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Problem 1.

Compute the Laplace transform of the following functions.

a) $f(t) = (t-2)^4.$

b) $f(t) = te^{-t}.$

c) $f(t) = e^{-5t} \sin(t).$

d) $f(t) = e^{-2t} \cos^2(3t) - 3t^2 e^{3t}$

a) $f(t) = (t-2)^4 = (t-2)(t-2)(t-2)(t-2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \mathcal{L}[(t^2 - 4t + 4)(t^2 - 4t + 4)] \\
 &= \mathcal{L}[t^4 - 4t^3 + 4t^2 - 4t^3 + 16t^2 - 16t + 4t^2 - 16t + 16] \\
 &= \mathcal{L}[t^4 - 8t^3 + 24t^2 - 32t + 16] \\
 &= \mathcal{L}[t^4] - 8\mathcal{L}[t^3] + 24\mathcal{L}[t^2] - 32\mathcal{L}[t] + 16\mathcal{L}[1] \\
 &= \frac{4!}{s^5} - 8 \cdot \frac{3!}{s^4} + 24 \cdot \frac{2!}{s^3} - 32 \cdot \frac{1!}{s^2} + 16 \cdot \frac{1}{s} \\
 &= \frac{24}{s^5} - \frac{48}{s^4} + \frac{48}{s^3} - \frac{32}{s^2} + \frac{16}{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

b) $\mathcal{L}[te^{-t}] = \mathcal{L}[te^{at}], a = -1$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[te^{-t}] = F(s+1), \quad f(t) = t.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t] = \frac{1}{s^2} = F(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[te^{-t}] = F(s+1) = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 1}$$

$$c) \quad \mathcal{L}[e^{-st} \sin t] = F(s+5), \quad \text{where } F(s) = \mathcal{L}[\sin t] = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[e^{-st} \sin t] = \frac{1}{(s+5)^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 10s + 26}$$

$$d) \quad f(t) = e^{-2t} \cos^2(3t) - 3t^2 e^{3t}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{-2t} \cos^2(3t) - 3t^2 e^{3t}] = \mathcal{L}[e^{-2t} \cos^2(3t)] - 3 \mathcal{L}[t^2 e^{3t}]$$

$$\cos(2wt) = 2\cos^2(wt) - 1$$

$$\cos^2(wt) = \frac{\cos(2wt) + 1}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos^2(wt)] = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}[\cos(2wt)] + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}[1] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + 4w^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[e^{-2t} \cos^2(3t)] = F(s+2), \quad F(s) = \mathcal{L}[\cos^2(3t)] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + 36} \right) + \frac{1}{2s}$$

$$F(s+2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + 36} \right) + \frac{1}{2(s+2)} = \mathcal{L}[e^{-2t} \cos^2(3t)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{2t} \cos^2(3t)] - 3 \mathcal{L}[t^2 e^{3t}] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + 36} \right) + \frac{1}{2(s+2)} - \left(\frac{6}{(s-3)^3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + 36} - \frac{12}{(s-3)^3} + \frac{1}{s+2} \right)$$

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Problem 2.

Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following functions.

a) $F(s) = \frac{2s}{s^2 - 3}$.

b) $F(s) = \frac{s^2 + s + 1}{s^3 + s}$.

c) $F(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2(s+1)}$.

a) $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{2s}{s^2 - 3} = 2 \cdot \frac{s}{s^2 - 3}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{2s}{s^2 - 3}\right] = 2 \cdot \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 - 3}\right] = \underline{\underline{2 \cdot \cosh(\sqrt{3}t)}}$$

b) $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{s^2 + s + 1}{s^3 + s} = \frac{s^2 + s + 1}{s(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{s + \frac{1}{s} + 1}{s^2 + 1}$

$$= \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{\frac{1}{s}}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{s + \frac{1}{s}}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{s^2}{s} + \frac{1}{s}}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} = \frac{\cancel{s^2 + 1}}{\cancel{s^2 + 1}} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s}}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{s}\right] = \underline{\underline{\sin t + 1}}$$

