

CAN207 Continuous and Discrete Time Signals and Systems

Lecture-11 Laplace Transform _ Part 2

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 - Commonly seen LT pairs
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 - Partial Fraction Expansion
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 - Zero-pole plot
 - Graphical interpretation

3. Fundamental LT pairs

- 1. Unit-impulse $x(t) = \delta(t)$

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-st} dt = 1$$

Since it does not depend on the value of s , it converges at every point in the s -plane with no exceptions. So the ROC is the entire s -plane.

- 2. Shifted unit-impulse $x(t) = \delta(t - t_0)$

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - t_0) e^{-st} dt = e^{-st_0}$$

- If $\tau > 0$:

- If $\tau < 0$:

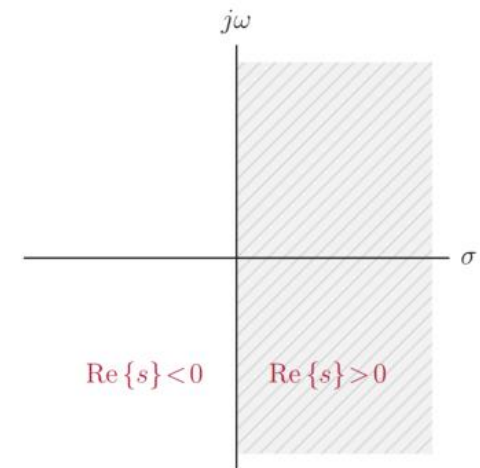
3. Fundamental LT pairs

- 3. Unit-step $x(t) = u(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-st}dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st}dt = -\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}\Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sigma + j\omega}e^{-(\sigma + j\omega)t}\Big|_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{\sigma + j\omega}[0 - 1] = \frac{1}{\sigma + j\omega} = \frac{1}{s} \end{aligned}$$

for the exponential term $e^{-\sigma t}$ to
converge as $t \rightarrow \infty$, we need $\sigma > 0$

- The transform expression is valid only for points on the right half of the s-plane. This region is shown shaded on the right.
 - Note that the transform does not converge at points on the $j\omega$ axis. It converges at any point to the right of the $j\omega$ axis regardless of how close to the axis it might be.



3. Fundamental LT pairs

- 4. Causal exponential signal

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

- When a is real:

$$X(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\sigma+a)t} e^{-j\omega t} dt = -\left. \frac{e^{-(\sigma+a)t} e^{-j\omega t}}{j\omega + (\sigma + a)} \right|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{j\omega + \sigma + a} = \frac{1}{s + a}$$

where the integration converges when $\mathcal{Re}\{s\} = \sigma > -a$.

- When a is complex, i.e. $a = a_r + ja_i$, then it changes:

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{a_r + ja_i + \sigma + j\omega} e^{-(\sigma+a_r)t} e^{-j(\omega+a_i)t} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

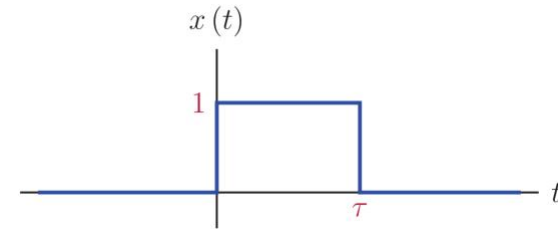
- To converge, we need $\sigma + a_r > 0$, so the result:

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

3. Fundamental LT pairs

- 5. Rectangular pulse signal

$$x(t) = \Pi\left(\frac{t - \tau/2}{\tau}\right)$$



- The Laplace transform of the signal x(t) is computed as

$$X(s) = \int_0^{\tau} 1 e^{-st} dt = \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^{\tau} = \frac{1 - e^{-s\tau}}{s}$$

