

Directions: For maximum credit, please show all work in most reasonable detail. If you run out of room, you may pick up extra paper (supplied by instructor/proctor) and attach to this exam. No books or notes. Formula sheet provided. Calculator permitted, with programming/memory mode shut off. Please choose **FOUR** from the following **SIX** (worth 25 pts each.) If you do more, I will grade the best **four**. Bonus problem included. Good luck!

I. (25 total)

a.) (13) Find $L\{f(t)\}$ for $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 3-3t & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 1 & t \geq 2 \end{cases}$ from first principles (i.e., using

definition of Laplace Transform)

$$\begin{aligned} L\{f(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^1 0 \cdot e^{-st} dt + \int_1^2 3(1-t)e^{-st} dt + \int_2^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt = 3 \int_1^2 (1-t)e^{-st} dt + \int_2^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \\ &= 3 \int_1^2 e^{-st} dt - 3 \int_1^2 te^{-st} dt + \int_2^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = 3 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st}\right) \Big|_1^2 - 3 \left\{ -\frac{t}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_1^2 + \frac{1}{s} \int_1^2 e^{-st} dt \right\} - \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_2^{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

(Note: The middle integral is evaluated using integration by parts, where: $U = t, dV = e^{-st} dt$)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L\{f(t)\} &= -3 \frac{e^{-st}}{s} \Big|_1^2 - 3 \left\{ -\frac{t}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_1^2 - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} \Big|_1^2 \right\} - \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s} e^{-sd} \Big|_2^d \\ &= -3 \left(\frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s} \right) - 3 \left\{ -\frac{2}{s} e^{-2s} + \frac{1}{s} e^{-s} - \frac{1}{s^2} (e^{-2s} - e^{-s}) \right\} - \frac{1}{s} \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} e^{-sd} + \frac{1}{s} e^{-2s} \\ &= -3 \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} + 3 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} + 6 \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - 3 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} + 3 \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2} - 3 \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} - 0 + \frac{1}{s} e^{-2s} \\ &= e^{-2s} \left[-\frac{3}{s} + \frac{6}{s} + \frac{3}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \right] + e^{-s} \left[\frac{3}{s} - \frac{3}{s} - \frac{3}{s^2} \right] = \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} \left[-3 + e^{-s} (4s + 3) \right] \end{aligned}$$

b.) (12) Verify your answer in a.) using step function method

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 3-3t & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 1 & 2 \leq t \end{cases} = 0 \cdot [u(t) - u(t-1)] + 3(1-t)[u(t-1) - u(t-2)] + 1 \cdot u(t-2) \\ &= -3(t-1)u(t-1) - 3u(t-2) + 3tu(t-2) + u(t-2) = -3(t-1)u(t-1) - 2u(t-2) + 3tu(t-2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore L\{f(t)\} &= -3L\{(t-1)u(t-1)\} - 2L\{u(t-2)\} + 3L\{tu(t-2)\} = -3L\{u(t-1)(t-1)\} - 2\frac{e^{-2s}}{s} + 3(-1)\frac{d}{ds}L\{u(t-2)\} \\
&= -3e^{-s}L\{t\} - 2\frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - 3\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{e^{-2s}}{s}\right) = -3e^{-s}\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) - 2\frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - 3\left(\frac{-s2e^{-2s} - e^{-2s}}{s^2}\right) = -3\frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} - 2\frac{e^{-2s}}{s} + 6\frac{e^{-2s}}{s} + 3\frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2} \\
&= \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2}[-3 + e^{-s}(4s + 3)]
\end{aligned}$$

