

From first principles, show that

$$\mathcal{L}[t \cdot e^{-2t}] = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$$

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

Solution

$$\int_0^{+\infty} [t \cdot e^{-2t}] \cdot e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{+\infty} t \cdot e^{-(s+2)t} dt$$

Integration by parts

let • $u = t$

• $du/dt = 1$

• $du = dt$

• let $dv = e^{-(s+2)t} dt$

• $v = \int dv = \frac{e^{-(s+2)t}}{-(s+2)}$

$$I = u.v - \int v du$$

$$= \frac{t.e^{-(s+2)t}}{-(s+2)} - \int \frac{e^{-(s+2)t}}{-(s+2)} dt$$

$$= \frac{t.e^{-(s+2)t}}{-(s+2)} + \frac{1}{(s+2)} \int e^{-(s+2)t} dt$$

$$= \frac{te^{-(s+2)t}}{-(s+2)} + \frac{1}{(s+2)} \left[\frac{e^{-(s+2)t}}{-(s+2)} \right]$$

Evaluate the definite integral

$$\left[\frac{te^{-(s+2)t}}{-(s+2)} \right]_0^\infty - \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \left[e^{-(s+2)t} \right] \right]_0^\infty$$

$$= [0 - 0] - \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} (0 - 1) \right]$$

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