



ECE317 : Feedback and Control

Lecture: Laplace transform

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Course roadmap



Modeling

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Transfer function

Block Diagram

Linearization

Models for systems

- electrical
- mechanical
- example system

Analysis

Stability

- Pole locations
- Routh-Hurwitz

Time response

- Transient
- Steady state (error)

Frequency response

- Bode plot

Design

Design specs

Frequency domain

Bode plot

Compensation

Design examples

Matlab & PECS simulations & laboratories

Laplace transform

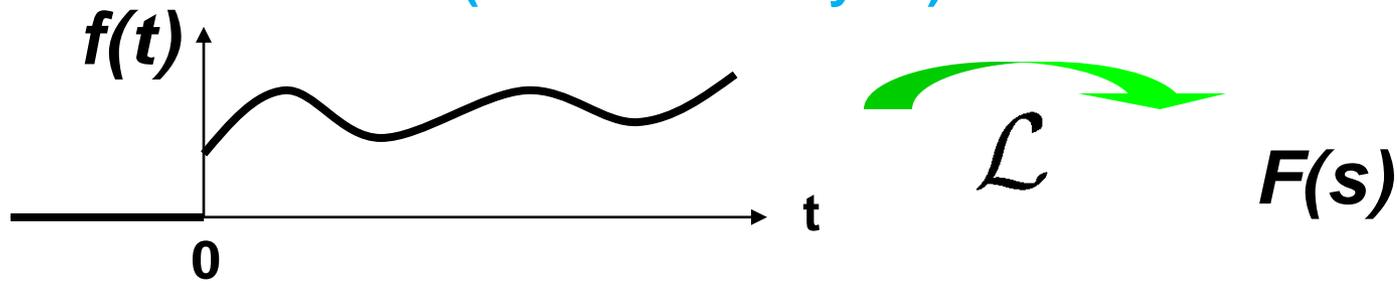


- One of most important math tools in the course!
- **Definition:** For a function $f(t)$ ($f(t)=0$ for $t<0$),

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L} \{f(t)\} := \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

$A:=B$ (A is defined by B.)

(s : complex variable)



- We denote Laplace transform of $f(t)$ by $F(s)$.

Advantages of s -domain



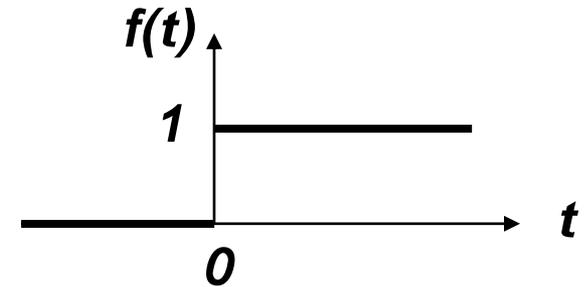
- We can transform an ordinary differential equation into an algebraic equation which is easy to solve.
(Next lecture)
- It is easy to analyze and design interconnected (series, feedback etc.) systems.
- Frequency domain information of signals can be easily dealt with.

Examples of Laplace transform



- Unit step function

$$f(t) = u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

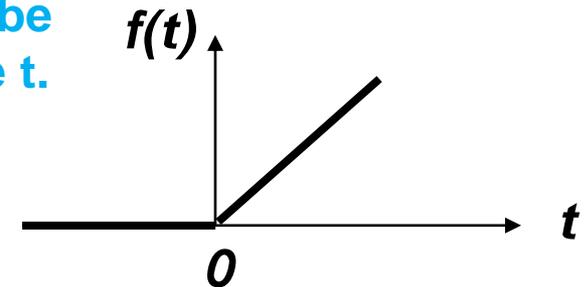


→ $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} [e^{-st}]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s}$ **(Memorize this!)**

- Unit ramp function

$$f(t) = tu(t) = \begin{cases} t & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Enforcing $f(t)$ to be zero for negative t .



