



# INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

## • Inverse Laplace Transform

If  $L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \phi(s)$  then  $f(t)$

is called as the inverse Laplace transform of  $\phi(s)$  and it is denoted by  $L^{-1}[\phi(s)] = f(t)$ .

## • Formulae

Laplace Transform	Inverse Laplace Transform
1) $L(1) = \frac{1}{s}$	1) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) = 1$
2) $L(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}$	2) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-a}\right) = e^{at}$
3) $L(e^{-at}) = \frac{1}{s+a}$	3) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+a}\right) = e^{-at}$
4) $L(\sin at) = \frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$	4) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}\right) = \frac{1}{a} \sin at$
5) $L(\cos at) = \frac{s}{s^2+a^2}$	5) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}\right) = \cos at$
6) $L(\sinh at) = \frac{a}{s^2-a^2}$	6) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2-a^2}\right) = \frac{1}{a} \sinh at$
7) $L(\cosh at) = \frac{s}{s^2-a^2}$	7) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2-a^2}\right) = \cosh at$
8) $L(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	8) $L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}\right) = \frac{t^n}{n!}$

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Problems:-

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

Soln  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3+2s+s^2}{s^3} \right] = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \right]$   
 $= 3L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^3} \right] + 2L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2} \right] + L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \right]$   
 $= \frac{3t^2}{2!} + \frac{2t}{1!} + 1$   
 $= \frac{3t^2}{2} + 2t + 1$

2) If  $L[f(t)] = \frac{s+3}{s^2+4}$  Find  $L[f'(t)]$

Soln  $L[f'(t)] = -f(0) + s L[f(t)]$   
 $= -f(0) + s \left( \frac{s+3}{s^2+4} \right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$

Now to find  $f(t)$

as  $L[f(t)] = \frac{s+3}{s^2+4}$

$$f(t) = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s+3}{s^2+4} \right]$$
$$= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+4} + \frac{3}{s^2+4} \right]$$
$$= \cos 2t + \frac{3}{2} \sin 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = \cos(0) + \frac{3}{2} \sin(0) = 1$$

Hence,  $L[f'(t)] = -1 + s \left( \frac{s+3}{s^2+4} \right)$  - from (1).



### • Using First Shifting Theorem

We know that,

$$\text{If } L[f(t)] = \phi(s) \text{ then } L[e^{-at} f(t)] = \phi(s+a)$$

$$\text{Hence, } L^{-1}[\phi(s+a)] = e^{-at} f(t) = e^{-at} L^{-1}[\phi(s)]$$

———— as  $L[f(t)] = \phi(s)$

$$\text{Therefore, } L^{-1}[\phi(s+a)] = e^{-at} L^{-1}[\phi(s)]$$

$$L^{-1}[\phi(s-a)] = e^{at} L^{-1}[\phi(s)]$$

### • Problems:-

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

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2-1}\right] = e^{-2t} L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2-1}\right]$  ——— (we can use above formula since every  $s$  is in the form of  $(s+2)$ )

$$= e^{-2t} \cos t$$

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

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+1)^2+2}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{(s+1)-1}{(s+1)^2+(\sqrt{2})^2}\right]$

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

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

$$= e^{-t} \left( \cos \sqrt{2} t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \sqrt{2} t \right)$$





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

Soln  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+3)^{3/2}} \right] = e^{-3t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^{3/2}} \right]$   
 $= e^{-3t} \frac{s^{3/2-1}}{\sqrt{3/2}}$   
 $= e^{-3t} \frac{s^{1/2}}{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}}$   
 $= \frac{2e^{-3t} s^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 $= \frac{2e^{-3t} \sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$

4)  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s-2)^6} \right]$

Soln  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s-2)^6} \right] = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s-2+2}{(s-2)^6} \right]$   
 $= e^{2t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s+2}{s^6} \right]$   
 $= e^{2t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^5} + \frac{2}{s^6} \right]$   
 $= e^{2t} \left[ \frac{t^4}{4!} + \frac{2t^5}{5!} \right]$   
 $= e^{2t} \left[ \frac{t^4}{4!} + \frac{2t^5}{5!} \right]$