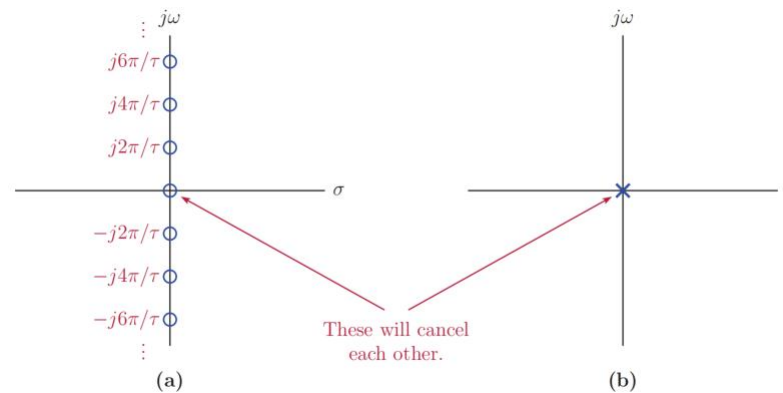
- At a first glance we may be tempted to think that the transform X(s) might not converge at $s = 0$ since the denominator of X(s) becomes equal to zero at $s = 0$.
- We must realize, however, that the numerator of X(s) is also equal to zero at $s = 0$.
- Using L'Hospital's rule, $X(s)|_{s=0} = \frac{\tau e^{-s\tau}}{1} \Big|_{s=0} = \tau$, so X(s) converges at $s = 0$.



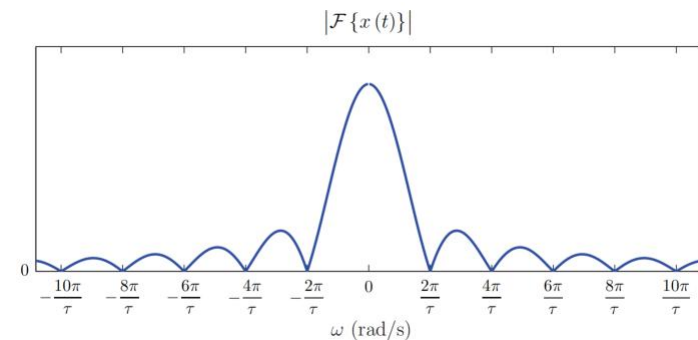
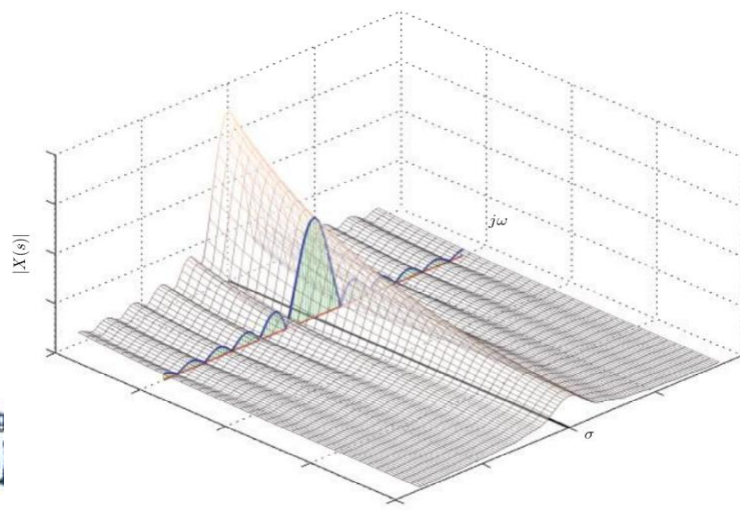
3. Fundamental LT pairs

- 5. Rectangular pulse signal $x(t) = \Pi\left(\frac{t-\tau/2}{\tau}\right)$

- Zero-pole plot:



- Magnitude of LT and FT:



Quiz 4

- Find the Laplace transform of the signal

- $x(t) = e^{j\omega_0 t} u(t)$

- $x(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t) u(t)$

4. Properties

- 1. Linearity

$$\alpha_1 x_1(t) + \alpha_2 x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \alpha_1 X_1(s) + \alpha_2 X_2(s)$$

- ROC: at least the **overlap of the two individual ROCs**, if such an overlap exists.
 - The ROC may be greater than the overlap of the two regions if the addition of the two transforms results in the cancellation of a pole.

- 2. Time-shifting

$$x(t - \tau) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} e^{-s\tau} X(s)$$

