

3.3 INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Definition

If the Laplace transform of a function $f(t)$ is $F(s)$ i.e., $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $f(t)$ is called an inverse Laplace transform of $F(s)$ and we write symbolically $f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)]$, where L^{-1} is called the inverse Laplace transform operator.

Inverse Laplace transform of elementary functions

$L[f(t)] = F(s)$	$L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)$
$L[1] = \frac{1}{s}$	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] = 1$
$L[t] = \frac{1}{s^2}$	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] = t$
$L[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$ if n is an integer	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}\right] = t^n$ $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}\right] = \frac{t^n}{n!}$
$L[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a}$	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-a}\right] = e^{at}$
$L[e^{-at}] = \frac{1}{s+a}$	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+a}\right] = e^{-at}$
$L[\sin at] = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \frac{\sin at}{a}$
$L[\cos at] = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \cos at$

$L[\sinh at] = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 - a^2}\right] = \frac{\sinh at}{a}$
$L[\cosh at] = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$	$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}\right] = \cosh at$

Result on inverse Laplace transform

Result: 1 Linear property

$L[f(t)] = F(s)$ and $L[g(t)] = G(s)$, then $L^{-1}[aF(s) \pm bG(s)] = aL^{-1}[F(s)] \pm bL^{-1}[G(s)]$

Where a and b are constants.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know that } L[aF(s) \pm bG(s)] &= aL[F(s)] \pm bL[G(s)] \\ &= aF(s) \pm bG(s) \end{aligned}$$

$$(i.e.) aF(s) \pm bG(s) = L[af(t) \pm bg(t)]$$

Operating L^{-1} on both sides, we get

$$L^{-1}[aF(s) \pm bG(s)] = af(t) \pm bg(t)$$

$$L^{-1}[aF(s) \pm bG(s)] = aL^{-1}[F(s)] \pm bL^{-1}[G(s)]$$

$$\because f(t) = L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

$$\because g(t) = L^{-1}[G(s)]$$

Result: 2 First shifting property

$$(i) L^{-1}[F(s + a)] = e^{-at}L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

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

Proof:

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

Operating L^{-1} on both sides, we get

$$e^{-at}f(t) = L^{-1}[F[s + a]]$$

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

Result: 3 Multiplication by s .

If $L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)$ and $f(0) = 0$, then $L^{-1}[sF(s)] = \frac{d}{dt}L^{-1}[F(s)]$

Proof:

We know that $L[f'(t)] = sL[f(t)] - f(0) = sF(s)$

Operating L^{-1} on both sides, we get

$$f'(t) = L^{-1}[sF(s)]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}f(t) = L^{-1}[sF(s)]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}L^{-1}[F(s)] = L^{-1}[sF(s)]$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}[sF(s)] = \frac{d}{dt}L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

Result: 4 Division by s.

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{F(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t L^{-1}[F(s)]dt$$

Proof:

We know that $L\left[\int_0^t f(t)dt\right] = \frac{1}{s}L[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s}F(s)$

Operating L^{-1} on both sides, we get

$$\int_0^t f(t)dt = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}F(s)\right]$$

$$\int_0^t L^{-1}[F(s)]dt = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}F(s)\right]$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}\left[\frac{F(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t L^{-1}[F(s)]dt$$

Result: 5 Inverse Laplace transform of derivative

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = \frac{-1}{t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{d}{ds}F(s)\right]$$

Proof:

We know that $L[tf(t)] = \frac{-d}{ds}L[f(t)] = \frac{-d}{ds}F(s)$

Operating L^{-1} on both sides, we get

$$tf(t) = -L^{-1}\left[\frac{d}{ds}F(s)\right]$$

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = \frac{-1}{t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{d}{ds}F(s)\right]$$

$$f(t) = \frac{-1}{t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{d}{ds}F(s)\right]$$

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = \frac{-1}{t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{d}{ds}F(s)\right]$$

Result: 6 Inverse Laplace transform of integral

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = tL^{-1}\left[\int_s^\infty F(s)ds\right]$$

Proof:

We know that $L\left[\frac{f(t)}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty L(f(t))ds$

$$= \int_s^{\infty} F(s) ds$$

Operating L^{-1} on both sides, we get

$$\frac{f(t)}{t} = L^{-1} \left[\int_s^{\infty} F(s) ds \right]$$

$$f(t) = tL^{-1} \left[\int_s^{\infty} F(s) ds \right]$$

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = tL^{-1} \left[\int_s^{\infty} F(s) ds \right]$$

Problems under inverse Laplace transform of elementary functions

Example: Find the inverse Laplace for the following

(i) $\frac{1}{2s+3}$ (ii) $\frac{1}{4s^2+9}$ (iii) $\frac{s^3-3s^2+7}{s^4}$ (iv) $\frac{3s+5}{s^2+36}$

