

# Module-5

## **Laplace Transform**

# Introduction

- **Laplace transformation** is a technique for solving differential equations.

- **Definition**

Let  $f(t)$  be a function defined for  $t > 0$ . The Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  is denoted by  $L\{f(t)\}$  or  $\bar{f}(s)$  and defined as-

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

- Where  $s$  is parameter (real or complex)

## IMPORTANT FORMULAE

$$(1) \quad L(1) = \frac{1}{s} \qquad (2) \quad L(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \text{ when } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$(3) \quad L(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a} \qquad (s > a)$$

$$(4) \quad L(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2} \qquad (s^2 > a^2)$$

$$(5) \quad L(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2} \qquad (s^2 > a^2)$$

$$(6) \quad L(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} \qquad (s > 0)$$

$$(7) \quad L(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \qquad (s > 0)$$

# Formulae of Laplace Transform

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>f(t)</i>	<i>F(s)</i>
1.	$e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
2.	$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$ or $\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
3.	$\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
4.	$\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
5.	$\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$
6.	$\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
7.	$U(t-a)$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$
8.	$\delta(t-a)$	$e^{-as}$
9.	$e^{bt} \sin at$	$\frac{a}{(s-b)^2 + a^2}$

# Formulae of Laplace Transform

10.	$e^{bt} \cos at$	$\frac{s-b}{(s-b)^2 + a^2}$
11.	$\frac{t}{2a} \sin at$	$\frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$
12.	$t \cos at$	$\frac{s^2 - a^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$
13.	$\frac{1}{2a^3} (\sin at - at \cos at)$	$\frac{1}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$
14.	$\frac{1}{2a} (\sin at + at \cos at)$	$\frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$

Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = 1$ .

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

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt$$

$$\mathcal{L}(1) = \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0,$$

Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = t$ .

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t \, dt.$$

$$L(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \text{ when } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Ans

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

Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = e^{at}$ , where  $a$  is a constant.

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s - a}, \quad s > a,$$



# Properties of Laplace Transform

S.No.	Property	$f(t)$	$F(s)$
1.	Scaling	$f(at)$	$\frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \quad a > 0$
2.	Derivative	$\frac{df(t)}{dt}$	$s F(s) - f(0) \quad s > 0$
		$\frac{d^2 f(t)}{dt^2}$	$s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0) \quad s > 0$
		$\frac{d^3 f(t)}{dt^3}$	$s^3 F(s) - s^2 f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$
3.	Integral	$\int_0^t f(t) dt$	$\frac{1}{s} F(s) \quad s > 0$
4.	Initial Value	$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t)$	$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$
5.	Final Value	$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$	$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$

# Properties of Laplace Transform

6.	First shifting	$e^{-at} f(t)$	$F(s + a)$
7.	Second shifting	$f(t) U(t - a)$	$e^{-as} \mathcal{L} f(t + a)$
8.	Multiplication by $t$	$t f(t)$	$-\frac{d}{ds} F(s)$
		$t^n f(t)$	$(-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s)$
9.	Division by $t$	$\frac{1}{t} f(t)$	$\int_s^\infty F(s) ds$
10.	Periodic function	$f(t)$	$\frac{\int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt}{1 - e^{-sT}}$ $f(t + T) = f(t)$
11.	Convolution	$f(t) * g(t)$	$F(s) G(s)$

# Properties of Laplace Transform

$$(1) \mathcal{L} [a f_1 (t) + b f_2 (t)] = a \mathcal{L} [f_1 (t)] + b \mathcal{L} [f_2 (t)]$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} [a f_1 (t) + b f_2 (t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} [a f_1 (t) + b f_2 (t)] dt \\ &= a \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f_1 (t) dt + b \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f_2 (t) dt \\ &= a \mathcal{L} f_1 (t) + b \mathcal{L} f_2 (t) \end{aligned}$$

**Proved**

(2) **First Shifting Theorem.** If  $L f(t) = F(s)$ , then

$$L [e^{at} f(t)] = F(s - a)$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} L [e^{at} f(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot e^{at} f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-rt} f(t) dt \quad \text{where } r = s - a \\ &= F(r) = F(s - a) \end{aligned}$$

With the help of this property, we can have the following important results :

$$(1) L (e^{at} t^n) = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}} \quad \left[ L (t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \right]$$

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

$$(3) L (e^{at} \sinh bt) = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 - b^2}$$

$$(4) L (e^{at} \sin bt) = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$$

$$(5) L (e^{at} \cos bt) = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$$

