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# LAPLACE TRANSFORMS FURTHER

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## SUMMARY OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

The Laplace Transform of a function  $f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt,$$

where  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ , with  $\text{Re}(s)$  sufficiently large for the integral to converge.

The Laplace Transform is a linear operation

$$\mathcal{L}[a f(t) + b g(t)] \equiv a \mathcal{L}[f(t)] + b \mathcal{L}[g(t)].$$

### Laplace Transforms of Common Functions

- $\mathcal{L}(t^n) = \frac{n}{s^{n+1}}$

$$\mathcal{L}(1) = \frac{1}{s}, \quad \mathcal{L}(a) = \frac{a}{s}, \quad \mathcal{L}(t) = \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}(t^2) = \frac{2}{s^3}, \quad \mathcal{L}(t^3) = \frac{3}{s^4}, \dots$$

- $\mathcal{L}(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}, \quad \mathcal{L}(e^{-at}) = \frac{1}{s+a}$

- $\mathcal{L}(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$

- $\mathcal{L}(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$

### Laplace Transforms of Derivatives

- $\mathcal{L}[x(t)] = \bar{x}(s)$

- $\mathcal{L}[\dot{x}(t)] = s\bar{x}(s) - x(0)$

- $\mathcal{L}[\ddot{x}(t)] = s^2\bar{x}(s) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0)$

- $\mathcal{L}[\ddot{x}(t)] = s^3\bar{x}(s) - s^2x(0) - s\dot{x}(0) - \ddot{x}(0)$

**Laplace Transforms Theorems**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Theorem

$$\mathcal{L}\left[e^{-at} f(t)\right] = \bar{f}(s+a) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}\left[e^{at} F(t)\right] = \bar{f}(s-a)$$

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Theorem

$$\mathcal{L}\left[f(t-a)\right] = e^{-as} \bar{f}(s), \quad t > a \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}\left[f(t+a)\right] = e^{as} \bar{f}(s), \quad t > -a.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[H(t-a)f(t-a)\right] = e^{-as} \bar{f}(s) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}\left[H(t+a)f(t+a)\right] = e^{as} \bar{f}(s)$$

- Multiplication by  $t^n$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t^n f(t)\right] = \left(-\frac{d}{ds}\right)^n [\bar{f}(s)] \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}\left[t f(t)\right] = -\frac{d}{ds} [\bar{f}(s)]$$

- Division by  $t$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{f(t)}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty \bar{f}(\sigma) d\sigma$$

provided that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right)$  exists and the integral converges.

- Initial/Final value theorem

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{f}(s)] \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s \bar{f}(s)]$$

**The Impulse Function / The Dirac Function**

$$1. \quad \delta(t-c) = \begin{cases} \infty & t=c \\ 0 & t \neq c \end{cases}, \quad \delta(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & t=0 \\ 0 & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$2. \quad \int_a^b \delta(t-c) dt = \begin{cases} 1 & a \leq c \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$3. \quad \int_a^b f(t) \delta(t-c) dt = \begin{cases} f(c) & a \leq c \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$4. \quad \mathcal{L}[\delta(t-c)] = e^{-cs}$$

$$5. \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t)\delta(t-c)] = f(c)e^{-cs}$$

$$6. \quad \frac{d}{dt}[H(t-c)] = \delta(t-c)$$



# VARIOUS LAPLACE TRANSFORM QUESTIONS

## Question 1

The function  $x = x(t)$  is suitably defined for  $t \geq 0$ .

a) Show from first principles that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right] = s\mathcal{L}[x(t)] - x(0).$$

b) Hence show further that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right] = s^2\mathcal{L}[x(t)] - s x(0) - \frac{dx}{dt}(0).$$

proof

$x = x(t) \quad t \geq 0$

a)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt \dots$  INTEGRATING BY PARTS

$e^{-st}$	$-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}$
$x(t)$	$\frac{dx}{dt}$

$$= \left[ x(t) e^{-st} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -\frac{1}{s} x(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 0 - x(0) + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[x(t)] - x(0)$$

b)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} e^{-st} dt \dots$  BY PARTS AGAIN

$e^{-st}$	$-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}$
$\frac{dx}{dt}$	$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$

$$= \left[ \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -\frac{1}{s} \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 0 - \frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0 + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= -\frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0 + \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right]$$

$$= -\frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0 + \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[x(t)] - x(0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} \mathcal{L}[x(t)] - \frac{1}{s} x(0) - \frac{dx}{dt}(0)$$

## Question 2

$$f(t) \equiv \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < t \leq 4 \\ 3 & t > 4 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g(t) \equiv \begin{cases} 3 & 0 < t \leq 4 \\ 0 & t > 4 \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  from first principles.
- b) Hence determine the Laplace transform of  $g(t)$ .

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{3e^{-4s}}{s}, \quad \mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \frac{3}{s}(1 - e^{-4s})$$

Handwritten solution for Question 2:

a)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < t \leq 4 \\ 3 & t > 4 \end{cases}$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_4^{\infty} 3e^{-st} dt = \left[ -\frac{3}{s}e^{-st} \right]_4^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{3}{s} \left[ e^{-st} \right]_4^{\infty} = \frac{3}{s} (e^{-s\infty} - e^{-4s}) = \frac{3e^{-4s}}{s}$$

b) Since  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{3}{s}$

$$\mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \frac{3}{s} - \frac{3e^{-4s}}{s} = \frac{3}{s}(1 - e^{-4s})$$

## Question 3

By considering a suitable differential equation with appropriate initial conditions show clearly that

$$\mathcal{L}(te^{-2t}) = \frac{1}{(s-2)^2}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

You may not use integration in this question.

proof

Handwritten solution for Question 3:

• To find the Laplace transform of  $te^{-2t}$  via a differential equation we need a related ODE in the auxiliary equation ( $\lambda = 2$ )

$$1 + (2\lambda)^2 = 0 \quad \therefore \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 0$$

$$x = Ae^{2t} + Bte^{2t}$$

• Now  $A=0, B=1$

$$x = te^{2t}$$

$$t=0, x=0, \dot{x}=1$$

•  $\dot{x} + 4x + 4x = 0$

$$s^2\dot{x} - s\dot{x} - 2 + 4(s\dot{x} - 2\dot{x}) + 4\dot{x} = 0$$

$$s^2\dot{x} - 1 + 4s\dot{x} + 4\dot{x} = 0$$

$$(s^2 + 4s + 4)\dot{x} = 1$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 4}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\dot{x}] = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 4} = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$$

## Question 4

Use the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + a^2 y = 0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

with appropriate initial conditions to show that

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

You may not use integration in this question.

proof

The handwritten proof shows the derivation of the Laplace transforms for  $\cos at$  and  $\sin at$  using the differential equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + a^2 y = 0$ .

**For  $\cos at$ :**

- Assume  $x = \cos at$ , then  $\ddot{x} + a^2 x = 0$ .
- Take the Laplace transform:  $s^2 X - a^2 X = 0$ .
- Solve for  $X$ :  $X = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$ .
- Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$ .

**For  $\sin at$ :**

- Assume  $x = \sin at$ , then  $\ddot{x} + a^2 x = 0$ .
- Take the Laplace transform:  $s^2 X - a^2 X = 0$ .
- Solve for  $X$ :  $X = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$ .
- Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$ .

## Question 5

Find each of the following Laplace transforms.

a)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right], a > 0, b > 0$

b)  $\mathcal{L}\left[(1 + te^{-t})^3\right]$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right] = \ln\left[\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right], \quad \mathcal{L}\left[(1 + te^{-t})^3\right] = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{6}{(s+2)^3} + \frac{6}{(s+3)^4}$$

a)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right] = \ln\left[\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right]$

• FIRSTLY CONSIDER THE LIMIT

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t} \right] = \frac{0}{\infty} = 0 \text{ by L'HOPITAL} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{-ae^{-at} - be^{-bt}}{1} \right] = 0 - a \text{ (if limit exists)}$$

• THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM IS

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t} \right] dt &= \int_0^\infty \int_s^\infty [-e^{-st} - e^{-bt}] ds dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b} \right] ds dt \\ &= \left[ \ln\left|\frac{s+a}{s+b}\right| - \ln\left|\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right| \right]_s^\infty \\ &= \left[ \ln\left|\frac{s+a}{s+b}\right| \right]_s^\infty \\ &= \ln\left|\frac{s+b}{s+a}\right| \end{aligned}$$

b)  $\mathcal{L}\left[(1 + te^{-t})^3\right] = \mathcal{L}\left[1 + 3te^{-t} + 3t^2e^{-2t} + t^3e^{-3t}\right]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{s} + 3 \int_0^\infty [te^{-t}] dt + 3 \int_0^\infty [t^2e^{-2t}] dt + \int_0^\infty [t^3e^{-3t}] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s} + 3 \cdot \frac{1!}{(s+1)^2} + 3 \cdot \frac{2!}{(s+2)^3} + \frac{3!}{(s+3)^4} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{6}{(s+2)^3} + \frac{6}{(s+3)^4} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 6

Invert each of the following Laplace transforms.

i.  $\bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2+1)}$

ii.  $\bar{g}(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^4}$

$$f(t) = tH(t-\pi) - \sin t H(t-\pi), \quad g(t) = \frac{1}{6}t^3 e^t$$

q)  $\bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2+1)} \leftarrow H(t-\pi)$   
 $\leftarrow$  PARTIAL FRACTIONS

• SPLIT INTO PARTIAL FRACTIONS — SPLIT FURTHER IF NECESSARY

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

$$1 = A(s)[1+s^2] + B(s)s^2$$

$$1 = A(s) + s^2[A(s) + B(s)]$$

• BY INSPECTION THIS WORKS FOR CONSTANTS  $A=1$   
 $B=-1$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{1+s^2}$$

• BY RECOGNITION GIVEN THAT

$$\mathcal{L}[H(t-c)f(t-c)] = e^{-cs}\bar{f}(s), \quad \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = (t-\pi)H(t-\pi) - \sin(t-\pi)H(t-\pi)$$

b)  $\bar{g}(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^4} \leftarrow$  MULTIPLICATION BY  $e^t$

• BY RULE 9 ADJUSTMENT

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t^3] = \frac{3!}{s^{4}} = \frac{6}{s^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{t^3}{6}\right] = \frac{1}{s^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{6}t^3 e^t\right] = \frac{1}{(s-1)^4}$$

$\therefore g(t) = \frac{1}{6}t^3 e^t$

## Question 7

Find each of the following Laplace transforms.

c)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sinh t}{t}\right]$

d)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right]$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sinh t}{t}\right] = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{s+1}{s-1} \right], \quad \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right] = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s+2}}$$

Handwritten solution for Question 7c and 7d:

a)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sinh t}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty \mathcal{L}[\sinh t] \, ds$   
 $= \int_s^\infty \frac{1}{s^2-1} \, ds$   
 $= \int_s^\infty \frac{1}{(s-1)(s+1)} \, ds$   
 $= \int_s^\infty \left( \frac{1}{2(s-1)} - \frac{1}{2(s+1)} \right) \, ds$   
 $= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{s-1}{s+1} \right| \right]_s^\infty$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln 1 - \ln \left| \frac{s-1}{s+1} \right| \right]$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s+1}{s-1} \right)$

b)  $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{t}}\right] = \dots$  CONSIDER THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$   
 $= \int_0^\infty t^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-st} \, dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \, dt$   
 $u = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow t = \left(\frac{u}{s}\right)^2$   
 $du = \frac{1}{s} \, dt$   
 $\text{LIMITS: } u=0 \text{ to } \infty$   
 $= \int_0^\infty e^{-u} \frac{u^{\frac{1}{2}}}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \, du = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{\frac{1}{2}} \, du$   
 $= \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{\frac{1}{2}-1} \, du = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}}$   
 $\therefore \mathcal{L}\left[e^{-2t} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right] = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s+2}}$

## Question 8

Find the inverse following Laplace transforms of the following functions.

i.  $\frac{2s}{s^2 + 4s + 10}$

ii.  $\frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2 + a^2}$

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

$$2e^{-2t} \left[ \cos \sqrt{6}t - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{6} \sin \sqrt{6}t \right], \quad \frac{1}{a} H(t-a) - \sin[a(t-a)], \quad t - \sin t$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{2s}{s^2 + 4s + 10} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{2s}{(s+2)^2 + 6} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{2(s+2) - 4}{(s+2)^2 + 6} \right]$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{2(s+2)}{(s+2)^2 + 6} \right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{4}{(s+2)^2 + 6} \right] = 2e^{-2t} \cos \sqrt{6}t - \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} e^{-2t} \sin \sqrt{6}t$$

$$= 2e^{-2t} \left[ \cos \sqrt{6}t - \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{6} \sin \sqrt{6}t \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ H(t-a) \frac{e^{-as}}{s^2 + a^2} \right] = e^{-at} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{H(t-a)}{s^2 + a^2} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sin at}{s^2 + a^2} \right] = \frac{1}{a} \sin t$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ H(t-a) \frac{e^{-as}}{s^2 + a^2} \right] = \frac{1}{a} H(t-a) \sin[a(t-a)]$$