Solution:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{4s^2+9} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{4 \left[s^2 + \frac{9}{4} \right]} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{\left[s^2 + \frac{9}{4} \right]} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{3/2} \sin \frac{3}{2} t \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \sin \frac{3}{2} t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^3-3s^2+7}{s^4} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^3}{s^4} - \frac{3s^2}{s^4} + \frac{7}{s^4} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] - 3L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2} \right] + 7L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{(iv)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\frac{3s+5}{s^2+36} \right] = 3L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2+36} \right] + 5L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+36} \right]$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{3s+5}{s^2+36} \right] = 3\cos 6t + \frac{5\sin 6t}{6}$$

Inverse Laplace transform using First shifting theorem

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

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform for the following:

(i) $\frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$ (ii) $\frac{1}{(s-3)^4}$ (iii) $\frac{1}{(s+3)^2+9}$ (iv) $\frac{1}{s^2-2s+2}$

(v) $\frac{1}{s^2-4s+13}$ (vi) $\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+25}$ (vii) $\frac{s+2}{s^2+4s+20}$ (viii) $\frac{s}{(s+3)^2}$

(ix) $\frac{s}{(s-4)^3}$

(x) $\frac{s}{s^2-2s+2}$

(xi) $\frac{2s+3}{s^2+6s+25}$

(xii) $\frac{s}{s^2+6s-7}$

Solution:

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

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

(iii) $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+3)^2+9}\right] = e^{-3t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+9}\right] = e^{-3t}\frac{\sin 3t}{3}$

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

(v) $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2-4s+13}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-2)^2+9}\right] = e^{2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+9}\right] = e^{2t}\frac{\sin 3t}{3}$

(vi) $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+25}\right] = e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+25}\right] = e^{-2t}\cos 5t$

(vii) $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{s^2+4s+20}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+16}\right]$
 $= e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+16}\right] = e^{-2t}\cos 4t$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(xi)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\frac{2s+3}{s^2+6s+25} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{2s+3}{(s+3)^2+16} \right] = L^{-1} \left[\frac{2(s+3-3)+3}{(s+3)^2+16} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{2(s+3)-6+3}{(s+3)^2+16} \right] \\ &= e^{-3t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{2s-3}{s^2+16} \right] \\ &= e^{-3t} \left[2L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2+16} \right] - 3L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+16} \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{2s+3}{s^2+6s+25} \right] = e^{-3t} \left(2\cos 4t - \frac{3\sin 4t}{4} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(xii)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2+6s-7} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s+3)^2-16} \right] = L^{-1} \left[\frac{s+3-3}{(s+3)^2-16} \right] \\ &= e^{-3t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s-3}{s^2-16} \right] \\ &= e^{-3t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2-16} \right] - 3e^{-3t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2-16} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2+6s-7} \right] = e^{-3t} \left[\cosh 4t - \frac{3\sinh 4t}{4} \right]$$

Inverse using the formula

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} F(s) \right]$$

Note: This formula is used when $F(s)$ is $\cot^{-1} \phi(s)$ or $\tan^{-1} \phi(s)$ or $\log \phi(s)$

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform for the following

(i) $\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{a} \right)$ (ii) $\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{s} \right)$ (iii) $\cot^{-1} as$

