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GATE 2021 ME 3Q

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Question: The Dirac-delta function $(\delta(t - t_0))$ for $t, t_0 \in \Re$, has the following property

$$\int_{a}^{b} \phi(t) \, \delta(t - t_0) \, dt = \begin{cases} \phi(t_0) & a < t_0 < b \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (1)

The Laplace Transform of the Dirac-delta function $\delta(t-a)$ for a > 0; $\mathcal{L}(\delta(t-a)) = F(s)$ is (GATE 2021 ME 3Q)

Solution:

Parameter	Description
F(s)	Laplace transform of $\delta(t-a)$

TABLE 1: Table of parameters

By (1) and a > 0,

$$F(s) = \int_0^\infty \delta(t - a) e^{-st} dt$$
 (2)

$$\therefore F(s) = e^{-as} \tag{3}$$