

Problem S4.3

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

Solution:

$F(s)$ has three simple poles ($s = 0, +2i$ and $-2i$).

$$F(s) = \frac{a_1}{s} + \frac{a_2}{s + 2i} + \frac{a_3}{s - 2i}$$

$$a_1 = s \left. \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 4)} \right|_{s=0} = \left. \frac{1}{(s^2 + 4)} \right|_{s=0} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$a_2 = (s + 2i) \left. \frac{1}{s(s + 2i)(s - 2i)} \right|_{s=-2i} = \frac{1}{-2i(-4i)} = \frac{-1}{8}$$

$$a_3 = (s - 2i) \left. \frac{1}{s(s + 2i)(s - 2i)} \right|_{s=2i} = \frac{1}{2i(4i)} = \frac{-1}{8}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{0.25}{s} + \frac{-0.125}{s + 2i} + \frac{-0.125}{s - 2i}$$

$$f(t) = 0.25 - 0.125e^{-2it} - 0.125e^{2it}$$

Using Euler identity $\cos(\omega t) = \frac{e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t}}{2}$, the expression of $f(t)$ is simplified as

$$f(t) = 0.25 - 0.125e^{-2it} - 0.125e^{2it} = 0.25 - 0.25\cos(2t).$$