

Section 3.3 – Inverse Laplace Transform

Definition

If f is a continuous function of exponential order and $\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = F(s)$, then we call f the inverse Laplace transform of F ,

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

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\text{Laplace transform} - \mathcal{L}} & \\ f(t) & & F(s) \\ & \xleftarrow{\text{Inverse Laplace transform} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}} & \end{array}$$

Note: Inverse transforms are not unique. If f_1 and f_2 are identical except at a discrete set of points, then

$\mathcal{L}(f_1(t)) = \mathcal{L}(f_2(t))$. However, there is at most one continuous function f satisfying $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$

Laplace Transform Linear

Proposition

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}[aF(s) + bG(s)] &= a.\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) + b.\mathcal{L}^{-1}(G(s)) \\ &= af(t) + bg(t) \end{aligned}$$

Example

Compute the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{1}{s-2} - \frac{16}{s^2+4}$

Solution

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-2}\right\} = e^{2t}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right\} = \sin 2t$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-2} - 8\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right\} = e^{2t} - 8\sin 2t$$

Example

Compute the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 - 2s - 3}$; $s > 3$

Solution

$$\frac{1}{s^2 - 2s - 3} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{B}{s+1}$$

$$1 = As + A + Bs - 3B$$

$$\begin{cases} A + B = 0 \\ A - 3B = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow A = \frac{1}{4} \quad B = -\frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} &= \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{1}{s-3} - \frac{1}{s+1} \right\} \\ &= \underline{\frac{1}{4} \left(e^{3t} - e^{-t} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Compute the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 13}$

Solution

$$s^2 + 4s + 13 = s^2 + 4s + 4 + 9$$

$$= (s+2)^2 + 3^2$$

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

Example

Find the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{2s^2 + s + 13}{(s-1)((s+1)^2 + 4)}$

Solution

$$\frac{2s^2 + s + 13}{(s-1)((s+1)^2 + 4)} = \frac{A}{(s-1)} + \frac{Bs + C}{(s+1)^2 + 4}$$

$$2s^2 + s + 13 = As^2 + 2As + 5A + Bs^2 + (C-B)s - C$$

$$\begin{array}{l} s^2 \\ s \\ s^0 \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A+B=2 & \rightarrow B=2-A \\ 2A-B+C=1 & \\ 5A-C=13 & \rightarrow C=5A-13 \end{array} \right. \quad 2A-2+A+5A-13=1 \Rightarrow A=2$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B=2-2=0 \\ C=5(2)-13=-3 \end{array} \right.$$

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

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

Exercises Section 3.3 - Inverse Laplace Transform

Find the inverse Laplace transform of

1. $Y(s) = \frac{1}{3s+2}$

2. $Y(s) = \frac{2}{3-5s}$

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

4. $Y(s) = \frac{3}{s^2}$

5. $Y(s) = \frac{3s+2}{s^2+25}$

6. $Y(s) = \frac{2-5s}{s^2+9}$

7. $Y(s) = \frac{5}{(s+2)^3}$

8. $Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^6}$

9. $Y(s) = \frac{4(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+4}$

10. $Y(s) = \frac{2s-3}{(s-1)^2+5}$

11. $Y(s) = \frac{2s-1}{(s+1)(s-2)}$

12. $Y(s) = \frac{2s-2}{(s-4)(s+2)}$

13. $Y(s) = \frac{7s^2+3s+16}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}$

