

Problem 17 in Section 7.2. Find the inverse Laplace transform of

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-3)}$$

Solution. We use $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{F(s)}{s}\right) = \int_0^t \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s))|_{\tau} d\tau$. We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s(s-3)}\right) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{1}{(s-3)}}{s}\right) \\ &= \int_0^t \mathcal{L}^{-1}\frac{1}{(s-3)}|_{\tau} d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t e^{3\tau} d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{3}e^{3\tau}\Big|_{\tau=0}^{\tau=t} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{3}(e^{3t} - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$