

Teoria dei sistemi.

Laplace transform

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A few basic facts

- ▶ LTI system respond to exponential signals (e^{st} for CT systems and z^t for DT systems) in a special way.
- ▶ their corresponding output is the same function multiplied by an eigenvalue, which is given by:

$$H(s) = \int_0^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau \quad \text{For CT systems}$$

$$H(z) = \sum_0^{\infty} h(\tau) z^{-\tau} \quad \text{For DT systems.}$$

- ▶ This is the basis for a solution strategy based on the so-called Laplace and Z transform

Complex Exponential

Exponential function properties

An exponential function has a fundamental property:

$$e^a e^b = e^{a+b}$$

$$e^a / e^b = e^{a-b}$$

$$(e^a)^n = e^{na}.$$

Euler Exponential

The function

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta,$$

has the very same properties.

Properties of Euler Exponential

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}e^{j\theta} e^{j\psi} &= (\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)(\cos \psi + j \sin \psi) \\&= (\cos \theta \cos \psi - \sin \theta \sin \psi) + j(\sin \theta \cos \psi + \sin \psi \cos \theta) \\&= (\cos(\theta + \psi) + j(\sin \theta + \psi)) \\&= e^{j(\theta + \psi)}.\end{aligned}$$

Real and Imaginary part

In obvious ways we define exponentials with real and imaginary part:

$$\begin{aligned}e^{\sigma + j\theta} &= e^{\sigma} e^{j\theta} \\&= e^{\sigma} (\cos \theta + j \sin \theta).\end{aligned}$$

Properties of Euler Exponential

Computation of Powers

Computation of a power of a complex number z : if we express $z = \rho e^{j\theta}$, we have $z^n = \rho^n e^{jn\theta}$.

Complex Exponential Signals

- ▶ CT: let $s = \sigma + j\omega$, with $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$, $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, we define CT complex exponential the function:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{st} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} &= e^{(\sigma + j\omega)t} = \\ &= e^{\sigma t} (\cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t). \end{aligned}$$

Oscillations with amplitude modulated by an exponential function (increasing if $\sigma > 0$ and decreasing if $\sigma < 0$).

- ▶ DT: Let $z = \rho e^{j\theta}$, we define the DT exponential as

$$z^t = \rho^t e^{jt\theta}.$$

Laplace Transform

Laplace Transform

The Laplace transform is an integral operator defined as

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau.$$

The idea is to associate each signal $f(t)$ with a new function $F(s)$

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The same applies to complex exponential functions: $e^{(\sigma+j\omega)t}$ with $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. In this case

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)e^{(\sigma+j\omega)t}) = \begin{cases} 1/(s - \sigma - j\omega) & \text{if } \mathbf{Real}(s) \geq \sigma. \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example 3: the Dirac δ

Dirac δ

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\delta(t)) &= \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-s\tau} d\tau = \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-s0} d\tau = \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) d\tau = \\ &1\end{aligned}$$

This transform is defined for all possible s .

Lessons learned

Lessons Learned from the examples

- ▶ The Laplace transform of a CT signal is a function of a complex variable s ,
- ▶ The Transform is defined on region of convergence (ROC) where the Transform makes sense.
- ▶ For the step function $\mathbf{1}(t)$ the ROC is **Real** $(s) \geq 0$.
- ▶ For an exponential signal $\mathbf{1}(t)e^{at}$ the ROC is **Real** $(s) > a$.

Issues to address

1. Is if the relation between a function and its Laplace transform is a bijection.
2. In the affirmative case, how to invert the Laplace transform?
3. What is the meaning and the practical use of this function.

Existence and Uniqueness of the Laplace Transform

In order to discuss existence and uniqueness, we need some definitions and results.

Definition of exponential order

A function $f(t)$ is said of exponential order γ if there exist a constant A such that

$$f(t) \leq Ae^{\gamma t}.$$

Theorem on Existence

Theorem

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Consider a function $f(t)$ and assume that: 1) $f(t)$ is continuous, 2) $f(t)$ is of exponential order γ . Then the Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau,$$

*exists and the ROC contains the half-space **Real** $(s) > \gamma$.*

Almost equal functions

In order to deal with the invertibility problem, we need the following:

Definition of Almost Equality

Definition

Two functions $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are said almost equal, $f(t) \approx g(t)$, if $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are equal for all t except for a set of points of null measure.

