

# LAPLACE TRANSFORMS FURTHER

## SUMMARY OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

The Laplace Transform of a function  $f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt,$$

where  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(s)$  sufficiently large for the integral to converge.

The Laplace Transform is a linear operation

$$\mathcal{L}[af(t) + bg(t)] \equiv a\mathcal{L}[f(t)] + b\mathcal{L}[g(t)].$$

### Laplace Transforms of Common Functions

- $\mathcal{L}(t^n) = \frac{n}{s^{n+1}}$

$$\mathcal{L}(1) = \frac{1}{s}, \quad \mathcal{L}(a) = \frac{a}{s}, \quad \mathcal{L}(t) = \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}(t^2) = \frac{2}{s^3}, \quad \mathcal{L}(t^3) = \frac{3}{s^4}, \dots$$

- $\mathcal{L}(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}, \quad \mathcal{L}(e^{-at}) = \frac{1}{s+a}$

- $\mathcal{L}(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$

- $\mathcal{L}(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$

### Laplace Transforms of Derivatives

- $\mathcal{L}[x(t)] = \bar{x}(t)$

- $\mathcal{L}[\dot{x}(t)] = s\bar{x}(t) - x(0)$

- $\mathcal{L}[\ddot{x}(t)] = s^2\bar{x}(t) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0)$

- $\mathcal{L}[\ddot{x}(t)] = s^3\bar{x}(t) - s^2x(0) - s\dot{x}(0) - \ddot{x}(0)$

### Laplace Transforms Theorems

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Theorem

$$\mathcal{L}\left[e^{-at} f(t)\right] = \bar{f}(s+a) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}\left[e^{at} F(t)\right] = \bar{f}(s-a)$$

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Theorem

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t-a)] = e^{-as} \bar{f}(s), \quad t > a \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t+a)] = e^{as} \bar{f}(s), \quad t > -a.$$

$$\mathcal{L}[H(t-a)f(t-a)] = e^{-as} \bar{f}(s) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}[H(t+a)f(t+a)] = e^{as} \bar{f}(s)$$

- Multiplication by  $t^n$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t^n f(t)\right] = \left(-\frac{d}{ds}\right)^n \left[\bar{f}(s)\right] \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}[t f(t)] = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\bar{f}(s)\right]$$

- Division by  $t$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{f(t)}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty \bar{f}(\sigma) d\sigma$$

provided that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right)$  exists and the integral converges.

- Initial/Final value theorem

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{f}(s)] \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s \bar{f}(s)]$$

**The Impulse Function / The Dirac Function**

$$1. \quad \delta(t-c) = \begin{cases} \infty & t=c \\ 0 & t \neq c \end{cases}, \quad \delta(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & t=0 \\ 0 & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$2. \quad \int_a^b \delta(t-c) \, dt = \begin{cases} 1 & a \leq c \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$3. \quad \int_a^b f(t) \delta(t-c) \, dt = \begin{cases} f(a) & a \leq c \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$4. \quad \mathcal{L}[\delta(t-c)] = e^{-cs}$$

$$5. \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t)\delta(t-c)] = f(c)e^{-cs}$$

$$6. \quad \frac{d}{dt} [H(t-c)] = \delta(t-c)$$

# VARIOUS LAPLACE TRANSFORM QUESTIONS

**Question 1**

The function  $x = x(t)$  is suitably defined for  $t \geq 0$ .

- a) Show from first principles that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right] = s\mathcal{L}[x(t)] - x(0).$$

- b) Hence show further that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right] = s^2\mathcal{L}[x(t)] - s x(0) - \frac{dx}{dt}(0).$$

proof

$\boxed{x = x(t) \quad t \geq 0}$

a)  $\int \left[ \frac{dx}{dt} \right] dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{dt} e^{st} dt \quad \dots \text{INTEGRATING BY PARTS}$

$e^{st}$	$-se^{-st}$
$\frac{dx}{dt}$	$\frac{dx}{dt}$

$$= \left[ se^{st} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} - \int_0^\infty x(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 0 - x(0) + s \int_0^\infty x(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= s \int [x(t)] - x(0)$$

b)  $\int \left[ \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \right] dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} e^{st} dt \quad \dots \text{BY PARTS AGAIN}$

$e^{-st}$	$-se^{-st}$
$\frac{dx}{dt}$	$\frac{dx}{dt}$

$$= \left[ \frac{dx}{dt} e^{st} \right]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} - \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 0 - \frac{dx}{dt}|_{t=0} + s \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= -\frac{dx}{dt}|_{t=0} + s \int [x(t)] - x(0)$$

$$= -\frac{dx}{dt}|_{t=0} + s^2 \int [x(t)] - x(0)$$

$$= s^2 \int [x(t)] - s x(0) - \frac{dx}{dt}|_{t=0}$$

**Question 2**

$$f(t) \equiv \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < t \leq 4 \\ 3 & t > 4 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g(t) \equiv \begin{cases} 3 & 0 < t \leq 4 \\ 0 & t > 4 \end{cases}.$$

- a) Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  from first principles.  
 b) Hence determine the Laplace transform of  $g(t)$ .

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{3e^{-4s}}{s}, \quad \mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \frac{3}{s}(1 - e^{-4s})$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < t \leq 4 \\ 3 & t > 4 \end{cases} & g(t) &= \begin{cases} 3 & 0 < t \leq 4 \\ 0 & t > 4 \end{cases} \\ \text{a)} \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_4^\infty 3e^{-st} dt = \left[ -\frac{3}{s}e^{-st} \right]_4^\infty \\ &= \frac{3}{s} \left[ e^{-4s} \right]_0^\infty = \frac{3}{s} (e^{-4s} - 0) = \frac{3e^{-4s}}{s} \\ \text{b)} \quad \text{SINCE } \int_0^\infty g(t) dt &= \frac{3}{s} \\ \int_0^\infty g(t) dt &= \frac{3}{s} - \frac{3e^{-4s}}{s} = \frac{3}{s}(1 - e^{-4s}) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3**

By considering a suitable differential equation with appropriate initial conditions show clearly that

$$\mathcal{L}(te^{-2t}) = \frac{1}{(s-2)^2}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

You may not use integration in this question.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} &\bullet \text{ TO FIND THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF } te^{-2t} \text{ VIA A DIFFERENTIATING QUOTIENT} \\ &\text{WE NEED REPEATED ROOT IN THE AUXILIARY EQUATION (A=2)} \\ &1t(2+2)^2 = 0 \quad \therefore \quad \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = 0 \\ &y = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-2t} \\ &\bullet \text{ NOW } A=0, B=1 \\ &x = \frac{dy}{dt} = -2e^{-2t} \\ &\dot{x} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -4e^{-2t} \\ &t=0, x=0, \dot{x}=1 \\ &\bullet \quad \ddot{x} + 4\dot{x} + 4x = 0 \\ &\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} - 2x + 4(2x - 2x) + 4x = 0 \\ &\ddot{x} - 1 + 4\dot{x} + 4x = 0 \\ &(2t+4)+4=1 \\ &\ddot{x} = \frac{1}{s^2+4s+4} \\ &\mathcal{L}[te^{-2t}] = \frac{1}{s^2+4s+4} = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 4**

Use the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + a^2x = 0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

with appropriate initial conditions to show that

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

You may not use integration in this question.

proof

The differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + a^2y = 0$  has general solution  $y = A\cos at + B\sin at$ .  
If  $A = 0$ ,  $y = B\sin at$ .  
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = B\cos at$ .  
 $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -B\sin at$ .  
 $-B\sin at + a^2B\sin at = 0$ .  
 $B\sin at = 0$ .  
 $B = 0$ .  
 $y = A\cos at$ .  
If  $A = 0$ ,  $y = A\cos at$ .  
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ .  
 $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = 0$ .  
 $0 + a^2A\cos at = 0$ .  
 $a^2A\cos at = 0$ .  
 $A\cos at = 0$ .  
 $A = 0$ .  
 $y = B\sin at$ .  
 $\int [B\sin at] dt = \frac{B}{a^2 + a^2}$ .

**Question 5**

Find each of the following Laplace transforms.

a)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right], a > 0, b > 0$

b)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\left(1+t e^{-t}\right)^3\right]$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right] = \ln\left[\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right], \quad \mathcal{L}\left[\left(1+t e^{-t}\right)^3\right] = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{6}{(s+2)^3} + \frac{6}{(s+3)^4}$$

a)  $\int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t} \right] dt = \ln\left[\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right]$

Firstly consider the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t} \right] = \frac{0}{\infty} = 0 \quad (\text{Exponential growth})$$

$$= b - a \quad (\text{t unit exists})$$

This is the Laplace transform of

$$\int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t} \right] dt = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left[ e^{-at} - e^{-bt} \right] ds dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b} ds$$

$$= \left[ \ln|s+a| - \ln|s+b| \right]_0^\infty$$

$$= \left[ \ln\left|\frac{s+a}{s+b}\right| \right]_0^\infty$$

$$= \ln\left[\frac{a}{b}\right] - \ln\left[\frac{a}{b}\right]$$

$$= \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

b)  $\int_0^\infty \left[ (1+t e^{-t})^3 \right] dt = \int_0^\infty \left[ 1 + 3t e^{-t} + 3t^2 e^{-2t} + t^3 e^{-3t} \right] dt$ 

$$= \frac{1}{s} + 3 \int_0^\infty \left[ t e^{-t} \right] dt + 3 \int_0^\infty \left[ t^2 e^{-2t} \right] dt + \int_0^\infty \left[ t^3 e^{-3t} \right] dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} + 3 \times \frac{1!}{(s+1)^2} + 3 \times \frac{2!}{(s+2)^3} + \frac{3!}{(s+3)^4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{6}{(s+2)^3} + \frac{6}{(s+3)^4}$$

**Question 6**

Invert each of the following Laplace transforms.

i.  $\bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$

ii.  $\bar{g}(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^4}$

$$f(t) = t H(t - \pi) - \sin t H(t - \pi), \quad g(t) = \frac{1}{6} t^3 e^t$$

a)  $\bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} \quad \leftarrow H(t-\pi) \quad \leftarrow \text{PARTIAL FRACTIONS}$

- SPLIT INTO PARTIAL FRACTIONS - SPLIT FURTHER IF NECESSARY

$$\frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{A(s)}{s^2} + \frac{B(s)}{1+s^2}$$

$$1 = A(s)(1+s^2) + B(s)s^2$$

$$1 = A(s) + s^2[A(s) + B(s)]$$

- BY INSPECTION THIS WORKS FOR CONSTANTS  $A=1$   $B=-1$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{1+s^2}$$

- BY RECOGNITION KNOW THAT

$$\int [H(t-\pi) f(t-\pi)] = e^{-\pi s} \bar{f}(s), \quad \int [f(t)] = \bar{f}(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f}(t) = (t-\pi) H(t-\pi) - \sin(t-\pi) H(t-\pi)$$

b)  $\bar{g}(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^4} \quad \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLICATION BY } s^4$

- BY RULE 8 - ADJUSTMENT

$$\Rightarrow \int [t^3] = \frac{3!}{s^4} = \frac{6}{s^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int [\frac{dt^3}{dt}] = \frac{6}{s^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int [\frac{d^3}{dt^3}] = \frac{1}{(s-1)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) = \frac{1}{6} t^3 e^t$$

**Question 7**

Find each of the following Laplace transforms.

c)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sinh t}{t}\right]$

d)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right]$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sinh t}{t}\right] = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{s+1}{s-1} \right], \quad \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right] = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s+2}}}$$

a)  $\int \left[ \frac{\sinh t}{t} \right] dt = \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{\sinh t}{t} \right] ds$  Note that  
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sinh t}{t} = 1$   
it exists

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{s^2 - 1} ds$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(s-1)(s+1)} ds$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s-1} - \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s+1} ds$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{s-1}{s+1} \right| \right]_0^\infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln 1 - \ln \left| \frac{1-1}{1+1} \right| \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+1}{1-1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{2}{0} \right) //$$

b)  $\int \left[ \frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{t}} \right] dt = \dots$  consider the Laplace transform of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$

$$= \int_0^\infty t^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-2t} dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-2t} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt$$

$$u = st \Rightarrow t = \frac{(u)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{s}$$

$$du = \frac{1}{2} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt$$

$$\text{using substitution}$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-2u} \frac{u^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} du = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_0^\infty e^{-2u} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_0^\infty e^{-2u} u^{\frac{1}{2}-1} du = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{s}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}$$

$\therefore \int \left[ \frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{t}} \right] dt = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s+2}}$

**Question 8**

Find the inverse following Laplace transforms of the following functions.

i.  $\frac{2s}{s^2 + 4s + 10}$ .

ii.  $\frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2 + a^2}$ .

iii.  $\frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$

$$\boxed{2e^{-2t} \left[ \cos \sqrt{6}t - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{6} \sin \sqrt{6}t \right], \left[ \frac{1}{a}H(t-a) - \sin[a(t-a)] \right], [t - \sin t]}$$

**i)** 
$$\int e^{-st} \left[ \frac{2s}{s^2 + 4s + 10} \right] ds = \int e^{-st} \left[ \frac{2s}{(s+2)^2 + 6} \right] ds = \int e^{-st} \left[ \frac{2(s+2)-4}{(s+2)^2 + 6} \right] ds$$

$$= \int e^{-st} \left[ \frac{-4}{(s+2)^2 + 6} \right] ds = 2e^{-st} \cos \sqrt{6}t - \frac{4e^{-st}}{\sqrt{6}} \sin \sqrt{6}t$$

$$= 2e^{-2t} \left[ \cos \sqrt{6}t - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \sin \sqrt{6}t \right]$$

**ii)** 
$$\int e^{-st} H(t-a) f(t-a) ds = e^{-as} \int f(x) dx$$

$$\int [ \sin at ] ds = \frac{a}{a^2 + s^2}$$

$$\int [ H(t-a) \sin [a(t-a)] ] ds = e^{-as} \frac{a}{a^2 + s^2}$$

$$\therefore \int \left[ \frac{a^2}{s^2 + a^2} \right] ds = \frac{1}{a} H(t-a) \sin [a(t-a)]$$

**iii)** BY PARTIAL FRACTION'S

$$\frac{1}{s^2(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{Cs+D}{1+s^2}$$

$$1 \equiv A(s^2) + B(s+2) + Cs^2 + Ds^2$$

$$1 \equiv As^2 + As^2 + B + Bs^2 + Cs^2 + Ds^2$$

$$1 \equiv Cs^2 + (A+B+D)s^2 + As + B$$

$$\therefore B=1 \quad A=0 \quad C=0 \quad A+B+D=0 \quad C+D=0 \quad D=-1$$

Therefore

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

**Question 9**

Find the following Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sin^2 t}{t}\right].$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sin^2 t}{t}\right] = \frac{1}{4} \ln\left[\frac{s^2 + 4}{s^2}\right]$$

$\downarrow \left[ \frac{\sin^2 t}{t} \right] = \downarrow \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t}{t} \right]$

• NEED TO CHECK THE LIMIT AS  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t}{t} \right] = \frac{0}{\infty} \text{ by L'Hopital's} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\pm \sin 2t}{1} \right] = 0 \quad (\text{CIE THE LIMIT EXISTS})$$

• Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \downarrow \left[ \frac{\sin^2 t}{t} \right] &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t} \left[ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t} dt - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos 2t}{t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln t \right]_0^\infty - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( s^2 + 4 \right) \Big|_0^\infty \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \frac{s^2}{2^2} \right]_0^\infty \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 4} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 4} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s^2 + 4}{s^2} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{4}{s^2 + 4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 10**

It is given that

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{s}\right), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Determine a simplified expression for

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{-t} f(3t)].$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}[e^{-t} f(3t)] = \frac{1}{s+1} \exp\left(-\frac{3}{s+1}\right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[f(s)] &= \frac{1}{s} e^{-s} \\ \text{using } \mathcal{L}[e^{-kt} f(t)] &= \frac{1}{s+k} f(s+k) \\ \mathcal{L}[f(3t)] &= \frac{1}{s+3} f\left(\frac{s+3}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

combining  $\frac{1}{s} e^{-s}$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}[e^{-t} f(3t)] = \frac{1}{s} \times \frac{1}{s+3} \times e^{-\left(\frac{s+3}{3}\right)^2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{s} \times \frac{3}{s+3} \times e^{-\frac{s^2+6s+9}{9}}$$
$$= \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{3}{s+1}\right)}{s+1}$$

**Question 11**

Find a simplified expression for

$$\mathcal{L}[\cosh^2 4t].$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cosh^2 4t] = \frac{s^2 - 32}{s(s^2 - 64)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[\cosh^2 4t] &= \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cosh 8t\right] \\&= \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}[1 + \cosh 8t] \\&= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2 - 64}\right] \\&= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{s^2 - 64 + s^2}{s(s^2 - 64)}\right] \\&= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{2s^2 - 64}{s(s^2 - 64)}\right] \\&= \frac{s^2 - 32}{s(s^2 - 64)}\end{aligned}$$

**Question 12**

The function  $y = y(t)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + y = 1, \quad t \geq 0, \quad y(0) = 0.$$

Use the initial-final value theorem to find  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [y(t)]$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [y(t)] = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dt} + y &= 1 \quad y(0) = 0 \\ \text{• TAKING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM IN } t \\ \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{dy}{dt}\right] + \mathcal{L}[y] &= \mathcal{L}[1] \\ s\tilde{y} - y(0) + \tilde{y} &= \frac{1}{s} \\ (s+1)\tilde{y} &= \frac{1}{s} \\ \tilde{y} &= \frac{1}{s+1} \\ \text{• BY THE INITIAL FINAL VALUE THEOREM} \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [y(t)] &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\tilde{y}(s)] \\ \text{• FROM WE GET} \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [y(t)] &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s\tilde{y}(s)] \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

**Question 13**

The function  $y = f(t)$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+2}}.$$

Determine a simplified expression for  $f(t)$ .

$$f(t) = \frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{\pi t}}$$

$$\int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+2}} \right] dt$$

This is a variance of a function involving  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{s+2}}$  with the shift factor  $e^{-2t}$ .

