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Laplace transform of convolution

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Theorem. If

$$\mathcal{L}\{f_1(t)\} = F_1(s) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}\{f_2(t)\} = F_2(s),$$

then

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f_1(\tau)f_2(t-\tau) d\tau\right\} = F_1(s)F_2(s).$$

Proof. According to the definition of Laplace transform, one has

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f_1(\tau)f_2(t-\tau) d\tau\right\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \left(\int_0^t f_1(\tau)f_2(t-\tau) d\tau\right) dt,$$

where the right hand side is a double integral over the angular region bounded by the lines $\tau = 0$ and $\tau = t$ in the first quadrant of the $t\tau$ -plane. Changing the of integration, we write

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f_1(\tau)f_2(t-\tau) d\tau\right\} = \int_0^\infty \left(f_1(\tau) \int_\tau^\infty e^{-st} f_2(t-\tau) dt\right) d\tau.$$

Making in the inner integral the substitution $t - \tau := u$, we obtain

$$\int_\tau^\infty e^{-st} f_2(t-\tau) dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-(u+\tau)s} f_2(u) du = e^{-\tau s} \int_0^\infty e^{-su} f_2(u) du = e^{-\tau s} F_2(s),$$

whence

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f_1(\tau)f_2(t-\tau) d\tau\right\} = \int_0^\infty f_1(\tau)e^{-\tau s} F_2(s) d\tau = F_2(s) \int_0^\infty f_1(\tau)e^{-\tau s} d\tau = F_1(s)F_2(s),$$

Q.E.D.