By Partial Fractions
 
$$\frac{1}{s^2(1+s^2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{Cs+D}{1+s^2}$$

$$1 = A(s^2+1) + B(1+s^2) + (Cs+D)s^2$$

$$1 = As^2 + As + B + Bs^2 + Cs^3 + Ds^2$$

$$1 = Cs^3 + (A+B+D)s^2 + As + B$$

$$\therefore B=1 \quad A=0 \quad C=0 \quad A+B+D=0$$

$$0+1+D=0 \quad D=-1$$

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



## Question 9

Find the following Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sin^2 t}{t}\right].$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sin^2 t}{t}\right] = \frac{1}{4} \ln\left[\frac{s^2 + 4}{s^2}\right]$$

$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sin^2 t}{t}\right] = \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t\right]$   
 • NEED TO CHECK THE LIMIT AS  $t \rightarrow 0$   
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t\right] = 0$  BY L'HOPITAL  $= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{0 \sin 2t}{t}\right]$   
 $= 0$  (I.E THE LIMIT EXISTS)  
 • THEREFORE WE OBTAIN  
 $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\sin^2 t}{t}\right] = \int_0^\infty \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t\right] dt$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 4} ds$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln s - \ln(s^2 + 4) \right]_0^\infty$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln s^2 - \ln(s^2 + 4) \right]_0^\infty$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 4} \right]_0^\infty$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln 1 - \ln \left( \frac{0^2}{0^2 + 4} \right) \right]$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s^2 + 4}{s^2} \right)$   
 $= \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{s^2 + 4}{s^2}$

## Question 10

It is given that

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{s}\right), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Determine a simplified expression for

$$\mathcal{L}\left[e^{-t} f(3t)\right].$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[e^{-t} f(3t)\right] = \frac{1}{s+1} \exp\left(-\frac{3}{s+1}\right)$$

Handwritten solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{s} e^{-1/s} \\ \mathcal{L}[e^{-kt} f(t)] &= \tilde{F}(s+k) \\ \mathcal{L}[f(at)] &= \frac{1}{a} \tilde{F}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \quad \text{scaling} \\ \therefore \mathcal{L}[e^{-t} f(3t)] &= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{\frac{s}{3}} \times e^{-\left(\frac{s+1}{3}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{s+1} \times e^{-\frac{s+1}{3}} \\ &= \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{s+1}{3}\right)}{s+1} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 11

Find a simplified expression for

$$\mathcal{L}[\cosh^2 4t].$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cosh^2 4t] = \frac{s^2 - 32}{s(s^2 - 64)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[\cosh^2 4t] &= \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cosh 8t\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}[1 + \cosh 8t] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{e^{8t}}{s^2 - 64}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{s^2 - 64 + e^{8t}}{s(s^2 - 64)}\right] \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 32}{s(s^2 - 64)} \end{aligned}$$

$\cosh 8t = \frac{e^{8t} + e^{-8t}}{2}$   
 $\cosh^2 4t = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cosh 8t$

## Question 12

The function  $y = y(t)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + y = 1, \quad t \geq 0, \quad y(0) = 0.$$

Use the initial-final value theorem to find  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [y(t)]$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [y(t)] = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} + y &= 1 \quad y(0) = 0 \\ \text{TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM ON } t \\ \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{dy}{dt}\right] + \mathcal{L}[y] &= \mathcal{L}[1] \\ sY - y(0) + Y &= \frac{1}{s} \\ (s+1)Y &= \frac{1}{s} \\ Y &= \frac{1}{s(s+1)} \\ \text{BY THE INITIAL-VALUE THEOREM} \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [sY(s)] &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [f(t)] \\ \text{HENCE WE GET} \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [y(t)] &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [sY(s)] \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 13

The function  $y = f(t)$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+2}}.$$

Determine a simplified expression for  $f(t)$ .

$$f(t) = \frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{\pi t}}$$

Handwritten solution for the Laplace transform problem:

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

- THIS IS A LAPLACE OF A FUNCTION PRODUCING  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$  WITH THE SHIFT FACTOR  $e^{2t}$
- WE SUSPECT IT MAY BE  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[t^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right] = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  (So  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$ )
- TRY  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[t^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right] = \int_0^{\infty} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-st} dt$ 
  - Let  $u = st$
  - $t = \frac{u}{s}$
  - $dt = \frac{1}{s} du$
  - LIMITS:  $t=0 \rightarrow u=0$ ,  $t \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow u \rightarrow \infty$

Working:

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{u}{s}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u} \frac{1}{s} du$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u}}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^{\infty} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

ADJUSTING:  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{s+2}}\right] = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$

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

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{2t}}{\sqrt{s+2}}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+2}}$

## Question 14

$$\bar{h}(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}.$$

Invert the above Laplace transform by ...

- a) ... partial fractions
- b) ... the convolution theorem

$$h(t) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

Handwritten solution for Question 14 using the convolution theorem:

Given  $\bar{h}(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}$

a) By partial fractions (check so)

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

INVERTING:

$$h(t) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

b) BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM

$$\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{1}{s+1} \cdot \frac{1}{s+2} = \bar{f}(s) \bar{g}(s) \quad \text{where } \bar{f}(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\bar{g}(s) = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

THUS  $f(t) = e^{-t}$   
 $g(t) = e^{-2t}$

$$\overline{f * g} = \bar{f} \bar{g}$$

INVERTING BOTH SIDES

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{f} \bar{g}] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{f} \bar{g}]$$

$$f * g = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{f} \bar{g}]$$

THIS

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}\right] = (f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u) du$$

$$= \int_0^t e^{-(t-u)} \cdot e^{-2u} du = \int_0^t e^{-t} e^u e^{-2u} du$$

$$= e^{-t} \int_0^t e^{-u} du = e^{-t} [-e^{-u}]_0^t$$

$$= e^{-t} [-e^{-t} + 1] = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

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## Question 15

The convolution  $[f * g](t)$ , of two functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  is defined as

$$[f * g](t) = \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u) du.$$

Show that

$$\mathcal{L}\{[f * g](t)\} = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]\mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \bar{f}(s)\bar{g}(s).$$

proof

Handwritten proof of the Laplace transform of a convolution integral:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f * g)(t) &= \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u) du \\
 \mathcal{L}\{f * g\} &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} (f * g)(t) dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u) du dt \\
 &\bullet \text{ CHOOSE THE ORDER OF INTEGRATION IN THE u-t PLANE} \\
 &\text{Diagram: A triangular region in the u-t plane with vertices (0,0), (t,0), and (0,t). The region is shaded green. The horizontal axis is u and the vertical axis is t. The line u=t is labeled. The region is bounded by u=0, t=0, and u=t.} \\
 &\dots = \int_{t=0}^\infty \int_{u=0}^{t-u} e^{-st} f(t-u)g(u) du dt \\
 &= \int_{u=0}^\infty \int_{t=u}^\infty e^{-st} f(t-u)g(u) dt du \\
 &= \int_{u=0}^\infty g(u) \left[ \int_{t=u}^\infty e^{-st} f(t-u) dt \right] du \\
 &\bullet \text{ NOW USE A SUBSTITUTION IN THE 'BRACKET' INTEGRAL} \quad \begin{array}{l} v = t-u \\ dv = dt \\ t=u \rightarrow v=0 \\ t=\infty \rightarrow v=\infty \end{array} \\
 &\dots = \int_{u=0}^\infty g(u) \int_{v=0}^\infty e^{-s(u+v)} f(v) dv du \\
 &= \int_{u=0}^\infty g(u) f(u) e^{-su} du \\
 &= \left[ \int_{u=0}^\infty e^{-su} g(u) du \right] \left[ \int_{v=0}^\infty e^{-sv} f(v) dv \right] \\
 &= \mathcal{L}[g] \mathcal{L}[f]
 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 16


Use the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a^2x, \quad t \geq 0,$$

with appropriate initial conditions to show that

$$\mathcal{L}(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}.$$

You may not use integration in this question.



, proof

STARTING BY THE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a^2x$$

WITH GENERAL SOLUTION

$$x = A \cosh at + B \sinh at$$

$$\dot{x} = A a \sinh at + B a \cosh at$$

PICK INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR EACH CASE

$t=0, x=1, \dot{x}=0$ $\Rightarrow x = \cosh at$ $\Rightarrow \dot{x} = a \sinh at$	$t=0, x=0, \dot{x}=a$ $\Rightarrow x = \sinh at$ $\Rightarrow \dot{x} = a \cosh at$
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TRACING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE O.D.E

$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = a^2 x$ $\Rightarrow s^2 \bar{x} - s \dot{x} - \ddot{x} = a^2 \bar{x}$ $\Rightarrow (s^2 - a^2) \bar{x} = s \dot{x} + \ddot{x}$ $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{s \dot{x} + \ddot{x}}{s^2 - a^2}$ $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$ $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\cosh at] = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$	$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = a^2 x$ $\Rightarrow s^2 \bar{x} - s \dot{x} - \ddot{x} = a^2 \bar{x}$ $\Rightarrow (s^2 - a^2) \bar{x} = s \dot{x} + \ddot{x}$ $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{s \dot{x} + \ddot{x}}{s^2 - a^2}$ $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$ $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\sinh at] = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$
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## Question 17

The function  $y = f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , is twice differentiable.

a) Show from first principles that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}\right] = s^2 \mathcal{L}[y(t)] - s y(0) - \frac{dy}{dt}(0)$$

A second function  $g(t)$  is defined for  $t \geq 0$ .

b) Show further that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(t-u)g(u) du\right] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]\mathcal{L}[g(t)].$$

, proof

a) STARTING BY THE DEFINITION OF A LAPLACE TRANSFORM

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}\right] = \int_0^\infty \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} e^{-st} dt$$

PROCEED BY INTEGRATION BY PARTS

$$\dots = \left[\frac{dy}{dt} e^{-st}\right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \frac{dy}{dt} (-s) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 0 - \frac{dy}{dt}(0) + s \int_0^\infty y e^{-st} dt$$

INTEGRATION BY PARTS AGAIN

$$= -\frac{dy}{dt}(0) + s \left[ y e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty y (-s) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= -\frac{dy}{dt}(0) + s \left[ 0 - y(0) + s \int_0^\infty y e^{-st} dt \right]$$

$$= -\frac{dy}{dt}(0) - s y(0) + s^2 \int_0^\infty y e^{-st} dt$$

$$= -\frac{dy}{dt}(0) - s y(0) + s^2 \mathcal{L}[y]$$

$$= s^2 \mathcal{L}[y] - s y(0) - \frac{dy}{dt}(0)$$

Q.E.D.

b) AGAIN STARTING BY THE DEFINITION

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(t-u)g(u) du\right] = \int_0^\infty \left[\int_0^t f(t-u)g(u) du\right] e^{-st} dt$$

REWRITING THE ORDER OF INTEGRATION

$$= \int_0^\infty \int_u^\infty f(t-u)g(u) e^{-st} dt du$$

$$= \int_0^\infty g(u) \left[ \int_u^\infty f(t-u) e^{-st} dt \right] du$$

USING A SUBSTITUTION IN THE INNER INTEGRAL

$v = t - u \iff t = u + v$   
 $dv = dt$  (u is constant in this integral)  
 $t = u \implies v = 0$   
 $t = \infty \implies v = \infty$

$$= \int_0^\infty g(u) \left[ \int_0^\infty f(v) e^{-s(u+v)} dv \right] du$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-su} g(u) e^{-sv} f(v) dv du$$

$$= \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-su} g(u) du \right] \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-sv} f(v) dv \right]$$

$$= \mathcal{L}[g] \mathcal{L}[f]$$



## Question 18

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s), \quad t \geq 0.$$

a) Show clearly that

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at} f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s-a).$$

b) Find in its simplest form

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{2t} \cos 2t \sin 2t].$$

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$s^2 - 4s + 20$

Handwritten solution for Question 18b:

1) BY DEFINITION  
 $\bar{f}(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$

2)  $\mathcal{L}[e^{at} f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} [e^{at} f(t)] dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt$   
 $\therefore \dots$  COMPARE WITH INITIAL DEFINITION  $\dots \therefore \bar{f}(s-a)$

4)  $\mathcal{L}[\cos 2t \sin 2t] = \mathcal{L}[\frac{1}{2}(\sin 4t)] = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}[\sin 4t] = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{s^2 + 16}$   
 $\therefore \mathcal{L}[e^{2t} \cos 2t \sin 2t] = \frac{2}{(s-2)^2 + 16} = \frac{2}{s^2 - 4s + 20}$