II (25 total) Given $f(t) = te^{-t} \sinh t$

a.) (15) Find $L\{f(t)\}$ by inserting definition of hyperbolic sine:

$$\sinh at = \frac{1}{2}(e^{at} - e^{-at}) \text{ and using THM5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(t) &= te^{-t} \frac{1}{2}(e^t - e^{-t}) = \frac{t}{2}(1 - e^{-2t}) \\
\therefore L\{f(t)\} &= L\left\{t \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-2t})\right\} = \frac{1}{2}L\{t \cdot (1 - e^{-2t})\} = \frac{1}{2}(-1)\frac{d}{ds}L\{(1 - e^{-2t})\} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{s+2-s}{s(s+2)}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{2}{s^2+2s}\right) = -\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+2s}\right) = -\left(\frac{-(2s+2)}{(s^2+2s)^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{2(s+1)}{s^2(s+2)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

b.) (10) Find $L\{f(t)\}$ by *not* inserting definition of hyperbolic sine, but by using THM7 and THM5. Show that you get the same answer

- According to THM7: $L\{f(t)\} = L\{e^{-t}t \sinh t\} = F(s+1)$, where:
 $F(s) = L\{t \sinh t\}$
- According to THM5:
 $L\{t \sinh t\} = (-1)\frac{d}{ds}L\{\sinh t\} = (-1)\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{1}{s^2-1}\right) = -\left(\frac{-2s}{(s^2-1)^2}\right) = \frac{2s}{(s^2-1)^2}$
- So: $F(s+1) = \frac{2s+2}{((s+1)^2-1)^2} = \frac{2(s+1)}{(s^2+2s+1-1)^2} = \frac{2(s+1)}{(s^2+2s)^2} = \frac{2(s+1)}{s^2(s+2)^2}$

III. a.) (10) Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-3s}}{(s+3)^4}\right]$

- According to THM8: $F(s) = e^{-3s}\left(\frac{1}{(s+3)^4}\right) = e^{-3s}G(s) = L\{u(t-3)f(t-3)\}$, where:
 $G(s) = \frac{1}{(s+3)^4}$
- According to THM7: $G(s) = \frac{1}{(s+3)^4} = H(s+3) = L\{e^{-3t}h(t)\}$, where:
 $H(s) = L\{h(t)\} = \frac{1}{s^4}$
- So:

$$H(s) = L\{h(t)\} = \frac{1}{s^4} = \frac{1}{3!} \cdot \frac{3!}{s^4} \Rightarrow h(t) = \frac{1}{6} t^3 \Rightarrow G(s) = L\left\{\frac{1}{6} e^{-3t} t^3\right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$F(s) = L\left\{\frac{1}{6} u(t-3) e^{-3(t-3)} (t-3)^3\right\} \Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{6} u(t-3) e^{-3t} (t-3)^3$$

$$\therefore f(t) = \frac{1}{6} e^{-3t} (t-3)^3, t > 3$$

c.) (15) $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s} \frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2+16}\right]$

- According to THM4: $\frac{1}{s} \frac{(s+3)}{(s+3)^2+4^2} = L\left\{\int_0^t f(\omega) d\omega\right\}$, where: $L\{f(t)\} = \frac{(s+3)}{(s+3)^2+4^2}$

- According to THM7: $L\{f(t)\} = \frac{(s+3)}{(s+3)^2+4^2} = F(s+3) = L\{e^{-3t} g(t)\}$, where:
 $L\{g(t)\} = \frac{s}{s^2+4^2} = \cos 4t$

- So:

$$f(t) = L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2+4}\right) = \int_0^t e^{-3\omega} \cos 4\omega d\omega = \frac{e^{-3\omega}}{3^2+4^2} (-3 \cos 4\omega + 4 \sin 4\omega) \Big|_0^t$$

$$= \frac{e^{-3t}}{25} (-3 \cos 4t + 4 \sin 4t) - \frac{1}{25} (-3) = \frac{1}{25} [e^{-3t} (4 \sin 4t - 3 \cos 4t) + 3]$$

IV. Given your answer for $f(t)$ in problem Ib.)

a.) (10) Find $f'(t)$

$$\text{From Ib: } f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 3-3t & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 1 & 2 \leq t \end{cases} = 3(1-t)u(t-1) - 2u(t-2) + 3tu(t-2)$$

