

Laplace Transforms $\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} := \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} y(t) dt$

Specific Transforms

$$e^{at} \quad \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$\sin \omega t \quad ?$$

$$\cos \omega t \quad ?$$

$$1 \quad ?$$

$$t \quad ?$$

$$\frac{t^n}{n!} \quad ?$$

We will fill in the rest of the table using "general rules" rather than by computing integrals.

Notation:

$$Y(s) := \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$$

Rule 1 $\mathcal{L}\{\dot{y}\} = sY(s) - y(0) \quad [= s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)]$

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General Rules

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = sY(s) - y(0)$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\infty} y e^{-st} dt &= y e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} y(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= -y(0) + sY(s)\end{aligned}$$

Combine $\mathcal{L}\{0\} = 0$ and $\mathcal{L}\{y\} = s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)$

to calculate $\mathcal{L}\{1\}$ using the fact that $\frac{d}{dt}1 = 0$

$$0 = \mathcal{L}\{0\} = \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d}{dt}1\right\} = s\mathcal{L}\{1\} - 1$$

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$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}}$$

Compute $\mathcal{L}\{t\}$ using $\dot{t} = 1$

General Rule $\mathcal{L}\{y\} = s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\dot{t}\} = s\mathcal{L}\{t\} - 0$$

$$\frac{1}{s} = \mathcal{L}\{1\} = s\mathcal{L}\{t\}$$

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

Compute $\mathcal{L}\{t^n\}$

using $(t^n)' = nt^{n-1}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{nt^{n-1}\} = s\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} - 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$n\mathcal{L}\{t^{n-1}\} = s\mathcal{L}\{t^n\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n}{s}\mathcal{L}\{t^{n-1}\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^2\} = \frac{2}{s}\mathcal{L}\{t\} = \frac{2}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} = \frac{2}{s^3}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^3\} = \frac{3}{s}\mathcal{L}\{t^2\} = \frac{3}{s} \cdot \frac{2}{s^3} = \frac{3!}{s^4}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{t^n}{n!}\right\} = \frac{1}{s^{n+1}}$$

Compute Laplace Transform of sine and cosine

$(\sin t)' = \cos t$ so we may apply Rule 1

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} = \mathcal{L}\{(\sin t)'\} = s \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} - 0 \quad (1)$$

$(-\cos t)' = \sin t$ so we may apply Rule 1

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} &= \mathcal{L}\{-\cos t\}' = -s \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} - (-1) \\ &= -s \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} + 1 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} = s \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} = s (-s \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} + 1)$$

so $\mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} = -s^2 \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} + s$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} &= -s \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} + 1 \quad \text{from (2)} \\ &= \frac{-s^2}{1+s^2} + 1 = \frac{-s^2 + 1+s^2}{1+s^2} \end{aligned}$$

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

More general Rules

Compute $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} y(t)\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} y(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} y(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} y(t) dt$$

$$= Y(s-a) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-a}$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} y(t)\} = Y(s-a)} \quad \underline{\text{Rule 2}}$$

Compute $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos \omega t\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos \omega t\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos \omega t\} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-a}$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \sin \omega t\} = \mathcal{L}\{\sin \omega t\} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-a}$$

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

One more rule $\mathcal{L}\{t y(t)\} = ?$

Calculate $\frac{d}{ds} Y(s)$

$$\frac{d}{ds} Y(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} y(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{ds} e^{-st} \right) y(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} (-t e^{-st}) y(t) dt$$

$$= - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t y(t) dt$$

$$= - \mathcal{L}\{t y(t)\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t y(t)\} = - \frac{d}{ds} Y(s) \quad \underline{\text{Rule 3}}$$

Compute $\mathcal{L}\{t e^{at}\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t e^{at}\} = - \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = - \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s-a} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{t e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{(s-a)^2}}$$

Rule 4 $\mathcal{L}\{y(at)\} = \frac{1}{a} Y\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$

Use Rule 4 to calculate $\mathcal{L}\{\sin \omega t\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\sin \omega t\} &= \frac{1}{\omega} \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} \Big|_{s \rightarrow \frac{s}{\omega}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{s}{\omega}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{\omega^2}{s^2 + \omega^2} = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}\end{aligned}$$

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Alternative Calculation

of $\mathcal{L}\{t e^{at}\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t e^{at}\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\}$$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s-a} \right)$$

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

Proof of Rule 4

$$\mathcal{L}\{y(at)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} y(at) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{s}{a}(at)} y(at) dt$$

Let $\tau = at$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{s}{a}\tau} y(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{s}{a}\tau} y(\tau) d\tau$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \mathcal{L}\{y(\tau)\} \Big|_{s \mapsto \frac{s}{a}} = \frac{1}{a} Y\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

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