

Melline Transform

Let $f(x)$ be defined for $0 < x < \infty$.

Melline transform of $f(x)$ is a new function $\bar{f}(s)$ of the complex variable s defined by

$$\bar{f}(s) = M\{f(x)\} = \int_0^{\infty} x^{s-1} f(x) dx$$

for those values of s for which the improper integral on RHS converges.

Melline Inversion Formula.

$$M^{-1}\{\bar{f}(s)\} = f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} x^{-s} \bar{f}(s) ds$$

Properties of Melline Transform -

① Linear property

$$M\{a f(x) \pm b g(x)\} = a M\{f(x)\} \pm b M\{g(x)\}$$

② change of scale property

If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s)$ then

$$M\{f(ax)\} = a^{-s} \bar{f}(s)$$

③ If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s)$ then

$$M\{x^a f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s+a)$$

④ If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s)$ then

$$M\{f(x^a)\} = \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}(s/a)$$

⑤ If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s)$ then
 $M\left\{\frac{1}{x} f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right\} = \bar{f}(1-s)$

⑥ If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s)$ then
 $M\{\log x f(x)\} = \frac{d}{ds} \bar{f}(s)$

⑦ Melline transform of derivative of function -

If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s)$ then

(i) $M\{f'(x)\} = -(s-1)\bar{f}(s-1)$

(ii) $M\{f''(x)\} = (s-1)(s-2)\bar{f}(s-2)$

In general,

$M\{f^{(n)}(x)\} = (-1)^n \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma(s-n)} \bar{f}(s-n)$
 $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

⑧ If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s)$ then

$M\left\{x \frac{d}{dx} f(x)\right\} = -s \bar{f}(s)$

$M\left\{x^2 \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^2 f(x)\right\} = s^2 \bar{f}(s)$

$M\left\{x^n \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n f(x)\right\} = (-1)^n s^n \bar{f}(s)$

⑨ If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(s)$ then

$M\{(1+x)^{-\alpha}\} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha-s)\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$

(10) Melline Transform of Integral of a function

(I) If $M\{f(x)\} = \bar{F}(s)$ then

$$(i) M\left\{\int_0^x f(t) dt\right\} = -\frac{1}{s} \bar{F}(s+1)$$

$$(ii) M\left\{\int_0^x dy \left(\int_0^y f(t) dt\right)\right\} = \frac{1}{s(s+1)} \bar{F}(s+2)$$

In general,

$$M\{I_n f(x)\} = (-1)^n \frac{\Gamma s}{\Gamma s+n} \bar{F}(s+n)$$

$$\text{where } I_n f(x) = \int_0^x I_{n-1} f(t) dt$$

$$(II) M\left\{\int_x^\infty f(t) dt\right\} = \frac{1}{s} \bar{F}(s+1)$$

$$M\left\{\int_0^x dy \left(\int_0^y f(t) dt\right)\right\} = \frac{1}{s(s+1)} \bar{F}(s+2)$$

(11) Convolution Theorem of Melline Transform

If $\bar{f}(s)$ and $\bar{g}(s)$ are melline transforms of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ respectively then

$$M\{f(x)g(x)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \bar{f}(u) \bar{g}(s-u) du$$

Another form.

If $\bar{f}(s)$ and $\bar{g}(s)$ are Melline transforms of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ respectively then

$$M^{-1}\{\bar{f}(s)\bar{g}(s)\} = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t} f\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) g(t) dt.$$