

3. Laplace Transform

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \quad \text{"Laplace transform"}$$

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}F(s) = \frac{1}{i2\pi} \int_{\sigma-i\infty}^{\sigma+i\infty} F(s) e^{st} ds \quad \text{"Complex Inversion formula"}$$

Example: Find Laplace transform for the function $f(t) = 1$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{1\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot 1 dt = \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{-1}{s} [0 - 1] = \frac{1}{s}$$

Table (1) Elementary Laplace transforms

f(t)	F(s)	f(t)	F(s)
a	$\frac{a}{s}$	e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
t^n	$\begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}} & n > -1 \\ \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} & n \text{ a positive integer} \end{cases}$		
$\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$	$\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$	$\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
$f_1(t) \mp f_2(t)$	$F_1(s) \mp F_2(s)$	$\int_a^t f(t) dt$	$\frac{1}{s} F(s) + \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 f(t) dt$
$e^{at} f(t)$	$F(s-a)$	$t^n f(t)$	$(-1)^n \frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n}$

****See the new Laplace Transform Table**

Laplace Transform of Derivative

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot f'(t) dt = e^{-st} f(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f(t)(-s)e^{-st} dt$$

$$0 - f(0) + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = s\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - f(0)$$

Therefore:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

Generally:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - s^{n-3}f''(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

• Laplace Transform for integrals

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_a^t f(t) dt\right\} = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_a^t f(t) dt\right) e^{-st} dt = \left[\int_a^t f(t) dt \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right)\right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right) dt$$

$$= \int_a^{\infty} f(t) dt \left(\frac{e^{-\infty}}{-s}\right) - \int_a^0 f(t) dt \left(\frac{e^0}{-s}\right) + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \int_a^0 f(t) dt + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$\text{So far: } \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_a^t f(t) dt\right\} = \frac{1}{s} F(s) - \frac{1}{s} \int_0^a f(t) dt$$

This can be extended to double, triple and higher integration.

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

Example: Find the Laplace transform for the functions

$$f(t) = \sin^2 t$$

$$f(t) = \sin^2 t \quad , f'(t) = 2 \sin t \cos t = \sin 2t$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4}$$

but :

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

since : $f(0) = \sin 0 = 0$

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

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \frac{2}{s(s^2 + 4)}$$

Or $\sin^2 t = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2t) = f(t)$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{2s} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} = \frac{2}{s(s^2 + 4)}$$

Example: Find the Laplace transform for $\int_0^t \cos 4t \, dt$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{\cos 4t\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 16}$$

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Or

$$\int_0^t \cos 4t \, dt = \frac{\sin 4t}{4} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\sin 4t}{4}\right\} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{s^2 + 16} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 16}$$

Shifting in s-domain

If $f(t)$ has the transform $F(s)$ (where $s > k$), then $e^{at}f(t)$ has the transform $F(s - a)$ (where $s - a > k$).

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} f(t)\} = F(s - a)$$

Proof:
$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} [e^{at} f(t)] dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} f(t) dt = F(s-a)$$

We can show that

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{-at} \cos bt) = \frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2 + b^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}(e^{-at} \sin bt) = \frac{b}{(s+a)^2 + b^2}$$

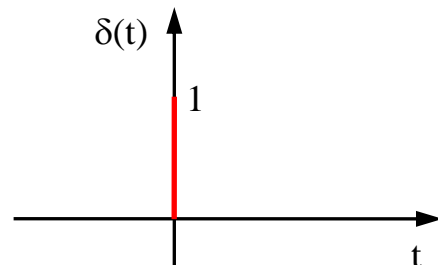
$$\mathcal{L}(e^{-at} t^n) = \frac{n!}{(s+a)^{n+1}}$$

Unit Delta Function (Dirac Function)

Unit impulse (delta) function

$$\delta(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t = 0 \\ 0 & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

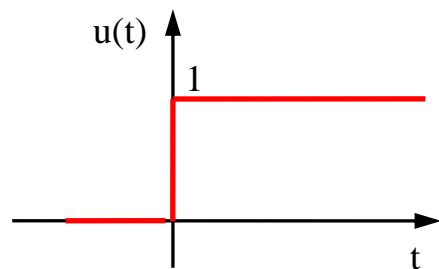
$$\mathcal{L}(\delta(t)) = 1$$



Unit Step Function (Heaviside Function)

