

Laplace Transform

(Simon Laplace 1749 – 1827 was a great French mathematician)

Is the transformation the independent variable to s domain, if the independent variable is t then

$$t_{\text{domain}} \rightarrow s_{\text{domain}}$$

Definition:- Laplace transform L.T of $f(t)$ is

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

where s is complex variable or $s = x + iy$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$ **Example:-** what is the L.T of $f(t) = 1$ **Solution** From the definition L.T of $f(t) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{s} (e^{-\infty} - e^0) = \boxed{\frac{1}{s}}$$

Example:- What is the L.T of $f(t) = t$ **Solution** L.T of $f(t) = \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} dt \Rightarrow$ Let $u = t \Rightarrow du = dt$

$$dv = e^{-st} dt \Rightarrow v = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st}$$

$$\text{so } \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} dt = \underbrace{-t \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty}}_{\text{zero}} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \boxed{\frac{1}{s^2}}$$

Example:- Find the L.T of $f(t) = e^{at}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution L.T of } f(t) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{at} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{(a-s)t} dt = \frac{1}{a-s} e^{(a-s)t} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{a-s} (e^{-\infty} - e^0) = \boxed{\frac{1}{s-a}} \quad \text{where } s > a \end{aligned}$$

The General Method

The utility of the Laplace transform is based primarily upon the following three theorems

Theorem 1:-

$$\text{L.T of } [c_1 f_1(t) \pm c_2 f_2(t)] = c_1 F_1(s) \pm c_2 F_2(s)$$

Prove

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.T of } [c_1 f_1(t) \pm c_2 f_2(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} [c_1 f_1(t) \pm c_2 f_2(t)] e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} c_1 f_1(t) e^{-st} dt \pm \int_0^{\infty} c_2 f_2(t) e^{-st} dt = c_1 \int_0^{\infty} f_1(t) e^{-st} dt \pm c_2 \int_0^{\infty} f_2(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= c_1 F_1(s) \pm c_2 F_2(s) \end{aligned}$$

Example:- Find the L.T of $f(t) = \cosh at$ **Solution** Since $\cosh at = \frac{1}{2} [e^{at} + e^{-at}]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.T of } \cosh at &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{at} e^{-st} dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s+a} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{s+a+s-a}{(s-a)(s+a)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{L.T of } \cosh at = \boxed{\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}}$$

H.W Prove that L.T of $\sinh at = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$

Example:- Find the L.T of $f(t) = \cos \omega t$

Solution From Euler formula $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

then replace θ by $\omega t \Rightarrow e^{i\omega t} = \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t \dots\dots\dots (1)$

and replace θ by $-\omega t \Rightarrow e^{-i\omega t} = \cos \omega t - i \sin \omega t \dots\dots\dots (2)$

adding equations (1) and (2) $\cos \omega t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{now, L.T of } \cos \omega t &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty (e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}) e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{(i\omega - s)t} dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-(i\omega + s)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{i\omega - s} e^{(i\omega - s)t} \right]_0^\infty - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{i\omega + s} e^{-(i\omega + s)t} \right]_0^\infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } s > \omega \text{ then L.T of } \cos \omega t &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{i\omega - s} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{i\omega + s} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s - i\omega} + \frac{1}{s + i\omega} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s + i\omega + s - i\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right) = \boxed{\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}} \end{aligned}$$

H.W Prove that L.T of $\sin \omega t = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$

Example:- Find the L.T of $f(t) = t^n$, $n > -1$

Solution L.T of $t^n = \int_0^\infty t^n e^{-st} dt$, let $st = z$ $t = \frac{z}{s} \Rightarrow dt = \frac{dz}{s}$

$$\text{L.T of } t^n = \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{z}{s}\right)^n e^{-z} \frac{dz}{s} = \frac{1}{s^{n+1}} \int_0^\infty z^n e^{-z} dz = \frac{1}{s^{n+1}} \int_0^\infty z^{n+1-1} e^{-z} dz$$

$$\text{Then L.T of } t^n = \boxed{\frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}}}$$

$$\text{Now, if } n \text{ is positive integer } \Rightarrow \Gamma(n+1) = n! \quad \text{L.T of } t^n = \boxed{\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}}$$

Example:- If $F(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+s-6}$ what is $y(t)$?

