

7.2 *inverse* Laplace Transforms,  
and application to DEs  
a lecture for MATH F302 Differential Equations

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## recall the definition

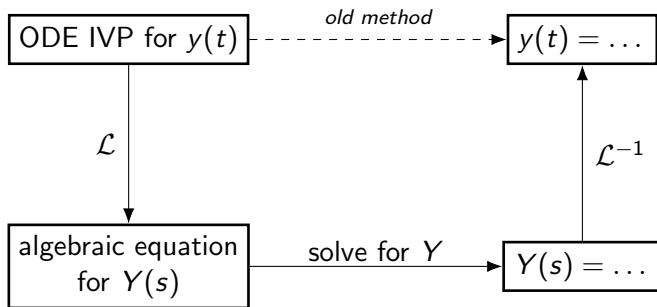
- the *Laplace transform* of a function  $f(t)$  defined on  $(0, \infty)$  is

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

- this is well defined for  $s > c$  if  $f(t)$  has exponential order  $c$ :  
 $|f(t)| \leq Me^{ct}$
- the result of applying the Laplace transform is a function of  $s$ :

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = F(s) \quad \longleftarrow \text{all mean the same}$$

## the Laplace transform strategy



- §7.2: practice with  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  then practice the whole strategy

bring a table to the party

**Theorem 7.1.1** Transforms of Some Basic Functions

$$(a) \quad \mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$(b) \quad \mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

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

$$(d) \quad \mathcal{L}\{\sin kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$(e) \quad \mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$(f) \quad \mathcal{L}\{\sinh kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}$$

$$(g) \quad \mathcal{L}\{\cosh kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}$$

- on page 282 of book
- this table is pathetic! better one soon . . .

first  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  example (like §7.2 #5)

- *exercise 1.* use algebra and a table of Laplace transforms:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(s-1)^3}{s^4} \right\} =$$

## $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ example like §7.2 #11

- *exercise 2.* use algebra and a table of Laplace transforms:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{5}{s^2 + 36} \right\} =$$

## $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ example like §7.2 #18

- *exercise 3.* use algebra and a table of Laplace transforms:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s+1}{s^2-7s} \right\} =$$

## not actually a better table

- compare Theorems 7.1.1 and 7.2.1
- they say the same thing!

### Theorem 7.1.1 Transforms of Some Basic Functions

- (a)  $\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}$
- (b)  $\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (c)  $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$
- (d)  $\mathcal{L}\{\sin kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$
- (e)  $\mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$
- (f)  $\mathcal{L}\{\sinh kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}$
- (g)  $\mathcal{L}\{\cosh kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}$

### Theorem 7.2.1 Some Inverse Transforms

- (a)  $1 = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\}$
- (b)  $t^n = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}\right\}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (c)  $e^{at} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-a}\right\}$
- (d)  $\sin kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}\right\}$
- (e)  $\cos kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}\right\}$
- (f)  $\sinh kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}\right\}$
- (g)  $\cosh kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}\right\}$



## actually a better table

- this *substantial* table will be printed on your quiz/exam

$$\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^{-1/2}\} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{1/2}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^{1/2}\} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^{3/2}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^\alpha\} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{s^{\alpha+1}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin(kt)\} = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(kt)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sinh(kt)\} = \frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cosh(kt)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{te^{at}\} = \frac{1}{(s-a)^2}$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \sin(kt)\} = \frac{k}{(s-a)^2 + k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos(kt)\} = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \sin(kt)\} = \frac{2ks}{(s^2 + k^2)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \cos(kt)\} = \frac{s^2 - k^2}{(s^2 + k^2)^2}$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{\mathcal{U}(t-a)\} = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a)\} = e^{-as}F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau) d\tau\right\} = F(s)G(s)$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-t_0)\} = e^{-st_0}$$

## $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ example like §7.2 #23

- *exercise 4.* use algebra and a table of Laplace transforms:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s-3)(s-4)(s-6)} \right\} =$$

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

## $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ example like §7.2 #25

- *exercise 5.* use algebra and a table of Laplace transforms:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^3 + 7s} \right\} =$$

## transform of first derivatives

- *exercise 6.* suppose  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ . use the definition of the Laplace transform to show:  $\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$

- actually we showed this on §7.1 slides
- what assumptions did we make about  $f(t)$ ?

## transform of second derivatives

- exercise 7. suppose  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ . show:

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

- in the table you'll have in hand during quizzes/exams:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

like §7.2 #39

- exercise 8. use Laplace transform to solve the ODE IVP:

$$y'' - 5y' + 4y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$$

## the old way

- exercise 9. solve without Laplace transform:

$$y'' - 5y' + 4y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$$

like §7.2 #41

- *exercise 10.* use Laplace transform to solve the ODE IVP:

$$y'' + y = \sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2}t), \quad y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 3$$



like §7.2 #41, cont.

$$y(t) = 3 \sin(t) + \sqrt{2} \cos(t) - \sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2}t)$$

## expectations

to learn this material, just listening to a lecture is *not* enough

- *read* section 7.2 (and 7.1 and 7.3)
- find good youtube videos on Laplace transforms and inverse Laplace transforms?
- do Homework 7.2