

# Laplace Transform

- Definition : If  $f(t)$  is a function of  $t$  satisfying certain conditions , then the definite integral

$$\varphi(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot f(t) dt ; s > 0$$

if this exists then it is called as Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  and is denoted as

$$L[f(t)] = \varphi(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot f(t) dt ; s > 0 .$$

# Examples

- Example : 1 Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ ,  
Where

$$f(t) = t, \text{ for } 0 < t < 4 \text{ and } f(t) = 5, \text{ for } t > 4.$$

- Solution : By Definition ,

$$L[f(t)] = \varphi(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot f(t) dt ; s > 0$$

therefore

$$L[f(t)] = \int_0^4 e^{-st} \cdot t dt + \int_4^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot 5 dt$$

# Solution

$$= \left[ (t) \left( \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right) - \left( \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right) \right] \text{from } 0 \text{ to } 4$$

$$+ 5 \left[ \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right] \text{from } 4 \text{ to } \infty$$

$$= \left[ \frac{-4}{s} e^{-4s} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-4s} + \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{5}{s} e^{-4s} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} + \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s^2} \right) \cdot e^{-4s}$$

# Laplace transform of standard functions

- 1)  $L[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s - a}$
- 2)  $L[\sin at] = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
- 3)  $L[\cos at] = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
- 4)  $L[\cosh at] = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$

- 5)  $L[\sinhat] = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$

- 6)  $L[1] = \frac{1}{s}$

- 7)  $L[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$