**Example 3.** Find the Laplace transform of  $\cos^2 t$ .

**Solution.**

$$\cos 2t = 2 \cos^2 t - 1$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 t = \frac{1}{2} [\cos 2t + 1]$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2 + (2)^2} + \frac{1}{s} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{s} \right]$$

**Ans.**

**Example 4.** Find the Laplace Transform of  $t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Solution.** We know that  $L(t^n) = \frac{\overline{n+1}}{s^{n+1}}$

$$\text{Put } n = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad L(t^{-1/2}) = \frac{\overline{-\frac{1}{2} + 1}}{s^{-1/2+1}} = \frac{\overline{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{s}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{s}} \quad \text{where } \overline{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\pi}$$

**Ans.**

*Find the Laplace Transform of  $t \sin at$ .*

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}L(t \sin at) &= L\left(t \frac{e^{iat} - e^{-iat}}{2i}\right) = \frac{1}{2i} [L(t \cdot e^{iat}) - L(te^{-iat})] \\&= \frac{1}{2i} \left[ \frac{1}{(s-ia)^2} - \frac{1}{(s+ia)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2i} \left[ \frac{(s+ia)^2 - (s-ia)^2}{(s-ia)^2 (s+ia)^2} \right] \\&= \frac{1}{2i} \frac{(s^2 + 2ias - a^2) - (s^2 - 2ias - a^2)}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \\&= \frac{1}{2i} \frac{4ias}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{2as}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}\end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

### **LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE DERIVATIVE OF $f(t)$**

$$\mathbf{L} [f'(t)] = s \mathbf{L} [f(t)] - f(0) \quad \text{where } \mathbf{L} [f(t)] = F(s).$$

### **LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF DERIVATIVE OF ORDER $n$ .**

$$\mathbf{L} [f^n(t)] = s^n \mathbf{L} [f(t)] - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - s^{n-3} f''(0) - \dots - f^{n-1}(0).$$

### **LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF INTEGRAL OF $f(t)$**

$$\mathbf{L} \left[ \int_0^t f(t) dt \right] = \frac{1}{s} F(s), \quad \text{where } \mathbf{L} [f(t)] = F(s).$$

### **LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF $t \cdot f(t)$ (Multiplication by $t$ )**

If  $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ , then

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



**Example 7.** Find the Laplace transform of  $t \sinh at$ .

**Solution.** 
$$L(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$$

$$\therefore L[t \sinh at] = -\frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2} \right)$$

or

$$L[t \sinh at] = \frac{2as}{(s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

**Ans.**

**Example 8.** Find the Laplace transform of  $t^2 \cos at$ .

**Solution.** 
$$L(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(t^2 \cos at) &= (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \right] = \frac{d}{ds} \frac{(s^2 + a^2) \cdot 1 - s(2s)}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{d}{ds} \frac{a^2 - s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{(s^2 + a^2)^2 (-2s) - (a^2 - s^2) \cdot 2(s^2 + a^2)(2s)}{(s^2 + a^2)^4} = \frac{-2s^3 - 2a^2s - 4a^2s + 4s^3}{(s^2 + a^2)^3} \\ &= \frac{2s(s^2 - 3a^2)}{(s^2 + a^2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

## **LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF $\frac{1}{t}f(t)$ (Division by $t$ )**

$$\text{If } \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s), \text{ then } \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{t}f(t)\right] = \int_s^\infty F(s) ds$$

**Example 10.** Find the Laplace transform of  $\frac{\sin 2 t}{t}$ .

**Solution.**  $L(\sin 2 t) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4}$

$$\begin{aligned} L\left(\frac{\sin 2 t}{t}\right) &= \int_s^\infty \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} ds = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{s}{2} \right]_s^\infty \\ &= \left[ \tan^{-1} \infty - \tan^{-1} \frac{s}{2} \right] = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \frac{s}{2} \\ &= \cot^{-1} \frac{s}{2} \end{aligned}$$

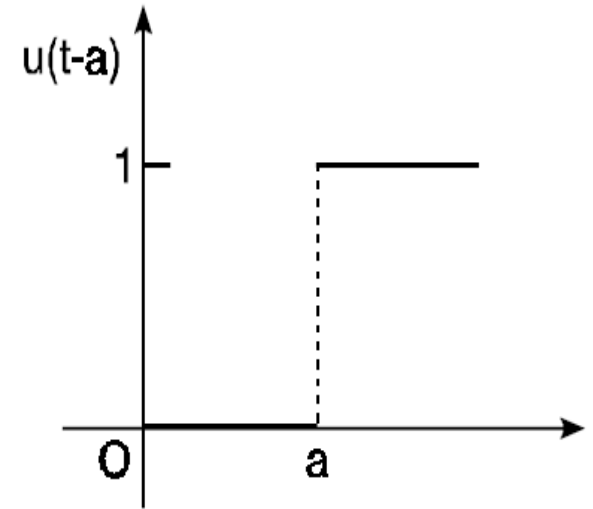
**Ans.**

### 13.10 UNIT STEP FUNCTION

With the help of unit step functions, we can find the inverse transform of functions, which cannot be determined with previous methods.

