

## Section 14: Inverse Laplace Transforms

If  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ , we call  $F(s)$  the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ .

We'll call  $f(t)$  an **inverse Laplace transform** of  $F(s)$ , and write

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

# A Table of Laplace Transforms

Some basic results include:

$$\blacktriangleright \mathcal{L}\{\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)\} = \alpha F(s) + \beta G(s)$$

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

$$\blacktriangleright \mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad s > 0 \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

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

$$\blacktriangleright \mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2+k^2}, \quad s > 0$$

$$\blacktriangleright \mathcal{L}\{\sin kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2+k^2}, \quad s > 0$$

The inverse Laplace transform is also linear so that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\alpha F(s) + \beta G(s)\} = \alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)$$

## Find the Transform or Inverse Transform

$$(a) \quad \mathcal{L}\{\sin(t)\cos(t)\}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1}{2}\sin(2t)\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}\{\sin(2t)\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4}$$

Recall

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$$

so

$$\frac{1}{2}\sin(2t) = \sin t \cos t$$

$$(b) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 - 1} \right\}$$

Use partial fraction decomp

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{s^2 - 1}$$

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

multiply  
by

$$(s-1)(s+1)$$

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

$$1 = As + A + Bs - B$$

$$0s + 1 = \underline{(A+B)}s + \underline{(A-B)}$$

$$A+B=0$$

$$A-B=1$$

$$\frac{\quad}{\quad} \text{ sum}$$
$$2A = 1$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}, \quad B = -A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2-1}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1/2}{s-1} - \frac{1/2}{s+1}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-1}\right\} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+1}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^t - \frac{1}{2} e^{-t}$$

\*  $s+1$

=  $s - (-1)$

$$* \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

## Section 15: Shift Theorems

Suppose we wish to evaluate  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{(s-1)^3} \right\}$ . Does it help to know that  $\mathcal{L} \{t^2\} = \frac{2}{s^3}$ ?

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{e^t t^2\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^t t^2 dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-1)t} t^2 dt\end{aligned}$$

This is  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{t^2\}$  but with  $s$  replaced w/  $s-1$ .

Properties of  
exponentials

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$$\begin{aligned}e^{-st} e^t &= e^{-st+t} \\ &= e^{-(s-1)t} \\ &= e^{-(s-1)t}\end{aligned}$$

So if  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{t^2\}$ , then  $\mathcal{L}\{e^t t^2\} = F(s-1)$

From the table

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

So  $F(s-1) = \frac{2}{(s-1)^3}$  i.e.  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2}{(s-1)^3}\right\} = e^t t^2$

## Theorem (translation in s)

Suppose  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ . Then for any real number  $a$

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

For example,

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \implies \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}t^n\} = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(kt)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2} \implies \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\cos(kt)\} = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + k^2}.$$

Everywhere  $s$  appears, it's replaced  
w/  $s-a$



## Inverse Laplace Transforms (completing the square)

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

$s^2 + 2s + 2$  is an irreducible quadratic

$$b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 = 4 - 8 < 0$$

Complete the square

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 + 2s + 2 &= s^2 + 2s + 1 - 1 + 2 \\ &= (s^2 + 2s + 1) + 1 \\ &= (s+1)^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

So

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

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

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

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

$$= e^{-t} \cos t - e^{-t} \sin t$$

we need all  
s terms to be  
replaced w/ s+1

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} = \frac{s}{s^2+1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

here s+1  
= s - (-1)

## Inverse Laplace Transforms (repeat linear factors)

$$(b) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1 + 3s - s^2}{s(s-1)^2} \right\}$$

Do partial Fraction Decomp.

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

mult by  
 $s(s-1)^2$

$$-s^2 + 3s + 1 = A(s-1)^2 + Bs(s-1) + Cs$$

we'll finish this during  
the next class.