

Laplace Transform

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The Multiplication by t Formula

01. Evaluate

a. $\mathcal{L}\{t \cos(3t)\}(s)$

b. $\mathcal{L}\{(t + \sin(t))^2\}(s)$

c*. $\mathcal{L}\{(t - 2) \cos(3t) e^{2t}\}(s)$

d. $\mathcal{L}\{t^2 \sin(at)\}(s)$

02. Evaluate the integrals

a. $\int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-2t} \cos(t) dt$

b. $\int_0^{+\infty} t^2 \sin(2t) e^{-t} dt$

Think of each integral as a Laplace transform evaluated at a specific value s .

03. Compute $\mathcal{L}\{t e^{2t} \cos(3t) \sin(4t)\}(s)$

Division by t Formula

04. Compute the following Laplace transforms:

a*. $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\sinh(t)}{t}\right\}(s)$

b. $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{e^{3t} - 1}{t}\right\}(s)$

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

Hint: Use the division by t formula: $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\}(s) = \int_s^{+\infty} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(r) dr$, where

$f(t)$ is piecewise continuous and of exponential order in $[0, +\infty)$, and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(t)}{t}$ is a real number.

The Transform of Periodic Functions

05. Compute the Laplace transform of the following periodic functions.

a*. $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < t < 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } 1 < t < 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad f(t+2) = f(t), \quad \text{for any } t$

b. $f(t) = t, 0 < t < 1, \text{ and } f(t+1) = f(t) \text{ for any } t$

c. $f(t) = |\sin(t)|$

Piecewise Functions and their Laplace Transforms

- 06.** Express each function $f(t)$ in terms of unit step functions, then compute $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s)$.

a*. $f(t) = \begin{cases} 2t - 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 2 \\ t & \text{if } 2 \leq t \end{cases}$

b*. $f(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 2 - t & \text{if } 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 6 & \text{if } 2 \leq t \end{cases}$

c. $f(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 1 \leq t < 2 \\ e^{-2t} & \text{if } 2 \leq t \end{cases}$

d. $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < \pi \\ t \sin(t) & \text{if } \pi \leq t \end{cases}$

Transforms of Derivatives

- 07.** Use the formula $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) - s f(0) - f'(0)$ to compute

a. $\mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\}(s)$

b. $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(bt)\}(s)$

c. $\mathcal{L}\{\cosh(bt)\}(s)$

d. $\mathcal{L}\{\sinh(bt)\}(s)$

- 08.** Compute $\mathcal{L}\{y\}(s)$, given that $y = y(t)$ is the solution of the initial value problem.

a. $\begin{cases} y'' + y = t \\ y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -2 \end{cases}$

b*. $\begin{cases} y'' + 4y = f(t) \\ y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$ where $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } 2 \leq t \end{cases}$

Multiplication by t Formula

If $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous and of exponential order in $[0, +\infty)$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{t f(t)\}(s) = -\frac{d}{ds}(\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s))$$

01a. Using the multiplication by t formula, we have

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \cos(3t)\}(s) = -\frac{d}{ds}(\mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t)\}(s)) = -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+9}\right) = -\frac{1 \cdot (s^2+9) - s \cdot (2s)}{(s^2+9)^2} = \frac{s^2-9}{(s^2+9)^2}$$

01b. Expanding and making use of the double angle formula $\sin^2(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\cos(2t)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{(t + \sin(t))^2\}(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{t^2 + 2t \sin(t) + \sin^2(t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\left\{t^2 + 2t \sin(t) + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\cos(2t)\right\}(s) \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{t^2\}(s) + 2\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(t)\}(s) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}\{1\}(s) - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}\{\cos(2t)\}(s) \\ &= \frac{2}{s^3} + 2\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(t)\}(s) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{s}{s^2+4}\end{aligned}$$

Using the multiplication by t formula, we have

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(t)\}(s) = -\frac{d}{ds}(\mathcal{L}\{\sin(t)\}(s)) = -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right) = \frac{2s}{(s^2+1)^2}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{L}\{(t + \sin(t))^2\}(s) = \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{4s}{(s^2+1)^2} + \frac{1}{2s} - \frac{s}{2(s^2+4)}$$

