

LECTURE 27 (267)

Derivatives, Integrals and Products of Transforms.

Example 1. Find the inverse Laplace transform for the function

$$G(s) = \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{s^2}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s^2}\right).$$

Solution. We transform our function $G(s)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) = \ln\left(\frac{1+s^2}{s^2}\right) &= -\ln\frac{s^2}{1+s^2} = -\ln\frac{s^2}{1+s^2} = \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \int_s^N \left(\frac{2}{\sigma} - \frac{2\sigma}{1+\sigma^2}\right) d\sigma = \int_s^{+\infty} \left(\frac{2}{\sigma} - \frac{2\sigma}{1+\sigma^2}\right) d\sigma \end{aligned}$$

Next we set

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

We observe that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = f(t) = 2 - 2\cos(t)$$

Therefore

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = \frac{f(t)}{t} = \frac{2 - 2\cos(t)}{t}.$$

Example 2. Find the inverse Laplace transform for the function

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

Solution. Note that

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

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Since

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2}\right\} = \frac{1}{8}(\sin(t) - t\cos(t))$$

We have

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = \frac{t}{8}(\sin(t) - t\cos(t))$$

Example 3. Find nontrivial solution to the ordinary differential equation

$$tx'' + (t - 2)x' + x = 0 \quad (1)$$

such that $x(0) = 0$

Solution. We apply the Laplace transform to the both parts of the linear ordinary differential equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{tx'' + (t - 2)x' + x\} &= -\frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{x''\} - \frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{x'\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{x'\} + \mathcal{L}\{x\} \\ -\frac{d}{ds}(s^2F(s) - sx(0) - x'(0)) - \frac{d}{ds}(sF(s) - x(0)) - 2sF(s) + F(s) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $x(0) = 0$ we have

$$-\frac{d}{ds}(s^2F(s) - x'(0)) - \frac{d}{ds}(sF(s)) - 2sF(s) + F(s) = 0.$$

or

$$-s^2F'(s) - sF'(s) - 4sF(s) = 0$$

Dividing by $-s$ both parts of this equation we obtain

$$(s + 1)F'(s) + 4F(s) = 0.$$

or

$$F'(s) + \frac{4}{(s + 1)}F(s) = 0$$

The solution to this first order ordinary differential equation is

$$F(s) = e^{-\int \frac{4}{s+1} ds} = \frac{1}{(1 + s)^4}.$$

Finally

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}\{F(s)\} = \frac{1}{6}e^{-t}t^3.$$

Example 4. Find nontrivial solution to the ordinary differential equation

$$tx'' - 2x' + tx = 0 \quad (2)$$

such that $x(0) = 0$

Solution. We apply the Laplace transform to the both parts of the linear ordinary differential equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{tx'' - 2x' + tx\} &= -\frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{x''\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{x'\} - \frac{d}{ds}\mathcal{L}\{x\} \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds}(s^2F(s) - sx(0) - x'(0)) - 2sF(s) + 2x(0) - F'(s) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $x(0) = 0$ we have

$$-\frac{d}{ds}(s^2F(s) - x'(0)) - 2sF(s) - F'(s) = 0.$$

and

$$-(s^2 + 1)F'(s) - 4sF(s) = 0$$

Hence

$$F'(s) + \frac{4s}{s^2 + 1}F(s) = 0$$

The solution to this linear O.D.E. is

$$F(s) = e^{-\int \frac{4s}{s^2+1} ds} = e^{-2\ln(1+s^2)} = \frac{1}{(1+s^2)^2}$$

Finally

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

Example 5.

$$x'' + 4x' + 13x = f(t), \quad x(t) = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^t f(t-\tau)e^{-2\tau} \sin(3\tau) d\tau.$$

Solution. Taking the Laplace transform of the ordinary differential equation we have

$$s^2F(s) + 4sF(s) + 13F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f\}$$

Then

$$F(s) = \frac{\mathcal{L}\{f\}}{s^2 + 4s + 13} = \frac{\mathcal{L}\{f\}}{(s+2)^2 + 3^2} = \mathcal{L}\{f\} \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1}{3}e^{-2t} \sin(3t)\right\}.$$

Applying the convolution formula from the previous lecture we obtain

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^t f(t-\tau)e^{-2\tau} \sin(3\tau) d\tau.$$