Almost equal functions

Example

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The two functions are almost equal because the set $t = 2k$, with $k \in \mathbb{N}$ has null measure.

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Abuse of notation

From an engineering perspective two almost equal functions are equal. We will therefore adopt the following abuse of notation:
 $f(t) = g(t)$.

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- ▶ However, it reveals quite clearly the idea of Laplace Transform as a way to express a signal using a basis of exponential functions.

A first application of the Laplace Transform

We will now see a couple of examples that are direct applications of the notion of eigenfuctions.

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$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha + 1} e^{\alpha t}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}|H(j4)| &= \left| \frac{1}{j4 + 3} \right| = \\&= \frac{|1|}{|3 + j4|} = \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 + 16}} = \\&= \frac{1}{5},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\angle H(j4) &= \angle \frac{1}{j4 + 3} = \\&= \angle 1 - \angle 3 + 4j \\&= -\arctan 4/3.\end{aligned}$$

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Linearity

From the linearity of the integral operator descends the following:

Linearity of the Laplace Transform

Theorem

Let $F_1(s) = \mathcal{L}(f_1(t))$ and $F_2(s) = \mathcal{L}(f_2(t))$. Then,

$$\mathcal{L}(h_1 f_1(t) + h_2 f_2(t)) = h_1 F_1(s) + h_2 F_2(s).$$

Example

Example application of linearity

Let us compute the Laplace transform of $\cos 3t$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t) \cos(3t)) &= \mathcal{L}\left(\mathbf{1}(t) \frac{e^{j3t} + e^{-j3t}}{2}\right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)e^{j3t}) + \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)e^{-j3t})) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s - j3} + \frac{1}{s + j3} \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2s}{s^2 - (j3)^2} \right) \\&= \frac{s}{s^2 + 9}.\end{aligned}$$

Time Shifting

Time Shifting for the Laplace Transform

Theorem

Let $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)f(t))$. Then

$$F(s)e^{-st_0} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t - t_0)f(t - t_0)).$$

Proof of the Time Shifting property

The Proof is through a simple change of variables

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t - t_0)f(t - t_0)) &= \int_0^{\infty} \mathbf{1}(t - t_0)f(t - t_0)e^{-st} dt \\&= \int_0^{\infty} \mathbf{1}(t - t_0)f(t - t_0)e^{-st} e^{-st_0} e^{st_0} dt \\&= e^{-st_0} \int_0^{\infty} \mathbf{1}(t - t_0)f(t - t_0)e^{-s(t-t_0)} dt \\&= e^{-st_0} \int_{-t_0}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}(t')f(t')e^{-st'} dt' \\&= e^{-st_0} \int_0^{\infty} \mathbf{1}(t')f(t')e^{-st'} dt' \\&= e^{-st_0} F(s).\end{aligned}$$

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$$f(t) = \mathbf{1}(t) - \mathbf{1}(t - 1) \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(f(t)) &= \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)) - \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t - 1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s}. \end{aligned}$$

Shifting in the Laplace Domain

We can also prove the following dual property.

Shifting in the Laplace domain

Theorem

Left $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$. Then $F(s - s_0) = \mathcal{L}(f(t)e^{s_0 t})$.

Proof of Shifting in the Laplace Domain

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(f(t)e^{s_0 t}) &= \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau)e^{s_0 \tau} e^{-s\tau} d\tau \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau)e^{-(s-s_0)\tau} d\tau \\ &= F(s-s_0),\end{aligned}$$

Example

Example 1

Let $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)) = 1/s$, then

► $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)e^{at}) = 1/(s - a).$

Example 2

$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t) \cos \omega t) = s/(s^2 + \omega^2)$, then

► $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)e^{at} \cos \omega t) = (s - a)/((s - a)^2 + \omega^2).$

Time Scaling

Time Scaling for the Laplace Transform

Theorem

Let $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$ and let $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Then
$$\mathcal{L}(f(at)) = \frac{1}{a}F(s/a).$$

