

**From Kreyszig (10th), chapter 6.1**

**1** Let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(t) = 2t + 8$ . Then it follows that

$$\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st}(2t + 8) dt = 2 \int_0^{\infty} te^{-st} dt + 8 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{8}{s}.$$

In the last calculation we have used integration by part to calculate that

$$\int_0^{\infty} te^{-st} = \frac{1}{s^2}.$$

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**12** We have

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & \text{for } 0 < t < 1, \\ 1, & \text{for } 1 < t < 2, \\ 0, & \text{for } t > 2. \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = \int_0^1 te^{-st} dt + \int_1^2 e^{-st} dt.$$

Using integration by parts for the first integral, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(f)(s) &= -\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}t \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 \left(-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}\right) dt - \frac{1}{s}e^{-st} \Big|_1^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{s}e^{-s} + \frac{1}{s} \left(-\frac{1}{s}e^{-st} \Big|_0^1\right) - \frac{1}{s}e^{-2s} + \frac{1}{s}e^{-s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} (1 - e^{-s}) - \frac{1}{s}e^{-2s}. \end{aligned}$$

**23** Let  $\mathcal{L}(f)(t) = F(s)$ . By applying the definition of the Laplace transform given in (1) on page 204 to  $f(ct)$  we see that

$$\mathcal{L}(f(ct)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(ct) dt.$$

The substituting  $\tau = ct$  we obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(ct) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s/c)\tau} f(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{c} = \frac{1}{c} F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right).$$

We have thus shown that

$$\mathcal{L}(f(ct)) = \frac{1}{c} F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right). \tag{1}$$

For part two of the exercise we use table 6.9.14 and see that

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos(t)) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}.$$

Then applying the formula (1) from above we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\cos(\omega t)) &= \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{s/\omega}{(s/\omega)^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}. \end{aligned}$$

**25** Let

$$F(s) = \frac{0.2s + 1.4}{s^2 + 1.96}.$$

We know that

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos \omega t) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2},$$

and that

$$\mathcal{L}(\sin \omega t) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}.$$

Thus observing that  $1.4^2 = 1.96$  it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{0.2s + 1.4}{s^2 + 1.96} &= 0.2 \frac{s}{s^2 + 1.96} + \frac{1.4}{s^2 + 1.96} \\ &= 0.2\mathcal{L}(\cos(1.4t)) + \mathcal{L}(\sin(1.4t)) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(0.2 \cos(1.4t) + \sin(1.4t)) \\ &\Rightarrow f(t) = 0.2 \cos(1.4t) + \sin(1.4t) \end{aligned}$$

**26** We first observe that (6) i tabellen side 207.

$$\frac{5s + 1}{s^2 - 25} = \frac{12}{5} \frac{1}{s + 5} + \frac{13}{5} \frac{1}{s - 5},$$

by using fractions by parts. Then using (6) from page 207 we see that

$$\frac{12}{5} \frac{1}{s + 5} + \frac{13}{5} \frac{1}{s - 5} = \frac{12}{5} \mathcal{L}(e^{-5t}) + \frac{13}{5} \mathcal{L}(e^{5t}).$$

Hence it follows that

$$f(t) = \frac{12}{5} e^{-5t} + \frac{13}{5} e^{5t}.$$

Alternatively one can do as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5s + 1}{s^2 - 25} &= 5 \frac{s}{s^2 - 25} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{5}{s^2 - 25} \\ &= 5\mathcal{L}(\cosh(5t)) + \frac{1}{5} \mathcal{L}(\sinh(5t)) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(5 \cosh(5t) + \frac{1}{5} \sinh(5t)) \\ &\Rightarrow f(t) = 5 \cosh(5t) + \frac{1}{5} \sinh(5t). \end{aligned}$$

Note that these answers are equivalent.

