

$$\mathcal{L}\{3t^2 y'' + 2\cos(t) y' + 3y\} = \mathcal{L}\{e^{5t}\}$$

Properties of the Laplace Transform

1. Let f , f_1 , and f_2 be functions whose Laplace transform exists for $s > \alpha$ and let c be a constant. Then for $s > \alpha$, prove the following:

(a) $\mathcal{L}\{f_1 + f_2\} = \mathcal{L}\{f_1\} + \mathcal{L}\{f_2\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f_1 + f_2\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (f_1(t) + f_2(t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} (e^{-st} f_1(t) + e^{-st} f_2(t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f_1(t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f_2(t) dt \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{f_1\} + \mathcal{L}\{f_2\}\end{aligned}$$

(b) $\mathcal{L}\{cf\} = c\mathcal{L}\{f\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{cf\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (cf(t)) dt = c \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= c \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{2\cos(3t) + 5 - 4e^{6t}\} = \frac{6}{s^2+9} + \frac{5}{s} - \frac{4}{s-6}, \quad s > 6$$

$$2\mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t)\} + 5\mathcal{L}\{1\} - 4\mathcal{L}\{e^{6t}\} \quad \text{Referring to Table}$$

$$2\left(\frac{3}{s^2+3^2}\right) + \frac{5}{s} - 4\frac{1}{s-6}$$

$s > 0 \quad \quad s > 0 \quad \quad s > 6$

$$e^{-st+at} = e^{-t(s-a)}$$

Laplace Transform of $g(t) = e^{at}f(t)$

1. If the Laplace transform $\mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = F(s)$ exist for $s > \alpha$, then show that

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s-a), \text{ for } s > \alpha + a.$$

$$u = (s-a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st+at} f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t(s-a)} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t \cdot u} f(t) dt \iff \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = F(s) \\ &= F(u) \quad u > \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \\ &= F(s-a) \quad s-a > \alpha \\ &\quad s > \alpha + a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} \\ &\downarrow \\ &\text{Horizontal Shift} \\ &\text{of } \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

2. Using the property above and the fact that $\mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\} = \frac{s}{s^2+b^2}$ for $s > 0$, find $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\cos(bt)\}$.

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\} = \frac{s}{s^2+b^2}, \quad s > 0$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\cos(bt)\} = F(s-a)$$

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

Section 6.2: Laplace Transform of Derivatives

A function is of **exponential order** α if there exists positive constants C and T such that

$$|f(t)| < Ce^{\alpha t} \text{ for all } t > T.$$

For example:

- $f(t) = \cos(5t)e^{7t}$ has $\alpha = 7$.
- e^{t^2} does not have an exponential order.

3. If $f(t)$ is continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and $f'(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$ with both exponential order α , then prove for $s > \alpha$,

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'\} = s\mathcal{L}\{f\} - f(0) = sF(s) - f(0).$$

4. Using the property from problem 3 and the fact that $\mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\} = \frac{s}{s^2+b^2}$ for $s > 0$, find $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(bt)\}$.

5. If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ for all $s > \alpha$, using the property from problem 3, show that

$$\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\} = s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0) \quad \text{for all } s > \alpha.$$

6. Using induction show that

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}\} = s^n \mathcal{L}\{f\} - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0).$$

7. Let $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f\}$ and assume $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and of exponential order α . Prove that for $s > \alpha$ it follows that

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n F}{ds^n}.$$

8. Using the definition of the Laplace transform, the result that $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$ for $s > a$ and the property above, find a formula for $\mathcal{L}\{t^n e^{at}\}$.

Common Laplace Transforms

$f(t)$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$
1	$\frac{1}{s}, s > 0$
e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}, s > a$
$t^n, n = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, s > 0$
$\sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}, s > 0$
$\cos(bt)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}, s > 0$
$e^{at}t^n, n = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}, s > a$
$e^{at}\sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}, s > a$
$e^{at}\cos(bt)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}, s > a$

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Common Properties of Laplace Transforms

L.1 $\mathcal{L}\{cf(t)\} = c\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$, where c is a constant.

L.2 $\mathcal{L}\{f_1(t) + f_2(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f_1(t)\} + \mathcal{L}\{f_2(t)\}$

L.3 If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ exists for all $s > \alpha$, then $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s-a)$ for all $s > \alpha + a$.

L.4 If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ exists for all $s > \alpha$, then for all $s > \alpha$,

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

L.5 If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ exists for all $s > \alpha$, then $\mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n F}{ds^n}$ for all $s > \alpha$.