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The Laplace transform of the semigroup $\exp(tA)$ generated by an operator A gives the resolvent of A. An integral formula is obtained for the Laplace transform of $\exp(tA + B)$, where B is another operator which does not commute with A. The new transform has analytic continuation to the same domain as the resolvent, but the analytic continuation is not single-valued. The integral formula is then applied to the joint spectral theory of noncommutative operators. Explicit computations with matrices of degree two illustrate the results.

1. Introduction. Any bounded linear operator A on a Banach space generates a semigroup $\exp(tA)$, $0 \leq t < \infty$, and the Laplace transform $\mathscr{L}(s, A)$ of this semigroup converges for Res sufficiently large and equals the resolvent $(s - A)^{-1} \cdot \mathscr{L}(s, A)$ therefore has unique analytic continuation to the component containing ∞ of the resolvent set A.

Multivariate problems requiring integration of $\exp(\sum t_i A_i)$ one variable at a time, lead us to consider the Laplace transform $\mathscr{L}(s, A, B)$ of $\exp(tA + B)$, $0 \leq t < \infty$, where B is a fixed bounded operator.

The main result is:

THEOREM 1. $\mathscr{L}(s, A, B)$ has the contour integral representation (1.1)

$$(s-A)^{-1} + \int_s^{\infty} (u-A)^{-1} B(u-A)^{-1} \exp \left[B(u-A)^{-1}(u-s)\right] du$$

valid for Res sufficiently large. Therefore, $\mathcal{L}(s, A, B)$ can be analytically continued along any arc not intersecting $\sigma(A)$.

Examples are given in §5 which show that the analytic continuation is not always unique.

In §§3 and 4 our result is applied to problems in spectral theory. According to the Weyl functional calculus [1], [2], [3], two selfadjoint operators have a joint spectral distribution in the plane, which if A and B commute is simply the tensor product of their spectral measures. Two operators A and B which are merely bounded have instead a two-dimensional Laplace transform $\mathscr{L}(s, \sigma, A, B)$ which if A and B commute is simply the product of their resolvents. $\mathscr{L}(s, \sigma, A, B)$ may be regarded as a functional on the space of entire functions on C^2 . Its carrier may be regarded as a joint spectrum of A, B. Although there is no unique minimal carrier in general for functionals of this type, Theorem 1 can be exploited to obtain information about the carriers in terms of the spectral properties of A and B. It turns out that the actual spectrum of A can be used to construct a carrier, if accuracy with respect to B is sacrificed.

Suppose now that A is bounded and B is self-adjoint. The Weyl calculus for the three self-adjoint operators Re A, Im A, and B gives a spectrum projecting onto the whole numerical range of A. However, in §4 we construct a hybrid functional for A and B which is an analytic functional with respect to A. The motivating question is whether the carrier of this functional will still be the whole numerical range of A or whether the actual spectrum of A will reappear. Theorem 6 gives the transition between the two competing theories and offers no help in shrinking the carrier. But the examples of §5 show that in some cases the actual spectrum of A does suffice as the carrier.

2. Proof of Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 1. The Laplace transform of $\exp(tA + B)$ cannot be computed directly unless *B* commutes with *A*, in which case the trivial result is:

$$\mathscr{L}(s, A, B) = \exp(B)\mathscr{L}(s, A)$$
.

We therefore resort to the following contour integral method.

Let C be a simple closed curve containing $\sigma(A)$ (spectrum of A) in its interior. Then C also encloses $\sigma(A + t^{-1}B)$ for |t| greater than some constant k, and by the Riesz functional calculus [6] applied to the operator $A + t^{-1}B$, for |t| > k,

$$\exp(tA + B) = \exp(t(A + t^{-1}B)) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{c} e^{tz} [z - (A + t^{-1}B)]^{-1} dz$$
.

