

A. Linearity.

Linearity of Laplace Transforms. If a and b are constant:

$$\mathcal{L}\{af(t) + bg(t)\}(s) =$$

This is tied to the linearity of integrals.

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-st} (af(t) + bg(t)) dt = a \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt \right) + b \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-st} g(t) dt \right)$$

Example 1. Find formulas for:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos bt\}(s) =$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin bt\}(s) =$$

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Remember that:

$$e^{ibt} = \cos bt + i \sin bt$$

Because the Laplace transform is linear (and transforms real-valued functions to real-valued functions) it can be shown that it preserves real parts and imaginary parts. That is:

$$\mathcal{L}(\operatorname{Re} f) = \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{L}(f) \text{ and } \mathcal{L}(\operatorname{Im} f) = \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{L}(f)$$

B. **Shift Theorem.** Find:

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

Shift Theorem. If a is constant then:

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

This says that multiplication by e^{at} in the t -domain corresponds to a shift by a in the s -domain.

Example 2. Find formulas for:

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos bt\}(s) =$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \sin bt\}(s) =$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n e^{at}\}(s) =$$

Recall that:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos bt\}(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin bt\}(s) = \frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}$$

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

C. **Time Multiplication.** Find the relationship between:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) =$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{tf(t)\}(s) =$$

Time Multiplication. If n is a positive integer then:

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n f\} =$$

The idea is multiplying by t in the t -domain leads to multiplication by $-\frac{d}{ds}$ in the s -domain. So multiplication n times by t in the t -domain leads to mult. by $(-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n}$ in the s -domain.

Example 3. Find:

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^t(t+1)\cos 3t\}(s) =$$

Remember: $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\cos bt\} = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$