

## 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  $\mathcal{L} \{t^2\} = \frac{2}{s^3}$ ?

By definition  $\mathcal{L} \{e^t t^2\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} e^t t^2 dt$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-1)t} t^2 dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-pt} t^2 dt \quad \text{if } p = s-1$$

$$= F(p) \quad \text{if } F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{t^2\}$$

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

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

If  $f(t) = t^2$ , then  $F(s) = \mathcal{L} \{t^2\} = \frac{2}{s^3}$ , and

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

In general, if  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F(s-a) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} [e^{at} f(t)] dt \\ &= \mathcal{L} \{e^{at} f(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem (translation in $s$ )

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

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

In other words, if  $F(s)$  has an inverse Laplace transform, then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s - a)\} = e^{at}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}.$$

# Example

Evaluate

$$(a) \mathcal{L}\{t^6 e^{3t}\} = \frac{6!}{(s-3)^7}$$

$$a) \mathcal{L}\{t^6\} = \frac{6!}{s^7} = F(s) \\ a=3$$

$$(b) \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t} \cos(t)\} = \frac{s - (-1)}{(s - (-1))^2 + 1} \\ = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + 1}$$

$$b) \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} = F(s) \\ a = -1$$

$$(c) \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t} \sin(t)\} \\ = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 1}$$

$$c) \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} = F(s) \\ a = -1$$

# Inverse Laplace Transforms (completing the square)

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

Can we do a partial fraction decomp?

No,  $s^2 + 2s + 2$  is irreducible.  $b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 = -4 < 0$

We complete the square.

$$s^2 + 2s + 2 = s^2 + 2s + 1 - 1 + 2 = (s+1)^2 + 1$$

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

← need  $s+1$  here too

↑ want this to be  $F(s+1)$  for some  $F(s)$

Use  $s = s+1-1$

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

looks like  $\frac{s}{s^2+1}$   $\frac{1}{s^2+1}$

If  $s-a = s+1$  then  $a = -1$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+2s+2}\right\} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+1}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1}\right\} \\ &= e^{-t} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+1}\right\} - e^{-t} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right\}\end{aligned}$$

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

## Inverse Laplace Transforms (repeat linear factors)

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

This requires partial fraction decomp.

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

Clear  
fractions

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

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

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



$$A+B = -1$$

$$-2A-B+C = 3$$

$$A = 1$$

$$B = -1 - A = -2$$

$$C = 3 + 2A + B = 3 + 2 - 2 = 3$$

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

looks like  $\frac{3}{s^2}$  with  $s$  replaced by  $s-1$

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

$$= 1 - 2e^t + 3e^t \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\}$$

$$= 1 - 2e^t + 3e^t t$$