

# Laplace Transform

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$f(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} F(t) dt$  is called the Laplace transform of the function  $F(t)$ , denoted by  $L\{F(t)\}$ ,  $p$  is parameter.

NOTE: ①  $L\{F(t)\} =$  a function of new variable  $p$   
 $= f(p)$   
 $= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} F(t) dt.$

$L\{F(t)\}$  is said to exist iff the integral  $f(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} F(t) dt$  is convergent.

②  $f(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt$   
 $= L\{F(t)\}$

NOTE: ①  $L\{F(t)\}$  is linear  
 $\therefore L\{a_1 F_1(t) + a_2 F_2(t)\} = a_1 L\{F_1(t)\} + a_2 L\{F_2(t)\}$

## Table of formula

	$F(t)$	$L\{F(t)\}$
1	1	$\frac{1}{p}, p > 0$
2	$t^n$ ( $n$ is a +ve integer)	$\frac{n!}{p^{n+1}}, p > 0$
3.	$t^a$ ( $a > -1$ )	$\Gamma(a+1) / p^{a+1}, p > 0$
4.	$e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{p-a}, p > a$

5.	$\sin at$	$\frac{a}{p^2 + a^2}, p > 0$
6.	$\cos at$	$\frac{p}{p^2 + a^2}, p > 0$
7.	$\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{p^2 - a^2}, p >  a $
8.	$\cosh at$	$\frac{p}{p^2 - a^2}, p >  a $

### Proof of formula

- 1) Find the Laplace transform of  $F(t) = 1$ .  
i.e;  $L\{1\} = ?$

Ans:- We have,

$$L\{F(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} F(t) dt$$

$$\therefore L\{1\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cdot 1 dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} dt$$

$$= \left[ -\frac{e^{-pt}}{p} \right]_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{p} [0 - 1] = \frac{1}{p} \quad \text{if } p > 0$$

- 2) Find  $L\{t^n\}$ ,  $n$  being +ve integer

Ans:- We have,

$$L\{F(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} F(t) dt$$

$$\therefore L\{t^n\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cdot t^n dt$$

$$= \left[ t^n \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} n t^{n-1} \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} dt \quad [\text{Int. by parts}]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{p} \left[ \frac{t^n}{e^{pt}} \right]_0^{\infty} + \frac{n}{p} \int_0^{\infty} t^{n-1} e^{-pt} dt \quad [\text{By I.H.}]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore L\{t^n\} &= -\frac{1}{p} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^n}{e^{pt}} + 0 - \frac{n}{p} \int_0^{\infty} t^{n-1} e^{pt} dt \\
 &= -0 + 0 + \frac{n}{p} L\{t^{n-1}\} \quad [\text{By L.H Rule}] \\
 &= \frac{n}{p} \frac{n-1}{p} L\{t^{n-2}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding in this way we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore L\{t^n\} &= \frac{n}{p} \cdot \frac{n-1}{p} \cdot \frac{n-2}{p} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{n-(n-1)}{p} L\{t^0\} \\
 &= \frac{n}{p} \cdot \frac{n-1}{p} \cdot \frac{n-2}{p} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{p} L\{1\} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{p^n} \cdot \frac{1}{p} \quad \text{if } p > 0 \quad \left\{ \because L\{1\} = \frac{1}{p} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \text{if } p > 0 \right\} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{p^{n+1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } L\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{p^{n+1}} \quad \text{if } p > 0.$$

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③ Find  $L\{e^{at}\}$

Ans:-

$$\therefore L\{e^{at}\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cdot e^{at} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{(p-a)t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(p-a)t} dt = \left[ \frac{e^{-(p-a)t}}{-(p-a)} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{(p-a)} [0 - 1] \quad \text{if } p > a$$

$$\therefore L\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{p-a} \quad \text{if } p > a.$$