If in addition

$$|t| > k_{\scriptscriptstyle 1} = \sup_{z \notin intC} ||B(z - A)^{-1}||$$

then

$$egin{aligned} & [z-A-t^{-1}B]^{-1} = [(I-t^{-1}B(z-A)^{-1})(z-A)]^{-1} \ & = (z-A)^{-1}\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} [B(z-A)^{-1}]^n t^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{split} \exp\left(tA + B\right) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{zt} t^{-n} (z - A)^{-1} [B(z - A)^{-1}]^n dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C} \sum_{n,j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j t^{j-n}}{j!} (z - A)^{-1} [B(z - A)^{-1}]^n dz \;. \end{split}$$

The double series in the integrand is absolutely and uniformly convergent on the domain $z \in C$, max $(k, k_1) < |t| < k_2$ where k_2 is any constant. The contour integral can therefore be evaluated term-by-term. All terms having j < n are $O(|z|^{-2})$ for large z, and so by enlargement of the contour, they vanish. The remaining terms can therefore be rewritten as the sum

$$\sum_{q=0}^{\infty} t^q rac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C} (z-A)^{-1} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} rac{z^{p+q}}{(p+q)!} [B(z-A)^{-1}]^p dz \; .$$

This power series expansion of the entire function $\exp(tA + B)$ is valid in the annular region given above, and consequently holds for all t.

Since $\exp(tA + B)$ has exponential growth rate, the Laplace transform of its power series expansion may be taken term-by-term. This fact is discussed fully in Widder's book on the Laplace transform [8]. Therefore

$$\mathscr{L}(s, A, B) = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{q!}{s^{q+1}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{c} (z - A)^{-1} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{p+q}}{(p+q)!} [B(z - A)^{-1}]^{p} dz$$

Next we note that

$$\sum_{q,\,p=0}^{\infty}rac{q!}{s^{q+1}}rac{z^{p+q}}{(p+q)!}\,[B(z-A)^{-1}]^{q}$$

is absolutely and uniformly convergent when $z \in C$, |z/s| < l < 1, l being any constant less than one.

To reduce the double series to closed form, consider

$$F(a, b) = \sum_{q,p=0}^{\infty} a^q b^p \frac{q!}{(p+q)!} .$$

If the series $\sum_{q=0}^{\infty} a^{q+p} q!/(p+q)!$ is differentiated p times, we obtain a geometric series which converges to $(1-a)^{-1}$. By elementary means, therefore,

$$\sum\limits_{q=0}^{\infty} a^q rac{q!}{(p+q)!} = rac{1}{a^p} \int_{_0}^{^a} rac{(a-t)^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} rac{dt}{1-t} \,, \qquad p \geqq 1$$

and

$$F(a, b) = \frac{1}{1-a} + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^p \int_0^a \frac{(a-t)^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} \frac{dt}{1-t}$$

= $\frac{1}{1-a} + b \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} b^{p-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-u)^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} \frac{du}{1-au}$
= $\frac{1}{1-a} + b \int_0^1 e^{b(1-u)} \frac{du}{1-au}$.

We now substitute a = z/s and $b = zB(z - A)^{-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}(s, A, B) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i s} \oint_{c} (z - A)^{-1} \Big\{ \Big(1 - \frac{z}{s} \Big)^{-1} \\ &+ z B(z - A)^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \exp \left[z B(z - A)^{-1} (1 - u) \right] \Big(1 - \frac{z}{s} u \Big)^{-1} du \Big\} dz \\ &= (s - A)^{-1} + \int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{c} z(z - A)^{-1} B(z - A)^{-1} \\ &\cdot \exp \left[z B(z - A)^{-1} (1 - u) \right] \Big(\frac{s}{u} - z \Big)^{-1} dz \frac{du}{u} \,. \end{aligned}$$

Since the integrand of the contour integral is holomorphic in the neighborhood of $z = \infty$ ontside C, the Cauchy integral formula yields

$$\mathscr{L}(s, A, B) = (s - A)^{-1}$$

+ $\int_0^1 \frac{s}{u} \left(\frac{s}{u} - A\right)^{-1} B\left(\frac{s}{u} - A\right)^{-1} \exp\left[\frac{s}{u} B\left(\frac{s}{u} - A\right)^{-1} (1 - u)\right] \frac{du}{u}.$

