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LAPLACE TRANSFORM

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# Laplace Transform

The one sided Laplace transform of causal signals  $f(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ , is defined as

$$F(s) = L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \quad (1)^1$$

where  $s = \sigma + j\omega$  (complex frequency variable)

L = Laplace transform notation

The inverse Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  of  $F(s)$  and is given by the following complex domain integral

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma-j\omega}^{\sigma+j\omega} F(s)e^{-st} ds \quad (2)$$

Symbolically transform pair(eq.1 and 2) may be written as

$$F(s) = L[f(t)] \quad (3a)$$

$$f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)] \quad (3b)$$

Also  $f(t) \leftrightarrow F(s) \quad (4)$

## LAPLACE TRANSFORM VS. FOURIER TRANSFORM

- The  $j\omega$  or  $\omega$  in the Fourier transform has the same position  $s$  in the Laplace transform.
- The limits of integration in the two transforms are different. In the Laplace transform it is one sided i.e. from 0 to  $\infty$  whereas in Fourier transform it is two sided i.e. from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ .
- The contours of integrations in the inverse transforms are different. In the Fourier transform it is along the imaginary axis whereas in the Laplace transform it is displaced by  $\sigma$ .
- The Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  is identical with the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  multiplied by the convergence factor  $e^{-\sigma t}$ .

### Example

Find the Laplace transform of

- $\delta(t)$ , an impulse function
- $u(t)$ , a unit step function
- $e^{-\alpha t}u(t)$

<sup>1</sup> In some books  $X(s)$  or  $I(s)$  is used instead of  $F(s)$ .

(i) As per definition

$$\begin{aligned} L[\delta(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) \left( e^{-st} \Big|_{st=0} \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) dt \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

or  $\delta(t) \leftrightarrow 1$  (5)

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} L[u(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} u(t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= 1/s \end{aligned}$$

$u(t) \leftrightarrow 1/s$  (6)

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} L[e^{-\alpha t} u(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\alpha+s)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s + \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$e^{-\alpha t} u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{s + \alpha}$  (7)

**Example**

Find Laplace transform of  $\int_0^t f(t) dt$ , given that  $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ .

**Solution**

$$L\left(\int_0^t f(t) dt\right) = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_0^t f(t) dt\right) e^{-st} dt$$

The integration is carried out by parts<sup>^</sup> where we let

<sup>^</sup>  $\int u \cdot dv = uv - \int v \cdot du$

$$u = \int_0^t f(t)dt, du = f(t)dt$$

$$dv = e^{-st} dt, v = \frac{-1}{s} e^{-st}$$

Hence 
$$L\left(\int_0^t f(t)dt\right) = \frac{e^{-st}}{s} \int_0^t f(t)dt \Big|_0^\infty + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

Now, the first terms vanishes since  $e^{-st}$  approaches zero for infinite t and at lower limit  $\int_0^t f(t)dt \Big|_{t=0} = 0$ .

Hence 
$$L\left(\int_0^t f(t)dt\right) = -\frac{F(s)}{s}$$

**TABLE OF LAPLACE TRANSFORM**

Some of the transform pairs have already been obtained in the examples earlier. In table 1 some commonly used transform pairs are presented. You should memorize this table.

**Table 1: Laplace Transform Pairs**

<b>f(t)</b>	<b>F(s)</b>
$\delta(t)$	1
$u(t)$	1/s
$t.u(t)$	1/s <sup>2</sup>
$t^n.u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
$e^{-\alpha t}u(t)$	1/(s+α)
$te^{-\alpha t}u(t)$	1/(s+α) <sup>2</sup>
$t^n e^{-\alpha t}u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{(s + \alpha)^{n+1}}$
$\cos\omega_0 t.u(t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2}$
$\sin\omega_0 t.u(t)$	$\frac{\omega_0}{s^2 + \omega_0^2}$
$e^{-\alpha t}\cos\omega_0 t.u(t)$	$\frac{s + \alpha}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \omega_0^2}$
$e^{-\alpha t}\sin\omega_0 t.u(t)$	$\frac{\omega_0}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \omega_0^2}$

**PROPERTIES OF LAPLACE TRANSFORM**

Properties of the Laplace transform are helpful in obtaining Laplace transform of composite functions and in the solution of linear integro-differential equations. Since properties are proved below and other useful properties are presented in Table 2. memorize these properties of Laplace transform.

**Table 2: Properties of Laplace Transform**

Operation	f(t)	F(s)
Addition	$f_1(t) + f_2(t)$	$F_1(s) + F_2(s)$
Scalar multiplication	$\alpha f(t)$	$\alpha F(s)$
Time differentiation	$df/dt$ or $f'(t)$	$sF(s) - f(0)$
	$d^2f/dt^2$ or $f''(t)$	$s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
Time integration	$\int_0^t f(t)dt$	$\frac{1}{s} F(s)$
	$\int_{-\infty}^t f(t)dt$	$\frac{1}{s} F(s) + \frac{1}{s} \int_{-\infty}^0 f(t)dt$
Time shift	$f(t - t_0)u(t - t_0)$	$F(s)e^{-st_0}$ ; $t_0 \geq 0$
Frequency Shift	$f(t)e^{\alpha t}$	$F(s - \alpha)$
Frequency differentiation	$-tf(t)$	$dF(s)/ds$
Frequency integration	$f(t)/t$	$\int_s^{\infty} F(s)ds$
Scaling	$f(\alpha t), \alpha \geq 0$	$\frac{1}{\alpha} F\left(\frac{s}{\alpha}\right)$
Time convolution	$f_1(t)*f_2(t)$	$F_1(s)F_2(s)$
Frequency convolution	$f_1(t)f_2(t)$	$F_1(s)*F_2(s)$
Initial value	$f(0)$	$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$
Final value	$f(\infty)$	$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$

**Linearity**

$$f_1(t) \leftrightarrow F_1(s)$$

and

$$f_2(t) \leftrightarrow F_2(s)$$

Then

$$af_1(t) + bf_2(t) \leftrightarrow aF_1(s) + bF_2(s) \tag{8}$$

where a and b are constants.

$$\begin{aligned} L[af_1(t) + bf_2(t)] &= a \int_0^{\infty} f_1(t)e^{-st} dt + b \int_0^{\infty} f_2(t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= aF_1(s) + bF_2(s) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

### Frequency Shift

If  $f(t) \leftrightarrow F(s)$

Then  $f(t)e^{\alpha t} \leftrightarrow F(s - \alpha)$  (10)

*Proof*

$$\begin{aligned} L[f(t)e^{\alpha t}] &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{\alpha t} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-(s-\alpha)t} dt = F(s - \alpha) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

### Time Shift

If  $f(t) \leftrightarrow F(s)$

Then  $f(t-t_0)u(t-t_0) \leftrightarrow F(s)e^{-st_0}$  (12)

*Proof*

$$L[f(t-t_0)u(t-t_0)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(t-t_0)u(t-t_0)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} f(\lambda)u(\lambda)e^{-s(\lambda+t_0)} d\lambda \quad (13)$$

where  $(t-t_0) = \lambda$

As  $f(\lambda)$  is causal, the lower limit in integral of Eq. 13 can be changed to 0. Thus

$$L[f(t-t_0)u(t-t_0)] = e^{-st_0} \int_0^{\infty} f(\lambda)e^{-s\lambda} d\lambda = e^{-st_0} F(s) \quad (14)$$

### Time Differentiation

$$L\left(\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right) \leftrightarrow sF(s) - f(0) \quad (15)$$

and, in general

$$L\left(\frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n}\right) \leftrightarrow s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f^1(0) - s^{n-2} f^2(0) \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0) \quad (16)$$

*Proof*

$$L\left(\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{df(t)}{dt} e^{-st} dt$$

Integrating by parts, we get

$$L\left(\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right) = f(t)e^{-st}\Big|_0^\infty + s\int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt \quad (17)$$

Existence of F(s) guarantees  $f(t)e^{-st}\Big|_{t=\infty} = 0$

Hence Eq. 17 becomes

$$L\left(\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right) = sF(s) - f(0) \quad (18)$$

### Time Integration

$$L\left(\int_0^t f(\tau)d\tau\right) \leftrightarrow \frac{F(s)}{s} \quad (19)$$

and

$$L\left(\int_{-\infty}^t f(\tau)d\tau\right) \leftrightarrow \frac{F(s)}{s} + \frac{\int_{-\infty}^0 f(\tau)d\tau}{s} \quad (20)$$

### Initial Value Theorem

If the function f(t) and its derivative f'(t) are Laplace transformable then

$$f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) \quad (21)$$

*Proof*

We know that  $L[f'(t)] = sF(s) - f(0)$  [from eq. 18]

By taking the limit  $s \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} L[f'(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [sF(s) - f(0)]$$

or 
$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty f'(t)e^{-st} dt = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [sF(s) - f(0)]$$

As  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , the integration on L.H.S. becomes zero.

i.e. 
$$\int_0^\infty \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [f(t)e^{-st}] dt = 0$$

$$0 = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) - f(0)$$

i.e. 
$$f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$$

### Final Value Theorem

If f(t) and f'(t) are Laplace transformable then

$$f(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) \quad (22)$$

*Proof*

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We know that  $L[f(t)] = sF(s) - f(0)$

By taking the limit  $s \rightarrow 0$  on both sides, we have

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} L[f(t)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [sF(s) - f(0)]$$

or 
$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [sF(s) - f(0)]$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(t) dt = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [sF(s) - f(0)]$$

But 
$$(f(t))_0^{\infty} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t)$$

Hence 
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [sF(s) - f(0)]$$

Since  $f(0)$  is not a function of  $S$ , it gets cancelled from both sides

Hence 
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

I.e. 
$$f(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

**Time Scaling Theorem**

A scale change is performed to a time variable function  $f(t)$  by introducing  $t_0$  in the time domain where  $t_0$  is a +ve constant. The new function being  $f(t/t_0)$ .

