

## Laplace Transforms of Derivatives

### Laplace Transforms of the Derivative of f(t)

**Theorem:** If  $L\{f(t)\} = \bar{f}(s)$  then  $L\{f'(t)\} = sL\{f(t)\} - f(0) = s\bar{f}(s) - f(0)$

**Proof:** By the definition  $L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \bar{f}(s) \rightarrow (1)$

Now  $L\{f'(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt$

$$L\{f'(t)\} = \left[ e^{-st} f(t) \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (-s) f(t) dt$$

$$\because \int_a^b u(t)v'(t) dt = \left[ u(t)v(t) \right]_a^b - \int_a^b u'(t)v(t) dt$$

$$L\{f'(t)\} = \left[ 0 - f(0) \right] + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = sL\{f(t)\} - f(0)$$

### Laplace Transforms of the nth order of Derivative of f(t)

**Theorem:** Let  $f(t)$  and its derivatives  $f'(t), f''(t), \dots, f^n(t)$  are continuous functions for all  $t \geq 0$  then

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

**Proof:** Let  $f(t)$  and its derivatives  $f'(t), f''(t), \dots, f^n(t)$  are continuous functions for all  $t \geq 0$

We prove this by mathematical induction method

We know that  $L\{f'(t)\} = sL\{f(t)\} - f(0) = s\bar{f}(s) - f(0)$  i.e. theorem is true for  $n=1$

$$\text{Now } L\{f''(t)\} = L\left\{\left(f'(t)\right)'\right\} = sL\{f'(t)\} - f'(0) = s\left(sL\{f(t)\} - f(0)\right) - f'(0) = s^2 L\{f(t)\} - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$L\{f''(t)\} = s^2 L\{f(t)\} - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

Theorem is true for  $n=2$

$$L\{f'''(t)\} = L\left\{\left(f''(t)\right)'\right\} = sL\{f''(t)\} - f''(0) = s\left(s^2 L\{f(t)\} - sf(0) - f'(0)\right) - f''(0) = s^3 L\{f(t)\} - s^2 f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$$

$$L\{f'''(t)\} = s^3 L\{f(t)\} - s^2 f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$$

Theorem is true for  $n=3$

By induction the theorem is true for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } L\{f^n(t)\} = s^n L\{f(t)\} - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - s^{n-3} f''(0) - \dots - f^{n-1}(0)$$

**Problem:** Using Laplace transforms of derivatives, find the Laplace transforms of (i)  $t \cos at$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}}$       (iii) Find  $L\left\{\frac{\cos\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right\}$ , if  $L\{\sin\sqrt{t}\} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^2} e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}$

**Solution:** (i)  $t \cos at$

Let  $f(t) = t \cos at \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$

$f'(t) = -at \sin at + \cos at \Rightarrow f'(0) = 1$

$f''(t) = -a(at \cos at + \sin at) - a \sin at = -2a \sin at - a^2 f(t)$

Now  $L\{f''(t)\} = L\{-2a \sin at - a^2 f(t)\}$

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

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

By Laplace transforms of derivatives  $L\{f''(t)\} = s^2 L\{f(t)\} - sf(0) - f'(0)$

$\frac{-2a^2}{s^2 + a^2} - a^2 L\{f(t)\} = s^2 L\{f(t)\} - s(0) - 1$

$\Rightarrow (s^2 + a^2)L\{f(t)\} = 1 - \frac{2a^2}{s^2 + a^2} = \frac{s^2 - a^2}{s^2 + a^2}$

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

(ii)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}}$

Let  $f(t) = \sqrt{t} \Rightarrow f(0) = 0, f'(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$

By Laplace transforms of derivatives  $L\{f'(t)\} = sL\{f(t)\} - f(0)$

$L\left\{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}\right\} = sL\{\sqrt{t}\} - f(0) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}L\left\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right\} = s \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+1\right)}{s^{\frac{1}{2}+1}} - 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}L\left\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right\} = s \frac{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \Rightarrow L\left\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}}\right\} = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$

(iii) Find  $L\left\{\frac{\cos\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right\}$ , if  $L\{\sin\sqrt{t}\} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^{\frac{3}{2}}}e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}$

Given  $L\{\sin\sqrt{t}\} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^{\frac{3}{2}}}e^{-\frac{1}{4s}} \rightarrow (1)$

Let  $f(t) = \sin\sqrt{t}$

$\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{\cos\sqrt{t}}{2\sqrt{t}}$  and  $f(0) = 0$

