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[-\frac{2}{p} + \frac{4}{p^2} - \frac{4}{p^3} + \frac{2}{p+2} \right] \\ &= -2 + 4t - 4 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2!} + 2 \cdot e^{-2t} \\ &= 2e^{-2t} + 4t - 2t^2 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

5. $\frac{3p^2 - 6p + 7}{(p^2 - 2p + 5)^2}$

$\Rightarrow$ Given. $\frac{3p^2 - 6p + 7}{(p^2 - 2p + 5)^2} = \frac{3(p-1)^2 + 4}{[(p-1)^2 + 4]^2}$

taking inverse laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{3p^2 - 6p + 7}{(p^2 - 2p + 5)^2} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{3(p-1)^2 + 4}{[(p-1)^2 + 4]^2} \right] \\ &= e^t \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{3p + 4}{(p^2 + 4)^2} \right] \\ &= e^t \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{3p}{(p^2 + 4)^2} + \frac{4}{(p^2 + 4)^2} \right] \dots * \end{aligned}$$

Using inverse Laplace transform derivative.

If $L^{-1}\{F(p)\} = f(t)$. then

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{d^n}{dp^n}(F(p))\right] = (-1)^n \cdot t^n \cdot L^{-1}\{F(p)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{since } \frac{d}{dp}\left[\frac{3}{p^2+4}\right] &= \frac{-3 \cdot 2p}{(p^2+4)^2} \\ &= \frac{-6p}{(p^2+4)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-6p}{(p^2+4)^2} = \frac{d}{dp}\left[\frac{3}{p^2+4}\right]$$

$$\frac{p}{(p^2+4)^2} = \frac{-1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dp}\left[\frac{1}{p^2+4}\right]$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{p}{(p^2+4)^2}\right] = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot L^{-1}\left[\frac{d}{dp}\left(\frac{1}{p^2+4}\right)\right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (-1) t \cdot L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{p^2+4}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot t \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sin 2t$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} t \sin 2t. \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{since } L^{-1}\left[\frac{4}{(p^2+4)^2}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\frac{(p^2+4)^2}{4}}\right]$$

But we know

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{p}{(p^2+4)^2}\right] = \frac{1}{4} t \sin 2t$$

since by integration of inverse Laplace transform,

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(p^2+4)^2}\right] = \int_0^t \frac{1}{4} \cdot u \cdot \sin 2u \cdot du$$

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$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{2 \cdot (1 - \cos 2t)}{2} + \frac{\sin 2t}{4} \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{2 - \cos 2t}{2} + \frac{\sin 2t}{4} \right] \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$\therefore$ By (1) $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$ we get.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{3p^2 - 6p + 7}{(p^2 - 2p + 5)^2} \right] = e^t \cdot \left[\frac{3 \cdot t \sin 2t}{4} + \frac{\sin 2t}{4} - \frac{t \cdot \cos 2t}{2} \right]$$

Q.2. Given that $\mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(p)] = f(t)$ show that for constant a, b and k .

$$1) \mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(kp)] = \frac{1}{k} \cdot f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right) \quad t > 0$$

$$2) \mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(ap+b)] = \frac{1}{a} \cdot e^{-\frac{bt}{a}} \cdot f\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \quad a > 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$ Given that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(p)] = f(t).$$

$$F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cdot f(t) \cdot dt$$

$$F(kp) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-kpt} \cdot f(t) \cdot dt$$

put $kt = x, \quad t = \frac{x}{k}$
 $dt = \frac{dx}{k}$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-xp} \cdot f\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) \cdot \frac{dx}{k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cdot f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right) \cdot dt$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(kp)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{k} \cdot f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(kp)] = \frac{1}{k} \cdot f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right), \quad t > 0$$

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b). using change of scale property

$$\text{Ib } \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(p)] = b(t).$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(p-a)] = e^{at} \cdot b(t).$$

$$\text{or } \mathcal{L}[b(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \cdot F\left(\frac{p}{a}\right).$$

$$a \cdot \mathcal{L}[b(at)] = F\left(\frac{p}{a}\right).$$

$$a \cdot [F(ap)] = \mathcal{L}^* [b(t/a)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^* [b(t/a)] = a \cdot [F(ap)] = F_1(p).$$

using shifting theorem.

$$\mathcal{L} \left[e^{-\frac{b}{a}t} b\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \right] = a \cdot [F_1 \left[a \cdot \left(p + \frac{b}{a}\right) \right]]$$

$$= a \cdot F \left[a \cdot \frac{(p+b)}{a} \right]$$

$$= a \cdot F(ap+b).$$

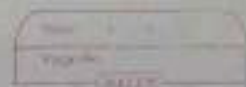
$$\frac{1}{a} \cdot \mathcal{L} \left[e^{-\frac{b}{a}t} b\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \right] = F(ap+b)$$

taking inverse

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(ap+b)] = \frac{1}{a} \cdot e^{-\frac{b}{a}t} b\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \quad a > 0$$

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Q.3. Convolution theorem.