Now 
$$L[f(t/t_0)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(t/t_0)e^{-st} dt = t_0 \int_0^{\infty} f(t/t_0)e^{-(t_0 \cdot s)t/t_0} d(t/t_0)$$

Let 
$$t/t_0 = T$$

$\therefore$  
$$L[f(t/t_0)] = L[f(T)] = t_0 \int_0^{\infty} f(T)e^{-t_0 s T} dT$$

$\therefore$  
$$L[f(t/t_0)] = t_0 F(t_0 s)$$

**Complex Translation Theorem**

Complex translation theorem states that

$$e^{-at} f(t) \leftrightarrow F(s+a)$$

Now 
$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} te^{-at} dt$$
 taking  $f(t) = 1$

on integration, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \left[ \frac{te^{-at}}{-a} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} dt = -\frac{1}{a} (te^{-at})_0^{\infty} - \left( \frac{e^{-at}}{-a} \right)_0^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{a} (-1) = -\frac{1}{a} \\ &= F(s+a) \end{aligned}$$



Find  $f(0)$  or  $f(0^+)$  of the signal whose Laplace transform is

$$F(s) = \frac{(s+1)}{(s+3)(s+2)}$$

**Solution**

From initial value theorem

$$f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s(s+1)}{(s+3)(s+2)} = 1$$

**Example**

Find the final value of a continuous signal  $x(t) = [2 + e^{-3t}]u(t)$ .

**Solution**

Laplace transform of signal  $x(t)$  can be found as

$$X(s) = L[x(t)] = L[(2 + e^{-3t})u(t)]$$

or 
$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (2 + e^{-3t})u(t)e^{-st} dt \tag{i}$$

Using the definition of unit step function, we have

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t > 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases} \tag{ii}$$

Substituting the value of  $u(t)$  in eq (i)

$$X(s) = \int_0^{\infty} (2 + e^{-3t}) \cdot 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} [2e^{-st} + e^{-(s+3)t}] dt$$

or 
$$X(s) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s+3)t} dt = 2 \left[ \frac{1}{-s} e^{-st} \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{-(s+3)} e^{-(s+3)t} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{s+3} = \frac{2(s+3) + s}{s(s+3)} = \frac{3s+6}{s(s+3)} = \frac{3(s+2)}{s(s+3)} \tag{iii}$$

Now 
$$x(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [sX(s)] \tag{iv}$$

Substituting the value of  $X(s)$  in equation (iv), we get

$$x(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ s \cdot \frac{3(s+2)}{s(s+3)} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{3(s+2)}{(s+3)} \right] = \frac{3(0+2)}{(0+3)} = 2$$

Hence the final value of signal  $x(t)$  is 2.

Find the initial value of the function whose Laplace transform is

$$V(s) = A \frac{(s+a) \sin \theta + b \cos \theta}{(s+a)^2 + b^2}$$

**Solution**

Applying initial value theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sA \frac{(s+a) \sin \theta + b \cos \theta}{(s+a)^2 + b^2} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} A \frac{s(s+a) \sin \theta + b \cos \theta}{(s+a)^2 + b^2} \end{aligned}$$

Divide numerator and denominator by  $s^2$ .

$$f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} A \frac{\left(1 + \frac{a}{s}\right) \sin \theta + \frac{b}{s^2} \cos \theta}{\left(1 + \frac{a}{s}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{b}{s}\right)^2}$$

Applying the limit<sup>2</sup>,  $f(0) = A \sin \theta$ .

**Problem**

Find the final value of the function whose Laplace transform is

$$F(s) = \frac{s+6}{s(s+3)}$$

Answer: 2

**Problem**

Find the initial value of the continuous signal if its Laplace transform is given as

$$X(s) = \frac{2s+1}{s^2-1}$$

Answer: 2

**Problem**

Find the initial and final values of function if its Laplace is given by

<sup>2</sup> For limit, read any standard mathematics book. In the present case, remember  $1/\infty = 0$ .

$$X(s) = \frac{17s^3 + 7s^2 + s + 6}{s^5 + 3s^4 + 4s^2 + 2s}$$

Answer: 0, 3

**Problem**

Find the initial and final value of the current whose current transform  $I(s)$  is given by

$$I(s) = \frac{0.32}{s(s^2 + 2.42s + 0.672)}$$

Answer: 0, 0.477

**Time Convolution**

$$[f_1(t) * f_2(t)] \leftrightarrow F_1(s)F_2(s) \tag{23}$$

where

$$f_1(t) \leftrightarrow F_1(s)$$

$$f_2(t) \leftrightarrow F_2(s)$$

*Proof*

$$[f_1(t) * f_2(t)] = \int_0^t f_1(\lambda)f_2(t - \lambda)d\lambda \tag{i}^3$$

As  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$  are causal, upper limits in Eq. (i) can be changed from  $t$  to  $\infty$ . This is because  $f_2(t) = 0, t < 0$  or  $f_2(t - \lambda) = 0, \lambda > t$ . Thus

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = \int_0^\infty f_1(\lambda)f_2(t - \lambda)d\lambda \tag{ii}$$

Taking the Laplace transform

$$L[f_1(t) * f_2(t)] = \int_0^\infty \left( \int_0^\infty f_1(\lambda)f_2(t - \lambda) \right) e^{-st} dt \tag{iii}$$

Let  $t - \lambda = \eta \rightarrow dt = d\eta$ . By interchanging order of integrations, we can write Eq.(iii) as

$$L[f_1(t) * f_2(t)] = \int_0^\infty f_1(\lambda) \left( \int_0^\infty f_2(\eta)e^{-s\eta} d\eta \right) e^{-s\lambda} d\lambda \tag{iv}$$

It then follows from Eq. (iv) that

$$L[f_1(t) * f_2(t)] = F_1(s)F_2(s) \tag{24}$$

These and other properties of the Laplace transform are listed in table 2.

<sup>3</sup> In some books  $\tau$  is used instead of  $\lambda$

Evaluate the convolution integral when  $x_1(t) = e^{-2t}$  and  $x_2(t) = 2t$ .

**Solution**

We know that the convolution of two integral functions  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  is expressed as

$$x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t) = \int_0^t x_1(\tau)x_2(t - \tau)$$

Then we have

$$x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t) = \int_0^t 2\tau e^{-2(t-\tau)} d\tau = e^{-2t} \int_0^t 2\tau e^{2\tau} d\tau$$

Simplifying, we get

$$x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t) = 2e^{-2t} \left[ \tau \frac{e^{2\tau}}{2} - \int 1 \cdot \frac{e^{2\tau}}{2} \right]_0^t = 2e^{-2t} \left[ \frac{te^{2\tau}}{2} - \frac{e^{2\tau}}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \right]$$

The last equation may be written as

$$x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t) = \left[ t - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^{-2t}}{2} \right] u(t)$$

**Example**

Use the convolution theorem of Laplace transform to find  $y(t) = x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t)$  if  $x_1(t) = e^{-3t}u(t)$  and  $x_2(t) = u(t - 2)$ .

**Solution**

We have  $x_1(t) = e^{-3t}u(t)$

Therefore  $X_1(s) = \frac{1}{s+3}$

Also  $x_2(t) = u(t - 2)$

Therefore  $X_2(s) = \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}$

Hence  $X(s) = X_1(s).X_2(s) = \frac{1}{s+3} \cdot \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} = \frac{e^{-2s}}{s(s+3)}$

**Problem**

Determine convolution between two functions  $f_1(t) = 2.u(t)$  and  $f_2(t) = e^{-3t}.u(t)$  where  $u(t)$  is a unit step function.