**Question 19**

Use the definition of a Laplace transform to show that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(u) \, du\right] = \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[f(u)], \quad t \geq 0.$$

proof

Handwritten proof of the Laplace transform property for the integral of a function. The proof starts with the definition of the Laplace transform of the integral of a function, then uses the definition of the Laplace transform of a function, and finally uses the integration by parts formula to derive the result. A small diagram shows a shaded triangular region in the first quadrant, representing the integral of a function from 0 to t.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(u) \, du\right] &= \int_0^\infty \left[\int_0^t f(u) \, du\right] e^{-st} \, dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^t e^{-st} f(u) \, du \, dt = \dots \text{CHANGE THE INTEGRATION ORDER} \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_u^\infty e^{-st} f(u) \, dt \, du \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left[-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} f(u)\right]_{t=u}^\infty \, du \\ &= \int_0^\infty 0 - \left[-\frac{1}{s} e^{-su} f(u)\right] \, du \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{s} e^{-su} f(u) \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-su} f(u) \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[f(u)] \end{aligned}$$

**Question 20**

Determine a simplified expression for

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t e^{2t} \cos 3t\right].$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t e^{2t} \cos 3t\right] = \frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2}$$

Handwritten solution for Question 20. It starts by finding the Laplace transform of  $\cos 3t$ , then uses the first shift theorem to find the Laplace transform of  $e^{2t} \cos 3t$ . Finally, it uses the differentiation property of the Laplace transform to find the Laplace transform of  $t e^{2t} \cos 3t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[\cos 3t] &= \frac{s}{s^2 + 9} \\ \text{NEXT FIND THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF } e^{2t} \cos 3t \text{ USING THE FIRST SHIFT THEOREM} \\ \mathcal{L}[e^{at} f(t)] &= \mathcal{F}(s-a) \\ \text{WITH } \mathcal{F}(s) &= \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[e^{2t} \cos 3t] &= \frac{s-2}{(s-2)^2 + 9} = \frac{s-2}{s^2 - 4s + 13} \\ \text{FINALLY FIND THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF } t e^{2t} \cos 3t \text{ USING THE FIRST SHIFT THEOREM} \\ \mathcal{L}[t f(t)] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{F}(s) \text{ WHERE } \mathcal{F}(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t e^{2t} \cos 3t] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{s-2}{s^2 - 4s + 13} \right] \\ &= -\frac{(s^2 - 4s + 13) \cdot 1 - (s-2)(2s-4)}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \\ &= -\frac{s^2 - 4s + 13 - (2s^2 - 8s + 8)}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \\ &= -\frac{-s^2 + 4s + 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 21

Find the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right].$$

$$\boxed{\phantom{0}}, \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] = \frac{2}{t}(1-\cos t)$$

LOOKING AT  $\int_0^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] ds$  WE SUSPECT THAT THIS IS THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $f(t)$  FOR SOME  $f(t)$

$\int_0^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] ds = \int_0^\infty f(s) ds = f(s)$

WE HAVE  $g(s) = \ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)$

$\frac{d}{ds} \left(\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right) = \frac{d}{ds} \left(\ln\left(1+s^{-2}\right)\right) = \frac{1}{1+s^{-2}} \left(-2s^{-3}\right)$

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

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

WE RECOGNISE THIS AS A COMBINATION OF PARTS

$2\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{s(s^2+1)} ds = 2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \pi$

2  $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{s} ds = 2\ln s$

HENCE WE HAVE NOTING THE COEFFICIENT OF THE ARGUMENT OF THE LOGARITHM

$\int_0^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] ds = \frac{2(1-\cos t)}{t}$

DOING CHECK

$\int_0^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] ds = \int_0^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] ds = \int_0^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] ds = \int_0^\infty \left[\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right] ds$

$= \left[\ln s - \ln(s^2+1)\right]_0^\infty = \left[\ln s - \ln(s^2+1)\right]_0^\infty = \left[\ln s - \ln(s^2+1)\right]_0^\infty$

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

## Question 22

Find the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{12}{s^3+8}\right].$$

 ,

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{12}{s^3+8}\right] = e^{-2t} + 2e^t \left[ \sqrt{3} \sin(\sqrt{3}t) - \cos(\sqrt{3}t) \right] = e^{-2t} + 2e^t \sin\left(\sqrt{3}t - \frac{1}{6}\pi\right)$$

SIMILAR BE SECOND ORDER FUNCTIONS USING THE SUM OF SQUARES IDENTITY  

$$\frac{12}{s^3+8} = \frac{12}{s^3+2^3} = \frac{12}{(s+2)(s^2-2s+4)} = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2-2s+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(s^2-2s+4) + (s+2)(Bs+C) = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow As^2 - 2As + 4A + Bs^2 + 2Bs + Cs + 2Bs + 2C = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+B)s^2 + (-2A+2B+C)s + (4A+2C) = 12$$

- If  $s^2 = 0$   $A+B=0$   $A(4+4)=12$   $(4+4)A=12$   $8A=12$   $A=\frac{3}{2}$
- $A+B=0 \Rightarrow B=-\frac{3}{2}$
- $4A+2C=12$   $4 \times \frac{3}{2} + 2C = 12$   $6 + 2C = 12$   $2C = 6$   $C = 3$

OR (THIS METHOD WORKS BY INSPECTION)  

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{12}{s^3+8}\right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{3}{s+2} + \frac{-\frac{3}{2}s+3}{s^2-2s+4}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{3}{s+2}\right] + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{-\frac{3}{2}s+3}{s^2-2s+4}\right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{3}{s+2}\right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{3}{2}s-3}{s^2-2s+4}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{3}{s+2}\right] = \frac{3}{e^{-2t}} = 3e^{-2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{3}{2}s-3}{s^2-2s+4}\right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{3}{2}(s-2)+3}{(s-1)^2+3}\right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{3}{2}(s-1)-\frac{3}{2}+3}{(s-1)^2+3}\right]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{3}{s^2+8}\right] = 3e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2}\cos(\sqrt{3}t) + \sqrt{3}e^{-2t}\sin(\sqrt{3}t)$$

OR BY T-TWO DIFFERENTIATION ...  $= e^{-2t} + 2e^t [\cos(\sqrt{3}t) - \cos(\sqrt{3}t)] = e^{-2t} + 2e^t \sin(\sqrt{3}t - \frac{1}{6}\pi)$

## Question 23

Find and verify the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2 + 4)^2} \right]$$

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

$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \times \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right]$

● BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[f * g] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[f(s)] \mathcal{L}^{-1}[g(s)]$$

$$f * g = \int_0^t \mathcal{L}^{-1}[f(s)] \mathcal{L}^{-1}[g(s)] d\tau$$

$\downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow$   
 $f(\tau) = \cos 2\tau \quad g(\tau) = \cos 2\tau$

● THIS WE OBTAIN

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \int_0^t \cos 2\tau \cos 2(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \int_0^t \cos 2\tau \cos(2t-2\tau) d\tau$$

● WE NEED TO MANIPULATE THE TRIGONOMETRIC INTEGRAND

$$\cos[2\tau + (2t-2\tau)] = \cos 2\tau \cos(2t-2\tau) - \sin 2\tau \sin(2t-2\tau)$$

$$\cos[2\tau - (2t-2\tau)] = \cos 2\tau \cos(2t-2\tau) + \sin 2\tau \sin(2t-2\tau)$$

ADDING

$$\cos 2\tau \cos(2t-2\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4t-2\tau)$$

● RETURNING TO THE INTEGRATION

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4t-2\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] = \left[ \frac{1}{2} \tau \cos 2t + \frac{1}{8} \sin(4t-2\tau) \right]_{\tau=0}^{\tau=t}$$

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

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

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

●  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} t \cos 2t + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2t \right]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right] \right] + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2s}{s^2+4}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{s^2}{s^2+4} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(2s)(s^2+4) - s^2(2s)}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{4 - s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{s^2 - 4}{(s^2+4)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{s^2 + 4}{(s^2+4)^2} \right]$$

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

$$= \frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2}$$

which verifies the original

## Question 24

Use the definition of a Laplace transform to show that if  $x = f(t)$  then

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t^2 \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}\right] = x_0 - \frac{d}{ds}\left[s^2 \mathcal{L}(x)\right], \text{ where } x_0 = f(0).$$

proof

● FIRSTLY THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $t f(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[t f(t)] &= \int_0^\infty t f(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty f(t) \times \frac{d}{ds}(e^{-st}) dt \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt = -\frac{d}{ds}[\mathcal{L}(f)] \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds}[\mathcal{L}(f)] \end{aligned}$$

● NEXT THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF A SECOND DIFFERENTIAL

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}\right] &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} e^{-st} dt \quad \dots \text{ BY PARTS} \\ &= \left[\frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st}\right]_0^\infty + s \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline e^{-st} & -s e^{-st} \\ \hline \frac{dx}{dt} & \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ &= -\frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0^\infty + s \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{dt} e^{-st} dt \quad \dots \text{ BY PARTS AGAIN} \\ &= -\frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0^\infty + s \left[ x e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty + s \int_0^\infty x e^{-st} dt \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline e^{-st} & -s e^{-st} \\ \hline x & \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ &= -\frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0^\infty + s \left[ x e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty + s \mathcal{L}(x) \\ &= s \mathcal{L}(x) - \cancel{s x_0} - \frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0^\infty \end{aligned}$$

● COMBINING THE TWO RESULTS WE OBTAIN

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left[t \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}\right] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}\right] \right] = -\frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \mathcal{L}(x) - \cancel{s x_0} - \frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0^\infty] \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \mathcal{L}(x)] + \frac{d}{ds} [s x_0] + \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{dx}{dt}\bigg|_0^\infty \right] \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \mathcal{L}(x)] \end{aligned}$$

## Question 25

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- a) Show from the above definition that if  $a$  is a non zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right).$$

- b) Deduce that if  $k$  is a non zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\bar{f}(ks)\right] = \frac{1}{k} f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right).$$

proof

a) STARTING FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

$$\mathcal{L}[f(at)] \equiv \int_0^{\infty} f(at) e^{-st} dt, \quad t \geq 0$$

BY SUBSTITUTION NOTE

$$\begin{aligned} u &= at \\ t &= \frac{u}{a} \\ dt &= \frac{1}{a} du \end{aligned}$$

LIMITS ENHANCED

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(at)] &= \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-\frac{s}{a}u} \frac{1}{a} du \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(at)] &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-\frac{s}{a}u} du \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(at)] &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-\frac{s}{a}u} du \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(at)] &= \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

—SINCE  $\bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-su} du$

b) NOW TAKE PART (a) & LET  $k = \frac{1}{a}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\left[f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right)\right] &= k \bar{f}(ks) \\ \Rightarrow \bar{f}(ks) &= \frac{1}{k} \mathcal{L}\left[f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right)\right] \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\bar{f}(ks)\right] &= \frac{1}{k} f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

## Question 26

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s), \quad t \geq 0.$$

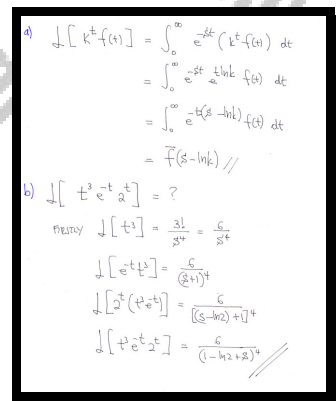
a) Show clearly that

$$\mathcal{L}[k^t f(t)] \equiv \bar{f}(s - \ln k), \quad k > 0.$$

b) Find in its simplest form

$$\mathcal{L}[t^3 e^{-t} 2^t].$$

$$\mathcal{L}[t^3 e^{-t} 2^t] = \frac{6}{(s+1-\ln 2)^4}$$



Handwritten solution for Question 26:

a)  $\mathcal{L}[k^t f(t)] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} (k^t f(t)) dt$   
 $= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} k^t \ln k f(t) dt$   
 $= \int_0^\infty e^{-t(s - \ln k)} f(t) dt$   
 $= \bar{f}(s - \ln k) //$

b)  $\mathcal{L}[t^3 e^{-t} 2^t] = ?$   
 Firstly  $\mathcal{L}[t^3] = \frac{3!}{s^4} = \frac{6}{s^4}$   
 $\mathcal{L}[e^{-t}] = \frac{6}{(s+1)^4}$   
 $\mathcal{L}[2^t (t^3 e^{-t})] = \frac{6}{(s - \ln 2 + 1)^4}$   
 $\mathcal{L}[t^3 e^{-t} 2^t] = \frac{6}{(s - \ln 2 + 1)^4} //$



## Question 27

Find the following inverse Laplace transform

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

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

METHOD 1

● USE THE RESULT  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{f(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t f(u) du$

● USE THE RESULT

$\mathcal{L}(1) = \frac{1}{s} \Rightarrow f(s) = 1$

$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = \int_0^t \sin u du$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = \int_0^t \sin u du$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = -\cos u \Big|_0^t$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = -\cos t + 1$

$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = \int_0^t (1 - \cos u) du$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = \left[u - \sin u\right]_0^t$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = t - \sin t$

$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = \int_0^t u - \sin u du$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = \left[\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \cos u\right]_0^t$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \cos t - 1$

METHOD 2 BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[f \star g] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[f(s)g(s)]$

$f \star g = \int_0^t f(u)g(t-u) du$

$\frac{1}{s^3} \star \frac{1}{s^2+1} = \int_0^t \frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1} du$