We suspect it may be  $\int [t^{\frac{1}{2}}] = \frac{m!}{(n-\frac{1}{2})!} \quad (\text{so } n = -\frac{1}{2})$

Try  $\int [t^{\frac{1}{2}}] = \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-2t} dt$

Let  $u = 2t$   
 $t = \frac{u}{2}$   
 $dt = \frac{1}{2} du$   
 limits unchanged

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{u}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u} \frac{1}{2} du \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u}}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_0^\infty u^{\frac{1}{2}-1} e^{-u} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Adjusting:-

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] dt &= \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
 \int \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+2}} \right] dt &= \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
 \int \left[ \frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{s+2}} \right] dt &= \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot e^{-2t}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 14

$$\bar{h}(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}.$$

Invert the above Laplace transform by ...

- a) ... partial fractions
- b) ... the convolution theorem

$$h(t) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

**a)** BY PARTIAL FRACTIONS (CONT'D)

$$\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2} = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2}$$

INVERSE:

$$h(s) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

**b)** BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM

$$\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{1}{s+1} \cdot \frac{1}{s+2} = \bar{f}(s) \bar{g}(s) \quad \text{where } \begin{aligned} \bar{f}(s) &= \frac{1}{s+1} \\ \bar{g}(s) &= \frac{1}{s+2} \end{aligned}$$

THUS

$$\bar{f} * \bar{g} = \bar{f} \bar{g}$$

INVERTING BOTH SIDES

$$\int^{-1} [\bar{f} * \bar{g}] = \int^{-1} [\bar{f} \bar{g}]$$

$$\bar{f} * \bar{g} = \int^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \right]$$

THUS

$$\int^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \right] = (\bar{f} * \bar{g})(t) = \int_0^t \bar{f}(t-u) \bar{g}(u) du$$

$$= \int_0^t e^{-(t-u)} \bar{e}^{-2u} du = \int_0^t e^{-t} e^u e^{-2u} du$$

$$= e^{-t} \int_0^t e^{-u} du = e^{-t} \left[ -e^{-u} \right]_0^t$$

$$= e^{-t} \left[ -e^{-t} + 1 \right] = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

AS REQUIRED

**Question 15**

The convolution  $[f * g](t)$ , of two functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  is defined as

$$[f * g](t) = \int_0^t f(t-u) g(u) \, du.$$

Show that

$$\mathcal{L}\{[f * g](t)\} = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]\mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \bar{f}(s)\bar{g}(s).$$

proof

$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(t-u) g(u) \, du$

 $\mathcal{L}[f * g] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} (f * g)(t) \, dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \int_0^t f(t-u) g(u) \, du \, dt$ 

• CHANGE THE ORDER OF INTEGRATION IN THE  $u-t$  PLANE

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{t=0}^\infty \int_{u=0}^{t=\infty} e^{-st} f(t-u) g(u) \, dt \, du \\ &= \int_{u=0}^\infty \int_{t=u}^{t=\infty} e^{-st} f(t-u) g(u) \, dt \, du \\ &= \int_{u=0}^\infty \int_{t=u}^{t=\infty} g(u) \left[ e^{-st} \int_{t=u}^t f(t-u) \, dt \right] \, du \end{aligned}$$

• NOW USE A SUBSTITUTION IN THE "INNER" INTEGRAL

$$\begin{aligned} &\quad v = t-u && v=0 \rightarrow t=u \\ &\quad dv = dt && t=\infty \rightarrow v=\infty \\ &\quad t=u \rightarrow v=0 && t=\infty \rightarrow v=\infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{u=0}^\infty \int_{v=0}^{\infty} g(u) \int_{v=0}^{\infty} e^{-sv} f(v) \, dv \, du \\ &= \int_{u=0}^\infty \int_{v=0}^{\infty} g(u) f(v) e^{-sv} \, dv \, du \\ &= \left[ \int_{u=0}^\infty e^{\int_u^\infty g(u) \, du} \right] \left[ \int_{v=0}^{\infty} e^{-sv} f(v) \, dv \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}[g] \mathcal{L}[f] \end{aligned}$$

**Question 16**

Use the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a^2x, t \geq 0,$$

with appropriate initial conditions to show that

$$\mathcal{L}(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}.$$

You may not use integration in this question.

[ ] , [ proof ]

• STARTING BY THE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION  
 $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a^2x$

WITH GENERAL SOLUTION  
 $x = A\cosh at + B\sinh at$   
 $\dot{x} = Aa\sinh at + Ba\cosh at$

• PICK INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR EACH CASE:  
     $t=0, x=1, \dot{x}=0$        $t=0, x=0, \dot{x}=a$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \cosh at$        $\Rightarrow x = \sinh at$   
 $\Rightarrow \dot{x} = a\sinh at$        $\Rightarrow \dot{x} = a\cosh at$

• TAKING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE D. O. E.  
 $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = a^2x$   
 $\Rightarrow s^2\ddot{x} - s_0x - \dot{x}_0 = a^2x$   
 $\Rightarrow (s^2 - a^2)\ddot{x} = s_0x + \dot{x}_0$   
 $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = \frac{s_0x + \dot{x}_0}{s^2 - a^2}$

$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = \frac{\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}}{s^2 - a^2}$        $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{\int [\ddot{x}] \, dt} = \boxed{\int \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2} \, dt}$

**Question 17**

The function  $y = f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , is twice differentiable.

- a) Show from first principles that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right] = s^2 \mathcal{L}[y(t)] - s y(0) - \frac{dy}{dt}(0)$$

A second function  $g(t)$  is defined for  $t \geq 0$ .

- b) Show further that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(t-u) g(u) du\right] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \mathcal{L}[g(t)].$$

[ ] , proof

**a) STARTING BY THE DEFINITION OF A LAPLACE TRANSFORM**

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right] = \int_0^\infty \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} e^{-st} dt.$$

PROCEED BY INTEGRATION BY PARTS

$$\dots = \left[ \frac{dy}{dt} e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \frac{dy}{dt} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 0 - \frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \frac{dy}{dt} e^{-st} dt$$

INTEGRATION BY PARTS TERM

$$= -\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_0^\infty + \frac{1}{s} \left[ \left[ y e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty y e^{-st} dt \right]$$

$$= -\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_0^\infty + \frac{1}{s} \left[ 0 - y(0) + \frac{1}{s} y e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty$$

$$= -\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_0^\infty - \frac{1}{s} y(0) + \frac{1}{s^2} \int_0^\infty y e^{-st} dt$$

$$= -\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_0^\infty - \frac{1}{s} y(0) + \frac{1}{s^2} \int_0^\infty y dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} \int_0^\infty [y] dt - \frac{1}{s} y(0) - \frac{dy}{dt}(0)$$

As required

**b) AGAIN STARTING BY THE DEFINITION**

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(t-u) g(u) du\right] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \int_{t-u}^0 f(t-u) g(u) du dt$$

REVERSING THE ORDER OF INTEGRATION

$$\dots = \int_0^\infty \int_{t-u}^0 e^{-st} f(t-u) g(u) dt du$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 g(u) \int_{t-u}^0 e^{-st} f(t-u) du dt$$

REVERSE TWO INTEGRALS

$$u=t-u \Leftrightarrow t=u+u$$

$$du=dt \quad (u \text{ is constant in this integral})$$

$$t=u \Leftrightarrow u=0$$

$$t=\infty \Leftrightarrow u=\infty$$

USING A SUBSTITUTION IN THE INNER INTEGRAL

$$\dots = \int_{-\infty}^0 g(u) \left[ \int_{t-u}^0 e^{-su} f(u) du \right] du$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{t-u}^0 e^{-su} g(u) e^{-st} f(u) du du$$

$$= \left[ \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-su} g(u) du \right] \left[ \int_{t-u}^0 e^{-st} f(u) du \right]$$

$$= \left[ \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-st} f(u) du \right] \left[ \int_{t-u}^0 e^{-su} g(u) du \right] = \int [f(t)] \int [g(t)]$$

**Question 18**

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s), t \geq 0.$$

a) Show clearly that

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at} f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s-a).$$

b) Find in its simplest form

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{2t} \cos 2t \sin 2t].$$

$$\frac{2}{s^2 - 4s + 20}$$

a) By definition

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

Now

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

~~= ... compare with initial statement ... =  $\bar{f}(s-a)$~~

b)  $\mathcal{L}[\cos 2t \sin 2t] = \mathcal{L}[\frac{1}{2}(\cos 4t)] = \mathcal{L}[\frac{1}{2}\sin 4t] = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{s^2 + 16}$

$\therefore \mathcal{L}[e^{2t} \cos 2t \sin 2t] = \frac{2}{(s-2)^2 + 16} = \frac{2}{s^2 - 4s + 20}$

**Question 19**

Use the definition of a Laplace transform to show that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(u) \, du\right] = \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[f(u)], \quad t \geq 0.$$

[proof]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\left[\int_{u=0}^t f(u) \, du\right] &= \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{u=0}^{u=t} f(u) \, du \right] e^{-st} \, dt \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \int_{u=0}^{t=\infty} e^{-st} f(u) \, du \, dt = \dots \text{CHANGE THE INTEGRATION ORDER} \\
 &= \int_{t=0}^\infty \int_{u=t}^\infty e^{-st} f(u) \, du \, dt \\
 &= \int_{t=0}^\infty \left[ -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} f(u) \right]_{t=u}^\infty \, dt \\
 &= \int_{t=0}^\infty 0 - \left[ -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} f(u) \right] \, dt \\
 &= \int_{t=0}^\infty \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} f(u) \, dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(u) \, du \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[f(u)]
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 20**

Determine a simplified expression for

$$\mathcal{L}[t e^{2t} \cos 3t].$$

$$\mathcal{L}[t e^{2t} \cos 3t] = \frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2}$$

• STARTING WITH THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $\cos 3t$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos 3t] = \frac{s}{s^2 + 9}$$

• NEXT FIND THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $e^{2t} \cos 3t$  USING THE EXPDT

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at} f(t)] = \tilde{f}(s-a)$$

with  $\tilde{f}(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[e^{2t} \cos 3t] = \frac{s-2}{(s-2)^2 + 9} = \frac{s-2}{s^2 - 4s + 13}$$

• FINALLY FIND THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $t e^{2t} \cos 3t$  AND THE RESULT

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}[t f(t)] &= -\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{f}(s) \quad \text{where } \tilde{f}(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \\
 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t(e^{2t} \cos 3t)] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{s-2}{s^2 - 4s + 13} \right] \\
 &= -\frac{(s^2 - 4s + 13)(1) - (2s^2 - 8s + 8)}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \\
 &= -\frac{s^2 - 4s + 13 - (2s^2 - 8s + 8)}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \\
 &= -\frac{-s^2 + 4s + 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \\
 &= \frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 21**

Find the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right].$$

$$\boxed{\text{Answer}}, \quad \boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] = \frac{2}{t}(1-\cos t)}$$

Looking at  $\int_s^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] dt$  but notice that this is the inverse transformation of  $\frac{f(t)}{t}$  for some  $f(t)$

$$\int_s^\infty \left[\frac{f(t)}{t}\right] dt = \int_s^\infty f(t) dt = \bar{f}(s)$$

Here  $\bar{f}(s)$  is  $\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds}(\bar{f}(s)) &= \frac{d}{ds}\left(\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right) = \frac{d}{ds}\left[\ln\left(\frac{s^2+1}{s^2}\right)\right] \\ &= \frac{d}{ds}\left[\ln(s^2+1) - \ln(s^2)\right] = \frac{d}{ds}\left[\ln(s^2+1) - 2\ln(s)\right] \\ &= \frac{2s}{s^2+1} - \frac{2}{s} = 2\left(\frac{s}{s^2+1}\right) - 2\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We recognise this as standard results

$$\begin{aligned} 2\int_s^\infty \left[\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] dt &= 2\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) \\ 2\int_s^\infty \left[1\right] dt &= 2s \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have noting the change of the signs due to the integration limits

$$\int_s^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] dt = \frac{2(1-\cos s)}{s}$$

Quick check:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_s^\infty \left[\frac{2(1-\cos t)}{t}\right] dt &= \int_s^\infty \left[\frac{2(1-\cos t)}{t}\right] dt + \int_s^\infty \left[\frac{2\sin t}{t^2}\right] dt \\ &= \left[2\ln t - \ln(t^2+1)\right]_s^\infty + \left[-\frac{2}{t} + \ln\left(\frac{1}{t^2+1}\right)\right]_s^\infty \\ &= 2\ln s - \ln\left(\frac{s^2+1}{s^2}\right) = -\ln\left(\frac{s^2}{s^2+1}\right) = -\ln\left(\frac{s^2}{s^2+1}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 22**

Find the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{12}{s^3+8}\right].$$

[ ]

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{12}{s^3+8}\right] = e^{-2t} + 2e^t \left[ \sqrt{3} \sin(\sqrt{3}t) - \cos(\sqrt{3}t) \right] = e^{-2t} + 2e^t \sin\left(\sqrt{3}t - \frac{1}{6}\pi\right)}$$

**NOT BE SEEING PARTIAL FRACTION USING THE SUM OF CUBES IDENTITY**

$$\frac{12}{s^3+8} = \frac{12}{s^3+2^3} = \frac{12}{(s+2)(s^2-2s+4)} = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2-2s+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(s^2-2s+4) + (Bs+C)(s+2) \equiv 12$$

$$\Rightarrow As^2 - 2As + 4A + Bs^2 + Cs + 2Bs + 2C \equiv 12$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+B)s^2 + (Cs+2A)s + (4A+2C) \equiv 12$$