01c. Making use of the first shift formula $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)e^{at}\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s-a)$, we have

$$\mathcal{L}\{(t-2)\cos(3t)e^{2t}\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{(t-2)\cos(3t)\}(s-2)$$

Next we compute $\mathcal{L}\{(t-2)\cos(3t)\}(s)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{(t-2)\cos(3t)\}(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{t\cos(3t)\}(s) - 2\mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t)\}(s) = -\frac{d}{ds}(\mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t)\}(s)) - 2\frac{s}{s^2+9} \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+9}\right) - \frac{2s}{s^2+9} = \frac{s^2-9}{(s^2+9)^2} - \frac{2s}{s^2+9}\end{aligned}$$

Thus

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

01d. Using the multiplication by t formula twice, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{t^2 \sin(at)\}(s) &= -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(at)\}(s)\right) = -\frac{d}{ds}\left(-\frac{d}{ds}\left(\mathcal{L}\{\sin(at)\}(s)\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{d^2}{ds^2}\left(\mathcal{L}\{\sin(at)\}(s)\right) = \frac{d^2}{ds^2}\left(\frac{a}{s^2+a^2}\right) = \frac{d}{ds}\left(-\frac{2as}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{2a(3s^2-a^2)}{(s^2+a^2)^3}\end{aligned}$$

02a. $\int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-2t} \cos(t) dt = \left(\int_0^{+\infty} t \cos(t) e^{-s t} dt\right)\Big|_{s=2} = \mathcal{L}\{t \cos(t)\}(2)$

Now

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \cos(t)\}(s) = -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\mathcal{L}\{\cos(t)\}(s)\right) = -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+1}\right) = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}$$

Hence

$$\int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-2t} \cos(t) dt = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}\Big|_{s=2} = \frac{4-1}{(4+1)^2} = \frac{3}{25}$$

02b. $\int_0^{+\infty} t^2 \sin(2t) e^{-t} dt = \left(\int_0^{+\infty} t^2 \sin(2t) e^{-s t} dt\right)\Big|_{s=1} = \mathcal{L}\{t^2 \sin(2t)\}(1)$

To compute $\mathcal{L}\{t^2 \sin(2t)\}(s)$, we apply the multiplication by t formula twice, to get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{t^2 \sin(2t)\}(s) &= -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(2t)\}(s)\right) = -\frac{d}{ds}\left(-\frac{d}{ds}\left(\mathcal{L}\{\sin(2t)\}(s)\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{d^2}{ds^2}\left(\mathcal{L}\{\sin(2t)\}(s)\right) = \frac{d^2}{ds^2}\left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right) = \frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{-4s}{(s^2+4)^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{4(3s^2-4)}{(s^2+4)^3}\end{aligned}$$

It follows

$$\int_0^{+\infty} t^2 \sin(2t) e^{-t} dt = \mathcal{L}\{t^2 \sin(2t)\}(1) = \frac{4(3-4)}{(1+4)^3} = -\frac{4}{125}$$

03. Using the multiplication by t formula followed by the first shift formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{t e^{2t} \cos(3t) \sin(4t)\}(s) &= -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\mathcal{L}\{e^{2t} \cos(3t) \sin(4t)\}(s)\right) \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t) \sin(4t)\}(s-2)\right)\end{aligned}$$