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = \frac{2}{3}[1 - e^{-3t}]$$

**Hint:** Use of Eq. 23 of time convolution

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = F_1(s)F_2(s)$$

$$f_1(t) = 2u(t) \quad \therefore F_1(s) = 2/s \text{ from table 1}$$

$$f_2(t) = e^{-3t}u(t) \quad \therefore F_2(s) = 1/(s+3) \text{ from table 1}$$

**Example**

Find the Laplace transform of  $\cos \omega t$  and  $\sin \omega t$ .

**Solution**

As  $e^{-\alpha t}u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{s + \alpha}$  (from table 1)

$$e^{-j\omega_0 t}u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{s + j\omega_0} \quad (i)$$

and  $e^{+j\omega_0 t}u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{s - j\omega_0} \quad (ii)$

Adding and subtracting Eq. (i) and (ii), we get

$$\cos \omega_0 t.u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \quad \text{because } \cos \omega_0 t = \frac{e^{j\omega_0 t} + e^{-j\omega_0 t}}{2}$$

and

$$\sin \omega_0 t.u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{\omega_0}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \quad \text{because } \sin \omega_0 t = \frac{e^{j\omega_0 t} - e^{-j\omega_0 t}}{2}$$

**Example**

Find the Laplace transform of the following signal

$$f(t) = \frac{d}{dt}[e^{-\alpha t}u(t)] \quad (i)$$

**Solution**

$$f(t) = -\alpha e^{-\alpha t}u(t) + e^{-\alpha t}\delta(t) \quad (ii)$$

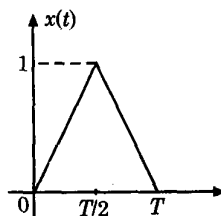
$$L[f(t)] = -\alpha \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} e^{-st} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} e^{-st} \delta(t) dt \quad (iii)$$

$$F(s) = \frac{-\alpha}{s + \alpha} + \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) dt \quad (iv)$$

$$= \frac{-\alpha}{s+\alpha} + 1 = \frac{s}{s+\alpha} \quad (v)$$

**Example**

Find the Laplace transform of the triangular pulse.



**Solution**

According to figure, we have

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{T}t & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{T}{2} \\ 2 - \frac{2}{T}t & \text{for } \frac{T}{2} \leq t \leq T \end{cases} \quad (i)$$

We know that

$$X(s) = L[x(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt \quad (ii)$$

Substituting the value of x(t) from equation (i) into equation (ii), we obtain

$$X(s) = \int_0^{T/2} \left(\frac{2}{T}t\right) e^{-st} dt + \int_{T/2}^T \left(2 - \frac{2}{T}t\right) e^{-st} dt$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{T/2} t e^{-st} dt + 2 \int_{T/2}^T e^{-st} dt - \frac{2}{T} \int_{T/2}^T t e^{-st} dt$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \left\{ \frac{t e^{-st}}{-s^2} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right\} \right]_0^{T/2} + 2 \left[ \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_{T/2}^T - \frac{2}{T} \left[ \left\{ \frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right\} \right]_{T/2}^T$$

Simplifying, we get

$$X(s) = \frac{2}{T} \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{4}{T} \frac{e^{-sT/2}}{s^2} + \frac{2}{T} \cdot \frac{e^{-sT}}{s^2}$$

**Example (AMIE Summer 2012, 6 marks)**

Find Laplace transform of  $\delta(t - T) + 3\delta(t) + \delta(t - 3T)$

**Solution**

We know that

$$L\delta(t) = 1$$

and  $L\delta(t - t_1) = e^{-t_1 s}$

Therefore given function becomes

$$L(t - T) = e^{-Ts}$$

$$L[3\delta(t)] = 3$$

and  $L(t - 3T) = e^{-3Ts}$

Overall Laplace transform is

$$e^{-Ts} + 3 + e^{-3Ts}$$

### Problem

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Find the Laplace transform for the following signals:

- (a)  $(1 - e^{-3t})u(t)$
- (b)  $\delta(t) - \delta(t - 5)$
- (c)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin t & 0 < t < \pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- (d)  $\frac{1}{2a^3}(\sin at - at \cos at)u(t)$

Answer

- (a)  $F(s) = \left( \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{(3+s)} \right)$
- (b)  $F(s) = (1 - e^{-5s})$
- (c)  $F(s) = \frac{1}{(1+s^2)}(e^{-s\pi} + 1)$
- (d)  $F(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$

### LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF PERIODIC FUNCTIONS

Time shift theorem is very useful in determining the transform of periodic time functions. Let function  $x(t)$  be a casual periodic waveform which satisfies the condition  $x(t) = x(t + nT)$  for all  $t > 0$  where  $T$  is the period of the function and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Now, we can write

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T x(t)e^{-st} dt = \frac{X_1(s)}{1 - e^{-sT}}$$

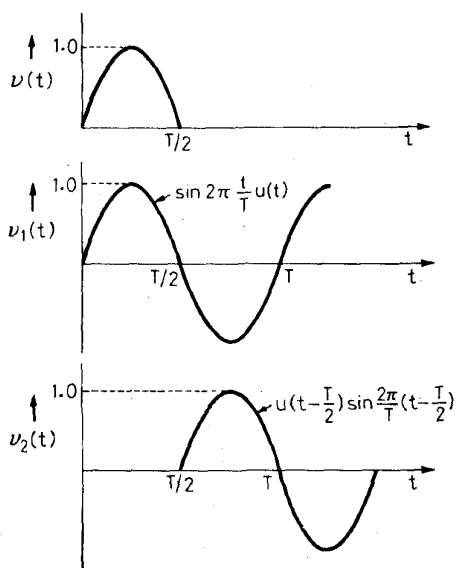
A half cycle sine wave function is given by  $v(t) = \sin \omega t$ . Determine Laplace transform.

**Solution**

$$v(t) = \sin \omega t = \sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} \quad [\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi / T]$$

This function will be positive for  $0 \leq t \leq T/2$ , T being the time period. Also it is observed that half cycle sine wave has *unity* amplitude.

Observing following figures, it is noticed that half cycle sine wave shown is actually a combination of two sine waves given by relations



$$v_1 = \left[ \sin 2\pi \frac{t}{T} \right] u(t)$$

and

$$v_2 = \left[ \sin \frac{2\pi}{T} \left( t - \frac{T}{2} \right) \right] u \left( t - \frac{T}{2} \right)$$

when  $v_2$  is shifted by  $T/2$  from  $v_1$ .

Addition of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  graphically gives the desired half cycle of the sine wave

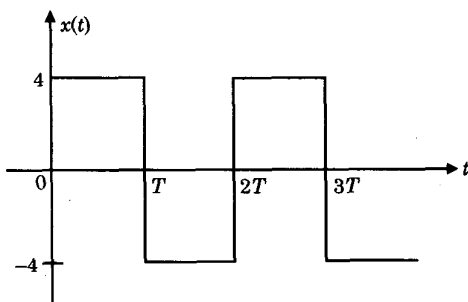
$$\therefore v(t) = \sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} u(t) + \sin \frac{2\pi}{T} \left( t - \frac{T}{2} \right) u \left( t - \frac{T}{2} \right)$$

Utilising Laplace transform methods

$$V(s) = \frac{2\pi / T}{s^2 + \left( \frac{2\pi}{T} \right)^2} \left[ 1 + e^{-\frac{T}{2}s} \right]$$



Determine the Laplace transform of the periodic rectangular waveform shown in figure.



**Solution**

Here the period is  $2T$ .

$$L[X(t)] = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sT}} \left[ \int_0^{2T} x(t)e^{-st} dt \right]$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sT}} \left[ \int_0^T Ae^{-st} dt + \int_T^{2T} (-A)e^{-st} dt \right]$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sT}} \left[ \frac{-A}{s} (e^{-st})_0^T + \frac{A}{s} (e^{-st})_T^{2T} \right]$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sT}} \left[ \frac{A}{s} (e^{-sT} - 1) + \frac{A}{s} (e^{-2sT} - e^{-sT}) \right]$$

or 
$$\frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sT}} \left[ -\frac{A}{s} (e^{-sT} - 1) + \frac{A}{s} (e^{-2sT} - e^{-sT}) \right]$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sT}} \cdot \frac{A}{s} (1 - 2e^{-sT} + e^{-2sT})$$

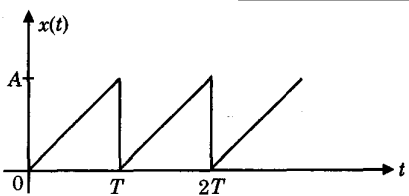
or 
$$X(s) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2sT}} \left[ \frac{A}{s} (1 - e^{-sT})^2 \right]$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{A}{s} \left[ \frac{(1 - e^{-sT})^2}{(1 - e^{-sT})(1 + e^{-sT})} \right]$$

or 
$$X(s) = \frac{A}{s} \cdot \left[ \frac{(1 - e^{-sT})}{(1 + e^{-sT})} \right] = \frac{A}{s} \operatorname{tanh} \left( \frac{sT}{2} \right)$$

**Problem**

Obtain the Laplace transform of the given periodic waveform.