The unit step functions  $u(t-a)$  is defined as follows:

$$u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } t < a \\ 1 & \text{when } t \geq a \end{cases}$$



where  $a \geq 0$ .

**Example 14.** Express the following function in terms of units step functions and find its Laplace transform:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 8, & t < 2 \\ 6, & t > 2 \end{cases}$$

**Solution.**

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 8 + 0 & t < 2 \\ 8 - 2 & t > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$= 8 + \begin{cases} 0 & t < 2 \\ -2 & t > 2 \end{cases} = 8 + (-2) \begin{cases} 0, & t < 2 \\ 1, & t > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$= 8 - 2 u(t - 2)$$

$$\mathcal{L} f(t) = 8 \mathcal{L}(1) - 2 \mathcal{L} u(t - 2) = \frac{8}{s} - 2 \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}$$

**Ans.**

## SECOND SHIFTING THEOREM

If  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s)$ , then  $\mathcal{L}[f(t-a) \cdot u(t-a)] = e^{-as} F(s)$ .

$$\text{THEOREM} \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t) u(t-a)] = e^{-as} \mathcal{L}[f(t+a)]$$

**Example 18.** Find the Laplace Transform of  $t^2 u(t-3)$ .

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 \cdot u(t-3) &= [(t-3)^2 + 6(t-3) + 9] u(t-3) \\ &= (t-3)^2 \cdot u(t-3) + 6(t-3) \cdot u(t-3) + 9 u(t-3) \\ \mathcal{L} t^2 \cdot u(t-3) &= \mathcal{L} (t-3)^2 \cdot u(t-3) + 6 \mathcal{L} (t-3) \cdot u(t-3) + 9 \mathcal{L} u(t-3) \\ &= e^{-3s} \left[ \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{6}{s^2} + \frac{9}{s} \right] \end{aligned} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Aliter**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} t^2 u(t-3) &= e^{-3s} \mathcal{L} (t+3)^2 = e^{-3s} \mathcal{L} [t^2 + 6t + 9] \\ &= e^{-3s} \left[ \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{6}{s^2} + \frac{9}{s} \right] \quad \text{Ans.} \\ &= e^{-3s} \left[ \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{6}{s^2} + \frac{9}{s} \right] \\ \mathcal{L} t^2 u(t-3) &= e^{-3s} \mathcal{L} (t+3)^2 = e^{-3s} \mathcal{L} [t^2 + 6t + 9] \\ &= e^{-3s} \left[ \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{6}{s^2} + \frac{9}{s} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Find the Laplace transform of  $e^{-2t} u_{\pi}(t)$ .

$$u_{\pi}(t) = \begin{cases} 0; & t < \pi \\ 1; & t > \pi \end{cases}$$



# Convolution of Two Functions

- If  $F(t)$  and  $G(t)$  are two functions of class A, then the convolution of  $F$  and  $G$  is denoted by  $F * G$  and is defined by

$$F * G = \int_0^t F(x)G(t-x) dx$$

- **Some Properties of Convolution**
- **Commutative** :  $F * G = G * F$
- **Associative** :  $F * (G * H) = (F * G) * H$
- **Distributive over addition**:  $F * (G + H) = F * G + F * H$

# Convolution Theorem

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

Where  $F(t)$  and  $G(t)$  are functions of class A, then

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# Example of Solution of an ODE

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 6 \frac{dy}{dt} + 8y = 2 \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$

- ODE w/initial conditions

$$s^2 Y(s) + 6s Y(s) + 8Y(s) = 2/s$$

- Apply Laplace transform to each term

- Solve for Y(s)

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s(s+2)(s+4)}$$

- Apply partial fraction expansion

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{4s} + \frac{-1}{2(s+2)} + \frac{1}{4(s+4)}$$

- Apply inverse Laplace transform to each term

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-4t}}{4}$$

**Example 1.** Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  defined as

$$f(t) = \frac{t}{k}, \text{ when } 0 < t < k$$

$$= 1, \text{ when } t > k$$

(Mangalore 1997)

