

Unit 3 Lesson 7

We define the Laplace transform for some input function $f(t)$ as

$$(\mathcal{L} f)(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt = F(s)$$

Likewise, we have that

$$\mathcal{L}(\delta(t)) = 1$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}(\delta(t-a)) = e^{-as} \text{ for } a > 0$$

Example Problems

We are asked to compute

$$\cancel{L} L((1+t)^2),$$

$$\dots = \cancel{L} L(1 + 2t + t^2)$$

equals

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s^3}$$

by linearity.