

The Inverse Laplace Transform

Part I:

Find the inverse Laplace transforms below. (See next pages for useful formulas.)

1. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^3} \right\}$

5. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{5}{s^2 + 49} \right\}$

9. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s - 6}{s^2 + 9} \right\}$

2. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{48}{s^5} \right\}$

6. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 - 16} \right\}$

10. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 3s} \right\}$

3. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s - 2} \right\}$

7. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{4s + 1} \right\}$

11. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 + 2s - 3} \right\}$

4. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(s + 1)^3}{s^4} \right\}$

8. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{4s}{4s^2 + 1} \right\}$

12. $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s - 2)(s - 3)(s - 6)} \right\}$

Part II:

Solve the IVPs below *using the Laplace transform*:

1. $y' - 3y = e^{2t}; y(0) = 1.$

2. $y'' - 6y' + 9y = t^2 e^{3t}; y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 6.$

3. $y'' + 4y' + 6y = 1 + e^{-t}; y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$

4. $y'' - y' = e^t \cos t; y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$

5. $y^{(4)} - y = 0; y(0) = 0; y'(0) = 1; y''(0) = y'''(0) = 0.$

Laplace transforms of some basic functions

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\{1\} &= \frac{1}{s}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\sin(at)\} &= \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(at)\} &= \frac{k}{s^2 - a^2}; \quad s > |a| \\
 \mathcal{L}\{t^n\} &= \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\cos(at)\} &= \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(at)\} &= \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}; \quad s > |a| \\
 \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} &= \frac{1}{s - a}; \quad s > a & \mathcal{L}\{u_a(t)\} &= \frac{e^{-as}}{s}; \quad s > 0, a > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Inverse Laplace transforms of some basic functions

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} &= 1 & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}\right\} &= \frac{1}{a} \sin(at) & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 - a^2}\right\} &= \frac{1}{a} \sinh(at) \\
 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^n}\right\} &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} t^{n-1} & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right\} &= \cos(at) & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}\right\} &= \cosh(at) \\
 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s - a}\right\} &= e^{at}
 \end{aligned}$$

Properties of the Laplace and Inverse Laplace transform

Translation Theorem:

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

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s - a)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)|_{s \rightarrow s-a}\} = e^{at}f(t)$$

Derivatives of Laplace Transforms:

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F^{(n)}(s)\} = (-1)^n t^n f(t)$$

Laplace Transforms of Derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\{y'\} &= sY(s) - y(0) \\
 \mathcal{L}\{y''\} &= s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) \\
 \mathcal{L}\{y'''\} &= s^3Y(s) - s^2y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0) \\
 &\vdots \\
 \mathcal{L}\{y^{(n)}(t)\} &= s^n Y(s) - s^{n-1}y(0) - s^{n-2}y'(0) - \dots - sy^{(n-2)}(0) - y^{(n-1)}(0)
 \end{aligned}$$