THIS IS CORRECT

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = \int_0^t \frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1} du$

$= \int_0^t \frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1} du = \int_0^t \frac{1}{s^3} \times \frac{1}{s^2+1} du$

$= 0 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \int_0^t (u-t) \cos u du$

BY PARTIALS

$\frac{u-t}{\cos u} = \frac{u-t}{\cos u}$

$= \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \left[(u-t) \sin u\right]_0^t - \int_0^t \sin u du$

$= \frac{1}{2}t^2 + 0 + \left[\cos u\right]_0^t$

$= \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \cos t - 1$

## Question 28

Find the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right].$$

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

METHOD A - BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM

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

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

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

APPLYING THE THEOREM

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t u e^{-u} \times (t-u) du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t (ut - u^2) e^{-u} du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \left[ \frac{1}{2} u^2 t e^{-u} - \frac{1}{2} u^2 e^{-u} - \frac{1}{2} u t e^{-u} + \frac{1}{2} t e^{-u} \right]_0^t$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = (0 - 0) + \left[ \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} t e^{-t} \right]$$

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

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

METHOD B

USING THE RESIDUE

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t f(u) du$$

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

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t u e^{-u} du$$

BY PARTS

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \left[ -u e^{-u} \right]_0^t + \int_0^t e^{-u} du$$

$$= -t e^{-t} - 0 + \left[ -e^{-u} \right]_0^t$$

$$= -t e^{-t} - e^{-t} + 1$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \int_0^t 1 - e^{-u} - u e^{-u} du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \left[ u - e^{-u} \right]_0^t - \int_0^t u e^{-u} du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}\right] = \left[ u + e^{-u} \right]_0^t - \left( -t e^{-t} - e^{-t} + 1 \right)$$

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

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

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

It is given that

It is given that

$$\mathcal{L}[t f(t)] = \frac{1}{s^3 + s}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Determine a simplified expression for

$$\mathcal{L}\left[e^{-t} f(2t)\right].$$

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}}, \quad \mathcal{L}\left[e^{-t} f(2t)\right] = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{s^2 + 2s + 5}}{s + 1}\right)$$

START BY FINDING THE S.O.E.

$$\boxed{\int \frac{1}{x} g\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{1}{g(a)} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x} f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) dx = \frac{1}{a^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{a^2} f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow -f(x) = \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

PROCEED BY INTEGRAL RELATIONS - C/S/D TO GUESS BY INSPECTION

$$\Rightarrow -f(x) = \int \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \int \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) - \frac{1}{x} + C \quad \text{NOT POSSIBLE}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{2} [\ln(x^2 + 1) - 2 \ln x]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2} \right)$$

THERE IS NO NEED TO FIND THE  $f(x)$  - PROCEED AS FOLLOWS

$$\boxed{\int \frac{1}{x} g\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) dx = \frac{1}{a} \frac{1}{g(a)} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \int f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \ln[f(x)] = \frac{1}{x} \ln\left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^2}\right)$$

FINALLY WE CAN APPLY LOGSHEET RULE

$$\ln\left[\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}}}{g(x)}\right] = \ln(g(x))$$

$$\rightarrow \ln\left[e^{-\frac{1}{x}}(x)\right] = \frac{1}{x} \ln\left[\frac{(x^2+1)x}{x^2}\right]$$

$$\rightarrow \ln\left[e^{-\frac{1}{x}}(x)\right] = \frac{1}{x} \ln\left[\frac{x^2+x}{x^2}\right]$$

$$\rightarrow \ln\left[e^{-\frac{1}{x}}(x)\right] = \frac{1}{x} \ln\left[\frac{\sqrt{x^2+x^2+1}}{x}\right] \quad \frac{0/0}{\frac{0}{0}}$$

## Question 30

Use an appropriate method to show that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+a}}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{at}),$$

where  $a$  is a positive constant.

proof

• THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM  $\frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+a}}$  IS NOT RECOGNISABLE, AND WE CANNOT SIMPLY SOLVE IT INTO SIMPLE FRACTIONS.

• BY THE CONVOLUTION THEOREM  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[f \cdot g] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[f] * \mathcal{L}^{-1}[g]$

• THIS  $f(s) = \frac{1}{(s+a)^{1/2}}$  IS A SHIFT OF  $\frac{1}{s^{1/2}}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[t^{-1/2}\right] = \frac{(s^{-1/2})!}{s^{-1/2+1}} = \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{s^{1/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{1/2}}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{s+a}}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{s+a}} e^{-at}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+a}}$$

$$\therefore f(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+a}}$$

$$g(s) = 1$$

• SO INVERTING BY THE CONVOLUTION

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+a}}\right] = \int_0^t f(u) g(t-u) du$$

$$= \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{s+a}} e^{-au} \times 1 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \int_0^t \frac{1}{u/a + 1} e^{-au} du$$

• BY SUBSTITUTION

LET  $v = a u + 1 \Rightarrow u = \frac{v-1}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = \frac{dv}{a}$

$$\frac{dv}{du} = \frac{1}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = \frac{dv}{du}$$

$$du = \frac{dv}{a}$$

$$du = d\left(\frac{v-1}{a}\right) = \frac{1}{a} \frac{dv}{a} \Rightarrow dv = \frac{dv}{a}$$

LIMITS  $u=0 \Rightarrow v=1$   
 $u=t \Rightarrow v=at+1 = \sqrt{at}$

$$= \dots \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \int_1^{\sqrt{at}+1} \frac{1}{v} e^{-v^2/a} dv$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{a}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \int_1^{\sqrt{at}+1} e^{-v^2} dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{a}} \int_1^{\sqrt{at}+1} e^{-v^2} dv \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{at})$$

## Question 31

Use an appropriate method to show that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du\right] = \frac{1}{s} \ln\left(s + \frac{1}{s}\right).$$

proof

$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du\right] = \frac{1}{s} \ln\left(s + \frac{1}{s}\right)$

- STEP 1: DEFINING AN INTEGRAL FUNCTION

$$f(t) = \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du$$

- DIFFERENTIATING W.R.T  $t$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{1-e^{-t}}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow t f'(t) = 1-e^{-t}$$

- TAKING THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE ABOVE EQUATION

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t f(t)] = \mathcal{L}[1-e^{-t}]$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \right] = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \right] = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \right] = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \ln(s+1) - \ln(s) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \ln\left(\frac{s+1}{s}\right) + C$$

$\therefore \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \ln\left(\frac{s+1}{s}\right) + C, \text{ (SINCE } \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du\right]$

- TO EVALUATE THE CONSTANT  $C$  WE USE THE INITIAL/FINAL VALUE THEOREM

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [\mathcal{L}[f(t)]] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [f(t)]$$

HENCE  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [\mathcal{L}[f(t)]] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{s+1}{s}\right) + C \right] = \ln(1) + C = C$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [f(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du \right] = 0$$

$\therefore C=0$

- 4) SINCE WE FINALLY OBTAIN

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \ln\left(\frac{s+1}{s}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t \frac{1-e^{-u}}{u} du\right] = \frac{1}{s} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)$$

NO REQUIRED

## Question 32

Use an appropriate method to show that

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\operatorname{erf}\left(\sqrt{t}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+1}}.$$

proof

$\mathcal{L}\left[\operatorname{erf}\left(\sqrt{t}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+1}}$

- EXPAND THE ERROR FUNCTION AS A SERIES, BEFORE TAKING ITS TRANSFORM  

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\left[\operatorname{erf}\left(\sqrt{t}\right)\right] = \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\sqrt{t}} e^{-u^2} du\right]$$

$$\dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^{\sqrt{t}} \left(1 - u^2 + \frac{u^4}{2!} - \frac{u^6}{3!} + \frac{u^8}{4!} - \dots\right) du\right]$$

$$\dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^{\sqrt{t}} \left(u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 + \frac{1}{5 \times 2!}u^5 - \frac{1}{7 \times 3!}u^7 + \frac{1}{9 \times 4!}u^9 - \dots\right) du\right]$$

$$\dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \mathcal{L}\left[\left(\frac{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{3 \times 1}{2}} - \frac{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{5 \times 2!}{2}} + \frac{t^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\frac{7 \times 3!}{2}} - \frac{t^{\frac{7}{2}}}{\frac{9 \times 4!}{2}} + \dots\right)\right]$$
- NOW TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM FROM THEM USING THE STANDARD RESULT  

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t^{\frac{n}{2}}\right] = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)}{s^{\frac{n}{2} + 1}} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}{s^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}$$

$$\dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[ \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)}{s^{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{2}{2!}}} + \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)}{s^{\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{2}{3!}}} - \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)}{s^{\frac{9}{2} \times \frac{2}{4!}}} + \dots \right]$$
- USING THE GAMMA RECURRENCE FORMULA AND THE FACT THAT  $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$   

$$\dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{2}{2!}}} + \frac{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{2}{3!}}} - \frac{\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}}{s^{\frac{9}{2} \times \frac{2}{4!}}} + \dots \right]$$

$$\dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[ \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}}{s^{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{2}{2!}}} + \frac{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}}{s^{\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{2}{3!}}} - \frac{\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}}{s^{\frac{9}{2} \times \frac{2}{4!}}} + \dots \right]$$

$$\dots = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{1!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) + \frac{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^2 - \frac{\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^3 + \frac{\frac{9}{2} \times \frac{7}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{4!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^4 - \dots \right]$$

TRY OF THE SAME GEOMETRIC TERM BY CANCELLING

$$\dots = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{1!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) + \frac{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^2 - \frac{\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^3 + \frac{\frac{9}{2} \times \frac{7}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{4!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^4 - \dots \right]$$

REWRITE AS A BINOMIAL BY INTRODUCING MINUSES TO GET THE USUAL SEQUENCE

$$\dots = \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left[ 1 + \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{1!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) + \frac{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^3 + \frac{\frac{9}{2} \times \frac{7}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}}{4!} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^4 + \dots \right]$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{s\sqrt{s+1}}$$

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## Question 33

$$g(t) \equiv \int_0^t f(x) \, dx, \quad t \geq 0.$$

a) Show clearly that

$$\mathcal{L}(g(t)) = \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s},$$

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

b) Verify the validity of the result of part (a) by using  $f(x) = \sin x$  and finding  $\mathcal{L}(g(t))$  by its integral definition.

c) Use the result of part (a) to determine

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx\right].$$

$$\frac{1}{s} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$$

$g(s) = \int_0^\infty f(x) \, dx \quad g(s) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx = 0$   
 Taking Laplace transform on both sides of the differential equation in  $t$   
 $\therefore \frac{d}{dt}g(t) = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx \right]$   
 $g(s) = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx \right]$   
 $\downarrow \mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx \right]$   
 $\frac{1}{s} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx \right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$   
 $\frac{1}{s} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx \right] = \frac{\pi}{2s}$   
 $\therefore \mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx\right] = \frac{\pi}{2s}$

$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx\right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right]$   
 $\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx\right] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx \right] dt$   
 $= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \left[ -\cos x \right]_0^\infty dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} [-\cos x + 1] dt$   
 $= \int_0^\infty (1 - \cos x) e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s^2+1} = \frac{s^2-1}{s^2(s^2+1)}$   
 $= \frac{1}{s^2(s^2+1)}$

$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx\right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right]$   
 $\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx\right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right]$   
 $\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx\right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right]$

Check part (a)  
 $\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx\right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right]$

## Question 34

The function  $y = y(t)$  is infinitely differentiable and defined for  $t \geq 0$ .

Show that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{y}(s)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [y(t)],$$

where  $\bar{y}(s) = \mathcal{L}[y(t)]$

proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{y}(s)] &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} y(t) dt \right] \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} y(t) dt \right] \\
 &\text{By substitution } t = \frac{x}{s} \Rightarrow x = st \\
 &\quad dt = \frac{dx}{s} \\
 &\quad \text{Limits change to } 0 \text{ to } \infty \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) \frac{dx}{s} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) dx \right] \\
 &\text{Expand } y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) \text{ as a Taylor series about } x=0 \\
 &\quad y\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) = y(0) + y'(0)\frac{x}{s} + \frac{y''(0)}{2!}\left(\frac{x}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{y'''(0)}{3!}\left(\frac{x}{s}\right)^3 + \dots \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \left( y(0) + \frac{y'(0)}{s}x + \frac{y''(0)}{2!}\left(\frac{x}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{y'''(0)}{3!}\left(\frac{x}{s}\right)^3 + \dots \right) dx \right] \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} y(0) dx = y(0) \left[ -e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty} = y(0) \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{y}(s)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [y(t)] \quad \text{Assuming } y \text{ is continuous at } \infty
 \end{aligned}$$



## Question 35

The Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , is denoted by  $\bar{f}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ .

Show that the inverse Laplace transform of  $\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right) = \int_0^t f(u) \, du.$$

proof

Handwritten proof showing the steps to derive the inverse Laplace transform of  $\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}$ :

- Let  $g(s) = \int_0^t f(u) \, du$
- Differentiate w.r.t  $t$ 
  - $\rightarrow g'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t f(u) \, du$
  - $\rightarrow g'(t) = f(t)$
- Taking the Laplace Transform of this equation
  - $\rightarrow \mathcal{L}[g'(t)] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$
  - $\rightarrow s\bar{g}(s) - g(0) = \bar{f}(s)$  (Note:  $g(0) = \int_0^0 f(u) \, du = 0$ )
  - $\rightarrow \bar{g}(s) = \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}$
  - $\rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{g}(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right]$
  - $\rightarrow g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right]$
  - $\rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t f(u) \, du$

## Question 36

$$t \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} + ty, \quad t > 0.$$

The function  $y = J_0(t)$  is a solution of the above differential equation.

It is further given that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [J_0(t)] = 1$ .

By taking the Laplace transform of the above differential equation, show that

$$\mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}.$$

proof

● TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE O.D.E

$$t \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} + ty = 0$$

using solution  $y(t) = J_0(t)$  such that  $J_0(0) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \bar{y} - s y_0 - \dot{y}_0] + [s \bar{y} - y_0] - \frac{d}{ds} (s \bar{y}) = 0$$

● IT IS IRRELEVANT WHAT  $\dot{y}_0$  IS, AS IT VANISHES ON DIFFERENTIATION  
ALSO  $y_0 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \bar{y} - s - \dot{y}_0] + [s \bar{y} - 1] - \frac{d}{ds} (s \bar{y}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -[2s \bar{y} + s^2 \frac{d\bar{y}}{ds} - 1 + 0] + s \bar{y} - 1 - \frac{d}{ds} (s \bar{y}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2s \bar{y} - s^2 \frac{d\bar{y}}{ds} + 1 + s \bar{y} - 1 - \frac{d}{ds} (s \bar{y}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -s \bar{y} = (s^2 + 1) \frac{d\bar{y}}{ds}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\bar{y}}{ds} = -\frac{s \bar{y}}{s^2 + 1}$$

● SOLVE THE ODE BY SEPARATING VARIABLES

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\bar{y}} d\bar{y} = -\frac{s}{s^2 + 1} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \bar{y} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(s^2 + 1) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \bar{y} = \ln \left( \frac{A}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{y} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}$$

● NOW WE USE THESE RESULTS TO EVALUATE THE UNKNOWN A

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (s f(s))$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} (s f(s))$$

HERE WE OBSERVE

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s \bar{y}] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [y(0)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [J_0(0)] = 1$$

THUS

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{A s}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}} \right] = 1 \quad \therefore A = 1$$

● RETURNING TO THE PROBLEM

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}$$

## Question 37

By forming and taking the Laplace transform of a suitable second order differential equation, show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\sin \sqrt{t}] = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}}{2s^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

proof

• Let  $f(t) = y = \sin \sqrt{t} = \sin(t^{\frac{1}{2}})$   
 $f'(t) = \dot{y} = \frac{1}{2} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cos \sqrt{t} = \frac{1}{2} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cos(t^{\frac{1}{2}})$   
 $f''(t) = \ddot{y} = -\frac{1}{4} t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cos \sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{4} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sin(t^{\frac{1}{2}}) \times t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  TRY TO FIND AN O.D.E  
 $\quad \quad \quad = -\frac{1}{4} t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cos \sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{4} t^{-1} \sin(t^{\frac{1}{2}})$   
 $4\ddot{y} = -t^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \sqrt{t} - \sin \sqrt{t}$   
 $\quad \quad \quad y = \sin \sqrt{t}$   
 $4\ddot{y} + 2\dot{y} + y = 0$   
 APM SECTION  $y = \sin \sqrt{t}$  SUBJECT TO  $t=0 \quad y=0$   
 $\dot{y}=0$

TAKING LAPLACE TRANSFORMS  
 $\Rightarrow -4 \frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \bar{y} - s \dot{y}_0 - \dot{y}_0] + 2 [s \bar{y} - y_0] + \bar{y} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -4 \frac{d}{ds} [s^2 \bar{y} - 0 - 0] + 2 [s \bar{y} - 0] + \bar{y} = 0$   $\left( \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{y}{s} \right) \right) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -4 [2s \bar{y} + \frac{d\bar{y}}{ds}] + 2s \bar{y} + \bar{y} = 0$  CONSTANT  
 $\Rightarrow -8s \bar{y} - 4 \frac{d\bar{y}}{ds} + 2s \bar{y} + \bar{y} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (-6s) \bar{y} = 4 \frac{d\bar{y}}{ds}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4s} \frac{d\bar{y}}{\bar{y}} = \frac{1}{s} ds$   
 $\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{4} \ln \bar{y} \right] = \left[ \frac{1}{s} \right] ds$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \ln \bar{y} = \ln s + C$

$\Rightarrow \bar{y} = e^{\frac{1}{4} \ln \bar{y} + C} = e^{\frac{1}{4} \ln \bar{y}} \cdot e^C = \bar{y}^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot e^C$   
 $\Rightarrow \bar{y} = \frac{e^C}{\bar{y}^{\frac{3}{4}}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \bar{y}^{\frac{7}{4}} = e^C$   
 $\Rightarrow \bar{y} = \frac{e^C}{\bar{y}^{\frac{3}{4}}}$   
 NOW  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{f}(s)]$   
 So  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{y}] = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s \bar{y}] = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{s \bar{y}}{s^2} \right] = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\bar{y}}{s} \right] = 0$   
 HENCE  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [\bar{y}] = 0$

TRY SMALL  $t$  ( $t \rightarrow 0$ )  
 $\sin \sqrt{t} \rightarrow \sqrt{t} = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\mathcal{L}[t^{\frac{1}{2}}] = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^{\frac{3}{2}}}$   
 AS  $s \rightarrow \infty \quad \bar{y} \approx \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}}$   $\therefore A = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$   
 $\therefore \mathcal{L}[\sin \sqrt{t}] = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{4s}}}{2s^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

## Question 38

The Sine integral function  $\text{Si}(t)$  is defined as

$$\text{Si}(t) \equiv \int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\text{Si}(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{s}\right).$$

proof

$\text{Si}(t) \equiv \int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du, \quad t \geq 0$

- For convenience let  $f(t) = \text{Si}(t)$   
Note that  $f(0) = \text{Si}(0) = 0$
- Integrate the definition w.r.t  $t$   

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{\sin t}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow t f'(t) = \sin t$$
- Now taking the Laplace transform of the above equation and noting the results  

$$\mathcal{L}[t g(t)] = -\frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[g(t)]]$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d}{dt} g(t)\right] = s \mathcal{L}[g(t)] - g(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[t f'(t)] = -\frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[f'(t)]]$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[f'(t)]] = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{ds} [s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] - f(0)] = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow -s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int \frac{1}{s^2+1} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow -s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \arctan s + C$$

$\Rightarrow s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = C - \arctan s$   
where  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt$

- To find the constant, we use  

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [C - \arctan s] = C - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [f(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\sin t}{t} \right] = 0$$

$$\therefore C - \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$C = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
- Finally we obtain  

$$\Rightarrow s \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan s$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\text{Si}(t)] = \mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t \frac{\sin u}{u} du\right] = \frac{1}{s} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$$

### Question 39

Find the following inverse Laplace transform by 3 different methods.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right], \quad a>0.$$

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

[illegible]

## Question 40

The Cosine integral function  $\text{Ci}(t)$  is defined as

$$\text{Ci}(t) \equiv \int_t^{\infty} \frac{\cos u}{u} du, \quad t > 0.$$

Show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\text{Ci}(t)] = \frac{\ln(s^2 + 1)}{2s}.$$

proof

$\text{Ci}(t) = \int_t^{\infty} \frac{\cos u}{u} du, \quad t > 0$

- FOR SIMPLICITY OF NOTATION, LET  $f(s) = \text{Ci}(s)$   
(NOTE THAT  $f(0) = 0$ )
- DIFFERENTIATE THE COSINE INTEGRAL DEFINITION W.R.T  $t$   
 $\Rightarrow f(t) = \int_t^{\infty} \frac{\cos u}{u} du$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_t^{\infty} \frac{\cos u}{u} du$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(t) = -\frac{\cos t}{t}$   
 $\Rightarrow -t f'(t) = \cos t$
- NEXT WE TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM, USING THE RESULTS  
 $\mathcal{L}[t f(s)] = -\frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[f(s)]]$   
 $\mathcal{L}[f(s)] = \frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[t f(s)]]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} [\mathcal{L}[f(s)]] = \mathcal{L}[\cos t]$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} [s f(s) - f(0)] = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} [s f(s)] - \frac{d}{ds} f(0) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$   
 $\Rightarrow s f'(s) = \int \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 1} ds$   
 $\Rightarrow s f(s) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(s^2 + 1) + \text{constant}$

TO FIND THE CONSTANT WE USE THE INITIAL VALUE THEOREM

$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s f(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} f(s)$

SO  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s f(s)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [\frac{1}{2} \ln(s^2 + 1) + C] = C$   
 $\& \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} f(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \int_s^{\infty} \frac{\cos u}{u} du = 0$   
 $\therefore C = 0$

FINALLY WE OBTAIN  
 $s f(s) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(s^2 + 1)$   
 $f(s) = \frac{\ln(s^2 + 1)}{2s}$   
 $\mathcal{L}[\int_t^{\infty} \frac{\cos u}{u} du] = \mathcal{L}[\text{Ci}(t)] = \frac{\ln(s^2 + 1)}{2s}$

## Question 41

The Exponential integral function  $\text{Ei}(t)$  is defined as

$$\text{Ei}(t) \equiv \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\text{Ei}(t)] = \frac{\ln(s+1)}{s}.$$

proof

$\text{Ei}(t) \equiv \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du, \quad t \geq 0$

- For convenience in notation let  $f(t) = \text{Ei}(t)$ 

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du$$
- Differentiate w.r.t  $t$ 

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = -\frac{e^{-t}}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow -t f'(t) = e^{-t}$$
- Taking the Laplace transform, using these results
 

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L} [f(t)] \right] \\ \mathcal{L} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right] &= s \mathcal{L} [f(t)] - f(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} [-t f'(t)] = \mathcal{L} [e^{-t}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \mathcal{L} [f(t)] \right] = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} [s \mathcal{L} [f(t)] - f(0)] = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} [s \mathcal{L} [f(t)]] - \frac{d}{ds} [f(0)] = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow s \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \int \frac{1}{s+1} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow s \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \ln(s+1) + C$$

• To find the constant we use the initial value theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \mathcal{L} [f(t)] &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \mathcal{L} [f(t)] &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du = 0$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [\ln(s+1) + C] = C \Rightarrow \boxed{C=0}$$

• Finally we obtain

$$\Rightarrow s \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \ln(s+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \frac{\ln(s+1)}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \mathcal{L} [\text{Ei}(t)] = \mathcal{L} \left[ \int_t^{\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du \right] = \frac{\ln(s+1)}{s}$$

## Question 42

By differentiating the integral definition of the Gamma function,  $\Gamma(x)$ , with respect to  $x$ , show that

$$\mathcal{L}[\ln t] = -\frac{\gamma + \ln s}{s}.$$

You may assume that  $\Gamma'(1) = -\gamma$ .

proof

STANDARD METHOD

STARTING FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE GAMMA FUNCTION

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} u^{x-1} du$$

DIFFERENTIATE W.R.T.  $x$

$$\Gamma'(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} u^{x-1} \ln u du$$

Let  $u = st$ ,  $s > 0$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = s, \quad du = s dt \quad \text{limits unchanged}$$

$$\Gamma'(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (s t)^{x-1} (s dt) \ln(st)$$

$$\Gamma'(x) = s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} s^{x-1} t^{x-1} (s dt) (\ln s + \ln t)$$

$$\Gamma'(x) = s^x \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^{x-1} (\ln s + \ln t) dt$$

$$\Gamma'(x) = s^x \left[ \ln s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^{x-1} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^{x-1} \ln t dt \right]$$

$$\Gamma'(x) = s^x \left[ \ln s \cdot \frac{\Gamma(x)}{s^x} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^{x-1} \ln t dt \right]$$

$$\Gamma'(x) = \ln s \cdot \Gamma(x) + s^x \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^{x-1} \ln t dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^{x-1} \ln t dt = \frac{\Gamma'(x) - \ln s \Gamma(x)}{s^x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\ln t] = \frac{\Gamma'(x) - \ln s \Gamma(x)}{s^x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\ln t] = \frac{-\gamma - \ln s}{s}$$

ALTERNATIVE METHOD

START FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $t^n$ ,  $n > -1$

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n] = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} t^n e^{-st} dt = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}}$$

DIFFERENTIATE BOTH SIDES W.R.T.  $n$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} (t^n \ln t) e^{-st} dt = \frac{d}{dn} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} t^n e^{-st} \ln t dt = \frac{\Gamma'(n+1)}{s^{n+1}} - \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \ln s}{s^{n+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} t^n e^{-st} \ln t dt = \frac{\Gamma'(n+1) - \Gamma(n+1) \ln s}{s^{n+1}}$$

