

Laplace Transforms Homework #2

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Instructions. For problems 1 - 10, find the Laplace Transform of each function.

Remark: We will make copious use of two fundamental properties of Laplace Transforms:

1) $\mathcal{L}[f(t) \pm g(t)] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \pm \mathcal{L}[g(t)]$

2) $\mathcal{L}[c \cdot f(t)] = c \cdot \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$

1. $5 - 8t^3$

$$\mathcal{L}[5 - 8t^3] = \mathcal{L}[5] - \mathcal{L}[8t^3] = \mathcal{L}[5] - 8\mathcal{L}[t^3] = \frac{5}{s} - 8\frac{3!}{s^4} = \frac{5}{s} - \frac{48}{s^4}$$

(Using Formulas #1 and #4 on the Laplace Transforms Table)

i.e. $\mathcal{L}[5 - 8t^3] = \frac{5}{s} - \frac{48}{s^4}$

2. $\frac{1}{8} \cos\left(\frac{3}{8}t\right)$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{8} \cos\left(\frac{3}{8}t\right)\right] = \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{L}\left[\cos\left(\frac{3}{8}t\right)\right] = \frac{1}{8} \frac{s}{s^2 + \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^2} = \frac{s}{8s^2 + \frac{9}{8}}$$

(Using Formula #9 on the Laplace Transforms Table)

i.e. $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{8} \cos\left(\frac{3}{8}t\right)\right] = \frac{s}{8s^2 + \frac{9}{8}} = \frac{8s}{64s^2 + 9}$

3. $e^{3t} \cos(2t) - e^t \sinh(5t)$

4. $\cos(t) - \sin(t)$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos(t) - \sin(t)] = \mathcal{L}[\cos(t)] - \mathcal{L}[\sin(t)] = \frac{s}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s^2+1} = \frac{s-1}{s^2+1}$$

(Using Formulas #9,10 on the Laplace Transforms Table)

i.e. $\mathcal{L}[\cos(t) - \sin(t)] = \frac{s-1}{s^2+1}$

5. $t^7 - t^4 + 5t^2$

$$\mathcal{L} [t^7 - t^4 + 5t^2] = \mathcal{L} [t^7] - \mathcal{L} [t^4] + \mathcal{L} [5t^2] = \mathcal{L} [t^7] - \mathcal{L} [t^4] + 5\mathcal{L} [t^2] = \frac{7!}{s^{7+1}} - \frac{4!}{s^{4+1}} + 5\frac{2!}{s^{2+1}}$$

(Using Formulas #3, 5 on the Laplace Transforms Table)

i.e. $\mathcal{L} [t^7 - t^4 + 5t^2] = \frac{7!}{s^8} - \frac{4!}{s^5} + \frac{10}{s^3}$

6. $t \sinh (t)$

7. $\frac{d}{dt} [te^{5t}]$

$$\mathcal{L} \left(\frac{d}{dt} [te^{5t}] \right) = ???$$

By Formula #19, $\mathcal{L} [f'(t)] = sF(s) - f(0)$ (Here, $F(s) = \mathcal{L} [f(t)]$)

Thus, Formula #19 could be rewritten as: $\mathcal{L} [f'(t)] = s\mathcal{L} [f(t)] - f(0)$

$$f(t) = te^{5t}$$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \mathcal{L} [te^{5t}] = \frac{1}{(s-5)^2}$$

(Using Formula #14 on the Laplace Transforms Table)

$$\text{Thus, } \mathcal{L} \left(\frac{d}{dt} [te^{5t}] \right) = \mathcal{L} [f'(t)] = sF(s) - f(0) = s\frac{1}{(s-5)^2} - (0)e^{5(0)} = \frac{s}{(s-5)^2}$$

i.e. $\mathcal{L} \left(\frac{d}{dt} [te^{5t}] \right) = \frac{s}{(s-5)^2}$

8. $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [\cos(t) + te^t]$

$$\mathcal{L} \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [\cos(t) + te^t] \right) = ???$$

