

Section 7.3 *The First Shifting Theorem*

- Evaluating $L(e^{5t}t^3)$ and $L(e^{-2t} \cos 4t)$ is straightforward provided that we know (and we do) $L(t^3)$ and $L(\cos 4t)$. In general, if we know the Laplace transform of a function f $L(f) = F(s)$, it is possible to compute the Laplace transform of an exponential multiple of $f(t)$ - that is, possible to compute the Laplace transform of an exponential multiple of f , that is, $L(e^{at} f(t))$ - with no additional effort other than *translating*, or *shifting*, the transform $F(s)$ to $F(s - a)$. This result is known as the **first translation theorem** or **first shifting theorem**.

First Translation Theorem: (Translation on the $s -$ axis)

If $L(f(t)) = F(s)$ and a is any real number, then $L(e^{at} f(t)) = F(s - a)$

Proof: $L(e^{at} f(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt = F(s - a)$

In general:

$$1. L(e^{at} t^n) = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}; \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left(\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}\right) = e^{at} t^n$$

$$2. L(e^{at} \cos bt) = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}; \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left(\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}\right) = e^{at} \cos(bt)$$

$$3. L(e^{at} \sin bt) = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}; \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}\right) = e^{at} \sin(bt)$$

$$4. L(e^{at} \sinh(bt)) = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 - b^2}; \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 - b^2}\right) = e^{at} \sinh(bt)$$

$$5. L(e^{at} \cosh(bt)) = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 - b^2}; \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left(\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 - b^2}\right) = e^{at} \cosh(bt)$$

Note: If we consider s a real variable, then the graph of $F(s - a)$ is the graph $F(s)$ is shifted a units to the right.

Ex: Evaluate the Laplace Transform of the following functions:

a) $f(t) = t^3 e^{4t}$

b) $f(t) = e^{-2t} \cos(4t)$

c) $f(t) = e^{-7t} \sin(3t) + e^{3t} (t^3 - 2t + 5) + 3$

d) $f(t) = e^{5t+2} \cosh(7t) + 7e^{-3t} \sinh(2t)$

Ex: Determine $L^{-1}(F(s))$ for the following:

a)
$$F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 6s + 11}$$

b)
$$F(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^3} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s - 8}$$

c)
$$F(s) = \frac{2s+5}{(s-3)^2}$$

d) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{s/2 + 5/3}{s^2 + 4s + 6}\right) =$

e) $F(s) = \frac{s^2 - 17s + 32}{s^3 - 6s^2 + 16s}$

f) $F(s) = \frac{3s^2 + 14s + 20}{s^2 + 4s + 9}$

Ex: Using Laplace Transform to solve the following:

a) $y''+4y'+6y = 1 + e^{-t}; y(0)=0; y'(0)=0$

b) $y''+2y'-3y = 26e^{2t} \cos t; y(0) = 1; y'(0) = 0$