

# The LaPlace Transform:

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$$f(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt \quad s = \sigma + i\omega$$

Time Domain F(t)	Frequency Domain f(s)
1	$\frac{1}{s}$
$t$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
$e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s - a}$
$\frac{\sin(at)}{a}$	$\frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\frac{\sinh(at)}{a}$	$\frac{1}{s^2 - a^2}$

**Properties of the LaPlace Transform:**  $f(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt$

<b>Time Domain (t)</b>	<b>Frequency Domain (s)</b>
$aF(t) + bG(t)$	$af(s) + bf(s)$
$F(t) * G(t)$	$f(s)g(s)$
$F'(t) = \frac{dF}{dt}$	$sf(s) - F(t = 0)$
$F''(t) = \frac{d^2F}{dt^2}$	$s^2f(s) - sF(t = 0) - F'(t = 0)$
$e^{at} F(t)$	$f(s - a)$
$F(t) * G(t)$	$f(s)g(s)$

**Convolution Integral:**  $F(t) * G(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\tau)G(t - \tau) d\tau$

## Laplace Transform Example:

## Simple Harmonic Oscillator

$$mX''(t) = -kX(t)$$

$$2X'' = -8X$$

*Initial Conditions:*

$$X(0) = 10; X'(0) = 0$$

*Simplify*

$$X'' + 4X = 0$$

*Take the Laplace Transform*

$$s^2x(s) - 10s + 4x(s) = 0$$

*Solve for  $x(s)$*

$$x(s) = \frac{10s}{s^2 + 4}$$

*Take inverse Laplace Transform  
to get  $X(t)$*

$$X(t) = 10\cos(2t)$$

*oscillatory behavior*

## Laplace Transform Example:

## Damped Harmonic Oscillator

*Initial Conditions:*

$$mX''(t) = -kX(t) - cX'(t)$$

$$2X'' = -8X - 8X'$$

$$X(0) = 10; X'(0) = 0$$

*Simplify*

$$X'' + 4X' + 4X = 0$$

*Take the Laplace Transform*

$$s^2x(s) - 10s + 4(sx(s) - 10) + 4x(s) = 0$$

*Solve for  $x(s)$*

$$x(s) = \frac{10(s+2) + 20}{(s+2)^2} = \frac{10}{(s+2)} + \frac{20}{(s+2)^2}$$

*Take inverse Laplace Transform  
to get  $X(t)$*

$$X(t) = 10e^{-2t} + 20te^{-2t}$$

*overdamped*

## Laplace Transform Example:

## Forced Harmonic Oscillator

$$mX''(t) = -kX(t) + F(t)$$

$$2X'' = -8X + F(t)$$

*Initial Conditions:*

$$F(t) = F_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$X(0) = 10; X'(0) = 0$$

*Simplify*

$$X'' + 4X = \frac{F_0}{2} \cos(\omega t)$$

*Take the Laplace Transform*

$$s^2 x(s) - 10s + 4x(s) = \frac{F_0}{2} \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

*Solve for  $x(s)$*

$$x(s) = \frac{10s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{F_0}{2} \frac{s}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + \omega^2)}$$

*Take inverse Laplace Transform  
to get  $X(t)$*

$$X(t) = 10\cos(2t) + \frac{F_0}{2(\omega^2 - 4)}(\cos(2t) - \cos(\omega t))$$

$\omega^2 \neq 4$  *driven off resonance*

$$X(t) = 10\cos(2t) + \frac{F_0}{8}(t\sin(2t))$$

$\omega^2 = 4$  *driven on resonance*