Let  $n=0$  IN THE ABOVE EQUATION

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} t^0 e^{-st} \ln t dt = \frac{\Gamma'(1) - \Gamma(1) \ln s}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\ln t] = \frac{\Gamma'(1) - \Gamma(1) \ln s}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\ln t] = \frac{-\gamma - \ln s}{s}$$



## Question 43

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- a) Show from the above definition that if  $a$  is a non zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right).$$

- b) By taking the Laplace transform of Bessel's equation

$$t^2 \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + t \frac{dx}{dt} + (t^2 - n^2)x = 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and assuming further that  $J_0(0) = 1$ , show that

$$\mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 1}}.$$

- c) Deduce in simplified form the Laplace transform of  $J_0(at)$

$$\mathcal{L}[J_0(at)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + a^2}}$$

a)  $\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(at) e^{-st} dt$  (BY DEFINITION)

NOW BY A SUBSTITUTION  $T = at$   
 $t = \frac{T}{a}$   
 $dt = \frac{1}{a} dT$   
 (LIMITS UNCHANGED)

$$\dots = \int_0^{\infty} f(T) e^{-\frac{s}{a}T} \frac{1}{a} dT$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} f(T) e^{-\frac{s}{a}T} dT$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

b) TAKE BESSEL'S EQUATION

$$t^2 \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + t \frac{dx}{dt} + (t^2 - n^2)x = 0$$

LET  $n=0$   
 $\Rightarrow t^2 \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + t \frac{dx}{dt} + t^2 x = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow t \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{dx}{dt} + tx = 0$

TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE O.D.E. WRT  $t$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{s^2} \left[ s^2 x - sx_0 - \dot{x}_0 \right] + \left[ sx - x_0 \right] - \frac{1}{s^3} (x) = 0$

(RECALL: WHAT THIS IS AS IT WILL UNRAVEL FROM THE DIFFERENTIATION)  
 $x_0 = J_0(0) = 1$ , SINCE  $x(t) = J_0(t)$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{s^2} [s^2 x - s - \dot{x}_0] + sx - 1 - \frac{1}{s^3} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -[2sx + s^2 \frac{dx}{ds} - 1 + 0] + sx - 1 - \frac{1}{s^3} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2sx - s^2 \frac{dx}{ds} + 1 + sx - 1 - \frac{1}{s^3} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -sx - s^2 \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{1}{s^3} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{ds} = -\frac{s}{1+s^2} x$$

● SOLVE THE O.D.E. BY SEPARATING VARIABLES

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} dx = -\frac{s}{s^2+1} ds$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \ln x = \ln \left( \frac{A}{\sqrt{s^2+1}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{A}{\sqrt{s^2+1}}$$

HERE

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (s \bar{f}(s))$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} (s \bar{f}(s))$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [s x] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [f(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [J_0(t)] = 1$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{A s}{\sqrt{s^2+1}} \right] = 1$$

$$\frac{A}{1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2+1}}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2+1}}$$

c) FROM PART (a)

$$\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

FROM PART (b)

$$\mathcal{L}[J_0(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2+1}}$$

COMBINING THESE RESULTS

$$\mathcal{L}[J_0(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)^2 + 1}} \right] = \frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{a^2} + 1}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2 + a^2}{a^2}}} \right) = \frac{1}{a} \times \frac{a}{\sqrt{s^2 + a^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + a^2}}$$

## Question 44

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- a) Show from the above definition that if  $k$  is a non zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{f}(ks)] = \frac{1}{k} f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right).$$

- b) Show further that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t f(u) du.$$

- c) Given that  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[e^{-\sqrt{s}}\right] = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}}$ , use parts (a) and (b) to prove that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\alpha\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] = \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{t}}\right),$$

where  $\alpha$  is a positive constant.

proof

a) • STARTING FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM - TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF  $f(kt)$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(kt)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(kt) e^{-st} dt$$

• BY SUBSTITUTION NEXT:  $u = kt$   
 $t = \frac{u}{k}$   
 $dt = \frac{1}{k} du$   
 LIMIT UNKNOWN

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(kt)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-s(\frac{u}{k})} \left(\frac{1}{k} du\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(kt)] = \frac{1}{k} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-\frac{s}{k}u} du$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(kt)] = \frac{1}{k} \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{k}\right)$$

• FINALLY TAKE  $k = \frac{1}{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[f(\frac{t}{k})] = k \bar{f}(ks)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{k} f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right)\right] = \bar{f}(ks)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{f}(ks)] = \frac{1}{k} f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right) //$$

b) • NOW LET  $g(t) = \int_0^t f(u) du$

• DIFFERENTIATE WITH RESPECT TO  $t$

$$\Rightarrow g'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t f(u) du$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(t) = f(t)$$

• TAKE THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF THE ABOVE EQUATION

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[g'(t)] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow s \bar{g}(s) - g(0) = \bar{f}(s)$$

Now  $g(0) = \int_0^0 f(u) du = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{g}(s) = \frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\bar{g}(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\bar{f}(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t f(u) du //$$

c) • IF  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[e^{-\sqrt{s}}] = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{2\sqrt{t}\sqrt{\pi}}$

THEN BY (b)

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] = \int_0^t \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4u}}}{2\sqrt{u}\sqrt{\pi}} du$$

• BY SUBSTITUTION:  $v = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} \Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{4v^2}$  &  $u^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2v}$   
 $\Rightarrow du = -\frac{1}{2v^3} dv$   
 $u=0 \Rightarrow v=\infty$   
 $u=t \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{\infty}^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{v}}}{v^3} \left(-\frac{1}{2v^3} dv\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{v}} dv$$

$$= \operatorname{erfc}\left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}\right]$$

• NOW BY (a)

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\alpha\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}}}{s} \cdot e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 s}{4s}}\right] \quad (u = kv)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\alpha\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] = \frac{1}{k} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] \quad (u = kv)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\alpha\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] = \frac{1}{k} \operatorname{erfc}\left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}\right] \quad (u = kv)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-\alpha\sqrt{s}}}{s}\right] = \operatorname{erfc}\left[\frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{t}}\right] //$$

## Question 45

The Laplace transform  $\bar{y}(s)$ , of a function  $y = y(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$  is given by

$$\bar{y}(s) = e^{-\sqrt{s}}, \quad s > 0.$$

a) Show that  $\bar{y}(s)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$4s \bar{y}''(s) + 2 \bar{y}'(s) - \bar{y}(s) = 0.$$

b) Hence show further that

$$4t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + (6t - 1)y = 0.$$

c) Use parts (a) and (b) to prove that

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(e^{-\sqrt{s}}\right) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}}.$$

proof

a)  $\bar{y}(s) = e^{-\sqrt{s}} = e^{-s^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

• DIFFERENTIATE WITH RESPECT TO  $s$

$$\bar{y}'(s) = -\frac{1}{2}s^{-\frac{1}{2}}e^{-\sqrt{s}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}}\bar{y}(s) = -\frac{\bar{y}(s)}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

$$\bar{y}''(s) = \frac{\bar{y}(s)}{2s}$$

• DIFFERENTIATE ONCE MORE BY THE QUOTIENT RULE

$$\bar{y}''(s) = \frac{-2s^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{y}(s) + \bar{y}(s)}{4s^2}$$

$$4s\bar{y}''(s) = \frac{\bar{y}(s)}{2s} - 2s^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{y}(s)$$

$$4s\bar{y}''(s) - 2s^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{y}(s) = -\bar{y}(s)$$

FROM THE PREVIOUS FORMED EXPRESSION

$$4s\bar{y}''(s) + 2\bar{y}'(s) - \bar{y}(s) = 0$$

b) • NEXT WE CONSIDER HOW THE EXPRESSION IN THE ABOVE ODE CAN BE REWRITTEN BY USING LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t^2 y(t)\right] = \left(-\frac{1}{s^3}\right)\left[\bar{y}(s)\right] = -\frac{\bar{y}(s)}{s^3}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t y(t)\right] = -\frac{1}{s^2}\bar{y}(s)$$

• TO PROVE THE THM  $\mathcal{L}\left[t^2 y(t)\right] = -\frac{1}{s^3}\bar{y}(s)$  OR TRY

$$\mathcal{L}\left[t^2 y(t)\right] = \left(-\frac{1}{s^3}\right)\left[\bar{y}(s)\right] = -\frac{\bar{y}(s)}{s^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^3}\left[\bar{y}(s) + 2\bar{y}'(s) + \bar{y}''(s)\right] = \frac{1}{s^3}\left[\bar{y}(s) + 2\bar{y}'(s) + \bar{y}''(s)\right]$$

c) • COLLECTING THE LHS 3 RESULTS

$$\bar{y}'(s) = -\frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\bar{y}''(s) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$4s\bar{y}''(s) = 2\bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

• REWRITING TO THE O.D.E.

$$\Rightarrow 4s\bar{y}''(s) + 2\bar{y}'(s) - \bar{y}(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\left[-\frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right] + 2\left[\frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right] - \bar{y}(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\left[-\frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right] - \bar{y}(s) + \bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\left[-\frac{1}{2}\bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right] - \bar{y}(s) + \bar{y}(s)s^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

• INVOKING THESE TRANSFORMS

$$\Rightarrow 4t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 6ty - y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + (6t - 1)y = 0$$

• SOLVING THE O.D.E.

$$\Rightarrow 4t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} = (1 - 6t)y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} dy = \frac{1 - 6t}{4t^2} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \left(\frac{1}{4t^2} - \frac{3}{2t}\right) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y = -\frac{1}{4t} - \frac{3}{2}\ln t + C$$

• TO SOLVE THE O.D.E. WE PROCEED AS FOLLOWS

$$y(t) = \frac{Ae^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\bar{y}(s) = \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{Ae^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}\right] = \frac{A}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

• BY THE INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

$$\bar{y}(s) = \frac{A}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\bar{y}(s)$$

• FINALLY WE OBTAIN

$$y(t) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4t}}}{2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}}$$

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# **INVERSION BY COMPLEX VARIABLES**

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## Question 1

Use the method of residues to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-2}\right).$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-2}\right) = e^{2t}$$

Handwritten solution for Question 1:

- Consider  $\mathcal{F}(s) = \frac{1}{s-2}$  which has a simple pole at  $s=2$  ( $\mathcal{L}$  plane =  $z$  plane)
- If  $s = Re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$
- $|\mathcal{F}(s)| = \left| \frac{1}{Re^{i\theta}-2} \right| \approx \left| \frac{1}{Re^{i\theta}} \right| = \frac{1}{R-2} \approx \frac{1}{R-2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$
- $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-2}\right] = \sum (\text{RESIDUES OF } \frac{1}{s-2} \text{ IN 'WRIGHT' PLANE})$
- $= \lim_{s \rightarrow 2} (s-2) \frac{1}{s-2} = e^{2t}$

## Question 2

Use the method of residues to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)^2}\right].$$

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

Handwritten solution for Question 2:

- $\mathcal{F}(s) = \frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)^2}$  has a simple pole at  $s=-1$  & a double pole at  $s=2$
- If  $s = Re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$
- $|\mathcal{F}(s)| = \left| \frac{9}{(Re^{i\theta}+1)(Re^{i\theta}-2)^2} \right| \approx \left| \frac{9}{(Re^{i\theta})(-2)^2} \right| = \frac{9}{4R} \rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$
- Residue at  $s=-1$ :  $\lim_{s \rightarrow -1} (s+1) \mathcal{F}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \left[ \frac{9}{(s-2)^2} \right] = \frac{9}{(-3)^2} = 1$
- Residue at  $s=2$ :  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)^2} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)} \right]$   
 $= 9 \lim_{s \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)} \right] = 9 \lim_{s \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)} \right] = 9 \left[ \frac{1}{(2+1)(2-2)} \right] = 9 \left[ \frac{1}{3 \cdot 0} \right] = \infty$   
 $= 3te^{2t} - e^{2t}$
- $\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{9}{(s+1)(s-2)^2}\right] = \sum (\text{RESIDUES OF } \mathcal{F}(s) \text{ IN 'WRIGHT' PLANE})$   
 $= e^t + 3te^{2t} - e^{2t}$

## Question 3

Use the method of residues to find

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

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

Handwritten solution for the inverse Laplace transform of  $\frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2}$  using the method of residues.

•  $f(s) = \frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2}$  has double poles at  $\pm i$  in the imaginary plane.