**Solution.**

$$f(t) = \int_0^k \frac{t}{k} e^{-st} dt + \int_k^\infty 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{k} \left[ \left( t \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_0^k - \int_0^k \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt \right] + \left[ \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_k^\infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \left[ \frac{k e^{-ks}}{-s} - \left( \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right)_0^k \right] + \frac{e^{-ks}}{s} = \frac{1}{k} \left[ \frac{k e^{-ks}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-sk}}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2} \right] + \frac{e^{-ks}}{s}$$

$$= -\frac{e^{-sk}}{s} - \frac{1}{k} \frac{e^{-ks}}{s^2} + \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{e^{-ks}}{s} = \frac{1}{ks^2} [-e^{-ks} + 1]$$

**Ans.**

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**Ans.**

**Example 11.** Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\sin t}{t} dt$ .

**Solution.**  $L \sin t = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$

$$L \frac{\sin t}{t} = \int_s^\infty \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} ds = \left[ \tan^{-1} s \right]_s^\infty = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} s = \cot^{-1} s$$

$$L \int_0^t \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \frac{1}{s} \cot^{-1} s$$

**Ans.**

**Example 13.** Evaluate  $L\left[e^{-4t} \frac{\sin 3t}{t}\right]$ .

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}L \sin 3t &= \frac{3}{s^2 + 3^2} \Rightarrow L \frac{\sin 3t}{t} = \int_s^\infty \frac{3}{s^2 + 9} ds = \left[ \frac{3}{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{s}{3} \right]_s^\infty \\&= \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \frac{s}{3} = \cot^{-1} \frac{s}{3} \\L\left[ e^{-4t} \frac{\sin 3t}{t} \right] &= \cot^{-1} \frac{s+4}{3} = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{s+4}\end{aligned}$$

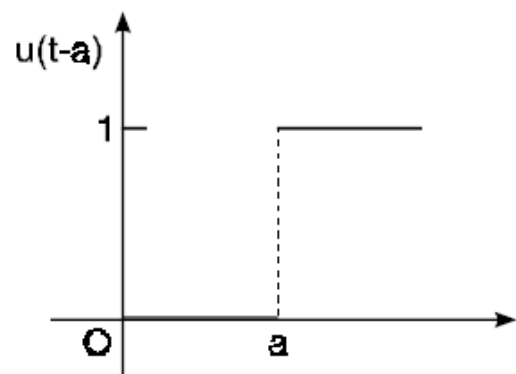
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$$= 8 - 2u(t-2)$$

$$L f(t) = 8 L(1) - 2 L u(t-2) = \frac{8}{s} - 2 \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}$$

**Ans.**



**Example 17.** Express the following function in terms of unit step function :

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t-1 & 1 < t < 2 \\ 3-t & 2 < t < 3 \end{cases}$$

and find its Laplace transform.

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \begin{cases} t-1 & 1 < t < 2 \\ 3-t & 2 < t < 3 \end{cases} \\ &= (t-1) [u(t-1) - u(t-2)] + (3-t) [u(t-2) - u(t-3)] \\ &= (t-1) u(t-1) - (t-1) u(t-2) + (3-t) u(t-2) + (t-3) u(t-3) \\ &= (t-1) u(t-1) - 2(t-2) u(t-2) + (t-3) u(t-3) \end{aligned}$$

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

**Ans.**

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**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 \cdot u(t-3) &= [(t-3)^2 + 6(t-3) + 9] u(t-3) \\ &= (t-3)^2 \cdot u(t-3) + 6(t-3) \cdot u(t-3) + 9 u(t-3) \\ \mathcal{L} t^2 \cdot u(t-3) &= \mathcal{L} (t-3)^2 \cdot u(t-3) + 6 \mathcal{L} (t-3) \cdot u(t-3) + 9 \mathcal{L} u(t-3) \\ &= e^{-3s} \left[ \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{6}{s^2} + \frac{9}{s} \right] \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

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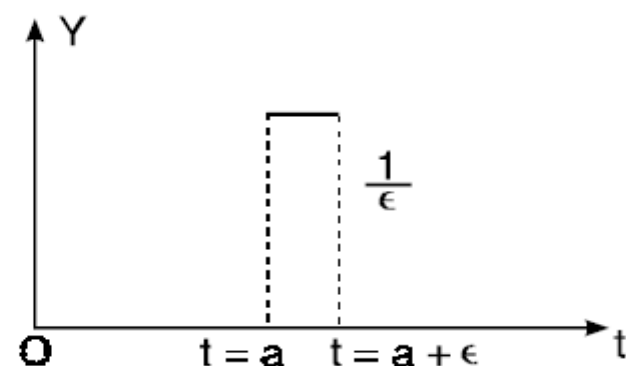
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**Ans.**

### 13.13 (1) IMPULSE FUNCTION

When a large force acts for a short time, then the product of the force and the time is called impulse in applied mechanics. The unit impulse function is the limiting function.

