

# 1. Laplace Transforms

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## LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

applied to differential equations reduces to algebraic expressions

Let  $f(t)$  be any real valued fn. where  $t \geq 0$  and  $S$  may be a real/complex parameter. Then the Laplace Transform of  $f(t)$  is denoted by  $L[f(t)]$  or  $F(S)$  and is defined as

$$L[f(t)] = F(S) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

provided integral exists.

## Laplace transforms of standard functions

①  $L[a]$ , where  $a$  is a constant

$$L[a] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} a dt = \left[ a \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^\infty = -\frac{a}{s} (-1)$$

$$L[a] = \frac{a}{s}$$

②  $L[e^{at}]$

$$L[e^{at}] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cdot e^{at} dt = \int_0^\infty e^{(a-s)t} dt = \left[ \frac{e^{(a-s)t}}{a-s} \right]_0^\infty = \left[ \frac{e^{-(s-a)t}}{-(s-a)} \right]_0^\infty = \frac{-1}{s-a} (0-1)$$

$$L[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a} ; s > a$$

③  $L[e^{-at}] = \frac{1}{s+a}$

④  $L[\sin(at)] = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$

$$L[\sin(at)] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cdot \sin at dt = \frac{-e^{-st} \sin at}{s}$$

$$u = \sin at \quad dv = e^{-st} dt$$

$$v = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} \quad du = \cos at$$

$$⑤ L[\cos(at)] = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$⑥ L[\sinh(at)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} L[\sinh(at)] &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \sinh(at) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \left( \frac{e^{at} - e^{-at}}{2} \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-a)t} + e^{-(s+a)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \left[ \frac{-e^{-(s-a)t}}{-(s-a)} \right]_0^\infty + \left[ \frac{-e^{-(s+a)t}}{-(s+a)} \right]_0^\infty \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s+a} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(s+a - s+a)}{s^2 - a^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2a}{s^2 - a^2} \right) \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$⑦ L[\cosh(at)] = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$⑧ L[t^n]$$

$$\begin{aligned} L[t^n] &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} t^n dt \\ St &= x \\ Sdt &= dx \\ \int_0^\infty e^{-x} \frac{x^n}{s^n} \frac{dx}{s} &= \frac{1}{s^{n+1}} \int_0^\infty e^{-x} x^n dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{S^{n+1}} \sqrt[n+1]{f(t)}$$

} *n* is a fraction  
 } *n* is an integer

### FORMULAE

$f(t)$	$L[f(t)]$
① $a$	$\frac{a}{s}$
② $e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}; s > a$
③ $e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$
④ $\sin(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2-a^2}$
⑤ $\cos(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2-a^2}$
⑥ $\sinh(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$
⑦ $\cosh(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}$
⑧ $t^n$	$\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}$ $\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$

### LINEAR PROPERTY

If  $f(t)$  &  $g(t) \rightarrow$  any 2 functions,  $a$  &  $b \rightarrow$  any 2 constants, then:

$$L[a f(t) \pm b g(t)] = a \cdot L[f(t)] \pm b \cdot L[g(t)]$$

### FIRST SHIFTING PROPERTY

If  $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ , then

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

### CHANGE OF SCALE PROPERTY

If  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s)$ , then

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

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \left[ \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s) \right]$$

### Example

$$\mathcal{L}[t e^{4t} \cos 2t]$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos 2t] = \frac{s}{s^2 - 4}$$

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

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

III

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{f(t)}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty F(s) ds$$

### Example

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{-at} - e^{-bt}] = \frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right] &= \int_s^\infty \left( \frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b} \right) dt \\ &= \left[ \log(s+a) - \log(s+b) \right]_s^\infty \\ &= \left[ \log\left(\frac{s+a}{s+b}\right) \right]_s^\infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[ \log \left( \frac{s+a}{s+b} \right) \right]_s^\infty \\
 &= \left[ \log \left( \frac{1 + \frac{a}{s}}{1 + \frac{b}{s}} \right) \right]_s^\infty \\
 &= \cancel{\log 1} - \log \left( \frac{1 + \frac{a}{s}}{1 + \frac{b}{s}} \right) \\
 &= \cancel{\log \left( \frac{s+b}{s+a} \right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

IV

$$\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t f(t) dt \right] = \frac{1}{s} F(s)$$

Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1 - e^{at}}{t} dt \right] \\
 &\mathcal{L} \left[ \frac{1 - e^{at}}{t} \right] = \int_s^\infty \frac{1}{s} -
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \log \left( \frac{s-a}{s} \right)$$