

18.034, Honors Differential Equations  
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**Lecture 23**  
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0. Defined "integrable" and "of exponential type a". Spent the rest of the hour stating + proving properties of L. Used the notation  $L[y(t)] = \bar{Y}(s)$ .

(1) Rigorously proved that if  $y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}$  are of exponential type so, then

$$L[y^{(n)}] = s^n \bar{Y}(s) - (y^{(n-1)}(0) + \dots + s^{n-1}y(0)), s > s_0.$$

(2) Computed directly that  $L[1] = \frac{1}{s}, s > 0$

(3) Used (1) to prove that for a polynomial of  $\partial \cdot s$  n,

$$L[p] = \frac{1}{s^{n+1}} [p^{(n)}(0) + sp^{(n-1)}(0) + \dots + s^{n-1}p(0)], s > 0 \text{ (by using that } L[p^{(n+1)}] = 0 \text{)}. \text{ In}$$

$$\text{particular, } L[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, s > 0.$$

(4) Used that  $\sin(\omega t)$  and  $\cos(\omega t)$  satisfy  $y'' = -\omega^2 y$ , to deduce,  $L[\sin(\omega t)] = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$ . Tested

$$(1) \text{ by using that } \cos(\omega t) = -\omega \sin(\omega t) \cos(\omega t) = -\omega \sin(\omega t).$$

(5) For  $a > 0, L[y(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \bar{Y}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$  by chze-of-variable.

(6) Introduced notation for the unit step function

$$s(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{Shift rule: } L[s(t-t_0)y(t-t_0)] = e^{-st_0} \bar{Y}(s) \text{ for } t_0 > 0.$$

(7)  $L[e^{at}y(t)] = \bar{Y}(s-a)$ .

(8)  $L[R(t-t_0)] = e^{-st_0}$  for  $t_0 \geq 0$ .

(9)  $L[t^n y(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} \bar{Y}(s)$ . Used this to double-check that  $L[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$ .

Used (8) + (1) to deduce  $L\left[\frac{d}{ds}R(t-t_0)\right] = se^{-st_0}$  for  $t_0 \geq 0$ .

Discussed consistency of this with the derivation

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) \cdot R'(t-t_0) dt = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g'(t) R(t-t_0) dt = -g'(t_0)$$

for  $g$  a smooth, compactly supported function.