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## AN INVERSION FORMULA FOR THE GENERALIZED STIELTJES TRANSFORM

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1. Introduction. The problem of finding formulae to invert the Stieltjes transforms

(1) 
$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty d\alpha(t)/(x+t),$$

(2) 
$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty \phi(t) dt/(x+t),$$

and the generalized transforms

(3) 
$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty d\alpha(t)/(x+t)^{\rho},$$

(4) 
$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty \phi(t) dt / (x+t)^{\rho},$$

has been solved by Widder [A, pp. 7-60]<sup>2</sup> and by Pollard [F, pp. 14-16]. The function  $\phi(t) \in L(0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha(t)$  is a normalized function of

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