To compute $\mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t) \sin(4t)\}(s)$, we start by linearizing $\cos(3t) \sin(4t)$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(3t) \sin(4t) &= \frac{e^{3ti} + e^{-3ti}}{2} \frac{e^{4ti} - e^{-4ti}}{2i} = \frac{e^{7ti} - e^{-ti} + e^{ti} - e^{-7ti}}{4i} \\ &= \frac{(e^{7ti} - e^{-7ti}) + (e^{ti} - e^{-ti})}{4i} = \frac{2i \sin(7t) + 2i \sin(t)}{4i} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin(7t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(t)\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t) \sin(4t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1}{2} \sin(7t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(t)\right\}(s) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{7}{s^2 + 49} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(3t) \sin(4t)\}(s-2) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{7}{(s-2)^2 + 49} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s-2)^2 + 1}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{t e^{2t} \cos(3t) \sin(4t)\}(s) &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{7}{2} \frac{1}{(s-2)^2 + 49} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s-2)^2 + 1} \right) \\ &= -\left(-\frac{7}{2} \frac{2(s-2)}{((s-2)^2 + 49)^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{2(s-2)}{((s-2)^2 + 1)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{7(s-2)}{((s-2)^2 + 49)^2} + \frac{(s-2)}{((s-2)^2 + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Division by t Formula

If $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous and of exponential order in $[0, +\infty)$, and if $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(t)}{t} = L$, where L is a real number, then

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\}(s) = \int_s^{+\infty} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(r) dr$$

04a. Clearly $\frac{\sinh(t)}{t}$ satisfies the conditions of the division by t formula. It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\sinh(t)}{t}\right\}(s) &= \int_s^{+\infty} \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(t)\}(r) dr = \int_s^{+\infty} \frac{1}{r^2 - 1} dr \\ &= \int_s^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{r-1} - \frac{1}{r+1} \right) dr = \frac{1}{2} (\ln(r-1) - \ln(r+1)) \Big|_s^{+\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{r-1}{r+1} \Big|_s^{+\infty} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln(1) - \ln \frac{s-1}{s+1} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{s-1}{s+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{s+1}{s-1} \end{aligned}$$

04b. Clearly $\frac{e^{3t} - 1}{t}$ satisfies the conditions of the division by t formula. It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{e^{3t} - 1}{t}\right\}(s) &= \int_s^{+\infty} \mathcal{L}\{e^{3t} - 1\}(r) dr = \int_s^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{r-3} - \frac{1}{r} \right) dr \\ &= (\ln(r-3) - \ln(r)) \Big|_s^{+\infty} = \ln \frac{r-3}{r} \Big|_s^{+\infty} \\ &= \ln(1) - \ln \frac{s-3}{s} = -\ln \frac{s-3}{s} = \ln \frac{s}{s-3} \end{aligned}$$

04c. Clearly $\frac{1 - \cos(3t)}{t}$ satisfies the conditions of the division by t formula. It follows

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1 - \cos(3t)}{t}\right\}(s) &= \int_s^{+\infty} \mathcal{L}\{1 - \cos(3t)\}(r) dr = \int_s^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{r}{r^2 + 9}\right) dr \\ &= \ln(r) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(r^2 + 9) \Big|_s^{+\infty} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{r^2}{r^2 + 9} \Big|_s^{+\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln(1) - \ln \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 9} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 9} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{s^2 + 9}{s^2}\end{aligned}$$

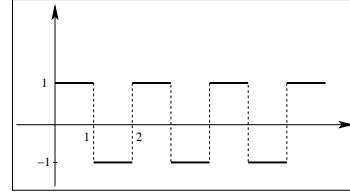
Laplace Transform of a Periodic Function

If $f(t)$ is periodic with period T , and piecewise continuous in $[0, T]$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) = \frac{\int_0^T f(t) e^{-st} dt}{1 - e^{-Ts}}$$

05a. The graph of the function is shown in the figure to the right. The function is 2-periodic, and is known as the square wave function. We have

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) = \frac{\int_0^2 f(t) e^{-st} dt}{1 - e^{-2s}}$$



We have

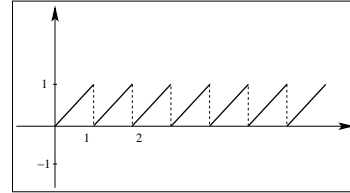
$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^2 f(t) e^{-st} dt &= \int_0^1 e^{-st} dt + \int_1^2 -e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=1} + \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_{t=1}^{t=2} \\ &= -\frac{e^{-s}}{s} + \frac{1}{s} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s} = \frac{(1 - e^{-s})^2}{s}\end{aligned}$$