- If  $s=2$   $\Rightarrow A(s+2)+2 = 12$  (from line 1)
 
$$A+2 = 12$$

$$A = 10$$
- $A+B=0 \rightarrow B=-10$
- $4A+2C=12$ 

$$4+2C=12$$

$$2C=8$$

$$C=4$$

**WE CAN ALSO INVERSE BY INSPECTION**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{12}{s^3+8}\right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{-s+6}{s^2-2s+4}\right] \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+2}\right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+2}\right] = \frac{1}{s+2} \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{-s+6}{s^2-2s+4}\right] &= e^{2t} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{(s-1)-3}{(s-1)^2+3^2}\right] \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2-2s+4}\right] &= e^{2t} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+3^2}\right] + 3\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2+3^2}\right] \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2-2s+4}\right] &= e^{2t} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+3^2}\right] + \frac{3}{3^2}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2+3^2}\right] \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2-2s+4}\right] &= e^{2t} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+3^2}\right] + \frac{3}{9}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2+3^2}\right] \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2-2s+4}\right] &= e^{2t} - \frac{1}{3}\cos(3t) + \frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{3}\sin(3t) \\ \text{OR BY } t\text{-TRANSFORMATION...} &= e^{2t} \cdot e^{\int 3dt} (C_2 - \sin(3t)) = e^{2t} \sin(3t) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 23**

Find and verify the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2}\right].$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2}\right] = \frac{1}{2}t \cos 2t + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2t$$

$\int [f(s)g(s)] = \int \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \times \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right]$

By the convolution theorem

$$\begin{aligned} f * g &= \bar{f}(s) \bar{g}(s) \\ f * g &= \int \left[ \bar{f}(s) \bar{g}(s) \right] \\ f(t) &= \cos 2t \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \times \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right] &= \int_0^t \cos 2u \cos 2(t-u) du \\ \int \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] &= \int_0^t \cos 2u \cos(2t-2u) du \end{aligned}$$

We need to manipulate the trigonometric integral

$$\begin{aligned} \cos[2u + (2t-2u)] &= \cos 2u \cos(2t-2u) - \sin 2u \sin(2t-2u) \\ \cos[2u - (2t-2u)] &= \cos 2u \cos(2t-2u) + \sin 2u \sin(2t-2u) \end{aligned}$$

Adding:

$$\cos 2u \cos(2t-2u) = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4u-2t)$$

Returning to the inversion

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] &= \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4u-2t) du \\ \int \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} u \cos 2t + \frac{1}{8} \sin(4u-2t) \right]_{u=0}^{u=t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \int \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \left[ \frac{1}{2} t \cos 2t + \frac{1}{8} \sin 2t \right] - \left[ \frac{1}{8} \sin(-2t) \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \int \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} t \cos 2t + \frac{1}{8} \sin 2t + \frac{1}{8} \sin 2t \\ &\Rightarrow \int \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} t \cos 2t + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \int \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{d}{ds} \int \left[ \cos 2t \right] \right] + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2}{s^2+4} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{s^2}{s^2+4} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(s^2+4)s - s^2 \cdot 2s}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{4s^2 - 2s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\frac{s^2-4}{2}}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{s^2+4}}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\frac{s^2-4}{2} + \frac{1}{s^2+4}}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2s^4}{(s^2+4)^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

which verifies the inversion

**Question 24**

Use the definition of a Laplace transform to show that if  $x = f(t)$  then

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t^2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right] = x_0 - \frac{d}{ds} \left[ s^2 \mathcal{L}(x) \right], \text{ where } x_0 = f(0).$$

**proof**

• FIRSTLY THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $t f(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[t f(t)] &= \int_0^\infty t f(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty -f(t) \times -\frac{d}{dt}(e^{-st}) dt \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}(f) \right] \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}(f) \right] \end{aligned}$$

• NEXT THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF A SECOND DIFFERENTIAL

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right] &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} e^{-st} dt \dots \text{BY PARTS} \\ &= \left[ \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{dx}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} + s \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt \dots \text{BY PARTS AGAIN} \\ &= -\frac{dx}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} + s \left[ x e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty + s \int_0^\infty x e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{dx}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} + s \left[ x \Big|_{t=0} + \int_0^t x dt \right] \\ &= -\frac{dx}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} + s \left[ x \Big|_{t=0} + \frac{1}{2} t^2 x \Big|_0^t \right] \\ &= s^2 \mathcal{L}(x) - x_0 - \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

• COMBINING THE TWO RESULTS WE OBTAIN

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left[t \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}(x) \right] = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ s^2 \mathcal{L}(x) - x_0 - \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}(x) \right] \right] \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ s^2 \mathcal{L}(x) \right] + \frac{d}{ds} \left[ x_0 \right] + \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}(x) \right] \right] \\ &= x_0 - \frac{d}{ds} \left[ s^2 \mathcal{L}(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

**Question 25**

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- a) Show from the above definition that if  $a$  is a non zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right).$$

- b) Deduce that if  $k$  is a non zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{f}(ks)] = \frac{1}{k} f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right).$$

**[proof]**

a) STARTING FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

$$\int [f(at)] = \int_0^\infty f(at)e^{-st} dt, \quad t \geq 0$$

BY SUBSTITUTION NOTE |  $t = at$   
 $\frac{dt}{dt} = \frac{1}{a} dt$   
 UNITS UNCHANGED

$$\Rightarrow \int [f(at)] = \int_0^\infty f(a) e^{-as} \frac{1}{a} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int [f(at)] = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{a} f(a) e^{-as} du$$

$$\Rightarrow \int [f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^\infty f(a) e^{-as} du$$

$$\Rightarrow \int [f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

SINCE  $\bar{f}(p) = \int_0^\infty f(a) e^{-pa} da$

b) NOW TAKE PART (a) & LET  $k = \frac{1}{a}$

$$\Rightarrow \int [\tilde{f}\left(\frac{k}{a}\right)] = k \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f}(ks) = \frac{1}{k} \int [\tilde{f}\left(\frac{k}{a}\right)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int [\tilde{f}(ks)] = \frac{1}{k} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

**Question 26**

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s), t \geq 0.$$

a) Show clearly that

$$\mathcal{L}[k^t f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s - \ln k), k > 0.$$

b) Find in its simplest form

$$\mathcal{L}[t^3 e^{-t} 2^t].$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}[t^3 e^{-t} 2^t] = \frac{6}{(s+1-\ln 2)^4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad \mathcal{L}[k^t f(t)] &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} (k^t f(t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} e^{kt} \cancel{k^t} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-t(s-k)} f(t) dt \\ &= \bar{f}(s - \ln k) // \end{aligned}$$
  

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b)} \quad \mathcal{L}[t^3 e^{-t} 2^t] &=? \\ \text{many} \quad \mathcal{L}[t^3] &= \frac{3!}{s^4} = \frac{6}{s^4} \\ \mathcal{L}[e^{-t} t^2] &= \frac{6}{(s+1)^4} \\ \mathcal{L}[2^t (t^2 e^{-t})] &= \frac{6}{[(s-\ln 2)+1]^4} \\ \mathcal{L}[t^3 e^{-t} 2^t] &= \frac{6}{(1-\ln 2 + s)^4} // \end{aligned}$$

**Question 27**

Find the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3(s^2+1)}\right].$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3(s^2+1)}\right] = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 1 + \cos t}$$

**METHOD A**

• Using the result  $\int_0^t f(u) du = \int_0^t f(u) du$

• Here we have

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{s^3+1} \Rightarrow f(t) = \sin t.$$

$$\therefore \int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = \int_0^t \sin u du$$

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = [-\cos u]_0^t$$

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = -\cos t + 1$$

$$\therefore \int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = \int_0^t (1 - \cos u) du$$

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = [u - \sin u]_0^t$$

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = t - \sin t$$

$$\therefore \int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = \int_0^t (t - \sin u) du$$

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = \left[ \frac{1}{2}u^2 + \cos u \right]_0^t$$

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \cos t - 1$$

**METHOD B** BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM

$\int_0^t [f * g] = \tilde{f}(s) \tilde{g}(s)$

$\begin{matrix} f * g \\ \downarrow \\ \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 1 + \cos t \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \tilde{f}(s) \tilde{g}(s) \\ \downarrow \\ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \end{matrix}$

Thus we obtain

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^3+1} \right] du = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2}(t-u)^2 \sin u du$$

$$= \left[ -\frac{1}{2}(t-u)^2 \cos u \right]_{00}^{ut} + \int_0^t (u-t) \cos u du$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \int_0^t (u-t) \cos u du$$

*By parts formula*

$$\begin{matrix} u=t & 1 \\ \sin u & -\cos u \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \left[ (u-t) \sin u \right]_{00}^{ut} - \int_0^t \sin u du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}t^2 + 0 + [\cos u]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \cos t - 1$$

As Before

**Question 28**

Find the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right].$$

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

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

METHOD A -- BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[f * g] = \mathcal{F}(f) \mathcal{G}(g)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] = f$$

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

APPLYING THE THEOREM

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t ue^{-u} \times (t-u) du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t (ut-u^2)e^{-u} du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \left[(ut-u^2)e^{-u}\right]_0^t + \int_0^t \frac{ue^{-u}}{(t-u)} du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = (0-0) + \int_0^t (t-2u)e^{-u} du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = [(2u-t)e^{-u}]_0^{ut} - \int_0^t 2e^{-u} du$$

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

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

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

METHOD B

USING THE RESULT  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{f'(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t f'(u) du$

HERE  $f'(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2} \Rightarrow f(u) = -te^{-t}$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t ue^{-u} du$$

BY PARTS

$$\int u e^{-u} du = \frac{u}{-e^{-u}} \Big|_0^t + \int_0^t \frac{1}{e^{-u}} du$$

$$\int u e^{-u} du = [-ue^{-u}]_0^t + \int_0^t e^{-u} du$$

$$= -te^{-t} - 0 + [-e^{-u}]_0^t$$

$$= -te^{-t} - e^{-t} + 1$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t 1 - e^{-u} - ue^{-u} du$$

$$\int u e^{-u} du = \int_0^t 1 - e^{-u} du - \int_0^t ue^{-u} du$$

$$\int u e^{-u} du = [u + e^{-u}]_0^t - (te^{-t} - e^{-t})$$

$$\int u e^{-u} du = t + e^{-t} - 1 + te^{-t} + e^{-t} - 1$$

$$\int u e^{-u} du = te^{-t} + 2e^{-t} + t - 2$$

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

**Question 29**

It is given that

$$\mathcal{L}[t f(t)] = \frac{1}{s^3 + s}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Determine a simplified expression for

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{-t} f(2t)].$$

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad \mathcal{L}[e^{-t} f(2t)] = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{s^2 + 2s + 5}}{s+1} \right)$$

Start by taking the derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} [t f(t)] &= -\frac{1}{s^3+s} (3s^2) \\ \Rightarrow \int [t f(t)] dt &= -\frac{1}{s^3+s} s^3 \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} (\bar{f}(s)) &= \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)} \\ \Rightarrow -\bar{f}'(s) &= \int \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)} ds \end{aligned}$$

Proceed by partial fractioning – carry to success by inspection:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -\bar{f}'(s) &= \int \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} ds \\ \Rightarrow \bar{f}(s) &= \int \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s} ds \\ \Rightarrow \bar{f}(s) &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(s+1) - \ln s + C \quad \text{NOT POSSIBLE} \\ \Rightarrow \bar{f}(s) &= \frac{1}{2} [\ln(s+1) - 2 \ln s] \\ \Rightarrow \bar{f}(s) &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s+1}{s^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

There is no need to find the  $f(t)$  – proceed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int [g(t)] dt &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \bar{f}(s) &= \int [f(t)] dt = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s^2+1}{s^2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \int [f(t)] dt &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s^2+1}{s^2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \int [f(t)] dt &= \frac{1}{4} \ln \left[ \frac{s^2+1}{s^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Finally we can apply another rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \int [e^{-st} g(t)] dt &= \bar{g}(s+o) \\ \Rightarrow \int [e^{-st} \bar{f}(s)] dt &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{(s+1)^2 + 1}{s^2} \right] \\ \Rightarrow \int [e^{-st} f(t)] dt &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{s^2 + 2s + 5}{s^2} \right] \\ \Rightarrow \int [e^{-t} f(2t)] dt &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{\sqrt{s^2 + 2s + 5}}{s+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

**Question 30**

Use an appropriate method to show that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+a}}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \operatorname{erf}\left(\sqrt{at}\right),$$

where  $a$  is a positive constant.

proof

① THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM  $\frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+a}}$  IS NOT RECOGNISABLE, AND WE CANNOT SIMPLY SPILT IT INTO PARTIAL FRACTION.

② BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM  $\int [f * g] = \int [f] \int [g]$

③ THIS  $\tilde{f}(s) = \frac{1}{(s+a)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  IS A STAR OF  $\frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

$$\int [t^{\frac{1}{2}}] = \frac{(t^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \int \left[ \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \int \left[ \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{st} \right] = \frac{1}{(s+a)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\therefore \tilde{f}(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} s^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$g(t) = 1$$

④ SO INTEGRATING BY THE CONVOLUTION

$$\int \left[ \frac{1}{s(s+a)} \right] = \int_0^t f(u) g(t-u) du$$

$$= \int_0^t \frac{1}{s\sqrt{a}} \frac{1}{u^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-au} du$$

⑤ BY SUBSTITUTION

LET  $v^2 = au$   
 $v = a^{\frac{1}{2}} u^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow u^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{v}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{u^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}{v}$   
 $du = \frac{1}{2} a^{\frac{1}{2}} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du$   
 $du = dv \left( \frac{2}{2a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) = \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{v}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} dv = \frac{2v}{a} dv$

LIMITS  $u=0 \quad v=0$   
 $u=t \quad v=a^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{at}$

$$= \dots \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\sqrt{at}} \frac{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}{v} e^{-v^2} \left( \frac{2v}{a} dv \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \int_0^{\sqrt{at}} e^{-v^2} dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\sqrt{at}} e^{-v^2} dv \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \operatorname{erf} \left( \sqrt{at} \right)$$

**Question 31**

Use an appropriate method to show that

$$\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du \right] = \frac{1}{s} \ln \left( s + \frac{1}{s} \right).$$

[proof]

$\boxed{\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du \right] = -\frac{1}{s} \ln \left( \frac{s+1}{s} \right)}$

- START BY DEFINING AN INTEGRAL FUNCTION  
 $f(t) = \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du$
- DIFFERENTIATING W.R.T  $t$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{1-e^{-t}}{t}$   
 $\Rightarrow t f'(t) = 1 - e^{-t}$
- TAKING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE ABOVE EQUATION  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t f'(t)] = \mathcal{L}[1 - e^{-t}]$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[f'(t)] = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{s} \left[ s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] - f(0) \right] = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{s} \left[ s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] - 0 \right] = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}$   
 $\Rightarrow s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_{s+1}^s \frac{1}{s-u} du$   
 $\Rightarrow s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \ln(s+1) - \ln(s)$   
 $\Rightarrow s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \ln \left( \frac{s+1}{s} \right)$

$\therefore \boxed{\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du \right] = \ln \left( \frac{s+1}{s} \right) + C, \text{ where } \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du}$

- TO EVALUATE THE CONSTANT WE USE THE INITIAL/FINAL VALUE THEOREM  
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \mathcal{L}[f(t)]] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [f(t)]$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \mathcal{L}[f(t)]] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [\ln \left( \frac{s+1}{s} \right) + C] = \ln 1 + C = C$   
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [f(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du \right] = 0$   
 $\therefore C = 0$
- Hence we finally obtain  
 $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \ln \left( \frac{s+1}{s} \right)$   
 $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{s} \right)$   
 $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{s} \right)$   
 $\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du \right] = \frac{1}{s} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{s} \right)$  // AS REQUIRED

### Question 32

Use an appropriate method to show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{t})] = \frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+1}}.$$

proof

$\boxed{\mathcal{L}[\operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{t})]} = \frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+1}}$

- EXPAND THE ERROR FUNCTION AS A SERIES, BEFORE TAKING ITS TRANSFORM

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[\operatorname{erf}(st)] &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} e^{-st^2} dt \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_0^1 t^2 e^{-st^2} dt \right] dt \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} s^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{s^4}{4!} t^4 - \frac{1}{3!} \frac{s^6}{6!} t^6 + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{s^8}{8!} t^8 - \dots \right) dt \right] dt \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \left[ t^2 - \frac{t^4}{2} + \frac{t^6}{24} - \frac{t^8}{720} + \frac{t^{10}}{40320} - \dots \right] dt \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[ \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^5}{24} + \frac{t^7}{720} - \frac{t^9}{40320} + \frac{t^{11}}{362880} - \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

