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INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORMS - II

DIVISION BY POWERS OF 'P'

MATHEMATICS

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Inverse Laplace Transformation – Division by powers of p

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to recognize the following properties of the Inverse Laplace Transformation.

- Understand Inverse Laplace transforms of standard functions.
- Get an idea about division by powers of p .
- Get the knowledge of application of Laplace transformations.
- Students will be able to know the use of Inverse Laplace transform in system modeling, digital signal processing, etc.,

Definition of Inverse Laplace Transformation

If $f(p)$ is the Laplace Transform of a function $F(t)$. i.e. $L \{ F(t) \} = f(p)$ then $F(t)$ is called the inverse Laplace transform of the function $f(p)$ and is written as $F(t) = L^{-1} \{ f(p) \}$.

Inverse Laplace Transform of Division by Powers of p

Theorem: If $L^{-1}\{f(p)\} = F(t)$ then $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{f(p)}{p}\right\} = \int_0^t F(t)dt$

Proof: Let $G(t) = \int_0^t F(t)dt$. Then $G'(t) = F(t)$ and $G(0) = 0$

$$\therefore L(G'(t)) = p L(G(t)) - G(0)$$

$$f(p) = p L(G(t))$$

$$i.e L(G(t)) = \frac{f(p)}{p}$$

$$i.e L^{-1}\left(\frac{f(p)}{p}\right) = G(t) = \int_0^t F(t)dt.$$

Theorem: If $L^{-1}\{f(p)\} = F(t)$ then $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{f(p)}{p^2}\right\} = \int_0^t \int_0^y F(x) dx dy$

Proof: Let $G(t) = \int_0^t \int_0^y f(x) dx dy$

Then $G'(t) = \int_0^t F(x) dx$, where $G''(t) = F(t)$.

Also $G(0) = G'(0) = 0$

Now $L(G''(t)) = p^2 L\{G(t)\} - pG(0) - G'(0) = p^2 L\{G(t)\}$

$\Rightarrow f(p) = p^2 L\{G(t)\}$

$\Rightarrow L\{G(t)\} = \frac{f(p)}{p^2}$

$\Rightarrow L^{-1}\left\{\frac{f(p)}{p^2}\right\} = G(t) = \int_0^t \int_0^y f(x) dx dy$

Ex 1: Find the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{1}{p(p+2)}$

Sol: $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p+2} \right\} = e^{-2t} = F(t)$

we have $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p(p+2)} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p} \left(\frac{1}{p+2} \right) \right\}$

$$= \int_0^t e^{-2t} dt$$
$$= \left(\frac{e^{-2t}}{-2} \right)_0^t$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-2t})$$

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

Ex 2: Find the inverse Laplace transform of $\left\{\frac{1}{p(p^2+a^2)}\right\}$

Sol: We have $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(p^2+a^2)}\right\} = \frac{1}{a} \sin at$ and

$$L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{p}F(p)\right\} = \int_0^t F(u)du \text{ where } F(t) = L^{-1}\{F(p)\}$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{p(p^2+a^2)}\right\} = \int_0^t \frac{1}{a} \sin au \, du = -\frac{1}{a} (1 - \cos au)_0^t = \frac{1 - \cos at}{a^2}$$

Ex 3: Find the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{1}{p^3(p^2+a^2)}$

Sol: We have $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{p(p^2+a^2)}\right\} = \frac{1}{a^2} (1 - \cos at)$

$$\therefore L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{p^2(p^2+a^2)}\right\} = \int_0^t \frac{1}{a^2} (1 - \cos at) dt = \frac{1}{a^2} \left(t - \frac{1}{a} \sin at\right)$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{p^3(p^2+a^2)}\right\} = \int_0^t \frac{1}{a^2} \left(t - \frac{1}{a} \sin at\right) dt = \frac{1}{a^2} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{1}{a^2} (\cos at - 1)\right).$$

Ex 4: Find the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{1}{p^3(p^2+1)}$

Sol: Put $a = 1$ in the above problem we get

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

Ex 5: Find $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(p^2+a^2)^2} \right\}$

Sol: Let $f(p) = \frac{p}{(p^2+a^2)^2}$. we know that $L\{\sin at\} = \frac{a}{p^2+a^2}$

$$\text{Now } L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{d}{dp} \left(\frac{1}{p^2+a^2} \right) \right\} = (-1)t \frac{1}{a} \sin at$$

$$\Rightarrow L^{-1} \left\{ \left(\frac{-2p}{p^2+a^2} \right) \right\} = \frac{-t}{a} \sin at$$

$$\Rightarrow L^{-1} \left\{ \left(\frac{p}{p^2+a^2} \right) \right\} = \frac{t}{2a} \sin at$$

$$\text{Now } L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(p^2 + a^2)^2} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p} \frac{p}{(p^2 + a^2)^2} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p} f(p) \right\}$$

$$= \int_0^t \frac{f(u)}{du} du = \int_0^t \frac{u}{2a} \sin au \, du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^t u \sin au \, du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a} \left[u \left(\frac{-\cos au}{u} \right) - 1 \left(\frac{-\sin au}{a^2} \right) \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a} \left[\left(\frac{-u \cos au}{u} \right) + \left(\frac{\sin au}{a^2} \right) \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a^3} [\sin au - au \cos au]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a^3} (\sin at - at \cos at)$$

$$\therefore L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(p^2 + a^2)^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{2a^3} (\sin at - at \cos at)$$

Ex 6: Find $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p^2}{(p^2+a^2)^2} \right\}$

Sol: $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p^2}{(p^2+a^2)^2} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ p \frac{p}{(p^2+a^2)^2} \right\} = \frac{d}{dt} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2+a^2)^2} \right\} \dots \dots \dots (1)$

We know that $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p^2+a^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{a} \sin at \dots \dots \dots (2)$

We have $\frac{d}{dp} \left\{ \frac{1}{p^2+a^2} \right\} = \frac{-2p}{(p^2+a^2)^2}$

Then $L^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{dp} \left\{ \frac{1}{p^2+a^2} \right\} \right] = (-1)t L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p^2+a^2} \right\}$

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

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

$\therefore L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p^2}{(p^2+a^2)^2} \right\} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{t}{2a} \sin at \right) = \frac{1}{2a} (at \cos at + \sin at)$

Practice Questions:

Find the inverse Laplace transform of

$$1. \frac{1}{p(p+2)^3} \quad 2. \frac{1}{p^2(p^2-a^2)} \quad 3. \frac{1}{p^2(p+3)} \quad 4. \frac{1}{p^2(p+1)^2}$$

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- The Laplace Transform: Theory and Applications by Joel L.Schiff
- The Laplace Transform by David Vernon Widder
- Student's Guide to Laplace Transforms (Student's Guides) by Daniel Fleisch.

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