Replacing u by s/u, we get Theorem 1:

$$\mathscr{L}(s, A, B) = (s - A)^{-1} + \int_{s}^{\infty} (u - A)^{-1} B(u - A)^{-1} \exp \left[B(u - A)^{-1}(u - s) \right] du$$

COROLLARY 2. $\mathscr{L}(s, A, B)$ has unique analytic continuation to R_{∞} , the component of the resolvent set of A containing ∞ , iff for every component σ_i of $\sigma(A)$ meeting \overline{R}_{∞} , any contour C_i enclosing component σ_i only, and for all $j \geq 1$,

(2.1)
$$\oint_{C_i} (u-A)^{-1} [B(u-A)^{-1}]^j \exp [B(u-A)^{-1}u] du = 0.$$

Proof. Suppose the contour integral of Theorem 1 is continued along two different arcs terminating at s. The difference between the values of s so obtained is, by homotopy arguments, an integral combination of the closed contour integrals

$$\oint_{c_i} (u-A)^{-1} B(u-A)^{-1} \exp \left[B(u-A)^{-1} (u-s) \right] du$$

or

$$\frac{d}{ds}\oint_{c_i}(u-A)^{-1}\exp\left[B(u-A)^{-1}(u-s)\right]du.$$

The result follows by power series expansion in s.

COROLLARY 3. The Laplace transform $\mathcal{L}(s, \sigma, A, B)$ of $\exp(tA + \xi B)$ is given by

(2.2)
$$\sigma^{-1}(s-A)^{-1} + \int_{s}^{\infty} (u-A)^{-1} B(u-A)^{-1} [\sigma - B(u-A)^{-1}(u-s)]^{-2} du$$

for $\sigma > 0$, s > 0 sufficiently large.

Proof. Replace B by ξB in the formula for $\mathcal{L}(s, A, B)$. The integration with respect to ξ is elementary.

3. Analytic functionals in spectral theory. Suppose the bounded operators A_1, \dots, A_n are all self-adjoint, so that for $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\exp(i\xi \cdot A)$ is a unitary operator. Then by Fourier inversion a tempered distribution $\mathscr{F}^{-1} \exp(i\xi \cdot A)$ is determined. In previous papers by the present author, [1], [2], [3], this distribution was called the "joint spectral distribution" of A_1, \dots, A_n and denoted T(A).

In order to gain further insight into this type of spectral distribution, we consider the slightly different case when iA_1, \dots, iA_n are assumed only to be the generators of contraction semigroups. This is equivalent to the condition that A_1, \dots, A_n have numerical range in the upper half plane. In this case, so does $\xi \cdot A$ if $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \ge 0$ (abbreviation $\xi \ge 0$), so $||\exp(i\xi \cdot A)|| \le 1$ when $\xi \ge 0$.

DEFINITION. When iA_1, \dots, iA_n generate contraction semigroups, S(A) denotes the tempered distribution defined for $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ by

(3.1)
$$S(A)f = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\xi \ge 0} (\mathscr{F}f)(\xi) \exp(i\xi \cdot A) d\xi .$$

In one dimension, simple computation shows that

(3.2)
$$S(A)f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \mathscr{L}(x, A) dx$$

where the Laplace transform $\mathscr{L}(x, A) = (x - A)^{-1}$, provided the spectrum of A does not intersect the real line.

However, $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$ may be written as $f = f_+ + f_-$, where $\mathscr{F}f_+ = \mathscr{F}f$ for $x \ge 0$, $\mathscr{F}f_- = \mathscr{F}f$ for $x \le 0$. f_+ is the boundary value of a function $f_+(z)$ holomorphic in the upper half plane, and $|f_+(z)| =$

 $O((\operatorname{Im} z)^{-1})$. If C is any contour in the upper half plane enclosing spectrum A, we obtain

(3.3)
$$S(A)f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c f_+(z) \mathscr{L}(z, A) dz .$$

This is just the Riesz calculus (see Ch. XI of [6]), but in two dimensions we can similarly obtain the formula

(3.4)
$$S(A, B)f = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^2 \oint_{c_1} \oint_{c_2} f_+(s, \sigma) \mathscr{L}(s, \sigma, A, B) ds d\sigma$$

where $\mathscr{L}(s, \sigma)$ is holomorphic for s, σ outside C_1, C_2 respectively, and $\mathscr{F}f_+ = \mathscr{F}f$ for $\xi \ge 0$, $\mathscr{F}f_+ = 0$ otherwise.