Answer:  $X(s) = \frac{A}{Ts^2(1-e^{-sT})} [1 - e^{-sT} - sTe^{-sT}]$

Hint: Period is T. For this

$$x(s) = \frac{1}{1-e^{-sT}} \left[ \int_0^T x(t)e^{-st} dt \right]$$

### INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

As per the definition of inverse Laplace transform

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma-j\omega}^{\sigma+j\omega} F(s)e^{st} ds \tag{25}$$

Finding the inverse Laplace transform involves complex integration, which is cumbersome. However, using the uniqueness property of the Laplace transform, inverse transform can be found by looking at table 1. A rational F(s) can be first broken up into simple factors by partial fractioning. This procedure is demonstrated by some examples.

#### Example

Obtain the inverse Laplace transform of

(a)  $F(s) = \frac{s^2 + 3s + 1}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$

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

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

#### Solution

(a)

**Step 1:** Let us first do partial fractioning of F(s)

$$F(s) = \frac{s^2 + 3s + 1}{s(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{s+2}$$

[This is a case of distinct real poles]

$$= \frac{S(s+1)(s+2) + B(s)(s+2) + C(s)(s+1)}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$= \frac{A(s^2 + 2s + 2) + B(s^2 + 2s) + C(s^2 + s)}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$= \frac{(A+B+C)s^2 + (3A+2B+C)s + 2A}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$$

Comparing coefficients of numerators on both sides

$$A + B + C = 1$$

$$3A + 2B + C = 3$$

$$2A = 1$$

Solving  $A = 0.5, B = 1$  and  $C = -0.5$

$$F(s) = \frac{s^2 + 3s + 1}{s(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{0.5}{s} + \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{0.5}{s+2}$$

**Step 2:** Using table (1), we get

$$f(t) = 0.5u(t) + e^{-t}u(t) - \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}u(t)$$

(b)

**Step 1:** Let us first do partial fractioning of  $F(s)$

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s+1} \quad \text{[This is a case of repeated poles]}$$

$$= \frac{As(s+1) + B(s+1) + C(s^2)}{s^2(s+1)}$$

$$= \frac{A(s^2 + s) + B(s+1) + Cs^2}{s^2(s+1)}$$

$$= \frac{(A+C)s^2 + (A+B)s + B}{s^2(s+1)}$$

Comparing coefficients of numerators on both sides

$$B = 1$$

$$A + B = 0$$

$$A + C = 0$$

Solving

$$B = 1$$

$$A = -1$$

$$C = 1$$

$$\therefore F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)} = \frac{-1}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s+1}$$

**Step 2:** From table (1), we get

$$f(t) = (t-1+e^{-t})u(t)$$

(c)

**Step 1:** Partial Fractioning

$$\frac{2s^2 + 6s + 6}{(s+2)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2 + 2s + 2} = \frac{A(s^2 + 2s + 2) + (Bs+C)(s+2)}{(s+2)(s^2 + 2s + 2)}$$

Comparing coefficients of numerators on both sides

$$A = 1$$

$$B = 1$$

$$C = 2$$

$$\text{Hence } F(s) = \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{s+2}{s^2 + 2s + 2} = \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 1}$$

**Step 2:** From table (1), We get

$$f(t) = (e^{-2t} + e^{-t} \cos t + e^{-t} \sin t)u(t)$$

### Example

Find inverse Laplace transform of

$$\frac{3s^2 + s + 1}{2s^2 + 3s}$$

### Solution

Here powers of numerator and denominator are same. Hence first divide numerator by denominator. We get

$$F(s) = 1 + \frac{1-2s}{2s\left(s + \frac{3}{2}\right)}$$

Now let us first partial fraction  $\frac{1-2s}{2s(s+3/2)}$  by using method already discussed in above examples.

$$\text{We find } \frac{1-2s}{2s(s+3/2)} = \frac{1}{3s} - \frac{4}{3(s+3/2)}$$

$$\therefore F(s) = 1 + \frac{1}{3s} - \frac{4}{3(s+3/2)}$$

$$\therefore \text{Inverse of } F(s) = \delta(t) + \frac{1}{3}u(t) - \frac{4}{3}e^{-(3/2)t}$$

**Problem**

Find the inverse Laplace transform of

(a)  $\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$

(b)  $\frac{s+4}{s^2+10s+24}$

(c)  $\frac{2s+3}{(s+1)(s^2+4s+5)}$

**Answer**

(a)  $te^{-2t}u(t)$

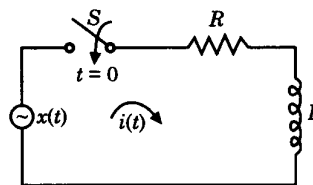
(b)  $e^{-6t}u(t)$

(c)  $0.5[(3\sin t - \cos t)e^{-2t} + e^{-t}]u(t)$

**APPLICATIONS OF LAPLACE TRANSFORMATION IN NETWORK ANALYSIS**

**Step Response of Series R-L Circuit**

In the series RL circuit shown in figure, let us consider that the switch S is closed at time  $t = 0$ .



For the step response, the input excitation is  $x(t) = V_0.u(t)$ . Applying Kirchoff's voltage law to the circuit, we get following diff equation:

$$L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) = V_0.u(t)$$

Taking Laplace transform, the last equation becomes

$$L[sI(s) - i(0+)] + RI(s) = \frac{V_0}{s}$$

Because of presence of inductance L,  $i(0+) = 0$ , i.e. the current through an inductor can not change instantaneously due to conservation of flux linkages.

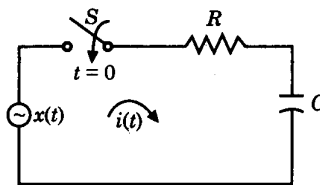
Therefore 
$$I(s) = \frac{V_0}{L} \cdot \frac{1}{s \left( s - \frac{R}{L} \right)} = \frac{V_0}{L} \cdot \frac{L}{R} \left[ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s + (R/L)} \right] = \frac{V_0}{R} \left[ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s + R/L} \right]$$

Taking inverse Laplace transform

$$i(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} [1 - e^{R/L}]$$

### Step Response of Series R-C Circuit

For the given circuit, integral-differential eq. is



$$\frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i(t) dt - Ri(t) = V_0 u(t)$$

This can be written as

$$\frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t) dt + \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^0 i(t) dt + Ri(t) = V_0 u(t)$$

Taking Laplace transform, the last equation becomes

$$\frac{1}{C} \left[ \frac{I(s)}{s} \right] + \frac{1}{C} L[q(0^+)] + RI(s) = \frac{V_0}{s}$$

or 
$$\frac{1}{C} \left[ \frac{I(s)}{s} + \frac{q(0^+)}{s} \right] + RI(s) = \frac{V_0}{s}$$

Now  $q(0^+)$  is the charge on the capacitor C at time  $t = 0^+$ . If the capacitor is initially uncharged, then  $q(0^+) = 0$ .

Hence 
$$I(s) \left[ \frac{1}{Cs} + R \right] = \frac{V_0}{s}$$

or 
$$I(s) = \frac{V_0 / R}{s + \frac{1}{RC}}$$

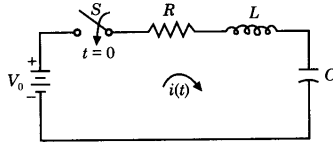
Therefore 
$$i(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} e^{-t/RC}$$

**Step Response of Series RLC Circuit**

Following figure shows the series RLC circuit.

