

Problem S4.6

Obtain the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)^3}$

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)^3} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{(s+2)^3} + \frac{C}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{D}{s+2}$$

$$A = (s+1) \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)^3} \Big|_{s=-1} = 1$$

$$B = (s+2)^3 \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)^3} \Big|_{s=-2} = \frac{1}{s+1} \Big|_{s=-2} = -1$$

$$C = \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) \Big|_{s=-2} = \frac{-1}{(s+1)^2} \Big|_{s=-2} = -1$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) \Big|_{s=-2} = \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{-1}{(s+1)^2} \right) \Big|_{s=-2} = -1$$

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

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