Formula (3.4) defines a continuous linear functional on the space of entire functions in two complex variables, and the numerical range of A, B need not be restricted. Such functionals are discussed, for example, in Hormanders' book [5]. Such functionals are in one-to-one correspondence with entire functions of exponential growth, in our case $\exp(i\xi \cdot A)$. In one dimension, there is a canonical representation of a functional similar to (3.2), but not in higher dimensions. If K_i denotes the compact set bounded by C_i , and $K = K_1 \times K_2$, then $||S(A, B)f|| \leq c \sup_{s,\sigma \in K} |f(s, \sigma)|$, so K is an example of a "carrier" of S(A, B). In general, there is no unique minimal carrier of a functional in dimension greater than 1.

LEMMA 4. If K_1 , K_2 contain neighborhoods of the numerical ranges of A, B resp., then $K = K_1 \times K_2$ is a carrier of S(A, B). If K_1 is simply connected and contains the spectrum of A in its interior, then there exists K_2 such that $K = K_1 \times K_2$ is a carrier of S(A, B).

Proof. $\mathscr{L}(s, \sigma, A, B)$ is holomorphic when $s, \sigma > 0$ if A and B have numerical range in the left half-plane. By translating and rotating A and B independently, the general result is obtained. The second result follows by inspection of formula (2.2) in Corollary 3.

4. A hybrid functional.

DEFINITION. Let *iA* generate a contraction semigroup and let *B* be self-adjoint. Then the tempered distribution ST (A, B) is defined for $f \in \mathscr{S}(R^2)$ by

(4.1) ST
$$(A, B)f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} (\mathscr{F}f)(t, \xi) \exp(i(tA + \xi B)) dt d\xi$$
.

NOTATION. Given $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, let $f_+(z, x)$ denote the analytic con-

tinuation to $\operatorname{Im} z \geqq 0$ of the function $f_+ \in L^2(R^2)$ satisfying

$$(\mathscr{F}f_+)(t,\,\hat{arsigma})=(\mathscr{F}f)(t,\,\hat{arsigma})\ , \qquad t\geqq 0\ 0 \qquad t< 0$$

Note that for each fixed $z_0, f_1(z_0, x) \in \mathscr{S}(R^1)$.

LEMMA 5. For each z outside the closure of the numerical range of A, there is a tempered distribution $\Phi(z) \in \mathscr{S}'(R^1)$ acting on $\varphi(x) \in \mathscr{S}(R^1)$, such that $\Phi(z)$ is (weakly) holomorphic in z, and such that for a contour C enclosing the numerical range of A,

(4.2)
$$\operatorname{ST}(A, B)f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{c} \Phi(z) f_{+} dz \; .$$

Proof. It is easily checked that

 $||\exp(tA + i\xi B)|| \le \exp(|t| ||A||)$.

Therefore, $\exp(tA + i\xi B) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} t^j G_j(\xi)$ where for all $j, G_j(\xi) \in C^{\infty}(R^1)$ and

$$||G_j(\hat{arsigma})|| \leq \left(rac{e||A||}{j}
ight)^j$$
 uniformly in $arsigma$.