(iv) $\tan^{-1}(s+a)$ (v) $\log \left(\frac{s+a}{s+b} \right)$ (vi) $\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{s+1} \right)$ (vii) $\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{s^2} \right)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{a} \right) \right] &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} \left(\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{a} \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{-1}{1+\frac{s^2}{a^2}} \left(\frac{1}{a} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{-1}{\frac{a^2+s^2}{a^2}} \left(\frac{1}{a} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{a}{s^2+a^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{a} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{t} \sin at$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{s} \right) \right] &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{s} \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{a}{s}\right)^2} \left(\frac{-a}{s^2} \right) \right] = \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2}} \left(\frac{-a}{s^2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{a}{s^2+a^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{s} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{t} \sin at$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad L^{-1} [\cot^{-1} as] &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} (\cot^{-1}(as)) \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{-1}{1+a^2 s^2} (a) \right] = \frac{1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{a}{a^2 (s^2 + \frac{1}{a^2})} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{at} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2 + \frac{1}{a^2}} \right] = \frac{1}{at} \left[\frac{\sin \frac{1}{a} t}{\frac{1}{a}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} [\cot^{-1} as] = \frac{1}{t} \sin \frac{t}{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad L^{-1} [\tan^{-1}(s+a)] &= e^{-at} L^{-1} [\tan^{-1} s] \\ &= e^{-at} \left[\frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} (\tan^{-1} s) \right] \right] \\ &= e^{-at} \left(\frac{-1}{t} \right) L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1+s^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{t} e^{-at} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1+s^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{a} \right) \right] = \frac{-e^{-at}}{t} \sin t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\log \left(\frac{s+a}{s+b} \right) \right] &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} \left(\log \left(\frac{s+a}{s+b} \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} (\log(s+a) - \log(s+b)) \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{t} [e^{-at} - e^{-bt}] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\log \left(\frac{s+a}{s+b} \right) \right] = \frac{-1}{t} [e^{-at} - e^{-bt}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(vi)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{s+1} \right) \right] &= e^{-t} L^{-1} \left[\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{s} \right) \right] \\ &= e^{-t} \left(\frac{-1}{t} \right) L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} \left(\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{s} \right) \right) \right] \\ &= e^{-t} \left(\frac{-1}{t} \right) L^{-1} \left[\frac{-1}{1 + \frac{4}{s^2}} \left(\frac{-2}{s^2} \right) \right] = -\frac{e^{-t}}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{\frac{s^2+4}{s^2}} \left(\frac{2}{s^2} \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{e^{-t}}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s^2+4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(vii)} \quad L^{-1} \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{s^2} \right) \right] &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{s^2} \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2}{s^2} \right)^2} \left(\frac{-4}{s^3} \right) \right] = \frac{4}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{\frac{s^4+4}{s^4}} \left(\frac{1}{s^3} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{4}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^4+4} \right] \\
 &= \frac{4}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2)^2+2^2} \right] \\
 \frac{4}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+2)^2-(2s)^2} \right] & \quad \boxed{\because a^2 + b^2 = (a+b)^2 - 2ab} \\
 &= \\
 \frac{4}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+2+2s)(s^2+2-2s)} \right] & \\
 &= \frac{4}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{-4s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2+2+2s} - \frac{1}{s^2+2-2s} \right) \right] \quad \because \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{(s^2+ax+b)(s^2+ax+c)} \\ &= \frac{1}{c-b} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+ax+b} - \frac{1}{s^2+ax+c} \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{1}{s^2+2s+2} - \frac{1}{s^2-2s+2} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1} - \frac{1}{(s-1)^2+1} \right] \\
 &= \frac{-1}{t} \left(e^{-t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right] - e^t L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right] \right) \\
 &= \frac{-1}{t} (e^{-t} \sin t - e^t \sin t) \\
 &= \frac{\sin t}{t} (e^{-t} - e^t) \\
 &= \frac{\sin t}{t} 2 \sinh t \\
 L^{-1} \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{s^2} \right) \right] &= \frac{2 \sin t \sinh t}{t}
 \end{aligned}$$

Inverse using the formula

$$L^{-1}[sF(s)] = \frac{d}{dt} L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

Example: Find $L^{-1} \left[s \log \left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2+b^2} \right) \right]$

Solution:

$$L^{-1} \left[s \log \left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2+b^2} \right) \right] = \frac{d}{dt} L^{-1} \left[\log \left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2+b^2} \right) \right] \dots (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1} \left[\log \left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2+b^2} \right) \right] &= L^{-1} \frac{d}{ds} \left[\log \left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2+b^2} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{ds} (\log(s^2 + a^2) - \log(s^2 + b^2)) \right] \\
 &= \frac{-1}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+a^2} 2s - \frac{1}{s^2+b^2} 2s \right] \\
 &= \frac{-2}{t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2+a^2} - \frac{s}{s^2+b^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{-2}{t} [\cos at - \cos bt] \\
 &= \frac{2}{t} [\cos bt - \cos at]
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[s \log \left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2+b^2} \right) \right] &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{2}{t} [\cos bt - \cos at] \right] \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{t(-b \sin bt + a \sin at) - (\cos bt - \cos at)}{t^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[s \log \left(\frac{s^2+a^2}{s^2+b^2} \right) \right] = 2 \left[\frac{t(-b \sin bt + a \sin at) - (\cos bt - \cos at)}{t^2} \right]$$

Inverse using the formula

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{F(s)}{s} \right] = \int_0^t L^{-1}[F(s)] dt$$

