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EN1060 Signals and Systems: Tutorial 07
Laplace Transform*

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1. (a) Express the Laplace transform of a general signal $x(t)$.
(b) Express the Fourier transform of the signal in terms of its Fourier transform.
 2. (a) Show that the Laplace transform of

$$x(t) = e^{-at} u(t)$$

is

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s + a}, \quad \Re\{s\} > \Re\{-a\}.$$

- (b) Deduce the Fourier transform of $x(t)$.
- (c) Deduce the Laplace transform of the unit step function.
- (d) Determine the inverse Laplace transform of

$$X(s) = \frac{7s + 17}{(s + 2)(s + 3)}, \quad \Re\{s\} > -2.$$

3. Find the Laplace transform of

$$x(t) = -e^{-at} u(-t).$$

4. Consider the following information of a particular LTI system:

$$X(s) = \frac{s + 2}{s - 2},$$

$$x(t) = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{2}{3}e^{2t}u(-t) + \frac{1}{3}e^{-t}u(t).$$

- (a) Determine $H(s)$ and its region of convergence.
- (b) Determine $h(t)$.

* All the questions are from Oppenheim *et al.* chapter 4.

5. A causal LTI system is described by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 5 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 6y(t) = x(t).$$

Suppose that the system is at initial rest.

- Find the system function $H(s)$.
 - Find the Laplace transform of the output $Y(s)$ if the input is $x(t) = \alpha u(t)$.
 - Find the output $y(t)$.
6. Consider the continuous-time linear time-invariant system for which the input $x(t)$ and the output $y(t)$ are related by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} - 2 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} - 3y(t) = x(t).$$

Assume initial rest.

- Express the transfer function $H(s)$ (the Laplace transform of the impulse response of the system $h(t)$) as a ratio of two polynomials.
 - Sketch the pole-zero pattern of $H(s)$.
 - Determine $h(t)$ if the system is neither stable nor causal.
7. Obtain the
- bilateral Laplace transform $X(s)$, and
 - unilateral Laplace transform $\mathcal{X}(s)$
- of

$$x(t) = e^{-1(t+1)} u(t+1).$$

8. Consider the LTI system with input $x(t) = e^{-t} u(t)$ and impulse response $h(t) = e^{-2t} u(t)$.
- Determine the Laplace transform of $x(t)$ and $h(t)$.
 - Using the convolution property, determine the Laplace transform $Y(s)$ of the output $y(t)$.
 - From the Laplace transform of $y(t)$ as obtained in 8b, determine $y(t)$.
 - Verify the result in 8b by explicitly convolving $x(t)$ and $y(t)$.
9. Consider a continuous-time LTI system for which the input $x(t)$ and output $y(t)$ are related by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} - \frac{dy(t)}{dt} - 2y(t) = x(t). \quad (1)$$

Let $X(s)$ and $Y(s)$ denote the Laplace transforms of $x(t)$ and $y(t)$, respectively, and $H(s)$ denote the Laplace transform of $h(t)$, the system impulse response.

- Determine $H(s)$ as a ratio of two polynomials in s . Sketch the pole-zero pattern of $H(s)$.
- Determine the $h(t)$ for each of the following cases:
 - The system is stable.
 - The system is causal.
 - The system is neither stable nor causal.