5) Find  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{6s-4}{s^2-4s+20} \right]$

Soln

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{6s-4}{s^2-4s+20} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{6s-4}{s^2-4s+4-4+20} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{6(s-4/6)}{(s-2)^2+16} \right] \\ &= 6 L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s-2+2-2/3}{(s-2)^2+16} \right] \\ &= 6e^{2t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s+4/3}{s^2+16} \right] \\ &= 6e^{2t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{s^2+16} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{s^2+16} \right] \\ &= 6e^{2t} \left[ \cos 4t + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} \sin 4t \right] \\ &= 6e^{2t} \left[ \cos 4t + \frac{1}{3} \sin 4t \right] \end{aligned}$$

• Note:-

We will use above method only when, we have factors of denominator as not in integer form. Otherwise we will use method of partial fraction.



## • Method of Partial Fraction :-

We can use partial fraction directly when degree of polynomial in numerator is less than the degree of polynomial in denominator.

### How to apply partial fraction

Consider degree of  $f(x)$  is less than degree of polynomial in denominator

$$1) \frac{f(x)}{(x-a)(x-b)} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b}$$

$$2) \frac{f(x)}{(x-a)^r(x-b)} = \frac{A_1}{(x-a)^r} + \frac{A_2}{(x-a)^{r-1}} + \dots + \frac{A_r}{(x-a)} + \frac{B}{x-b}$$

$$3) \frac{f(x)}{(x^2+a^2)(x+b)(x-c)} = \frac{Ax+B}{(x^2+a^2)} + \frac{C}{x+b} + \frac{D}{x-c}$$

## • Problems :-

Find.

$$1) L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3s+7}{s^2-2s-3} \right]$$

$$\underline{\text{Soln}} \quad L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3s+7}{s^2-2s-3} \right] = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3s+7}{(s-3)(s+1)} \right]$$

$$\frac{3s+7}{(s-3)(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{B}{s+1} = \frac{A(s+1) + B(s-3)}{(s-3)(s+1)}$$

$$3s+7 = A(s+1) + B(s-3)$$

$$\text{put } s=3 \quad 9+7 = 4A \Rightarrow 16 = 4A \Rightarrow \boxed{A=4}$$

$$\text{put } s=-1 \quad -3+7 = -4B \Rightarrow 4 = -4B \Rightarrow \boxed{B=-1}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3s+7}{s^2-2s-3} \right] = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{4}{s-3} + \frac{(-1)}{s+1} \right] = 4e^{3t} - e^{-t}$$





2)  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3s-7}{s^2-6s+8} \right]$

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3s-7}{s^2-6s+8} \right] = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3s-7}{(s-4)(s-2)} \right]$

$$\frac{3s-7}{(s-4)(s-2)} = \frac{A}{s-4} + \frac{B}{s-2} = \frac{A(s-2) + B(s-4)}{(s-4)(s-2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3s-7 = A(s-2) + B(s-4)$$

$$\text{put } s=4 \Rightarrow 12-7 = 2A \Rightarrow 5 = 2A \Rightarrow \boxed{A = 5/2}$$

$$\text{put } s=2 \Rightarrow 6-7 = -2B \Rightarrow -1 = -2B \Rightarrow \boxed{B = 1/2}$$

$$\therefore L^{-1} \left[ \frac{3s-7}{s^2-6s+8} \right] = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{5/2}{s-4} + \frac{1/2}{s-2} \right]$$

$$= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} e^{4t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2t}$$