This formula is used when $F(s) = \frac{\text{one term}}{s(\text{another term})}$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s(s^2+a^2)} \right] &= \int_0^t L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] dt \\ &= \int_0^t \left[\frac{\sin at}{a} \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \left[\frac{-\cos at}{a} \right]_0^t \\ &= \frac{-1}{a^2} [\cos at]_0^t \\ &= \frac{-1}{a^2} (\cos at - \cos 0) = \frac{-1}{a^2} (\cos at - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s(s^2-a^2)} \right] &= \int_0^t L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2-a^2)} \right] dt \\ &= \int_0^t \left[\frac{\sinh at}{a} \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \left[\frac{\cosh at}{a} \right]_0^t \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2} [\cosh at]_0^t \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2} (\cosh at - \cosh 0) = \frac{1}{a^2} (\cosh at - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s+a)}\right] &= \int_0^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+a)}\right] dt \\
 &= \int_0^t e^{-at} dt \\
 &= \left[\frac{e^{-at}}{-a}\right]_0^t \\
 &= \frac{-1}{a}(e^{-at} - 1) \\
 \therefore L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s+a)}\right] &= \frac{1-e^{-at}}{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

Inverse using Partial Fraction

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

Solution:

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

$$A(s+2)(s-1) + Bs(s-1) + Cs(s+2) = s-2 \dots (1)$$

Put $s = 0$ in (1)

$$A(2)(-1) = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1$$

Put $s = -2$ in (1)

$$B(-2)(-3) = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{-4}{6} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

Put $s = 1$ in (1)

$$3C = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{-1}{3}$$

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

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

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

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

Solution:

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

$$A(s-2)^2 + B(s-1)(s-2) + C(s-1) = 2s-3 \dots (1)$$

of s^2

Put $s = 1$ in (1)

$$A = -1$$

Put $s = 2$ in (1)

$$C = 1$$

Equating the coefficient

$$A + B = 0$$

$$B = -A \Rightarrow B = 1$$

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

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

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

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{5s^2-15s-11}{(s+1)(s-2)^3}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5s^2-15s-11}{(s+1)(s-2)^3} &= \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s-2} + \frac{C}{(s-2)^2} + \frac{D}{(s-2)^3} \\ &= \frac{A(s-2)^3 + B(s+1)(s-2)^2 + C(s+1)(s-2) + D(s+1)}{(s-1)(s-2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$A(s-2)^3 + B(s+1)(s-2)^2 + C(s+1)(s-2) + D(s+1) = 5s^2 - 15s - 11 \dots (1)$$

Put $s = -1$ in (1) of s^3 $A(-27) = 9$ $A = \frac{9}{-27} \Rightarrow A = \frac{-1}{3}$	Put $s = 2$ in (1) $D(3) = -21$ $D = \frac{-21}{3} = -7$	Equating the coefficient $A + B = 0$ $B = -A \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{3}$
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Put $s = 0$ in (1), we get

$$-8A + 4B - 2C + D = -11$$

$$\frac{8}{3} + \frac{4}{3} - 2C - 7 = -11$$

$$4 - 2C = 7 - 11$$

$$-2C = -8 \Rightarrow C = 4$$

$$\therefore \frac{5s^2-15s-11}{(s+1)(s-2)^3} = \frac{-1}{3(s+1)} + \frac{1}{3(s-2)} + \frac{4}{(s-2)^2} - \frac{7}{(s-2)^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[\frac{5s^2-15s-11}{(s+1)(s-2)^3} \right] &= \frac{-1}{3} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+1} \right] + \frac{1}{3} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s-2} \right] + 4L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-2)^2} \right] - 7L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-2)^3} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3} e^{2t} + 4e^{2t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2} \right] - 7e^{2t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{5s^2-15s-11}{(s+1)(s-2)^3} \right] = \frac{-1}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3} e^{2t} + 4e^{2t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2} \right] - 7e^{2t} \frac{t^2}{2}$$

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{4s+5}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4s+5}{(s+1)(s^2+4)} &= \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{Bs+c}{s^2+4} \\ &= \frac{A(s^2+4) + (Bs+c)(s+1)}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}\end{aligned}$$

$$A(s^2 + 4) + (Bs + c)(s + 1) = 4s + 5 \dots \dots (1)$$

Put $s = -1$ in (1)

$$A(1 + 4) + 0 = 4(-1) + 5$$

$$A(5) = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$5 - \frac{4}{5}$$

Equating coefficients of s^2 term in (1)

$$A + B = 0$$

$$B = -A \Rightarrow B = \frac{-1}{5}$$

Put $s = 0$ in (1)

$$A(4) + C = 5$$

$$C = 5 - 4A =$$

$$= \frac{25-4}{5} = \frac{21}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \frac{4s+5}{(s+1)(s^2+4)} &= \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{s+1} + \frac{\frac{-1}{5}s + \frac{21}{5}}{s^2+4} \\ &= \frac{1}{5(s+1)} - \frac{s}{5(s^2+4)} + \frac{21}{5} \frac{1}{(s^2+4)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}L^{-1}\left[\frac{4s+5}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}\right] &= \frac{1}{5}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] - \frac{1}{5}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right] + \frac{21}{5}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{5}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{5}\cos 2t + \frac{21}{5} \frac{\sin 2t}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{4s+5}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}\right] = \frac{1}{5}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{5}\cos 2t + \frac{21}{10}\sin 2t$$