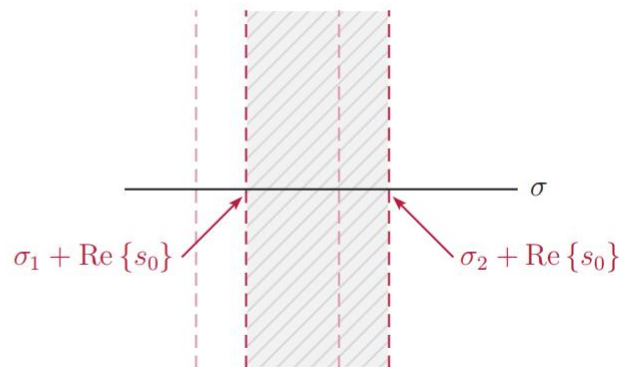
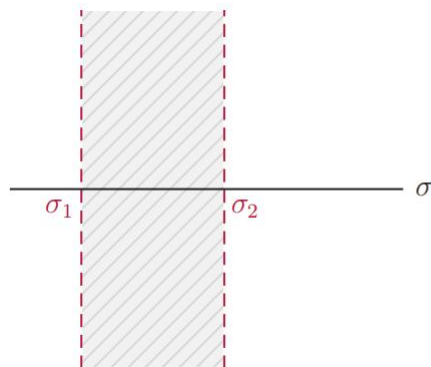
- ROC: generally same as the ROC of $X(s)$.
 - If the time shift makes a causal signal non-causal then the points $\sigma = \infty$ would need to be excluded from the ROC.
 - Similarly, if an anti-causal signal loses its anti-causal property as the result of a shift, then the points $\sigma = -\infty$ need to be excluded.

4. Properties

- 3. Shifting in the s-domain

$$x(t) e^{s_0 t} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s - s_0)$$

- ROC: shifted version of the ROC for $X(s)$, shifted horizontally by an amount equal to the real part of the parameter s_0 .



- Example:

$$x(t) = e^{-2t} \cos(3t) u(t)$$

4. Properties

- 4. Scaling in time and s-domain

$$x(at) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

- ROC: scaled version of the ROC for $X(s)$.

$$\sigma_1 < \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < \sigma_2 \longrightarrow \sigma_1 < \frac{\operatorname{Re}\{s\}}{a} < \sigma_2$$

- Depending on the sign of the parameter a , two possibilities need to be considered for the ROC:

- a. If $a > 0$: $a\sigma_1 < \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < a\sigma_2$
- b. If $a < 0$: $a\sigma_2 < \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < a\sigma_1$

- Example:

$$x(t) = e^{2t}u(-t)$$

4. Properties

- 5. Differentiation in time domain

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} s X(s)$$

- ROC: at least equal to the ROC of the original transform.
 - If the original transform $X(s)$ has a single pole at $s = 0$ that sets the boundary of its ROC, then the cancellation of that pole due to multiplication by s causes the ROC of the new transform $sX(s)$ to be larger.

- 6. Differentiation in the s-domain

$$t x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\frac{dX(s)}{ds}$$

- ROC: the same as the ROC of the original transform $X(s)$.
- Example: unit ramp signal

$$r(t) = tu(t)$$



4. Properties

- 7. Convolution property

$$x_1(t) * x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X_1(s) X_2(s)$$

- ROC: at least the **overlap of the two individual ROCs**, if such an overlap exists.
 - The ROC may be greater than the overlap of the two regions if the addition of the two transforms results in the cancellation of a pole.
- Example: a signal $x(t)$ is fed in a system with the impulse response $h(t)$. Determine the output $y(t)$ using the convolution property.

$$h(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$$
$$x(t) = \delta(t) - e^{-2t}u(t)$$

4. Properties

- 8. Integration property

$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\lambda) d\lambda \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s} X(s)$$

- It can be derived that

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau\right\} = \mathcal{L}\{u(t)\}\mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{s} X(s)$$

- the ROC of $X(s)$ is $\sigma_1 < \mathcal{Re}\{s\} < \sigma_2$
- the ROC of $u(t)$ is $\mathcal{Re}\{s\} > 0$
- the ROC of the integrated $x(t)$ must be at least the overlap of the two ROCs given above.
 - It may be larger than the overlap if $X(s)$ has a zero at $s = 0$ to counter the pole at $s = 0$ introduced by the transform of the unit-step function.

Quiz 5

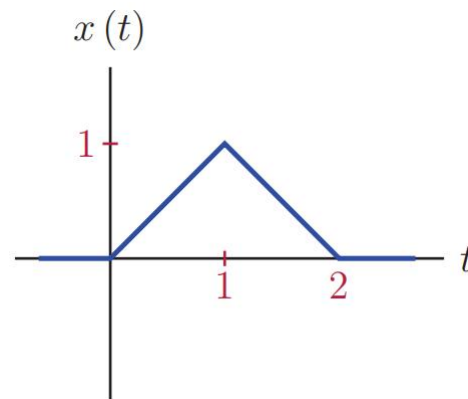
- Using the properties of the Laplace transform, determine $X(s)$ for each of the signals listed below. Also indicate the ROC in each case.