Unit step function, u(t)

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



Step Function (Heaviside function)

$$\mathcal{L}(u(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s}$$

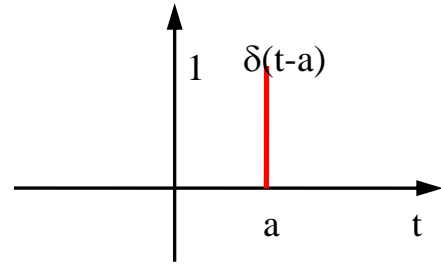
Notes:

$$(1) \delta(t) = \frac{du(t)}{dt}$$

$$(2) \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = u(t)$$

Shifting (Translated) functions

$$\delta(t-a) = \begin{cases} 1 & t = a \\ 0 & t \neq a \end{cases}$$



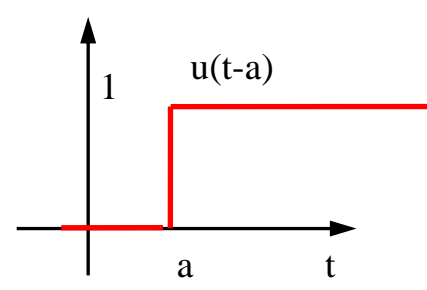
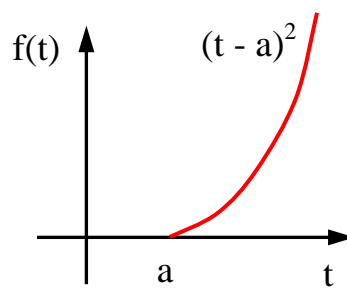
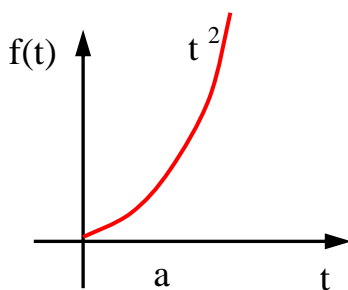
$$\mathcal{L}(\delta(t-a)) = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t-a) e^{-st} dt = e^{-sa}$$

$$u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ 1 & t \geq a \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(u(t-a)) &= \int_0^{\infty} u(t-a) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^a 0 \cdot dt + \int_a^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{-1}{s} \left[e^{-st} \right]_a^{\infty} = \frac{-1}{s} \left[0 - e^{-as} \right] = \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \end{aligned}$$

Shifting in Time-domain

For example;



If we take the expression:

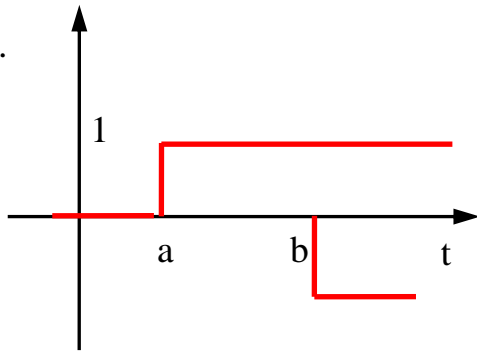
$$(t-a)^2 u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ (t-a)^2 & t \geq a \end{cases}$$

More generally:

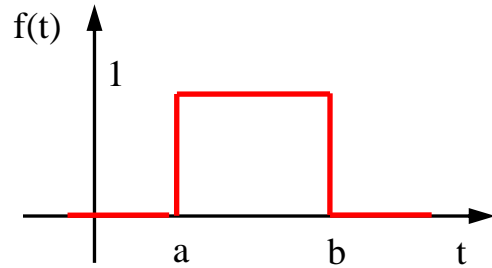
$$f(t-a)u(t-a)$$

Example: What is the equation of the function whose graphs in shown below;