By Laplace transforms of derivatives  $L\{f'(t)\} = sL\{f(t)\} - f(0)$

$L\left\{\frac{\cos\sqrt{t}}{2\sqrt{t}}\right\} = sL\{\sin\sqrt{t}\} - 0$

$\frac{1}{2}L\left\{\frac{\cos\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right\} = s \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^{\frac{3}{2}}}e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}$

$\Rightarrow L\left\{\frac{\cos\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right\} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}}e^{-\frac{1}{4s}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}$

$\Rightarrow L\left\{\frac{\cos\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right\} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}$

**Multiplication Theorem**

**Laplace Transform of  $t \cdot f(t)$**

**Theorem:** If  $L\{f(t)\} = \bar{f}(s)$  then  $L\{t \cdot f(t)\} = -\frac{d}{ds}L\{f(t)\} = -\frac{d}{ds}\bar{f}(s)$

**Proof:** By the definition  $L\{f(t)\} = \bar{f}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \rightarrow (1)$

Differentiating (1) w.r.t.  $s$ , we get

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

$\frac{d}{ds}\bar{f}(s) = -L\{t \cdot f(t)\} \Rightarrow L\{t \cdot f(t)\} = -\frac{d}{ds}\bar{f}(s)$

$L\{t \cdot f(t)\} = -\frac{d}{ds}L\{f(t)\} = -\frac{d}{ds}\bar{f}(s)$

**Note:** In general,  $L\{t^n \cdot f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} \bar{f}(s)$

**Problem:** Find i)  $L\{t\sin 3t\cos 2t\}$

$$\text{iv) } L\{t^2 e^{-2t} \cos t\}$$

$$\text{ii) } L\{t^2 \sin 2t\}$$

$$\text{v) } L\{t e^{2t} \sin 3t\}$$

$$\text{iii) } L\{t e^{-t} \cos t\}$$

$$\text{iv) } L\{t^2 e^{-t} \cos^2 t\}$$

**Solution:** i) Let  $f(t) = \sin 3t \cos 2t$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2}(2\sin 3t \cos 2t) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin 5t + \sin t)$$

$$\text{Now } L\{t\sin 3t\cos 2t\} = \frac{1}{2}L\{t(\sin 5t + \sin t)\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[L\{t\sin 5t\} + L\{t\sin t\}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{-d}{ds}L\{\sin 5t\} - \frac{d}{ds}L\{\sin t\}\right]$$

$$\therefore L\{t.f(t)\} = \frac{-d}{ds}L\{f(t)\} = \frac{-d}{ds}\bar{f}(s)$$

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

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

$$L\{t\sin 3t\cos 2t\} = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{10s}{(s^2+25)^2} + \frac{2s}{(s^2+1)^2}\right]$$

ii) Let  $f(t) = \sin 2t$

$$\text{Now } L\{t^2 \sin 2t\} = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2}L\{\sin 2t\}$$

$$\therefore L\{t^n . f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n}L\{f(t)\}$$

$$= \frac{d^2}{ds^2}\left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right) = 2 \frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{-2s}{(s^2+4)^2}\right)$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{(s^2+4)^2(-2) - (-2s)2(s^2+4)2s}{(s^2+4)^4}\right)$$

$$= 4(s^2+4)\left(\frac{-s^2-4+4s^2}{(s^2+4)^4}\right) = 4\left(\frac{3s^2-4}{(s^2+4)^3}\right)$$

$$L\{t^2 \sin 2t\} = 4\left(\frac{3s^2-4}{(s^2+4)^3}\right)$$

$$\text{iv) } L\{e^{-2t+t^2} \cos t\}$$

$$\text{Let } f(t) = t^2 \cos t$$

$$L\{f(t)\} = L\{t^2 \cos t\} = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} L\{\cos t\}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \left( \frac{-2s^3 - 2s - 4s + 4s^3}{(s^2+1)^3} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{2s^3 - 6s}{(s^2+1)^3} \right)$$

$$L\{f(t)\} = \bar{f}(s) = \left( \frac{2s^3 - 6s}{(s^2+1)^3} \right)$$

$$L\{e^{-2t+t^2} \cos t\} = L\{e^{-2t} f(t)\} = \bar{f}(s+2) = \left( \frac{2(s+2)^3 - 6(s+2)}{((s+2)^2+1)^3} \right)$$

By First Shifting Theorem  $L\{e^{-at} f(t)\} = \bar{f}(s+a)$

### Division Theorem

#### Laplace Transform of $f(t)$ by $t$

**Theorem:** If  $L\{f(t)\} = \bar{f}(s)$  then  $L\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty L\{f(t)\} ds = \int_s^\infty \bar{f}(s) ds$

