

7.3 - Operational Properties I

Theorem 7.3.1 First Translation Theorem

If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ exists for $s > c$ and a is any real number, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s-a)$$

for $s > a + c$.

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = F(s)$$

Pf:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st+at} f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt \\ &= F(s-a) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Example 1 Using the First Translation Theorem

Find (a) $\mathcal{L}\{e^{5t}t^3\}$ (b) $\mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}\cos 4t\}$.

Solution The results follow from Theorems 7.1.1 and 7.3.1.

$$(a) \mathcal{L}\{e^{5t}t^3\} = \mathcal{L}\{t^3\}|_{s \rightarrow s-5} = \frac{3!}{s^4}|_{s \rightarrow s-5} = \frac{6}{(s-5)^4}$$

New notation

$$(b) \mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}\cos 4t\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos 4t\}|_{s \rightarrow s-(-2)} = \frac{s}{s^2+16}|_{s \rightarrow s+2} = \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+16}$$

I don't like the curly brackets. But it's a matter of taste. Main reason I don't like it is because I reserve {} brackets for sets.

Example 2 Partial Fractions: Repeated Linear Factors

Find (a) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2s+5}{(s-3)^2}\right\}$ (b) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s/2 + 5/3}{s^2 + 4s + 6}\right\}$.

$$\frac{2s+5}{(s-3)^2} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{B}{(s-3)^2}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$f(s) = \frac{\frac{s}{2} + \frac{5}{3}}{s^2 + 4s + 6} = \frac{As+B}{s^2+4s+6}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2+bx+c &= x^2+bx+\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4} + \frac{4c}{4} \\ &= \left(x+\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{4c-b^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

To see the 'shift,' complete the square

$$s^2+4s+6 = s^2+4s+2^2-4+6 = (s+2)^2+2$$

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

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

$s \rightarrow s+2$
Re-write numerator

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

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+2} \right)\right) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{(s+2)^2+2} \right)\right) \quad \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{k}{s^2+k^2}\right) = \sin(kt)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+2} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s+2}\right) + \frac{2}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+2} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s+2}\right)$$

$$= e^{-2t} \cos(\sqrt{2}t) + \frac{2}{3\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{s^2+(\sqrt{2})^2} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s+2}\right)$$

$$\left(= e^{-2t} \cos(\sqrt{2}t) + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{6} e^{-2t} \sin(\sqrt{2}t) \right)$$

$\rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{3\sqrt{2}}$ was also OK.

Example 3 An Initial-Value Problem

Solve $y'' - 6y' + 9y = t^2 e^{3t}$, $y(0) = 2$, $y'(0) = 17$.

Solution Before transforming the DE, note that its right-hand side is similar to the function in part (a) of Example 1. After using linearity, Theorem 7.3.1, and the initial conditions, we simplify and then solve for $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$:

$$s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0) - 6[s Y(s) - y(0)] + 9 Y(s) = \mathcal{L}(t^2 e^{3t})$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 Y(s) - s \cdot 2 - 17 - 6s Y(s) + 12 + 9 Y(s) = F(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 Y(s) - 6s Y(s) + 9 Y(s) = F(s) + 2s + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 - 6s + 9) Y(s) = F(s) + 2s + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{F(s) + 2s + 5}{(s-3)^2} = \frac{\frac{2}{(s-3)^3} + 2s + 5}{(s-3)^2}$$

$$\left(F(s) = \mathcal{L}(t^2 e^{3t}) = \mathcal{L}(t^2 |_{s \rightarrow s-3}) = \frac{2}{(s-3)^3} \right) \text{ scratch}$$

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

(See E2):

$$\frac{2s+5}{(s-3)^2} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{B}{(s-3)^2}$$

$$2s+5 = A(s-3) + B = As - 3A + B \rightarrow$$

$$2s = As \rightarrow \boxed{A=2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3A + B = -6 + B = 5 \rightarrow \boxed{B=11}$$

$$= \frac{2}{(s-3)^5} + \frac{2}{s-3} + \frac{11}{(s-3)^2} \longrightarrow$$

$$y(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(Y(s)) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{(s-3)^5}\right) + \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{s-3}\right) + \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{11}{(s-3)^2}\right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{F}(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \Rightarrow \\ \frac{1}{n!} \mathcal{F}(t^n) = \frac{1}{s^{n+1}} \Rightarrow \\ \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}\right) = \frac{1}{n!} t^n \end{array} \right) \text{ Building what I need, instead of looking it up.}$$

$$= \frac{2}{4!} \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{4!}{s^5}\right) + 2 \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-3}\right) + 11 \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{(s-3)^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{4!} t^4 + 2 \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-3}\right) + 11 \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2} t^4 + 2(e^{3t}) + 11(t e^{3t})$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{1}{12} t^4 + 2e^{3t} + 11te^{3t} = y(t)}$$

$Ly = y'' - 6y' + 9y = t^2 e^{3t}$ can be solved by 4.3 methods

$$r^2 - 6r + 9 = (r-3)^2 = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$y_h = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 t e^{3t}$$

$$y_p: \text{ Look for } A e^{3t} + B t e^{3t} + C t^2 e^{3t} = y_p$$

But wait! y_h has $c_1 e^{3t}$ & $c_2 t e^{3t}$ in it, already!