Proof of the Time Scaling property

The Proof is through a direct application of the definition

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(f(at)) &= \int_0^{\infty} f(at)e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t')e^{-st'/a} \frac{dt'}{a} \\ &= \frac{1}{a} F(s/a).\end{aligned}$$

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Let $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t) \cos t) = s/(s^2 + 1)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t) \cos \omega t) &= \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{s/\omega}{s^2/\omega^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Convolution

Convolution of two signals

Theorem

Let $f(t)$ and $h(t)$ be two causal functions and let $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = F(s)$ and $\mathcal{L}(h(t)) = H(s)$. Then,

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t) * h(t)) = F(s)H(s).$$

Proof

Step 1: Application of the definition

Let $g(t) = f(t) * h(t)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(g(t)) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) * h(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \left(\int_0^t h(\tau) f(t - \tau) \tau \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^t e^{-st} h(\tau) f(t - \tau) d\tau dt\end{aligned}$$

Step 2: change of integration order

Integration in triangle $0 \leq \tau \leq t$. We can change the order:

$$\mathcal{L}(g(t)) = \int_{\tau=0}^{\infty} \int_{t=\tau}^{\infty} e^{-st} h(\tau) f(t - \tau) dt d\tau.$$

Proof

Step 3: change of variable

Let $\bar{t} = t - \tau$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(g(t)) &= \int_{\tau=0}^{\infty} \int_{\bar{t}=0}^{\infty} e^{-s(\bar{t}+\tau)} h(\tau) f(\bar{t}) d\bar{t} d\tau \\ &= \left(\int_{\tau=0}^{\infty} e^{-s\tau} h(\tau) d\tau \right) \left(\int_{\bar{t}=0}^{\infty} e^{-s\bar{t}} f(\bar{t}) d\bar{t} \right) \\ &= F(s)H(s).\end{aligned}$$

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Differentiation

A key property is the following:

Differentiation Rule

Theorem

Let $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$. Then,

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right) = sF(s) - f(0).$$

Proof

Application of integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right) &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{df(t)}{dt} e^{-st} dt \\&= e^{-st} f(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f(t) (-se^{-st}) dt \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} f(t) - f(0) + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \\&= sF(s) - f(0) \quad (\text{in the ROC, } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} f(t) = 0)\end{aligned}$$

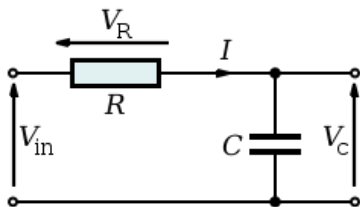
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Example



Let $u(t) = V_{in}(t)\mathbf{1}(t)$, $\tau = RC$, and $y(t) = V_C(t)$. Evolution:

$$\dot{y} = -\frac{y}{RC} + \frac{u(t)}{RC}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\dot{y}) = \mathcal{L}\left(-\frac{y}{RC} + \frac{u(t)}{RC}\right)$$

$$sY(s) - y(0) = -\mathcal{L}\left(-\frac{y}{RC}\right) + \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{u(t)}{RC}\right)$$

$$sY(s) - y(0) = -\frac{Y(s)}{\tau} + \frac{U(s)}{\tau}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{U(s)}{\tau(s + \frac{1}{\tau})} + \frac{y(0)}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} =$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{\tau s(s + \frac{1}{\tau})} + \frac{y(0)}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\tau s(s + \frac{1}{\tau})} &= \frac{1}{\tau} \left(\frac{\tau}{s} - \frac{\tau}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}}\end{aligned}$$

In view of the invertibility of the Laplace transform:

$$y(t) = \mathbf{1}(t)(1 - e^{t/\tau}) + y(0)e^{-t/\tau}.$$

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- For the case of the second derivative:

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- In the general case:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{D}^n f(t)) = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}\mathfrak{D}f(0) - \dots \mathfrak{D}^{n-1}f(0).$$

Integration Rule

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Theorem

Let $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right) = \frac{F(s)}{s}.$$

Proof

Application of the convolution theorem

Observe that $\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau = f(t) * \mathbf{1}(t)$ and apply the convolution rule ($\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{1}(t)) = \frac{1}{s}$)

Observation

Integral and differential operations in the time domain become simple algebraic operations in the Laplace domain.

