

Faculty of Applied Physics and Mathematics
Exercises II
Differential Equations III

1. Find the Laplace transform for the following functions

(a) $f(t) = e^{3t} \sin(t)$

To complete the Laplace transform, we need our function $f(t)$ to satisfy the following conditions:

- $f(t)$ is defined $\forall x \in [0, \infty)$
- $f(t)$ is continuous for every interval $0 < x < b$
- $f(t)$ is α -exponential, that is, $\forall x > x_0, |f(x)| < Ae^{\alpha x}$

The Laplace transform of a function $f(t)$ with the above mentioned condition is defined as:

$$L\{f(t)\} = F(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st}dt \quad (1)$$

In our case, all functions in the exercise satisfy the conditions to compute their Laplace transform.

In this first function we will have:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_0^\infty e^{3t} \sin(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty \sin(t) e^{t(3-s)} dt = \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{cc} u = \sin(t) & du = \cos(t) \\ dv = e^{(3-s)t} & v = \frac{(3-s)e^{(3-s)t}}{s^2-6s+9} \end{array} \right] = \frac{(3-s)e^{(3-s)t} \sin(t)}{s^2-6s+9} - \int \frac{(3-s)e^{(3-s)t} \cos(t)}{s^2-6s+9} dt = \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{cc} u = \cos(t) & du = -\sin(t) \\ dv = \frac{(3-s)e^{(3-s)t}}{s^2-6s+9} & v = \frac{e^{(3-s)t}}{s^2-6s+9} \end{array} \right] = \frac{(3-s)e^{(3-s)t} \sin(t)}{s^2-6s+9} - \\ &- \left(\frac{e^{(3-s)t} \cos(t)}{s^2-6s+9} - \int -\frac{e^{(3-s)t} \sin(t)}{s^2-6s+9} dt \right) = \frac{(3-s)e^{(3-s)t} \sin(t) - e^{(3-s)t} \cos(t)}{s^2-6s+10} \Bigg|_0^\infty = \frac{1}{s^2-6s+10} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$\begin{array}{ll} \text{if } s-3 < 0 & \mathcal{AL}\{f(t)\} \\ \text{if } s-3 > 0 & L\{e^{3t} \sin(t)\} = \frac{1}{s^2-6s+10} \end{array}$

(b) $f(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\sin(4t)}{t} dt$

The function $f(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\sin(4t)}{t} dt = \sin(4t)$ is known as the sine integral. It's known $L\left\{\frac{\sin(t)}{t}\right\} = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$. Then,

$$L\left\{\frac{\sin(at)}{at}\right\} = \frac{1}{a} \left\{\frac{\sin(at)}{t}\right\} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{\frac{s}{a}}\right) - \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{a}{s}\right)$$

so, $L\left\{\frac{\sin(at)}{t}\right\} = \arctan\left(\frac{a}{s}\right)$.

Theorem: If $L\{f(t)\} = F(s)$, then $L\left\{\int_0^t f(t)dt\right\} = F(s)/s$.

Hence, as $L\left\{\frac{\sin(t)}{t}\right\} = \arctan\left(\frac{4}{s}\right)$

$$\boxed{L\{f(t)\} = F(s) = \frac{1}{s}\arctan\left(\frac{4}{s}\right)}$$

(c) $f(t) = \sin(t)\cos(t)$

We know that $\sin(t)\cos(t) = \frac{1}{2}\sin(2t)$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} L(f(t)) &= F(s) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2}\sin(2t)e^{-st}dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \sin(2t)e^{-st}dt = \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ll} u = \sin(2t) & du = 2\cos(2t) \\ dv = e^{-st} & v = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{\sin(2t)e^{-st}}{s} - \int -\frac{2\cos(2t)e^{-st}}{s} \right] = \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ll} u = 2\cos(2t) & du = -4\sin(2t) \\ dv = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} & v = \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{\sin(2t)e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{2\cos(2t)e^{-st}}{s^2} - \int \frac{4\sin(2t)e^{-st}}{s^2}dt \right] = \\ &= -\frac{\sin(2t)e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{2\cos(2t)e^{-st}}{s^2} - \frac{4}{s^2} \int \sin(2t)e^{-st}dt \end{aligned}$$