(4) Find (i)  $L\{\sin at\}$  & (ii)  $L\{\cos at\}$

(i)  $L\{\sin at\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \sin at \, dt$  — (1)

$$= \left[ \sin at \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} a \cos at \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \, dt \quad [\text{Int. by parts}]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{p} [0 - 0] + \frac{a}{p} \int_0^{\infty} \cos at \cdot e^{-pt} \, dt \quad \text{if } p > 0$$

$$= \frac{a}{p} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cos at \, dt$$

$$= \frac{a}{p} \left[ \cos at \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} + \frac{a}{p} \int_0^{\infty} a \sin at \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \, dt$$

$$= -\frac{a}{p^2} [0 - 1] - \frac{a^2}{p^2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \sin at \, dt \quad \text{if } p > 0$$

$$= \frac{a}{p^2} - \frac{a^2}{p^2} L\{\sin at\} \quad \{\text{Using (1)}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{\sin at\} \left\{ 1 + \frac{a^2}{p^2} \right\} = \frac{a}{p^2} \Rightarrow L\{\sin at\} \left\{ \frac{p^2 + a^2}{p^2} \right\} = \frac{a}{p^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{\sin at\} = \frac{a}{p^2 + a^2} \quad \text{if } p > 0$$

(ii)  $L\{\cos at\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cos at \, dt$

$$= \left[ \cos at \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} a \sin at \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \, dt \quad [\text{Int. by parts}]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{p} [0 - 1] - \frac{a}{p} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \sin at \, dt \quad \text{if } p > 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} - \frac{a}{p} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \sin at \, dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} - \frac{a}{p} \left[ \sin at \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \right]_0^{\infty} + \frac{a}{p} \int_0^{\infty} a \cos at \cdot \frac{e^{-pt}}{-p} \, dt$$

$$\therefore L\{\cos at\} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{a}{p} [0 - 0] - \frac{a^2}{p^2} \int_0^\infty e^{pt} \cos at \, dt \quad \text{if } p > 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} - \frac{a^2}{p^2} L\{\cos at\}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{\cos at\} \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{p^2}\right) = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{\cos at\} \left\{\frac{p^2 + a^2}{p^2}\right\} = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{\cos at\} = \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2} \quad \text{if } p > 0$$

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### Problems: Type-I

(1)

$$L\{\sin^2 at\}$$

Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} L\{\sin^2 at\} &= L\left\{\frac{2\sin^2 at}{2}\right\} = L\left\{\frac{1 - \cos 2at}{2}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [L\{1\} - L\{\cos 2at\}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{p} - \frac{p}{p^2 + 4a^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{p^2 + 4a^2 - p^2}{p(p^2 + 4a^2)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{4a^2}{p(p^2 + 4a^2)} \\ &= \frac{2a^2}{p(p^2 + 4a^2)} \quad \text{Ans} \end{aligned}$$

(2)

Find (i)  $L\{\cosh at\}$

(ii)  $L\{\sinh at\}$

Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad L\{\cosh at\} &= L\left\{\frac{e^{at} + e^{-at}}{2}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [L\{e^{at}\} + L\{e^{-at}\}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore L\{\cosh at\} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{p-a} + \frac{1}{p+a} \right] \quad \text{if } p > |a| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{p+a + p-a}{(p-a)(p+a)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2p}{(p-a)(p+a)} \right] \\ &= \frac{p}{(p-a)(p+a)} = \frac{p}{p^2 - a^2} \quad \text{if } p > |a|\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(ii)} \quad L\{\sinh at\} &= L\left\{ \frac{e^{at} - e^{-at}}{2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} L\{e^{at}\} - \frac{1}{2} L\{e^{-at}\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{p-a} - \frac{1}{p+a} \right] \quad \text{if } p > |a| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{p+a - p+a}{(p-a)(p+a)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2a}{p^2 - a^2} = \frac{a}{p^2 - a^2} \quad \text{if } p > |a|\end{aligned}$$

③ Find  $L\{\sin t \cos t\}$

Ans:-

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore L\{\sin t \cos t\} &= L\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} L\{\sin 2t\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{p^2 + 4} \quad \text{if } p > 2 \\ &= \frac{1}{p^2 + 4} \quad \text{if } p > 2\end{aligned}$$