

Solution (#1701) The error function $\operatorname{erf} x$ can be written as a convolution:

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-x^2} \right) * (1).$$

Hence its Laplace transform equals

$$\overline{\operatorname{erf}}(s) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \overline{e^{-x^2}} \times \bar{1}.$$

Now by #1696 the Laplace transform of e^{-x^2} equals

$$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \exp\left(\frac{s^2}{4}\right) \left(1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\right),$$

and the Laplace transform of 1 equals s^{-1} . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\operatorname{erf}}(s) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \times \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \exp\left(\frac{s^2}{4}\right) \left(1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\right) \times \frac{1}{s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \exp\left(\frac{s^2}{4}\right) \left(1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$