As $\int \sin(2t)e^{-st}$ appears twice, we can solve it as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin(2t)e^{-st} &= \frac{-\sin(2t)e^{-st} - 2\cos(2t)e^{-st}}{s^2 + 4} \\ \frac{1}{2} \int \sin(2t)e^{-st} &= \frac{-\sin(2t)se^{-st} - 2\cos(2t)e^{-st}}{s^2 + 4} \end{aligned}$$

Between 0 and ∞ :

$$\boxed{L\{f(t)\} = F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4}}$$

When $s > 0$. If $s < 0$ the Laplace transform does not exist.

(d) $f(t) = \cos^3(t)$

$$\cos^3(t) = \frac{1}{4}(3\cos(t) + \cos(3t))$$

$$L(f(t)) = F(s) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-st}}{4}(3\cos(t) + \cos(3t))dt = \frac{3}{4} \int_0^\infty e^{-st}\cos(t)dt + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty \cos(3t)e^{-st}dt$$

Let's solve each integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-st}\cos(t)dt &= \left[\begin{array}{ll} u = \cos(t) & du = -\sin(t) \\ dv = e^{-st} & v = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} \end{array} \right] = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s}\cos(t) - \int \frac{\sin(t)e^{-st}}{s}ds = \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ll} u = \sin(t) & du = \cos(t) \\ dv = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} & v = \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \end{array} \right] = -\frac{\cos(t)e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{\sin(t)e^{-st}}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2} \int \cos(t)e^{-st}ds \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int e^{-st}\cos(t)dt \left(1 + \frac{1}{s^2}\right) = -\frac{\cos(t)e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{\sin(t)e^{-st}}{s^2} \quad (3)$$

Replace 3 into 2:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cos(t) dt = \frac{\sin(t)e^{-st} - \cos(t)se^{-st}}{1+s^2} \Big|_0^\infty = \frac{s}{s^2+1} \quad (4)$$

Let's go with the second integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \cos(3t)e^{-st} dt &= \left[\begin{array}{ll} u = \cos(3t) & du = -3\sin(3t) \\ dv = e^{-st} & v = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} \end{array} \right] = -\frac{e^{-st}\cos(3t)}{s} - \int \frac{3\sin(3t)e^{-st}}{s} dt = \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ll} u = -3\sin(3t) & du = -9\cos(3t) \\ dv = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} & v = \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \end{array} \right] = -\frac{\cos(3t)e^{-st}}{s} + \frac{3\sin(3t)e^{-st}}{s^2} + \int \frac{9\cos(3t)e^{-st}}{s^2} dt = \\ &= \frac{3\sin(3t)e^{-st} + \cos(3t)se^{-st}}{s^2+9} \Big|_0^\infty = \frac{s}{s^2+9} \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, using 4 and 5 we have that:

$$F(s) = \frac{3}{4} \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{s}{s^2+9} = \boxed{\frac{s^3+7s}{s^4+10s+9} \quad \text{for } s > 0}$$

As before, if $s < 0$, $\mathcal{A}L(f(t))$.

2. Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following functions:

(a) $F(s) = \frac{s-1}{s^2-2s-3}$

$$\frac{s-1}{s^2-2s-3} = \frac{s-1}{(s+1)(s-3)} = \frac{a}{s+1} + \frac{b}{s-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s-1 &= a(s-3) + b(s+1) \\ s=1 &\implies -2 = -4a \implies a = \frac{1}{2} \\ s=3 &\implies 2 = 4b \implies b = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1/2}{s+1} + \frac{1/2}{s-3} \implies \frac{s-1}{s^2-2s-3} = \frac{1}{2(s+1)} + \frac{1}{2(s-3)}$$

So, we have that:

$$L^{-1}(f(t)) = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2(s+1)}\right\} + L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2(s-3)}\right\}$$

Having in mind that $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-a}\right\} = e^{at}$, we got

$$\boxed{L^{-1}\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{2}(e^{-t} + e^{3t})}$$