Solution

$$\frac{s+1}{s^2+s-6} = \frac{s+1}{(s-2)(s+3)} = \frac{k_1}{s-2} + \frac{k_2}{s+3}$$

$$\text{Where } k_1 = \frac{s+1}{s+3} \Big|_{s=2} = \frac{3}{5} \quad k_2 = \frac{s+1}{s-2} \Big|_{s=-3} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{3}{s-2} + \frac{2}{s+3} \right)$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{5} [3e^{2t} + 2e^{-3t}]$$

Theorem 2:-

$$\text{L.T of } \{f'(t)\} = \text{L.T of } \left\{ \frac{df}{dt} \right\} = s F(s) - f(0)$$

Example:- What is L.T of $\{f''(t)\}$

Solution Since $f''(t) = [f'(t)]'$ let $f'(t) = g(t)$

Then $f''(t) = [g(t)]'$ so L.T of $\{f''(t)\} = \text{L.T of } [g(t)]'$

From Theorem 2 L.T of $[g(t)]' = sG(s) - g(0) = s \text{ L.T of } \{f'(t)\} - f'(0)$

Applying Theorem 2 again L.T of $\{f''(t)\} = s[sF(s) - f(0)] - f'(0)$

$$\therefore \boxed{\text{L.T of } \{f''(t)\} = s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)}$$

H.W Prove that L.T of $\{f'''(t)\} = s^3 F(s) - s^2 f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$

Example:- Find the particular solution of the differential equation $y''(t) - 3y'(t) + 2y(t) = 12e^{-2t}$ for which $y(0) = 2$, $y'(0) = 6$

Solution From theorem 2

$$\text{L.T of } \{f'(t)\} = s F(s) - f(0)$$

$$\text{L.T of } \{f''(t)\} = s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

Taking L.T of both side of equation

$$[s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)] - 3[sY(s) - y(0)] + 2Y(s) = 12 \text{ L.T}[e^{-2t}]$$

$$\text{Substitute } y(0) = 2 \text{ and } y'(0) = 6 \quad \text{L.T}[e^{-2t}] = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

$$[s^2 Y(s) - 2s - 6] - 3[sY(s) - 2] + 2Y(s) = \frac{12}{s+2}$$

$$s^2 Y(s) - 2s - 6 - 3sY(s) + 6 + 2Y(s) = \frac{12}{s+2}$$

$$(s^2 - 3s + 2)Y(s) = 2s + \frac{12}{s+2} = \frac{2s^2 + 4s + 12}{s+2}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2s^2 + 4s + 12}{(s^2 - 3s + 2)(s+2)} = \frac{2s^2 + 4s + 12}{(s-1)(s-2)(s+2)} = \frac{k_1}{s-1} + \frac{k_2}{s-2} + \frac{k_3}{s+2}$$

$$\text{Where } k_1 = -6, \quad k_2 = 7, \quad k_3 = 1$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{-6}{s-1} + \frac{7}{s-2} + \frac{1}{s+2}$$

$$y(t) = -6e^t + 7e^{2t} + e^{-2t}$$

Theorem 3:-

$$\boxed{\text{L.T of } \left\{ \int_a^t f(t) dt \right\} = \frac{1}{s} F(s) + \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 f(t) dt}, \quad a \geq 0$$

Example:- Show that $\text{L.T of } \left[\int_a^t \int_a^t f(t) dt dt \right] = \frac{1}{s^2} F(s) + \frac{1}{s^2} \int_a^0 f(t) dt + \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 \int_a^t f(t) dt dt$

Solution

$$\text{Let } \int_a^t f(t) dt = g(t)$$

$$\text{then L.T of } \left[\int_a^t \int_a^t f(t) dt dt \right] = \text{L.T of } \int_a^t g(t) dt = \frac{1}{s} G(s) + \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 g(t) dt$$

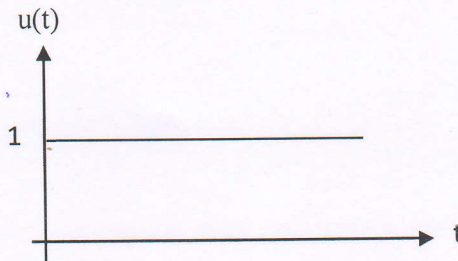
$$= \frac{1}{s} \left[\text{L.T of } \int_a^0 f(t) dt \right] + \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 \int_a^t f(t) dt dt = \frac{1}{s} \left[\frac{1}{s} F(s) + \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 f(t) dt \right] + \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 \int_a^t f(t) dt dt$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\text{L.T of } \left[\int_a^t \int_a^t f(t) dt dt \right] = \frac{1}{s^2} F(s) + \frac{1}{s^2} \int_a^0 f(t) dt + \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 \int_a^t f(t) dt dt}$$

