

## 2.12 Laplace transforms

### Laplace transform theorems

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| Definition <sup>a</sup>  | $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$                                                                                     | (2.514)            | $\mathcal{L}\{\}$       | Laplace transform                                             |
| Convolution <sup>b</sup> | $F(s) \cdot G(s) = \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^{\infty} f(t-z)g(z) dz\right\}$<br>$= \mathcal{L}\{f(t) * g(t)\}$                                     | (2.515)<br>(2.516) | $F(s)$<br>$G(s)$<br>$*$ | $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$<br>$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$<br>convolution |
| Inverse <sup>c</sup>     | $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} e^{st} F(s) ds$<br>$= \sum \text{residues (for } t > 0)$                          | (2.517)<br>(2.518) | $\gamma$                | constant                                                      |
| Transform of derivative  | $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n}\right\} = s^n \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} s^{n-r-1} \left.\frac{d^r f(t)}{dt^r}\right _{t=0}$ | (2.519)            | $n$                     | integer > 0                                                   |
| Derivative of transform  | $\frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n} = \mathcal{L}\{(-t)^n f(t)\}$                                                                                              | (2.520)            |                         |                                                               |
| Substitution             | $F(s-a) = \mathcal{L}\{e^{at} f(t)\}$                                                                                                             | (2.521)            | $a$                     | constant                                                      |
| Translation              | $e^{-as} F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{u(t-a)f(t-a)\}$<br>where $u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & (t < 0) \\ 1 & (t > 0) \end{cases}$                               | (2.522)<br>(2.523) | $u(t)$                  | unit step function                                            |

<sup>a</sup>If  $|e^{-s_0 t} f(t)|$  is finite for sufficiently large  $t$ , the Laplace transform exists for  $s > s_0$ .

<sup>b</sup>Also known as the “faltung (or folding) theorem.”

<sup>c</sup>Also known as the “Bromwich integral.”  $\gamma$  is chosen so that the singularities in  $F(s)$  are left of the integral line.



## Laplace transform pairs

$$f(t) \Rightarrow F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \quad (2.524)$$

$$\delta(t) \Rightarrow 1 \quad (2.525)$$

$$1 \Rightarrow 1/s \quad (s > 0) \quad (2.526)$$

$$t^n \Rightarrow \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad (s > 0, n > -1) \quad (2.527)$$

$$t^{1/2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4s^3}} \quad (2.528)$$

$$t^{-1/2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}} \quad (2.529)$$

$$e^{at} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s-a} \quad (s > a) \quad (2.530)$$

$$te^{at} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(s-a)^2} \quad (s > a) \quad (2.531)$$

$$(1-at)e^{-at} \Rightarrow \frac{s}{(s+a)^2} \quad (2.532)$$

$$t^2e^{-at} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{(s+a)^3} \quad (2.533)$$

$$\sin at \Rightarrow \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} \quad (s > 0) \quad (2.534)$$

$$\cos at \Rightarrow \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \quad (s > 0) \quad (2.535)$$

$$\sinh at \Rightarrow \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2} \quad (s > a) \quad (2.536)$$

$$\cosh at \Rightarrow \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2} \quad (s > a) \quad (2.537)$$

$$e^{-bt} \sin at \Rightarrow \frac{a}{(s+b)^2 + a^2} \quad (2.538)$$

$$e^{-bt} \cos at \Rightarrow \frac{s+b}{(s+b)^2 + a^2} \quad (2.539)$$

$$e^{-at} f(t) \Rightarrow F(s+a) \quad (2.540)$$