→ $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} te^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} [te^{-st}]_0^{\infty} + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s^2}$

(Integration by parts: see next slide)



Integration by parts

- Formula

$$\int f'(t)g(t)dt = f(t)g(t) - \int f(t)g'(t)dt$$

Why?

$$[f(t)g(t)]' = f'(t)g(t) + f(t)g'(t)$$

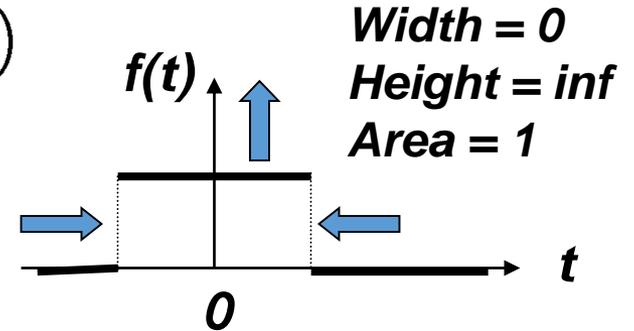
$$\longrightarrow \int [f(t)g(t)]' dt = \int [f'(t)g(t) + f(t)g'(t)] dt$$

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Ex. of Laplace transform (cont'd)

- Unit impulse function $f(t) = \delta(t)$

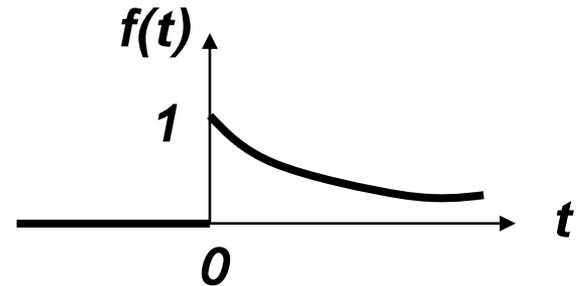
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t)g(t)dt = g(0)$$



➔ $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t)e^{-st}dt = e^{-s \cdot 0} = 1$ **(Memorize this!)**

- Exponential function

$$f(t) = e^{-\alpha t}u(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-\alpha t} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$



➔ $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} \cdot e^{-st}dt = -\frac{1}{s + \alpha} [e^{-(s+\alpha)t}]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s + \alpha}$

Ex. of Laplace transform (cont'd)



- Sine function

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin \omega t \cdot u(t)\} = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

- Cosine function

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos \omega t \cdot u(t)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

(Memorize these!)

Remark: Instead of computing Laplace transform for each function, and/or memorizing complicated Laplace transform, use the **Laplace transform table** !

Laplace transform table



$f(t)$		$F(s)$
$\delta(t)$		1
$u(t)$	\mathcal{L} →	$\frac{1}{s}$
$tu(t)$		$\frac{1}{s^2}$
$t^n u(t)$	\mathcal{L}^{-1} ←	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
$e^{-at}u(t)$		$\frac{1}{s+a}$
$\sin \omega t \cdot u(t)$		$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
$\cos \omega t \cdot u(t)$		$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
$te^{-at}u(t)$		$\frac{1}{(s+a)^2}$

Inverse Laplace Transform

(u(t) is often omitted.)

Properties of Laplace transform



1. Linearity

$$\mathcal{L}\{\alpha_1 f_1(t) + \alpha_2 f_2(t)\} = \alpha_1 F_1(s) + \alpha_2 F_2(s)$$

Proof. $\mathcal{L}\{\alpha_1 f_1(t) + \alpha_2 f_2(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} (\alpha_1 f_1(t) + \alpha_2 f_2(t))e^{-st} dt$

$$= \alpha_1 \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} f_1(t)e^{-st} dt}_{F_1(s)} + \alpha_2 \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} f_2(t)e^{-st} dt}_{F_2(s)}$$

