

Properties of Laplace transforms

(A) Transformation of derivatives:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - \cdots - s f^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0);$$

in particular,

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = s F(s) - f(0), \quad \mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\} = s^2 F(s) - s f(0) - f'(0).$$

(B) Transformation of integrals: $\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right\} = \frac{F(s)}{s}$.

(C) Translation on the s -axis: $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} f(t)\} = F(s-a)$.

(D) Translation on the t -axis: $\mathcal{L}\{u(t-a) f(t-a)\} = e^{-as} F(s)$.

(E) Definition of convolution: $(f * g)(t) := \int_0^t f(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau$.

(F) The convolution property: $\mathcal{L}\{f * g\} = F(s) G(s)$.

(G) Differentiation of transforms: $\mathcal{L}\{(-t)^n f(t)\} = F^{(n)}(s)$.

(H) LT of a periodic function $f(t)$ of period p : $F(s) = \frac{1}{1-e^{-ps}} \int_0^p e^{-st} f(t) dt$.

Table of Laplace transforms

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
1	$\frac{1}{s} \quad (s > 0)$
$t^n \quad (n > 0, \text{ integer})$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad (s > 0)$
$t^a \quad (a > -1)$	$\frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{s^{a+1}} \quad (s > 0)$
e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a} \quad (s > a)$
$\cos kt$	$\frac{s}{s^2+k^2} \quad (s > 0)$
$\sin kt$	$\frac{k}{s^2+k^2} \quad (s > 0)$
$\cosh kt$	$\frac{s}{s^2-k^2} \quad (s > k)$
$\sinh kt$	$\frac{k}{s^2-k^2} \quad (s > k)$
$u_a(t) = u(t-a) \quad (a \geq 0)$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s} \quad (s > 0)$
$\delta_a(t) = \delta(t-a) \quad (a \geq 0)$	$e^{-as} \quad (s > 0)$