(b) $F(s) = \frac{5s}{(s^2+1)(s-1)}$

$$\frac{5s}{(s^2+1)(s-1)} = \frac{a+bs}{s^2+1} + \frac{c}{s-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5s &= (a+bs)(s-1) + c(s^2+1) \\ s=1 &\implies 5 = 2c \implies c = \frac{5}{2} \\ 5s &= as - a + bs^2 - bs + \frac{5}{2}s^2 + \frac{5}{2} \\ 5s &= s(a-b) + s^2(b+\frac{5}{2}) + (\frac{5}{2}-a) \\ b+\frac{5}{2} &= 1 \implies b = -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2}-a &= 0 \implies a = \frac{5}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5/2-5s/2}{s^2+1} + \frac{s/2}{s-1} &= \frac{5(1-s)}{2(s^2+1)} + \frac{5}{2(s-1)} \implies \\ \implies \frac{5s}{(s^2+1)(s-1)} &= \frac{5}{2(s-1)} + \frac{5(1-s)}{2(s^2+1)} \end{aligned}$$

So we have that:

$$L^{-1}(F(s)) = \frac{5}{2}L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-1}\right\} - \frac{5}{2}L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+1}\right\} + \frac{5}{2}L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right\}$$

We know that

$$L\{\sin(at)\} = \frac{a}{s^2+a^2} \implies L^{-1}\left\{\frac{a}{s^2+a^2}\right\} = \sin(at)$$

Therefore,

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

On the other hand, $L(\cos(at)) = \frac{s}{s^2+a^2}$, so

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

And we already know that $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-1}\right\} = e^t$

Joining all these results:

$$L^{-1}(F(s)) = \frac{5}{2}(\sin(t) - \cos(t) + e^t)$$

(c) $F(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$

As $L(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a} \implies L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-a}\right\} = e^{at}$. For that reason, $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+1}\right\} = e^{-t}$, because $\frac{1}{s+1} = \frac{1}{s-(-1)}$

(d) $F(s) = \frac{2}{s^3-s^2+s-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{s^3-s^2+s-1} &= \frac{a}{s-1} + \frac{b}{s^2+1} \\ 2 &= a(s^2+1) + b(s-1) \\ s=1 &\implies 2 = 2a \implies a=1 \\ s=0 &\implies 2 = a-b \implies b=-1 \\ \frac{2}{s^3-s^2+s-1} &= \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{-1}{s^2+1} \end{aligned}$$

So we have that

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

Having in mind that $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-a}\right\} = e^{at}$ and $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{a}{s^2+a^2}\right\} = \sin(at)$, we get that

$$L^{-1}\{f(t)\} = e^t + \sin(-t)$$

3. Use the method of Laplace transform to solve the following initial value problems:

(a) $y''(t) - 3y'(t) + 2y(t) = 8te^{-t}$, $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$, $y''(0) = 1$

Let's call $L\{y(x)\} = F(s)$. We can express the transformation of the derivative as $L\{y'(x)\} = sF(s) - y(0)$ and we are going to call it $F_1(s)$. If we apply that formula in a recursive way:

$$L\{y^{(n)}(x)\} = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}y(0) - s^{n-2}y'(0) - \dots - y^{(n-1)}(0)$$

All these derivatives of $y(x)$ in the origin are the initial conditions. Once we have this, we can solve the exercise:

$$L\{y''(t)\} - 3L\{y'(t)\} + 2L\{y(t)\} = 8L\{te^{-t}\}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} s^3 F(s) - s^2 y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0) - 3sF(s) - 3y(0) + 2F(s) &= \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \\ L\{te^{-t}\} &= \int_0^\infty te^{-t}e^{-st} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \\ s^3 F(s) - 0s^2 - 0s - 1 - 3sF(s) - 0 \cdot 3 - 2F(s) &= \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \\ (s^3 - 3s + 2)F(s) &= \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} + 1 \implies F(s) = \frac{1 + (s+1)^2}{(s+1)^2(s^3 - 3s + 2)} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\boxed{L^{-1}\{F(s)\} = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1 + (s+1)^2}{(s+1)^2(s^3 - 3s + 2)}\right\} = y(t)}$$

$$(b) \quad \left. \begin{aligned} y'(t) - y(t) - z(t) &= e^t \\ z'(t) + y(t) - z(t) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} y(0) = 0, z(0) = 1$$