- NOW TAKING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM TERM BY TERM USING THE STANDARD RESULT  $\boxed{\mathcal{L}[t^n]} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(3)}{s^3} - \frac{\Gamma(5)}{s^5} + \frac{\Gamma(7)}{s^7} - \frac{\Gamma(9)}{s^9} + \frac{\Gamma(11)}{s^{11}} - \dots \right] \\ &\bullet \text{USING THE GAMMA RECURRANCE FORMULA AND THE FACT THAT } \Gamma'(z) = \sqrt{\pi} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(z) \\ &\dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{2}\Gamma''(2)}{s^3} - \frac{\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}\Gamma''(4)}{s^5} + \frac{\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}\Gamma''(6)}{s^7} - \frac{\frac{7}{2}\times\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}\Gamma''(8)}{s^9} + \dots \right] \\ &\dots = \frac{2}{s^2} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1} - \frac{\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{3\times1} + \frac{\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{5\times3\times1} - \frac{\frac{7}{2}\times\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{7\times5\times3\times1} + \frac{\frac{9}{2}\times\frac{7}{2}\times\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{9\times7\times5\times3\times1} - \dots \right] \\ &\dots = \frac{1}{s^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{1!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^1 + \frac{\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^3 - \frac{\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{3!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^5 + \frac{\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{7}{2}\times\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{4!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^7 - \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

- TIDY UP THE SAME ALGEBRAICAL TERM BY CANCELING

$$\begin{aligned} &\dots = \frac{1}{s^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{1!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^2 - \frac{\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{3!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^3 + \frac{\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{7}{2}\times\frac{5}{2}\times\frac{1}{2}}{4!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^4 - \dots \right] \\ &\bullet \text{DIVIDE AS IN SECTION A. BY INTRODUCING MINUSES SO WE HAVE THE} \\ &\text{REQUIS SEQUENCE} \quad -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\dots = \frac{1}{s^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{(-\frac{3}{2})(\frac{1}{s})}{1!} + \frac{(-\frac{3}{2})(\frac{1}{s})(-\frac{1}{2})}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^2 + \frac{(-\frac{3}{2})(\frac{1}{s})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})}{3!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^3 + \frac{(-\frac{3}{2})(\frac{1}{s})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})}{4!} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^4 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} \left( 1 + \frac{(-\frac{3}{2})}{s} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} \left( \frac{(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{s})}{s} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} \left( \frac{(\frac{1}{2}s + 1)}{s^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} \times \frac{\sqrt{s}}{s(s+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+1}} \end{aligned}$$

As required

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**Question 33**

$$g(t) \equiv \int_0^t f(x) \, dx, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- a) Show clearly that

$$\mathcal{L}(g(t)) = \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s},$$

where  $\bar{f}(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$ .

- b) Verify the validity of the result of part (a) by using  $f(x) = \sin x$  and finding  $\mathcal{L}(g(t))$  by its integral definition.
- c) Use the result of part (a) to determine

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx\right].$$

$$\frac{1}{s} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$$

**a)**  $\mathcal{L}(g) = \int_0^\infty g(t) e^{-st} dt \quad g(t) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{x} \sin x \, dx = 0$   
 TAKEN LAPLACE TRANSFORMS ON BOTH SIDES AFTER DIFFERENTIATION w.r.t.  $t$ :  
 $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathcal{L}(g)) = \frac{d}{dt}\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x} \sin x \, dx\right]$   
 $\mathcal{L}'(g) = \bar{f}(s)$   
 $\int_0^\infty \mathcal{L}'(g) \, dt = \int_0^\infty \bar{f}(s) \, dt$   
 $\mathcal{L}'(g) - g(0) = \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}$   
 $\mathcal{L}'(g) = \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}$   
 $\therefore \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1}{x} \sin x \, dx \right] e^{-st} dt = \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s} \quad // \quad \text{AT } t=0=0$

**b)**  $\int_0^\infty \left[ \int_0^t \sin x \, dx \right] e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{s} \right] e^{-st} = \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} \quad //$   
 $\int_0^\infty \left[ \int_0^t \sin x \, dx \right] e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{-e^{-st}}{s} \left[ \int_0^t \sin x \, dx \right] dt$   
 $= \int_0^\infty \frac{-e^{-st}}{s} \left[ -\cos x \right]_0^t dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-st}}{s} [\cos t - 1] dt$   
 $= \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - e^{-st}}{s} \cos t dt = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2+1} = \frac{s^2+1-s^2}{s^2(s^2+1)} = \frac{1}{s^2(s^2+1)} \quad //$

**c)**  $\int_0^\infty \left[ \int_0^t \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \right] e^{-st} dt$   
 •  $\int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{\sin t}{t} \right] e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin t}{t} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t} \sin t e^{-st} dt$   
 Let  $u=t$ ,  $v=\frac{1}{t}$   
 $= \left[ \operatorname{cosec}(t) \right]_0^\infty = \frac{1}{s} - \operatorname{cosec} s = \operatorname{cosec} \frac{1}{s}$

Using part (a)  
 $\int_0^\infty \left[ \int_0^t \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \right] e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s} \times \operatorname{cosec} \frac{1}{s}$

**Question 34**

The function  $y = y(t)$  is infinitely differentiable and defined for  $t \geq 0$ .

Show that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{y}(s)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [y(t)],$$

where  $\bar{y}(s) = \mathcal{L}[y(t)]$

**proof**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ s \bar{y}(s) \right] &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ s \int_0^\infty e^{-st} y(t) dt \right] \\
 &\stackrel{\text{REVERSE IN } x}{=} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_0^\infty s e^{-sx} y(x) dx \right] \\
 &\stackrel{\text{BY SUBSTITUTION}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) dx \right] \\
 &\stackrel{\text{dx} = \frac{dx}{s} dx}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) \frac{dx}{s} \right] \\
 &\stackrel{\text{LIMITS EXCHANGED}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) dt \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) dt \right] \\
 &\stackrel{\text{EXPAND } y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) \text{ AS A TAYLOR SERIES AT } 0}{=} y(0) + y'(0) \frac{x}{s} + \frac{y''(0)}{2!} \left(\frac{x}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{y'''(0)}{3!} \left(\frac{x}{s}\right)^3 + \dots \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty \left[ y(0) + \frac{x}{s} y'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2s^2} y''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3s^3} y'''(0) + \dots \right] dt \right] \\
 &= \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} y(0) dt = y(0) \left( -e^{-t} \Big|_0^\infty \right) = y(0) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [y(0)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [y(t)]
 \end{aligned}$$

(Assume  $y$  is continuous at zero)

**Question 35**

The Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , is denoted by  $\bar{f}(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$ .

Show that the inverse Laplace transform of  $\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right) = \int_0^t f(u) \, du.$$

proof

$$\int \left[ \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s} \right] = \int_0^t f(u) \, du$$

- Let  $\bar{g}(s) = \int_0^t f(u) \, du$
- Differentiate w.r.t  $s$   
 $\rightarrow \bar{g}'(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \int_0^t f(u) \, du$   
 $\rightarrow \bar{g}'(s) = -f(s)$
- TAKING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THIS EQUATION  
 $\rightarrow \int [\bar{g}'(s)] = \int [f(s)]$   
 $\rightarrow s\bar{g}(s) - g(0) = \bar{f}(s)$   $\{g(0) = \int_0^0 f(u) \, du = 0\}$   
 $\rightarrow \bar{g}(s) = \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}$   
 $\rightarrow \int [\bar{g}(s)] = \int [\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}]$   
 $\rightarrow g(s) = \int [\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}]$   
 $\rightarrow \int [\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}] = \int_0^t f(u) \, du$

**Question 36**

$$t \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} + ty, \quad t > 0.$$

The function  $y = J_0(t)$  is a solution of the above differential equation.

It is further given that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [J_0(t)] = 1$ .

By taking the Laplace transform of the above differential equation, show that

$$\mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}.$$

**proof**

• TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE O.D.E

$$t \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} + ty = 0$$

WHICH SOLUTION  $y(t) = \tilde{J}_0(s)$  SUCH THAT  $\tilde{J}_0(0) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow -s^2 \tilde{y} - s \tilde{y}' + \tilde{y} = 0$$

IT IS RELEVANT WHAT  $\tilde{y}'$  IS, AS IT VANISHES ON DIFFERENTIATION

$$\text{AND } \tilde{y}' = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -s^2 \tilde{y} - s \tilde{y}' + \tilde{y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -s^2 \tilde{y} + s^2 \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds} + \tilde{y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -s^2 \tilde{y} + s^2 \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds} + \tilde{y} - 1 - \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -s^2 \tilde{y} + s^2 \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds} + \tilde{y} - 1 - \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -s^2 \tilde{y} + s^2 \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds} + \tilde{y} - 1 - \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -s^2 \tilde{y} = (s^2 - 1) \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\tilde{y}}{ds} = -\frac{s^2 \tilde{y}}{s^2 - 1}$$

• SOLVE THE ODE BY SEPARATING VARIABLES

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\tilde{y}} d\tilde{y} = -\frac{s^2}{s^2 - 1} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \tilde{y} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(s^2 - 1) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \tilde{y} = \ln \left( \frac{A}{\sqrt{s^2 - 1}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{y} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{s^2 - 1}}$$

• NOW WE USE THESE RESULTS TO EVALUATE THE CONSTANT A

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}f(s)) \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}\tilde{J}_0(s)) \end{aligned}$$

AFTER WE OBTAIN

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [\tilde{J}_0] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [y(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [J_0(t)] = 1$$

THUS

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{A \tilde{y}}{\sqrt{s^2 - 1}} \right] = 1 \quad \therefore [A = 1]$$

• RETURNING TO THE PROBLEM

$$\tilde{y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 - 1}}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 - 1}}$$

**Question 37**

By forming and taking the Laplace transform of a suitable second order differential equation, show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\sin \sqrt{t}] = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}.$$

proof

Let  $f(t) = g = \sin(\sqrt{t})$

$$f'(t) = \dot{g} = \pm t^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(\sqrt{t}) = \pm t^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(g)$$

$$f''(t) = \ddot{g} = -t^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(\sqrt{t}) - \frac{1}{2} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin(\sqrt{t}) \times t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

TRY TO FIND  $\ddot{g}$   
O.D.E.

$$\ddot{g} = -t^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(\sqrt{t}) - \frac{1}{2} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin(\sqrt{t})$$

$$y = \dot{g} + \sin(\sqrt{t})$$

$$2\ddot{g} = t^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(\sqrt{t})$$

$$4\ddot{g} + 2\dot{g} + y = 0$$

AHS SOLUTION:  $y = \sin(\sqrt{t})$  SUBJECT TO  
 $t=0 \quad y=0$   
 $\dot{y}=0$

TRYING LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

$$\Rightarrow -4 \frac{d}{ds} [\dot{g} \ddot{g} - \dot{g}_0 \ddot{g}_0] + 2[\dot{g} \ddot{g} - y_0] + \ddot{g} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4 \frac{d}{ds} [\dot{g} \ddot{g} - 0 - \dot{g}_0 \ddot{g}_0] + 2\dot{g} \ddot{g} + \ddot{g} = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{ds}(g) = 0 \\ \text{CANCELS} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow -4 \left[ 2\dot{g} \ddot{g} + \frac{d}{ds} \dot{g} \ddot{g} \right] + 2\dot{g} \ddot{g} + \ddot{g} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -8\dot{g} \ddot{g} - 4\frac{d}{ds} \dot{g} \ddot{g} + 2\dot{g} \ddot{g} + \ddot{g} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-4s)\ddot{g} = 4s \frac{d}{ds} \dot{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1-4s}{4s} \frac{d}{ds} \dot{g} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{d}{ds} \dot{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1-4s}{4s} s^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{2} s^{\frac{1}{2}} ds = \int \frac{1}{s} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{4s} - \frac{3}{8} s^{\frac{1}{2}} + C = \ln \dot{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{g} = e^{-\frac{1}{4s}} - \frac{3}{8} s^{\frac{1}{2}} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{g} = e^{-\frac{1}{4s}} \times e^{\frac{3}{8}s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times e^C$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{g} = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Now  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$

$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sin(\sqrt{s}) \right] = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \sin(\sqrt{s}) \right] = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] = 0$

METHOD FINISHED!  $[A \times 0 = 0]$

TRY SMALL  $t$  ( $t \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\sin(\sqrt{t}) \rightarrow \sqrt{t} = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

AS  $s \rightarrow \infty$   $\ddot{g} \approx \frac{A}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad \therefore A \approx \sqrt{\pi}$

$$\therefore \int \left[ \sin(\sqrt{t}) \right] dt = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}}{2s^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

**Question 38**

The Sine integral function  $\text{Si}(t)$  is defined as

$$\text{Si}(t) \equiv \int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\text{Si}(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{s}\right).$$

proof

$\boxed{\text{Si}(t) \equiv \int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du, \quad t > 0}$

- TOE CONVERGENCE UT  $f(t) = \text{Si}(t)$   
NOTE THAT  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \text{Si}(0) = 0$
- DIFFERENTIATE THE DEFINITION WRT  $t$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f'(t) &= \int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du \\ \Rightarrow f'(t) &= \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du \\ \Rightarrow f'(t) &= \frac{\sin t}{t} \\ \Rightarrow tf'(t) &= \sin t \end{aligned}$$
- NOW TAKING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE ABOVE EQUATION AND NOTING THE RESULTS
 
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[tf'(t)] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}[\int_0^t g(u) du] \\ \mathcal{L}[tf'(t)] &= \mathcal{L}[\int_0^t g(u)] - g(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[tf'(t)] &\approx \mathcal{L}[\sin t] \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}[\int_0^t g(u)] \right] &= \frac{1}{s^2+1} \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}[f(t)] - f(0) \right] &= \frac{1}{s^2+1} \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \int \frac{1}{s^2+1} ds \\ \Rightarrow -s \mathcal{L}'[f(t)] &= \operatorname{arctan} s + C \end{aligned}$$

$\boxed{s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = C - \operatorname{arctan}s}$  where  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int [\text{Si}(t)]$

- TO FIND THE CONSTANT, WE USE
 
$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [C - \operatorname{arctan}s] = C - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [\text{Si}(t)] = 0$$

$$\therefore C - \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 \quad C = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
- FINALLY WE OBTAIN
 
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \operatorname{arctan}s \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \operatorname{arctan}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{s} \operatorname{arctan}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\text{Si}(t)] &= \int \left[ \frac{1}{s} \operatorname{arctan}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) \right] ds \end{aligned}$$

### Question 39

Find the following inverse Laplace transform by 3 different methods.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right], a>0.$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right] = \frac{t \sin at}{2a}$$

**METHOD A (BY INVERSION)**

WE OBSERVE THAT  $\frac{d}{ds}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}\right] = \frac{1}{s^2}\left[(s^2+a^2)^{-1}\right]$

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

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

**Method**

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \left[ -\frac{d}{ds}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}\right] \right] dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{d}{ds}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}\right] \right] dt = \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s^2+a^2} = \frac{1}{2a} t \sin at$$

**METHOD B (BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM)**

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right] = \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+a^2} \times \frac{1}{s^2+a^2} \right] dt$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+a^2} \times \frac{a}{s^2+a^2} \right] dt$$

$\downarrow [s \text{ case}] \quad \downarrow [a \text{ case}]$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[f * g] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[f] + \mathcal{L}^{-1}[g]$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[f * g] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[f] \mathcal{L}^{-1}[g]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[f(s)g(s)] = f * g$$

**Method**

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right] = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^\infty \left[ \cos(at) \sin(a(t-u)) \right] du$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^\infty \cos(at) \sin(a(t-u)) du$$

**Method**

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right] = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^\infty \left[ \sin(at) \cos(a(t-u)) - \cos(at) \sin(a(t-u)) \right] du$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^\infty \left[ \sin(at) \cos(a(t-u)) - \cos(at) \sin(a(t-u)) \right] du$$

$$= \frac{\sin(at)}{a} \int_0^\infty \left[ \cos(a(t-u)) - \frac{\cos(at)}{a} \sin(a(t-u)) \right] du$$

$$= \frac{\sin(at)}{a} \int_0^\infty \left[ 1 + \cos(2au) - \frac{\cos(at)}{a} \sin(2au) \right] du$$

$$= \frac{\sin(at)}{a} \left[ u + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2au) \right]_0^\infty - \frac{\sin(at)}{a} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin(2au) \right]_0^\infty$$

$$= \frac{\sin(at)}{a} \left[ t + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2at) \right] + \frac{1}{4a} \cos(2at) \left[ \cos(2au) \right]_0^\infty$$

$$= \frac{\sin(at)}{a} \left[ t + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2at) \right] + \frac{1}{4a} \cos(2at) \left[ \cos(2at) - 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sin(at)}{a} \left[ t + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2at) + \cos(2at) - 1 \right] - \frac{1}{4a} \cos(2at)$$

$$= \frac{\sin(at)}{a} \left[ t + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2at) + 2\cos(2at) - 1 \right] - \frac{1}{4a} \cos(2at)$$

$$= \frac{t \sin at}{2a} + \frac{1}{2a} \cos(2at) - \frac{1}{4a} \cos(2at)$$

$$= \frac{t \sin at}{2a} + \frac{1}{4a} \cos(2at)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a} t \sin at$$

AS REQUIRED

**METHOD C (BY COMPLEX INTEGRATION)**

$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} f(z) e^{zt} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} \frac{e^{zt}}{(z^2+a^2)^2} dz$

THE INTEGRAND HAS TWO POLES AT  $z = \pm ai$ .  
IN THIS CASE THE INTEGRATION IS THE SUM OF THE TWO RESIDUES.  
SINCE  
 $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} \frac{e^{zt}}{(z^2+a^2)^{n+1}} dz \right)$  DUE TO THE CONVERGENCE  
SINCE  $C_R$  DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY POLES.  
 $a, b$  NEEDS TO GO FROM  $-R$  TO  $\infty$ .