Unit Step Function

The unit step function can be defined as

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



Example:- Solve for $y(t)$ from the simultaneous equations

$$y'(t) + 2y(t) + 6 \int_0^t z \, dt = -2 u(t) \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$y'(t) + z'(t) + z = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

where

$$y(0) = -5 \quad z(0) = 6$$

Solution

Taking L.T of each equation term by term

Equation 1

$$[s Y(s) - (-5)] + 2Y(s) + 6 \frac{1}{s} Z(s) = -2 \cdot \frac{1}{s} \quad \text{Note :- since } a = 0, \text{ then } \int_a^0 z(t) \, dt = 0$$

$$s Y(s) + 2Y(s) + \frac{6}{s} Z(s) = -\frac{2}{s} - 5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (s^2 + 2s)Y(s) + 6Z(s) = -2 - 5s \quad \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

Equation 2

$$s Y(s) + 5 + sZ(s) - 6 + Z(s) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad s Y(s) + (s + 1)Z(s) = 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Equations (3) and (4) can be written as a matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} s^2 + 2s & 6 \\ s & s + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y(s) \\ Z(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 - 5s \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying the Grammar rule's

$$Y(s) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -2-5s & 6 \\ 1 & s+1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} s^2+2s & 6 \\ s & s+1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{(s+1)(-2-5s)-6}{(s^2+2s)(s+1)-6s} = \frac{-5s^2-7s-8}{s^3+3s^2-4s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{-5s^2-7s-8}{s(s-1)(s+4)} = \frac{k_1}{s} + \frac{k_2}{s-1} + \frac{k_3}{s+4}$$

Where

$$k_1 = 2, \quad k_2 = -4, \quad k_3 = -3$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s} - \frac{4}{s-1} - \frac{3}{s+4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y(t) = 2u(t) - 4e^t - 3e^{-4t}$$

Example:- What is L.T of $f(t) = \sin^2 t$

Solution1

$$\sin^2 t = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\cos 2t}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{L.T of } \sin^2 t = \frac{1}{2s} - \frac{s}{2(s^2+4)} = \frac{s^2+4-s^2}{2s(s^2+4)} = \frac{4}{s(s^2+4)}$$

Solution2

$$f(t) = \sin^2 t \quad \Rightarrow \quad f'(t) = 2 \sin t \cos t = \sin 2t$$

since L.T of $\{f'(t)\} = s F(s) - f(0)$

$$\text{L.T of } \{\sin 2t\} = s[\text{L.T of } f(t)] - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{s^2+2^2} = s[\text{L.T of } f(t)] \quad \therefore [\text{L.T of } f(t)] = \text{L.T of } \sin^2 t = \frac{2}{s(s^2+4)}$$

H.W What is L.T of the following

$$1- \cos(at + b) \quad 2- \cos^2(bt) \quad 3- (t + 1)^2$$

Theorem :- If a Laplace Transform contains the factor s , the inverse of that transform can be found by suppressing the factor s , determining the inverse of the remaining portion of the transform, and finally differentiating that inverse with respect to t .

$$f(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \text{L.T}^{-1}\{\phi(s)\}$$

Example:- What is $\text{L.T}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right]$

Solution $\frac{s}{s^2+4} = \frac{s}{s^2+2^2}$ suppressing the factor $s \Rightarrow \phi(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+2^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{s^2+2^2}$

$$f(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \text{L.T}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{s^2+2^2}\right\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \text{L.T}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2}{s^2+2^2}\right\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \sin 2t = \cos 2t$$

Theorem :- If a Laplace Transform contains the factor $\frac{1}{s}$, the inverse of that transform can be found by suppressing the factor $\frac{1}{s}$, determining the inverse of the remaining portion of the transform, and finally integrating that inverse with respect to t from $0 \rightarrow t$.

$$f(t) = \int_0^t \text{L.T}^{-1}\{\phi(s)\} dt$$

Example:- What is $\text{L.T}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3+4s}\right]$

Solution $\text{L.T}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3+4s}\right] = \text{L.T}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s^2+4)}\right] \Rightarrow \phi(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+2^2}$

$$f(t) = \int_0^t \text{L.T}^{-1}\{\phi(s)\} dt = f(t) = \int_0^t \text{L.T}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{s^2+2^2}\right\} dt$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin 2t dt = -\frac{1}{4} \cos 2t \Big|_0^t = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\cos 2t}{4} = \frac{1 - \cos 2t}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 t$$

First Shifting Theorem (s-Shifting):- This theorem says that the Transform of e^{-at} times a function of t is equal to the transform of the function itself, with s replaced by $s + a$

$$\text{LT}\{e^{-at} f(t)\} = \text{LT}\{f(t)\}|_{s \rightarrow s+a}$$

By means of this theorem we can easily establish the following important formulas:-

Formula 1 :- $\text{LT}\{e^{-at} \cos \omega t\} = \frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2}$