1. $x(t) = \delta(t) + 2e^{-t}u(t)$

2. $x(t) = e^{2(t+1)}u(-t-1)$

3. $x(t) = u(t) - 2u(t-1)$

4. plotted on the right



5.1 Inverse Laplace Transform

- The Inverse Laplace Transform is strictly defined as:

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{X(s)\} = \frac{1}{j2\pi} \int_{c-j\infty}^{c+j\infty} X(s)e^{st} ds$$

- Strict computation is complicated and rarely used in engineering
- Practically, the Inverse Laplace Transform of a **rational function** is calculated using a **method of table look-up**:

- based on the LT pairs $\mathcal{L}\{Ae^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{A}{s+a}, \text{Re}\{s\} > -a$ and $\mathcal{L}\{-Ae^{-at}u(-t)\} = \frac{A}{s+a}, \text{Re}\{s\} < -a$.
- a rational function of LT could be expressed as

$$X(s) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_i}{s + a_i}, \quad s \in \text{ROC}$$

- then its inverse LT is a **linear combination** of $A_i e^{-a_i t} u(t)$ and $-A_i e^{-a_i t} u(-t)$
- the ROC will suggest the corresponding time-domain function.



5.2 Partial Fraction Expansion

- Recall the PFE introduced in Lect. 2 (sec. 6)
 - Simpler version:

- Step 1: Factor the bottom (denominator)

$$\frac{5x-4}{x^2-x-2} = \frac{5x-4}{(x-2)(x+1)}$$

- Step 2: Write one partial fraction for each of those factors

$$\frac{5x-4}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{A_1}{x-2} + \frac{A_2}{x+1}$$

- Step 3: Reduce the fractions to a common denominator

$$5x-4 = A_1(x+1) + A_2(x-2)$$

- Step 4: Solve for A_1 and A_2

Root for $(x+1)$ is $x = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} 5(-1) - 4 &= A_1(-1+1) + A_2(-1-2) \\ -9 &= 0 + A_2(-3) \\ A_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Root for $(x-2)$ is $x = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} 5(2) - 4 &= A_1(2+1) + A_2(2-2) \\ 6 &= A_1(3) + 0 \\ A_1 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{5x-4}{x^2-x-2} = \frac{2}{x-2} + \frac{3}{x+1}$$

1. It has to be **proper** rational expressions;

2. Single poles, i.e. no higher order of roots on the denominator.

5.2 Partial Fraction Expansion

- Complete version of PFE
- Consider a rational transform in the form

$$X(s) = \frac{B(s)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2) \dots (s - p_N)}$$

- where the poles p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N are distinct.
- the order of the numerator polynomial $B(s)$ is less than the order of the denominator polynomial.
- The transform $X(s)$ can be expanded into partial fractions in the form

$$X(s) = \frac{k_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{k_2}{s - p_2} + \dots + \frac{k_N}{s - p_N}$$

- the coefficients k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N are called the **residues of the partial fraction expansion**. They can be computed by

$$k_i = (s - p_i) X(s) \Big|_{s=p_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$



5.2 Partial Fraction Expansion

- Example 1: A causal signal $x(t)$ has the Laplace transform as follows. Determine $x(t)$ using PFE.