**Residue at  $ai$**

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{e^{zt}}{(z^2+a^2)^2} \right) \right] = \lim_{z \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{e^{zt}}{(z-ai)^2} \right) \right]$$

THE DIFFERENTIATION UNDER THE INTEGRAL SIGN IS PREVIOUSLY ...

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{e^{zt} (2ai)(z-ai) - 2z}{(z-ai)^3} \right] = \frac{2z \left[ -2ai(z-ai) + 2ai \right]}{(z-ai)^3}$$

$$= \frac{2z \left[ 2ai^2 - 2ai^2 + 2ai \right]}{(z-ai)^3} = e^{ati} \times \frac{-2ai^2}{8a^2t^2} = \frac{-2a \sin at}{4at^2}$$

**COLLECTING & MANIPULATING THE RESIDUES**

$$f(z) = \frac{te^{zi}}{4at^2} - \frac{te^{-zi}}{4at^2} = \frac{t}{4at^2} \left[ e^{zi} - e^{-zi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{t}{4at^2} \left[ 2 \sinh(at) \right] = \frac{t}{4at^2} \left[ 2i \sin(at) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2ti}{4at^2} \sin(at)$$

$$= \frac{t \sin at}{2a}$$

**METHOD D (BY DIFFERENTIATION UNDER THE INTEGRAL SIGN)**

STRATING WITH  $\frac{1}{s^2+a^2} = \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^{-1}}$

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^{-1}} \right] = -\frac{2as^2}{(s^2+a^2)^2}$$

TAKING INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM ON BOTH SIDES

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^{-1}} \right] \right] dt = -2a \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] dt \right] = -2a \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \cos(at) \right] = -2a \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] dt$$

$$\Rightarrow -t \sin(at) = -2a \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] dt = \frac{1}{2a} t \sin(at)$$

**Question 40**

The Cosine integral function  $\text{Ci}(t)$  is defined as

$$\text{Ci}(t) \equiv \int_t^\infty \frac{\cos u}{u} du, \quad t > 0.$$

Show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\text{Ci}(t)] = \frac{\ln(s^2 + 1)}{2s}.$$

proof

$\text{Ci}(t) = \int_t^\infty \frac{\cos u}{u} du, \quad t > 0$

- FOR SIMPLICITY OF NOTATION, LET  $f(t) = \text{Ci}(t)$   
[NOTE THAT  $f(0) = 0$ ]
- DIFFERENTIATE THE COSINE INTEGRAL DEFINITION W.R.T  $t$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(t) = \int_t^\infty \frac{\cos u}{u} du$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_t^\infty \frac{\cos u}{u} du$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(t) = -\frac{\cos t}{t}$   
 $\Rightarrow -t f'(t) = \cos t$
- NEXT WE TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM, USING THE RESULTS  

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[tf(t)] &= -\frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[f(t)]] \\ \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \mathcal{L}[\cos t] - \mathcal{L}[0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[tf(t)] &= -\frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[\cos t]] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[f(t)] - f(0)] &= \frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[\cos t]] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[f(t)] - \frac{1}{2}\ln(s^2+1)] &= \frac{s}{s^2+1} \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \int \frac{s}{s^2+1} ds \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{2}\ln(s^2+1) + \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

TO FIND THE CONSTANT WE USE THE INITIAL/FINAL VALUE THEOREM

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$$

- SO FROM  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2}\ln(s^2+1) + C \right] = C$   
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^\infty \frac{\cos u}{u} du = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow C = 0$
- FINALLY WE OBTAIN  
 $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{2}\ln(s^2+1)$   

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \mathcal{L}[\text{Ci}(t)]$$

$$\int \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\cos u}{u} du \right] dt = \int \mathcal{L}[f(t)] dt = \frac{1}{2}\ln(s^2+1) \quad //$$

**Question 41**

The Exponential integral function  $Ei(t)$  is defined as

$$Ei(t) \equiv \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Show that

$$\mathcal{L}[Ei(t)] = \frac{\ln(s+1)}{s}.$$

proof

$Ei(t) \equiv \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du, \quad t \geq 0$

- BY CONVENTION IN NOTATION we have  $f(t) = Ei(t)$
- $\Rightarrow f(t) = \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du$
- DIFFERENTIATE w.r.t.  $t$
- $\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du$
- $\Rightarrow f'(t) = -\frac{e^{-t}}{t}$
- $\Rightarrow -t f'(t) = e^{-t}$
- TAKING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM, USING THESE RESULTS

$\int [t g(t)] = -\frac{1}{s} \left[ \int [sg(t)] \right]$
$\int [g'(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \int [g(t)] - g(0)$

$\Rightarrow \int [-t f(t)] = \int [e^{-t}]$

$\Rightarrow +\frac{1}{s} \left[ \int [f(t)] \right] = \frac{1}{s+1}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \left[ s \bar{f}(s) - f(0) \right] = \frac{1}{s+1}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \left[ s \bar{f}(s) \right] - \frac{d}{ds} [f(0)] = \frac{1}{s+1}$

$\Rightarrow s \bar{f}'(s) = \int \frac{1}{s+1} ds$

$\Rightarrow s \bar{f}'(s) = \ln(s+1) + C$

To find the constant we use the initial/final theory

$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \bar{f}(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$
$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \bar{f}(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du = 0$

$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \bar{f}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(s+1) + C] = C$

∴  $C = 0$

Finally we obtain

$\Rightarrow s \bar{f}(s) = \ln(s+1)$

$\Rightarrow \bar{f}(s) = \frac{\ln(s+1)}{s}$

$\Rightarrow \int [f(t)] = \int [Ei(t)] = \int \left[ \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du \right] = \frac{\ln(s+1)}{s}$

### Question 42

By differentiating the integral definition of the Gamma function,  $\Gamma(x)$ , with respect to  $x$ , show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\ln t] = -\frac{\gamma + \ln s}{s}.$$

You may assume that  $\Gamma'(1) = -\gamma$ .

proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int [ \ln t ] dt &= \frac{\Gamma'(n) - \log s}{s} = -\frac{\gamma + \ln s}{s} \\
 \bullet \text{ STARTING FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE GAMMA FUNCTION} \\
 \Rightarrow \Gamma(n) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{n-1} du \\
 \bullet \text{ DIFFERENTIATE w.r.t. } n \\
 \Rightarrow \Gamma'(n) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{n-1} \ln u \, du \quad \boxed{\frac{d}{du}(u^n) = n u^{n-1}} \\
 \Rightarrow \Gamma'(n) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{n-1} \ln u \, du \\
 \bullet \text{ LET } u = st, \quad s > 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = s, \quad du = s dt \quad \text{a. limits unchanged} \\
 \Rightarrow \Gamma'(n) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} (\ln(st)) (s \, dt) \\
 \Rightarrow \Gamma'(n) &= s \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \ln s \, dt + s \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \ln t \, dt \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\Gamma'(n)}{s} &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \ln s \, dt + \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \ln t \, dt \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\Gamma'(n)}{s} &= \ln s \left[ -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \ln t \, dt \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\Gamma'(n)}{s} &= \ln s \left[ 0 + \frac{1}{s} \right] + \int_0^\infty \ln t \, dt \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\Gamma'(n)}{s} &= \ln s + \int_0^\infty \ln t \, dt \\
 \Rightarrow \int [ \ln t ] &= \frac{\Gamma'(n) - \ln s}{s} = \frac{\Gamma'(n) - \ln s}{s} \\
 \Rightarrow \int [ \ln t ] &= -\frac{\gamma + \ln s}{s} = -\frac{\gamma + \ln s}{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

ALTERNATIVE METHOD

• START FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $t^k$ ,  $n > -1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \int [ t^k ] &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}} \quad \leftarrow n! \\
 \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty t^k e^{-st} dt &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

• DIFFERENTIATE BOTH SIDES w.r.t.  $n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty (t^k \ln t) e^{-st} dt &= \frac{d}{dn} \left[ \Gamma(n+1) s^{n+1} \right] \\
 \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty t^k e^{-st} \ln t \, dt &= \Gamma(n+1) s^{n+1} + (\Gamma(n+1) \times s^{n+1}) \times \ln s \\
 \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty t^k e^{-st} \ln t \, dt &= \frac{\Gamma'(n+1) \cdot \Gamma(n+1) s^{n+1}}{s^{n+1}} \\
 \bullet \text{ LET } n=0 \text{ IN THE ABOVE EQUATION} \\
 \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty t^k \ln t \, dt &= \frac{\Gamma'(1) - \Gamma(1) \ln s}{s} \\
 \Rightarrow \int [ \ln t ] &= \frac{-\gamma - \ln s}{s} \quad // \text{as required.} \\
 \Gamma'(1) &= c_1 = 1 \\
 \Gamma'(1) &= -\gamma
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 43**

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt, t \geq 0.$$

- a) Show from the above definition that if  $a$  is a non zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right).$$

- b) By taking the Laplace transform of Bessel's equation

$$t^2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + t \frac{dx}{dt} + (t^2 - n^2)x = 0, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and assuming further that  $J_0(0) = 1$ , show that

$$\mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}.$$

- c) Deduce in simplified form the Laplace transform of  $J_0(at)$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}[J_0(at)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + a^2}}}$$

a)  $\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \int_0^\infty f(at) e^{-st} dt$  (by definition)

Now by a substitution  $T = at$ :  
 $\frac{dt}{da} = \frac{1}{a}$   
 $dt = \frac{1}{a} dT$   
 with boundaries  
 $\dots = \int_0^\infty f(T) e^{-sT} \frac{1}{a} dT$   
 $= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^\infty f(T) e^{-sT} dT$   
 $= \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$

b) Take Bessel's equation:  
 $t^2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + t \frac{dx}{dt} + (t^2 - n^2)x = 0$

Let  $n=0$ :  
 $\Rightarrow t \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + t \frac{dx}{dt} + t^2x = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow t \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{dx}{dt} + tx = 0$

Take the LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE O.D.E. w.r.t  $t$ :  
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \bar{x} - s \bar{x}_0 - \bar{x}_0] + [\bar{x} - s \bar{x}_0] = \frac{d}{ds} (tx) = 0$   
 ↑  
 (RECALL THAT THIS IS AS IT WILL VARY FROM THE DIFFERENTIATION)  
 $\therefore \bar{x}_0 = J_0(s) = 1$ , since  $\bar{x}(0) = J_0(0)$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \bar{x} - s \bar{x}_0 - \bar{x}_0] + \bar{x} - 1 - \frac{d}{ds} (tx) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -[2s\bar{x} + s^2 \frac{d\bar{x}}{ds} - 1 + \bar{x}_0] + \bar{x} - 1 - \frac{d}{ds} (tx) = 0$

From part (a):  
 $\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$

From part (b):  
 $\mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}$

Combining these results:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[J_0(at)] &= \frac{1}{a} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)^2 + 1}} \right] = \frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{a^2} + 1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + a^2}} \right) = \frac{1}{a} \times \frac{a}{\sqrt{s^2 + a^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + a^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \bar{f}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{a} \bar{f}(s))$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \bar{f}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} (a \bar{f}(s))$

Hence:  
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s \bar{x}] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [\bar{f}(s)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [J_0(s)] = 1$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [\frac{d\bar{x}}{ds}] = 1$   
 $\frac{d\bar{x}}{ds} = 1$   
 $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}$   
 $\therefore \mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}$

**Question 44**

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt, t \geq 0.$$

- a) Show from the above definition that if  $k$  is a non zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{f}(ks)] = \frac{1}{k} f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right).$$

- b) Show further that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t f(u) du.$$

- c) Given that  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[e^{-\sqrt{s}}] = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}}$ , use parts (a) and (b) to prove that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\alpha\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] = \text{erfc}\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{t}}\right),$$

where  $\alpha$  is a positive constant.

proof

**a)** Starting from the definition of the Laplace transform – take the Laplace transform of  $f(at)$

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

By substitution next:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= at \\ t &\rightarrow \frac{u}{a} \\ dt &= \frac{1}{a}du \end{aligned}$$

LIMIT UNKNOWN

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(at)] &= \int_0^\infty f(u)e^{-s\left(\frac{u}{a}\right)} \left(\frac{1}{a}du\right) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(at)] &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^\infty f(u)e^{-\frac{s}{a}u} du \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(at)] &= \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

SOLVE

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) &= \int_0^\infty f(u)e^{-\frac{s}{a}u} du \\ \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) &= \int_0^\infty f(u)e^{-\frac{ku}{a}} du \end{aligned}$$

FINALLY TAKE  $k = \frac{1}{a}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(\frac{s}{a})] &= k\bar{f}(s) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{a}f\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)\right] &= \bar{f}(s) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(s)] &= \frac{1}{a}\bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

**b)**

- Now (LT)  $\bar{f}(t) = \int_0^t f(u) du$
- Differentiate with respect to  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \bar{f}'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t f(u) du \\ \Rightarrow \bar{f}'(t) &= f(t) \end{aligned}$$

TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE ABOVE EQUATION.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\bar{f}'(t)] &= \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\bar{f}(t)] - \mathcal{L}[0] &= \bar{f}(t) \\ \text{Now, } \mathcal{L}[0] &= \int_0^\infty 0 du = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\bar{f}(t)] &= \frac{\bar{f}(t)}{s} \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\bar{f}(t)] &= \int_0^t \frac{\bar{f}(u)}{s} du \\ \Rightarrow \bar{f}(t) &= \int_0^t \frac{\bar{f}(u)}{s} du \end{aligned}$$

**c)**

- From (b)

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s} \right] du = \frac{e^{-\frac{kt}{\sqrt{s}}}}{2\sqrt{s}t^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Then by (a)

$$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s} \right] du = \int_0^t \frac{e^{-\frac{ku}{\sqrt{s}}}}{s} du$$

By substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{s} \frac{1}{s} \Rightarrow u &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}u \\ \Rightarrow du &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}du \\ u=0 \mapsto v=\infty & \\ u=t \mapsto v=\frac{t}{\sqrt{s}} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \left[ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s} \right] du &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}} \int_0^{\frac{t}{\sqrt{s}}} e^{-\frac{ku}{\sqrt{s}}} (-\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}du) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}} \int_{\infty}^{\frac{t}{\sqrt{s}}} e^{-\frac{ku}{\sqrt{s}}} dv \\ &= \text{erfc}\left[\frac{kt}{2\sqrt{s}}\right] \end{aligned}$$

Next by (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \left[ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s} \right] du &= \int_0^t \left[ u^2 \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s\sqrt{s}u^2} \right] (u=kx^2) \\ \int_0^t \left[ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s} \right] du &= \sqrt{s} \int_0^{\sqrt{\frac{t}{s}}} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s} \right] du \\ \int_0^t \left[ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s} \right] du &= \sqrt{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s} \text{erfc}\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\frac{t}{s}}}\right) \\ \int_0^t \left[ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}u}}{s} \right] du &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \text{erfc}\left(\frac{t}{2\sqrt{s}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 45**

The Laplace transform  $\bar{y}(s)$ , of a function  $y = y(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$  is given by

$$\bar{y}(s) = e^{-\sqrt{s}}, s > 0.$$

- a) Show that  $\bar{y}(s)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$4s \bar{y}''(s) + 2\bar{y}'(s) - \bar{y}(s) = 0.$$

- b) Hence show further that

$$4t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + (6t - 1)y = 0.$$

- c) Use parts (a) and (b) to prove that

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(e^{-\sqrt{s}}\right) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}}.$$

proof

a)  $\boxed{\bar{y}(s) = e^{-\sqrt{s}} = e^{-st}}$

- Differentiate with respect to  $s$ 

$$\bar{y}'(s) = -\frac{1}{2}s^{-\frac{1}{2}}e^{-st} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}}\bar{y}(s) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{y}'(s) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}}}$$
- Differentiate once more by the quotient rule
$$\bar{y}''(s) = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}s^{-\frac{1}{2}}(0) + \frac{1}{2}s^{-\frac{3}{2}}(-1)}{s^2} = -\frac{1}{2}s^{-\frac{3}{2}}\bar{y}(s)$$

$$\bar{y}''(s) = \frac{0}{s^2} - \frac{1}{2}s^{-\frac{3}{2}}\bar{y}(s)$$

$$\boxed{\bar{y}''(s) = -\frac{1}{2}s^{-\frac{3}{2}}\bar{y}(s) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)}$$
 Using the previous 'based' expression
 
$$\bar{y}''(s) + 2\bar{y}'(s) - \bar{y}(s) = 0$$

b) Next we consider how the expressions in the above ODE can be reduced by taking certain transforms

- $\boxed{\int [t^2 y(s)] = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 [y(s)] = \bar{y}''(s)}$
- $\boxed{\int [ty(s)] = -\frac{1}{2}[y(s)] = -\bar{y}'(s)}$
- To produce the term  $\bar{y}''(s)$  we try
$$\int [t^2 \bar{y}(s)] = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 [\bar{y}(s)] = \frac{1}{3}\bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{3}[\bar{y}(s) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)] = \bar{y}(s) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)$$

$$= \bar{y}(s) + 2\bar{y}(s)$$

COLLECTING THE LAST 3 RESULTS

- $\bar{y}(s) = \int [t^2 y(s)]$
- $\bar{y}(s) = \int [-t\bar{y}'(s)]$
- $\bar{y}''(s) = \int [t^2 \frac{dy}{dt}] = -2\bar{y}'(s)$

REDUCING TO THE O.D.E.

- $\Rightarrow 4\bar{y}''(s) + 2\bar{y}'(s) - \bar{y}(s) = 0$
- $\Rightarrow 4 \int [t^2 \frac{dy}{dt}] - 2\bar{y}'(s) + 2\bar{y}'(s) - \bar{y}(s) = 0$
- $\Rightarrow 4 \int [t^2 \frac{dy}{dt}] - (\bar{y}'(s) - \bar{y}'(s)) = 0$
- $\Rightarrow 4 \int [t^2 \frac{dy}{dt}] - 4 \int [-t\bar{y}'(s)] - \int [\bar{y}(s)] = 0$

INTEGRATING THESE TERMS GIVES

- $\Rightarrow 4t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 6ty - y = 0$
- $\Rightarrow 4t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + (6t - 1)y = 0$

c) SOLVING THE O.D.E.

- $\Rightarrow 4t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} = (1-6t)y$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} dy = \frac{1-6t}{4t^2} dt$
- $\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{4t^2} - \frac{3}{2t} dt$
- $\Rightarrow \ln|y| = -\frac{1}{4t} - \frac{3}{2}\ln t + C$

TO SIMPLIFY THE CONSTANT WE PROCEED AS FOLLOWS

- $yt = \frac{Ae^{\frac{1}{4t}}}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{A}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}$
- $\int [yt] = -\frac{d}{dt} [\frac{A}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}] = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{A}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}$
- $\boxed{\int [yt] = \frac{Ae^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{2\sqrt{t}}}$
- $\frac{Ae^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{2\sqrt{t}} \sim \frac{A}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}$
- $\int [\frac{A}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}] = \int [A t^{\frac{1}{2}}] = A \frac{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} = A \frac{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}}$
- $\boxed{\int [\frac{A}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}] = \frac{At^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}}}$
- $Ae^{-\frac{1}{4t}} \sim \frac{At^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2\sqrt{t}} \sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$

∴ BY THE INITIAL/INITIAL VALUE THEOREM

- $\frac{At^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2\sqrt{t}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$
- $A = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$

Finally we obtain

- $\boxed{y^{\frac{1}{2}} = Ae^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}$
- $\boxed{y = \frac{Ae^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}}$
- $\boxed{y(t) = \int^t [e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}] = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{\frac{1}{4t} + \frac{1}{2}}}$

# **INVERSION BY COMPLEX VARIABLES**

### Question 1

Use the method of residues to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-2}\right).$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-2}\right) = e^{2t}}$$



- Consider  $f(s) = \frac{1}{s-2}$ , which has a simple pole at  $s=2$  in the  $s$ -plane ( $\mathbb{C}$ -plane =  $s$ -plane)
- If  $s = Re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$

$$|\frac{1}{s-2}| = \left| \frac{1}{Re^{i\theta}-2} \right| \approx \frac{1}{|Re^{i\theta}-2|} \leq \frac{1}{|Re^{i\theta}| - 2} = \frac{1}{R-2} = O(\frac{1}{R}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{s-2} \right] = \sum (\text{RESIDUES OF } \frac{e^{st}}{s-2} \text{ IN "INFINITY" PLANE})$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{(s-2)e^{st}}{s-2} \right] = e^{2t}$$

### Question 2

Use the method of residues to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)^2}\right].$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)^2}\right] = e^t + (3t-1)e^{2t}}$$



- $f(s) = \frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)^2}$ , has a simple pole at  $s=-1$  & a double pole at  $s=2$
- If  $s = Re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$

$$|\frac{9}{s+1}| = \left| \frac{9}{(Re^{i\theta}+1)(Re^{i\theta}-2)^2} \right| \leq \frac{9}{|Re^{i\theta}+1| \cdot |(Re^{i\theta}-2)|^2} = \frac{9}{(R-1)(R-2)^2}$$

$$= O(\frac{1}{R^3}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

- Residue at  $s=-1$ :  $\lim_{s \rightarrow -1} [(s+1)f(s)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} [(s+1) \frac{9e^{st}}{(s-2)^2}] = \frac{1}{2}$
- Residue at  $s=2$ :  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 2} [\frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (s-2)^2 f(s)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 2} [\frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (s-2)^2 \frac{9e^{st}}{(s-2)^2}]$ 

$$= 9 \lim_{s \rightarrow 2} [e^{st}(s-2)^2 - e^{st}(s-1)^2] = 9 [e^{2t} \frac{2}{3} - e^{2t} \frac{1}{2}]$$

$$= 3e^{2t} - \frac{9}{2}$$

$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)^2} \right] = \sum \text{RESIDUES OF } f(s) \text{ IN "INFINITE" S-PLANE}$

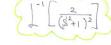
$$= e^t + 3te^{2t} - \frac{9}{2}$$

**Question 3**

Use the method of residues to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2}\right].$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2}\right] = \sin t - t \cos t}$$

 This integral has double poles at  $s = \pm i$  in the upper half plane.

- If  $\Re(s) > 0$ ,  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ 

$$\left| \mathcal{L}(s) \right| \leq \frac{2}{(\Re(s)+1)^2} = \frac{2}{(\Re(s)+1)^2} \underset{s \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{2}{(\Re(s)-1)^2} = \frac{2}{(\Re(s))^2} = O\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)$$
 $\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } s \rightarrow \infty$
- Residue at  $s = i$ 

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{e^{st}}{(s-i)^2} \right) \right] = 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{e^{st}}{(s-i)} \right) \right]$$
 $= 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{(s+i)^2 e^{st} - 2(s+i) e^{st}}{(s+i)^4} \right] = 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{4(s+i)e^{st} - 2e^{st}}{(s+i)^3} \right]$ 
 $= 2 \left[ \frac{4(i)e^{it} - 2e^{it}}{(i)^3} \right] = \frac{-4ie^{it} - 2e^{it}}{-8i} = \frac{1}{2}te^{it} - \frac{1}{4}ie^{it}$
- Residue at  $s = -i$ 

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{e^{st}}{(s+i)^2} \right) \right] = 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{e^{st}}{(s-i)} \right) \right]$$
 $= 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{(s-1)^2 e^{st} - 2(s-1) e^{st}}{(s-1)^4} \right] = 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{4(s-1)e^{st} - 2e^{st}}{(s-1)^3} \right]$ 
 $= \frac{-4te^{it} - 4e^{it}}{8i} = \frac{1}{2}te^{it} + \frac{1}{4}ie^{-it}$
- $\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2}\right] = \sum \text{(residues of } \frac{2e^{st}}{(s^2+1)^2} \text{ in the upper half plane)}$ 
 $= -\frac{1}{2}te^{it} - \frac{1}{2}te^{-it} - \frac{1}{2}(e^{it} - e^{-it})$ 
 $= -\frac{1}{2}(e^{it} + e^{-it}) - \frac{1}{2}(e^{it} - e^{-it})$ 
 $= -t \cos t - i \sin(t)$ 
 $= -t \cos t + \sin t$

### Question 4

Use complex integration to find the following inverse Laplace transform.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right], \quad a>0.$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right] = \frac{t \sin at}{2a}}$$

**• FORMULA**

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} F(s) e^{st} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} \frac{se^{st}}{(s^2+a^2)^2} ds$$

**• THE INTEGRAND HAS TWO DOUBLE POLES AT  $s = \pm ai$ .**  
IN THIS CASE THE INTEGRATION IS THE SUM OF THE TWO RESIDUES.

SUM:

$$f(t) = 2\pi i \sum \text{Residues inside contour}$$

Since  $\gamma$  does not converge as the radius tends to infinity,  $\gamma$  needs to go from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ .

**• RESIDUE AT  $ai$**

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{se^{st}}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \frac{se^{st}}{(s+ai)^2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{(se^{st})' (s+ai)^2 - se^{st} (2s+2ai)}{(s+ai)^4} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{(se^{st})' (1+2i) - 2s e^{st}}{(s+ai)^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{e^{st} [(s+ai)(1+2i) - 2s]}{(s+ai)^3} \right] = \frac{e^{ai} [(2ai - 2at - 2a^2) + 2a^2]}{(2ai)^3}$$

$$= \frac{-2ai^2 (2at - 2a^2 + 2a^2)}{8a^3 i^3} = \frac{te^{ai}}{4a^2 i} = \frac{te^{ai}}{4a^2 i}$$

**• RESIDUE AT  $-ai$**

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -ai} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{se^{st}}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right) \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow -ai} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \frac{se^{st}}{(s-ai)^2} \right]$$

THE DIFFERENTIATION NUMBER IDENTICAL AS PREVIOUSLY...

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -ai} \left[ \frac{e^{st} [(s-ai)^2 (1+2i) - 2s]}{(s-ai)^3} \right] = \frac{e^{ai} [-2a(1-at) + 2a^2]}{8a^3 i^3}$$

$$= \frac{e^{ai} (2at - 2a^2 + 2a^2)}{8a^3 i^3} = \frac{e^{ai} \times -2at}{8a^3 i^3} = \frac{-tae^{ai}}{4a^2 i}$$

**• COLLECTING & MANIPULATING THE RESIDUES**

$$f(t) = \frac{te^{ai}}{4a^2 i} - \frac{tae^{ai}}{4a^2 i} = \frac{t}{4a^2} [e^{ai} - e^{-ai}]$$

$$= \frac{t}{4a^2} \int [2 \sin(at)] = \frac{t}{4a^2} [2 \sin(at)]$$

$$= \frac{2t}{4a^2} \sin(at)$$

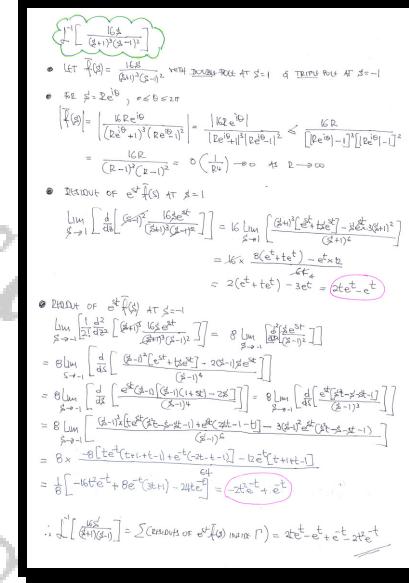
$$= \frac{t}{2a} \sin(at)$$

**Question 5**

Use the method of residues to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2}\right].$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2}\right] = (2t-1)e^t + (1-2t^2)e^{-t}}$$



The notes show the following steps:

- Let  $\tilde{f}(s) = \frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2}$ , with poles at  $s=1$  &  $s=-1$ .
- For  $\Re s = 2e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\Im s = 0$ .
- Residue of  $e^{st}\tilde{f}(s)$  at  $s=1$ :
$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ e^{st} \frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = 16 \lim_{s \rightarrow 1^-} \left[ \frac{(2e^{it})^2 e^{st} - 16e^{it}}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = 16 \times \frac{8(e^{it}+te^t) - 16e^{it}}{(2e^{it})^3(2e^{-it})^2} = 2(e^{it}+te^t) - 3e^t = 2e^{it} - e^t$$

Residue of  $e^{st}\tilde{f}(s)$  at  $s=-1$ :

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ e^{st} \frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = 8 \lim_{s \rightarrow -1^+} \left[ \frac{2e^{it}e^{st} - 16e^{it}}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = 8 \lim_{s \rightarrow -1^+} \left[ \frac{8(-1)^2 e^{it} + 16e^{it} - 16e^{it}}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = 8 \lim_{s \rightarrow -1^+} \left[ \frac{8e^{it} - 16e^{it}}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = 8 \lim_{s \rightarrow -1^+} \left[ \frac{-8e^{it}(s+1)(s-1)}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = 8 \left[ -8 \left[ \frac{te^{-t}(te^{-t}-1) + e^{-t}(2t-1)}{(2e^{-t})^3} - 2e^{-t} \frac{2t-1}{(2e^{-t})^2} \right] \right] = 8 \left[ -8 \left[ \frac{te^{-t}(te^{-t}-1) + e^{-t}(2t-1)}{8e^{-3t}} - 2e^{-t} \frac{2t-1}{4e^{-2t}} \right] \right] = \frac{1}{8} \left[ -64e^{-t} \left[ te^{-t}(te^{-t}-1) + e^{-t}(2t-1) \right] - 16e^{-t} \left[ 2t-1 \right] \right]$$

**Question 6**

Use complex variables to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2}\right].$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2}\right] = t e^{2t} \cos 3t}$$

- $\int s^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right]$  can be found directly by complex variables
- Factorise the denominator  
 $s^2 - 4s + 13 = (s - 2)^2 + 9 = (s - 2)^2 - (3i)^2 = (s - 2 - 3i)(s - 2 + 3i)$
- As the transform is very straight forward, the fraction which was transforming is simple  

$$f(t) = \sum \left[ \text{residues of } \frac{(s^2 - 4s - 5)e^{st}}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right]$$

double poles at  $s = 2 \pm 3i$
- Residue at double pole at  $s = 2 + 3i$   

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 2+3i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{1}{s-2-3i} \right)^2 \frac{(s^2 - 4s - 5)e^{st}}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right]$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 2+3i} \left[ \frac{(s-2+3i)^2 \left[ (s-4)e^{st} + te^{st}(2^2 - 4s - 5) \right] - e^{st}(s^2 - 4s - 5) \cdot 2(s-2+3i)}{(s-2+3i)^4} \right]$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 2+3i} \left[ \frac{(s-2+3i)^2 e^{st} [2s-6 + t(2^2 - 4s - 5)] - 2e^{st}(s^2 - 4s - 5)}{(s-2+3i)^3} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (2+3i)^2 - 4(2+3i) - 5 = 4 - 24i - 9 - 8 + 27i - 5 = -10 \\ (2+3i-2-3i)^3 = (-6i)^3 = -216i \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{-6i e^{(2+3i)t} [4 - 24i - 9 - 8 + 27i - 5]}{-216i} = \frac{6i e^{(2+3i)t} [4i - 19i]}{216i} = \frac{-6i e^{(2+3i)t} (2-19i)}{216i} = \frac{108i e^{(2+3i)t}}{216i} = \frac{1}{2} e^{(2+3i)t}$$

• RESIDUE OF THE DOUBLE POLE AT  $s = 2 - 3i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 2-3i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{1}{s-2+3i} \right)^2 \frac{(s^2 - 4s - 5)e^{st}}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right]$$

THE SIMPLIFIED DIFFERENTIATION IS VITALIC ...

