

The mathematical manipulations and procedures are as follows.

By taking Laplace inverse transform on  $Q_i(\xi_l, n, s)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_i(\xi_l, n, T) &= L^{-1}[Q_i(\xi_l, n, s)] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{i-2} \frac{\beta_{i-k-1} \prod_{j_1=0}^{j_1=k} \sigma_{i-j_1}}{\prod_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} (s + \alpha_{i-j_2})} F_{i-k-1}(s) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{i-2} \beta_{i-k-1} \prod_{j_1=0}^{j_1=k} \sigma_{i-j_1} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\prod_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} (s + \alpha_{i-j_2})} F_{i-k-1}(s) \right] \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Expressing  $\frac{1}{\prod_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} (s + \alpha_{i-j_2})}$  as the summation of partial fractions and applying

the inverse Laplace transform formula, one gets

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\prod_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} (s + \alpha_{i-j_2})} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} \frac{1}{\prod_{j_3=i-k-1, j_3 \neq i-j_2}^{j_3=i} (\alpha_{j_3} - \alpha_{i-j_2}) (s + \alpha_{i-j_2})} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} \frac{e^{-\alpha_{i-j_1} T}}{\prod_{j_3=i-k-1, j_3 \neq i-j_1}^{j_3=i} (\alpha_{j_3} - \alpha_{i-j_1})} \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

The inverse Laplace transform of  $F_{i-k-1}(s)$  is  $f_{i-k-1}(T)$ .

The Laplace inverse transform of  $\frac{1}{\prod_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} (s + \alpha_{i-j_2})} F_{i-k-1}(s)$  in Eq. (1) can be

achieved using the convolution integral equation as

$$L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\prod_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} (s + \alpha_{i-j_2})} F_{i-k-1}(s) \right] = \sum_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} \frac{e^{-\alpha_{i-j_1} T} \int_0^T e^{\alpha_{i-j_1} \tau} f_{i-k-1}(\tau) d\tau}{\prod_{j_3=i, j_3=i-k-1, j_3 \neq i-j_2} (\alpha_{j_3} - \alpha_{i-j_2})} \quad (3)$$

Putting Eq. (3) into Eq. (1), we can obtain the Eq. (34) in our manuscript as the following form:

$$q_i(\xi_l, n, T) = \sum_{k=0}^{k=i-2} \beta_{i-k-1} \prod_{j_1=0}^{j_1=k} \sigma_{i-j_1} \sum_{j_2=0}^{j_2=k+1} \frac{e^{-\alpha_{i-j_1} T} \int_0^T e^{\alpha_{i-j_1} \tau} f_{i-k-1}(\tau) d\tau}{\prod_{j_3=i, j_3=i-k-1, j_3 \neq i-j_2} (\alpha_{j_3} - \alpha_{i-j_2})} \quad (4)$$