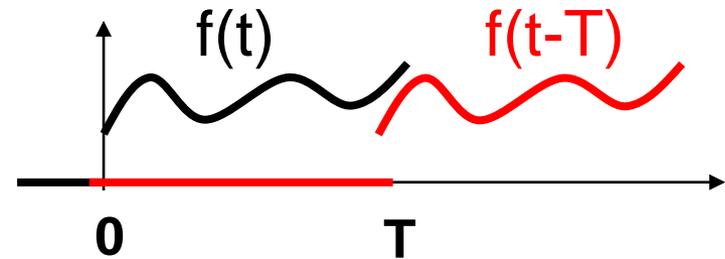
Ex. $\mathcal{L}\{5u(t) + 3e^{-2t}\} = 5\mathcal{L}\{u(t)\} + 3\mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}\} = \frac{5}{s} + \frac{3}{s+2}$

Properties of Laplace transform

2. Time delay



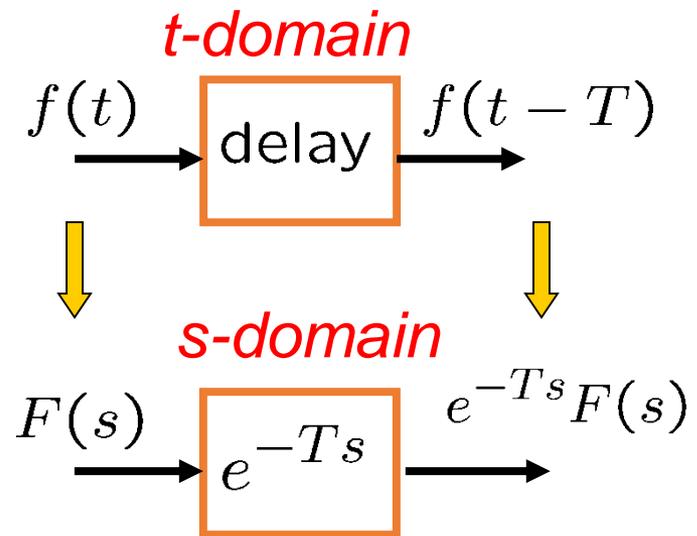
$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t-T)u(t-T)\} = e^{-Ts}F(s)$$



Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}\{f(t-T)u(t-T)\} \\ &= \int_T^{\infty} f(t-T)e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau)e^{-s(T+\tau)} d\tau = e^{-Ts}F(s) \end{aligned}$$

Ex. $\mathcal{L}\{e^{-0.5(t-4)}u(t-4)\} = \frac{e^{-4s}}{s+0.5}$



Properties of Laplace transform

3. Differentiation



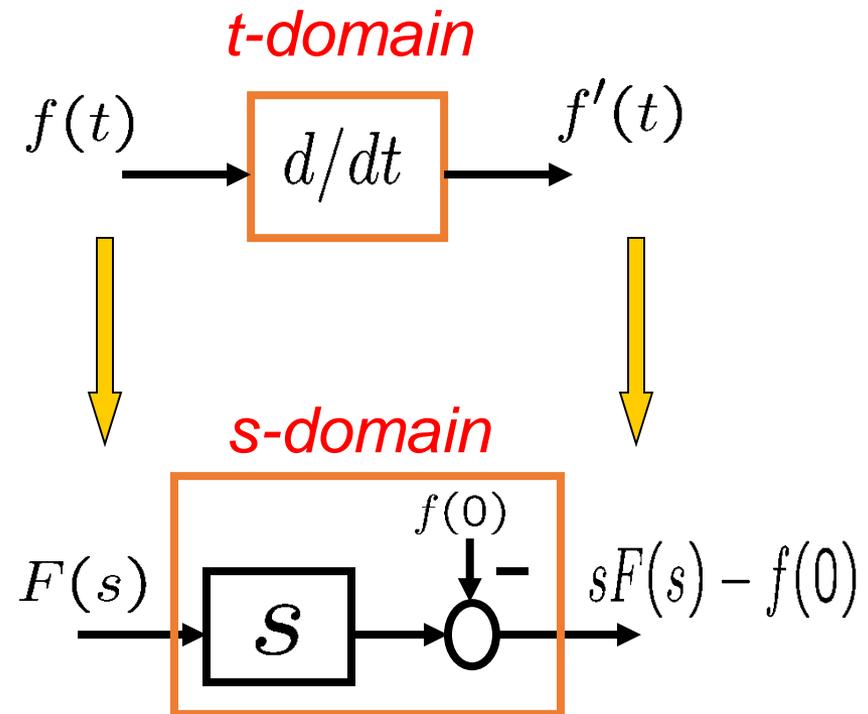
$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} f'(t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= \left[f(t)e^{-st} \right]_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = sF(s) - f(0)\end{aligned}$$