Initial and Final Value

A lot can be read from the expression of the Laplace transform without computing the inverse.

Initial and Final Value

Theorem

Let $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$. Then:

1. If $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t)$ exists then $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$,
2. If $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$ exists and is finite, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$.

Proof

First claim

From the differentiation rule:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{D}f(t)) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d}{dt}f(t)e^{-st}dt = sF(s) - f(0). \quad (1)$$

If we compute $\int_0^\infty \frac{d}{dt}f(t)e^{-st}dt$ for $s \rightarrow \infty$, we find:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{d}{dt}f(t)e^{-s\infty}dt = 0,$$

Therefore, we find $f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$.

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Second claim

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} f(t) e^{-st} dt &= \int_0^{\infty} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dt} f(t) e^{-st} dt = \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right|_0^{\infty} = f(\infty) - f(0).\end{aligned}$$

Consider that

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{D}f(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} f(t) e^{-st} dt = sF(s) - f(0). \quad (2)$$

we find for $s \rightarrow 0$:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) - f(0) = f(\infty) - f(0),$$

which leads us straight to the claim.

Example

Application of the final and initial value

Suppose that $F(s) = \frac{s}{s(s+2)}$. Then we have:

- ▶ $f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = 1,$
- ▶ $f(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) = 0.$

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Differentiation of the formula

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dF(s)}{ds} &= \frac{d}{ds} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{df(t) e^{-st}}{ds} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \frac{de^{-st}}{ds} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} (-t) \cdot f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \mathcal{L}(-tf(t))\end{aligned}$$

Corollary

Differentiation of n-th order in the Laplace Domain

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Let $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = F(s)$. Then $\mathcal{L}((-1)^n t^n f(t)) = d^n F(s)/ds^n$.

The proof descends from the iterative application of the theorem on the differentiation in the Laplace domain.

Inversion of the Laplace Transform

- Consider a CT LTI

$$\mathfrak{D}^n y(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha_i \mathfrak{D}^i y(t) + \sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j \mathfrak{D}^j u(t), \quad (3)$$

with $p \leq n$ and initial conditions:

$$y(0), \mathfrak{D}y(0), \dots, \mathfrak{D}^{n-1}y(0), \dots, \mathfrak{D}^p u(0), \dots, \mathfrak{D}u(0).$$

- By the differentiation rule

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= Y_{\text{forced}}(s) + Y_{\text{free}}(s) && \text{with} \\ Y_{\text{forced}}(s) &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j s^j}{s^n - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha_i s^i} U(s) \\ Y_{\text{free}}(s) &= \frac{N_0(s)}{s^n - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha_i s^i} \end{aligned}$$

where $N_0(s)$ is a polynomial of degree $n - 1$ whose coefficients are functions for the initial conditions.

Additional Observation

Looking $Y_{\text{forced}}(s)$, we have for $H(s)$ (i.e., the transform of the impulse response):

$$H(s) = \mathcal{L}(h(t)) = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j s^j}{s^n - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha_i s^i}.$$

Furthermore

- ▶ for standard functions $u(t)$, $U(s)$ is given by a fraction of polynomials,
- ▶ we operate in conditions where the Laplace Transform is invertible

Solution of a CT LTI system

We conclude that *the solution of a differential equation of a CT LTI system requires the inversion of two Laplace functions given by fractions of polynomial in the s variable.*

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z_i are called *zeros* while p_i are called *poles*.

The case of real and distinct poles

In this case

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= A \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2) \dots (s - z_p)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2) \dots (s - p_n)} \\ &= \frac{A_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_2}{s - p_2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{s - p_n} \end{aligned}$$

Each term $\frac{A_i}{s - p_i}$ is said a *partial fraction* and this is called *partial fraction expansion*.

