

Laplace Workshop

Part A: Definition of the Laplace Transform

1a

```
clc, clear, close all
syms s t; assume(real(s)>0)
f = t;
L = int( exp(-s*t) * f, 0, inf)
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L =

$$\frac{1}{s^2}$$

```
assume(s, 'clear')
```

1b

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clc, clear, close all
syms s t; assume(real(s)>0)
f = t^2;
L = int( exp(-s*t) * f, 0, inf)
```

L =

$$\frac{2}{s^3}$$

```
assume(s, 'clear')
```

1c

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clc, clear, close all
syms s t; assume(real(s)>5)
f = 3*exp(5*t);
L = simplify(int( exp(-s*t) * f, 0, inf))
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L =

$$\frac{3}{s-5}$$

```
assume(s, 'clear')
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2a

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clc, clear, close all
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syms n s t; assume(real(s)>0)
f = t^n;
L = simplify(int( exp(-s*t) * f, 0, inf))
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$$L = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}}$$

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assume(s, 'clear')
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2b

```
clc, clear, close all
syms a s t; assume(s>0) ; assume(a, 'real')
f = sin(a*t);
L = int( exp(-s*t) * f, 0, inf);
L = simplify(L)
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$$L = \frac{a}{a^2 + s^2}$$

```
assume(s, 'clear')
```

2c

```
clc, clear, close all
syms a s t; assume(s>a)
f = exp(a*t);
L = int( exp(-s*t) * f, 0, inf)
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$$L = -\frac{1}{a-s}$$

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assume(s, 'clear')
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3a

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clc, clear, close all
syms t;
laplace(3*cosh(5*t))
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$$\text{ans} = \frac{3s}{s^2 - 25}$$

3b

```
clc, clear, close all
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syms t;
u = @ (t) heaviside(t);
laplace((t-3)^2 * u(t-3))
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ans =

$$\frac{2e^{-3s}}{s^3}$$

3c

```
clc, clear, close all
syms t;
laplace(t^(0.5))
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ans =

$$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^{3/2}}$$

4a

```
clc, clear, close all
syms t;
assume(t, 'real')
ilaplace(sym(1))
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ans = $\delta(t)$

4b

```
clc, clear, close all
syms s;
ilaplace( (5*s+8)/(16+s^2) )
```

ans = $5 \cos(4t) + 2 \sin(4t)$

4c

```
clc, clear, close all
syms s;
ilaplace( 1/(s^(3/2)) )
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ans =

$$\frac{2\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

Part B: Partial fraction expansions

5a

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clc, clear, close all
syms s;
partfrac( 16/(s^2-8*s))
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ans =

$$\frac{2}{s-8} - \frac{2}{s}$$

5b

```
clc, clear, close all
syms s;
partfrac( (9*s^2 - 52*s + 72)/((s-2)*(s-3)*(s-4)) )
```

ans =

$$\frac{2}{s-2} + \frac{3}{s-3} + \frac{4}{s-4}$$

5c

```
clc, clear, close all
syms s;
partfrac( (3*s^2 - 14*s + 20)/((s-3)^3) )
```

ans =

$$\frac{3}{s-3} + \frac{4}{(s-3)^2} + \frac{5}{(s-3)^3}$$

Part C: Solving a Differential Equation using the Laplace Transform

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clc, clear, close all
% Question 6
syms y(t);
dy = diff(y,t);
d2y = diff(y,t,t);
DE = d2y + y == 6*sin(2*t);
sol = dsolve(DE, y(0)==0, dy(0)==6)
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$$\text{sol} = 10 \sin(t) - 2 \sin(2t)$$

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Y = matlabFunction(sol);
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% Question 7: Laplace Transform Method for Solution
% a. Define the necessary symbolic variables.
fprintf("Question 7: Solve a DE using the Laplace Transform\n")
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Question 7: Solve a DE using the Laplace Transform

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syms s t Y % Now Y(s) denotes the transform of the unknown function y(t).
% b. Find the Laplace transform of y'(t): Y1 = s Y - y(0)
% This is necessary, even though this term does not appear in the LHS
% of the differential equation.
y0 = 0; dy0 = 6; % Initial conditions
f = 6 * sin(2*t) % the forcing function

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$$f = 6 \sin(2t)$$

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disp 'The transform of the derivative is:'
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The transform of the derivative is:

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Y1 = s*Y - y0 % Add the initial value y(0)=y0 manually here.
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$$Y1 = Ys$$

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% c. Find the Laplace transform of y''(t): Y2 = s Y1 - y'(0)
disp 'The transform of the double derivative is:'

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The transform of the double derivative is:

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Y2 = s*Y1 - dy0 % Add the initial value y'(0)=dy0 manually here.
```

$$Y2 = Ys^2 - 6$$

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% d. Find the Laplace transform F of the forcing term f(t) = 6*sin(2*t)
disp 'The transform F(s) of the forcing term f(t) is:'