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

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s-2)(s+2)^2} \right]$

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

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

$$1 = A(s+2)^2 + B(s-2) + C(s-2)(s+2) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{put } s=2 \quad 1 = A(4)^2 \Rightarrow 1 = 16A \Rightarrow \boxed{A = 1/16}$$

$$\text{put } s=-2 \quad 1 = B(-4) \Rightarrow 1 = -4B \Rightarrow \boxed{B = -1/4}$$



put  $s=0$  in ①, we get

$$1 = A(2)^2 + B(-2) + C(-2)(2)$$

$$1 = 4A - 2B - 4C$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 4 \frac{1}{16} - 2 \left( \frac{-1}{4} \right) - 4C$$

$$\Rightarrow 4C = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - 1 = \frac{1+2-4}{4} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C = -\frac{1}{16}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s-2)(s+2)^2} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1/16}{s-2} + \frac{(-1/4)}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{(-1/16)}{s+2} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{s-2} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} - \frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{s+2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{16} e^{2t} - \frac{1}{4} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right] - \frac{1}{16} e^{-2t} \\ &= \frac{1}{16} e^{2t} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} L^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s^2} \right) - \frac{1}{16} e^{-2t} \\ &= \frac{1}{16} e^{2t} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} \frac{t}{12} - \frac{1}{16} e^{-2t} \\ &= \frac{1}{16} e^{2t} - \frac{1}{4} t e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{16} e^{-2t} \end{aligned}$$

$$4) L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s+29}{(s+4)(s^2+9)} \right]$$

Soln  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s+29}{(s+4)(s^2+9)} \right]$

$$\frac{s+29}{(s+4)(s^2+9)} = \frac{A}{s+4} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2+9} = \frac{A(s^2+9) + (Bs+C)(s+4)}{(s+4)(s^2+9)}$$

$$s+29 = A(s^2+9) + (Bs+C)(s+4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} s+29 &= As^2+9A + Bs^2+4Bs+Cs+4C \\ &= As^2+Bs^2+4Bs+Cs+9A+4C \end{aligned}$$





$$\Rightarrow s^2 + 29 = s^2(A+B) + s(4B+C) + 9A+4C$$

$\therefore$  On comparing,

$$A+B=1, \quad 4B+C=0, \quad 9A+4C=29$$

$$A+B+0=1$$

$$0+4B+C=0$$

$$9A+0+4C=29$$

On calculating these equations we get,

$$A=1, \quad B=-1, \quad C=5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s+29}{(s+4)(s^2+9)} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s+4} + \frac{(-1)s+5}{s^2+9} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s+4} - \frac{s}{s^2+9} + \frac{5}{s^2+9} \right] \\ &= e^{-4t} - \cos 3t + \frac{5}{3} \sin 3t \end{aligned}$$

5)  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2+16)(s^2+4)} \right]$

Soln  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2+16)(s^2+4)} \right] = L^{-1} \left[ s \left( \frac{1}{(s^2+16)(s^2+4)} \right) \right] \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$$\frac{1}{(s^2+16)(s^2+4)}$$

put  $s^2 = x$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{(x+16)(x+4)} = \frac{A}{x+16} + \frac{B}{x+4} = \frac{A(x+4) + B(x+16)}{(x+16)(x+4)}$$

$$1 = A(x+4) + B(x+16)$$

put  $x = -16 \Rightarrow 1 = A(-16+4) \Rightarrow 1 = (-12)A \Rightarrow \boxed{A = -1/12}$

put  $x = -4 \Rightarrow 1 = B(-4+16) \Rightarrow 1 = (12)B \Rightarrow \boxed{B = 1/12}$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{(x+16)(x+4)} = \frac{-1/12}{x+16} + \frac{1/12}{x+4}$$

resubstitute  $x = s^2$

$$\frac{1}{(s^2+16)(s^2+4)} = -\frac{1}{12} \frac{1}{s^2+16} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{1}{s^2+4}$$



∴ from (1)

