

Section 7.3 Properties of the Laplace Transform

Theorem 3 : Translation in s

If the Laplace transform $L\{f\}(s) = F(s)$ exists for $s > \alpha$, then $L\{e^{at}f(t)\}(s) = F(s - a)$ for $s > \alpha + a$.

Theorem 4 : Laplace Transform of the Derivative

Let $f(t)$ be continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and $f'(t)$ be piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$, with both of exponential order α . Then, for $s > \alpha$,

$$L\{f'\}(s) = sL\{f\}(s) - f(0).$$

Theorem 5 : Laplace Transform of Higher-Order Derivatives

Let $f(t), f'(t), \dots, f^{(n-1)}(t)$ be continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and let $f^{(n)}(t)$ be piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$, with both of exponential order α . Then, for $s > \alpha$,

$$L\{f^{(n)}\}(s) = s^n L\{f\}(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0).$$

Theorem 6 : Derivatives of the Laplace Transform

Let $F(s) = L\{f\}(s)$ and assume $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$, and of exponential order α . Then, for $s > \alpha$,

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

◇ Determine the Laplace transform of the given function using Table 7.1 and the properties of the transform given in Table 7.2.

1. $t^2 + e^t \sin 2t$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & L\{t^2 + e^t \sin 2t\}(s) \\ &= L\{t^2\}(s) + L\{e^t \sin 2t\}(s) \\ &= \frac{2!}{s^3} + \frac{2}{(s-1)^2 + 2^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{2}{(s-1)^2 + 4}, \quad s > 1 \end{aligned}$$

9. $e^{-t} t \sin 2t$

Sol.

Theorem 6 : $L\{t^n f(t)\}(s) = (-1)^n \frac{d^n F}{ds^n}(s) = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n}[L\{f\}(s)]$

$$\begin{aligned} & L\{e^{-t} t \sin 2t\}(s) \\ &= (-1)^1 \frac{d}{ds}[L\{e^{-t} \sin 2t\}(s)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (-1) \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{2}{(s+1)^2 + 4} \right] \\
&= - \frac{0 - 2 \cdot 2(s+1)}{[(s+1)^2 + 4]^2} \\
&= \frac{4(s+1)}{[(s+1)^2 + 4]^2}
\end{aligned}$$

21. Given that $L\{\cos bt\}(s) = s/(s^2 + b^2)$, use the translation property to compute $L\{e^{at} \cos bt\}$.

Sol.

Theorem 3 : If $L\{f\}(s) = F(s)$, for $s > \alpha$,
then $L\{e^{at} f(t)\}(s) = F(s - a)$

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

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

25. Use formula (6) to help determine

(a) $L\{t \cos bt\}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
&L\{t \cos bt\}(s) \\
&= (-1)^1 \frac{d}{ds} [L\{\cos bt\}(s)] \\
&= - \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2} \right] \\
&= - \frac{(s^2 + b^2) - s \cdot 2s}{(s^2 + b^2)^2} \\
&= \frac{s^2 - b^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) $L\{t^2 \cos bt\}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
&L\{t^2 \cos bt\}(s) \\
&= (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} [L\{\cos bt\}(s)] \\
&= \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{b^2 - s^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^2} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{-2s(s^2 + b^2)^2 - (b^2 - s^2) \cdot 4s(s^2 + b^2)}{(s^2 + b^2)^4} \\
&= \frac{-2s(s^2 + b^2)[(s^2 + b^2) + 2(b^2 - s^2)]}{(s^2 + b^2)^4} \\
&= \frac{2s^3 - 6sb^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^3}
\end{aligned}$$