It follows

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) &= \frac{(1 - e^{-s})^2}{s(1 - e^{-2s})} = \frac{(1 - e^{-s})^2}{s(1 - e^{-s})(1 + e^{-s})} = \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s(1 + e^{-s})} \\ &= \frac{e^{s/2} - e^{-s/2}}{s(e^{s/2} + e^{-s/2})} = \frac{2 \sinh(s/2)}{s 2 \cosh(s/2)} = \frac{1}{s} \tanh(s/2)\end{aligned}$$

05b. The graph of the function is shown in the figure to the right. The function is 1-periodic, and is known as the saw tooth wave function. We have

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) = \frac{\int_0^1 f(t) e^{-st} dt}{1 - e^{-s}}$$



Using integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 f(t) e^{-st} dt &= \int_0^1 t e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s^2} (st + 1) e^{-st} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{s^2} (s + 1) e^{-s} + \frac{1}{s^2} = \frac{-s e^{-s} - e^{-s} + 1}{s^2} = \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s}\end{aligned}$$

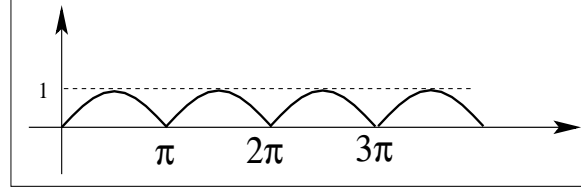
It follows

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

05c. The graph of the function

$$f(t) = |\sin(t)|$$

is shown in the figure to the right. The function is π -periodic, since $|\sin(t + \pi)| = |-\sin(t)| = |\sin(t)|$. It is known as the rectified sine wave function.



We have

$$\mathcal{L}\{|\sin(t)|\}(s) = \frac{\int_0^\pi |\sin(t)| e^{-st} dt}{1 - e^{-\pi s}} = \frac{\int_0^\pi \sin(t) e^{-st} dt}{1 - e^{-\pi s}}$$

Using integration by parts, we have

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

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi |\sin(t)| e^{-st} dt &= \int_0^\pi \sin(t) e^{-st} dt = -\frac{\cos(t) + s \sin(t)}{s^2 + 1} e^{-st} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=\pi} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} = \frac{1 + e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 1} \end{aligned}$$

It follows

$$\mathcal{L}\{|\sin(t)|\}(s) = \frac{\frac{1 + e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 1}}{1 - e^{-\pi s}} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \frac{1 + e^{-\pi s}}{1 - e^{-\pi s}} \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \frac{e^{\pi s/2} + e^{-\pi s/2}}{e^{\pi s/2} - e^{-\pi s/2}} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \coth(\pi s/2)$$

Recall that to express the piecewise defined function $f(t) = \begin{cases} f_1(t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t < a \\ f_2(t) & \text{if } a \leq t < b \\ f_3(t) & \text{if } b \leq t \end{cases}$ in

terms of unit functions write

$$f(t) = \underbrace{f_1(t)}_{f_1(t) \text{ up to } t=a} + \underbrace{f_2(t) u_a(t) - f_1(t) u_a(t)}_{\text{at } t=a \text{ switch on } f_2(t) \text{ and switch off } f_1(t)} + \underbrace{f_3(t) u_b(t) - f_2(t) u_b(t)}_{\text{at } t=b \text{ switch on } f_3(t) \text{ and switch off } f_2(t)}$$

or else

$$f(t) = \underbrace{f_1(t)}_{f_1(t) \text{ up to } t=a} + \underbrace{(f_2(t) - f_1(t))}_{\text{Jump of } f(t) \text{ at } t=a} u_a(t) + \underbrace{(f_3(t) - f_2(t))}_{\text{Jump of } f(t) \text{ at } t=b} u_b(t)$$