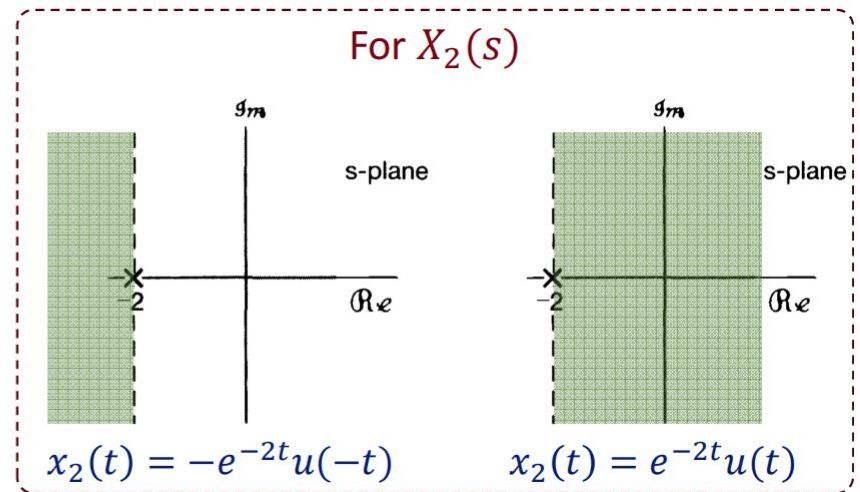
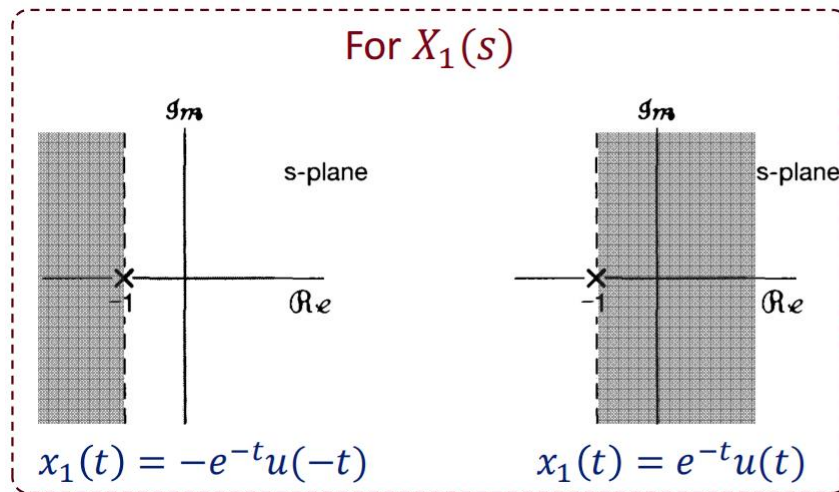
$$X(s) = \frac{s + 1}{s(s + 2)}$$

- Example 2: A signal $x(t)$ has the Laplace transform as follows. Determine $x(t)$ using PFE.

$$X(s) = \frac{s + 1}{s(s^2 + 9)}, \mathcal{Re}\{s\} > 0$$

5.3 ROCs' influence

- The ROC of $X(s)$ is the overlapping region of all partial fraction expanded sections.
- Consider an example $X(s) = X_1(s) + X_2(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2}$
- the possible ROCs for them are:

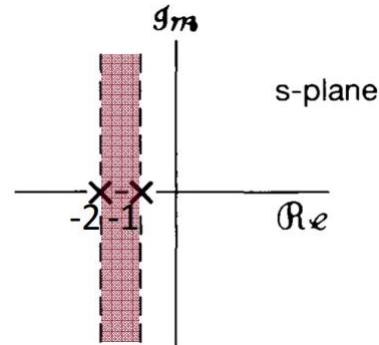


- Given the ROC of $X(s)$, we need to select corresponding ROC_1 and ROC_2 such that $ROC = ROC_1 \cap ROC_2$

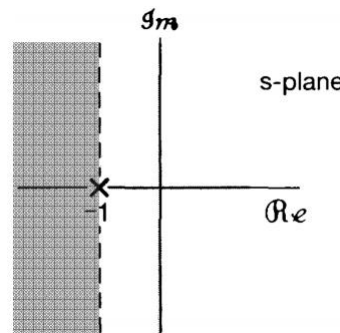
5.3 ROCs' influence

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2}$$

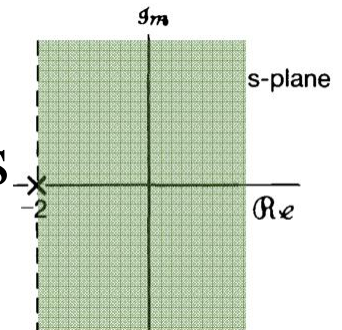
- For example, if the ROC of $X(s)$ is the following



- then we know ROC1 is



- and ROC2 is



- such that $x(t) = -e^{-t}u(-t) - e^{-2t}u(t)$

Quiz 6

- The Laplace transform of a signal $x(t)$ is

$$X(s) = \frac{5(s - 1)}{(s + 1)(s + 2)(s - 2)(s - 3)}$$

with the ROC specified as

$$-1 < \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < 2$$

Determine $x(t)$.