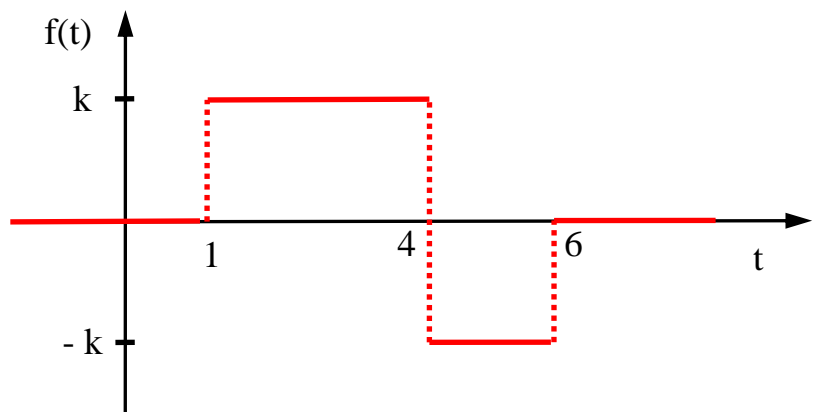
Sol.



$$f(t) = u(t-a) - u(t-b)$$



Example:



$$f(t) = k[u(t-1) - 2u(t-4) + u(t-6)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t-a)u(t-a)\} = e^{-as}F(s) \quad (\mathbf{t\text{-}Shifting})$$

we can also write: $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)u(t-a)\} = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}\{f(t+a)\}$

Or, we can write

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

Proof:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t-a)u(t-a)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t-a)u(t-a)e^{-st} dt = \int_a^{\infty} f(t-a)e^{-st} dt$$

Now let $t-a = \tau$, $dt = d\tau$, then

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(\tau)e^{-s(\tau+a)} d\tau = e^{-as} \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau)e^{-s\tau} d\tau = e^{-as} F(s)$$

Example: Find $\mathcal{L}\{\cos(t-1)u(t-1)\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(t-1)u(t-1)\} = e^{-s} \frac{s}{s^2+1} \quad \text{where } f(t) = \cos t \rightarrow F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+1}$$

Example: Find $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(2t-2)u(t-1)\}$

$$F(t) = \sin(2t-2)u(t-1) = \sin 2(t-1)u(t-1)$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{F(t)\} = e^{-s} \frac{2}{s^2+4} \quad \text{where } \mathcal{L}\{\sin 2t\} = \frac{2}{s^2+4}$$

Example: Find $F(t) = \cos(t-1)u(t-2)$

$$F(t) = \cos(t-2+1)u(t-2)$$

$$= [\cos(t-2)\cos 1 - \sin(t-2)\sin 1]u(t-2)$$

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

Example: Write the following using unit step functions and find its transform

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } 0 < t < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}t^2 & \text{if } 1 < t < \frac{1}{2}\pi \\ \cos t & \text{if } t > \frac{1}{2}\pi \end{cases}$$

Solution: Step (1) In terms of unit step functions

$$f(t) = 2[u(t) - u(t-1)] + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \left[u(t-1) - u\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\pi\right) \right] + (\cos t)u\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\pi\right)$$

Step (2) Find Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}\{2[u(t) - u(t-1)]\} = 2(1 - e^{-s})/s$$

Using the formula: $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)u(t-a)\} = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}\{f(t+a)\}$

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

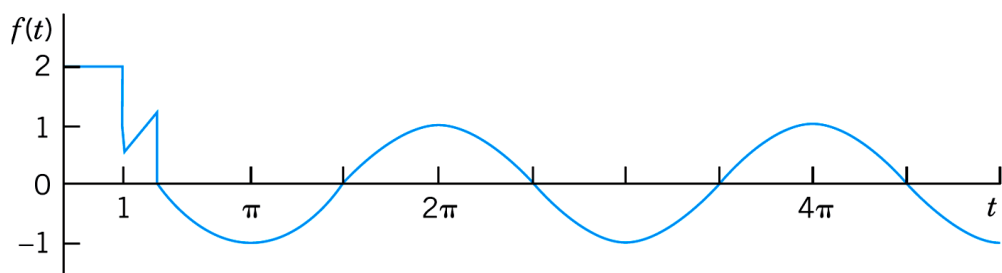
Similarly;

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1}{2}t^2 u\left(t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right\} = e^{-\pi s/2}\left(\frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{\pi}{2s^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{8s}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\cos t u\left(t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right\} = e^{-\pi s/2}\mathcal{L}\left\{\cos\left(t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right\} = e^{-\pi s/2}\mathcal{L}\{-\sin(t)\} = -e^{-\pi s/2}\left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\right)$$

Finally;