06a. Rewrite $f(t)$ in terms of unit step functions as

$$f(t) = (2t - 1) - (2t - 1)u_2(t) + tu_2(t) = 2t - 1 - (t - 1)u_2(t)$$

Using the linearity of the Laplace transform and the second shift formula

$$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)u_a(t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{g(t+a)\}(s)e^{-as}$$

we successively write

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) &= 2\mathcal{L}\{t\}(s) - \mathcal{L}\{1\}(s) - \mathcal{L}\{(t-1)u_2(t)\}(s) = 2\frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s} - \mathcal{L}\{(t+2)-1\}(s)e^{-2s} \\ &= \frac{2}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s} - \mathcal{L}\{t+1\}(s)e^{-2s} = \frac{2}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s} - \left(\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s}\right)e^{-2s}\end{aligned}$$

06b. Rewrite $f(t)$ in terms of unit step functions as

$$f(t) = t - tu_1(t) + (2-t)u_1(t) - (2-t)u_2(t) + 6u_2(t) = t - (2t-2)u_1(t) + (t+4)u_2(t)$$

Using the linearity of the Laplace transform and the second shift formula, we successively write

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{t\}(s) - \mathcal{L}\{(2t-2)u_1(t)\}(s) + \mathcal{L}\{(t+4)u_2(t)\}(s) \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \mathcal{L}\{2(t+1)-2\}(s)e^{-s} + \mathcal{L}\{(t+2)+4\}(s)e^{-2s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \mathcal{L}\{2t\}(s)e^{-s} + \mathcal{L}\{t+6\}(s)e^{-2s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{2}{s^2}e^{-s} + \left(\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{6}{s}\right)e^{-2s}\end{aligned}$$

06c. Rewrite $f(t)$ in terms of unit step functions as

$$f(t) = t - tu_1(t) + 0u_1(t) - 0u_2(t) + e^{-2t}u_2(t) = t - tu_1(t) + e^{-2t}u_2(t)$$

Using the linearity of the Laplace transform, the second and first shift formula, we successively write

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{t\}(s) - \mathcal{L}\{tu_1(t)\}(s) + \mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}u_2(t)\}(s) \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \mathcal{L}\{(t+1)\}(s)e^{-s} + \mathcal{L}\{u_2(t)\}(s - (-2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \left(\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s}\right)e^{-s} + \mathcal{L}\{u_2(t)\}(s+2) \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \left(\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s}\right)e^{-s} + \frac{e^{-2(s+2)}}{s+2}\end{aligned}$$

Note: We could have computed $\mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}u_2(t)\}(s)$ by using the second shift formula followed by the first. Doing that would have given

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}u_2(t)\}(s) &= \mathcal{L}\left\{e^{-2(t+2)}\right\}(s)e^{-2s} = \mathcal{L}\{e^{-4}e^{-2t}\}(s)e^{-2s} \\ &= e^{-4}\frac{1}{s-(-2)}e^{-2s} = \frac{e^{-2(s+2)}}{s+2}\end{aligned}$$

06d. Rewrite $f(t)$ in terms of unit step functions as

$$f(t) = 1 - 1 u_{\pi}(t) + t \sin(t) u_{\pi}(t) = 1 + (t \sin(t) - 1) u_{\pi}(t)$$

Using the linearity of the Laplace transform and the second shift formula, we successively write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{1\}(s) + \mathcal{L}\{(t \sin(t) - 1) u_{\pi}(t)\}(s) = \frac{1}{s} + \mathcal{L}\{(t + \pi) \sin(t + \pi) - 1\}(s) e^{-\pi s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} + \mathcal{L}\{-(t + \pi) \sin(t) - 1\}(s) e^{-\pi s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} - \left(\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(t)\}(s) + \pi \mathcal{L}\{\sin(t)\}(s) + \mathcal{L}\{1\}(s) \right) e^{-\pi s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} - \left(\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(t)\}(s) + \pi \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s} \right) e^{-\pi s} \end{aligned}$$

To compute $\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(t)\}(s)$, we use the multiplication by t formula to get

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(t)\}(s) = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\mathcal{L}\{\sin(t)\}(s) \right) = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right) = \frac{2s}{(s^2 + 1)^2}$$

Hence

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

If $f(t)$ is continuous and of exponential order in $[0, +\infty)$, and if $f'(t)$ is piecewise continuous in $[0, +\infty)$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\}(s) = s \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) - f(0)$$

A similar formula applies to the second derivative.