Ex.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{(\cos 2t)'\} &= s\mathcal{L}\{\cos 2t\} - 1 \\ &= \frac{s^2}{s^2+4} - 1 = \frac{-4}{s^2+4} \\ & (= \mathcal{L}\{-2 \sin 2t\})\end{aligned}$$



Properties of Laplace transform

4. Integration

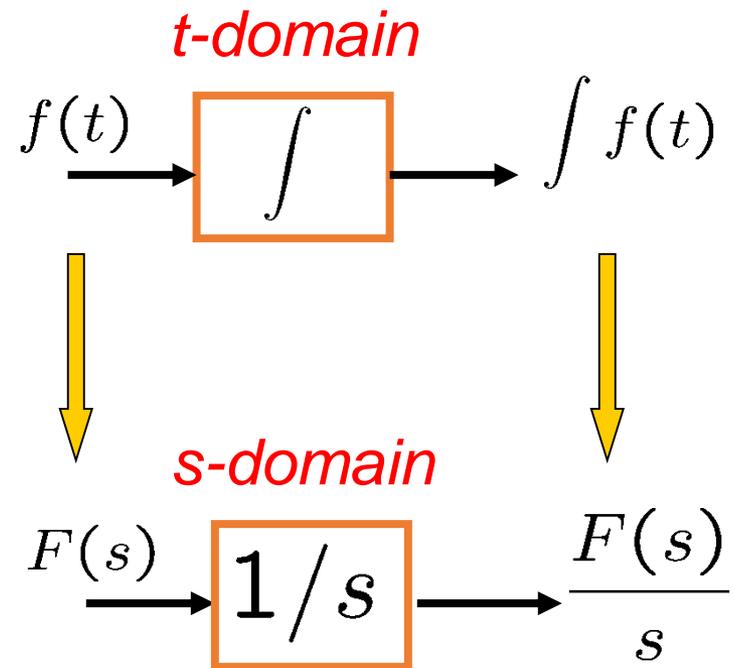


$$\mathcal{L} \left\{ \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \right\} = \frac{F(s)}{s}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \left[\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \right] &= \int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \right) e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} \left[\left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \right) e^{-st} \right]_0^{\infty} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{F(s)}{s} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. $\mathcal{L} \left\{ \int_0^t u(\tau) d\tau \right\} = \frac{\mathcal{L} \{u(t)\}}{s} = \frac{1}{s^2}$



Properties of Laplace transform

5. Final value theorem



$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$ if all the poles of $sF(s)$ are in open left half plane (LHP), with possibly one simple pole at the origin.