Integral Diff equation is

$$L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i(t)dt = V_0 u(t) \tag{i}$$



Eq. (i) can be written as

$$L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i(t)dt + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t)dt$$

Taking Laplace transform, the last equation would become

$$L[sI(s) - i(0^+)] + RI(s) + \frac{1}{C} L[q(0^+)] + \frac{1}{C} \cdot \frac{I(s)}{s} = \frac{V_0}{s}$$

or 
$$L[sI(s) - i(0^+)] + RI(s) + \frac{1}{C} \frac{q(0^+)}{s} + \frac{1}{C} \cdot \frac{I(s)}{s} = \frac{V_0}{s}$$

Now due to the presence of inductor L, we have  $i(0^+)$ . Also,  $q(0^+)$  is the charge on the capacitor C at  $t = 0^+$ . If the capacitor is initially uncharged, then  $q(0^+) = 0$ . Putting these two initial conditions in last equation, we get

$$LsI(s) + RI(s) + \frac{I(s)}{Cs} = \frac{V_0}{s}$$

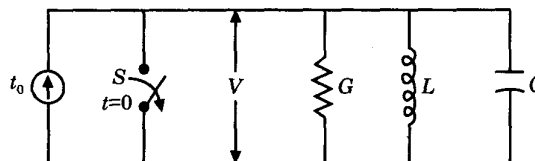
or 
$$I(s) \left[ Ls + R + \frac{1}{Cs} \right] = \frac{V_0}{s} = \frac{V_0}{Ls^2 + Rs + \frac{1}{C}} = \frac{V_0}{l(s - p_1)(s - p_2)}$$

where 
$$p_1, p_2 = \frac{-R}{2L} \pm \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{R^2 - 4 \frac{L}{C}}$$

Hence 
$$i(t) = \frac{V_0 / L}{(p_1 - p_2)} [e^{p_1 t} - e^{p_2 t}]$$

**Step Response of Parallel RLC Circuit**

Following figure shows the circuit of parallel RLC circuit.



Let the switch S be opened at time  $t = 0$ , thus connecting the d.c. current source  $I_0$  to the circuit.

Applying Kirchoff's current law to the circuit, we get the following integro-differential equation

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} + GV + \frac{1}{L} \int_{-\infty}^t V dt = I_0 u(t) \tag{i}$$

The last equation can be written as under

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} + GV + \frac{1}{L} \int_{-\infty}^0 V dt + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t V dt = I_0 u(t)$$

Taking Laplace transform, the last equation becomes

$$C[sV(s) - V(0^+) + GV(s) + \frac{1}{L}[\phi(0^+)]] + \frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{V(s)}{s} = \frac{I_0}{s}$$

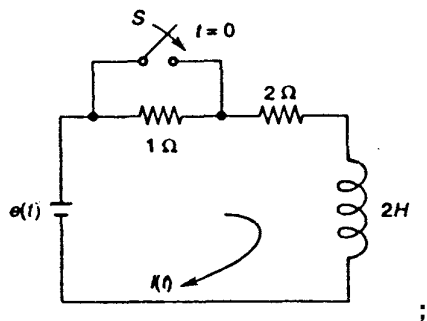
where  $\phi(0^+)$  is the flux linkage and equals to  $Li(0^+)$ .

Now, the initial conditions are inserted.

Due to presence of capacitor C,  $V(0^+) = 0$ , since the voltage across a capacitor change instantaneously. Also, the current in the inductor L during the time interval  $-\infty$  to 0. hence  $\phi(0^+) = 0$ .

**Example**

In the circuit of given Figure, the switch S has been open for long time and is closed at  $t = 0$ . For  $e(t) = 3u(t)$ , find  $i(t)$ ,  $t > 0$ .



**Solution**

Applying the KVL to the circuit after S is closed.

$$e(t) = 3u(t) = 2i(t) + 2 \frac{di(t)}{dt} \tag{i}$$

Taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (i), we get

$$\frac{3}{s} = 2I(s) + 2\{sI(s) - i(0)\} \tag{ii}$$



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where  $i(0)$  = initial condition.

Before the switch is closed the circuit has reached steady state with inductance acting as a short circuit. Therefore,

$$i(0) = \frac{3}{(1+2)} = 1\text{A}$$

From Eq. (ii), we now get

$$3 = 2s(I(s) + 2s^2I(s) - s$$

Rearranging we get

$$I(s) = \frac{s+3}{2s(s+1)} \quad \text{(iii)}$$

Partial fractioning of Eq. (iii) yields the following result.

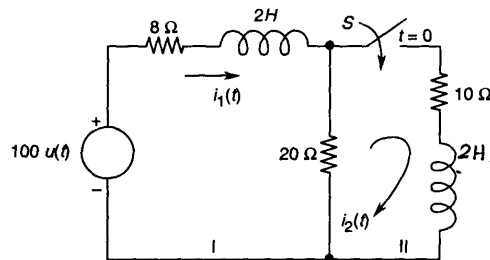
$$I(s) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{s} - \frac{2}{s+1} \right) \quad \text{(iv)}$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (iv), we get

$$i(t) = (1.5 - e^{-t})u(t)$$

**Example**

In the circuit of figure the switch  $S$  is closed at  $t = 0$ . Determine the currents  $i_1(t)$  and  $i_2(t)$ .

**Solution**

Applying the KVL to loops I and II

$$8i_1(t) + 2 \frac{di_1(t)}{dt} + 20(i_1(t) - i_2(t)) = 100 \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$10i_2(t) + 2 \frac{di_2(t)}{dt} + 20(i_2(t) - i_1(t)) = 0 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

Taking the Laplace transform of Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$8I_1(s) + 2sI_1(s) - 2i_1(0) + 20(I_1(s) - I_2(s)) = \frac{100}{s} \quad \text{(iii)}$$

$$20(I_2(s) - I_1(s)) + 10I_2(s) + 2sI_2(s) = 0 \quad \text{(iv)}$$

Before the switch is closed the left part of the circuit has reached steady state within the inductance acting as a short circuit. Therefore,

$$i_1(0) = \frac{100}{28} = 3.57\text{A}$$

Substituting this value in Eq.(iii) and rearranging both eq. (iii) and (iv), we have

$$(2s + 28)I_1(s) - 20I_2(s) = \frac{100}{s} + 7.14 \quad (\text{v})$$

$$-20I_2(s) + (2s + 30)I_2(s) = 0 \quad (\text{vi})$$

From Eq. (vi), we have

$$I_1(s) = \frac{s+15}{10} I_2(s) \quad (\text{vii})$$

Substituting this in Eq. (v), solving for  $I_2(s)$  and factorizing its denominator, we get

$$I_2(s) = \frac{5(100 + 7.14s)}{s(s + 24.5)(s + 4.5)} \quad (\text{viii})$$

By partial fractioning, we can write

$$I_2(s) = \frac{4.54}{s} - \frac{0.77}{s + 24.5} - \frac{3.77}{s + 4.5} \quad (\text{ix})$$

Taking the Laplace inverse on both sides

$$i_2(t) = (4.54 - 0.77e^{-24.5t} - 3.77e^{-4.5t})u(t) \quad (\text{x})$$

Now 
$$I_1(s) = \frac{(s + 15)(7.14s + 100)}{2s(s + 4.5)(s + 24.5)} \quad (\text{xi})$$

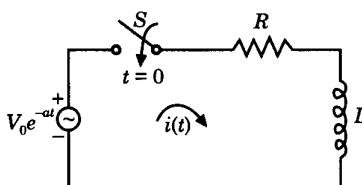
or 
$$I_1(s) = \frac{6.8}{s} + \frac{0.73}{s + 24.5} - \frac{3.96}{s + 4.5} \quad (\text{xii})$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform, we get

$$i_1(t) = (6.8 - 3.96e^{-4.5t} - 0.77e^{-24.5t})u(t) \quad (\text{xiii})$$

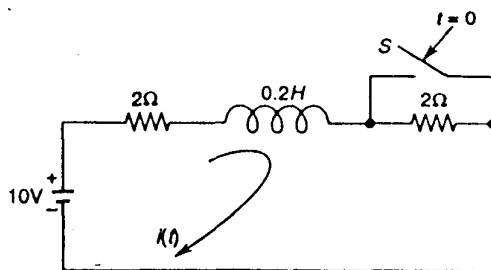
### Problem

In the series RL circuit shown in figure, determine current  $i(t)$ .



Answer:  $i(t) = \frac{V_0}{L} t e^{-\alpha t}$  where  $\alpha = R/L$ .

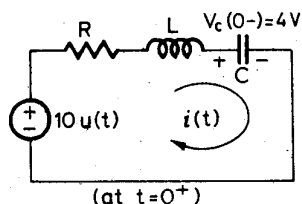
In the circuit of Figure, the switch  $S$  has been open for a long time and is closed at  $t = 0$ . Find  $i(t)$ ,  $t > 0$ .



Answer:  $i(t) = (5 - 2.5e^{-10t})u(t)$

**Example**

In a series RLC network  $R = 0.5\Omega$ ,  $L = 1\text{ H}$  and  $C = 1\text{ F}$ . If the initial voltage on the capacitor is  $4\text{ V}$ , find  $i(t)$  following switching of a voltage  $10u(t)$  into the circuit. Assume zero initial condition for the inductor and the polarity of charge on the capacitor as shown in figure.