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(t-a) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon}, a < t < a + \epsilon \\ &= 0, \quad \text{otherwise}\end{aligned}$$



The value of the function (height of the strip in the figure) becomes infinite as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and the area of the rectangle is unity.

**(2) The Unit Impulse function** is defined as follows:

$$\delta(t-a) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{for } t = a \\ 0 & \text{for } t \neq a. \end{cases}$$

and 
$$\int_0^{\infty} \delta(t-a) \cdot dt = 1.$$

[Area of strip = 1]

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### (3) Laplace Transform of unit Impulse function

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(t) \delta(t-a) dt = \int_a^{a+\varepsilon} f(t) \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon} dt \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Mean value Theorem} \\ \int_a^b f(t) dt = (b-a)f(\eta) \end{array} \right.$$

$$= (a+\varepsilon-a)f(\eta), \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad \text{where } a < \eta < a+\varepsilon$$

$$= f(\eta)$$

**Property I:**  $\int_0^{\infty} f(t) \delta(t-a) dt = f(a) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

**Note.** If  $f(t) = e^{-st}$  and  $L[\delta(t-a)] = e^{-as}$

**Example 21.** Evaluate  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-5t} \delta(t-2) dt$ .

**Solution.**  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-5t} \delta(t-2) dt = e^{-5 \times 2} = e^{-10}$

**Property II:**  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta'(t-a) dt = -f'(a)$

**Proof.** 
$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta'(t-a) dt &= [f(t) \cdot \delta(t-a)]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f'(t) \delta(t-a) dt \\ &= 0 - 0 - f'(a) = -f'(a) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 22.** Find the Laplace transform of  $t^3 \delta(t-4)$ .

**Solution.** 
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \{t^3 \delta(t-4)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^3 \delta(t-4) dt \\ &= 4^3 e^{-4s} \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

## PERIODIC FUNCTIONS

Let  $f(t)$  be a periodic function with Period  $T$ , then

$$\mathbf{L} [f(t)] = \frac{\int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt}{1 - e^{-sT}}$$

**Example 23.** Find the Laplace transform of the waveform

$$f(t) = \left( \frac{2t}{3} \right), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 3.$$

**Solution.**  $L[f(t)] = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-st}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt$

$$\begin{aligned} L\left[\frac{2t}{3}\right] &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-3s}} \int_0^3 e^{-st} \left(\frac{2t}{3}\right) dt = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-3s}} \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} - (1) \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right]_0^3 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-3s}} \left[ \frac{3 e^{-3s}}{-s} - \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2} \right] = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - e^{-3s}} \left[ \frac{3 e^{-3s}}{-s} + \frac{1 - e^{-3s}}{s^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{2 e^{-3s}}{-s (1 - e^{-3s})} + \frac{2}{3 s^2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

**Example 27.** A periodic square wave function  $f(t)$ , in terms of unit step functions, is written as

$$f(t) = k [u_0(t) - 2 u_a(t) + 2 u_{2a}(t) - 2 u_{3a}(t) + \dots]$$

Show that the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  is given by

$$L[f(t)] = \frac{k}{s} \tanh\left(\frac{as}{2}\right).$$

**Solution.**

$$f(t) = k [u_0(t) - 2 u_a(t) + 2 u_{2a}(t) - 2 u_{3a}(t) + \dots]$$

$$Lf(t) = k [L u_0(t) - 2 L u_a(t) + 2 L u_{2a}(t) - 2 L u_{3a}(t) + \dots]$$

$$= k \left[ \frac{1}{s} - 2 \frac{e^{-as}}{s} + 2 \frac{e^{-2as}}{s} - 2 \frac{e^{-3as}}{s} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{k}{s} [1 - 2 e^{-as} + 2 e^{-2as} - 2 e^{-3as} + \dots]$$

$$= \frac{k}{s} [1 - 2 (e^{-as} - e^{-2as} + e^{-3as} - \dots)]$$

$$= \frac{k}{s} \left[ 1 - 2 \frac{e^{-as}}{1 + e^{-as}} \right] = \frac{k}{s} \left[ \frac{1 + e^{-as} - 2 e^{-as}}{1 + e^{-as}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{k}{s} \left[ \frac{1 - e^{-as}}{1 + e^{-as}} \right] = \frac{k}{s} \left[ \frac{e^{\frac{as}{2}} - e^{-\frac{as}{2}}}{e^{\frac{as}{2}} + e^{-\frac{as}{2}}} \right] = \frac{k}{s} \tanh \frac{as}{2} \quad \text{Ans.}$$



**Example 28.** Evaluate  $\int_0^{\infty} t e^{-3t} \sin t \, dt$ .

**Solution.**  $\int_0^{\infty} t e^{-3t} \sin t \, dt = \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} \sin t \, dt \quad (s = 3)$

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

$$= \frac{2 \times 3}{(3^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{6}{100} = \frac{3}{50}$$

**Ans.**

**Example 29.** Evaluate  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t} \sin t}{t} dt$  and  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt$ .