Multiply everything by t^2 :

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(TYPE II?)

$$y_p = A t^2 e^{3t} + B t^3 e^{3t} + C t^4 e^{3t}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p'' - 6y_p' + 9y_p = 12(e^t)^3 t^2 C + 6(e^t)^3 t B + 2(e^t)^3 A$$

$$= 12e^{3t} t^2 C + 6t e^{3t} B + 2A e^{3t}$$

$$= 12C t^2 e^{3t} + 6B t e^{3t} + 2A e^{3t} = t^2 e^{3t}$$

$$\Rightarrow A=B=0 \text{ \& } 12C = 1 \rightarrow C = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = \frac{1}{12} t^4 e^{3t}$$

$$\boxed{\Rightarrow y = y_h + y_p = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 t e^{3t} + \frac{1}{12} t^4 e^{3t}}$$

by § 4.3

Definition 7.3.1 Unit Step Function

The **unit step function** $\mathcal{U}(t - a)$ is defined to be

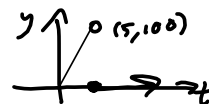
$$\text{Heaviside}(t-a)$$

$$\mathcal{U}(t - a) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < a \\ 1, & t \geq a. \end{cases}$$

Example 5 A Piecewise-Defined Function

Express $f(t) = \begin{cases} 20t, & 0 \leq t < 5 \\ 0, & t \geq 5 \end{cases}$ in terms of unit step functions. Graph.

$$f(t) = 20t - \mathcal{U}(t-5)(20t)$$



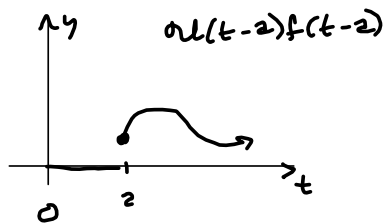
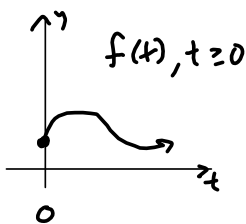
Theorem 7.3.2 Second Translation Theorem

If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ exists for $s > c \geq 0$, and a is a positive constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a)\} = e^{-as}F(s)$$

for $s > c$.

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-as}F(s)) = f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a)$$



Ex 6 Find $\mathcal{L}(\sin(4t)\mathcal{U}(t-\frac{\pi}{2}))$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} 4t = 2\pi \rightarrow \\ t = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ is period} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}(\sin(4(t-\frac{\pi}{2}))\mathcal{U}(t-\frac{\pi}{2})) = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \left(\frac{4}{s^2+16} \right)$$

Inverse form of T 7.3.2:

If $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s))$, then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)e^{-as}) = f(t-a)\mathcal{U}(t-a) \quad (15)$$

Ex 8 $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(\frac{1}{s-4}e^{-2s}) \rightarrow a=2, F(s) = \frac{1}{s-4}, \& \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) = e^{4t}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\frac{1}{s-4}e^{-2s}) = e^{4(t-2)}\mathcal{U}(t-2)$$

Algebra Trick to shoe-horn other functions:

$$t^2 = (t-2+2)^2 = (t-2)^2 + 2(2)(t-2) + 4 \\ = (t-2)^2 + 4(t-2) + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(t^2 u(t-2)) = \mathcal{L}((t-2)^2 u(t-2)) + 4 \mathcal{L}((t-2) u(t-2)) + 4 \mathcal{L}(u(t-2))$$

$$= e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}(t^2) + 4e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}(t) + 4e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}(1)$$

$$= e^{-2s} \left(\frac{2!}{s^3} \right) + 4e^{-2s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2} \right) + 4e^{-2s} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) = e^{-2s} \left(\frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s} \right)$$

ALTERNATE Form of T7.3.2:

We don't need those tricks, if we use D7.1.1, the Defn of $u(t-2)$, and the substitution $u = t-2$:

$$\mathcal{L}(g(t)u(t-2)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} g(t) u(t-2) dt$$

$$= \int_0^2 e^{-st} \cdot 0 dt + \int_2^{\infty} e^{-st} g(t) u(t-2) dt = \int_2^{\infty} e^{-st} g(t) dt$$

Let $u = t-2$. Then
 $t = u+2$ and so

$$\dots = \int_{\substack{t=2 \\ u=0}}^{\infty} e^{-st} g(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(u+2)} g(u+2) du = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-su-s2} g(u+2) du$$

$$= e^{-2s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-su} g(u+2) du = e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}(g(t+2))$$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{L}(t^2 u(t-2)) = e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}((t+2)^2)$$

$= e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}(t^2 + 4t + 4) = \text{etc.}$ Much quicker & more direct.