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The transform F(s) of the forcing term f(t) is:

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F = laplace( f )
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$$F = \frac{12}{s^2 + 4}$$

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% e. Combine all the terms into the transform of the entire equation,
% which we will name LTofDE for Laplace Transform of DE.
% y'' + y = f(t) with the initial conditions y(0)=y0, y'(0)=dy0
LTofDE = Y2 + Y == F

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LTofDE =

$$Ys^2 + Y - 6 = \frac{12}{s^2 + 4}$$

```

% f. Use solve to solve this algebraic equation for the unknown Y.
Sol = solve(LTofDE, Y);
Y = matlabFunction(Sol); Y(s)

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ans =

$$\frac{\frac{12}{s^2+4} + 6}{s^2+1}$$

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Y = partfrac(Y(s)) % express solution in partial fraction form
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Y =
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$$\frac{10}{s^2+1} - \frac{4}{s^2+4}$$

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% g. Find the inverse Laplace transform of the solution:
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sol = ilaplace(Sol,s,t);
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y = matlabFunction(sol); y(t) % solution in the time domain
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ans = 10 sin(t) - 2 sin(2 t)
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Part D: Solve a new DE using the Laplace transform technique

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clc, clear, close all
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% a. Define the necessary symbolic variables.
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fprintf("Question 8: Solve a DE using the Laplace Transform\n")
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Question 8: Solve a DE using the Laplace Transform

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syms s t Y % Now Y(s) denotes the transform of the unknown function y(t).
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% b. Find the Laplace transform of y'(t): Y1 = s Y - y(0)
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% This is necessary, even though this term does not appear in the LHS  
% of the differential equation.
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y0 = 4; dy0 = 2; % Initial conditions
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f = 13*exp(-2*t) % the forcing function
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$$f = 13e^{-2t}$$

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disp 'The transform of the derivative is:'
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The transform of the derivative is:

```
Y1 = s*Y - y0 % Add the initial value y(0)=y0 manually here.
```

$$Y1 = Ys - 4$$

```
% c. Find the Laplace transform of y''(t): Y2 = s Y1 - y'(0)
```

```
disp 'The transform of the double derivative is:'
```

The transform of the double derivative is:

```
Y2 = s*Y1 - dy0 % Add the initial value y'(0)=dy0 manually here.
```

$$Y2 = s(Ys - 4) - 2$$

```
% d. Find the Laplace transform F of the forcing term f(t) = 6*sin(2*t)
```

```
disp 'The transform F(s) of the forcing term f(t) is:'
```

The transform $F(s)$ of the forcing term $f(t)$ is:

$$F = \text{laplace}(f)$$

$F =$

$$\frac{13}{s+2}$$

% e. Combine all the terms into the transform of the entire equation,
% which we will name LTofDE for Laplace Transform of DE.

% $y'' + y = f(t)$ with the initial conditions $y(0)=y_0$, $y'(0)=dy_0$

$$\text{LTofDE} = Y^2 + Y_1 + (5/4)*Y == F$$

LTofDE =

$$\frac{5Y}{4} + Ys + s(Ys - 4) - 6 = \frac{13}{s+2}$$

% f. Use solve to solve this algebraic equation for the unknown Y.

Sol = solve(LTofDE, Y);

Y = matlabFunction(Sol);

simplifyFraction(Y(s))

ans =

$$\frac{4(4s^2 + 14s + 25)}{(s+2)(4s^2 + 4s + 5)}$$

Y = partfrac(simplifyFraction(Y(s))) % express solution in partial fraction form

Y =

$$\frac{4}{s+2} + \frac{40}{4s^2 + 4s + 5}$$

% g. Find the inverse Laplace transform of the solution:

sol = ilaplace(Sol,s,t);

y = matlabFunction(sol); y(t) % solution in the time domain

ans =

$$4e^{-2t} + 10e^{-\frac{t}{2}}\sin(t)$$