**Solution.**  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t} \sin t}{t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt \quad (s = 1)$

$$= L \left[ \frac{\sin t}{t} \right] = \int_s^{\infty} \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} ds = \left[ \tan^{-1} s \right]_s^{\infty}$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} s \quad \dots (1) \quad = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} (1) \quad (s = 1)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

On putting  $s = 0$  in (1), we get

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} (0)$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

# Inverse Laplace Transforms

Now we obtain  $f(t)$  when  $F(s)$  is given, then we say that inverse Laplace transform of  $F(s)$  is  $f(t)$ .

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

where  $L^{-1}$  is called the inverse Laplace transform operator.

From the application point of view, the inverse Laplace transform is very useful.

## ! IMPORTANT FORMULAE

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) = 1$$

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s-a} = e^{at}$$

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2 - a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \sinh at$$

$$(7) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} = \cos at$$

$$(9) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{(s-a)^2 + b^2} = \frac{1}{b} e^{at} \sin bt$$

$$(11) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{(s-a)^2 - b^2} = \frac{1}{b} e^{at} \sinh bt$$

$$(13) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{1}{2a^3} (\sin at - at \cos at)$$

$$(15) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s^2 - a^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = t \cos at$$

$$(17) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{1}{2a} [\sin at + at \cos at]$$

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s^n} = \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2} = \cosh at$$

$$(6) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \sin at$$

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} F(s-a) = e^{at} f(t)$$

$$(10) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2} = e^{at} \cos bt$$

$$(12) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 - b^2} = e^{at} \cosh bt$$

$$(14) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{1}{2a} t \sin at$$

$$(16) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} (1) = \delta(t)$$

# Properties of Inverse Laplace Transform

- **First Shifting Theorem or First Translation Theorem**

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

- **Second Shifting Theorem or Second Translation Theorem**

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

Where

$$G(t) = \begin{cases} F(t-a), t > a \\ 0, t < a \end{cases}$$

# Properties of Inverse Laplace Transform

- **Change of Scale Property**

**If**  $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t)$  **then**  $L^{-1}\{f(as)\} = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{t}{a}\right)$

- **Inverse Laplace Transform of Derivatives**

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

$$L^{-1}\{f^n(s)\} = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{d^n}{ds^n} f(s)\right\}$$

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

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

where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

# Properties of Inverse Laplace Transform

- **Inverse Laplace Transform of Integrals**

If  $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t)$  then  $L^{-1}\left\{\int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx\right\} = \frac{F(t)}{t}$

- **Multiplication by  $s^n$**

If  $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t)$  and  $F(0) = 0$ ,

$$L^{-1}\{sf(s)\} = F'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} F(t)$$

- **Division by t and its powers**

**Theorem1 :** If  $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t)$ , then  $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{f(s)}{s}\right\} = \int_0^t F(x)dx$

**Theorem2:** If  $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t)$ , then  $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{f(s)}{s^2}\right\} = \int_0^t \int_0^y F(x) dx dy$

**Example 30.** Find the inverse Laplace Transform of the following:

$$(i) \frac{1}{s-2} \quad (ii) \frac{1}{s^2-9} \quad (iii) \frac{s}{s^2-16} \quad (iv) \frac{1}{s^2+25} \quad (v) \frac{s}{s^2+9}$$

$$(vi) \frac{1}{(s-2)^2+1} \quad (vii) \frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2+4} \quad (viii) \frac{1}{(s+3)^2-4} \quad (ix) \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2-25} \quad (x) \frac{1}{2s-7}$$

**Solution.** (i)  $L^{-1} \frac{1}{s-2} = e^{2t}$  (ii)  $L^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2-9} = L^{-1} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{s^2-(3)^2} = \frac{1}{3} \sinh 3t$

(iii)  $L^{-1} \frac{s}{s^2-16} = L^{-1} \frac{s}{s^2-(4)^2} = \cosh 4t$  (iv)  $L^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2+25} = \frac{1}{5} \frac{5}{s^2+(5)^2} = \frac{1}{5} \sin 5t$

(v)  $L^{-1} \frac{s}{s^2+9} = \frac{s}{s^2+(3)^2} = \cos 3t$  (vi)  $L^{-1} \frac{1}{(s-2)^2+1} = e^{2t} \sin t$