**Proof:** By the definition  $L\{f(t)\} = \bar{f}(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt \rightarrow (1)$

Integrating (1) w.r.t.  $s$  from  $s$  to  $\infty$  we get

$$\int_s^\infty \bar{f}(s) ds = \int_s^\infty \left( \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt \right) ds = \int_0^\infty \left( \int_s^\infty e^{-st} ds \right) f(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{e^{-st}}{-t} \right)_s^\infty f(t) dt = \int_0^\infty \left( 0 + \frac{e^{-st}}{t} \right) f(t) dt$$

$$\int_s^{\infty} \bar{f}(s) ds = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \left( \frac{f(t)}{t} \right) dt \Rightarrow L \left\{ \left( \frac{f(t)}{t} \right) \right\} = \int_s^{\infty} \bar{f}(s) ds$$

$$L \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\} = \int_s^{\infty} L\{f(t)\} ds = \int_s^{\infty} \bar{f}(s) ds$$

**Problem:** Find (i)  $L \left\{ \frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t} \right\}$  (ii)  $L \left\{ \frac{\sin 3t \cos t}{t} \right\}$  (iii)  $L \left\{ \frac{1 - \cos at}{t} \right\}$  (iv)  $L \left\{ \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{t} \right\}$  (vi)  $L \left\{ \frac{\cos 4t + \sin 2t}{t} \right\}$

**Solution:** (i) Let  $f(t) = e^{-at} - e^{-bt}$

$$\Rightarrow L\{f(t)\} = L\{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}\} = \frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s+b} = \bar{f}(s)$$

By division theorem  $L \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\} = \int_s^{\infty} L\{f(t)\} ds = \int_s^{\infty} \bar{f}(s) ds$

$$L \left\{ \frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t} \right\} = \int_s^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s+b} \right) ds$$

$$= \left[ \log(s-a) - \log(s+b) \right]_s^{\infty} = \left[ \log \left( \frac{s-a}{s+b} \right) \right]_s^{\infty}$$

$$= \left[ \log \left( \frac{1-\frac{a}{s}}{1+\frac{b}{s}} \right) \right]_s^{\infty}$$

$$= \left[ \log \left( \frac{1-0}{1+0} \right) - \log \left( \frac{1-\frac{a}{s}}{1+\frac{b}{s}} \right) \right] = -\log \left( \frac{s-a}{s+a} \right)$$

$$L \left\{ \frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t} \right\} = \log \left( \frac{s+a}{s-a} \right)$$

(ii) Let  $f(t) = \sin 3t \cos t = \frac{1}{2}(2\sin 3t \cos t) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin 4t + \sin 2t)$

$$\Rightarrow L\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{2} L\{(\sin 4t + \sin 2t)\} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{4}{s^2+4^2} + \frac{2}{s^2+2^2} \right) = \left( \frac{2}{s^2+4^2} + \frac{1}{s^2+2^2} \right) = \bar{f}(s)$$

By division theorem  $L \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\} = \int_s^{\infty} L\{f(t)\} ds = \int_s^{\infty} \bar{f}(s) ds$

$$L \left\{ \frac{\sin 3t \cos t}{t} \right\} = \int_s^{\infty} \left( \frac{2}{s^2+4^2} + \frac{1}{s^2+2^2} \right) ds = \left[ 2 \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{4} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{2} \right) \right]_s^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \tan^{-1}(\infty) + \tan^{-1}(\infty) \right) - \left( 2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{4} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{2} \right) \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \pi - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{4} \right) + \pi - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{2} \right) \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{4} \right) + \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{2} \right) \right) \right]$$

$$(iii) \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1-\cos at}{t}\right\}$$

Let  $f(t)=1-\cos at$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{(1-\cos at)\} = \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2+a^2}\right) = \bar{f}(s)$$

By division theorem  $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} ds = \int_s^\infty \bar{f}(s) ds$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1-\cos at}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2+a^2}\right) ds = \left[\log s - \frac{1}{2}\log(s^2+a^2)\right]_s^\infty = \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\log s - \frac{1}{2}\log(s^2+a^2)\right]_s^\infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\log s^2 - \log(s^2+a^2)\right]_s^\infty = \frac{1}{2} \left[\log\left(\frac{s^2}{s^2+a^2}\right)\right]_s^\infty = \frac{1}{2} \left[\log\left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{a^2}{s^2}}\right)\right]_s^\infty = \frac{1}{2} \left[\log(1) - \log\left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{a^2}{s^2}}\right)\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\log(1) - \log\left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{a^2}{s^2}}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[0 - \log\left(\frac{s^2}{s^2+a^2}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2}\right)$$

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