

# To find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ = inverse Laplace

The algebra techniques that you will use in ch 6 include

- partial fractions,
- completing the square,
- adding 0, and
- multiplying by 1.

## 1. Look at denominator

$$s^2 + 2s + 5$$

i.) Can you factor denominator over the reals? If so, factor and use partial fractions.

ii.) Does your denominator equal one of the following?  
 $s^n$ ,  $s - a$ ,  $s^2 \pm a^2$ , If so, use the appropriate formula.

iii.) Do you need to complete the square? Example:

$$\underline{10s^2 + 60s + 91} = 10(s^2 + 6s) + 91$$

when

ie quadratic  
w/ complex  
roots

$$\begin{aligned} &= 10(s^2 + 6 + 9 - 9) + 91 \\ &= 10(s^2 + 6 + 9) - 90 + 91 \\ &= 10(s + 3)^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Does  
not  
factor  
over  $\mathbb{R}$

## 2. Look at the numerator

i.) Do you need  $s - a$ ? Try adding 0. For example to make  $s + \frac{3}{2}$  appear in  $5s + 21$ :

$$5s + 21 = 5(s + \frac{3}{2}) - \frac{15}{2} + 21 = 5(s + \frac{3}{2}) + \frac{27}{2}$$

ii.) Do you need  $b$ ? Try multiplying by 1. For example, if you need  $\sqrt{\frac{7}{4}}$ , but you have  $\frac{27}{2}$ :  $\frac{27}{2} = \frac{27}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4}{7}} \sqrt{\frac{7}{4}}$

TABLE 6.2.1 Elementary Laplace Transforms

$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$	Notes
1. 1	$\frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0$	Sec. 6.1; Ex. 4
2. $e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}, \quad s > a$	Sec. 6.1; Ex. 5
3. $t^n, \quad n = \text{positive integer}$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad s > 0$	Sec. 6.1; Prob. 31
4. $t^p, \quad p > -1$	$\frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{s^{p+1}}, \quad s > 0$	Sec. 6.1; Prob. 31
5. $\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}, \quad s > 0$	Sec. 6.1; Ex. 7
6. $\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}, \quad s > 0$	Sec. 6.1; Prob. 6
7. $\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}, \quad s >  a $	Sec. 6.1; Prob. 8
8. $\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}, \quad s >  a $	Sec. 6.1; Prob. 7
9. $e^{at} \sin bt$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}, \quad s > a$	Sec. 6.1; Prob. 13
10. $e^{at} \cos bt$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}, \quad s > a$	Sec. 6.1; Prob. 14
11. $t^n e^{at}, \quad n = \text{positive integer}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}, \quad s > a$	Sec. 6.1; Prob. 18
12. $u_c(t)$	$\frac{e^{-cs}}{s}, \quad s > 0$	Sec. 6.3
13. $u_c(t)f(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}F(s)$	Sec. 6.3
14. $e^{ct}f(t)$	$F(s-c)$	Sec. 6.3
15. $f(ct)$	$\frac{1}{c}F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right), \quad c > 0$	Sec. 6.3; Prob. 25
16. $\int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau) d\tau$	$F(s)G(s)$	Sec. 6.6
17. $\delta(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}$	Sec. 6.5
18. $f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - \cdots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$	Sec. 6.2; Cor. 6.2.2
19. $(-t)^n f(t)$	$F^{(n)}(s)$	Sec. 6.2; Prob. 29

Only use  
If quadratic  
q does  
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over R  
ie  $(s-a)^2 + b^2 = 0$   
has complex  
roots

Solve (i.e., solve for  $y$ ):

$$y^{iv} = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y^{iv}) = \mathcal{L}(0)$$

$$s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) - s^3 10y(0) - s^2 y'(0) - sy''(0) - y'''(0) = 0$$

$$s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) - 10 = 0$$

$$s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) = 10$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{10}{s^4}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{L}(y)) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{s^4}\right)$$

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{s^4}\right)$$

$$\text{Formula 3: } \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}\right) = t^n$$

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{3!} \cdot \frac{3!}{s^4}\right) = \frac{10}{3!} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{3!}{s^4}\right) = \frac{10}{3!} t^3 = \frac{5}{3} t^3$$

Ch 3: Plug method  
 $r^4 = 0$

char eqn

characteristic  
polynomial  
 $f(s)$

Solve (i.e., solve for  $y$ ):