(vii)  $L^{-1} \frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2+4} = e^t \cos 2t$  (viii)  $L^{-1} \frac{1}{(s+3)^2-4} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{(s+3)^2-(2)^2} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} \sinh 2t$

(ix)  $L^{-1} \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2-25} = L^{-1} \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2-(5)^2} = e^{-2t} \cosh 5t$

(x)  $\frac{1}{2s-7} = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{7}{2}t}$

$$\left[ L^{-1} F(as) = \frac{1}{a} f\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \right]$$



**Example 32.** Find the inverse Laplace transform of

$$(i) \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \quad (ii) \frac{s}{4s^2 - 25} \quad (iii) \frac{3s}{2s + 9}$$

**Solution.** (i)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} = \sin t$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} &= \frac{d}{dt} (\sin t) + \sin(0) \delta(t) \\ &= \cos t \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

(ii) 
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{4s^2 - 25} = \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2 - \frac{25}{4}} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{\frac{5}{2}}{s^2 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{10} \sinh \frac{5}{2} t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s}{4s^2 - 25} &= \frac{1}{10} \frac{d}{dt} \sinh \frac{5}{2} t + \frac{1}{10} \sinh \frac{5}{2} (0) \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) \cosh \frac{5}{2} t = \frac{1}{4} \cosh \frac{5}{2} t \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

(iii) 
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{3}{2s + 9} = \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s + \frac{9}{2}} = \frac{3}{2} e^{-9/2 t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{3s}{2s + 9} &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{-9/2 t} \right) + \frac{3}{2} e^{-9/2 (0)} = \frac{3}{2} \left( -\frac{9}{2} \right) e^{-\frac{11}{2} t} + \frac{3}{2} \\ &= -\frac{27}{4} e^{-11/2 t} + \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

**Example 34.** Find the inverse Laplace transform of

$$(i) \frac{1}{(s+2)^5} \quad (ii) \frac{s}{s^2+4s+13} \quad (iii) \frac{1}{9s^2+6s+1}$$

**Solution.** (i) 
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s^5} = \frac{t^4}{4!}$$

then 
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{(s+2)^5} = e^{-2t} \cdot \frac{t^4}{4!} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{s^2+4s+13} \right) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s+2-2}{(s+2)^2+(3)^2} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+(3)^2} - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{2}{(s+2)^2+3^2} \\ &= e^{-2t} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s}{s^2+3^2} - e^{-2t} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{3}{s^2+3^2} \right) \\ &= e^{-2t} \cos 3t - \frac{2}{3} e^{-2t} \sin 3t \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (iii) \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{9s^2+6s+1} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{(3s+1)^2} = \frac{1}{9} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{\left(s+\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{9} e^{-t/3} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{9} e^{-t/3} t = \frac{t e^{-t/3}}{9} \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 35.** Obtain inverse Laplace transform of

$$(i) \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{(s+3)} \quad (ii) \frac{e^{-s}}{(s+1)^3}$$

**Solution.** (i)  $L^{-1} \frac{1}{s+3} = e^{-3t}$

$$L^{-1} \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s+3} = e^{-3(t-\pi)} U(t-\pi)$$

**Ans.**

(ii)  $L^{-1} \frac{1}{s^3} = \frac{t^2}{2!}$

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

$$L^{-1} \frac{e^{-s}}{(s+1)^3} = e^{-(t-1)} \cdot \frac{(t-1)^2}{2!} \cdot U(t-1)$$

**Ans.**

**Example 40.** Obtain  $L^{-1} \frac{2s}{(s^2+1)^2}$ .

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**Solution.**  $L^{-1} \frac{2s}{(s^2+1)^2} = t L^{-1} \int_s^\infty \frac{2s \, ds}{(s^2+1)^2} = t L^{-1} \left[ -\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right]_s^\infty = t L^{-1} \left[ -0 + \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right]$

$= t \sin t$  **Ans.**

## INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM BY CONVOLUTION

$$\mathcal{L} \left\{ \int_0^t f_1(x) * f_2(t-x) dx \right\} = F_1(s) \cdot F_2(s) \quad \text{or} \quad \int_0^t f_1(x) \cdot f_2(t-x) dx = \mathcal{L}^{-1} F_1(s) \cdot F_2(s)$$

**Example 46.** Obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s(s^2 + a^2)}$ .

**Solution.**  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s} = 1$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2} = \frac{\sin at}{a}$ .

