

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

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

where  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ .

$$\mathcal{L}\{f * g\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = F(s)G(s)$$

$$\text{where } f * g = \int_0^t f(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau$$

EXAMPLES

1. Zand C, 4.4 N21 (p.222)

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \cos 2t\}$$

$$\text{Since } \mathcal{L}\{\cos 2t\} = \frac{s}{s^2+4},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{t \cos 2t\} &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right) \\ &= -\frac{s^2+4-2s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} = \frac{s^2-4}{(s^2+4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Zand C, 4.4 N215 (p.222)

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t \tau e^{t-\tau} d\tau\right\}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\{t * e^t\}$$

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

NOTE: If convolutions are not used,

$$\int_0^t \tau e^{t-\tau} d\tau$$

$$= e^t \int_0^t \tau e^{-\tau} d\tau$$

$$= e^t \left[ -(1+\tau)e^{-\tau} \right]_0^t$$

(Schaum Table of Integrals)

$$= e^t [1 - (1+t)e^{-t}]$$

$$= e^t - 1 - t$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t \tau e^{t-\tau} d\tau\right\} = \mathcal{L}\{e^t - 1 - t\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2 - s^2 + s - s + 1}{s^2(s-1)} = \frac{1}{s^2(s-1)} \end{aligned}$$

3. Solve

$$(x^2+2)y'' + 3xy' - y = 0 \quad ; \quad (1)$$

$$y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 2.$$

$$\text{Let } y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$\therefore y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1};$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

Sub. in (1)

$$\therefore (x^2+2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$+ 3x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0.$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n(n-1)a_n x^n + 2n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} + 3na_n x^n - a_n x^n] = 0$$

$$\text{As } n(n-1) + 3n - 1$$

$$= n^2 + 2n - 1,$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n^2 + 2n - 1)a_n x^n + 2n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}] = 0$$

Equate co-eff<sup>ts</sup> of  $x^m$

( $n=m$  in 1<sup>st</sup> term;  $n-2=m$  in 2<sup>nd</sup>)

$$\therefore (m^2 + 2m - 1)a_m + 2(m+2)(m+1)a_{m+2} = 0$$

$$\therefore a_{m+2} = \frac{-(m^2 + 2m - 1)}{2(m+1)(m+2)} a_m.$$

$$\text{As } y(0) = 1, \quad a_0 = 1.$$

$$\text{As } y'(0) = 2, \quad a_1 = 2.$$

$$\therefore a_2 = \frac{1}{4} a_0 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$a_4 = -\frac{7}{24} a_2 = -\frac{7}{96}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$\therefore a_3 = \frac{-2}{12} a_1 = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

$$a_5 = \frac{-14}{40} a_3 = \frac{7}{60} \text{ etc.}$$

$$\therefore y = 1 + \frac{1}{4} x^2 - \frac{7}{96} x^4 + \dots$$

$$+ 2x - \frac{1}{3} x^3 + \frac{7}{60} x^5 + \dots$$

EXERCISES:

1. Find  $\mathcal{L}\{t \cosh 4t\}$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{s}{s^2-16} \right) = -\frac{(s^2-16) - 2s^2}{(s^2-16)^2}$$

$$= \frac{s^2+16}{(s^2-16)^2}$$

2. Find  $\mathcal{L}\{t * \sin t\}$

$$= \mathcal{L}\{t\} \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\}$$

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