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2+16)(s^2+4)} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[ s \left( \frac{-1}{12} \frac{1}{s^2+16} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right) \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[ -\frac{1}{12} \frac{s}{s^2+16} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{12} \cos 4t + \frac{1}{12} \cos 2t \end{aligned}$$

6)  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+1)(s^2+36)} \right]$

Soln

$$\frac{1}{(s^2+1)(s^2+36)}$$

put  $s^2 = x$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{(x+1)(x+36)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x+36} = \frac{A(x+36) + B(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+36)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(x+36) + B(x+1)$$

$$\text{put } x = -1 \Rightarrow 1 = A(35) \Rightarrow \boxed{A = \frac{1}{35}}$$

$$\text{put } x = -36 \Rightarrow 1 = B(-35) \Rightarrow \boxed{B = -\frac{1}{35}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(x+1)(x+36)} = \frac{\frac{1}{35}}{x+1} + \frac{(-\frac{1}{35})}{x+36}$$

resubstitute  $x = s^2$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{(s^2+1)(s^2+36)} = \frac{1}{35} \frac{1}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{35} \frac{1}{s^2+36}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s^2+1)(s^2+36)} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{35} \frac{1}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{35} \frac{1}{s^2+36} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{35} \sin t - \frac{1}{35 \times 6} \sin 6t \\ &= \frac{1}{35} \sin t - \frac{1}{210} \sin 6t \end{aligned}$$



$$7) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 + 2s + 3}{(s^2 + 2s + 5)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol}^n \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 + 2s + 3}{(s^2 + 2s + 5)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 + 2s + 1 + 2}{(s^2 + 2s + 1 + 4)(s^2 + 2s + 1 + 1)} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{(s+1)^2 + 2}{[(s+1)^2 + 4][(s+1)^2 + 1]} \right] \\ &= e^{-t} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 + 2}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 1)} \right] \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{s^2 + 2}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 1)}$$

put  $s^2 = x$ , we get

$$\frac{x+2}{(x+4)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+4} + \frac{B}{x+1} = \frac{A(x+1) + B(x+4)}{(x+4)(x+1)}$$

$$x+2 = A(x+1) + B(x+4)$$

$$\text{put } x = -4, \quad -2 = A(-3) \Rightarrow \boxed{A = 2/3}$$

$$\text{put } x = -1, \quad 1 = B(3) \Rightarrow \boxed{B = 1/3}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{(x+4)(x+1)} = \frac{2/3}{x+4} + \frac{1/3}{x+1}$$

Resubstitute  $x = s^2$

$$\frac{s^2 + 2}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{2/3}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1/3}{s^2 + 1}$$

$\therefore$  from (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 + 2s + 3}{(s^2 + 2s + 5)(s^2 + 2s + 2)} \right] &= e^{-t} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^2 + 2}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 1)} \right] \\ &= e^{-t} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right] \\ &= e^{-t} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t + \frac{1}{3} \sin t \right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-t}}{3} (\sin 2t + \sin t) \end{aligned}$$





$$8) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{s^4 + 4a^4} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Soln } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{s^4 + 4a^4} \right] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2)^2 + (2a^2)^2} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2)^2 + (2a^2)^2 + 2s^2(2a^2) - 2s^2(2a^2)} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2 + 2a^2)^2 - (2as)^2} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2 + 2a^2 - 2as)(s^2 + 2a^2 + 2as)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4a} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2 + 2a^2 - 2as} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 2a^2 + 2as} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4a} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2 - 2as + a^2 + a^2} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 2as + a^2 + a^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4a} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s-a)^2 + a^2} - \frac{1}{(s+a)^2 + a^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4a} \left\{ \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s-a)^2 + a^2} \right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{(s+a)^2 + a^2} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4a} \left[ e^{at} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2} \right] - e^{-at} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2} \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4a} \left[ \frac{e^{at}}{a} \sin at - \frac{e^{-at}}{a} \sin at \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4a^2} \sin at (e^{at} - e^{-at}) \end{aligned}$$

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