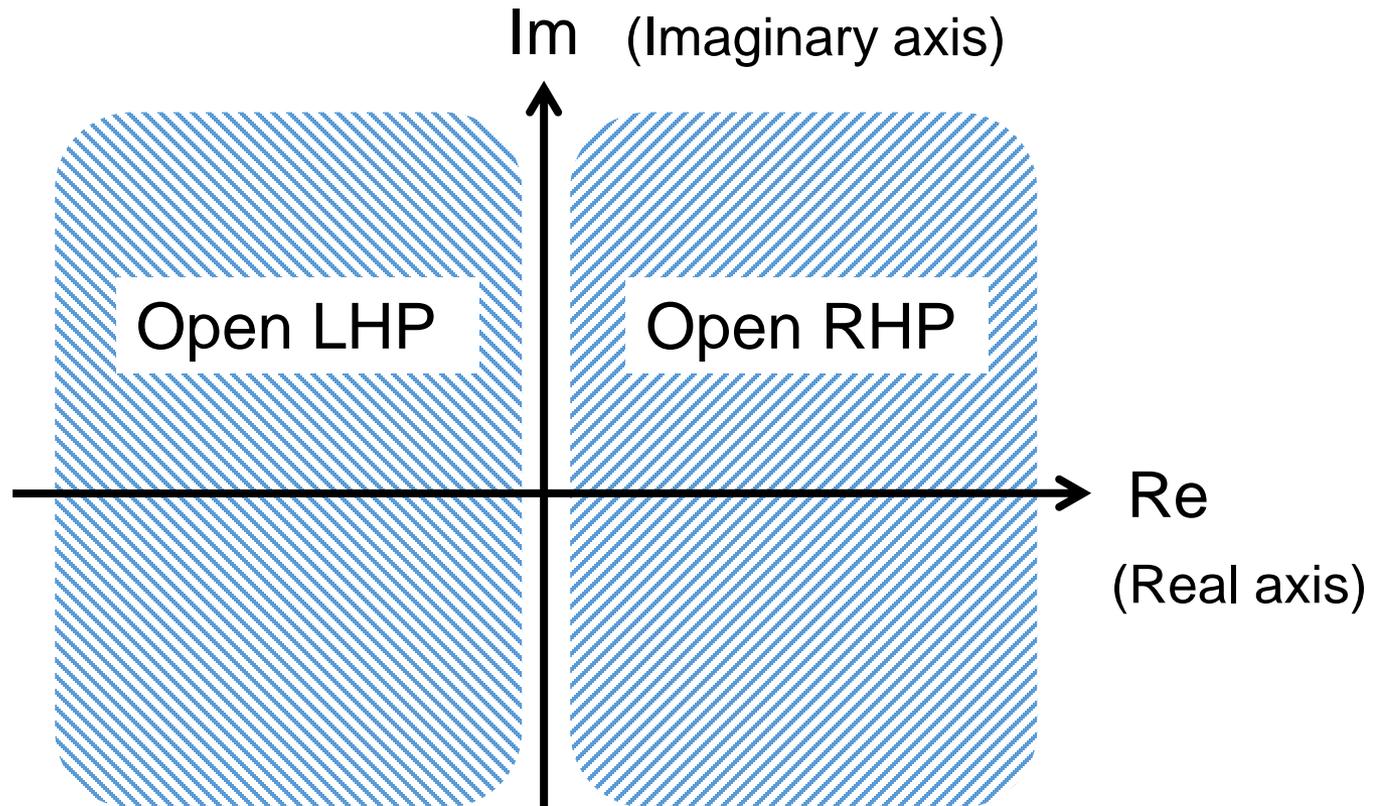
Ex. $F(s) = \frac{5}{s(s^2 + s + 2)} \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{5}{s^2 + s + 2} = \frac{5}{2}$

Poles of $sF(s)$ are in LHP, so final value thm applies.
(*poles = roots of the denominator*)

Ex. $F(s) = \frac{4}{s^2 + 4} \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) \neq \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{4s}{s^2 + 4} = 0$

Since some poles of $sF(s)$ are not in open LHP, final value theorem does NOT apply.

Complex plane



*“Open” means that it does not include imag.-axis.
“Closed” means that it does include imag.-axis.*

Properties of Laplace transform

6. Initial value theorem



$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) \quad \text{if the limits exist.}$$

Remark: In this theorem, it does not matter if pole location is in LHS or not.

$$\text{Ex. } F(s) = \frac{5}{s(s^2 + s + 2)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = 0$$

$$\text{Ex. } F(s) = \frac{4}{s^2 + 4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = 0$$

Properties of Laplace transform

7. Convolution



$$\left. \begin{aligned} F_1(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{f_1(t)\} \\ F_2(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{f_2(t)\} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F_1(s)F_2(s) &= \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f_1(\tau)f_2(t-\tau)d\tau\right\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f_1(t-\tau)f_2(\tau)d\tau\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Convolution

