

# Math308, Quiz 10, 4/07/14

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Table 1: Elementary Laplace Transforms

$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$	$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$
1	$\frac{1}{s} \quad s > 0$	$\frac{t^n}{n!}$	$\frac{1}{s^{n+1}} \quad s > 0$
$e^{-\alpha t}$	$\frac{1}{s+\alpha} \quad s > -\alpha$	$e^{-\alpha t} t^n$	$\frac{n!}{(s+\alpha)^{n+1}} \quad s > -\alpha$
$\sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2+\omega^2} \quad s > 0$	$\cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2+\omega^2} \quad s > 0$
$e^{\alpha t} \sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{(s-\alpha)^2+\omega^2} \quad s > \alpha$	$e^{\alpha t} \cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s-\alpha}{(s-\alpha)^2+\omega^2} \quad s > 0$
$\sinh(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2-\omega^2} \quad s >  \omega $	$\cosh(\omega t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2-\omega^2} \quad s >  \omega $
$u_\alpha(t)$	$\frac{e^{-\alpha s}}{s} \quad s > 0$	$\delta(t - \alpha)$	$e^{-\alpha s} \quad s > -\infty$

**Theorem.** Suppose that the functions  $f, f', \dots, f^{(n-1)}$  are continuous and that  $f^{(n)}$  is piecewise continuous on any interval  $0 \leq t \leq A$ . Suppose that there exist constants  $K, a$  and  $M$  such that  $|f(t)| \leq Ke^{at}, |f'(t)| \leq Ke^{at}, \dots, |f^{(n-1)}(t)| \leq Ke^{at}$  for  $t \geq M$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}[f^{(n)}(t)]$  exists for  $s > a$  and given by

- $\mathcal{L}[f^{(n)}(t)] = s^n \mathcal{L}[f(t)] - s^{n-1} f(0) - \dots - s f^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0)$ .
- if  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$  for  $s > a$ , then  $\mathcal{L}[u_c(t)f(t - c)] = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = e^{-cs} F(s)$  for  $s > a, c > 0$ .
- if  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$ , then  $u_c(t)f(t - c) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[e^{-cs} F(s)]$ .

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**Problem 1. 100%.** Find the solution of the given initial value problem

$$y'' + 4y = \delta(t - 4\pi) - 2\delta(t - \pi) + u_\pi(t), \quad y(0) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

## Solutions

**Problem 1. 100%.** By taking the Laplace transform of the equation, using the above table together with initial conditions we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y'' + 4y] &= \mathcal{L}[\delta(t - 4\pi) - 2\delta(t - \pi) + u_\pi(t)], \\ s^2\mathcal{L}[y] - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4\mathcal{L}[y] &= \mathcal{L}[\delta(t - 4\pi)] - 2\mathcal{L}[\delta(t - \pi)] + \mathcal{L}[u_\pi(t)], \\ (s^2 + 4)\mathcal{L}[y] - \frac{1}{2}s &= e^{-4\pi s} - 2e^{-\pi s} + \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s}, \\ \mathcal{L}[y] &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{e^{-4\pi s} - 2e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s(s^2 + 4)}.\end{aligned}$$

The next step is taking the inverse of the Laplace transform from the last equality in order to find  $y$ . Let us calculate the inverse of the Laplace transform of the right hand side separately:

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$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2 + 2^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{e^{-4\pi s} - 2e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 4} \right] &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ e^{-4\pi s} \frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} \right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ e^{-\pi s} \frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} u_{4\pi}(t) \sin 2(t - 4\pi) - u_\pi(t) \sin 2(t - \pi).\end{aligned}$$

• The partial fraction gives us:

$$\frac{1}{s(s^2 + 4)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs}{s^2 + 4} = \frac{(A + B)s^2 + 4A}{s(s^2 + 4)} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A + B = 0, \\ 4A = 1. \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} B = -\frac{1}{4}, \\ A = \frac{1}{4}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s(s^2 + 4)} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ e^{-\pi s} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{s} - e^{-\pi s} \frac{1}{4} \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right] = \frac{1}{4} u_\pi(t) - \frac{1}{4} u_\pi(t) \cos(2(t - \pi)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} u_\pi(t) (1 - \cos(2(t - \pi))).\end{aligned}$$

We now collect all terms and obtain the solution of the given initial value problem:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} u_{4\pi}(t) \sin 2(t - 4\pi) - u_\pi(t) \sin 2(t - \pi) + \frac{1}{4} u_\pi(t) (1 - \cos(2(t - \pi))).$$

We can use the trigonometric identities  $\sin(t - 2n\pi) = \sin t$  and  $\cos(t - 2n\pi) = \cos t$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  to simplify the solution:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{4} u_\pi(t) + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} u_\pi(t) \right) \cos 2t + \left( \frac{1}{2} u_{4\pi}(t) - u_\pi(t) \right) \sin 2t.$$