**Solution**

Since  $R = \frac{1}{2}\Omega$ ;  $L = 1\text{H}$ ,  $C = 1\text{F}$

$$\therefore Z(s) = R + Ls + \frac{1}{Cs} = \frac{1}{2} + s + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{s^2 + s + 2}{2s}$$

$$\therefore Y(s) = \frac{2s}{s^2 + s + 2} = \frac{2s}{(s + 0.25 - j0.968)(s + 0.25 + j0.968)}$$

Here  $Z(s)$  is impedance and  $Y(s)$  is admittance in  $s$  domain.

Now  $I(s) = Y(s)V(s)$

or  $i(t) = Y(t)V(t)$

$$= [K_1 e^{[-0.25 + j0.968]t} + K_2 e^{[-0.25 - j0.968]t}] 10u(t)$$

$$= 10K e^{-0.25t} \cos[0.968t + \phi]u(t)$$

Due to zero initial condition of the inductor

$$i(0^-) = i(0^+) = 0$$

$$\therefore 0 = 10K \cos \phi$$

$$\text{or } \phi = \pm \pi / 2 \text{ (giving also } K = 0)$$

$$\text{Also, } \left. \frac{di}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} \text{ (i.e. drop across the inductor)} = 10 - 4 = 6 \text{ V}$$

[Because At  $t = 0^+$ , drop across the inductor is the difference of supply voltage and initial voltage on the capacitor]

$$\text{or } 6 = 10K[-0.25 \cos \phi - 0.968 \sin \phi] = 10K \left[ -0.25 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - 0.968 \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\text{Solving } K = 0.62$$

$$\text{Hence } i(t) = 0.62 \times 10 e^{-0.25t} \cos[0.968t + (-\pi / 2)]u(t)$$

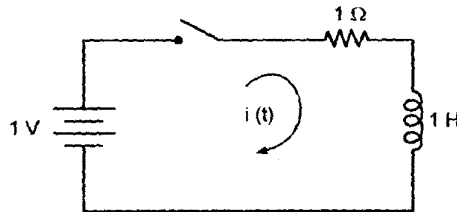
$$\therefore i(t) = 6.2 e^{-0.25t} \sin(0.968t)u(t)$$

### Example (AMIE W12, 10 marks)

A series RL circuit is energized by a d.c. voltage of 1.0 V by switching it at  $t = 0$ . If  $R = 1.0 \Omega$ ,  $L = 1.0 \text{ H}$ , find the expression of the current using convolution integral.

### Solution

See following circuit.



$$\text{Here } Z(s) = R + sL \text{ (Assuming zero initial condition)}$$

$$\therefore y(s) = \frac{1}{R + sL} = \frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{1}{s + R/L}$$

Taking the inverse transform

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{L} e^{(-R/L)t}$$

Also, in Laplace domain,  $I(s) = Y(s) \cdot V(s)$  or using convolution integral

$$i(t) = y(t) * v(t)$$

$$\text{or } i(t) = \int_0^t y(t - \tau)v(\tau)d\tau = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t e^{(-R/L)(t-\tau)} 1 d\tau$$

$$= \frac{1}{R}(1 - e^{(-R/L)t})$$

However  $R = 1 \Omega$  and  $L = 1 \text{ H}$

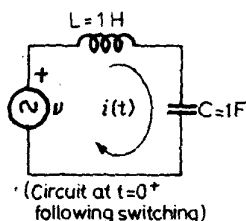
$$\therefore i(t) = 1 - e^{-t}$$

**Example**

In a series LC circuit, the supply voltage being  $v = V_{\max}\cos(t)$ , find  $i(t)$  at  $t = 0+$  following switching at  $t = 0$  with zero initial conditions. Assume  $L = 1 \text{ H}$ ;  $C = 1 \text{ F}$ .

**Solution**

See following figure.



Application KVL at  $t = 0+$  in Laplace domain

$$I(s) \left[ Ls + \frac{1}{Cs} \right] = Lv + \frac{sV_m}{s^2 + 1}$$

or 
$$I(s) \left[ s + \frac{1}{s} \right] = \frac{sV_m}{s^2 + 1}$$

or 
$$I(s) = \frac{sV_m}{(s^2 + 1) \left( s + \frac{1}{s} \right)} = \frac{V_m s^2}{(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{s^2 V_m}{(s^2 + 1)^2}$$

Before, we find the partial fraction expression, the roots are  $+j$ ,  $-j$ ,  $+j$  and  $-j$ .

$$\therefore I(s) = \frac{s^2 V_m}{(s + j)(s - j)(s + j)(s - j)} = \frac{s^2 V_m}{(s + j)^2 (s - j)^2}$$

$$= \frac{K_1}{(s - j)^2} + \frac{K_1^*}{(s + j)^2} + \frac{K_2}{(s - j)} + \frac{K_2^*}{s + j}$$

$$\therefore K_1 = i(s)(s - j)^2 \Big|_{s=j} = \frac{s^2 V_m}{(s + j)^2} \Big|_{s=j} = \frac{j^2 V_m}{(2j)^2} = \frac{V_m}{4}$$

$$K_2 = \left| \frac{1}{(2-1)!} \frac{d}{ds} (s - j)^2 I(s) \right|_{s=j} = \left| \frac{(s + j)^2 V_m 2s - V_m s^2 \cdot 2(s + j)}{(s + j)^4} \right|_{s=j} = -j \frac{V_m}{4}$$

$$\therefore K_1^* = \frac{V_m}{4}; K_2^* = j \frac{V_m}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } I(s) &= \frac{V_m/4}{(s-j)^2} + \frac{V_m/4}{(s+j)^2} + \frac{-jV_m/4}{s-j} + \frac{jBV_m}{s+j} \\ &= \frac{V_m}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{(s-j)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+j)^2} - \frac{j}{s-j} + \frac{j}{s+j} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Inverse of Laplace transform gives

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= \frac{V_m}{4} [te^{jt} + te^{-jt} - je^{jt} + je^{-jt}] \\ &= \frac{V_m}{4} \left[ 2t \cdot \frac{e^{jt} + e^{-jt}}{2} - j(2j) \frac{e^{jt} - e^{-jt}}{(2j)} \right] \\ &= \frac{V_m}{2} [t \cos t + \sin t] \end{aligned}$$

**CIRCUIT THEORY AND CONTROL**

**Q.1. (AMIE W05, S07, 08, 10 marks):** State and explain (prove) the following: (i) Initial value theorem (ii) final value theorem (iii) Convolution integral.

**Q.2. (AMIE W11, 12 marks):** State the initial and final value theorems. Compute the Laplace transform of the function

$$f(t) = (1 + 3e^{-2t} + 4te^{-2t})u(t)$$

Verify the initial value theorem for this function.

Answer:  $F(s) = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3}{s+2} + \frac{4}{(s+2)^2}$ ; LHS = RHS = 4

**Q.3. (AMIE S12, 6 marks):** State the time scaling property of Laplace transform. Prove it.

**Q.4. (AMIE W06, 8 marks):** Evaluate the inverse Laplace transform of  $\left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+2)} \right]$

Answer:  $\frac{e^{-t}}{3}(e^{3t} - 1)$

**Q.5. (AMIE W11, 8 marks):** Find the inverse transformation of the function

$$F(s) = \frac{s^2 + 6s + 8}{s^3 + 4s^2 + 3s}$$

Answer:  $f(t) = \frac{8}{3} - \frac{3}{2}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{6}e^{-3t}$

**Q.6. (AMIE S07, 4 marks):** Determine the final value of f(t), if

$$F(s) = \frac{s}{(s^2 + 5s + 3)(s + 1)}$$

Answer: 0

**Q.7. (AMIE S07, 6 marks):** Determine

$$L^{-1} \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 3}$$

using convolution theorem.

Answer:  $\frac{e^{-t}}{4}(e^{4t} - 1)$

**Q.8. (AMIE S08, 8 marks):** Find the Laplace transform of the following functions:

- (i)  $tu(t)$  (unit ramp function)
- (ii)  $te^{-at}u(t)$
- (iii)  $\sinh(bt)u(t)$

Answer: (i)  $1/s^2$ , (ii)  $1/(s+a)^2$  (iii)  $b/(s^2 - b^2)$

**Q.9. (AMIE S08, 7 marks):** Obtain the inverse Laplace transform of the following:

$$\frac{12(s+2)}{s(s^2+4s+8)}$$

Answer:  $3[1 + 3e^{-2t} \cos 2t]$

**Q.10. (AMIE S13, 5 marks):** Current I(S) in a network is given by

$$I(S) = \frac{2S+3}{S^2+3S}$$

Find i(t) the current at any time “t”.