Partial fraction expansion

Partial Fraction Expansion in case of real and distinct poles

Proposition

Consider a function

$$F(s) = A \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2) \dots (s - z_p)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2) \dots (s - p_n)}$$

with distinct and real roots. Then the coefficients of its partial fraction expansion

$$F(s) = \frac{A_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_2}{s - p_2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{s - p_n},$$

are given by:

$$A_i = F(s)(s - p_i)|_{s=p_i}.$$

Proof

We restrict for simplicity to A_1

$$F(s) = A \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2) \dots (s - z_p)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2) \dots (s - p_n)} = \frac{A_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_2}{s - p_2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{s - p_n}$$
$$F(s)(s - p_1) = A_1 + \frac{A_2(s - p_1)}{s - p_2} + \dots + \frac{A_n(s - p_1)}{s - p_n}$$

If we evaluate the result at $s = p_1$, each of the terms $\left. \frac{A_j(s - p_1)}{s - p_j} \right|_{s=p_1} = 0$ (being the roots distinct). Therefore,

$$A_1 = F(s)(s - p_1)|_{s=p_1}$$

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Laplace Transform

$$s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - \dot{y}(0) = -5sY(s) + 5y(0) - 4Y(s) - 4sU(s) + 4u(0) + U(s)$$

$$(s^2 + 5s + 4) Y(s) = (1 - 4s) U(s) + sy(0) + 5y(0) + \dot{y}(0) + 4u(0)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1 - 4s}{s^2 + 5s + 4} U(s) + \frac{sy(0) + 5y(0) + \dot{y}(0) + 4u(0)}{s^2 + 5s + 4}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1 - 4s}{s^2 + 5s + 4} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{s + 5 + 8}{s^2 + 5s + 4}$$

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Partial Fraction Expansion

$$Y(s) = \frac{A_1}{s} + \frac{A_2}{s+1} + \frac{A_3}{s+4} + \frac{B_1}{s+1} + \frac{B_2}{s+4}$$

$$A_1 = \left. \frac{1-4s}{(s+4)(s+1)s} s \right|_{s=0} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$A_2 = \left. \frac{1-4s}{(s+4)(s+1)s} (s+1) \right|_{s=-1} = \frac{-5}{3}$$

$$A_3 = \left. \frac{1-4s}{(s+4)(s+1)s} (s+4) \right|_{s=-4} = \frac{17}{12}$$

$$B_1 = \left. \frac{s+13}{(s+4)(s+1)} (s+1) \right|_{s=-1} = 4$$

$$B_2 = \left. \frac{s+13}{(s+4)(s+1)} (s+4) \right|_{s=-4} = -3 .$$

Example

Back to the time domain

$$y(t) = \mathbf{1}(t) \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{17}{12}e^{-3t} \right) + \\ + \mathbf{1}(t) (4e^{-t} - 3e^{-3t}) .$$

The case of complex conjugate poles

We start by a useful Lemma.

Conjugation of a polynomial with real coefficients

Lemma

Consider a polynomial $P(s)$ in a complex variable s with real coefficient. Then $P(\bar{s}) = \overline{P(s)}$.

Proof

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$$\begin{aligned} P(\bar{p}) &= \bar{p}^n + a_{n-1}\bar{p}^{n-1} + a_{n-2}\bar{p}^{n-2} + \dots + a_0 \\ &= \bar{p}^n + \overline{a_{n-1}p^{n-1}} + \overline{a_{n-2}p^{n-2}} + \dots + \overline{a_0} \\ &= \overline{p^n + a_{n-1}p^{n-1} + a_{n-2}p^{n-2} + \dots + a_0} = \overline{P(p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Attention

- ▶ First step is applicable because: the coefficients a_i are real and not affected by conjugation
- ▶ Second step applicable because the conjugate of a sum is the sum of the conjugates.

Consequence

Complex Conjugate roots

Theorem

Consider a polynomial in a complex variable s with real coefficient. If $s = p$ is a root of the polynomial, then also its conjugate $s = \bar{p}$ is.

Proof

- ▶ Consider the polynomial

$$P(s) = s^n + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + a_{n-2}s^{n-2} + \dots + a_0,$$

with $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

- ▶ If p is a root, then

$$P(p) = p^n + a_{n-1}p^{n-1} + a_{n-2}p^{n-2} + \dots + a_0 = 0.$$

- ▶ In view of Lemma 14 we have: $\overline{P(p)} = P(\bar{p})$.
- ▶ If we now observe that $P(p) = 0 \implies \overline{P(p)} = 0$

Implication

A direct implication of the theorem

Proposition

Consider a function $F(s)$ be a reation of polynomials with real coefficients. Let p_1 and $\overline{p_1}$ be a pair of complex conjugate poles.

$$F(s) = \frac{n(s)}{d(s)} = \frac{n(s)}{(s - p_1)(s - \overline{p_1}) \dots}$$

Let

$$F(s) = \frac{A_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_1'}{s - \overline{p_1}} + \dots$$

be its partial fraction expansion.