3.3(a) INITIAL AND FINAL VALUE THEOREMS

Initial value theorem

Statement: If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{We know that } L[f'(t)] &= sL[f(t)] - f(0) \\ &= sF(s) - f(0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore sF(s) &= L[f'(t)] + f(0) \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0)\end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as $s \rightarrow \infty$ on both sides, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0) \right] \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt \right] + f(0) \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-st} f'(t)] dt + f(0) \\ &= 0 + f(0) \quad \because e^{-\infty} = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$= f(0)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t)$$

Final value theorem

Statement: If the Laplace transforms of $f(t)$ and $f'(t)$ exist and $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

Proof:

$$\text{We know that } L[f'(t)] = sL[f(t)] - f(0)$$

$$= sF(s) - f(0)$$

$$\therefore sF(s) = L[f'(t)] + f(0)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0)$$

Taking limit as $s \rightarrow 0$ on both sides, we have

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt + f(0) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt \right] + f(0)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [e^{-st} f'(t)] dt + f(0)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} f'(t) dt + f(0)$$

$$= [f(t)]_0^{\infty} + f(0)$$

$$= f(\infty) - f(0) + f(0)$$

$$= f(\infty)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

Example: Verify the initial value theorem for the function $f(t) = ae^{-bt}$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } f(t) = ae^{-bt}$$

$$F(s) = L[f(t)]$$

$$= L[ae^{-bt}]$$

$$= a \frac{1}{s+b}$$

$$sF(s) = \frac{as}{s+b}$$

Initial value theorem is $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} a e^{-bt}$$

$$= a \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{as}{s+b} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{as}{s(1+\frac{b}{s})} \right] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{a}{(1+\frac{b}{s})} \right]$$

$$= a \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$

∴ Initial value theorem is verified

Example: Verify the initial value theorem and Final value theorem for the function

$f(t) = 1 + e^{-t}[sint + cost]$.

Solution:

Given $f(t) = 1 + e^{-t}[sint + cost]$

$$F(s) = L[f(t)]$$

$$= L[1 + e^{-t}[sint + cost]]$$

$$= L[1] + L[e^{-t}[sint + cost]]$$

$$= L[1] + L[sint + cost]_{s \rightarrow s+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} + \left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} + \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+1}$$

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

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

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

Initial value theorem is $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [1 + e^{-t}[sint + cost]]$$

$$= 1 + 0 + 1 = 2 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{s}{s^2+2s+2} + \frac{s^2+s}{s^2+2s+2} \right]$$

$$= 1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{s(1+\frac{2}{s}+\frac{2}{s^2})} + \frac{(1+\frac{1}{s})}{(1+\frac{2}{s}+\frac{2}{s^2})} \right]$$

$$= 1 + 0 + 1 = 2 \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$

∴ Initial value theorem is verified

Final value theorem is $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (1 + e^{-t}[\sin t + \cos t]) \\ &= 1 + 0 = 1 \dots \dots \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[1 + \frac{s}{s^2+2s+2} + \frac{s^2+s}{s^2+2s+2} \right] \\ &= 1 + 0 + 0 = 1 \dots \dots \dots (4) \end{aligned}$$

From (3) and (4), $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$

∴ Final value theorem is verified.

Example: Verify the initial value theorem and Final value theorem for the function

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given } f(t) &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s(s+2)^2} \right] \dots (1) \\ &= \int_0^t L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right] dt = \int_0^t e^{-2t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2} \right] dt \\ &= \int_0^t e^{-2t} t dt \\ &= \int_0^t t e^{-2t} dt \\ &= \left[t \left(\frac{e^{-2t}}{-2} \right) - \frac{(1)e^{-2t}}{(-2)^2} \right]_0^t \\ &= -t \frac{e^{-2t}}{2} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{4} - 0 + \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(t) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{te^{-2t}}{2} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{4}$$

From (1), $F(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+2)^2}$

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

Initial value theorem is $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{4} - \frac{te^{-2t}}{2} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - 0 - \frac{1}{4} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = 0 \dots (2)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = 0 \dots (3)$$

From (2) and (3), $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$

∴ Initial value theorem is verified

Final value theorem is $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{4} - \frac{te^{-2t}}{2} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - 0 - 0 = \frac{1}{4} \dots (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \dots (5) \end{aligned}$$