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 7$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y'' + 2y' + 5y) = \mathcal{L}(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y'') + 2\mathcal{L}(y') + 5\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & s^2\mathcal{L}(y) - sy(0) - y'(0) \\ & + 2[s\mathcal{L}(y) - y(0)] \\ & + 5\mathcal{L}(y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & s^2\mathcal{L}(y) - s - 7 \\ & + 2[s\mathcal{L}(y) - 1] \\ & + 5\mathcal{L}(y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & s^2\mathcal{L}(y) - s - 7 \\ & + 2s\mathcal{L}(y) - 2 \\ & + 5\mathcal{L}(y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 5)\mathcal{L}(y) = s + 7 + 2$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{s+9}{s^2+2s+5}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{L}(y)) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s+9}{s^2+2s+5}\right)$$

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s+9}{s^2+2s+5}\right)$$

complete the square

characteristic eqn

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characteristic poly

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

$$4 - 4(1)(5) < 0$$

← complex roots

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s+9}{s^2+2s+1-1+5}\right)$$

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

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$$y = \underline{e^{-t} \cos(2t)} + 4\underline{e^{-t} \sin(2t)}$$

Partial Check: Plug  $\underline{y = e^{rt}}$  into  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$ :

Characteristic eqn:  $r^2 + 2r + 5 = 0$  implies

$$(r+1)^2 + 4 = 0 \text{ and thus } (r+1)^2 = -4.$$

Hence  $r+1 = \sqrt{-4} = \pm 2i$ . Thus  $r = -1 \pm 2i$

and the general homogeneous soln is

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$$y = c_1 \underline{e^{-t} \cos(2t)} + c_2 \underline{e^{-t} \sin(2t)}$$

Partial Check:

$y(0) = 1$  for IVP soln  $y = \underline{e^{-t} \cos(2t)} + 4\underline{e^{-t} \sin(2t)}$

$1 = e^0 \cos(0) + 4e^0 \sin(0)$  ✓ where equality does hold

Partial Check:  $y'(0) = 7$  - too much work due to product rule.