Answer:  $i(t) = u(t) + e^{-3t}$

**Q.11. (AMIE W08, 7 marks):** Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following:

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2+5^2)^2}$$

Answer:  $f(t) = \frac{1}{250}[\sin 5t - 5t \cos 5t]$

**Q.12. (AMIE S10, 5 marks):** Find the inverse Laplace transform for

$$F(s) = (7s+2) / (s^3+3s^2+2s).$$

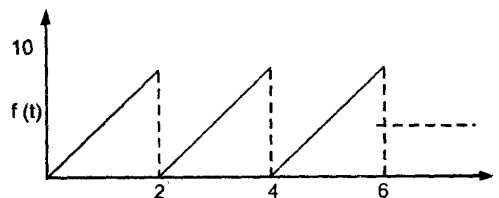
Answer:  $f(t) = u(t) + 5e^{-t} - 6e^{-2t}$

**Q.13. (AMIE S09, 2 marks):** Derive the Laplace transform of the function f(t) = t.

Answer:  $1/s^2$

**Q.14. (AMIE W11, 5 marks):** Only one half cycle (starting t = 0) is present for a sinusoidal wave of amplitude 2V and time period 0.02 s. Find the time domain equation and calculate the Laplace transform for this half cycle.

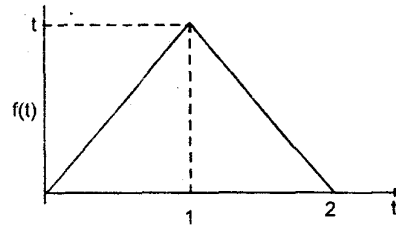
**Q.15. (AMIE W09, 8 marks):** Determine the Laplace transform of the following periodic function.



Answer:  $\frac{5}{s} - \frac{10}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2\omega}{(s^2 + 4\omega^2)} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3\omega}{(s^2 + 9\omega^2)} + \dots \right]$

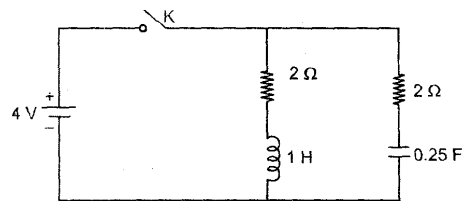
**Q.16. (AMIE S10, 7 marks):** For the given signal, find the Laplace transform.





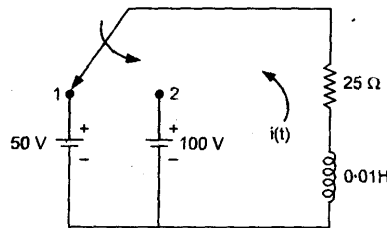
Answer:  $f(t) = u(t) + 5e^{-t} - 6e^{-2t}$

**Q.17. (AMIE S09, 6 marks):** In the given network, switch K is opened at time  $t = 0$ , the steady state having established previously. With switch K open, draw the transform (s-domain) network representing all elements and all initial conditions. Write the transform equation for current in the loop. From that expression, also find the current  $i(t)$  in the loop.



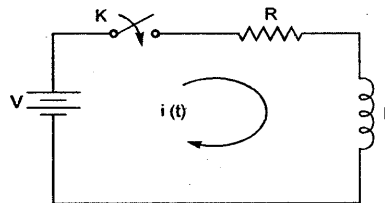
Answer:  $2e^{-2t}(1-2t)$

**Q.18. (AMIE S05, 6 marks):** In the network shown in given figure, the switch is kept in position 1 for a long time and then moved to position 2 at  $t = 0$ . Determine the current expression  $i(t)$  using Laplace transform.



Answer:  $i(t) = 4 - 2e^{-2500t}$

**Q.19. (AMIE S06, 8 marks):** Find the particular solution of the circuit shown below.

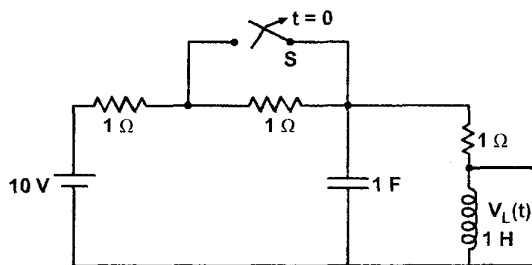


Answer:  $i(t) = \frac{V}{R} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{R}{L}t} \right)$

**Q.20. (AMIE S12, 8 marks):** A step voltage  $V(t) = 100 u(t)$  is applied to a series RLC circuit with  $L = 10 \text{ H}$ ,  $R = 2 \Omega$  and  $C = 5\text{F}$ . The initial current in the circuit is zero but there is an initial voltage of 50 V on the capacitance in a direction which opposes the applied source. Find the expression for the current in the circuit.

Answer:  $i(t) = (0.5 - j0.33)e^{(0.2+j0.3)t} + (0.5 + j0.33)e^{-(0.2+j0.3)t}$

**Q.21. (AMIE W12, 10 marks):** The circuit shown in figure is initially under steady state condition with switch S closed. Switch S is opened at  $t = 0$ . Find the voltage across the inductance, L, as function of “t”. Use Laplace transform method.



**CIRCUIT AND FIELD THEORY**

**Q.22. (AMIE W07, 08, S05, 09, 10 marks):** Write short notes on Initial and Final value theorems.

**Q.23. (AMIE S08, 12, 10 marks):** State and prove (i) convolution theorem (ii) complex translation theorem of Laplace transform.

**Q.24. (AMIE S10, 6 marks):** What is convolution? State and prove convolution theorem.

**Q.25. (AMIE W11, 10 marks):** Establish analytically the concept of convolution using Laplace transformation of two functions.

**Q.26. (AMIE W08, 3 marks):** A function in Laplace domain is given by

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

Obtain its value by final value theorem in time domain.

Answer: 2

**Q.27. (AMIE S05, 6 marks):** Find the value of  $i(0)$  using the initial value theorem for the Laplace transform given below:

$$I(s) = \frac{2s+3}{(s+1)(s+3)}$$

Obtain its inverse form.

Answer: 2

**Q.28. (AMIE W12, 10 marks):** State and briefly explain the initial and final value theorem in Laplace domain. A function in Laplace domain is given by

$$F(s) = \frac{2(s+4)}{(s+3)(s+8)}$$

Find the initial and final values.

Answer: 1, 0

**Q.29. (AMIE W08, 5 marks):** If  $f_1(t) = 2u(t)$  and  $f_2(t) = e^{-3t}u(t)$ , determine the convolution between  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$ .

**Q.30. (AMIE W08, 7 marks):** A 10 V step voltage is applied across a RC series circuit at  $t = 0$ . Find  $i(t)$  at  $t = 0^+$  and obtain the value of  $(di/dt)_{t=0}$  assuming  $R = 100 \Omega$  and  $C = 100 \mu\text{F}$ .

Answer: 0

**Q.31. (AMIE W09, 8 marks):** In a Laplace domain, a function is given by

$$F(S) = M \left[ \frac{(s + \alpha) \sin \theta}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2} + \frac{\beta \cos \theta}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2} \right]$$

Show by initial value theorem

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = M \sin \theta$$

**Q.32. (AMIE S05, 4 marks):** A pulse voltage of width 2 seconds and magnitude 10 volts is applied at time  $t = 0$  to a series R-L circuit consisting of resistance  $R = 4\Omega$  and inductor  $L = 2$  Henry. Find the current  $i(t)$  by using Laplace transformation method. Assume zero current through the inductor L before application of the voltage pulse.

Answer:  $\left( \frac{5}{2} - e^{-5t} \right) u(t) - 5 \left( 1 - e^{-(t-2)} \right) u(t-2)$

**Q.33. (AMIE S10, 8 marks):** A step voltage of  $100 t u(t)$  volts is applied across a series RC circuit where  $R = 5$  K-ohm and  $C = 4 \mu\text{F}$ . Find the voltage drop across the resistor R and show that it is approximately equal to 2V.

**Q.34. (AMIE S09, 5 marks):** A function in Laplace domain is given by

$$I(s) = \frac{s+1}{s(s^2 + 4s + 4)}$$

Obtain its inverse transform.