By Formula #20, $\mathcal{L} [f''(t)] = s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$ (Here, $F(s) = \mathcal{L} [f(t)]$)

Thus, Formula #20 could be rewritten as: $\mathcal{L} [f''(t)] = s^2 \mathcal{L} [f(t)] - sf(0) - f'(0)$

$$f(t) = \cos(t) + te^t$$

$$f'(t) = -\sin(t) + te^t + e^t$$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \mathcal{L} [\cos(t) + te^t] = \mathcal{L} [\cos(t)] + \mathcal{L} [te^t] = \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}$$

(Using Formula #9, 14 on the Laplace Transforms Table)

$$\text{Thus, } \mathcal{L} \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [\cos(t) + te^t] \right) = \mathcal{L} [f''(t)] = s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$= s^2 \left(\frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \right) - s (\cos(0) + (0)e^{(0)}) - (-\sin(0) + (0)e^{(0)} + e^{(0)})$$

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

i.e. $\mathcal{L} \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [\cos(t) + te^t] \right) = \frac{s^3}{s^2+1} + \frac{s^2}{(s-1)^2} - s - 1$

9. $\int_0^t \cosh(z) \cos(t-z) dz$

10. $\int_0^t e^z \cos(2z) dz$

Further Instructions For problems 11 - 20, find the Inverse Laplace Transform of each function.

Remark: We will make copious use of two fundamental properties of Laplace Transform Inverses:

$$1) \mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(s) \pm G(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(s)] \pm \mathcal{L}^{-1} [G(s)]$$

$$2) \mathcal{L} [c \cdot F(s)] = c \cdot \mathcal{L} [F(s)]$$

11. $\frac{2}{s^2+k^2}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s^2+k^2} \right] = 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+k^2} \right] = ???$$

I would like to use Formula #6 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*: $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{k}{s^2+k^2} \right] = \sin(kt)$

In order to use this formula, I need to get the constant "k" in the numerator.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s^2+k^2} \right] = 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+k^2} \right] = 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{k} \frac{k}{s^2+k^2} \right] = 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{k} \frac{k}{s^2+k^2} \right] = \frac{2}{k} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{k}{s^2+k^2} \right] = \frac{2}{k} \sin(kt)$$

$$\text{i.e., } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s^2+k^2} \right] = \frac{2}{k} \sin(kt)$$

12. $\frac{n!}{(s-k)^{n+1}}$; $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\text{i.e., } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{n!}{(s-k)^{n+1}} \right] = t^n e^{kt}$$

(Using Formula #5 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*)

13. $\frac{s}{s^2-k^2}$

$$\text{i.e., } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2-k^2} \right] = \cosh(kt)$$

(Using Formula #10 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*)

14. $\frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2}$

This doesn't really fit any of our forms:

We have: $\frac{2ks}{(s^2+k^2)^2}$ (Formula #13) and $\frac{s^2-k^2}{(s^2+k^2)^2}$ (Formula #14), but we don't have a formula with just a plain old **constant** over $(k^2 + s^2)^2$.

If we are to use either (or both) of these forms, $k = 1$.

So our forms will be: $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2s}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = t \sin(t)$ and $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = t \cos(kt)$

Q: Can we do anything with these?

Observe: $\frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2} = \frac{1}{s^2+1} - \frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2}$ (Using Partial Fraction Decomposition.)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2} = \frac{1}{s^2+1} - \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}$$

Thus, $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} - \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = \sin(t) - t \cos(t)$

(Using Formulas #6, 14 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*)

i.e., $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = \sin(t) - t \cos(t)$

15. $\frac{s^2+3s+36}{s(s^2+13s+36)}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+3s+36}{s(s^2+13s+36)} \right] = ???$$

