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- Delayed  $f$ :  $\mathfrak{L}(\sigma_T(f)) = e^{-sT} F(s)$  (with  $T \geq 0$  and  $f$ -‘zeroed’). ( $\sigma_T(f)(t) := f(t - T)$ ).
- Derivative of  $f$ :  $\mathfrak{L}(\frac{d}{dt} f) = sF(s) - f(0^-)$  and
- Integral of  $f$ :  $\mathfrak{L}(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau) = \frac{F(s)}{s}$

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- Convolution and product:  
 $(f * g)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau, \mathfrak{L}(f * g) = F(s)G(s)$
- Dirac delta:  $\delta * f = f$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\delta) = 1$
- IVT:  $f(0^+) = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$   
 (provided LHS exists, i.e. no impulses/their derivatives at  $t = 0$ .)
- FVT:  $f(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$   
 (provided LHS exists, i.e.  $f$  neither diverges, nor oscillates)
- Time multiplication  $\mathfrak{L}(tf(t)) = -\frac{d}{ds}F(s)$
- Complex shift:  $\mathfrak{L}(e^{at}f(t)) = F(s + a)$
- Time scaling:  $\mathfrak{L}(f(\frac{t}{a})) = aF(as)$

- $\mathfrak{L}(1) = \frac{1}{s}$  (note: functions are only on  $[0, \infty)$ )
- $\mathfrak{L}(t) = \frac{1}{s^2}$
- $\mathfrak{L}(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}$
- $\mathfrak{L}(\sin(\omega t)) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$  and  $L(\cos(\omega t)) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$   
(Use IVT to be sure of which is of which.)
- $\mathfrak{L}(e^{at} \sin(\omega t)) = \frac{\omega}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2}$