From (4) and (5), $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$

∴ Final value theorem is verified

Example: Verify the initial value theorem and Final value theorem for the function

$$f(t) = e^{-t}(t+2)^2$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given } f(t) &= e^{-t}(t+2)^2 \\ &= e^{-t}(t^2 + 4t + 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= L[f(t)] \\ &= L[e^{-t}(t^2 + 4t + 4)] \\ &= L[t^2 + 4t + 4]_{s \rightarrow s+1} \\ &= [L(t^2) + 4L(t) + 4L(1)]_{s \rightarrow s+1} \\ &= \left[\frac{2!}{s^3} + 4 \frac{1}{s^2} + 4 \frac{1}{s} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+1} \\ &= \frac{2}{(s+1)^3} + 4 \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} + 4 \frac{1}{s+1} \end{aligned}$$

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

Initial value theorem is $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [e^{-t}(t^2 + 4t + 4)] \\ &= 4 \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2s}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{4s}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{4s}{s+1} \right] \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2s}{s^3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)^3} + \frac{4s}{s^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)^2} + \frac{4s}{s \left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)} \right] \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2}{s^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)^3} + \frac{4}{s \left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)^2} + \frac{4}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)} \right] \\ &= 0 + 0 + 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 4 \dots (2)$$

$$\text{From (1) and (2), } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$$

\therefore Initial value theorem is verified

$$\text{Final value theorem is } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-t}(t^2 + 4t + 4)] \\ &= 0 \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{2s}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{4s}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{4s}{s+1} \right] \\ &= 0 \dots (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (3) and (4), } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

\therefore Final value theorem is verified.

Example: If $L[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s(s+1)}$, find the $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t)$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$ using initial and final value theorems.

Solution:

$$\text{Given } L[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s(s+1)} \dots (1)$$

$$\text{i.e., } F(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)} \Rightarrow sF(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial value theorem is } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(s+1)} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Final value theorem is } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(s+1)} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

3.3(b) CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Definition: Convolution of two functions

The convolution of two functions $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ is denoted by $f(t) * g(t)$ and defined by

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

State and prove Convolution theorem

Statement: If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ and $L[g(t)] = G(s)$, then $L[f(t)] * L[g(t)] = F(s)G(s)$

Proof:

$$\text{We have } f(t) * g(t) = \int_0^t f(u)g(t-u)du$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[f(t) * g(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} [f(t) * g(t)] e^{-st} dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^t f(u)g(t-u)du e^{-st} dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^t f(u)g(t-u)e^{-st} dudt \dots (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we have no change the order of integration.

$$u = 0, u = t; t = 0, t = \infty$$

Change of order is . Draw horizontal strip PQ

At P, $t = u$, At A $u = \infty$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[f(t) * g(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_u^{\infty} f(u)g(t-u)e^{-st} dt du \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} f(u) \left[\int_u^{\infty} g(t-u)e^{-st} dt \right] du \dots (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Put $t - u = x \dots (3)$

$$t = u + x \Rightarrow dt = dx$$

When $t = u$; (3) $\Rightarrow x = 0$

When $t = \infty$; (3) $\Rightarrow x = \infty$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \Rightarrow L[f(t) * g(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} f(u) \left[\int_0^{\infty} g(x)e^{-s(u+x)} dx \right] du \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} f(u) \left[\int_0^{\infty} g(x)e^{-su}e^{-sx} dx \right] du \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} f(u)e^{-su} du \int_0^{\infty} g(x)e^{-sx} dx \\
 &= L[f(u)]L[g(x)]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore L[f(t) * g(t)] = F(s)G(s)$$

Note: Convolution theorem is very useful to compute inverse Laplace transform of product of two terms

Convolution theorem is $L[f(t) * g(t)] = F(s)G(s)$

$$L^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = f(t) * g(t)$$

$$L^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = L^{-1}[F(s)] * L^{-1}[G(s)]$$

