

1. Use the definition to determine the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \leq t < 4 \\ e^{-t}, & 4 < t \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} &= \int_0^4 t e^{-st} dt + \int_4^\infty e^{-st} \cdot e^{-t} dt \\ u &= t \quad dv = e^{-st} dt \\ du &= dt \quad v = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \\ &= -\frac{t}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^4 + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^4 e^{-st} dt + \int_4^\infty e^{-(s+1)t} dt \\ &= -\frac{4}{s} e^{-4s} + \frac{1}{s} \left( -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right) \Big|_0^4 + \frac{e^{-(s+1)t}}{-(s+1)} \Big|_4^\infty \\ &= -\frac{4}{s} e^{-4s} + \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-4s} + \frac{e^{-4(s+1)}}{s+1} \end{aligned}$$

2. [2] Use the provided table and linearity to determine the Laplace transform of the following functions.

(a)  $f(t) = 4t^2 - 7e^{2t} \cos 3t$

(b)  $g(t) = 6 + t^8 e^{-3t}$

$$F(s) = 4 \cdot \frac{2}{s^3} - 7 \frac{(s-2)}{(s-2)^2 + 9}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{6}{s} + \frac{8!}{(s+3)^9}$$

(c)  $h(t) = 5te^{2t} \sin 3t$

(d)  $j(t) = \cos^2 bt$

$$H(s) = -5 \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{3}{(s-2)^2 + 9} \right]$$

[HINT:  $\cos^2 x = (1 + \cos 2x)/2$ ]

$$= -5 \left[ \frac{-6(s-2)}{((s-2)^2 + 9)^2} \right]$$

$$j(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2bt$$

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

$$= \frac{30(s-2)}{((s-2)^2 + 9)^2}$$

3. For each of the following choose all that apply; the function is not piecewise continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  (**NPC**), the function is not of exponential order (**NEO**), and/or the function has a Laplace transform (**LT**).

(a) ~~NPC~~ / ~~NEO~~ / LT :  $f(t) = \tan t$

(b) NPC / NEO / LT :  $f(t) = e^{\sin t}$

(c) NPC / NEO / LT :  $f(t) = 14e^{t^2+7}$

(d) NPC / NEO / LT :  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 4e^{3t}, & 0 < t < 2 \\ 12e^t, & 2 < t \end{cases}$

4. The inverse Laplace transform is defined as you would expect it to be<sup>1</sup>. For example, since  $\mathcal{L}\{\sin 3t\} = \frac{3}{s^2+9}$ , we have  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{s^2+9}\right\} = \sin 3t$ . Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following.

(a)  $F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+4}$

$$f(t) = \cos 2t$$

(b)  $G(s) = \frac{8s}{s^2+4}$

$$g(t) = 8 \cos 2t$$

(c)  $H(s) = \frac{6}{s^4}$

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{6} t^3$$

(d)  $K(s) = \frac{1}{s^4}$

$$k(t) = \frac{1}{6} t^3$$

(e)  $W(s) = \frac{6-7s}{s^2+9} = 2 \cdot \frac{3}{s^2+9} - 7 \cdot \frac{s}{s^2+9}$

[HINT: separate the fraction.]

$$w(t) = 2 \sin 3t - 7 \cos 3t$$

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<sup>1</sup>There are some technical complications we will address next week, but for now we will ignore them and assume it works as we expect.