• If  $\Re(s) < 0$ ,  $0 < \Im(s) < \infty$   
 $|f(s)| = \frac{2}{|s^2+1|^2} \sim \frac{2}{(s^2)^2} = \frac{2}{s^4} = O\left(\frac{1}{s^4}\right)$   
 $\rightarrow 0$  As  $|s| \rightarrow \infty$

• Residue at  $s=i$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left[ (s-i)^2 \frac{2e^{st}}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] \right] = 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{st}}{(s+i)^2} \right] \right]$   
 $= 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{(s+i)^2 \times te^{st} - 2(s+i)e^{st}}{(s+i)^4} \right] = 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{t(s+i)e^{st} - 2e^{st}}{(s+i)^3} \right]$   
 $= 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{t(s+i)e^{st} - 2e^{st}}{(s+i)^3} \right] = \frac{4te^{it} - 2e^{it}}{-8i} = -\frac{1}{4}te^{it} + \frac{1}{4}e^{it}$

• Residue at  $s=-i$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left[ (s+i)^2 \frac{2e^{st}}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] \right] = 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{st}}{(s-i)^2} \right] \right]$   
 $= 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)^2 \times te^{st} - 2(s-i)e^{st}}{(s-i)^4} \right] = 2 \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{t(s-i)e^{st} - 2e^{st}}{(s-i)^3} \right]$   
 $= \frac{4te^{-it} - 2e^{-it}}{8i} = \frac{1}{4}te^{-it} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-it}$

$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{2}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = \sum \text{Residues of } e^{st}f(s) \text{ inside the imaginary plane}$   
 $= -\frac{1}{4}te^{it} + \frac{1}{4}e^{it} - \frac{1}{4}(e^{-it} - te^{-it})$   
 $= -\frac{1}{4}t(e^{it} - e^{-it}) - \frac{1}{4}(e^{it} - e^{-it})$   
 $= -\frac{1}{2}t \sinh(it) - \frac{1}{2} \sinh(it)$   
 $= -t \cos t + \sin t$

Use complex integration to find the following inverse Laplace transform.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right], a>0.$$

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

•  $f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_1} \tilde{f}(z) e^{zt} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_1} \left( \frac{g(e^{zt})}{(e^{zt}-1)^2} \right) dz$

• THE INVERSE HAS TWO POLE RULES AT  $z = \pm i\pi$ :  
 (a) THIS CASE THE INVERSION IS THE SUM OF THE TWO RESIDUES

SINCE  $\gamma_1$  DOES NOT GUARANTEE AS THE RADIUS TENDS TO INFINITY  
 A  $\gamma_2$  NEEDS TO GO FROM  $-\infty$  TO  $\infty$

• RESIDUE AT 0:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{g(e^{zt})}{(e^{zt}-1)^2} \right) \cdot \frac{g(e^{zt})}{(e^{zt}-1)^2} \right] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{ze^{zt}}{(e^{zt}-1)^2} \right) \right]$$
 THE DIFFERENTIATION SHOULD BE IDENTICAL AS PREVIOUSLY...
 
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -i\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{zt} [(z+i\pi)(1+i\pi) - 2z]}{(e^{zt}-1)^3} \right] = \frac{e^{-i\pi t} [-2i(1+i\pi) + 2i\pi]}{(e^{-i\pi})^3}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-i\pi t} (-2i\pi^2 - 2i + 2i\pi^2)}{-2i} = e^{-i\pi t} = \frac{-2i\pi^2}{2i} = \frac{-4\pi^2}{4!}$$

• COLLECTING 4 MANIPULATING THE RESIDUES  

$$f(z) = \frac{t e^{it}}{4i!} - \frac{t e^{-it}}{4i!} = \frac{t}{4i!} [e^{it} - e^{-it}]$$

$$= \frac{t}{4i!} [2 \sin(at)] = \frac{t}{4i!} [2i \sin(at)]$$

$$= \frac{2t i}{4i!} \sin(at)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3a!} \sin(at)$$

## Question 5

Use the method of residues to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right].$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = (2t-1)e^t + (1-2t^2)e^{-t}$$

Handwritten solution for Question 5 using the method of residues.

Let  $f(s) = \frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2}$ . We have poles at  $s = -1$  (order 3) and  $s = 1$  (order 2).

Residue at  $s = 1$ :

$$\text{Res}_{s=1} f(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ (s-1)^2 f(s) \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{16s}{(s+1)^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \frac{16 \cdot (s+1)^3 - 48s^2(s+1)}{(s+1)^6} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \frac{16(s+1)^2 - 48s^2}{(s+1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{16(2)^2 - 48(1)}{(2)^4} = \frac{64 - 48}{16} = \frac{16}{16} = 1$$

Residue at  $s = -1$ :

$$\text{Res}_{s=-1} f(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[ (s+1)^3 f(s) \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[ \frac{16s}{(s-1)^2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{16(s-1)^{-2}}{(s-1)^2} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{16}{(s-1)^4} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \frac{-64}{(s-1)^5} = \frac{-64}{(-2)^5} = \frac{-64}{-32} = 2$$

Therefore, the inverse Laplace transform is:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{16s}{(s+1)^3(s-1)^2} \right] = 2e^{-t} + 1e^t = (2t-1)e^t + (1-2t^2)e^{-t}$$



## Question 6

Use complex variables to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right] = t e^{2t} \cos 3t$$

•  $\downarrow \left[ \frac{s^2 - 4s - 5}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right]$  CAN BE FOUND SIMPLY BY COMPLEX VARIABLES  
 • FACTORISE THE DENOMINATOR  
 $s^2 - 4s + 13 = (s-2)^2 - (5i)^2 = (s-2-3i)(s-2+3i)$   
 • AS THE DENOMINATOR IS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARDED, THE FUNCTION WHICH WAS TRANSFORMED IS SIMPLE  
 $f(s) = \sum \text{RESIDUES OF } \frac{(s^2 - 4s - 5) e^{st}}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2}$   
 DOUBLE POLES AT:  $2 \pm 3i$   
 • RESIDUE AT DOUBLE POLE AT  $2+3i$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow 2+3i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( (s-2-3i)^2 \frac{(s^2 - 4s - 5) e^{st}}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right) \right]$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow 2+3i} \left[ \frac{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2 \frac{d}{ds} \left( (s-2-3i)^2 \frac{(s^2 - 4s - 5) e^{st}}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right) - e^{st} (s^2 - 4s - 5) \cdot 2(s-2-3i)}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^4} \right]$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow 2+3i} \left[ \frac{(s-2+3i)^2 \left[ 2s - 4 + t(s^2 - 4s - 5) \right] - 2e^{st} (s^2 - 4s - 5)}{(s-2+3i)^2} \right]$   
 $\left\{ \begin{aligned} (2+3i)^2 - 4(2+3i) - 5 &= 4 + 12i - 9 - 8 - 12i - 5 = -18 \\ (2+3i - 2+3i)^2 &= (6i)^2 = -36 \end{aligned} \right.$   
 $= \frac{6i e^{(2+3i)t}}{-36} \left[ 4 + 6i - 4 + t(-18) \right] - 2e^{(2+3i)t} (-18)$   
 $= \frac{6i e^{(2+3i)t}}{-36} (4 - 18t) + 36 e^{(2+3i)t} = \frac{(-36 + 108t)}{-36} e^{(2+3i)t} = \frac{108t}{-36} e^{(2+3i)t} = -3t e^{(2+3i)t}$   
 • RESIDUE AT THE DOUBLE POLE AT  $s = 2-3i$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow 2-3i} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( (s-2+3i)^2 \frac{(s^2 - 4s - 5) e^{st}}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right) \right]$   
 THE SIMPLIFIED DIFFERENTIATION IS IDENTICAL ...  
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow 2-3i} \left[ \frac{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2 \frac{d}{ds} \left( (s-2+3i)^2 \frac{(s^2 - 4s - 5) e^{st}}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^2} \right) - e^{st} (s^2 - 4s - 5) \cdot 2(s-2+3i)}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)^4} \right]$   
 $\lim_{s \rightarrow 2-3i} \left[ \frac{(s-2-3i)^2 \left[ 2s - 4 + t(s^2 - 4s - 5) \right] - 2e^{st} (s^2 - 4s - 5)}{(s-2-3i)^2} \right]$   
 $\left\{ \begin{aligned} (2-3i)^2 - 4(2-3i) - 5 &= 4 - 12i - 9 - 8 + 12i - 5 = -18 \\ (2-3i - 2+3i)^2 &= (-6i)^2 = 36 \end{aligned} \right.$   
 $= \frac{6i e^{(2-3i)t}}{36} \left[ 4 + 6i - 4 + t(-18) \right] - 2e^{(2-3i)t} (-18)$   
 $= \frac{6i e^{(2-3i)t}}{36} (4 - 18t) + 36 e^{(2-3i)t} = \frac{(-36 + 108t)}{36} e^{(2-3i)t} = \frac{108t}{36} e^{(2-3i)t} = 3t e^{(2-3i)t}$   
 • THUS WE HAVE  $f(s)$  NOW AFTER SUMMING  
 $f(t) = \frac{1}{t} e^{2t} e^{3it} + \frac{1}{t} e^{2t} e^{-3it}$   
 $= \frac{1}{t} e^{2t} \left[ \frac{1}{2} e^{3it} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-3it} \right]$   
 $= \frac{1}{t} e^{2t} \cos(3t)$   
 $= t e^{2t} \cos 3t$

## Question 7

$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{(s^2 + 1)^2}$$

Use complex variable methods to invert the above Laplace transform.

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

Give the final answer in terms of Heaviside functions.

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} H(t - \pi) [\sin(t - \pi) - (t - \pi) \cos(t - \pi)]$$

•  $\bar{f}(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \bar{f}(s) e^{st} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{(s^2+1)^2} e^{st} ds$

$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} ds = \dots$

• CALCULATE THE RESIDUES AT EACH OF THE DOUBLE POLES AT  $\pm i$  (IGNORE THE  $2\pi i$  IN ROAD)

• RESIDUE AT  $i$

$\lim_{s \rightarrow i} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ (s-i)^2 \frac{e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} \right]$

$= \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)^2 (t-\pi) e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} - \frac{e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} \right]$

$= \lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ \frac{(s-i)(s+i) e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} - \frac{e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} \right]$

$= \frac{(e-i\pi) e^{i(t-\pi)}}{-2i} - \frac{e^{i(t-\pi)}}{-2i} = -\frac{1}{2} (t-\pi) e^{i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{i(t-\pi)}$

• RESIDUE AT  $-i$

$\lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ (s+i)^2 \frac{e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{(s+i)^2 (t-\pi) e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} - \frac{e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} \right]$

$= \lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ \frac{(s+i)(s-i) e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} - \frac{e^{s(t-\pi)}}{(s^2+1)^2} \right]$

$= \frac{(e-i\pi) e^{-i(t-\pi)}}{-2i} - \frac{e^{-i(t-\pi)}}{-2i} = -\frac{1}{2} (t-\pi) e^{-i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{-i(t-\pi)}$

• RETURNING TO THE INVERSION

• IF  $t < \pi$   $f(t) = 0$

(THE SUM OF RESIDUES IS ZERO SO INTEGRAL IS ZERO, BUT THE ARC DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE AS  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , SO THE STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH C FROM  $\infty$  TO  $\infty$ , WHICH ENDS THE INTEGRATION MUST ALSO BE ZERO)

• IF  $t > \pi$  ARC AGAIN DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE BUT THIS TIME THE STRAIGHT LINE CONTRIBUTION MUST EQUAL TO  $2\pi i \times$  SUM OF RESIDUES

$\therefore f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum \text{RESIDUES}$

$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (t-\pi) e^{i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{i(t-\pi)} - \left( -\frac{1}{2} (t-\pi) e^{-i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{-i(t-\pi)} \right) \right]$

$= -\frac{1}{4} (t-\pi) \left[ \frac{e^{i(t-\pi)}}{i} - \frac{e^{-i(t-\pi)}}{i} \right] - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{e^{i(t-\pi)}}{i} - \frac{e^{-i(t-\pi)}}{i} \right]$

$= -\frac{1}{4} (t-\pi) \times 2 \sinh[i(t-\pi)] - \frac{1}{4} i \times 2 \sinh[i(t-\pi)]$

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

• SINCE THIS APPLIES FOR  $t > \pi$

$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} H(t-\pi) \sin(t-\pi) - \frac{1}{2} H(t-\pi) \cos(t-\pi)$

$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} H(t-\pi) [\sin(t-\pi) - (t-\pi) \cos(t-\pi)]$

## Question 8

$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{(as+1)e^{-as}}{s^2(s^2+1)}, \quad a > 0.$$

Use complex variable methods to invert the above Laplace transform.

$$\mathcal{L}[\bar{f}(s)] = tH(t-a) - H(t-a)\sin(t-a) + aH(t-a)\cos(t-a)$$

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

proof

$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{-as}(as+1)}{s^2(s^2+1)}, \quad a > 0$

•  $\alpha(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \bar{f}(s) e^{st} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-as}(as+1)e^{st}}{s^2(s^2+1)} ds$

$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{s(t-a)}(1+as)}{s^2(s^2+1)} ds$

WHERE  $\gamma$  IS A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE RIGHT OF ALL THE SINGULARITIES OF THE INTEGRAND AS SHOWN IN THE FIGURE OPPOSITE.