So:

$$f'(t) = [-3u(t-1) + 3(1-t)\delta(t-1)] - 2\delta(t-2) + 3[u(t-2) + t\delta(t-2)]$$

$$= 3(u(t-2) - u(t-1)) + 3(1-t)\delta(t-1) + \delta(t-2)(3t-2)$$

b.) (15) Find $L\{f'(t)\}$

$$L\{f'(t)\} = 3L\{u(t-2)\} - 3L\{u(t-1)\} + 3L\{\delta(t-1)\} - 3L\{t\delta(t-1)\} + 3L\{t\delta(t-2)\} - 2L\{\delta(t-2)\}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3 \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - 3 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} + 3e^{-s} + 3(e^{-s}) + 3(2e^{-2s}) - 2e^{-2s} \\
&= \frac{3e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{3e^{-s}}{s} + 3e^{-s} + 3e^{-s} + 6e^{-2s} - 2e^{-2s} \\
&= e^{-s} \left[6 - \frac{3}{s} + e^{-s} \left(4 - \frac{3}{s} \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

V. (25) Given $f(t) = (t + 4)^2 \cosh 4t$

a.) (5) Find $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (t + 4)^2 \cosh 4t &= \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (t + 4)^2 \right] \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \cosh 4t \right] \\
&= 16 \cdot \frac{1}{2} (e^0 + e^0) = 16
\end{aligned}$$

b.) (15) Find $F(s) = L\{f(t)\}$

$$L\{(t + 4)^2 \cosh 4t\} = \frac{1}{2} L\{e^{4t} (t + 4)^2\} + \frac{1}{2} L\{e^{-4t} (t + 4)^2\}$$

- According to THM7: $L\{e^{\pm 4t} (t + 4)^2\} = F(s \mp 4)$, where: $F(s) = L\{(t + 4)^2\}$
 $= L\{t^2 + 2t + 16\} = \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{16}{s}$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} L\{e^{4t} (t + 4)^2\} + \frac{1}{2} L\{e^{-4t} (t + 4)^2\} &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{2}{(s-4)^3} + \frac{2}{(s-4)^2} + \frac{16}{(s-4)} + \frac{2}{(s+4)^3} + \frac{2}{(s+4)^2} + \frac{16}{(s+4)} \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{(s-4)} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-4)^2} + \frac{1}{(s-4)} + 8 \right\} + \frac{1}{(s+4)} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s+4)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+4)} + 8 \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

(5) Find $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$, thereby verifying THM10

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s-4)^3} + \frac{s}{(s-4)^2} + \frac{8s}{(s-4)} + \frac{s}{(s+4)^3} + \frac{s}{(s+4)^2} + \frac{8s}{(s+4)} \right\} \\
&= 0 + 0 + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{8s}{s-4} + \frac{8s}{s+4} \right\} + 0 + 0 = 8 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{4}{s}} + \frac{1}{1+\frac{4}{s}} \right) = 8(1+1) = 16
\end{aligned}$$

VI(25pts) Prove

a) (10) $\frac{d}{dt} u(t - t_0) = \delta(t - t_0)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(t - t_0) = \delta(t - t_0)$$

Proof: $\frac{d}{dt} u(t - t_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(t - t_0 + h) - u(t - t_0)}{h}$