IMPORTANT REMARK

$$F_1(s)F_2(s) \neq \mathcal{L}\{f_1(t)f_2(t)\}$$

Properties of Laplace transform

8. Frequency shift theorem



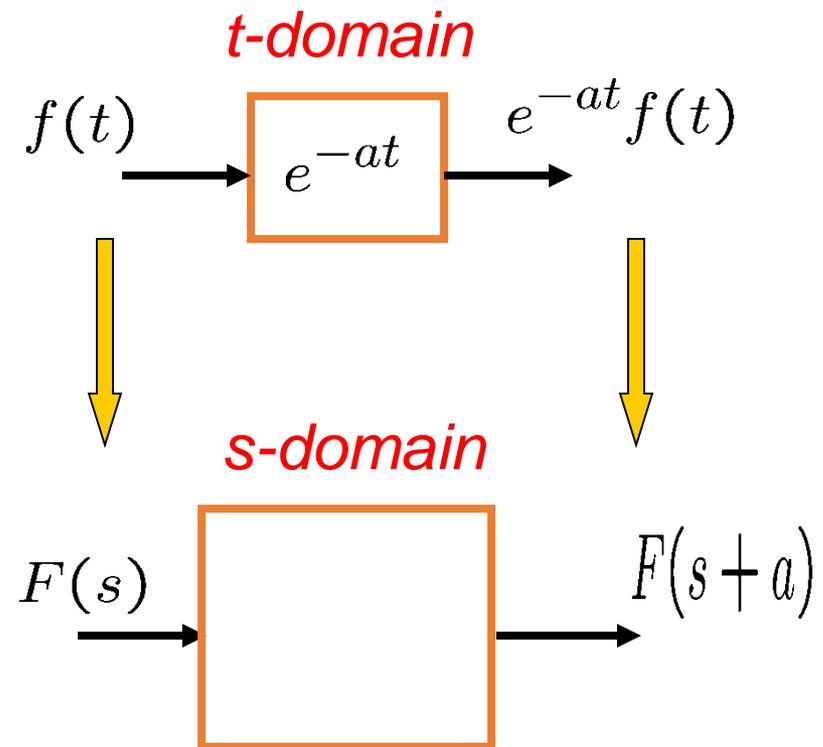
$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{-at}f(t)\} = F(s+a)$$

Proof.

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

Ex.

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



Exercise 1



$$\mathcal{L} \{ \delta(t - 2T) \} = ?$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L} \{ \delta(t) \} = 1 \\ \mathcal{L} \{ f(t - 2T) \} = e^{-2Ts} F(s) \end{cases}$$

$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{L} \{ \delta(t - 2T) \} = e^{-2Ts}$$

Exercise 2



$$\mathcal{L} \{ \sin 2t \cos 2t \} = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \{ \sin 2t \cos 2t \} &= \mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sin 4t \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L} \{ \sin 4t \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{s^2 + 4^2} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3



$$\mathcal{L} \{t \sin 2t\} = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \{t \sin 2t\} &= \mathcal{L} \left\{ t \cdot \frac{e^{2jt} - e^{-2jt}}{2j} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2j} \left\{ \mathcal{L} \{te^{2jt}\} - \mathcal{L} \{te^{-2jt}\} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2j} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s - 2j)^2} - \frac{1}{(s + 2j)^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2j} \cdot \frac{(s + 2j)^2 - (s - 2j)^2}{(s^2 + 4)^2} = \frac{4s}{(s^2 + 4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Euler's formula



$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{cases} e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta \\ e^{-j\theta} = \cos \theta - j \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \cos \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2} \\ \sin \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j} \end{cases}$$

Summary



- Laplace transform (Important math tool!)
 - Definition
 - Laplace transform table
 - Properties of Laplace transform
- Next
 - Solution to ODEs via Laplace transform