

Change of Scale property :-

Theorem:- If  $L\{f(t)\} = F(p)$ , then  $L\{f(at)\} = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{p}{a}\right)$

Proof:- By definition, we have

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

$$\therefore L\{f(at)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} f(at) dt \quad \text{--- ①}$$

put  $at = z$  so that  $a dt = dz$ .

$$\therefore \text{R.H.S of ①} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-p\left(\frac{z}{a}\right)} f(z) \frac{dz}{a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{p}{a}\right)z} f(z) dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{p}{a}\right)t} f(t) dt, \text{ by changing the variable of integration}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{p}{a}\right), \text{ as } F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} f(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{f(at)\} = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{p}{a}\right) \quad \#$$

Theorem:- If  $L\{f(t)\} = F(p)$  then

$$L\{t f(t)\} = -F'(p) = (-1) \frac{d}{dp} F(p)$$

Proof:- We have  $F(p) = L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} f(t) dt$

$$\Rightarrow F'(p) = \frac{d}{dp} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} f(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \{e^{-pt} f(t)\} dt, \quad \text{by Leibnitz rule for differentiating under the sign of integration}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} -t e^{-pt} f(t) dt$$

$$= - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \{t f(t)\} dt$$

$$= -L\{t f(t)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{t f(t)\} = -F'(p). \quad \#$$

Theorem:- If  $L\{f(t)\} = F(p)$  then

$$L\{t^n f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{dp^n} F(p), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Proof:- We shall prove the theorem by mathematical induction.

We have proved that

$$L\{t f(t)\} = (-1) \frac{d}{dp} F(p) \quad \text{i.e. Theorem is true for } n=1.$$

Let us suppose that theorem is true for  $n=r$

$$\text{i.e. } L \{ t^r f(t) \} = (-1)^r \frac{d^r F(p)}{dp^r} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t^r f(t) dt = (-1)^r \frac{d^r F(p)}{dp^r} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now differentiating both sides of (2) wr. to  $p$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t^r f(t) dt = (-1)^r \frac{d^{r+1} F(p)}{dp^{r+1}} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now using the Leibnitz rule for differentiating under the sign of integral L.H.S of (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{dp} \{ e^{-pt} t^r f(t) \} dt &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} (-t) t^r f(t) dt \\ &= - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t^{r+1} f(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Hence from (3)

$$- \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t^{r+1} f(t) dt = (-1)^r \frac{d^{r+1} F(p)}{dp^{r+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t^{r+1} f(t) dt = (-1)^{r+1} \frac{d^{r+1} F(p)}{dp^{r+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow L \{ t^{r+1} f(t) \} = (-1)^{r+1} \frac{d^{r+1} F(p)}{dp^{r+1}}$$

i.e true for  $n=r+1$

∴ therefore by mathematical induction the theorem is true for all finite  $n$ .

Q. Find (i)  $L\{t \cos at\}$  (ii)  $L\{t^n e^{at}\}$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: - (i)  $L\{t \cos at\}$

$$\because L\{\cos at\} = \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2}, \quad p > 0$$

$$L\{t \cos at\} = -\frac{d}{dp} F(p) = -\frac{d}{dp} L\{\cos at\}$$

$$= -\frac{d}{dp} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2} \right\} = -\left[ \frac{(p^2 + a^2) \cdot 1 - p \cdot 2p}{(p^2 + a^2)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{p^2 - a^2}{(p^2 + a^2)^2}$$

(ii)  $L\{t^n e^{at}\} =$

$$\text{We have } L\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{p-a}, \quad p > a$$

$$\therefore L\{t^n e^{at}\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{dp^n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(p-a)} \right\}$$

$$= (-1)^n \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(p-a)^{n+1}} = \frac{n!}{(p-a)^{n+1}}$$

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