Answer:  $i(t) = \frac{1}{4} u(t) + \frac{1}{2} t e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t}$

**Q.35. (AMIE W09, S10, 7 marks):** Obtain inverse Laplace transform of  $I(s)$  when

$$I(s) = \frac{250}{(s^2 + 625)(s + 2)}$$

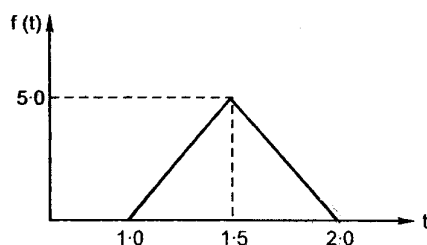
Answer:  $i(t) = 0.4e^{-2t} - \frac{5}{(25 + j2)} e^{-j25t} - \frac{5}{(25 - j2)} e^{j25t}$

**Q.36. (AMIE S08, 12, 12 marks):** Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following

(i)  $F(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^3 + s^2 - 6s}$       (ii)  $F(s) = \frac{s+2}{s^5 - 2s^4 + s^3}$

(i) Answer:  $f(t) = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{10} e^{2t} - \frac{2}{15} e^{-3t}$       (ii)  $f(t) = 8 + 5t + t^2 - 8e^t + te^t$

**Q.37. (AMIE S09, 5 marks):** A pulse waveform is shown in following figure. Obtain its Laplace transform.



Answer: 20

**CIRCUIT THEORY**  
**LAPLACE TRANSFORM**

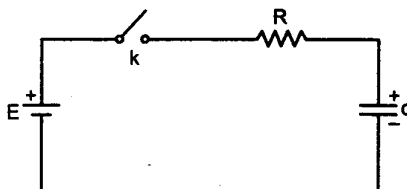
**Q.38. (AMIE S05, 8 marks):** Find the current  $i(t)$  in a series RC circuit consisting  $R = 2\Omega$  and  $C = 1/4$  farad when each of the following driving force voltage is applied:

(i) ramp voltage  $2t(t - 3)$

(ii) step voltage  $2u(t - 3)$

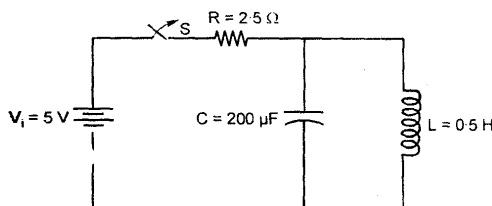
Answer: (i)  $i(t) = \frac{1}{2} [u(t-3) - e^{-2(t-3)} \cdot u(t-3)]$  (ii)  $i(t) = e^{-2(t-3)} \cdot u(t-3)$

**Q.39. (AMIE W05, 8 marks):** Find the current response  $i(t)$  when a step voltage is applied by closing the switch k. Assume  $Q_0$  be the initial charge on the capacitor. Use Laplace transform method.



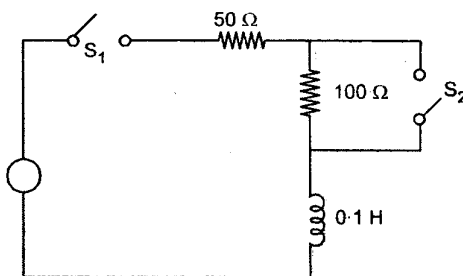
Answer:  $i(t) = \left( \frac{E}{R} - \frac{Q_0}{Rc} \right) e^{-t/Rc}$

**Q.40. (AMIE S05, 8 marks):** In the network, the switch S is closed and a steady state is attained. At  $t = 0$ , the switch is opened. Determine the current through the inductor.



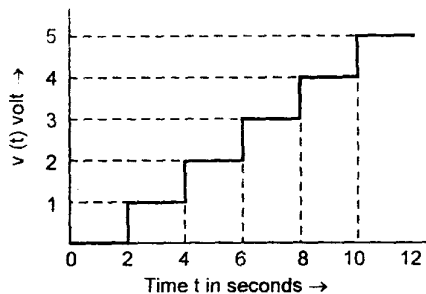
Answer:  $i(t) = 4 \cos 10^4 t$

**Q.41. (AMIE S09, 5 marks):** In following figure, switch S is closed at  $t = 0$ . Switch  $S_2$  is opened at  $t = 4$  ms. Obtain I for  $t > 0$ .



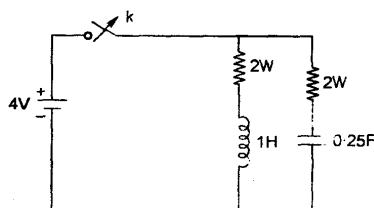
**Q.42. (AMIE W06, 8 marks):** Prove that the Laplace transform of any time function  $f(t)$  delayed by time  $a$  is  $e^{-as}$  times the transform of the function  $F(s)$ .

**Q.43. (AMIE W06, 8 marks):** A staircase voltage  $v(t)$  shown in figure is applied to an RL network consisting of  $L = 1$  H and  $R = 2\Omega$ . Write the equation for the staircase voltage in terms of step function. Find the Laplace transform of  $v(t)$ . Find the current  $i(t)$  in the circuit. Draw the waveform of current  $i(t)$ . Assume zero current through the inductor L before applying the voltage.



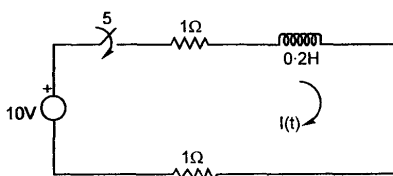
Answer:  $u(t-2) + u(t-4) + u(t-6) + u(t-8) + u(t-10) - 5u(t-12)$

**Q.44. (AMIE W06, 10, 10 marks):** In the given network, switch K is opened at time  $t = 0$ , the steady state having established previously. With switch K open, draw the transform network representing all elements and all initial conditions. Write the transform equation for current in the loop. Also find the current  $i(t)$  in the loop.



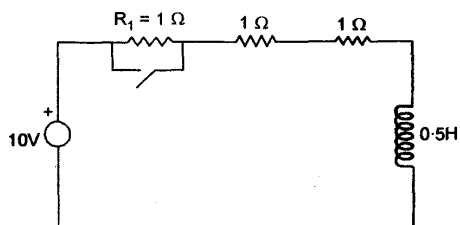
Answer:  $i(t) = -4te^{-2t} + 2e^{-2t}$

**Q.45. (AMIE W07, 8 marks):** In following figure, obtain the expression of transient current using Laplace transform, when the switch is suddenly closed at time  $t = 0$ . Also plot  $i(t)$  vs.  $t$ .



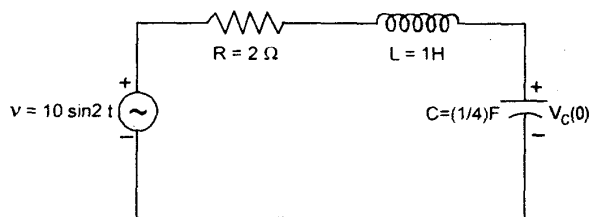
Answer:  $i(t) = 5(1 - e^{-5t})$

**Q.46. (AMIE W07, 12 marks):** In given figure, the circuit is connected to voltage source  $t = 0+$ . After 0.1 sec, resistance  $R_1$  is suddenly short circuited. Using Laplace transform, obtain the expression of current for time  $t = 0+$  to  $t = 0.1$  sec and  $t = 0.1$  sec to  $t = \infty$  sec.



Answer:  $i(t) = 5.6833 - \frac{10}{3}e^{-0.25t}$

**Q.47. (AMIE S08, 12, 8 marks):** For the figure shown, find the current  $i(t)$  using Laplace transform method. Given that  $i(0+) = 2$  A and  $v_c(0+) = 4$  V.

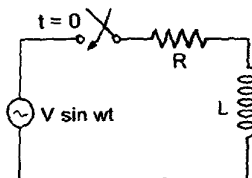


Answer:  $I(s) = \frac{2(s^2 - 10s + 8)}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 2s + 4)}$ ; Now find inverse Laplace transform using partial fraction method.

**Q.48. (AMIE S12, 10 marks):** Find an expression for the value of current at any instant after a sinusoidal voltage of amplitude 600 V at 50 Hz applied to a series circuit of resistance 10 ohm and inductance 0.1 Henry, assuming that the voltage is zero at the instant of switching ( $t = 0$ ). Also, find the value of transient current at  $t = 0.02$  sec.

Answer: 2.34 Amp.

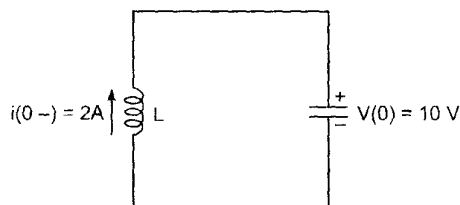
Hint:



**Q.49. (AMIE S08, 10 marks):** Find an expression for the value of current at any instant after a sinusoidal voltage of amplitude 600 V at 50 Hz is applied to series circuit of resistance 10  $\Omega$  and inductance 0.1 H, assuming that the voltage is zero at the instant of switching ( $t = 0$ ). Also, find the value of transient current at  $t = 0.02$  sec.

Answer:  $-97.42 - j[5.915 \cos 0.066]$

**Q.50. (AMIE W11, 10 marks):** In a LC circuit shown in figure, the initial current through the inductor being 2 A, the initial voltage is 10 V. Assume  $L = 1$  H and  $C = 0.5$  F. Find the voltage across the capacitor at  $t = (0+)$  using Laplace transformation technique.



Answer:  $V(t) = 10 \left[ \cos \sqrt{2}t + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \sqrt{2}t \right]$