6.1 Zero-pole plot

- Recall: a rational function $H(s)$ can be expressed in *zero-pole form* as:

$$H(s) = K \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2) \dots (s - z_M)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2) \dots (s - p_N)}$$

- The roots z_1, \dots, z_M of the numerator polynomial are referred to as the **zeros** of the system function;
 - The roots p_1, \dots, p_N of the denominator polynomial are the **poles** of the system function.
- A pole-zero plot for a system function is obtained by marking the poles and the zeros of the system function on the s-plane.
 - o for zeros;
 - x for poles.



6.1 Zero-pole plot

- Example: Construct a pole-zero plot for a LTIC system with system function (with a pole at -1)

$$H(s) = \frac{s^2 + 1}{s^3 + 5s^2 + 17s + 13}$$

- If this system is **causal**, indicate its ROC on the zero-pole plot.
- What if this system is **stable**?

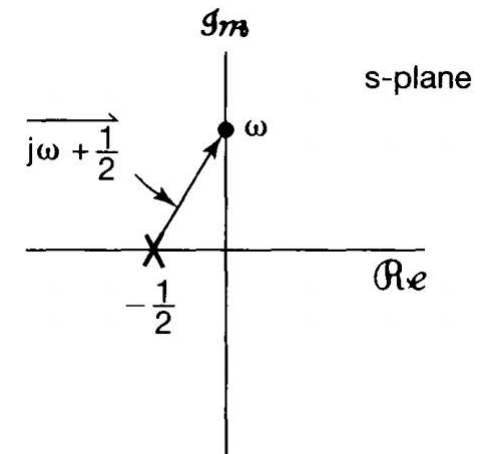
6.2 Geometric Evaluation of the Fourier Transform

- Suppose $H(s) = \frac{1}{s+0.5}$, $-0.5 < \mathcal{R}\{s\}$;
 - The $j\omega$ -axis is included in the ROC, so its FT exists as $H(\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega+0.5}$;
- In the s -plane, $H(\omega)$ can be represented by the vector pointing from the pole at $(-0.5, 0)$ to a moving point $(0, j\omega)$ on the $j\omega$ -axis as ω varies.
- For the magnitude spectrum $|H(\omega)|$:
 - the length of the vector $(0.5, j\omega)$ is $\sqrt{0.5^2 + \omega^2}$;
 - so the magnitude spectrum is the reciprocal of the length of the vector:

$$|H(\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0.5^2 + \omega^2}}$$

- For the phase spectrum $\angle H(\omega)$:
 - the phase angle of the vector $(0.5, j\omega)$ is $\tan^{-1}(\omega/0.5)$;
 - so the phase spectrum is:

$$\angle H(\omega) = -\tan^{-1}(2\omega)$$



6.2 Geometric Evaluation of the Fourier Transform

- Assuming the system is stable, the Fourier transform-based system function $H(\omega)$ exists, and can be found by evaluating $H(s)$ for $s = j\omega$:

$$H(\omega) = H(s) \Big|_{s=j\omega} = K \frac{(j\omega - z_1)(j\omega - z_2) \dots (j\omega - z_M)}{(j\omega - p_1)(j\omega - p_2) \dots (j\omega - p_N)}$$

