

The Laplace transform (starred lines are important)

$$\star \mathcal{L}[f(t)](s) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

Derivation of Laplace transform for e^{at} , $\cos(at)$, $\sin(at)$:

$$\star \mathcal{L}[e^{at}](s) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \frac{1}{s - a}$$

$$\star \mathcal{L}[\cos(at)](s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$$

$$\star \mathcal{L}[\sin(at)](s) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$$

For the exponential:

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at}](s) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{e^{(a-s)b}}{a - s} - \frac{1}{a - s} \right] = \frac{1}{s - a}$$

This only happens when $a < s$. A remark to make is that the case when $a = s$ will also fail to converge. As for the sine and cosine, to find their Laplace transforms we want to observe the following:

$$e^{iat} = \cos(at) + i \sin(at) \implies \operatorname{Re}(e^{iat}) = \cos(at), \operatorname{Im}(e^{iat}) = \sin(at)$$

Also know that since integration is a linear operation (it acts termwise on a sum), it is true that

$$\int \operatorname{Re}(f(z)) dz = \operatorname{Re} \left(\int f(z) dz \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\operatorname{Re}(f(t))](s) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-st} \operatorname{Re}\{f(t)\} dt = \operatorname{Re} \left(\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-st} f(t) dt \right) = \operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{L}[f(t)](s))$$

We can use this fact to find the following Laplace transforms:

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos(at)](s) = \mathcal{L}[\operatorname{Re}(e^{iat})](s) = \operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{L}[e^{iat}](s))$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\sin(at)](s) = \mathcal{L}[\operatorname{Im}(e^{iat})](s) = \operatorname{Im}(\mathcal{L}[e^{iat}](s))$$

We must find the Laplace transform of e^{iat} first (not rigorously but it will do):

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{iat}](s) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-st} (e^{iat}) dt = \frac{1}{s - ia} = \frac{s + ia}{s^2 - a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos(at)](s) = \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{s + ia}{s^2 - a^2} \right) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\sin(at)](s) = \operatorname{Im} \left(\frac{s + ia}{s^2 - a^2} \right) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$$