Therefore, for $\varphi(x) \in \mathscr{S}(R^1)$,

$$(2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\mathscr{F} \varphi)(\hat{\varsigma}) \exp{(tA + i\hat{\varsigma}B)} d\hat{\varsigma} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} t^j \varPhi_j(\varphi)$$

where $\varPhi_j(arphi) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\mathscr{F} \varphi)(\xi) G_j(\xi) d\xi$ satisfies

$$|| arPhi_j(arphi) || \leq (2\pi)^{-1/2} \Bigl(rac{e || A ||}{j} \Bigr)^j || \, (\mathscr{F} arPhi) ||$$

In particular, Φ_j is a tempered distribution on $\mathscr{S}(R^1)$. Define

$$arPsi_{i}(z) = \mathscr{L} igg(\sum\limits_{j=0}^{\infty} t^{j} arPsi_{j} igg) = \sum\limits_{j=0}^{\infty} rac{j!}{z^{j+1}} arPsi_{j}$$

which converges when |z| > ||A||.

By trivial arguments, $\Phi(z)$ has analytic continuation to all z not in the closure of the numerical range of A. The lemma follows immediately for f of the form $\psi(z)\varphi(x)$, which suffices.

THEOREM 6. Suppose A, B act on Hilbert space, and let $A = \operatorname{Re} A + i \operatorname{Im} A$, where $\operatorname{Re} A$, $\operatorname{Im} A$ are self-adjoint. Then for $\varphi \in \mathscr{S}(R^{1})$ and |z| large,

(4.3)
$$\Phi(z)\varphi = T(\operatorname{Re} A, \operatorname{Im} A, B) \frac{\varphi(x_3)}{z - (x_i + ix_2)}$$

where T is defined for $g(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathcal{S}(R^3)$ as stated at the beginning of §3 and in [1].

Note. The support of the distribution T contains only (x_1, x_2, x_3) such that $x_1 + ix_2$ is in the closure of the numerical range of A. See [1]. Therefore, (4.3) extends at least to all z outside the closed numerical range of A.

Proof. Both sides expand in Laurent series in z, with coefficient of z^{-j-1} on the left

$$= (j!) \varPhi_j(\varphi) = (j!) (2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\mathscr{F} \varphi)(\xi) G_j(\xi) d\xi$$

and on the right

$$T(\operatorname{Re} A, \operatorname{Im} A, B)[\varphi(x_3)(x_i + ix_2)^j] = (2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (\mathscr{F} \varphi)(\xi) T(\operatorname{Re} A, \operatorname{Im} A, B)[e^{ix_3 \xi}(x_i + ix_2)^j] d\xi \;.$$

Now $G_j(\xi)$ is the coefficient of t^j in exp $(tA + i\xi B)$ or $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1/n! (tA + i\xi B)^n$ or, by the monomial substitution rule for T in [1],

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} T(\text{Re } A, \text{Im } A, B)[e^{t(x_1+ix_2)}e^{i\xi x_3}].$$

That is,

$$G_{j}(\xi) = rac{1}{j!} \, T({
m Re}\, A, \, {
m Im}\, A, \, B)[e^{ix_{3}\xi}(x_{i}\,+\,ix_{2})^{j}] \; .$$

Therefore, the two Laurent expansions coincide.

5. Examples. We first examine the hybrid functional in the case when A and B act on the two-dimensional complex Hilbert space.

Let M_1, M_2, M_3 be the three hermitian matrices with eigenvalues ± 1 , satisfying $M_iM_j + M_jM_i = 0$, $i \neq j$. (E.g. the Pauli matrices.) Then every 2×2 complex matrix is a unique linear combination of M_1, M_2, M_3 , I. Since I commutes with everything, we may as well assume that A, B are linear combinations of M_1, M_2, M_3 , and up to unitary equivalence and scale changes we can assume $B = M_1, A = i\omega \cdot M$ where ω is a triple of complex numbers.

By simple calculations,

$$egin{aligned} &\exp{(A\,+\,i\xi B)} = I\cos{\sqrt{(\xi\,+\,\omega_{
m l})^2\,+\,r^2}} \ &+ (\xi M_{
m l} + \omega\!\cdot\!M)rac{i\sin{\sqrt{(\xi\,+\,\omega_{
m l})^2\,+\,r^2}}}{\sqrt{(\xi\,+\,\omega_{
m l})^2\,+\,r^2}} \end{aligned}$$

where $r^2 = \omega_2^2 + \omega_3^2$. Let $\chi(x)$ denote the characteristic function of the interval $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, and let δ_1 , δ_{-1} denote the unit measures concentrated at the points 1, -1 respectively.