• WE REQUIRE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE STRAIGHT LINE  $\gamma$  AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$

THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ARCS WOULD NOT BE CONTRIBUTION AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , DEPENDING ON THE STRAIGHT LINE'S ORIENTATION BEING POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE IN A SIMILAR FASHION TO THAT OF JOHNSON'S LEMMA

$\int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{st}}{s^2} ds$

$\begin{cases} \text{CASE IF } t-a > 0 \\ t > a \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} \text{CASE IF } t-a < 0 \\ t < a \end{cases}$

• THE INTEGRAND HAS A DOUBLE POLE AT 0, AND SIMPLE POLES AT  $\pm i$

RESIDUE AT  $i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ (s-i) \frac{e^{s(t-a)}(1+as)}{s^2(s-i)(s+i)} \right] = \frac{e^{i(t-a)}(1+ai)}{-2i}$$

RESIDUE AT  $-i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ (s+i) \frac{e^{s(t-a)}(1+as)}{s^2(s-i)(s+i)} \right] = \frac{e^{-i(t-a)}(1-ai)}{2i}$$

RESIDUE AT 0 (DOUBLE POLE)

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ s^2 \frac{e^{s(t-a)}(1+as)}{s^2(s^2+1)} \right] = \dots \text{QUOTIENT RULE} \dots$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+as) \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{e^{s(t-a)}(1+as)}{(s^2+1)} \right) \right] - \frac{2s}{(s^2+1)^2} e^{s(t-a)}(1+as)}{(1+as)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1} \left[ 1 \times (t-a) \times 1 + a \right] - \frac{1 \times 1 \times 0}{1} = t-a+a = t$$

• WE RETURN TO THE INTEGRATION

IF  $t < a$   $f(t) = 0$

(THE SUM OF RESIDUES IS ZERO, SO THE INTEGRAL AROUND THE CLOSED LOOP ON THE RIGHT MUST BE ZERO)

BUT THE ARC DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , SO THE STRAIGHT LINE SEGMENT  $\gamma$  FROM  $-\infty$  TO  $\infty$  WHICH GIVES THE INTEGRAND MUST ALSO BE ZERO

IF  $t > a$

THE ARC AROUND DOESN'T CONTRIBUTE AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , SO THIS TIME THE CONTRIBUTION OF  $\gamma$  (STRAIGHT LINE FROM  $-\infty$  TO  $\infty$ ) WHICH GIVES  $2\pi i$  MUST BECOME

$$2\pi i \times \sum \text{RESIDUES}$$

$$\therefore f(t) = 2\pi i \times \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \left[ t + \frac{(1+ai)e^{-i(t-a)}}{2i} - \frac{(1-ai)e^{i(t-a)}}{2i} \right]$$

IN FACT OF THE FIGURE

$$f(t) = t + \frac{1}{2i} e^{-i(t-a)} - \frac{a}{2i} e^{-i(t-a)} - \frac{1}{2i} e^{i(t-a)} + \frac{a}{2i} e^{i(t-a)}$$

$$f(t) = t - \frac{1}{2i} \left[ e^{-i(t-a)} - e^{i(t-a)} \right] - \frac{a}{2i} \left[ e^{-i(t-a)} - e^{i(t-a)} \right]$$

$$f(t) = t - \sin(t-a) - a \cos(t-a)$$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t - \sin(t-a) - a \cos(t-a) & t > a \\ 0 & t < a \end{cases}$$

$$f(t) = tH(t-a) - H(t-a)\sin(t-a) - aH(t-a)\cos(t-a)$$

## Question 9

$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{s^3 + s^2 + 1 - e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}.$$

Use complex variable methods to invert the above Laplace transform.

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t + \cos t & 0 \leq t \leq \pi \\ \pi + \cos t - \sin t & t > \pi \end{cases}$$

BY (BRIDGE) INTEGRATION

$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{s^3 + s^2 + 1 - e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{s^3 + s^2 + 1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} - \frac{e^{-s\pi}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$$

• BOTH INTEGRANDS HAVE A DOUBLE POLE AT  $s=0$  & SIMPLE POLES AT  $\pm i$   
 PICK A SERRAUGHT LINE TO THE RIGHT OF ALL SINGULARITIES SAY  $C=1$  IN THE BRIDGE FORMULA

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} \bar{f}(s) e^{st} ds$$

• THE WAY WE CLOSE THE BRIDGE TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT DEPENDS ON  $t$   
 SO THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ARC IS ZERO  
 (IN A SERRAUGHT BRIDGE USE FURTHER)

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION OF  $s$  IN  $e^{st}$

NEGATIVE CONTRIBUTION OF  $s$  IN  $e^{st}$

• IF  $t < 0$  WE CLOSE TO THE RIGHT (LET INTEGRAL)  
 WE CLOSE TO THE RIGHT (2ND INTEGRAL)

• IF  $0 < t < \pi$  WE CLOSE TO THE LEFT (1ST INTEGRAL)  
 WE CLOSE TO THE RIGHT (2ND INTEGRAL)

• IF  $t > \pi$  WE CLOSE BOTH TO THE LEFT

• CALCULATE THE RESIDUES AT EACH POLE. DO EACH INDIVIDUALLY

$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{e^{st}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$$

• AT  $s=0$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{st}(1+s^2)}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{e^{st}}{s^2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{(1+s^2) \cdot t e^{st} - e^{st} \cdot 2s}{s^4} \right] = \frac{t}{1} = t$$

• AT  $s=i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow i} \left[ (s-i) \frac{e^{st}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} \right] = \frac{e^{it}(-1-i)}{i^2(-1-i)} = \frac{-ie^{it}}{-1-i} = \frac{1}{2}e^{it}$$

• AT  $s=-i$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -i} \left[ (s+i) \frac{e^{st}}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} \right] = \frac{e^{-it}(1-i)}{(-i)^2(1-i)} = \frac{e^{-it}}{-1-i} = \frac{1}{2}e^{-it}$$

• NOW THE INTEGRAL IS EQUAL TO

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} \bar{f}(s) e^{st} ds$$

• IF  $t < 0$  WE CLOSE BOTH TO THE RIGHT & NO SINGULARITIES INSIDE

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times 0 = 0 \text{ FOR } t < 0$$

• IF  $0 < t < \pi$  FIRST INTEGRAL CLOSES TO THE LEFT & SECOND TO THE RIGHT (NO SINGULARITIES)

$$\therefore f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times 2\pi i \sum (\text{RESIDUES INSIDE})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}e^{it} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-it} = \cosh(it) + t = \cos t + t$$

• IF  $t > \pi$  BOTH INTEGRAL PATHS CONTRIBUTE AS BOTH ARE CLOSED TO THE LEFT

$$f(t) = \text{SRI} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum \text{RESIDUES} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum \text{RESIDUES} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \sum \text{RESIDUES OF 1ST INTEGRAL} - \sum \text{RESIDUES OF 2ND INTEGRAL}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = [\cos t + t] - [(t-\pi) - \frac{1}{2}e^{i(t-\pi)} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-i(t-\pi)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \cos t + t + \frac{1}{2}e^{i(t-\pi)} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-i(t-\pi)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \cos t + t + \frac{1}{2} \cos [i(t-\pi)] - \frac{1}{2} \cos [i(t-\pi)]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \pi + \cos t - \sin t$$

•  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t + \cos t & 0 \leq t \leq \pi \\ \pi + \cos t - \sin t & t > \pi \end{cases}$

## Question 10

Given that  $a$  is a positive constant, use complex variable methods to find the following inverse Laplace transform.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3(s^2+a^2)^2}\right].$$

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{2}{a^6} \cos at + \frac{t}{2a^5} \sin at$$

**Partial Fraction Decomposition:**

$$\frac{1}{s^3(s^2+a^2)^2} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s^3} + \frac{D}{s-ia} + \frac{E}{s+ia} + \frac{F}{(s-ia)^2} + \frac{G}{(s+ia)^2}$$

**Residue at  $s=0$  (Triple Pole):**

$$\text{Res}_{s=0} = \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[ \frac{1}{s^3(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[ \frac{1}{s^3} \left( \frac{1}{s^2+a^2} \right)^2 \right]$$

**Residue at  $s=ia$  (Double Pole):**

$$\text{Res}_{s=ia} = \lim_{s \rightarrow ia} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s^3(s+ia)^2} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow ia} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s^3} \left( \frac{1}{s+ia} \right)^2 \right]$$

**Final Result:**

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2a^4} - \frac{2}{a^6} + \frac{2}{a^6} \cos at + \frac{t}{2a^5} \sin at$$

## Question 11

Use complex variable methods to find the following inverse Laplace transform.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \ln \left[ \frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)} \right] \right]$$

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{t} \left[ 1 + e^{-t} - 2 \cos t \right]$$

$f(s) = \int_0^\infty \ln \left( \frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)} \right) e^{-st} dt$

• BY COMPLEX VARIABLES

$f(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} e^{st} \ln \left( \frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)} \right) ds$

• RATHER THAN USING THE CAUCHY A- THEOREM (BRANCH CUTS), WE MAY PROCEED BY PARTS

$\ln \left( \frac{1+s^2}{s(s+1)} \right) = \ln(s^2+1) - \ln s - \ln(s+1)$	$\frac{s^2}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}$
$\frac{1}{s} e^{st}$	$e^{st}$

$\rightarrow f(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} e^{st} \ln(s^2+1) ds - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} e^{st} \left( \frac{s^2}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} \right) ds \right]$

$\rightarrow f(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \frac{1}{s} \left[ \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} e^{st} \ln(s^2+1) ds - \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} e^{st} \left( \frac{s^2}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} \right) ds \right]$

$\rightarrow f(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[ \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} e^{st} \ln(s^2+1) ds - \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} e^{st} \left( \frac{s^2}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} \right) ds \right]$

• NOW WE CAN FIT THE BRANCH CUT OF THE "SQUARED" BRACKET

LET  $s = C + iR$  AND LET  $R \rightarrow \infty$

$e^{st} \ln \left[ \frac{1+(C+iR)^2}{(C+iR)(C+iR+1)} \right] = e^{(C+iR)t} \ln \left[ \frac{1+C^2-2CR-iR^2}{(C+iR)(C+iR+1)} \right]$

$s(s+1) = s^2+s$

$= e^{st} \ln \left[ \frac{(1-C^2-2CR-iR^2)}{(C^2+2CR-iR^2+C^2+1R)} \right] = e^{-iRt} \ln \left[ \frac{(1-C^2-2CR-iR^2)}{(C^2+2CR-iR^2+C^2+1R)} \right]$

• NOW IF WE LOOK AT THE MODULUS OF THIS EXPRESSION AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$

• FIRSTLY  $|e^{st}| = 1$  FOR REAL  $R$

• THE LARGEST POWER (IN THE NUMERATOR OF THE LOG IS  $R^2$  (ON BOTTOM))

I.E.  $\ln \left[ \frac{C^2 R^2}{C^2 R^2} \right] \rightarrow \ln 1 \rightarrow 0$

$\uparrow \ln \left( \frac{R^2}{R^2} \right)$

• SO AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$  THIS VANISHES AND THIS

$f(s) = \frac{1}{s} \left[ 1 + e^{-t} - 2 \cos t \right]$

## Question 12

The function  $y = f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{s}{s^4 + 1}.$$

Use complex variable methods to show that

$$f(t) = \sin\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}\right).$$

Use a detailed method, describing briefly each stage in the workings.

proof

The handwritten proof is divided into three columns:

- Column 1:**
  - Starts with  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{s}{s^4 + 1}$ .
  - States the standard inversion formula:  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma - i\infty}^{\gamma + i\infty} \mathcal{L}(s) e^{st} ds$ .
  - Notes that  $\mathcal{L}(s) = \frac{s}{s^4 + 1}$  has four poles at  $s = \pm i$  and  $s = \pm i\sqrt{2}$ .
  - Shows a complex plane diagram with poles marked at  $i, -i, i\sqrt{2}, -i\sqrt{2}$ .
  - For  $t > 0$ , a contour is chosen in the upper half-plane enclosing poles at  $i$  and  $i\sqrt{2}$ .
  - For  $t < 0$ , a contour is chosen in the lower half-plane enclosing poles at  $-i$  and  $-i\sqrt{2}$ .
  - Calculates the residues at these poles using a limit method.
- Column 2:**
  - Obtains the residues at each of the four poles.
  - For  $t > 0$ , calculates the sum of residues at  $i$  and  $i\sqrt{2}$ .
  - For  $t < 0$ , calculates the sum of residues at  $-i$  and  $-i\sqrt{2}$ .
  - Shows the final expression for  $f(t)$  as the sum of residues.
- Column 3:**
  - Final simplification of the expression for  $f(t)$ .
  - Shows that  $f(t) = \sin\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ .

## Question 13

The Bromwich integral for inverting a Laplace transform  $\bar{f}(s)$  is given by

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{st} \bar{f}(s) ds.$$

a) Describe briefly the contour used in this integral and the general method used to invert the transform.

b) Given that  $a$  is a positive constant, show that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[e^{-a\sqrt{s}}\right] = \frac{a}{2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{4t}\right).$$

c) Hence find in a simplified form of a convolution integral the following inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-a\sqrt{s}}}{\sqrt{s}}\right].$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-a\sqrt{s}}}{\sqrt{s}}\right] = \frac{a}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{t=u}}\right] \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{4u}\right) du$$

[ solution overleaf ]



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