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The calculation of the inverse Laplace transform in this case is more involved. It can be done as a combination of the property of the derivative of Laplace transform and the notion of *convolution* that will be discussed in section 6.6 or using decomposition to linear factors using complex roots as in Enrichment 8.