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 2-3i} \left[ \frac{(s-2-3i)^2 \left[ (s-4)e^{st} + t e^{st}(2^2 - 4s - 5) \right] - 2e^{st}(s^2 - 4s - 5)}{(s-2-3i)^3} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (2-3i)^2 - 4(-2-3i) - 5 = 4 - 24i - 9 + 8 + 27i - 5 = 10 \\ (2-3i-2+3i)^3 = (-6i)^3 = 216i \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{6i e^{(2-3i)t} [4 - 24i - 9 + 8 + 27i - 5]}{216i} = \frac{6i e^{(2-3i)t} (2-19i)}{216i} = \frac{-6i e^{(2-3i)t} (17i)}{216i} = \frac{108i e^{(2-3i)t}}{216i} = \frac{1}{2} e^{(2-3i)t}$$

• **THUS WE TRANSFORM  $f(t)$  NOW AFTER SOME TIDYING:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} e^{3it} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} e^{-3it} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} \left[ \frac{1}{2} e^{3it} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-3it} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} \cosh(3t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} \csc(3t) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 7**

$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{(s^2 + 1)^2}.$$

Use complex variable methods to invert the above Laplace transform.

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

Give the final answer in terms of Heaviside functions.

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} H(t - \pi) [\sin(t - \pi) - (t - \pi) \cos(t - \pi)]$$

**WORKING:**

**1. CALCULATE THE RESIDUES AT EACH OF THE DOUBLE POLES AT  $\pm i$  (CONSIDER THE 2nd IN ROW)**

**RESIDUE AT  $i$ :**

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow i} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{st}}{(s-i)^2(s+i)} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)^2 e^{si} - 2s e^{si}}{(s-i)^3} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)(s+i)e^{si} - 2e^{si}}{(s-i)^3} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)(s+i)e^{si} - 2e^{si}}{(s-i)^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(s-i)(s+i)e^{si} - 2e^{si}}{-8i} = -\frac{1}{4}(t-\pi)e^{i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{4}e^{i(t-\pi)}$$

**RESIDUE AT  $-i$ :**

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{st}}{(s-i)^2(s+i)} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)^2 e^{-si} - 2s e^{-si}}{(s-i)^3} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)(s+i)e^{-si} - 2e^{-si}}{(s-i)^3} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)(s+i)e^{-si} - 2e^{-si}}{(s-i)^3} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}(t-\pi)e^{-i(t-\pi)} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-i(t-\pi)}$$

**RETURNING TO THE INVERSE**

- IF  $t < \pi$ ,  $f(t) = 0$
- (THE SUM OF RESIDUES IS ZERO, SO INTEGRAL IS ZERO, BUT THE ARC DOES NOT CONVERGE AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , SO THE STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH C FROM  $-R$  TO  $R$ , WHICH PASSES THE POLE, MUST ALSO BE ZERO)
- IF  $t > \pi$ , THE ARC AGAIN DOES NOT CONVERGE BUT THIS TIME THE STRAIGHT LINE CONTRIBUTION MUST EQUAL TO  $2\pi i \times$  SUM OF RESIDUES

$\therefore f(t) = 2\pi i \sum \text{residues}$

$$= 2\pi i \times \frac{1}{2i} \left[ -\frac{1}{4}(t-\pi)e^{i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{4}(t-\pi)e^{-i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{4}i(t-\pi) + \frac{1}{4}e^{-i(t-\pi)} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}(t-\pi) \left[ e^{i(t-\pi)} + e^{-i(t-\pi)} \right] - \frac{1}{4}i(t-\pi) - \frac{1}{4}e^{-i(t-\pi)}$$

WE JUST LEFT IT OUT AS THE EASY CONTRIBUTION

$$= -\frac{1}{4}(t-\pi) \left[ \cos(t-\pi) + \sin(t-\pi) \right] - \frac{1}{4}i(t-\pi) - \frac{1}{4}e^{-i(t-\pi)}$$

A. SINCE THIS WORKS FOR  $t > \pi$

$$f(t) = -\frac{1}{4}H(t-\pi) \sin(t-\pi) - \frac{1}{4}H(t-\pi) (t-\pi) \cos(t-\pi)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{4}H(t-\pi) \left[ \sin(t-\pi) - (t-\pi) \cos(t-\pi) \right]$$

**Question 8**

$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{(as+1)e^{-as}}{s^2(s^2+1)}, \quad a > 0.$$

Use complex variable methods to invert the above Laplace transform.

$$\mathcal{L}[\bar{f}(s)] = tH(t-a) - H(t-a)\sin(t-a) + aH(t-a)\cos(t-a)$$

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

proof

$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{-as}{s^2(s^2+1)} \quad s > 0$

①  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_Y \bar{f}(s) e^{st} dt$  where  $Y = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_Y \frac{-as(s^2+1)}{s^2(s^2+1)} e^{st} ds$

WHERE  $Y$  IS A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE "RIGHT" OF ALL THE SINGULARITIES OF THE INTEGRAND AS SHOWN IN THE PICTURE OPPOSITE.

② WE DEFINE THE CONTRACTION OF THE STRAIGHT LINE  $Y$  AS  $D \rightarrow 0$ . THE CONTRACTION RE THE POLES WOULD NOT BE CONTRACTED AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , DEPENDING ON THE POLE'S CONVERGENCE BEHAVIOUR OR, MOREOVER, IN A SIMILAR FASHION TO THAT OF JORDAN'S LEMMA.

$\int_{C+D}^{t+D} ds$   
CASE IF  $t > 0$   
 $t > a$   
CASE IF  $t < a$   
 $t < 0$

THE INTEGRAND HAS A DOUBLE POLE AT  $0$ , AND SIMPLE POLES AT  $\pm i$ .

RESIDUE AT  $i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow i} [s-i] \frac{a(s-i)(s+i)}{(s-i)(s+i)s^2} = \frac{i(t-a)(1+a)}{-2i}$$

RESIDUE AT  $-i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -i} [s+i] \frac{a(s-i)(s+i)}{(s-i)(s+i)s^2} = \frac{-i(t-a)(1-a)}{2i}$$

RESIDUE AT  $0$  (DOUBLE POLE)

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{a(s-t)(s+as)}{s^2(s+i)^2} \right] = \dots \text{quotient rule} \dots$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{(1+a)[a(s-t)(s+as) + t(s-a)] - a(s-t)(s+as)}{(1+a)^2 s^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1[(1+(a-1)a)+1] - 1 \times 0}{1} = t - a = t$$

WE RETURN TO THE INTEGRATION

IF  $t < a$   $f(t) = 0$

(THE SUM OF RESIDUES IS ZERO, SO THE INTEGRAL OVER THE CLOSED LOOP ON THE RIGHT YIELDS ZERO.)

BUT THE ROC DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , SO THE STRAIGHT LINE SEGMENT ( $Y$ ) FROM  $-i\infty$  TO  $i\infty$  WHICH GIVES THE INTEGRATION MUST ALSO BE ZERO.

IF  $t > a$

THE ROC AGAIN DOESN'T CONTRIBUTE AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , SO THIS TIME THE CONTRIBUTION OF  $Y$  (STRAIGHT LINE FROM  $-i\infty$  TO  $i\infty$ ) WHICH GIVES  $f(t)$  MUST EQUAL THE SUM OF THE RESIDUES.

$\therefore f(t) = 2\pi i \times \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \left[ t + \frac{(1+a)}{2i} e^{-i(t-a)} - \frac{(1+a)}{2i} e^{i(t-a)} \right]$

IN PRACTICE THE FORMULA

$$f(t) = t + \frac{1}{2i} e^{-i(t-a)} - \frac{a}{2} e^{-i(t-a)} - \frac{1}{2i} e^{i(t-a)} - \frac{a}{2} e^{i(t-a)}$$

$$f(t) = t - \frac{1}{2i} \left[ e^{-i(t-a)} - e^{i(t-a)} \right] - \frac{a}{2} \left[ e^{-i(t-a)} + e^{i(t-a)} \right]$$

$$f(t) = t - \sin(t-a) - a \cos(t-a)$$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t - \sin(t-a) - a \cos(t-a) & t > a \\ 0 & t < a \end{cases}$$

$f(t) = tH(t-a) - H(t-a)\sin(t-a) - aH(t-a)\cos(t-a)$

**Question 9**

$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{s^3 + s^2 + 1 - e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}.$$

Use complex variable methods to invert the above Laplace transform.

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t + \cos t & 0 \leq t \leq \pi \\ \pi + \cos t - \sin t & t > \pi \end{cases}$$

**WORKING:**

$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{s^3 + s^2 + 1 - e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{s^3 + s^2 + 1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} - \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$

BY COMPLEX INTEGRATION

$\bullet$   $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{s^3 + s^2 + 1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} e^{st} ds - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} e^{st} ds$

$\bullet$  BOTH INTEGRANDS HAVE A DOUBLE POLE AT  $s=0$  & A SIMPLE POLE AT  $\pm i$ .  
PICK A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE RIGHT OF ALL SINGULARITIES SAY  $C+1$  IN THE BROWNIAN FORMULA

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} e^{st} \bar{f}(s) ds$$

$\bullet$  THE WAY WE CLOSE THE BRIDGE TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT DEPENDS ON  $t$  SO THAT THE LENGTH OF THE ARC IS ZERO.  
(IN A JORDAN LEMMA USE FRACTION)

$\bullet$  IF  $t < 0$  WE CLOSE TO THE RIGHT (1ST INTEGRAL)  
WE CLOSE TO THE RIGHT (2ND INTEGRAL)  
 $t-\pi$  WILL BE LEFT HAND RESIDUE

$\bullet$  IF  $0 < t < \pi$  WE CLOSE TO THE LEFT (1ST INTEGRAL)  
WE CLOSE TO THE RIGHT (2ND INTEGRAL)

$\bullet$  IF  $t > \pi$  WE CLOSE BOTH TO THE LEFT

**CALCULATE THE RESIDUES AT EACH POLE BY EACH METHOD**

$\bullet$  AT  $s=0$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{st}(s^3 + s^2 + 1)}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{st}(s^3 + s^2 + 1)}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ (1+s)^3 \left( s^2 e^{st} \right) + (1+s)^2 \left( 3s^2 e^{st} + 2s e^{st} \right) - 2s (1+s)^2 e^{st} \right] = \frac{1}{2} e^{st} (1+s^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{i\pi t} (1+\pi^2)$$

$\bullet$  At  $s=i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{e^{st}(s^3 + s^2 + 1)}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} \right] = \frac{-ie^t (1-i)}{(i-2)(i+2)} = \frac{i e^{it}}{2i} = \frac{1}{2} e^{it}$$

$\bullet$  At  $s=-i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{e^{st}(s^3 + s^2 + 1)}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} \right] = \frac{-ie^t (1+i)}{(-i-2)(-i+2)} = \frac{-i e^{it}}{2i} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-it}$$

$\bullet$  Now the residues evaluate

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} \bar{f}(s) e^{st} ds$$

$\bullet$  IF  $t < 0$  WE CLOSE BOTH TO THE RIGHT SO NO SINGULARITIES INSIDE

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times 0 e^{it} = 0$$
 BY CAUCHY THEOREM

$\bullet$  IF  $0 < t < \pi$  FIRST INTEGRAL CLOSES TO THE LEFT & SECOND TO THE RIGHT (NO CONVERGENCE)

$$\therefore f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times 2\pi i \sum (\text{residues inside})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{it} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-it} + t = \cosh(it) + t = \cosh(it) + t < 0$$

$\bullet$  IF  $t > \pi$  BOTH INTEGRAL CLOSES OUTSIDE AS ZEROS ARE "CLOSED TO THE LEFT"

$$f(t) = \text{cont} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum \text{residues} \right] - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum \text{residues}$$

1st integral                          2nd integral

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \sum \text{residues of 1st integral} - \sum \text{residues of 2nd integral}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \left[ \cosh(it) + t \right] - \left[ (t-\pi) - \frac{1}{2} e^{i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-i(t-\pi)} \right]$$

FROM BIGGER

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \cosh(it) + t + \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{i(t-\pi)} - e^{-i(t-\pi)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \cosh(it) + t + \frac{1}{2} \sin(t-\pi) = \pi + \cosh(it) + \sin(t-\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \pi + \cosh(it) - \sin(t)$$

$\therefore f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t + \cosh(it) & 0 < t \leq \pi \\ \pi + \cosh(it) - \sin(t) & t > \pi \end{cases}$

**Question 10**

Given that  $a$  is a positive constant, use complex variable methods to find the following inverse Laplace transform.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3(s^2+a^2)^2}\right].$$

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{2}{a^6} \cos at + \frac{t}{2a^5} \sin at$$

$f(t) = \int_0^\infty f(s) e^{-st} ds$

- Although we can split into partial fractions, this would be more time-consuming than using complex variable methods with residues (using the residue theorem here is even worse).

$$f(s) = \frac{1}{s^3(s^2+a^2)^2} = \frac{1}{s^3} \int_{-ia}^{ia} \frac{dt}{s^2-t^2-a^2}$$

$\Re(s) = \frac{e^{i\theta}}{(s^2+a^2)^2}$  has a triple pole at  $s=0$ , and simple poles at  $s=\pm ai$ .