**31** We factorize the polynomial in the denominator and see that

$$F(s) = \frac{-s + 11}{s^2 - 2s - 3} = \frac{-s + 11}{(s + 1)(s - 3)} = \frac{2(s + 1) - 3(s - 3)}{(s - 3)(s + 1)} = 2 \frac{1}{s - 3} - 3 \frac{1}{s + 1}.$$

Each of the parts of the last expression has a know Laplace transform (table 6.1.6) Thus we see that

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F)(t) = 2e^{3t} - 3e^{-t}.$$

**40** Since

$$F(s) = \frac{4}{s^2 - 2s - 3} = \frac{4}{(s - 1)^2 - 4},$$

we may use s-Shifting, the sinh - transform and linearity of  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ , to find

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-t}f(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s+1)) \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{2 \cdot 2}{s^2 - 2^2}\right) = 2 \sinh 2t. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) = f(t) = 2e^t \sinh 2t.$$

**A** Find the partial fraction decomposition of the following functions. When you have found an answer; check that your solution is correct by adding all the parts of the partial fraction decomposition together again.

1.

$$f(x) = -\frac{x+1}{(2x+1)(x-1)}$$

2.

$$g(x) = \frac{16x-6}{(2x-5)(3x+1)}$$

3.

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

**Solution exercise A1.**

Since the denominator is a product of two linear factors  $(x-a)(x-b)$  with  $a \neq b$  we know that there exist constants  $A$  and  $B$  such that

$$-\frac{x+1}{(2x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{2x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1}.$$

To find the constants  $A$  and  $B$  we write sum the right hand side of the equation above so we can write it as one fraction;

$$\frac{A}{2x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1} = \frac{A(x-1) + B(2x-1)}{(2x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{(2B+A)x - A + B}{(2x+1)(x-1)}$$

Thus it follows that  $2A+B = -1$  and  $A+B = -1$ . Solving these equations we see that  $A = -1/3$  and  $B = 2/3$ . Then it follows that

$$f(x) = -\frac{x+1}{(2x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{1}{3(2x+1)} - \frac{2}{3(x-1)}.$$

To check that we have not made any mistakes, we sum the fractions and see that we get the expression we started with:

$$\frac{1}{3(2x+1)} - \frac{2}{3(x-1)} = \frac{x-1-2(2x+1)}{3(2x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{-x-1}{(2x+1)(x-1)}.$$

**Solution exercise A2.**

We do the same as in the previous exercise and calculate:

$$\frac{16x-6}{(2x-5)(3x+1)} = \frac{A}{2x-5} + \frac{B}{3x+1} = \frac{(3x+1)A + (2x-5)B}{(2x-5)(3x+1)} = \frac{x(3A+2B) + A-5B}{(2x-5)(3x+1)}$$

To find the constants  $A$  and  $B$  we must solve the equations  $3A+2B = 16$  and  $A-5B = 6$ . It follows that  $A = 4$  and  $B=2$ . We can now see that

$$\frac{16x-6}{(2x-5)(3x+1)} = \frac{4}{2x-5} + \frac{2}{3x+1}.$$

To check that we have not made any mistakes, we sum the fractions and see that we get the expression we started with:

$$\frac{4}{(2x-5)} + \frac{2}{3x+1} = \frac{4(3x+1) + 2(2x-5)}{(2x-5)(3x+1)} = \frac{16x-6}{(2x-5)(3x+1)}.$$

**Solution exercise A3.**

We observe that the denominator consists of repeating linear factors and we must thus use a slightly different approach than in the previous exercises. We know there exist constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  such that

$$\frac{1}{x(x+1)^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}.$$

To find the constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  we calculate the right hand side:

$$\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{A(x+1)^2 + B(x+1)x + Cx}{x(x+1)^2} = \frac{(A+B)x^2 + (2A+B+C)x + A}{x(x+1)^2}$$

We see that it must be the case that  $A+B=0$ ,  $2A+B+C=0$  and  $A=1$ . Solving this system of equations we see that  $A=1$ ,  $B=-1$  and  $C=-1$ . Thus it follows that

$$\frac{1}{x(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}.$$

To check that we have not made any mistakes, we sum the fractions and see that we get the expression we started with:

$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{(x+1)^2 - x(x+1) - x}{x(x+1)^2} = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1 - x^2 - x - x}{x(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{x(x+1)^2}.$$