$$c) \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2(s+1)}$$

$$\frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{(s-1)^2} + \frac{C}{s+1} = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2(s+1)}$$

$$A(s-1)(s+1) + B(s+1) + C(s-1)^2 = 1$$

$$s = -1:$$

$$C(-2)^2 = 1$$

$$\underline{C = \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$s = 1:$$

$$\underline{B = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$s = 0:$$

$$-A = -B - C + 1$$

$$A = B + C - 1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 = \frac{2}{4} - \frac{3}{4} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\underline{A = -\frac{1}{4}}$$

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

$$= -\frac{e^t}{4} + \frac{e^t t}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{4}$$

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Problem 3.

Decide for each of the following statements whether it is true or false. Explain your answer.

- a) If f and g are two functions for which the Laplace transform exists, then $\mathcal{L}(f-g) = \mathcal{L}(f) - \mathcal{L}(g)$. **TRUE**
- b) If f and g are two functions, for which the Laplace transform exists, then $\mathcal{L}(f \cdot g) = \mathcal{L}(f) \cdot \mathcal{L}(g)$. **FALSE**
- c) If the function f satisfies $0 \leq f(t)$ for all $t \geq 0$, then $\mathcal{L}(f)(s) \geq 0$ for all s for which $\mathcal{L}(f)(s)$ exists. **TRUE**
- d) If the function f is continuous and satisfies $0 \leq f(t) \leq 1$ for all $t \geq 0$, then $\mathcal{L}(f)(s)$ exists for all $s > 0$. **TRUE**

TRUE

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad \mathcal{L}[f-g] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st}(f-g) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st}f - e^{-st}g dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st}f(t) dt - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st}g(t) dt \\ &= \mathcal{L}[f(t)] - \mathcal{L}[g(t)] \quad \text{QED.} \quad (\text{It follows from linearity}) \end{aligned}$$

b) FALSE

* Proof by counterexample:

$$f(t) = g(t) = e^{-t} \quad \text{then} \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\text{so} \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \cdot \mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$\text{but} \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t) \cdot g(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2t} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s+2} \neq \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \quad \text{QED.}$$

c) TRUE since: $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$

we know $f(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty)$

and $e^{-st} \geq 0 \quad \forall s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

so $e^{-st} \cdot f(t)$ is non-negative $\forall t \in [0, \infty)$. The integral of a non-negative function over a range is itself non-negative, so:

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty) \quad \text{QED.}$$

d) TRUE Since:

$$f(t) = c, c \in [0, 1] \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = c \cdot \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty)$$

Since $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt$ converges for all $s > 0$, we have

$$\exists \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \quad \forall s > 0 \quad \text{QED.}$$

(If $f(t)$ is bounded it can never outgrow e^{-st} so the integral will always converge for positive s)

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Problem 4.

Use the Laplace transform in order to solve the following initial value problems:

a) $-y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2.$

b) $y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^{3t}, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0.$

c) $y'' - 10y' + 9y = 5t, y(0) = -1, y'(0) = 2.$

From lecture:
$$Y(s) = \frac{F(s) + ay_0s + by_0 + av_0}{as^2 + bs + c}$$
 where $y_0 = y(0)$ and $v_0 = y'(0)$

 $\rightarrow F(s) = 0$

a) $a = -1, b = 2, c = -3, f(t) = 0, y_0 = 1, v_0 = 2.$

$$Y(s) = \frac{0 - s + 2 - 2}{-s^2 + 2s - 3} = \frac{-s}{-s^2 + 2s - 3} = \frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2 + 2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \underline{\underline{e^t \left(\cos \sqrt{2}t + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \sqrt{2}t \right) = y(t)}}$$

b) $a = 1, b = -3, c = 2, f(t) = e^{3t} \Rightarrow F(s) = \frac{1}{s-3}, y_0 = 0, v_0 = 0$

$$Y(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{s-3} + (s-3)}{s^2 - 3s + 2} = \frac{1}{(s-3)(s-2)(s-1)} + \frac{s}{(s-2)(s-1)} - \frac{3}{(s-2)(s-1)}$$

