

QUESTION Use the complex inversion formula to find

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{s}{(s-2)^3}$$

ANSWER

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

There is a triple pole at $s = 2$, let $u = s - 2$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{st} f(s) &= e^{2t} \frac{(u+2)e^{ut}}{u^3} \\ &= \frac{e^{2t}}{u^3} (u+2) \left(1 + ut + \frac{u^2 t^2}{2} + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{e^{2t}}{u^3} (u+2) \left(1 + ut + \frac{u^2 t^2}{2} + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{e^{2t}}{u^3} \left(2 + (1+2t)u + \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + t \right) u^2 + \dots \right) \\ F(t) &= \text{Res} \left(e^{st} f(s), s=2 \right) = e^{2t} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + t \right) \end{aligned}$$