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{F(t)\} = \frac{2}{s} - \frac{2}{s}e^{-s} + e^{-s}\left(\frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{2s}\right) + e^{-\pi s/2}\left(\frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{\pi}{2s^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{8s}\right) - e^{-\pi s/2}\left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\right)$$



Differentiation of Transforms ($t^n f(t)$)

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

Proof: $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \Rightarrow F'(s) = -\int_0^{\infty} f(t)te^{-st} dt$

Consequently:

$$\mathcal{L}(tf(t)) = -F'(s) \quad \text{hence} \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F'(s)) = -tf(t)$$

Example: Find the inverse transform of $\ln\left(1 + \frac{b^2}{s^2}\right)$

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

$$F'(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \left[\ln(s^2 + b^2) - \ln s^2 \right] = \frac{2s}{s^2 + b^2} - \frac{2s}{s^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F'(s)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2s}{s^2 + b^2} - \frac{2}{s}\right\} = 2\cos bt - 2 = -tf(t)$$

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

Integration of Transforms

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\} = \int_s^{\infty} F(s)ds \quad \text{hence} \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\int_s^{\infty} F(s)ds\right\} = \frac{f(t)}{t}$$

Proof: $\int_s^{\infty} F(s)ds = \int_s^{\infty} \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t)dt \right] ds$

We may reverse the order of integration, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_s^\infty F(s) ds &= \int_0^\infty \left[\int_s^\infty e^{-st} f(t) ds \right] dt = \int_0^\infty \left[f(t) \int_s^\infty e^{-st} ds \right] dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(t) \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-t} \right]_s^\infty dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \left[\frac{f(t)}{t} \right] dt = \mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{t} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Example: What is $\mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{\sin kt}{t} \right\}$?

Sol. $\because f(t) = \sin kt$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{\sin kt}{t} \right\} &= \int_s^\infty \mathcal{L} \{ \sin kt \} ds = \int_s^\infty \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2} ds = \tan^{-1} \frac{k}{s} \Big|_s^\infty \\ &= 0 - \tan^{-1} \frac{k}{s} = -\tan^{-1} \frac{k}{s} \end{aligned}$$

Example: What is $f(t)$ if $\mathcal{L} \{ f(t) \} = \frac{s}{(s^2 - 1)^2}$?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(t)}{t} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \int_s^\infty \frac{s}{(s^2 - 1)^2} ds \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{-1}{2(s^2 - 1)} \Big|_s^\infty \right\} \\ \Rightarrow f(t) &= t \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(0 + \frac{1}{s^2 - 1} \right) \right\} = t \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{s+1} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{t}{4} (e^t - e^{-t}) = \frac{t \sinh t}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Partial Fraction Method

$$F(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} \quad \text{In condition Y(s) has a degree less than Q(s)}$$

Notes:

$$(1) \mathcal{L}\{A\} = A\delta(t)$$

$$(2) \mathcal{L}\{k s\} = k \frac{d\delta(t)}{dt}$$

1. Unrepeated or simple root (s - a)

$$F(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} = \frac{A_1}{s - a_1} + \frac{A_2}{s - a_2} + \dots$$

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = A_1 e^{a_1 t} + A_2 e^{a_2 t} + \dots$$

$$A_1 = \lim_{s \rightarrow a_1} \left\{ (s - a_1) \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} \right\} = \left[(s - a_1) \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} \right]_{s=a_1}$$

$$A_2 = \lim_{s \rightarrow a_2} \left\{ (s - a_2) \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} \right\} = \left[(s - a_2) \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} \right]_{s=a_2}$$

Example: Find \mathcal{L}^{-1} for $F(s) = \frac{s - 2}{s^2 + 5s + 6}$

$$F(s) = \frac{s - 2}{s^2 + 5s + 6} = \frac{s - 2}{(s + 2)(s + 3)} = \frac{A}{s + 2} + \frac{B}{s + 3}$$

$$A = \lim_{s \rightarrow -2} \left\{ \cancel{(s + 2)} \frac{s - 2}{\cancel{(s + 2)}(s + 3)} \right\} = \left[\frac{s - 2}{s + 3} \right]_{s=-2} = -4$$

$$B = \lim_{s \rightarrow -3} \left\{ \cancel{(s + 3)} \frac{s - 2}{(s + 2)\cancel{(s + 3)}} \right\} = 5$$