(1) (2) (3)

$$(1): \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s-2} + \frac{C}{s-3} = \frac{1}{(s-3)(s-2)(s-1)}$$

$$A(s-2)(s-3) + B(s-1)(s-3) + C(s-1)(s-2) = 1$$

$$s=1 \Rightarrow A(-1)(-2) = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{A = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$s=2 \Rightarrow B(1)(-1) = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{B = -1}$$

$$s=3 \Rightarrow C(2)(1) = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{C = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\underline{\frac{1}{(s-3)(s-2)(s-1)} = \frac{1}{2(s-1)} - \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{2(s-3)}}$$

$$(2): \quad \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s-2} = \frac{s}{(s-2)(s-1)}$$

$$A(s-2) + B(s-1) = s$$

$$s=1 \Rightarrow -A = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{A = -1}$$

$$s=2 \Rightarrow \underline{B = 2}$$

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

$$(3): \quad A(s-2) + B(s-1) = -3$$

$$s=1 \Rightarrow \underline{A = 3}$$

$$s=2 \Rightarrow \underline{B = -3}$$

$$-\frac{3}{(s-2)(s-1)} = \frac{3}{s-1} - \frac{3}{s-2}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-1} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-3}$$

$$\underline{y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \frac{5}{2}e^t - 2e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{3t}}$$

c) $a=1$, $b=-10$, $c=9$, $f(t)=5t \Rightarrow F(s)=\frac{5}{s^2}$, $y_0=-1$, $v_0=2$

$$Y(s) = \frac{\frac{5}{s^2} + s + 12}{s^2 - 10s + 9} = \frac{5}{s^2(s^2 - 10s + 9)} + \frac{s-5}{s^2 - 10s + 9} + \frac{17}{s^2 - 10s + 9}$$

(1) (2) (3)

(2) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s-5}{(s-5)^2 - 16}\right] = \underline{e^{5t} \cosh(4t)}$

(1) $\frac{5}{s^2(s-1)(s-9)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s-1} + \frac{D}{s-9}$

$$5 = A(s)(s-1)(s-9) + B(s-1)(s-9) + C(s^2)(s-9) + D(s^2)(s-1)$$

$$s=0 \Rightarrow 9B=5 \Rightarrow \underline{B = \frac{5}{9}}$$

$$s=1 \Rightarrow -8C=5 \Rightarrow \underline{C = -\frac{5}{8}}$$

$$s=9 \Rightarrow 8 \cdot 81D = 5 \Rightarrow \underline{D = \frac{5}{648}}$$

$$s=2 \Rightarrow -14A - 7B - 28C + 4D = 5$$

Solve for A:

$$A = \frac{5 + 7B + 28C - 4D}{-14} = \frac{50}{81}$$

$$\frac{5}{s^2(s-1)(s-9)} = \frac{50}{81} \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{5}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{5}{648} \cdot \frac{1}{s-9}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{s^2(s-1)(s-9)}\right] = \frac{50}{81} + \frac{5}{9}t - \frac{5}{8}e^t + \frac{5}{648}e^{9t}$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{17}{(s-1)(s-9)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s-9}$$

$$A(s-9) + B(s-1) = 17$$

$$s=1 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{17}{8}$$

$$s=9 \Rightarrow B = \frac{17}{8}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{17}{(s-1)(s-9)}\right] = -\frac{17}{18}e^t + \frac{17}{18}e^{9t}$$

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{17}{(s-1)(s-9)}\right] + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s-5}{(s-5)^2-16}\right] + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{s^2(s-1)(s-9)}\right]$$

(3) (2) (1)

$$= \frac{50}{81} + \frac{5}{9}t + \frac{617}{648}e^{9t} - \frac{113}{72}e^t + e^{5t} \cosh(4t)$$

