

2.12 Laplace transforms

Laplace transform theorems

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

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

^bAlso known as the “faltung (or folding) theorem.”

^cAlso known as the “Bromwich integral.” γ is chosen so that the singularities in $F(s)$ are left of the integral line.

Laplace transform pairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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