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# Laplace transform of derivatives

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## Laplace transform of $F'(t)$ :

Let  $F(t)$  be continuous function for all  $t \geq 0$  and limit  $(e^{-st}F(t)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , then Laplace transform of the derivative  $F'(t)$  exists and

$$L\{F'(t)\} = sL\{F(t)\} - F(0)$$

**Proof:**continue

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Proof:

$$L\{F'(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F'(t) dt$$

$$= e^{-st} F(t) \Big|_{t=0}^{t=\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt = -F(0) + sf(s)$$

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## Laplace transform of $F''(t)$ :

Let  $F(t)$  and  $F'(t)$  be continuous functions for all  $t \geq 0$  and Limit  $e^{-st}F(t) \rightarrow 0, e^{-st}F'(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , then Laplace transform of  $F''(t)$  exists and is defined by

$$L\{F''(t)\} = s^2 L\{F(t)\} - sF(0) - F'(0)$$

**Proof:** Exercise

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## Laplace transform of $F^{(n)}(t)$ :

Let  $F(t)$  and  $F'(t), F''(t), \dots, F^{(n-1)}(t)$  be continuous functions for all  $t \geq 0$

and be of exponential order  $s$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e., Limit

$e^{-st}F^{(i)}(t) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $i=0,1,2,\dots,n-1$

then Laplace transform of  $F^{(n)}(t)$  exists and is defined by

$$L\{F^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n L\{F(t)\} - s^{n-1}F(0) - s^{n-2}F'(0) - s^{n-3}F''(0) - \dots - F^{(n-1)}(0)$$

**Proof:** Exercise

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## Theorem:

If  $L\{F(t)\} = f(s)$ , then  $L\left\{\int_0^t F(x) dx\right\} = \frac{f(s)}{s}$ .

This implies:  $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{f(s)}{s}\right\} = \int_0^t F(x) dx$

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**Proof:** Let  $G(t) = \int_0^t F(x) dx$ , then

$$G'(t) = F(t), \quad G(0) = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} L\{G'(t)\} &= sL\{G(t)\} - G(0) = sL\{G(t)\} \\ \Rightarrow L\{F(t)\} &= sL\{G(t)\}, \text{ using (3.1)} \\ \Rightarrow L\{G(t)\} &= \frac{L\{F(t)\}}{s} = \frac{f(s)}{s} \\ \Rightarrow L\left\{\int_0^t F(x) dx\right\} &= \frac{f(s)}{s} \end{aligned}$$



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## Examples:

Evaluate (i)  $L \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \right\}$ . Ans:  $\frac{\cot^{-1}s}{s}$

(ii)  $L \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{e^t \sin t}{t} dt \right\}$  :

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**Sol:** (i) We have  $F(t) = \sin t$ , therefore

$$L\{F(t)\} = L\{\sin t\} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} = f(s) \quad (2.2)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} L\left\{\frac{\sin t}{t}\right\} &= \int_s^\infty f(s) ds = \int_s^\infty \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} ds, \text{ using (3.2)} \\ &= \left[\tan^{-1}s\right]_s^\infty = \cot^{-1}s \end{aligned}$$

By definition of integral transform,

$$L\left\{\int_0^t \frac{\sin x}{x} dx\right\} = \frac{\cot^{-1}s}{s}$$

(ii) Ans:  $\frac{\cot^{-1}(s-1)}{s}$

# Inverse Laplace transform of $s^n f(s)$

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## Theorem:

If  $F(0) = F'(0) = F''(0) = \dots F^{(n-1)}(0) = 0$ , then

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

where  $F^{(n)}(t) = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} F(t)$  and  $F^{(n-1)}(0) = \left[ \frac{d^{n-1}}{dt^{n-1}} F(t) \right]_{t=0}$ .

**Proof:** Exercise

# Inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{f(s)}{s^n}$

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## Theorem:

If  $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t)$ , then

$$L^{-1}\left\{\frac{f(s)}{s^n}\right\} = \int_0^t \int_0^t \int_0^t \dots \int_0^t F(t) dt^n$$

**Proof:** Exercise

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## Example 1:

Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right\}$ .

**Sol:** Let  $f(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2+4)}$ . Then  $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t) = \frac{\sin 2t}{2}$  and  $\frac{d}{ds} f(s) = (-2) \frac{s}{(s^2+4)^2}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{d}{ds} f(s) \right\} &= -2L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s^2+4)^2} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow (-1) tF(t) &= 2L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s^2+4)^2} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s^2+4)^2} \right\} &= \frac{1}{4} t \sin 2t \end{aligned}$$

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Now Let  $g(s) = \frac{s}{(s^2+4)^2}$  and  $G(t) = \frac{t}{4}\sin 2t$ . Here  $G(0) = 0$ , therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}L^{-1}\{sg(s)\} &= G'(t) \\ \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left\{s \cdot \frac{s}{(s^2+4)^2}\right\} &= \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{t}{4}\sin 2t\right) \\ \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2}\right\} &= \frac{1}{4}(\sin 2t + 2t \cos 2t)\end{aligned}$$

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## Example 2:

Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^4(s^2+1)} \right\}$ .

