TABLE 15.1

Properties of the Laplace transform.

Property	$f(t)$	$F(s)$
Linearity	$a_1f_1(t) + a_2f_2(t)$	$a_1F_1(s) + a_2F_2(s)$
Scaling	$f(at)$	$\frac{1}{a}F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$
Time shift	$f(t-a)u(t-a)$	$e^{-as}F(s)$
Frequency shift	$e^{-at}f(t)$	$F(s+a)$
Time differentiation	$\frac{df}{dt}$	$sF(s) - f(0^-)$
	$\frac{d^2f}{dt^2}$	$s^2F(s) - sf(0^-) - f'(0^-)$
	$\frac{d^3f}{dt^3}$	$s^3F(s) - s^2f(0^-) - sf'(0^-) - f''(0^-)$
	$\frac{d^nf}{dt^n}$	$s^nF(s) - s^{n-1}f(0^-) - s^{n-2}f'(0^-) - \cdots - f^{(n-1)}(0^-)$
Time integration	$\int_0^t f(x)\,dx$	$\frac{1}{s}F(s)$
Frequency differentiation	$tf(t)$	$-\frac{d}{ds}F(s)$
Frequency integration	$\frac{f(t)}{t}$	$\int_s^\infty F(s)\,ds$
Time periodicity	$f(t) = f(t+nT)$	$\frac{F_1(s)}{1-e^{-sT}}$
Initial value	$f(0)$	$\lim_{s\to\infty} sF(s)$
Final value	$f(\infty)$	$\lim_{s\to 0} sF(s)$
Convolution	$f_1(t) * f_2(t)$	$F_1(s)F_2(s)$

TABLE 15.2

Laplace transform pairs.*

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$\delta(t)$	1
$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
e^{-at}	$\frac{1}{s+a}$
t	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
te^{-at}	$\frac{1}{(s+a)^2}$
t^ne^{-at}	$\frac{n!}{(s+a)^{n+1}}$
$\sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2+\omega^2}$
$\cos \omega t$	$\frac{s}{s^2+\omega^2}$
$\sin(\omega t + \theta)$	$\frac{s\sin\theta + \omega\cos\theta}{s^2+\omega^2}$
$\cos(\omega t + \theta)$	$\frac{s\cos\theta - \omega\sin\theta}{s^2+\omega^2}$
$e^{-at}\sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{(s+a)^2+\omega^2}$
$e^{-at}\cos \omega t$	$\frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2+\omega^2}$

*Defined for $t \geq 0$; $f(t) = 0$, for $t < 0$.

Example 15.3

Obtain the Laplace transform of $f(t) = \delta(t) + 2u(t) - 3e^{-2t}u(t)$.

Solution:
By the linearity property,

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[\delta(t)] + 2\mathcal{L}[u(t)] - 3\mathcal{L}[e^{-2t}u(t)]$$
$$= 1 + 2\frac{1}{s} - 3\frac{1}{s+2} = \frac{s^2+s+4}{s(s+2)}$$

Practice Problem 15.3

Find the Laplace transform of $f(t) = (\cos(2t) + e^{-4t})u(t)$.

Answer: $\frac{2s^2+4s+4}{(s+4)(s^2+4)}$.