If $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are piecewise continuous function on $t > 0$ and is $O(e^{at})$ and if $F(p)$ and $G(p)$ are Laplace transform resp. of $f(t)$ & $g(t)$. then the inverse Laplace transform of the product

$F(p) \cdot G(p)$ is given by the formula

$$L^{-1}[F(p) \cdot G(p)] = (f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(t-u) \cdot g(u) \cdot du$$

$\Rightarrow$ Here we shall prove that

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

from which the required result follows immediately.

We have,

$$L\left[\int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du\right] = \int_0^\infty e^{-pt} \left\{ \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du \right\} \cdot dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \int_0^t e^{-pt} f(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du \cdot dt$$

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t e^{-pt} f(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du \cdot dt$$

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} I_T$$

$$\text{Where } I_T = \int_{t=0}^T \int_{u=0}^t e^{-pt} f(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du \cdot dt$$

taking $t-u = y$ or $t = y+u$. we say - see that the shaded Area A_{tu} of the du -plane is transformed into

area A_{uy} of the uy -plane as shown in fig

$\therefore$ By theorem on transformation of multiple integrals

We have,

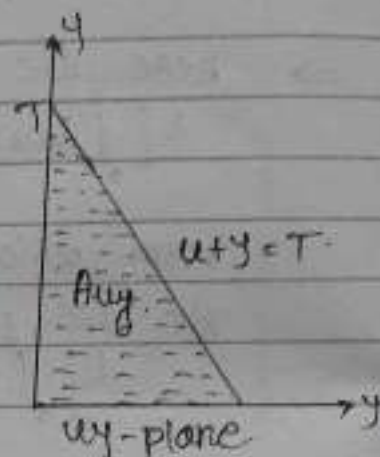
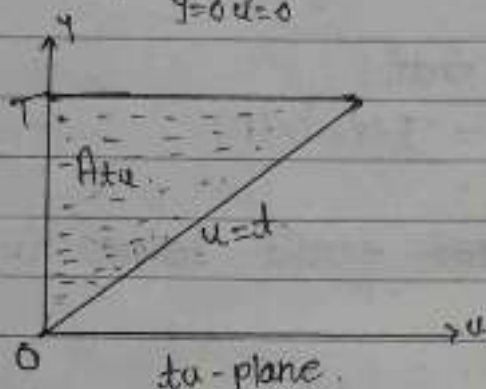
$$I_T = \iint A_{tu} e^{-pt} f(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du \cdot dt$$

$$I_T = \int_0^T \int_0^{T-y} f(u) \cdot g(y) \cdot \left| \frac{\partial(u,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \right| \cdot du \cdot dy$$

Here Jacobian of transformation

$$J = \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(u,y)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$\therefore I_T = \int_{y=0}^T \int_{u=0}^{T-y} e^{-p(u+y)} \cdot f(u) \cdot g(y) \cdot du \cdot dy$$

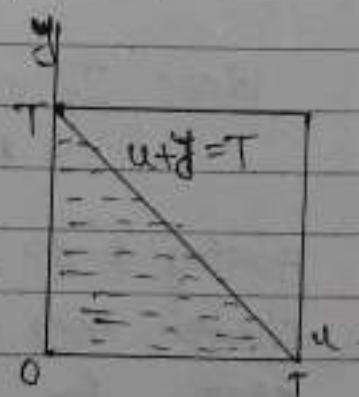


Now, Let us define function.

$$K(u,y) = \begin{cases} e^{-p(u+y)} \cdot f(u) \cdot g(y), & u+y \leq T \\ 0 & u+y > T \end{cases}$$

Here the function $K(u,y)$ is defined over the square of side T such that integral I_T over the shaded area shown in fig.

$$I_T = \int_{y=0}^T \int_{u=0}^{T-y} K(u,y) \cdot du \cdot dy$$



$$\text{Thus } L \left[\int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du \right]$$

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} I_T = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} K(u,y) \cdot du \cdot dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-p(u+y)} \cdot f(u) \cdot g(y) \cdot du \cdot dy$$

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$$= \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{pu} \cdot b(u) \cdot du \right] \cdot \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{py} \cdot g(y) \cdot dy \right]$$

$$= L[b(t)] L[g(t)] \Rightarrow G(p) \cdot F(p)$$

$$\text{Hence } \int_0^t b(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du = L^{-1}[F(p) \cdot G(p)]$$

$$= F * G.$$