Problems under Convolution theorem

Example: Find $L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)} \right]$ using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+a)} \right] * L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+b)} \right] \\
 &= e^{-at} * e^{-bt} \\
 &= \int_0^t e^{-au} e^{-b(t-u)} du \\
 &= e^{-bt} \int_0^t e^{-au} e^{bu} du
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^{-bt} \int_0^t e^{(b-a)u} du \\
 &= e^{-bt} \left[\frac{e^{(b-a)u}}{b-a} \right]_0^t \\
 &= \frac{e^{-bt}}{b-a} [e^{(b-a)t} - 1] \\
 &= \frac{e^{-bt}}{b-a} [e^{bt-at} - 1] \\
 &= \frac{1}{b-a} [e^{-bt+bt-at} - e^{-bt}]
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform $\frac{s^2}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)}$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)} \frac{s}{(s^2+b^2)} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] * L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+b^2)} \right] \\
 &= \cos at * \cos bt \\
 &= \int_0^t \cos au \cos b(t-u) du \\
 &= \int_0^t \frac{\cos(au+bt-bu) + \cos(au-bt+bu)}{2} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (\cos(au+bt-bu) + \cos(au-bt+bu)) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t [\cos(a-b)u + bt + \cos(a+b)u - bt] du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin[(a-b)u+bt]}{a-b} + \frac{\sin[(a+b)u+bt]}{a+b} \right]_0^t \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(at-bt+bt)}{a-b} + \frac{\sin(at-bt+bt)}{a+b} - \frac{\sin bt}{a-b} + \frac{\sin bt}{a+b} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin at}{a-b} + \frac{\sin at}{a+b} - \frac{\sin bt}{a-b} + \frac{\sin bt}{a+b} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(a+b)\sin at + (a-b)\sin at - (a+b)\sin bt + (a-b)\sin bt}{a^2-b^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2a\sin at - 2b\sin bt}{a^2-b^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2(a\sin at - b\sin bt)}{a^2-b^2} \right] \\
 \therefore L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)} \right] &= \frac{a\sin at - b\sin bt}{a^2-b^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform $\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)}$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)} \frac{1}{(s^2+b^2)}\right] \\
 &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+b^2)}\right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \sin at * \frac{1}{b} \sin bt \\
 &= \frac{1}{ab} \int_0^t \sin au \sin b(t-u) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{ab} \int_0^t \frac{\cos(au-bt+bu) - \cos(au+bt-bu)}{2} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2ab} \int_0^t (\cos(au-bt+bu) - \cos(au+bt-bu)) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t [\cos[(a+b)u-bt] - \cos[(a-b)u+bt]] du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2ab} \left[\frac{\sin[(a+b)u-bt]}{a+b} - \frac{\sin[(a-b)u+bt]}{a-b} \right]_0^t \\
 &= \frac{1}{2ab} \left[\frac{\sin(at+bt-bt)}{a+b} - \frac{\sin(at-bt+bt)}{a-b} + \frac{\sin bt}{a+b} + \frac{\sin bt}{a-b} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2ab} \left[\frac{\sin at}{a+b} - \frac{\sin at}{a-b} - \frac{\sin bt}{a+b} + \frac{\sin bt}{a-b} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2ab} \left[\frac{(a-b)\sin at - (a+b)\sin at + (a-b)\sin bt + (a+b)\sin bt}{a^2-b^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2ab} \left[\frac{-2b\sin at + 2a\sin bt}{a^2-b^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2ab} \left[\frac{2(a\sin bt - b\sin at)}{a^2-b^2} \right] \\
 \therefore L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)}\right] &= \frac{a\sin bt - b\sin at}{ab(a^2-b^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform $\frac{s}{(s^2+4)(s^2+9)}$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+4)(s^2+9)}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+4)} \frac{s}{(s^2+9)}\right] \\
 &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2+4)}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2+9)}\right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t * \cos 3t \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin 2u \cos 3(t-u) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{\sin(2u+3t-3u) + \sin(2u-3t+3u)}{2} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t [\sin(3t-u) + \sin(5u-3t)] du \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{-\cos(3t-u)}{-1} - \frac{\cos(5u-3t)}{5} \right]_0^t \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{\cos(3t-t)}{1} - \frac{\cos(5t-3t)}{5} - \frac{\cos 3t}{1} + \frac{\cos 3t}{5} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\cos 2t - \frac{\cos 2t}{5} - \cos 3t + \frac{\cos 3t}{5} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{5\cos 2t - \cos 2t - 5\cos 3t + \cos 3t}{5} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{20} [4\cos 2t - 4\cos 3t]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+4)(s^2+9)} \right] = \frac{\cos 2t - \cos 3t}{5}$$