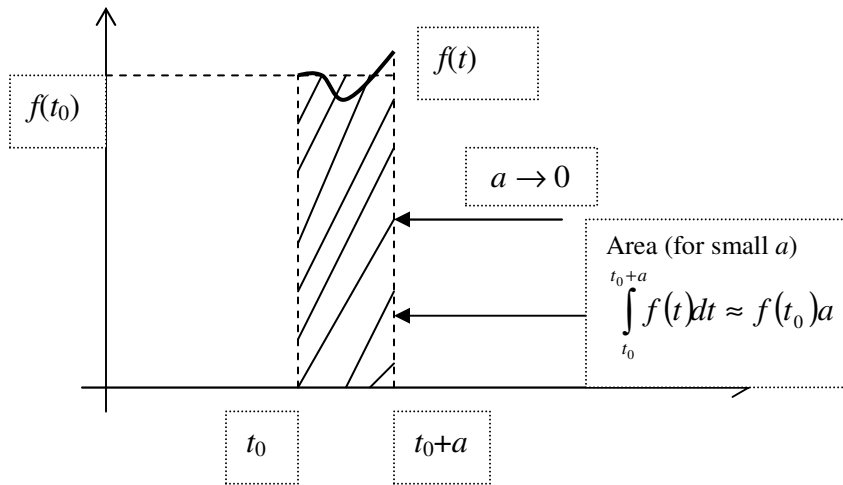
Define: $h = -a$. Then:

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(t-t_0) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(t-t_0-a) - u(t-t_0)}{-a} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(t-t_0) - u(t-t_0-a)}{a} = \delta(t-t_0)$$

b) (15) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)\delta(t-t_0) = f(t_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)\delta(t-t_0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{u(t-t_0) - u(t-t_0-a)}{a} \right] \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{a} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)u(t-t_0)dt - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)u(t-t_0-a)dt \right\} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{a} \left\{ \int_{t_0}^{\infty} f(t)dt - \int_{t_0+a}^{\infty} f(t)dt \right\} \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{a} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+a} f(t)dt = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{a} [f(t_0)a] = f(t_0) \end{aligned}$$

The last step in the proof involved approximating the integral $\int_{t_0}^{t_0+a} f(t)dt$ with the area of a rectangle of height $f(t_0)$ and width a . Note that in the limit $a \rightarrow 0$, the approximation becomes exact. (See figure next page) :



BONUS (20) PTS The Gamma Function

a) (15) Prove: (Property 2): $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$

For $\Gamma(1/2) = 1$, then $p = -1/2$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-x} dx \Rightarrow u = x^{\frac{1}{2}}, du = \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx, x = u^2 \Rightarrow dx = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} du = 2udu$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-x} dx = \int_{u(0)}^{u(\infty)} u^{-1} e^{-u^2} (2udu) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du$$

This last integral is evaluated by performing the following trick:

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \Rightarrow \left[\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]^2 = 4 \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} e^{-w^2} dudw = \int_{-\infty-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(u^2+w^2)} dudw$$

(I.e. by squaring the integral we convert it into a double integral over the first quadrant of the Cartesian plane, which is one-fourth the (infinite) region of the entire Cartesian Plane.) The integral can be evaluated using a change of variables from Cartesian (u,w) to Polar Coordinates (r,θ) :

$$\int_{-\infty-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(u^2+w^2)} dudw = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r dr = 2\pi \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} e^{-r^2} \Big|_0^{\infty} \right\}$$

(The integral with the exponential term is evaluated using the u - substitution: $u = r^2$)

Hence:

$$\left[\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]^2 = 2\pi \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} e^{-d^2} - e^0 \right] \right\} = -\pi[0-1] = \pi$$

$$\therefore \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

b) (5) Find $L\{e^{-5t}(t-5)^{5/2}\}$

$$\text{Let } u = t - 5, \text{ then: } L\{e^{-5t}(t-5)^{5/2}\} = L\{e^{25} e^{-5u} u^{5/2}\} = e^{25} L\{e^{-5u} u^{5/2}\}$$

$$= e^{25} L\{e^{-5u} u^{5/2}\} = e^{25} F(s+5), \text{ where: } F(s) = L\{u^{5/2}\} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)}{s^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

$$\text{Where: } \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \quad (\text{According to Property 2, 3})$$

$$\text{So: } F(s) = L\{u^{5/2}\} = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{5}{2})}{s^{\frac{7}{2}}} = \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{4} s^{-\frac{7}{2}} \Rightarrow L\{f(t)\} = e^{25 \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{4}} (s+5)^{-\frac{7}{2}}$$