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Let  $f(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2+1)}$ . We know that  $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2+1)}\right\} = \sin t = F(t)$ .  
Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s^2+1)}\right\} &= \int_0^t F(t) dt = \int_0^t \sin t dt = 1 - \cos t \\ \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2(s^2+1)}\right\} &= \int_0^t (1 - \cos t) dt = t - \sin t \\ \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^3(s^2+1)}\right\} &= \int_0^t (t - \sin t) dt = \frac{t^2}{2} + \cos t - 1 \\ \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^4(s^2+1)}\right\} &= \int_0^t \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + \cos t - 1\right) dt \\ &= \frac{t^3}{6} + \sin t - t\end{aligned}$$



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Exercises:

1. Find  $L^{-1}\left[\log \frac{s+2}{s+3}\right]$
2. Find  $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right]$

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1. Find  $L^{-1}[\log \frac{s+2}{s+3}]$

Hints: If  $L[F(t)] = f(s)$ , then  $tF(t) = -L^{-1}[\frac{d}{ds}(f(s))]$

Now,  $\frac{d}{ds}(\log \frac{s+2}{s+3}) = \frac{d}{ds}(\log(s+2) - \log(s+3)) = \frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{s+3}$

Hence,  $tF(t) = -L^{-1}(\frac{1}{s+2}) + L^{-1}(\frac{1}{s+3}) = e^{-3t} - e^{-2t}$

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2. Find  $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right]$

Hints:  $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right] = \frac{1}{2a}t\sin(at) = F(t)$ , say

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\left(\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right)\right] \\&= L^{-1}\left[\frac{f(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t F(t) dt = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2a}t\sin(at) dt \\&= \frac{1}{2a^3}(\sin(at) - at\cos(at)),\end{aligned}$$

# Laplace transform of periodic functions

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## Theorem:

If  $F(t)$  be a periodic function with period  $T$ . Then  
$$L\{F(t)\} = \frac{1}{1-e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} F(t) dt.$$

**Proof:** By definition of Laplace transform, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L\{F(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt = \int_0^T e^{-st} F(t) dt + \int_T^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^T e^{-st} F(t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(z+T)} F(z+T) dz, \text{ (put } t = z+T) \\ &= \int_0^T e^{-st} F(t) dt + e^{-sT} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^T e^{-st} F(t) dt + e^{-sT} L\{F(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

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Hence we get

$$\Rightarrow (1 - e^{-sT}) L\{F(t)\} = \int_0^T e^{-st} F(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{F(t)\} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} F(t) dt$$

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## Example:

If  $F(t) = t^2, 0 < t < 2$  and  $F(t+2) = F(t)$ , find  $L\{F(t)\}$ .

**Sol:**  $F(t+2) = F(t) \Rightarrow F(t)$  is periodic function with period  $T = 2$ . Therefore,

$$L\{F(t)\} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} F(t) dt = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2s}} \int_0^2 e^{-st} t^2 dt \quad (3.1)$$

Since,  $\int_0^2 e^{-st} t^2 dt = \{2 - (4s^2 + 4s + 2) e^{-2s}\} / s^3$ , therefore from (4.1)

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

# Laplace transform of the unit step function

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## Definition:

The unit step function is denoted and defined by

$$u_a(t) = H(t - a) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < a \\ 1, & t \geq a \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L\{H(t - a)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} H(t - a) dt \\ &= \int_0^a e^{-st} H(t - a) dt \\ &\quad + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} H(t - a) dt \\ &= \int_0^a e^{-st} (0) dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} (1) dt, \\ \Rightarrow L\{H(t - a)\} &= \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \end{aligned}$$



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## Example:

If  $L\{F(t)\} = f(s)$  and  $a > 0$ , then

$$L\{F(t-a)H(t-a)\} = e^{-as}f(s), \text{ where } H(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < a \\ 1, & t \geq a \end{cases}.$$

