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### # To find Inverse Laplace using convolution Theorem.

If  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are two functions then the following integral  $\int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) \cdot du$  is called

the convolution of  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  and it is denoted as,  $f(t) * g(t)$  & given by,

$$f(t) * g(t) = \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du.$$

### # Convolution Theorem :

Let,  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  be two functions and

$$L[f(t)] = \phi(s) \text{ \& } L[g(t)] = \psi(s)$$

$$\therefore f(t) = L^{-1}[\phi(s)] \text{ \& } g(t) = L^{-1}[\psi(s)].$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}[\phi(s) \cdot \psi(s)] = \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du.$$

Taking Laplace transforms of both sides

$$\therefore \phi(s) \cdot \psi(s) = L \left[ \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du \right]$$

$$\therefore L[f(t)] \cdot L[g(t)] = L \left[ \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du \right]$$

$\therefore$  The Laplace transform of the convolution of two functions is equal to the product of Laplace transforms of the two functions.

One can state above theorem, by using another notation :

$$L^{-1}[\phi_1(s) \cdot \phi_2(s)] = \int_0^t f_1(u) \cdot f_2(t-u) \cdot du.$$



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Note: Always consider smaller function as  $\phi(s)$  while choosing  $\phi(s)$  &  $\psi(s)$ .

# Problems: solve following using convolution theorem.

1)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s(s+a)} \right]$

sol<sup>n</sup>: let  $\phi(s) = \frac{1}{s+a}$ ,  $\psi(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ .

$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s+a} \right] = e^{-at} = f(t)$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\psi(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \right] = 1 = g(t).$

By using convolution theorem.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s) \cdot \psi(s)] &= \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du \\ &= \int_0^t e^{-au} \cdot 1 \cdot du \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-au}}{-a} \right]_0^t \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s(s+a)} \right] = -\frac{e^{-at}}{a} + \frac{1}{a}.$$

2)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s(s+a)^2} \right]$

sol<sup>n</sup>: let  $\phi(s) = \frac{1}{(s+a)^2}$ ,  $\psi(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ .

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s)] = e^{-at} \cdot t$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\psi(s)] = 1$



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By convolution theorem

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s) \cdot \psi(s)] &= \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du \\&= \int_0^t u \cdot e^{-au} \cdot 1 du \\&= \left[ u \cdot \frac{e^{-au}}{-a} - (1) \left( \frac{e^{-au}}{a^2} \right) \right]_0^t \\&= \frac{t \cdot e^{-at}}{-a} - \frac{e^{-at}}{a^2} - 0 + \frac{1}{a^2} \\&= -\frac{t \cdot e^{-at}}{a} - \frac{e^{-at}}{a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2}.\end{aligned}$$

3)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s(s^2+a^2)} \right]$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: let,  $\phi(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+a^2}$  &  $\psi(s) = \frac{1}{s}$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s)] = \frac{1}{a} \sin at$  &  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\psi(s)] = 1$

By convolution theorem,

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s) \cdot \psi(s)] = \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s(s^2+a^2)} \right] = \int_0^t \frac{1}{a} \sin au \cdot 1 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \left[ \frac{\cos au}{a} \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2} [\cos at - 1]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s(s^2+a^2)} \right] = \frac{1 - \cos at}{a^2}$$

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$$4) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \right]$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: consider,  $\phi(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$  &  $\psi(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$

$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s)] = \cos at$  &  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\psi(s)] = \cos at$

$\Rightarrow f(t) = \cos at$  &  $g(t) = \cos at$

$\Rightarrow f(u) = \cos au$  &  $g(t-u) = \cos a(t-u)$

By convolution theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s) \cdot \psi(s)] &= \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du \\ &= \int_0^t \cos au \cdot \cos a(t-u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (\cos at + \cos(2au - at)) du \\ &\quad \dots \text{--- (using } 2\cos A \cdot \cos B = \cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B) \text{)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ u \cdot \cos at + \frac{\sin(2au - at)}{2a} \right]_0^t \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ t \cos at + \frac{\sin at}{2a} + \frac{\sin at}{2a} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ t \cos at + \frac{\sin at}{a} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$5) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \right]$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: consider,  $\phi(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$  &  $\psi(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s)] = \cos at$  &  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\psi(s)] = \frac{1}{a} \sin at$

$= f(t)$  &  $= g(t)$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s) \cdot \psi(s)] &= \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du \\
 &= \int_0^t \cos au \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot \sin a(t-u) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^t \cos au \cdot \sin(at-au) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^t [\sin(at) - \sin(2au-at)] du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[ u \sin at + \frac{\cos(2au-at)}{2a} \right]_0^t \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[ t \sin at + \frac{\cos at}{2a} - \frac{\cos at}{2a} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \cdot t \sin at.
 \end{aligned}$$

• Examples for practice:

6)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right]$       7)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)}\right]$

8)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right]$       9)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)}\right]$

10)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+9)(s^2+1)}\right]$

Soln: let,  $\phi(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+9}$       &       $\psi(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$

$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s)] = \frac{\sin 3t}{3}$       &       $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\psi(s)] = \sin t$

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$$\therefore f(u) = \frac{\sin 3u}{3} \quad \& \quad g(t-u) = \sin(t-u)$$

By convolution theorem

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} [\phi(s) \cdot \psi(s)] = \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+9} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right] = \int_0^t \frac{1}{3} \sin 3u \cdot \sin(t-u) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int_0^t \cos(3u-(t-u)) - \cos(3u+(t-u)) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int_0^t (\cos(4u-t) - \cos(2u+t)) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{\sin(4u-t)}{4} - \frac{\sin(2u+t)}{2} \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{\sin 3t}{4} - \frac{\sin 3t}{2} - \frac{\sin(-t)}{4} + \frac{\sin t}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ -\frac{\sin 3t}{4} + \frac{3\sin t}{4} \right]$$

$$11] \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2+s}{(s^2+1)(s^2+2s+2)} \right]$$

$$\underline{\text{sol}^n}: \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2+s}{(s^2+1)(s^2+2s+2)} \right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s(s+1)}{(s^2+1)(s^2+2s+1+1)} \right]$$

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

$$\text{Let } \phi(s) = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+1} \quad \& \quad \psi(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+1}$$





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$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s)] = e^{-t} \cos t \quad \& \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\psi(s)] = \cos t$$

$$f(t) = e^{-t} \cos t \quad \& \quad g(t) = \cos t$$

By convolution theorem

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\phi(s) \cdot \psi(s)] = \int_0^t f(u) \cdot g(t-u) du$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+1} \cdot \frac{s}{s^2+1}\right] = \int_0^t e^{-u} \cos u \cdot \cos(t-u) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t e^{-u} [\cos t + \cos(2u-t)] du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (e^{-u} \cos t + e^{-u} \cos(2u-t)) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cos t \cdot \frac{e^{-u}}{(-1)} + \frac{e^{-u}}{1+4} \left[ -\cos(2u-t) + \frac{2 \sin(2u-t)}{2} \right] \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\cos t \cdot e^{-t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{5} (-\cos t + 2 \sin t) + \cos t \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{1}{5} (-\cos t + 2 \sin(-t)) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\cos t e^{-t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{5} (-\cos t + 2 \sin t) \right.$$

$$\left. + \cos t - \frac{1}{5} (-\cos t - 2 \sin t) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{6}{5} \cos t e^{-t} + \frac{2}{5} e^{-t} \sin t + \frac{6 \cos t}{5} + \frac{2 \sin t}{5} \right]$$