Hence by the convolution theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \int_0^t \left\{ 1 \cdot \frac{\sin a(t-x)}{a} dx \right\} &= \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2} \right) \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s(s^2 + a^2)} \right\} &= \int_0^t \frac{\sin a(t-x)}{a} dx = \left[ \frac{-\cos(at - ax)}{-a^2} \right]_0^t \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2} [1 - \cos at] \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

## PARTIAL FRACTIONS METHOD

**Example 41.** Find the inverse transforms of  $\frac{1}{s^2 - 5s + 6}$ .

**Solution.** Let us convert the given function into partial fractions.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 - 5s + 6}\right] &= \mathbf{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s - 3} - \frac{1}{s - 2}\right] \\ &= \mathbf{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s - 3}\right) - \mathbf{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s - 2}\right) = e^{3t} - e^{2t}\end{aligned}\quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Example 42.** Find the inverse Laplace transforms of

$$\frac{s - 1}{s^2 - 6s + 25}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Solution.} \quad \mathbf{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s - 1}{s^2 - 6s + 25}\right) &= \mathbf{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s - 1}{(s - 3)^2 + (4)^2}\right] = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s - 3 + 2}{(s - 3)^2 + (4)^2}\right] \\ &= \mathbf{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s - 3}{(s - 3)^2 + (4)^2}\right] + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{4}{(s - 3)^2 + (4)^2}\right] \\ &= e^{3t} \cos 4t + \frac{1}{2} e^{3t} \sin 4t.\end{aligned}\quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Example 44.** Find the Laplace inverse of

$$\frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)(s^2 + b^2)}.$$

**Solution.** Let us convert the given function into partial fractions.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)(s^2 + b^2)} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{a^2}{a^2 - b^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2} - \frac{b^2}{a^2 - b^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + b^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{a^2}{s^2 + a^2} - \frac{b^2}{s^2 + b^2} \right] = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ a^2 \left( \frac{1}{a} \sin at \right) - b^2 \left( \frac{1}{b} \sin bt \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} [a \sin at - b \sin bt]. \end{aligned} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

### **13.30. SOLUTION OF DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS BY LAPLACE TRANSFORMS**

Ordinary linear differential equations with constant coefficients can be easily solved by the Laplace Transform method, without finding the general solution and the arbitrary constants.



**Example 48.** Using the Laplace transforms, find the solution of the initial value problem

$$y'' + 25y = 10 \cos 5t$$

$$y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

**Solution.** Taking Laplace transform of the given differential equation, we get

$$[s^2 \bar{y} - sy(0) - y'(0)] + 25 \bar{y} = 10 \frac{s}{s^2 + 25}$$

$$s^2 \bar{y} - 2s + 25 \bar{y} = \frac{10s}{s^2 + 25}$$

$$(s^2 + 25) \bar{y} = 2s + \frac{10s}{s^2 + 25}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{2s}{s^2 + 25} + \frac{10s}{(s^2 + 25)^2}$$

$$y = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{2s}{s^2 + 25} + \frac{10s}{(s^2 + 25)^2} \right] = 2 \cos 5t + L^{-1} \left[ \frac{10s}{(s^2 + 25)^2} \right]$$

$$= 2 \cos 5t + L^{-1} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{-5}{(s^2 + 25)} \right]$$

$$= 2 \cos 5t + t \sin 5t$$

**Ans.**

**Example 52.** Solve the initial value problem

$$2 y'' + 5 y' + 2 y = e^{-2t}, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 1,$$

using the Laplace transforms.

(A.M.I.E.T.E., Summer 1995)

**Solution.**  $2 y'' + 5 y' + 2 y = e^{-2t}, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 1$

Taking the Laplace Transform of both sides, we get

$$2 [s^2 \bar{y} - s y(0) - y'(0)] + 5 [s \bar{y} - y(0)] + 2 \bar{y} = \frac{1}{s+2} \quad \dots(1)$$

On substituting the values of  $y(0)$  and  $y'(0)$  in (1), we get

$$2 [s^2 \bar{y} - s - 1] + 5 [s \bar{y} - 1] + 2 \bar{y} = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

$$[2 s^2 + 5 s + 2] \bar{y} - 2 s - 2 - 5 = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{(s+2)(2 s^2 + 5 s + 2)} + \frac{2 s + 7}{2 s^2 + 5 s + 2} = \frac{1 + 2 s^2 + 7 s + 4 s + 14}{(2 s^2 + 5 s + 2)(s+2)} = \frac{2 s^2 + 11 s + 15}{(2 s + 1)(s+2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4/9}{2 s + 1} - \frac{11/9}{s+2} - \frac{1/3}{(s+2)^2} = \frac{4}{9} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{11}{9} \frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{9} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} - \frac{11}{9} e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{3} t e^{-2t}$$

**Ans.**