

# Laplace Transforms (time domain $\rightarrow$ frequency domain)

Let  $f(t)$  be a function defined for all  $t \geq 0$ , then Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  is defined by

$$L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt, \quad s > 0$$
$$= F(s)$$

provided the integral exists.

## Laplace Transform of Some elementary functions:

(i)  $L[1] = \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0$

$$L[1] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (1) dt$$

(ii)  $L\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad s > 0$

(iii)  $L\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad s > 0, \quad n \text{ is a positive integer}$

$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$   
if  $n$  is an integer

or  $\frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}}, \quad n \text{ (not an integer)}$

(iv)  $L\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}, \quad s > a$

(v)  $L\{\sin at\} = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$

$$(vi) \quad L\{\cos at\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

Linearity Property.

$$L\{af(t) + bg(t)\} = aL\{f(t)\} + bL\{g(t)\}$$

Ex  $L\{\sin^2 at\}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= L\left\{\frac{1 - \cos 2at}{2}\right\} = L\left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\} - \frac{1}{2} L\{\cos 2at\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} L\{1\} - \frac{1}{2} L\{\cos 2at\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{s}{s^2 + (2a)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{\sin^2 at\} = \frac{1}{2s} - \frac{s}{2(s^2 + 4a^2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L\{1\} &= \frac{1}{s} \\ L\{\cos at\} &= \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \end{aligned}$$

1) Find  $L\{\cosh at\}$  and  $L\{\sinh at\}$

$$L\{\cosh at\} = L\left\{\frac{e^{at} + e^{-at}}{2}\right\}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned}\cosh t &= \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2} \\ \sinh t &= \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{2}\end{aligned}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} L\{e^{at}\} + \frac{1}{2} L\{e^{-at}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{\cosh at\} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s+a}$$

$$= \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2} \quad \left( L\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a} \right)$$

$$L\{\sinh at\} = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$$

First Shifting Theorem

If  $L[\underline{f(t)}] = F(s)$ , then

$$L[\underline{e^{at} f(t)}] = F(s-a)$$

Proof:

$$L[\underline{e^{at} f(t)}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot e^{at} f(t) dt$$

$$L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$= F(s)$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt$$

$$L[e^{at} f(t)] = F(s-a)$$

Example find  $L\{e^{at} \cdot t\}$

$$\text{Since } L\{t\} = \frac{1!}{s^{1+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$L\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

$$L[e^{at} \cdot t] = \frac{1}{s^2} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-a} = \frac{1}{(s-a)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L[e^{at} \cdot t] = \frac{1}{(s-a)^2}}$$

Example  ~~$L[t^2 e^{at}]$~~  find  $L[e^{at} \cos bt]$ .

$$\text{Since } L[\cos bt] = \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}$$

$$L[e^{at} \cos bt] = \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-a}$$

$$= \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$$

Property - II

If  $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ , then

$$L[t f(t)] = - \frac{d}{ds} (F(s))$$

$$L[t^2 f(t)] = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (F(s))$$

⋮

In general,

$$L[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} (F(s))$$

Example: find  $L[t^2 \sin bt]$ ?

$$\text{Since } L[\sin bt] = \frac{b}{s^2 + b^2} = F(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow L[t^2 \sin bt] = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left( \frac{b}{s^2 + b^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left( \frac{b}{s^2 + b^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{6bs^2 - 2b^3}{(s^2 + b^2)^3}$$

Example: find  $L[t e^{-4t} \sin 3t]$ ?

$$L[\sin 3t] = \frac{3}{s^2 + 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow L[e^{-4t} \sin 3t] = \frac{3}{(s+4)^2 + 9}$$

$$L[t e^{-4t} \sin 3t] = (-1) \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{3}{(s+4)^2 + 9} \right)$$

$$= -3(-1) \frac{2(s+4)}{(s+4)^2 + 9} = \frac{6(s+4)}{(s+4)^2 + 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow L[t e^{-4t} \sin 3t] = \frac{6(s+4)}{(s+4)^2 + 9}$$

Property - IV

If  $f(t)$  is a differentiable function of  $t$ , then

$$L[f'(t)] = s F(s) - f(0),$$

$$\text{where } F(s) = L[f(t)].$$

( $f(t)$  is diff 2 times)

$$L[f''(t)] = s^2 F(s) - s f(0) - f'(0).$$

$$L[f^{(n)}(t)] = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0).$$

(provided  $f(t)$  is  $n$  times differentiable)

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[f'(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt \\
 &= \left[ e^{-st} f(t) \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -s e^{-st} f(t) dt \\
 &= -f(0) + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\
 \Rightarrow L[f'(t)] &= s F(s) - f(0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{
 \begin{aligned}
 L[f(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\
 &= F(s)
 \end{aligned}
 }$$

Inverse Laplace Transforms

$$\text{If } L[f(t)] = F(s) \rightarrow (\text{Laplace transform of } f(t))$$

$$\text{and } L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t),$$

$$f(t) \rightarrow \text{Inverse Laplace-transform of } F(s).$$



$$(i) \quad L[1] = \frac{1}{s} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] = 1$$

$$(ii) \quad L[t] = \frac{1}{s^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] = t$$

$$(iii) \quad L[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}\right] = \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$(iv) \quad L[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-a}\right] = e^{at}$$

$$(v) \quad L[\sin at] = \frac{a}{s^2+a^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}\right] = \frac{1}{a} \sin at$$

$$(vi) \quad L[\cos at] = \frac{s}{s^2+a^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}\right] = \cos at$$

Example. Find the inverse Laplace transform of  $\frac{1}{s(s+1)}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s+1)}\right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}\right]$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right]$$

$$= 1 - e^{-t}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \because \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] = 1 \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-a}\right] = e^{at} \end{array} \right\}$$

Examp  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+1)(s+2)(s+3)}\right] = ?$

Property:

$$\text{If } \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[e^{at} f(t)] = F(s-a) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s-a)]$$

$$= e^{at} f(t).$$

$$\boxed{\text{If } \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t), \text{ then } \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s-a)] = e^{at} f(t)}$$

Example 1

find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{(s-2)^2}\right)$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) = t$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}\right) = \frac{t^n}{n!}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{(s-2)^2}\right) = t \cdot e^{2t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\# \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t) \\ &\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s-a)] = e^{at} f(t) \end{aligned}$$

# find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{(s-1)^2+4}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{(s-1)^2+4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} e^t \sin 2t$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right) =$$

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

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}\right) = \frac{1}{a} \sin at}$$

# find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+3^2}\right)$

$= e^{-2t} \cdot \cos 3t$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+3^2}\right) &= \cos 3t \\ \mathcal{L}(\cos 3t) &= \frac{s}{s^2+9} \end{aligned}}$$

# find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s-2}{s^2+4s+13}\right)$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s-2}{s^2+4s+4-4+13}\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s-2}{(s+2)^2+9}\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s+2-2-2}{(s+2)^2+9}\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+9} - \frac{4}{(s+2)^2+9}\right) = e^{-2t} \cos 3t - \frac{4}{3} e^{-2t} \sin 3t$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\sin 3t) &= \frac{3}{s^2+9} \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+9}\right) &= \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t \end{aligned}}$$