This doesn't even come remotely close to fitting any form given on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses* - We must re-express $F(s)$, using Partial Fraction Decomposition

$$\frac{s^2+3s+36}{s(s^2+13s+36)} = \frac{s^2+3s+36}{s(s+9)(s+4)} = \frac{c_1}{s} + \frac{c_2}{(s+9)} + \frac{c_3}{(s+4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 + 3s + 36 = c_1(s+9)(s+4) + c_2s(s+4) + c_3s(s+9)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Let } s = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 36 = c_1(9)(4) = 36c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 1$$

$$\boxed{\text{Let } s = -9}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-9)^2 + 3(-9) + 36 = c_2(-9)((-9) + 4)$$

i.e. $90 = 45c_2$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 2$$

$$\boxed{\text{Let } s = -4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-4)^2 + 3(-4) + 36 = c_3(-4)((-4) + 9)$$

i.e. $40 = -20c_3$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+3s+36}{s(s^2+13s+36)} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{2}{(s+9)} - \frac{2}{(s+4)} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+9)} \right] - 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+4)} \right] \\ &= 1 + 2e^{-9t} - 2e^{-4t} \end{aligned}$$

(Using Formulas #1, 4 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*)

$$\boxed{\text{i.e., } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+3s+36}{s(s^2+13s+36)} \right] = 1 + 2e^{-9t} - 2e^{-4t}}$$

16. $\frac{s^2+4s+36}{(s^2-4)^2}$

Using Partial Fraction Decomposition, we have:

$$\frac{s^2+4s+36}{(s^2-4)^2} = \frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{3}{(s-2)^2} + \frac{2}{(s+2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+4s+36}{(s^2-4)^2} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{2}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{3}{(s-2)^2} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} \right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s-2} \right] + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right] + 3\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-2)^2} \right] \\ &= e^{-2t} - e^{2t} + 2te^{-2t} + 3te^{2t} \end{aligned}$$

(Using Formulas #4, 5 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*)

i.e., $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+4s+36}{(s^2-4)^2} \right] = e^{-2t} - e^{2t} + 2te^{-2t} + 3te^{2t}$

17. $\frac{s^2+2s+53}{(s+2)(s^2+49)}$

Using Partial Fraction Decomposition, we have:

$$\frac{s^2+2s+53}{(s+2)(s^2+49)} = \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{2}{s^2+49}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+2s+53}{(s+2)(s^2+49)} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{2}{s^2+49} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} \right] + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+49} \right]$$

I want $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+k^2} \right]$ to fit formula #6 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*:
 $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{k}{s^2+k^2} \right] = \sin(kt)$

So, I will multiply the numerator by $k = 7$, and divide by $k = 7$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+2s+53}{(s+2)(s^2+49)} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{2}{s^2+49} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} \right] + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+49} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} \right] + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{7} \frac{7}{s^2+49} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} \right] + \frac{2}{7} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{7}{s^2+49} \right] \\ &= e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{7} \sin(7t) \end{aligned}$$

(Using Formulas #4, 6 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*)

i.e., $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+2s+53}{(s+2)(s^2+49)} \right] = e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{7} \sin(7t)$

$$18. \frac{s^2+3s-18}{s(s^2-6s+9)}$$

Using Partial Fraction Decomposition, we have:

$$\frac{s^2+3s-18}{s(s^2-6s+9)} = \frac{(s+6)(s-3)}{s(s-3)^2} = \frac{(s+6)}{s(s-3)} = \frac{3}{s-3} - \frac{2}{s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+3s-18}{s(s^2-6s+9)} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{3}{s-3} - \frac{2}{s} \right] = 3\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s-3} \right] - 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] \\ &= 3e^{3t} - 2 \end{aligned}$$

(Using Formulas #1, 4 on *A Table of Laplace Transform Inverses*)

$$\text{i.e., } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2+3s-18}{s(s^2-6s+9)} \right] = 3e^{3t} - 2$$

$$19. \frac{s^2-s+1}{s^3(s+1)}$$

$$20. \frac{2s-3}{(s+1)^2+16}$$