14. $Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2(s^2+9)}$

15. $Y(s) = \frac{s}{(s+2)^2(s^2+9)}$

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

17. $Y(s) = \frac{7s^2+20s+53}{(s-1)(s^2+2s+5)}$

18. $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^3}$

19. $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^4}$

20. $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{48}{s^5}$

21. $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s-2}$

22. $F(s) = \frac{4}{s} + \frac{4}{s^5} + \frac{1}{s-8}$

23. $F(s) = \frac{1}{4s+1}$

24. $F(s) = \frac{1}{5s-2}$

25. $F(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+2}$

26. $F(s) = \frac{2s-6}{s^2+9}$

27. $F(s) = \frac{10s}{s^2+16}$

28. $F(s) = \left(\frac{2}{s} - \frac{1}{s^3} \right)^2$

29. $F(s) = \frac{(s+1)^3}{s^4}$

30. $F(s) = \frac{(s+2)^2}{s^3}$

31. $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^4-9}$

32. $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^3+5s}$

33. $F(s) = \frac{5}{s^2+36}$

34. $F(s) = \frac{10s}{s^2+16}$

35. $F(s) = \frac{4s}{4s^2+1}$

36. $F(s) = \frac{1}{4s^2+1}$

$$37. F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 3s}$$

$$38. F(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2 - 4s}$$

$$39. F(s) = \frac{1}{s^3 + 5s}$$

$$40. F(s) = \frac{3}{s^2 + 9}$$

$$41. F(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$42. F(s) = \frac{3}{(2s+5)^3}$$

$$43. F(s) = \frac{6}{(s-1)^4}$$

$$44. F(s) = \frac{5}{(s+2)^4}$$

$$45. F(s) = \frac{s-1}{s^2 - 2s + 5}$$

$$46. F(s) = \frac{3s+2}{s^2 + 2s + 10}$$

$$47. F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 2s - 3}$$

$$48. F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s - 20}$$

$$49. F(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2 + 2s + 10}$$

$$50. F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 8}$$

$$51. F(s) = \frac{2s+16}{s^2 + 4s + 13}$$

$$52. F(s) = \frac{2s+16}{s^2 + 4s + 13}$$

$$53. F(s) = \frac{s-1}{2s^2 + s + 6}$$

$$54. F(s) = \frac{s^2 + 1}{s^3 - 2s^2 - 8s}$$

$$55. F(s) = \frac{6s+3}{s^4 + 5s^2 + 4}$$

$$56. F(s) = \frac{s-3}{(s-\sqrt{3})(s+\sqrt{3})}$$

$$57. F(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 4)}$$

$$58. F(s) = \frac{2s-4}{(s^2 + s)(s^2 + 1)}$$

$$59. F(s) = \frac{s}{(s+2)(s^2 + 4)}$$

$$60. F(s) = \frac{s^2 + 1}{s(s-1)(s+1)(s-2)}$$

$$61. F(s) = \frac{s}{(s-2)(s-3)(s-6)}$$

$$62. F(s) = \frac{7s-1}{(s+1)(s+2)(s-3)}$$

$$63. F(s) = \frac{s^2 + 9s + 2}{(s-1)^2(s+3)}$$

$$64. F(s) = \frac{2s^2 + 10s}{(s^2 - 2s + 5)(s+1)}$$

$$65. F(s) = \frac{s^2 - 26s - 47}{(s-1)(s+2)(s+5)}$$

$$66. F(s) = \frac{-s-7}{(s-1)(s+2)}$$

$$67. F(s) = \frac{-8s^2 - 5s + 9}{(s^2 - 3s + 2)(s+1)}$$

$$68. F(s) = \frac{-2s^2 + 8s - 14}{(s+1)(s^2 - 2s + 5)}$$

$$69. F(s) = \frac{-5s-36}{(s+2)(s^2 + 9)}$$

$$70. F(s) = \frac{3s^2 + 5s + 3}{s^4 + s^3}$$

$$71. F(s) = \frac{7s^3 - 2s^2 - 3s + 6}{s^3(s-2)}$$

$$72. F(s) = \frac{7s^2 - 41s + 84}{(s-1)(s^2 - 4s + 13)}$$

$$73. F(s) = \frac{6s-5}{s^2 + 7}$$

$$74. \quad F(s) = \frac{1-3s}{s^2+8s+21}$$

$$75. \quad F(s) = \frac{3s-2}{2s^2-6s-2}$$

$$76. \quad F(s) = \frac{s+7}{s^2-3s-10}$$

$$77. \quad F(s) = \frac{86s-78}{(s+3)(s-4)(5s-1)}$$

$$78. \quad F(s) = \frac{2-5s}{(s-6)(s^2+11)}$$

$$79. \quad F(s) = \frac{25}{s^3(s^2+4s+5)}$$

$$80. \quad F(s) = \frac{5e^{-6s}-3e^{-11s}}{(s+2)(s^2+9)}$$