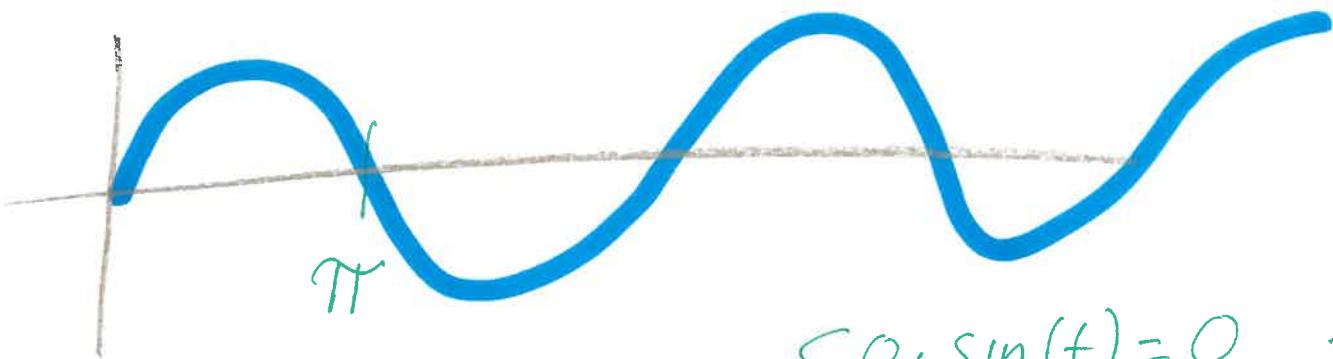
compare to  
ch 3/4 method

### 6.3: Step functions.

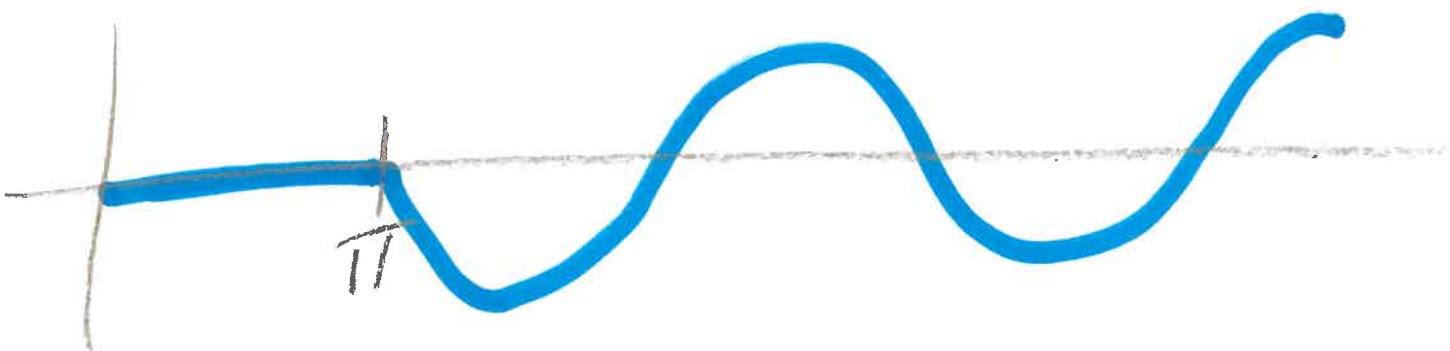
$$\text{Graph } u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$$



$$\text{Graph } g(t) = \sin(t).$$

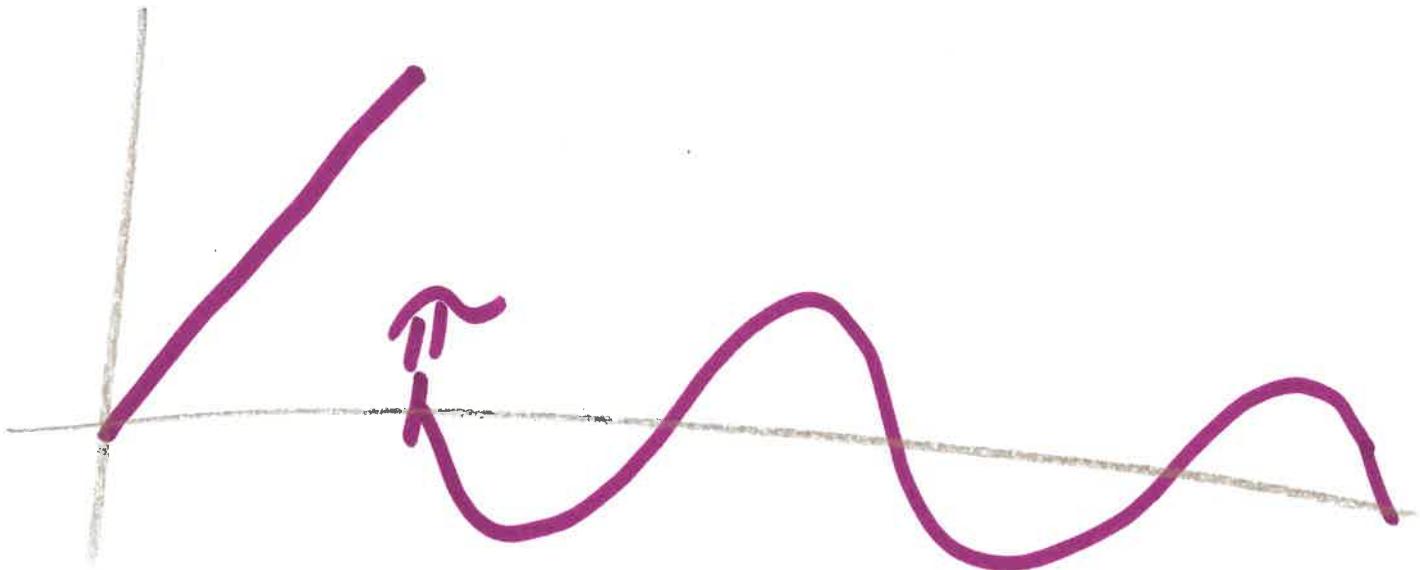


$$\text{Graph } h(t) = u_\pi(t) \sin(t). = \begin{cases} 0, \sin(t) = 0 & t < \pi \\ 1, \sin t = \sin t & t > \pi \end{cases}$$



$$t < \pi, f(t) = 2t + 0 \Rightarrow f(t) = 2t$$

$$\text{Graph } f(t) = 2t + u_{\pi}(t)[\sin(t) - 2t] = \begin{cases} 2t & t < \pi \\ \sin(t) - 2t & t \geq \pi \end{cases}$$



$$h(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t < 4 \\ \ln(t) & t \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

implies  $h(t) =$