Example: Find $L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right]$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)} \frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] * L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \sin at * \cos at \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^t \sin au \cos a(t-u) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^t \frac{\sin(au+at-au) + \sin(au-at+au)}{2} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^t [\sin at + \sin(2au-at)] du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[\int_0^t \sin at du + \int_0^t \sin(2au-at) du \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[\sin at \int_0^t du + \int_0^t \sin(2au-at) du \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[\sin at (u)_0^t - \left(\frac{\cos(2au-at)}{2a} \right)_0^t \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[t \sin at - \frac{\cos(2at-at)}{2a} + \frac{\cos at}{2a} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[t \sin at - \frac{\cos at}{2a} + \frac{\cos at}{2a} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2a} t \sin at
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Example: Find $L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right]$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)} \frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] * L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{a} \sin at * \frac{1}{a} \sin at
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Example: Find $L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right]$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+a^2)^2} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)} \frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] * L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)} \right] \\
 &= \cos at * \cos at \\
 &= \int_0^t \cos au \cos a(t-u) du \\
 &= \int_0^t \frac{\cos(au+at-au) + \cos(au-at+au)}{2} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t [\cos at + \cos(2au-at)] du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^t \cos at du + \int_0^t \cos(2au-at) du \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos at \int_0^t du + \int_0^t \cos(2au-at) du \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos at (u)_0^t + \left(\frac{\sin(2au-at)}{2a} \right)_0^t \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[t \cos at + \frac{\sin(2at-at)}{2a} + \frac{\sin at}{2a} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[t \cos at + \frac{\sin at}{2a} + \frac{\sin at}{2a} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[t \cos at + \frac{2 \sin at}{2a} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Example: Find $L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+4)^2} \right]$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2+2^2)^2} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+2^2)} \frac{s}{(s^2+2^2)} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+2^2)} \right] * L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2+2^2)} \right] \\ &= \cos 2t * \cos 2t \\ &= \int_0^t \cos 2u \cos 2(t-u) du \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{\cos(2u+2t-2u) + \cos(2u-2t+2u)}{2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t [\cos 2t + \cos(4u-2t)] du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^t \cos 2t du + \int_0^t \cos(4u-2t) du \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos 2t \int_0^t du + \int_0^t \cos(4u-2t) du \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos 2t (u)_0^t + \left(\frac{\sin(4u-2t)}{4} \right)_0^t \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[t \cos 2t + \frac{\sin(4t-2t)}{4} - \frac{\sin(-2t)}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[t \cos 2t + \frac{\sin 2t}{4} + \frac{\sin 2t}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[t \cos 2t + \frac{2 \sin 2t}{4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

Example: Find $L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s(s^2+4)} \right]$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s(s^2+4)} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{s^2+4} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] * L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+4} \right] \\ &= 1 * \frac{\sin 2t}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sin 2t}{2} * 1 \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{\sin 2u (1)}{2} du \\ &= \left[\frac{-\cos 2u}{4} \right]_0^t = \frac{1}{4} (-\cos 2t + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(1 - \cos 2t)$$

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform $\frac{s+2}{(s^2+4s+13)^2}$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{(s^2+4s+13)^2}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{s^2+4s+13} \frac{1}{s^2+4s+13}\right] \\ &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{s^2+4s+13}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+4s+13}\right] \\ &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+9}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2+9}\right] \\ &= e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+9}\right] * e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+9}\right] \\ &= e^{-2t}\cos 3t * \frac{e^{-2t}\sin 3t}{3} \\ &= \int_0^t e^{-2u}\cos 3u e^{-2(t-u)}\frac{\sin 3(t-u)}{3} du \\ &= \int_0^t e^{-2u}\cos 3u e^{-2t+2u}\frac{\sin(3t-3u)}{3} du \\ &= \frac{1}{3}\int_0^t e^{-2u-2t+2u}\cos 3u \sin(3t-3u) du \\ &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{3}\int_0^t \frac{\sin(3u+3t-3u)-\sin(3u-3t+3u)}{2} du \\ &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{6}\int_0^t [\sin 3t - \sin(6u-3t)] du \\ &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{6}\left[\int_0^t \sin 3t du - \int_0^t \sin(6u-3t) du\right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{6}\left[\sin 3t \int_0^t du - \int_0^t \sin(6u-3t) du\right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{6}\left[\sin 3t(u)_0^t + \left(\frac{\cos(6u-3t)}{6}\right)_0^t\right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{6}\left[t\sin 3t + \frac{\cos(6t-3t)}{6} - \frac{\cos(-3t)}{6}\right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{6}\left[t\sin 3t + \frac{\cos 3t}{6} - \frac{\cos 3t}{6}\right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{6} t\sin 3t \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{(s^2+4s+13)^2}\right] = \frac{e^{-2t}}{6} t\sin 3t$$

Example: Find the inverse Laplace transform $\frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}$ by using convolution theorem.

Solution:

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^{-t} * \cos 2t \\
 &= \int_0^t e^{-(t-u)} \cos 2u \, du \\
 &= e^{-t} \int_0^t e^u \cos 2u \, du \\
 &= e^{-t} \left[\frac{e^u}{1^2+2^2} (\cos 2u + \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \int e^{at} \cos bt \, dt = \frac{e^{at}}{a^2 + b^2} (a \cos bt + b \sin bt) \right)$$

$$\left. 2 \sin 2u \right) \Big|_0^t$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{e^{-t}}{5} [e^t (\cos 2t + 2 \sin 2t) - e^0 (\cos 0 - 0)] \\
 &= \frac{e^{-t}}{5} [e^t (\cos 2t + 2 \sin 2t) - 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2+4)(s+1)} \right] = \frac{e^{-t}}{5} [e^t (\cos 2t + 2 \sin 2t) - 1]$$