It's still good to keep the algebra method previously

in your bag of tricks. Completing the square is a

pretty standard "trick" for working things out

(recognizing patterns by re-stating in a nicer way

"It's never $x^2 + 2x + 5$. It's always $(x+1)^2 + 4$."

E9

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos(t)) \mathcal{L}(t-\pi) = F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos(t+\pi-\pi)) \mathcal{L}(t-\pi)$$

$$f(t) = \cos(t+\pi) \rightarrow$$

$$f(t-\pi) = \cos((t-\pi)+\pi)$$

$$= e^{-\pi s} \mathcal{L}(\cos(t+\pi)) = e^{-\pi s} \mathcal{L}(\cos t \cos \pi - \sin t \sin \pi)$$

$$= e^{-\pi s} \cos \pi \mathcal{L}(\cos(t)) = -e^{-\pi s} \mathcal{L}(\cos(t)) = \boxed{-e^{-\pi s} \left(\frac{s}{s^2+1} \right)} = F(s)$$

E10 IVP $y' + y = f(t)$, where $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < \pi \\ 3\cos t & t \geq \pi \end{cases}$,

s.t. $y(0) = 5 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow s\mathcal{L}(y) - y(0) + \mathcal{L}(y) = \mathcal{L}(f) = \mathcal{L}(3\cos(t)u(t-\pi))$$

$$\Rightarrow s\mathcal{L}(y) + \mathcal{L}(y) = e^{-\pi s} \mathcal{L}(3\cos(t+\pi)) + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (s+1) \mathcal{L}(y) = 3e^{-\pi s} \mathcal{L}(\cos(t+\pi)) + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(y) = \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) (3e^{-\pi s} (-\cos(t)) + 5)$$

$$= \frac{-3e^{-\pi s} \left(\frac{s}{s^2+1} \right) + 5}{s+1} = \frac{3se^{-\pi s}}{(s+1)(s^2+1)} + \frac{5}{s+1}$$

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

scratch:

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

$$s = A(s^2+1) + (s+1)(Bs+C)$$

$$s = -1 \Rightarrow$$

$$-1 = A(2)$$

$$\boxed{A = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$s = -\frac{1}{2}s^2 - \frac{1}{2} + Bs^2 + Cs + Bs + C$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}s^2 + Bs^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{B = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = -\frac{1}{2}s^2 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}s^2 + Cs + \frac{1}{2}s + C$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} + C = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{C = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$Cs + \frac{1}{2}s = s \Rightarrow$$

$$C + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\boxed{C = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } 3e^{-\pi s} \left(\frac{s}{(s+1)(s^2+1)} \right) + \frac{5}{s+1} &= 3e^{-\pi s} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s+1}{s^2+1} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} e^{-\pi s} \left(\frac{-1}{s+1} + \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right) + \frac{5}{s+1} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow y = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\text{above})$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \left[\mathcal{F}^{-1} \left(e^{-\pi s} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) \right) + \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left(e^{-\pi s} \left(\frac{s}{s^2+1} \right) \right) + \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left(e^{-\pi s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right) \right) \right] + 5 \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right)$$

Recall:

$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(F(s)e^{-as}) = f(t-a)u(t-a)$. This gives the following:

$$= \frac{3}{2} \left[e^{-(t-\pi)} u(t-\pi) + \cos(t-\pi) u(t-\pi) + \sin(t-\pi) u(t-\pi) \right] + 5e^{-t}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \left[e^{-(t-\pi)} - \cos(t) - \sin(t) \right] u(t-\pi) + 5e^{-t}$$

$$\left(\text{check: } \sin(t-\pi) = \sin(t)\cos(-\pi) + \sin(-\pi)\cos(t) = -\sin(t) \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 5e^{-t}, & 0 \leq t < \pi \\ 5e^{-t} + \frac{3}{2} (e^{-(t-\pi)} - \cos(t) - \sin(t)) & \pi \leq t \end{cases}$$

BEAMS

$EI \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} = w(x)$. $y(x)$ is deflection of beam of length L ,
carrying a load of $w(x)$ per unit length.