- Poles:

At  $0$ :

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^3}{ds^3} \left( \frac{e^{i\theta}}{s^2-(t^2+a^2)} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[ \frac{e^{i\theta}}{(s^2-a^2)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{(s^2+a^2)^2 t^2 - 4s^2 a^2}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{t^2(s^2+a^2) - 4s^2 a^2}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{t^2(s^2+a^2) - 4s^2 a^2}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right] \times 3s^2 a^2 \times 2s$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(s^2+a^2)^2 t^2 - 4s^2 a^2 [2s^2 a^2 + 3s^2(s^2-a^2)] - 8s^4 t^2 a^2}{(s^2-a^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4a^4 t^2 - 4a^4 t^2}{a^4} = \frac{a^4 t^2}{2a^4}$$

At  $ai$ :

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{e^{i\theta}}{s^2-(t^2+a^2)} \right) = \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{i\theta}}{(s^2-a^2)^2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \frac{2s a^2 e^{i\theta}}{(s^2-a^2)^3}$$

TO DIVIDE BY  $s^2-a^2$  BY

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{2s a^2 e^{i\theta} t - 2s a^2 [2s^2 a^2 + 3s^2(s^2-a^2)]}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{2s a^2 t - 2s a^2 [2s^2 a^2 + 3s^2(s^2-a^2)]}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{2s a^2 t - 2s a^2 (2s^2 a^2 + 3s^2(s^2-a^2))}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{2s a^2 t - 2s a^2 (2s^2 a^2 + 3s^2(s^2-a^2))}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{2s a^2 t - 2s a^2 (2s^2 a^2 + 3s^2(s^2-a^2))}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow ai} \left[ \frac{2s a^2 t - 2s a^2 (2s^2 a^2 + 3s^2(s^2-a^2))}{(s^2-a^2)^3} \right]$$

Finally:

$$f(t) = \frac{e^{iat}}{2a^4} + \left[ \frac{e^{iat}}{(s^2-a^2)^2} \right] + \left[ \frac{e^{iat}}{(s^2-a^2)^2} \right]$$

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{1}{a^6} (e^{iat} + e^{iat}) - \frac{1}{4a^5} (e^{iat} - e^{iat})$$

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{2}{a^6} \cos at - \frac{1}{4a^5} \times 2\sin(at)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{2}{a^6} \cos at + \frac{1}{2a^5} \sin at$$

• If  $t < 0$ :  $f(t) = 0$   
 $f(t) = 2\pi i \sum \text{residues} = 0$

• If  $t > 0$ :  $f(t) = \pi i \sum \text{residues}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2a^5} \times 2\pi i \sum \text{residues}$

If  $t < 0$ :  $f(t) = 0$   
 $f(t) = 2\pi i \sum \text{residues} = 0$

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 $= \frac{1}{2a^5} \times 2\pi i \sum \text{residues}$

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$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{1}{a^6} (e^{iat} + e^{iat}) - \frac{1}{4a^5} (e^{iat} - e^{iat})$$

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{2}{a^6} \cos at - \frac{1}{4a^5} \times 2\sin(at)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{2}{a^6} \cos at + \frac{1}{2a^5} \sin at$$

• If  $t < 0$  we close the contour to the right? The poles do not lie in the right half-plane.  
If  $t > 0$  we close the contour to the left? Contour shift.

### Question 11

Use complex variable methods to find the following inverse Laplace transform.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)}\right)\right].$$

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{t}[1 + e^{-t} - 2\cos t]$$

$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)}\right) ds$

BY COMPLEX VARIABLE

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{st} \ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)}\right) ds$$

RATHER THAN CARRYING OUT THE CONTOUR & SUMMING COMPLEX RESIDUES, WE MAY PROCEED BY PARTS

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)}\right) &= \ln(s^2+1) - \ln s - \ln(s+1) & \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{2s}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} \\ \frac{1}{s} e^{st} \end{array} \right. \\ &\quad \frac{1}{s} e^{st} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{t} \left[ \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{st} \ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)}\right) ds \right]_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{t} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{st} \frac{2s}{s^2+1} ds - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{st} \frac{1}{s+1} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \frac{1}{t} \left[ \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{st} \ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)}\right) ds \right]_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} - \frac{1}{t} \left[ \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{st} \frac{2s}{s^2+1} ds - \frac{1}{s+1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \frac{1}{t} \left[ \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{st} \ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)}\right) ds \right]_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} - \frac{1}{t} [2\cos t - 1 - e^{-t}]$$

Now looking at the denominator of the square bracket

Let  $s = c + iR$  and let  $R \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{t(c+iR)} \ln\left[\frac{1+(c+iR)^2}{(c+iR)(c+iR+1)}\right] &- \frac{t(c-iR)}{c+iR} \ln\left[\frac{1+c-iR)^2}{(c-iR)(c-iR+1)}\right] \\ &\uparrow \\ &= e^{t(c+iR)} \ln\left[\frac{(c^2+2cR+R^2)-R^2}{c^2+2cR+R^2+c+iR}\right] - e^{-tR} \ln\left[\frac{(c^2-2cR-R^2)-R^2}{c^2-2cR-R^2+c-iR}\right] \end{aligned}$$

KNOW IF WE LOOK AT THE MODULE OF THIS EXPRESSION AS  $R \rightarrow 0$

THEN  $|e^{\pm iR}| = 1$  FOR REAL  $R$ .

THE LEADING POWERS INCLUDE THE MODULES OF THE TERMS IN  $R^2$  (COMPLEX)

i.e.  $\ln\left[\frac{O(R^2)}{O(R^2)}\right] \rightarrow \ln 1 \rightarrow 0$

$\ln\left(\frac{R^2}{R^2+1}\right) \rightarrow 0$

So as  $R \rightarrow 0$  THIS VANISHES AND THIS

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{t}[1 + e^{-t} - 2\cos t]$$

### Question 12

The function  $y = f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{s}{s^4 + 1}.$$

Use complex variable methods to show that

$$f(t) = \sin\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}\right).$$

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

proof

$\int [f(t)] = \frac{s}{s^4 + 1}$

- We simply use the standard inversion formula

$$f(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} [f(z)] e^{sz} dz,$$

where  $\gamma$  is an infinite vertical line to the "right" of all the singularities of  $[f(z)]$ .

- $f(z) = \frac{se^{iz}}{z^4 + 1}$  has simple poles at  $z^4 = -1 = e^{i(7\pi/2k)}$  or  $z = e^{i\pi/4}(2ek)$
- $\gamma = \text{Re } z$
- $s = -e^{i\pi/4}, e^{i\pi/4}, e^{-i\pi/4}, e^{i3\pi/4}$
- For  $t > 0$  we close the contour to the left of  $\gamma$ . This gives that as the sum of the residues goes to infinity, the arc does not contribute (see in Jordan's Lemma).
- For  $t < 0$   $\gamma$  produces zero by Cauchy's theorem, as there are no poles inside and the arc does not contribute.
- Calculate the residues at these poles using a general method. Let a pole be at  $z = z_0$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{(z-z_0)e^{iz}}{(z-z_0)^4} \text{ which gives } \frac{e^{iz_0}}{4!} \text{ as } z-z_0 \text{ is a factor of the denominator.}$$

By Cauchy's rule

$$\dots = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma+R}^{\gamma} \frac{(z-z_0)e^{iz}}{(z-z_0)^4} dz \right] = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma+R}^{\gamma} \frac{(z-z_0)e^{iz}}{4z^3} dz \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \frac{e^{iz_0}}{z_0^3} = \boxed{\frac{e^{iz_0}}{4z_0^3}}$$

- Obtaining the residues at each of the four poles

$$z_0 = e^{i\pi/4} \quad \frac{e^{iz_0/4}}{4e^{i\pi/4}} = \frac{e^{i(\pi/2+i\pi/4)}}{4i}$$

$$z_0 = e^{-i\pi/4} \quad \frac{e^{iz_0/4}}{4e^{-i\pi/4}} = \frac{e^{i(-\pi/2-i\pi/4)}}{-4i}$$

$$z_0 = e^{i3\pi/4} \quad \frac{e^{iz_0/4}}{4e^{i3\pi/4}} = \frac{e^{i(-\pi/4+i\pi/4)}}{-4i}$$

$$z_0 = e^{i\pi/2} \quad \frac{e^{iz_0/4}}{4e^{i\pi/2}} = \frac{e^{i(-\pi/2+i\pi/2)}}{4i}$$

- $f(z) = \sum (\text{residues at the 4 poles})$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \left[ e^{i(\pi/2+i\pi/4)} - e^{i(-\pi/2-i\pi/4)} - e^{i(-\pi/4+i\pi/4)} + e^{i(-\pi/2+i\pi/2)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \left[ (e^{i\pi/4} e^{i\pi/4} - e^{-i\pi/4} e^{-i\pi/4}) + (e^{-i\pi/4} e^{i\pi/4} - e^{i\pi/2} e^{i\pi/2}) \right]$$

where  $a = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \left[ e^{i\pi/2} (e^{i\pi/4} - e^{-i\pi/4}) - e^{-i\pi/2} (e^{i\pi/4} - e^{-i\pi/4}) \right]$$

**Question 13**

The Bromwich integral for inverting a Laplace transform  $\bar{f}(s)$  is given by

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{st} \bar{f}(s) ds.$$

- Describe briefly the contour used in this integral and the general method used to invert the transform.
- Given that  $a$  is a positive constant, show that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[e^{-a\sqrt{s}}\right] = \frac{a}{2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{4t}\right).$$

- Hence find in a simplified form of a convolution integral the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-a\sqrt{s}}}{\sqrt{s}}\right].$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-a\sqrt{s}}}{\sqrt{s}}\right] = \frac{a}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{t-u}} \right] \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{4u}\right) du}$$

[ solution overleaf ]

**a)**

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} f(s) e^{-st} ds \quad \text{as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

• We chose  $\gamma$ , a straight line parallel to the  $\text{Im } s$  axis so that it lies to the "right" of all the poles of  $f(z)$ .  
 • The Jordan's lemma tells us that the "closing arc" is the arc has no contribution as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  for  $t > 0$ . By closing the arc to the "left" of  $\gamma$  and for  $t > 0$  by closing the arc to the "right" of  $\gamma$ .

If the integrand is of the form  $\frac{f(s)}{s-a}$  then we close to the left for  $t > 0$ ,  $t < 0$  we close to the right for  $t < 0$ ,  $t > 0$ .

**b)**

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty f(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} f(s) e^{-st} ds + \sum \text{residues inside}$$

$f(s) = \sum \text{residues inside}$   
 (in the same/standard order)

**b)**

WE NEED  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [e^{-st}] ds$

•  $f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} e^{-st} ds$

- THE INTEGRAND HAS NO REAL PART BUT IT HAS A BRANCH POINT AT THE ORIGIN, SO TO THE SQUARE ROOT!
- PICK  $\gamma$  AT ANY POSITION TO THE RIGHT OF THE  $\text{Im } s$  AXIS & TAKE THE BRANCH CUT ON THE NEGATIVE  $\text{Im } s$  AXIS
- FACING THE CONTOUR TO THE RIGHT ( $t < 0$ ) MEANS  $f(s) \approx t < 0$
- CLOSING THE CONTOUR TO THE LEFT ( $t > 0$ ) AS SHOWN BELOW

• THE CONTINUATION OF THE UNDER ARC, ALONG WHICH IT IS NOT AND  $\gamma$  IS USED AS TO MAKE THOSE TWO (IN JORDAN'S SENSE).

• NEXT LOOK AT THE CONSEQUENCE OF  $\gamma$  AS  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$   
 $s = \epsilon i \theta$   
 θ goes from 0 to π  
 $ds = i \epsilon \theta d\theta$

$$\left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{-st} ds \right| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-s(\epsilon i \theta)} e^{-s(\epsilon i \theta)^2} i \epsilon \theta d\theta \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-s(\epsilon i \theta)} e^{-s(\epsilon i \theta)^2} e^{-s(\epsilon i \theta)^2} i \epsilon \theta d\theta \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| e^{-s(\epsilon i \theta)} \right| \left| e^{-s(\epsilon i \theta)^2} \right| \left| e^{-s(\epsilon i \theta)^2} \right| \left| i \epsilon \theta \right| d\theta$$

$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} e^{-st} \cdot 1 \cdot e^{-s^2 \epsilon^2} \cdot 1 \cdot \epsilon d\theta$

SINCE  $-t \leq \text{real } s \leq 1$   
 $\rightarrow -t \leq s^2 \epsilon^2 \leq 1$

 $= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-st} e^{s^2 \epsilon^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\theta = -\epsilon e^{-st} e^{s^2 \epsilon^2} \rightarrow 0$  AS  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ 

• HOW TO PARSE THIS

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{x^2}{xy} = 1$$

• PARAMETRIC:  $\gamma_1 \& \gamma_2$

$\gamma_2: z = u e^{i\theta} \quad \text{as } \theta = -\pi \quad \frac{dz}{d\theta} = u e^{i\theta} i$   
 REVERSE THE SIGN FOR THE SECOND PART

$\gamma_4: z = u e^{i\theta} \quad \text{as } \theta = \pi \quad \frac{dz}{d\theta} = u e^{i\theta} i$   
 REVERSE THE SIGN FOR THE SECOND PART

HENCE

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_1} + \int_{\gamma_2}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-st} e^{-s(u e^{i\theta})^2} (-du) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\pi}^0 e^{-st} e^{-s(u e^{i\theta})^2} (-du)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{\pi} e^{-st} e^{-s(u e^{i\theta})^2} (-du) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\pi}^0 e^{-st} e^{-s(u e^{i\theta})^2} du$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} e^{-s^2 u^2} du - e^{-st} e^{-s^2 u^2} du$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \left[ e^{-s^2 u^2} - e^{-s^2 u^2} \right] du$$

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$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} 2s u \sin(su^2) du$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} 2s \sin(su^2) du$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \sin(su^2) du$$

• LET  $p = u^2$   
 $\frac{dp}{du} = 2u \quad du = \frac{1}{2} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} dp$   
 UNITS CHANGED

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \sin(sp) \frac{1}{2} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} dp$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \sin(sp) dp$$

• INTEGRATION BY PARTS

sin ap	acos ap
$\frac{1}{4} e^{-st}$	$-p e^{-st}$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left[ -\frac{1}{4} e^{-st} \sin(ap) \right]_0^\infty + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) \approx \frac{a}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp$$

• NOW DIVIDE THE INTEGRAL AS

$$\Rightarrow I = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial a} = \int_0^\infty -\frac{\partial}{\partial a} e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial a} = \int_0^\infty -p e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp$$

• BY PARTS AGAIN

sin ap	acos ap
$\frac{1}{4} e^{-st}$	$-p e^{-st}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial a} = \left[ \frac{1}{4} e^{-st} \sin(ap) \right]_0^\infty - \frac{a}{4} \int_0^\infty p e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial a} = -\frac{a}{2t} I$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{I} \frac{\partial I}{\partial a} = -\frac{a}{2t} \frac{\partial I}{\partial a}$$

$$\Rightarrow a I = -\frac{a^2}{4t} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow I = A e^{-st} \quad (A = e^C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp = A e^{-st}$$

- LET  $a = 0$  IN ORDER TO FIND THE CONSTANT A

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dp = A$$

•  $A = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dp$  ← INVERSE SUBSTITUTION

$$\Rightarrow A = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{st} du$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{t} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \text{ (STANDARD RESULT)}$$

• THEN  $I = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{t} e^{-st}$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{a}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cos(ap) dp = \frac{a}{2\pi t} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{t} e^{-st}$$

$$\int_0^1 \left[ e^{-st} \right] = \frac{a}{2\pi t} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{t} e^{-st}$$

•  $\int_0^1 [(f*g)(t)] = \int_0^1 [f(t)] \int_0^1 [g(u)]$

$(f*g)t = \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 [f(u)] \int_0^1 [g(u)] \right]$

WE NEED TO FIND  $f(t)$  (Given that  $\tilde{f}(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$ )

$$\int_0^1 \left[ t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$$

THIS  $\int_0^1 [t^{-\frac{1}{2}}] = \frac{(t)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\int_0^1 \left[ \frac{1}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\int_0^1 \left[ \frac{1}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right] = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\int_0^1 \left[ \frac{1}{t^{\frac{5}{2}}} \right] = \frac{1}{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{-a^2}{t^{\frac{5}{2}}} \right] = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t(t-u)}} \frac{a}{2u^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{u}} e^{-\frac{a^2}{4u}} du$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t-u}} \frac{a}{2\sqrt{u} \sqrt{t-u}} e^{-\frac{a^2}{4u}} du$$

→ SEE NUMERO

$$\int_0^1 \left[ \frac{a}{\sqrt{t^2-u^2}} \right] = \frac{a}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\frac{a^2}{4u}}}{u^{\frac{1}{2}}(t-u)^{\frac{1}{2}}} du$$