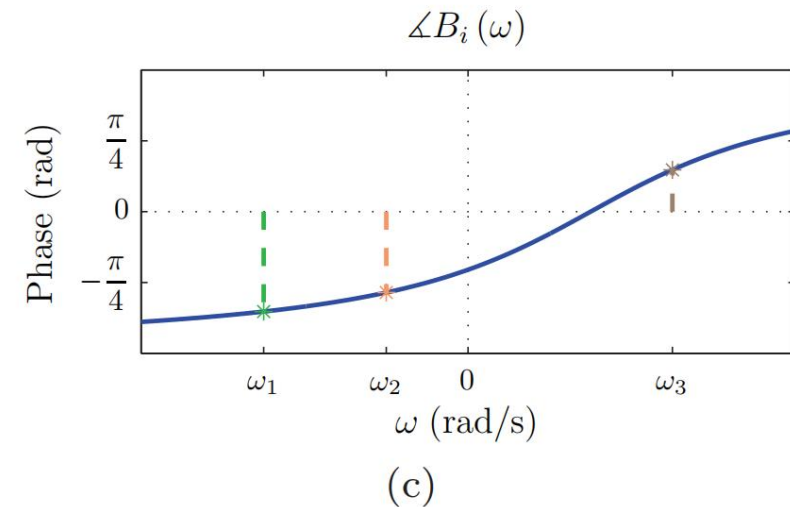
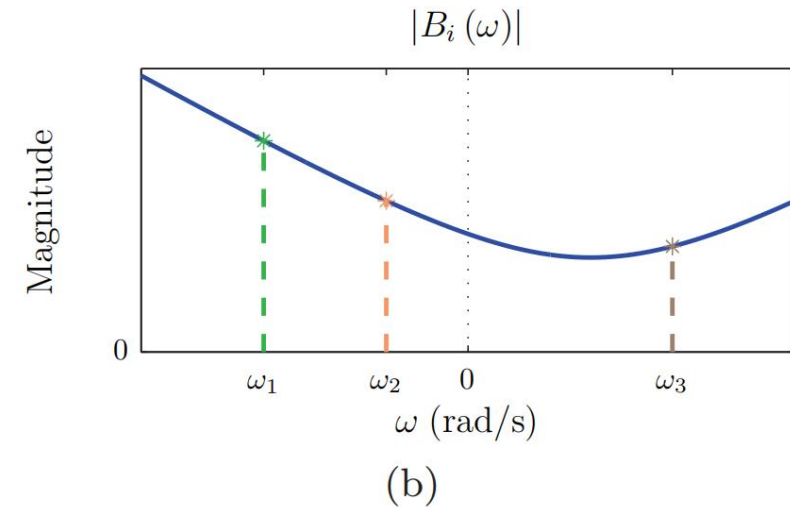
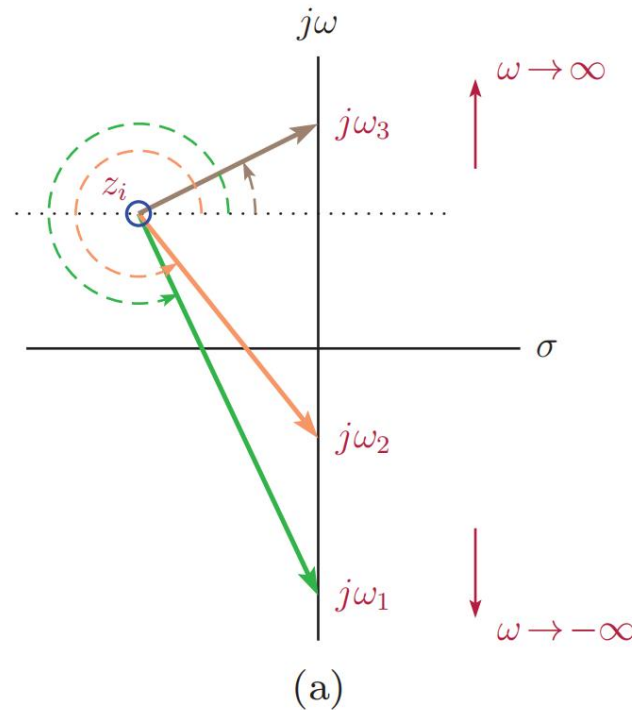
- ω is a point on the imaginary axis in the s -plane. When ω changes, this point is moving along the $j\omega$ -axis from $-\infty$ to ∞ ;
 - The numerator is represented as M vectors pointing from $(z_i, 0)$ to $(0, j\omega)$, so the vector is $(z_i, j\omega)$;
 - Similarly, the denominator is represented as N vectors $(p_i, j\omega)$;
- The magnitude of the frequency response at $\omega = \omega_0$ is found by

$$|H(\omega_0)| = K \frac{|B_1(\omega_0)| \cdot |B_2(\omega_0)| \dots |B_M(\omega_0)|}{|A_1(\omega_0)| \cdot |A_2(\omega_0)| \dots |A_N(\omega_0)|}$$