**Sol: By definition**

$$\begin{aligned} L\{F(t-a)H(t-a)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t-a) H(t-a) dt \\ &= \int_0^a e^{-st} F(t-a) H(t-a) dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t-a) H(t-a) dt \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^a e^{-st} F(t-a)(0) dt + \int_a^\infty e^{-st} F(t-a)(1) dt \\ t &= \int_a^\infty e^{-st} F(t-a) dt \\ &= e^{-as} \int_0^\infty e^{-su} F(u) du, \\ &\quad (\text{by putting } t-a=u) \\ &= e^{-as} L\{F(t)\} \\ &= e^{-as} f(s) \end{aligned}$$

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## The convolution theorem:

If  $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t)$  and  $L^{-1}\{g(s)\} = G(t)$ , then

$$L^{-1}\{f(s)g(s)\} = \int_0^t F(u)G(t-u)du = F * G$$

OR

The convolution theorem can be re-written as

$$L\left\{\int_0^t F(u)G(t-u)du\right\} = L\{F(t) * G(t)\} = L\{F(t)\} \cdot L\{G(t)\}$$

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Proof:

Let  $H(t) = \int_{u=0}^t F(u) G(t-u) du = F(t) * G(t)$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} L\{H(t)\} &= \int_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-st} H(t) dt = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-st} \left\{ \int_{u=0}^t F(u) G(t-u) du \right\} dt \\ &= \int_{u=0}^{\infty} F(u) \left\{ \int_{t=u}^{\infty} e^{-st} G(t-u) dt \right\} du \\ &= \int_{u=0}^{\infty} e^{-su} F(u) \left\{ \int_{t=u}^{\infty} e^{-s(t-u)} G(t-u) dt \right\} du \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } LH(t) &= \int_{u=0}^{\infty} e^{-su} F(u) \left\{ \int_{v=0}^{\infty} e^{-sv} G(v) dv \right\} du, \\ &\quad (\text{by putting } t - u = v) \\ &= \int_{u=0}^{\infty} e^{-su} F(u) \{g(s)\} du \\ &= g(s) \int_{u=0}^{\infty} e^{-su} F(u) du = g(s) f(s) \\ &\Rightarrow L^{-1} \{f(s)\} g(s) = H(t) \\ &= \int_{u=0}^t F(u) G(t-u) du = F * G \end{aligned}$$

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## Example 1:

Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s^2+1)(s+1)} \right\}$ .

**Sol:** Let  $f(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2+1)}$  and  $g(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)}$ . Therefore,

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

$$\text{and } L^{-1} \{g(s)\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s+1)} \right\} = e^{-t} = G(t).$$

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By convolution theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}L^{-1}\{f(s)g(s)\} &= \int_0^t F(u)G(t-u)du = \int_0^t \sin u e^{-(t-u)}du \\&= e^{-t} \int_0^t e^u \sin u du = \frac{1}{2}(\sin t - \cos t + e^{-t}) \\&\Rightarrow L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2+1)(s+1)}\right\} = \frac{1}{2}(\sin t - \cos t + e^{-t})\end{aligned}$$

**Note:**  $\int e^{ax} \sin bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2+b^2} (a \sin bx - b \cos bx).$

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## Example 2:

Show that  $\int_0^t \sin u \cos(t-u) du = \frac{1}{2} t \sin t$ .

**Sol:** By convolution theorem, we have

$$L \left\{ \int_0^t F(u) G(t-u) du \right\} = L \{F(t)\} \cdot L \{G(t)\} \quad (5.1)$$

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Take  $F(t) = \sin t$  and  $G(t) = \cos t$ . Then (6.1) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} L \left\{ \int_0^t \sin u \cos(t-u) du \right\} &= L \{ \sin u \} \cdot L \{ \cos u \} \\ &= \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)} \cdot \frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)^2} \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^t \sin u \cos(t-u) du &= L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} t \sin t \end{aligned}$$

**Note:**  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s^2+1)^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} t \sin t$ . Prove it by convolution theorem taking  $f(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+1}$  and  $g(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$ .



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## Exercise:

- 1 Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3s-2}{s^{5/2}} - \frac{7}{3s+2} \right\}$ .
- 2 Show that  $\int_0^\infty e^{-tx^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}}$  and hence, deduce  $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$ .
- 3 Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s^2-6s+5}{s^3-6s^2+11s-6} \right\}$ .
- 4 Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2+2s+5} \right\}$ .
- 5 Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{(4-3s)}}{(s+4)^{5/2}} \right\}$ .
- 6 If  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-1/s}}{s^{1/2}} \right\} = \frac{\cos 2\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi t}}$ , then find  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-a/s}}{s^{1/2}} \right\}$ , where  $a > 0$ .
- 7 Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \log \frac{1+s}{s} \right\}$ .
- 8 Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \log \frac{s+2}{s+1} \right\}$ .
- 9 Evaluate  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-2)(s^2+)} \right\}$ .