Essentially, the Fourier transforms we need are

$$\mathscr{F}^{-_1} rac{\sin\sqrt{\hat{\xi}^2 + r^2}}{\sqrt{\hat{\xi}^2 + r^2}} = \sqrt{rac{\pi}{2}} J_{_0}(r\sqrt{1-x^2}) \chi(x) \; .$$
 $\mathscr{F}^{-_1}(\cos\sqrt{\hat{\xi}^2 + r^2}) = \sqrt{rac{\pi}{2}} igg[\delta_{_1} + \delta_{_{-1}} + rac{rJ_{_1}(r\sqrt{1-x^2})}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \chi(x) igg] \, .$

Since these formulae are rather hard exercises in contour integration, it is worth mentioning that the first is a corollary of the standard formula (see [4]) in dimension 3:

$$\mathscr{F}^{-1}rac{\sin|\xi|}{|\xi|} = (2\pi)^{3/2}\mu$$
 ,

where μ is the uniformly distributed measure on the unit sphere. Our formula follows from this equation by taking the partial Fourier transform with respect to two variables.

In order to obtain $\Phi(z)$, we replace A by tA (i.e., replace ω by $t\omega$) and compute the Laplace transform. For the Laplace transforms of the Bessel functions see Watson [7], p. 386. The result is:

THEOREM 7. If $B = M_1$, $A = i\omega \cdot M$, then

$$egin{aligned} arPhi(z) &= I \sqrt{rac{\pi}{2}} \Big[rac{\delta_1}{z-i \omega_1} + rac{\delta_{-1}}{z+i \omega_1} + rac{\chi(x)}{((z-i \omega_1 x)^2 + r^2(1-x^2))^{3/2}} \Big] \ &+ \Big(-M_1 rac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \omega \cdot M rac{\partial}{\partial z} \Big) \sqrt{rac{\pi}{2}} rac{\chi(x)}{((z-i \omega_1 x)^2 + r^2(1-x^2))^{1/2}} \,. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, $\Phi(z)$ can be analytically continued to the complement of the set $\{z \mid z = i\omega_1 x \pm i r \sqrt{1-x^2}, -1 \le x \le 1\}$ which is the ellipsoid parameterized by $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$,

$$z=i\omega_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}\cos heta+ir\sin heta$$
 .

In the case when ω_z/ω_s is real, this ellipsoid is the boundary of the numerical range of iA, and Lemma 5 gives the actual domain of $\Phi(z)$. The other extreme is the case when $\omega_1 = 0$ and ω_z/ω_s is imaginary. Then $\omega_1 = r = 0$ and $\Phi(z)$ is singular only at z = 0, although the numerical range of iA is the nontrivial ellipsoid $\{z | z = i\omega_2 \cos \theta + i\omega_s \sin \theta, 0 \le \theta \le 2\pi\}$. In the latter case, the singularities of $\Phi(z)$ coincide with the spectrum of iA (i.e., z = 0), but the former case shows that the analytic continuation established for $\mathcal{L}(s, A, B)$ does not carry over to the hybrid functional ST (A, B). To obtain examples of the Laplace transform, we utilize the elementary fact that when $g \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^{1})$, the Laplace transform is obtained from the Fourier transform by the formula

$$(\mathscr{L}g)(is) = \sqrt{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(\mathscr{F}^{-1}g)(x)}{s-x} dx \; .$$

One of the coefficients in $\mathscr{L}(s, iB, A)$, with A, B the 2×2 complex matrices described above, is therefore

$$\pi \int_{-1}^{1} rac{J_0(r\sqrt{1-x^2})}{s-x} dx \; .$$

This coefficient, like the others, has nonunique analytic continuation to all $s \neq \pm 1$. The difference between two values is an integer times $\pi J_0(r\sqrt{1-s^2})$.

This result is easily extended by analytic continuation to any 2×2 matrices A, B.

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