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**Tutorial Sheet 1 - Laplace Transforms**

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1. Find the Laplace transforms of the following functions.

$(a) (1 - 2t)^2$	$(b) \cos^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$	$(c) e^{2t} \sinh t$
$(d) e^{-t} \sin 4t$	$(e) \sin(3t + 2)$	$(f) 5 \sin\left(3t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
$(g) t^2 e^{-3t}$	$(h) 3e^{-2t} \cos(4t)$	$(i) \sinh t \cos t$

2. Find the inverse Laplace transforms of the following functions.

$(a) \frac{5s + 1}{s^2 - 25}$	$(b) \frac{s}{4s^2 + \pi^2}$	$(c) \frac{12}{s^4} - \frac{228}{s^6}$
$(d) \frac{4s + 32}{s^2 - 16}$	$(e) \frac{s + 10}{s^2 - s - 2}$	$(f) \frac{1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)}$
$(g) \frac{\pi}{(s + \pi)^2}$	$(h) \frac{6}{(s + 1)^3}$	$(i) \frac{4}{s^2 - 2s - 3}$
$(j) \frac{\pi}{s^2 + 10\pi s + 24\pi^2}$	$(k) \frac{2s - 1}{s^2 - 6s + 18}$	

3. Solve the following initial value problems by using Laplace transforms.

$(a) y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = \frac{3}{2}$		
$(b) y'' - y' - 6y = 0, \quad y(0) = 11, \quad y'(0) = 28$		
$(c) y'' + 9y = 10e^{-t}, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0$		
$(d) y'' - 4y' + 3y = 6t - 8, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0$		

4. Solve the following shifted data initial value problems by using Laplace transforms.

$(a) y' - 6y = 0, \quad y(-1) = 4.$		
$(b) y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0, \quad y(4) = -3, \quad y'(4) = -17$		
$(c) y'' + 2y' + 5y = 10t - 100, \quad y(2) = -4, \quad y'(2) = 14$		

5. Sketch or graph the given function, which is assumed to be zero outside the given interval. Represent it, using unit step functions. Find its Laplace transform.

$(a) t \quad (0 < t < 2)$	$(b) t - 2 \quad (t < 2)$	$(c) \cos 4t \quad (0 < t < \pi)$
$(d) e^t \quad (0 < t < \frac{\pi}{2})$	$(e) \sin \pi t \quad (2 < t < 4)$	$(f) e^{-\pi t} \quad (2 < t < 4)$
$(g) t^2 \quad (1 < t < 2)$	$(h) t^2 \quad (0 < t < \frac{3}{2})$	$(i) \sin t \quad (\frac{\pi}{2} < t < \pi)$

6. Find and sketch the inverse Laplace transforms of the following functions.

$$(a) \frac{e^{-3s}}{(s-1)^3}$$

$$(b) \frac{6(1-e^{-\pi s})}{s^2+9}$$

$$(c) \frac{4(e^{-2s}-2e^{-5s})}{s}$$

$$(d) \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^4}$$

$$(e) \frac{2(e^{-s}-e^{-3s})}{s^2-4}$$

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

7. Solve the following initial value problems with a discontinuous force.

$$(a) y'' + 9y = \begin{cases} 8\sin t, & : 0 < t < \pi \\ 0, & : t \geq \pi \end{cases} \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 4$$

$$(b) y'' + 3y' + 2y = \begin{cases} 4t, & : 0 < t < 1 \\ 8, & : t \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

$$(c) y'' + y' - 2y = \begin{cases} 3\sin t - \cos t, & : 0 < t < 2\pi \\ 3\sin 2t - \cos 2t, & : t \geq 2\pi \end{cases} \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

$$(d) y'' + 3y' + 2y = \begin{cases} 1, & : 0 < t < 1 \\ 0, & : t \geq \pi \end{cases} \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

$$(e) y'' + 2y' + 5y = \begin{cases} 10\sin t, & : 0 < t < 2\pi \\ 0, & : t \geq 2\pi \end{cases} \quad y(\pi) = 1, \quad y'(\pi) = 2e^{-\pi} - 2$$

$$(f) y'' + 4y = \begin{cases} 8t^2, & : 0 < t < 5 \\ 0, & : t \geq 5 \end{cases} \quad y(1) = 1 + \cos 2, \quad y'(1) = 4 - 2\sin 2$$

8. Find the following convolutions.

$$(a) 1 * \sin t \quad (b) e^t * e^{-t} \quad (c) \cos(2t) * \cos t \quad (d) \sin t * \cos t \quad (e) t * e^t$$

9. Solve the following integral equations using Laplace transforms.

$$(a) y(t) + 4 \int_0^t y(\tau) (t-\tau) d\tau = 2t \quad (b) y(t) - \int_0^t y(\tau) d\tau = 1$$

$$(c) y(t) - \int_0^t y(\tau) \sin 2(t-\tau) d\tau = \sin 2t \quad (d) y(t) + \int_0^t y(\tau) \cosh(t-\tau) d\tau = t + e^t$$

$$(e) y(t) + 2e^t \int_0^t y(\tau) e^{-\tau} d\tau = te^t \quad (f) y(t) - \int_0^t y(\tau) (t-\tau) d\tau = 2 - \frac{1}{2}t^2$$

10. Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following functions.  $\omega$  is a constant.

$$(a) \frac{2\pi s}{(s^2 + \pi^2)^2}$$

$$(b) \frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 4)}$$

$$(c) \frac{18s}{(s^2 + 36)^2}$$

11. Prove the following change of scale result:

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

Hence evaluate the Laplace transforms of the following functions

$$(a) t \cos(6t)$$

$$(b) t^2 \cos(7t)$$

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