- The phase of the frequency response at $\omega = \omega_0$ is found by

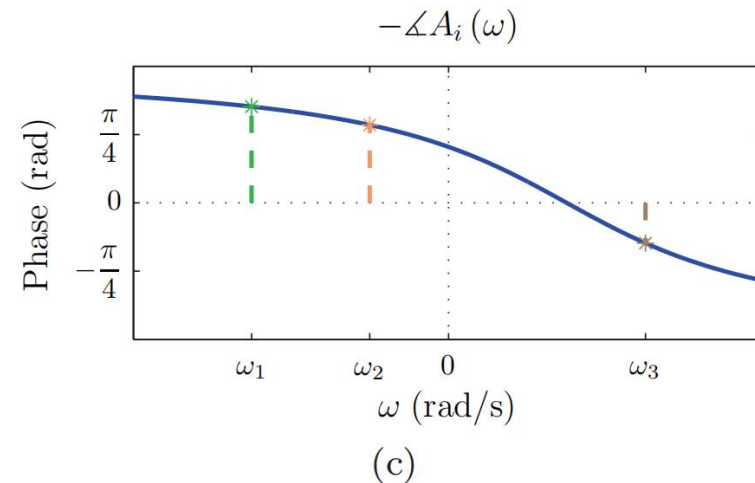
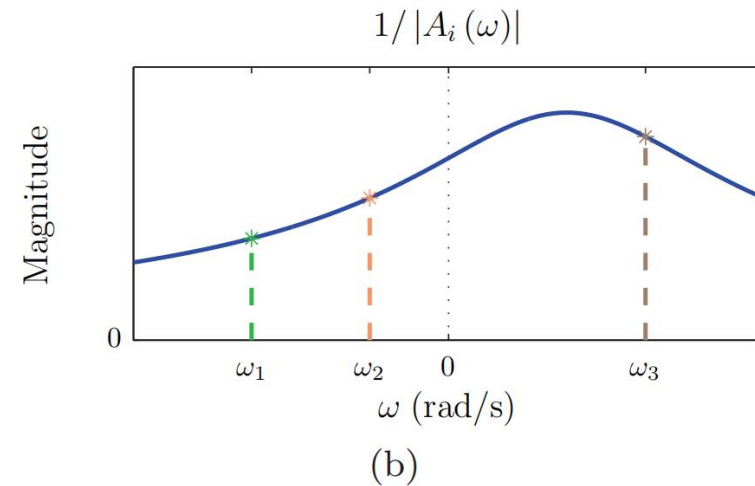
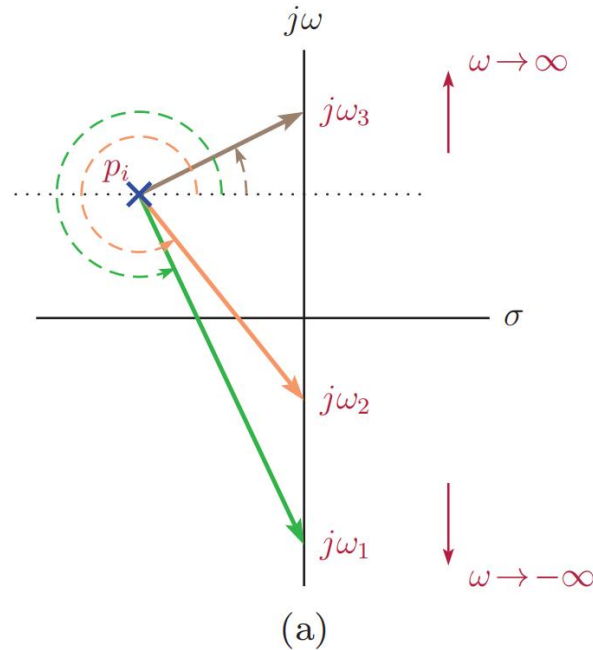
$$\angle H(\omega_0) = \angle B_1(\omega_0) + \angle B_2(\omega_0) + \dots + \angle B_M(\omega_0) - \angle A_1(\omega_0) - \angle A_2(\omega_0) - \dots - \angle A_N(\omega_0)$$

6.2 Geometric Evaluation of the Fourier Transform



- (a) Moving the tip of the vector for $B_i(\omega)$ on the $j\omega$ -axis;
- (b) contribution of the zero at $s = z_i$ to the magnitude of the frequency response;
- (c) contribution of the zero at $s = z_i$ to the phase of the frequency response.

6.2 Geometric Evaluation of the Fourier Transform



- (a) Moving the tip of the vector for $B_i(\omega)$ on the $j\omega$ -axis;
- (b) contribution of the poles at $s = p_i$ to the magnitude of the frequency response;
- (c) contribution of the poles at $s = p_i$ to the phase of the frequency response.

Quiz 7

- A LTI system is described by the system function

$$H(s) = \frac{s^2 + s - 2}{s^2 + 2s + 5}$$

- Construct a pole-zero plot;
- Use it to determine the magnitude and the phase of the frequency response of the system at the frequency $\omega_0 = 2$ rad/s;
- Sketch the magnitude and phase characteristics for all frequencies.

Next ...

- No NEW content in week 7
- A revision class on Wednesday