E is Young's modulus of elasticity and

I is a moment of inertia of a cross-section of the beam

This 7.3 method is good for these kinds of eqns, when
 $w(x)$ is piecewise-defined.

Example 11 A Boundary-Value Problem

A beam of length L is embedded at both ends, as shown in Figure 7.3.8. Find the deflection of the beam when the load is given by

$$w(x) = \begin{cases} w_0 \left(1 - \frac{2}{L}x\right), & 0 < x < L/2 \\ 0, & L/2 < x < L. \end{cases}$$

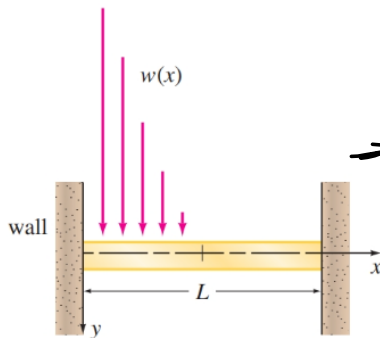


Figure 7.3.8 Embedded beam with variable load in Example 11

$$EI \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} = w(x) = w_0 \left(1 - \frac{2}{L}x\right) - u\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right) w_0 \left(1 - \frac{2}{L}x\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow EI \mathcal{L}(y^{(4)}) = \mathcal{L}\left(w_0 \left(1 - \frac{2}{L}x\right) - u\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right) w_0 \left(1 - \frac{2}{L}x\right)\right)$$

$$EI \left[s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) - s^3 y(0) - s^2 y'(0) - s y''(0) - y'''(0) \right]$$

$$= w_0 \mathcal{L}(1) - \frac{2w_0}{L} \mathcal{L}(x) - \mathcal{L}\left(u\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right) w_0 \left(\frac{L}{2} - x\right) \left(\frac{2}{L}\right)\right)$$

$$= w_0 \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) - \frac{2w_0}{L} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + \mathcal{L}\left(u\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right) w_0 \left(\frac{2}{L}\right) \left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right)\right)$$

$$= w_0 \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) - \frac{2w_0}{L} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + \frac{2w_0}{L} \left(\mathcal{L}\left(u\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right) \left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right)\right)\right)$$

$$= w_0 \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) - \frac{2w_0}{L} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + \frac{2w_0}{L} \left[e^{-\frac{L}{2}s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) \right]$$

By the physical situation, $y(0) = y'(0) = y(L) = y'(L) = 0$

$$EI \left[s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) - s^3 y(0) - s^2 y'(0) - s y''(0) - y'''(0) \right]$$

$$= EI \left[s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) - s y''(0) - y'''(0) \right]$$

$$= EI \left[s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) - c_1 s - c_2 \right], \text{ where } c_1 \equiv y''(0), c_2 \equiv y'''(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow EI \left[s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) - c_1 s - c_2 \right] = w_0 \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) - \frac{2w_0}{L} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + \frac{2w_0}{L} \left[e^{-\frac{L}{2}s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) - c_1 s - c_2 = \frac{1}{EI} \left[w_0 \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) - \frac{2w_0}{L} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + \frac{2w_0}{L} \left[e^{-\frac{L}{2}s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) \right] \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow s^4 \mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{1}{EI} \left[w_0 \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) - \frac{2w_0}{L} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + \frac{2w_0}{L} \left[e^{-\frac{L}{2}s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) \right] \right] + c_1 s + c_2 \rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{1}{EI} \left[w_0 \left(\frac{1}{s^5}\right) - \frac{2w_0}{L} \left(\frac{1}{s^6}\right) + \frac{2w_0}{L} e^{-\frac{L}{2}s} \left(\frac{1}{s^6}\right) \right] + \frac{c_1}{s^3} + \frac{c_2}{s^4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{EI} \left[w_0 \cdot \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{4!}{s^5}\right) - \frac{2w_0}{5!L} \left(\frac{5!}{s^6}\right) + \frac{2w_0}{5!L} e^{-\frac{L}{2}s} \left(\frac{5!}{s^6}\right) \right] + \frac{c_1}{2!} \cdot \frac{2!}{s^3} + \frac{c_2}{3!} \cdot \frac{3!}{s^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{w_0}{4!EI} (x^4) - \left(\frac{2w_0}{5!LEI} \right) (x^5) + \frac{2w_0}{EI \cdot 5!L} \left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right)^5 u\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right) + \frac{c_1}{2} x^2 + \frac{c_2}{6} x^3$$

$$= \frac{c_1}{2} x^2 + \frac{c_2}{6} x^3$$

My coefficients are slightly off, but I think I got the general idea, here.