If $f(t)$, $f'(t)$ are continuous and of exponential order in $[0, +\infty)$, and if $f''(t)$ is piecewise continuous in $[0, +\infty)$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) - s f(0) - f'(0)$$

More generally

If $f(t)$, $f'(t)$, \dots , $f^{(n-1)}(t)$ are continuous and of exponential order in $[0, +\infty)$, and if $f^{(n)}(t)$ is piecewise continuous in $[0, +\infty)$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\}(s) = s^n \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-2)}(0)$$

07a. Substituting $\cos(bt)$ for $f(t)$ in the formula $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) - s f(0) - f'(0)$, leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{-b^2 \cos(bt)\}(s) &= s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\}(s) - s \implies -b^2 \mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\}(s) - s \\ &\implies s = (s^2 + b^2) \mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\}(s) \\ &\implies \mathcal{L}\{\cos(bt)\}(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2} \end{aligned}$$

- 07b.** Substituting $\sin(bt)$ for $f(t)$ in the formula $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$, leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{-b^2 \sin(bt)\}(s) &= s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\sin(bt)\}(s) - b \implies -b^2 \mathcal{L}\{\sin(bt)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\sin(bt)\}(s) - b \\ &\implies b = (s^2 + b^2) \mathcal{L}\{\sin(bt)\}(s) \\ &\implies \mathcal{L}\{\sin(bt)\}(s) = \frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}\end{aligned}$$

- 07c.** Substituting $\cosh(bt)$ for $f(t)$ in the formula $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$, leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{b^2 \cosh(bt)\}(s) &= s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(bt)\}(s) - s \implies b^2 \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(bt)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(bt)\}(s) - s \\ &\implies s = (s^2 - b^2) \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(bt)\}(s) \\ &\implies \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(bt)\}(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - b^2}\end{aligned}$$

- 07d.** Substituting $\sinh(bt)$ for $f(t)$ in the formula $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$, leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{b^2 \sinh(bt)\}(s) &= s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(bt)\}(s) - b \implies b^2 \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(bt)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(bt)\}(s) - b \\ &\implies b = (s^2 - b^2) \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(bt)\}(s) \\ &\implies \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(bt)\}(s) = \frac{b}{s^2 - b^2}\end{aligned}$$

- 08a.** Taking the Laplace Transform of $y'' + y = t$, leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{y''(t)\}(s) + \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{t\}(s) \iff s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} \\ &\iff (s^2 + 1) \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) - s + 2 = \frac{1}{s^2} \\ &\iff (s^2 + 1) \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \frac{s^3 - 2s^2 + 1}{s^2} \\ &\iff \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \frac{s^3 - 2s^2 + 1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}\end{aligned}$$

- 08b.** Taking the Laplace Transform of $y'' + 4y = f(t)$, leads to

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''(t)\}(s) + 4\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s), \text{ or else } s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s), \text{ which is equivalent to}$$

$$(s^2 + 4) \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) \iff \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \frac{\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s)}{s^2 + 4}$$

To compute $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s)$, we start by expressing $f(t)$ in terms of unit step functions as

$$f(t) = 1 - u_1(t) - u_1(t) + u_2(t) + 0u_2(t) = 1 - 2u_1(t) + u_2(t)$$

It follows

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{1\}(s) - 2\mathcal{L}\{u_1(t)\}(s) + \mathcal{L}\{u_2(t)\}(s) = \frac{1}{s} - 2\frac{e^{-s}}{s} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 4)} - \frac{2e^{-s}}{s(s^2 + 4)} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s(s^2 + 4)} = \frac{(1 - e^{-s})^2}{s(s^2 + 4)}$$