

**For  $p > 2$  Hausdorff–Young Does Not Hold  
for the Laplace Transform on  $L^p(0, \infty)$**

*Problem 11-007, by ANATOLI MERZON*<sup>1</sup> (Universidad Michoacána de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico) and *SERGEY SADOV*<sup>2</sup> (Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Canada)

Given  $p > 2$ , provide an example of  $f \in L^p(0, \infty)$  such that the Laplace transform

$$F(s) = \int_0^\infty f(x) e^{-sx} dx$$

does not belong to  $L^q(0, \infty)$ , where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

*Comment.* A counterexample to the Hausdorff–Young-type statement with  $p > 2$  for the Fourier transform is found, for instance, in Titchmarsh’s *Introduction to the Theory of Fourier Integrals*, § 4.11. The unboundedness of the Laplace transform acting from  $L^p$  to  $L^q$  follows from Theorem 3.2 in S. Bloom, *Hardy integral estimates for the Laplace transform*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc., 116 (1992), no. 2, 417–426. (That paper gives a fairly complete answer about boundedness of the Laplace transform between pairs of  $L^p$  spaces with general weights on  $(0, \infty)$ .) However, we have not seen in the literature a concrete example as is sought in this problem.

*Status.* The proposers have a solution. Others are welcome.

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