$$\therefore f(t) = -4e^{-2t} + 5e^{-3t}$$

2. Repeated roots $(s - a)^m$:

where m is a positive integer

$$F(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} = \frac{A_m}{(s-a)^m} + \frac{A_{m-1}}{(s-a)^{m-1}} + \frac{A_{m-2}}{(s-a)^{m-2}} + \cdots + \frac{A_1}{(s-a)}$$

$$f(t) = e^{at} \left[A_m \frac{t^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} + A_{m-1} \frac{t^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} + A_{m-2} \frac{t^{m-3}}{(m-3)!} + \cdots + A_1 \right]$$

$$R_a(s) = (s-a)^m \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)}$$

$$A_m = \lim_{s \rightarrow a} \left\{ (s-a)^m \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} \right\} = R_a(s) \Big|_{s=a}$$

$$A_{m-1} = \frac{1}{1!} \lim_{s \rightarrow a} \left\{ \frac{d}{ds} R_a(s) \right\}$$

Generally:

$$A_{m-k} = \frac{1}{k!} \lim_{s \rightarrow a} \left\{ \frac{d^k}{ds^k} R_a(s) \right\} \quad \text{where } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (m-1)$$

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

$$F(s) = \frac{s+2}{(s+1)^2(s-2)} = \frac{A_2}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{A_1}{(s+1)} + \frac{B}{s-2}$$

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

$$A_2 = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \{R_a(s)\} = \left[\frac{s+2}{s-2} \right]_{s=-1} = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{1!} \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \left\{ \frac{d}{ds} R_a(s) \right\} = \left[\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{s+2}{s-2} \right) \right]_{s=-1} = \left[\frac{(s-2) - s-2}{(s-2)^2} \right]_{s=-1} = \frac{-4}{9}$$

$$B = \lim_{s \rightarrow 2} \left\{ \frac{(s-2)}{(s+1)^2 (s-2)} \frac{s+2}{s-2} \right\} = \left[\frac{s+2}{(s+1)^2} \right]_{s=2} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\therefore F(s) = \frac{-1/3}{(s+1)^2} - \frac{4/9}{(s+1)} + \frac{4/9}{s-2}$$

$$f(t) = e^{-t} \left(\frac{-1}{3} \frac{t}{1!} - \frac{4}{9} \right) + \frac{4}{9} e^{2t}$$

3. Unrepeated complex root $(s-p)(s-\bar{p})$

where p is a complex number $p = \alpha + i\beta$, $\bar{p} = \alpha - i\beta$

$$F(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} = \frac{As+B}{(s-p)(s-\bar{p})}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{e^{\alpha t}}{\beta} [C_a \cos \beta t + D_a \sin \beta t]$$

where

C_a is imaginary part of $R_a(s)|_{s=a}$

D_a is real part of $R_a(s)|_{s=a}$

$$\therefore R_a(s) = \left[(s-a)(s-\bar{a}) \frac{Y(s)}{Q(s)} \right]$$

Example: Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s+2}{(s^2+2s+5)(s+1)} \right\}$

$$s^2 + 2s + 5$$

$$s = \frac{-2 \mp \sqrt{4 - 4 * 5}}{2}$$

$$s = -1 \mp i2$$

$$\therefore \alpha = -1$$

$$\beta = 2$$

$$F(s) = \frac{As + B}{s^2 + 2s + 5} + \frac{C}{s + 1}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{As + B}{(s + 1 - i2)(s + 1 + i2)} + \frac{E}{s + 1}$$

$$R_a(s) = \frac{\cancel{(s^2 + 2s + 5)} \cdot (s + 2)}{\cancel{(s^2 + 2s + 5)}(s + 1)} = \frac{s + 2}{s + 1}$$

$$R_a(s)|_{s=-1+i2} = \left[\frac{s + 2}{s + 1} \right]_{s=-1+i2} = \frac{1 + i2}{i2} = 1 - i\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C_a = \frac{-1}{2}, \quad D_a = 1$$

$$E = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \left\{ \frac{s + 2}{s^2 + 2s + 5} \right\} = R_c(s)|_{s=-1} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos 2t + \sin 2t \right) + \frac{1}{4} e^{-t}$$