We can express it as

$$\begin{bmatrix} y'(t) \\ z'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y(t) \\ z(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e^t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By the same reasoning in previous exercise, we can write:

$$\begin{bmatrix} sF(s) - y(0) \\ sG(s) - z(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F(s) \\ G(s) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} L\{e^t\} \\ L\{0\} \end{bmatrix}$$

Our goal is to find $F(s)$ and $G(s)$:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} sF(s) - 0 &= F(s) + G(s) + L\{e^t\} \\ sG(s) - 1 &= -F(s) + G(s) + L\{0\} \end{aligned} \right\} \implies \begin{aligned} sF(s) &= F(s) + G(s) + \frac{1}{s-1} \\ sG(s) - 1 &= G(s) - F(s) \end{aligned}$$

$$F(s) = (1-s)G(s) + 1$$

$$s[(1-s)G(s) + 1] = (1-s)G(s) + 1 + \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$sG(s) - s^2G(s) + s = G(s) - sG(s) + 1 + \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$G(s)(s - s^2 - 2 + s) = 1 + \frac{1}{s-1} - s$$

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{2s - s^2 - 2} \frac{-s^2 + 2s}{s-1}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{2s - s^2}{(s-1)(2s - s^2 - 2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F(s) &= \frac{(1-s)(2s-s^2)}{(s-1)(2s-s^2-2)} + 1 = \frac{(1-s)(2s-s^2) + (s-1)(2s-s^2-2)}{(s-1)(2s-s^2-2)} = \\
&= \frac{2s + s^3 - s^2 - 2s^2 + 2s^2 - s^3 - 2s - 2s + s^2 + 2}{(s-1)(2s-s^2-2)} = \frac{2(1-s)}{(s-1)(2s-s^2-2)} = \frac{-2}{2s-s^2-2} = \\
&= \frac{2}{s^2-2s+2}
\end{aligned}$$

The solution to our problem would be $y(t)$ and $z(t)$, where

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \{F(s)\}, \quad z(t) = L^{-1} \{G(s)\}$$

We have then:

$$L^{-1} \{F(s)\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2-2s+2} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{(s-1)^2+1} \right\} = 2L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-1)^2+1} \right\} = 2e^t \sin(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L^{-1} \{G(s)\} &= L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s-s^2}{(s-1)(2s-s^2-2)} \right\} \\
\frac{2s-s^2}{(s-1)(2s-s^2-2)} &= \frac{a}{s-1} + \frac{b+cs}{s^2-2s+2} \\
2s-s^2 &= -as^2 + 2as - 2a - bs + b - cs^2 + cs \\
2s-s^2 &= s^2(-a-c) + s(2a-b+c) + (b-2a) \\
2s-s^2 &= s^2(1-c) + s(c-b-2) + (b+2) \\
\left. \begin{aligned} 1-c &= -1 \\ c-b-2 &= 2 \\ b+2 &= b \end{aligned} \right\} &\implies c=2, b=-2 \\
\frac{2s-s^2}{(s-1)(2s-s^2-2)} &= -\frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{2s-2}{s^2-2s+2} \\
L^{-1} \left\{ -\frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{2s-2}{s^2-2s+2} \right\} &= -e^t + L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s-2}{s^2-2s+2} \right\} \\
\frac{2s-2}{s^2-2s+2} &= \frac{2(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+1} \implies L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s-2}{s^2-2s+2} \right\} = 2e^t \cos(t) \\
L^{-1} \{G(s)\} &= -e^t + 2e^t \cos(t)
\end{aligned}$$

So, we have that:

$$\begin{aligned}
y(t) &= 2e^t \sin(t) \\
z(t) &= 2e^t \cos(t) - e^t
\end{aligned}$$