

Section 7.4 Inverse Laplace Transform

Definition : Inverse Laplace Transform

Given a function $F(s)$, if there is a function $f(t)$ that is continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and satisfies $L\{f\} = F$, then we say that $f(t)$ is the **inverse Laplace transform** of $F(s)$ and employ the notation $f = L^{-1}\{F\}$.

Theorem : Linearity of the Inverse Transform

Assume that Let $L^{-1}\{F\}$, $L^{-1}\{F_1\}$, and $L^{-1}\{F_2\}$ exist and continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and let c be any constant. Then

$$(i) \quad L^{-1}\{F_1 + F_2\} = L^{-1}\{F_1\} + L^{-1}\{F_2\}$$

$$(ii) \quad L^{-1}\{cF\} = cL^{-1}\{F\}.$$

◇ Determine the inverse Laplace transform of the given function.

$$3. \quad \frac{s+1}{s^2+2s+10}$$

Sol.

$$\frac{s+1}{s^2+2s+10} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+3^2}$$

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

◇ Determine the partial fraction expansions for the given rational function.

$$13. \quad \frac{-2s^2-3s-2}{s(s+1)^2}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-2s^2-3s-2}{s(s+1)^2} &= \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{(s+1)^2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{-2s^2-3s-2}{s(s+1)^2} &= \frac{A(s+1)^2 + Bs(s+1) + Cs}{s(s+1)^2} \\ \Rightarrow -2s^2-3s-2 &= A(s+1)^2 + Bs(s+1) + Cs \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } s = -1 \Rightarrow -2 + 3 - 2 = -C \Rightarrow C = 1$$

$$\text{Let } s = 0 \Rightarrow -2 = A$$

$$\text{Let } s = 1 \Rightarrow -7 = -2 \cdot 2^2 + 2B + 1 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

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

19. $\frac{1}{(s-3)(s^2+2s+2)}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{(s-3)(s^2+2s+2)} &= \frac{1}{(s-3)[(s+1)^2+1^2]} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{B(s+1)+C}{(s+1)^2+1^2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(s-3)(s^2+2s+2)} &= \frac{A[(s+1)^2+1^2] + B(s+1)(s-3) + C(s-3)}{(s-3)[(s+1)^2+1^2]} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= A[(s+1)^2+1^2] + B(s+1)(s-3) + C(s-3)\end{aligned}$$

Let $s = 3 \Rightarrow 1 = 17A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{17}$

Let $s = -1 \Rightarrow 1 = A - 4C \Rightarrow 4C = \frac{1}{17} - 1 = \frac{-16}{17} \Rightarrow C = \frac{-4}{17}$

Let $s = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = 2A - 3B - 3C \Rightarrow 3B = \frac{2}{17} + \frac{12}{17} - 1 = \frac{-3}{17} \Rightarrow B = \frac{-1}{17}$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{(s-3)(s^2+2s+2)} = \frac{1}{17} \left[\frac{1}{s-3} - \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+1^2} - \frac{4}{(s+1)^2+1^2} \right]$$

◇ Theorem 6 in Section 7.3 can be expressed in terms of the inverse Laplace transform as

$$L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{d^n F}{ds^n} \right\} (t) = (-t)^n f(t), \text{ where } f = L^{-1}\{F\}. \text{ Use this equation to compute } L^{-1}\{F\}.$$

35. $F(s) = \ln \left(\frac{s^2+9}{s^2+1} \right)$

Sol.

$$F(s) = \ln \left(\frac{s^2+9}{s^2+1} \right) = \ln(s^2+9) - \ln(s^2+1)$$

$$\frac{dF}{ds} = \frac{2s}{s^2+9} - \frac{2s}{s^2+1} = 2 \left(\frac{s}{s^2+9} - \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}L^{-1} \left\{ \ln \left(\frac{s^2+9}{s^2+1} \right) \right\} (t) \\ = L^{-1} \left\{ 2 \left(\frac{s}{s^2+9} - \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right) \right\} (t)\end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \cdot L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2+9} - \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right\} (t)$$

$$= 2(\cos 3t - \cos t) = (-t)f(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{2(\cos 3t - \cos t)}{-t} = \frac{2(\cos t - \cos 3t)}{t} \quad \therefore L^{-1}\{F(s)\}(t) = \frac{2(\cos t - \cos 3t)}{t}$$