Then $A_1' = \overline{A_1}$.

Proof

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Proposition 1 holds for any type of poles. Therefore, we can write:

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Application of Lemma 14

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{A'_1} &= \overline{\left. \frac{n(s)}{d(s)} (s - \overline{p_1}) \right|_{s=\overline{p_1}}} \\ &= \frac{n(\overline{p_1})}{d_1(\overline{p_1})(\overline{p_1} - p_1)} \\ &= \frac{\overline{n(p_1)}}{\overline{d_1(p_1)(-2j\text{Imag}(p_1))}} \\ &= \frac{\overline{n(p_1)}}{\overline{d_1(p_1)(2j\text{Imag}(p_1))}} \\ &= \overline{A_1}.\end{aligned}$$

Inverse Transform of a Complex Conjugate Pair

If

$$F(s) = \frac{A_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_1'}{s - \bar{p}_1} + F_1(s),$$

with $p_1 = \sigma_1 + j\omega_1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{A_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_1'}{s - \bar{p}_1} + F_1(s)\right), \\&= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{A_1}{s - p_1}\right) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{A_1'}{s - \bar{p}_1}\right) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F_1(s)) \\&= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{A_1}{s - p_1}\right) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{\bar{A}_1}{s - \bar{p}_1}\right) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F_1(s)) \\&= \mathbf{1}(t)A_1e^{p_1t} + \mathbf{1}(t)\bar{A}_1e^{\bar{p}_1t} + f_1(t) \\&= \mathbf{1}(t)A_1e^{p_1t} + \mathbf{1}(t)\bar{A}_1e^{\overline{p_1t}} + f_1(t) \\&= 2\mathbf{1}(t)\mathbf{Real}(A_1e^{p_1t}) + f_1(t) \\&= 2\mathbf{1}(t)|A_1|e^{\sigma_1t}\cos(\omega_1t + \angle A_1) + f_1(t).\end{aligned}$$

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Laplace Transform

$$Y(s)(s^2 - s + 1) = U(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{1}{(s^2 - s + 1)s} \\ &= \frac{1}{\left(s - \frac{1+\sqrt{-3}}{2}\right)\left(s - \frac{1-\sqrt{-3}}{2}\right)s} \\ &= \frac{1}{\left(s - \frac{1+j\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(s - \frac{1-j\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)s} \\ &= \frac{A_1}{s} + \frac{A_2}{s - \frac{1+j\sqrt{3}}{2}} + \frac{\overline{A_2}}{s - \frac{1-j\sqrt{3}}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Computation of the coefficients

$$A_1 = \left. \frac{1}{(s^2 - s + 1)} \right|_{s=0} = 1$$

$$A_2 = \left. \frac{1}{(s - \frac{1-j\sqrt{3}}{2})s} \right|_{s=\frac{1+j\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{j\sqrt{3}\frac{1+j\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-\frac{3}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{3}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{9}{4} + \frac{3}{4}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

Example

Computation of the inverse transform

$$y(t) = \mathbf{1}(t) \left(1 + 2 |A_2| e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + \angle A_2\right) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A_2| &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{36}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle A_2 &= \text{atan2}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= -0.8571 \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ $F(s)$ could be

$$F(s) = A \frac{n(s)}{(s - p_1)^h d_1(s)}$$

where $d_1(s)$ does not divide $(s - p_1)$.

Result

A generalisation of the case of single roots

Let $F(s) = A \frac{n(s)}{(s-p_1)^h d_1(s)}$, with $p_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $h \in \mathbb{N}$. The $F(s)$ has the following partial fraction expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= A \frac{n(s)}{(s-p_1)^h d_1(s)} \\ &= \frac{A_{1,1}}{s-p_1} + \frac{A_{1,2}}{(s-p_1)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_{1,h}}{(s-p_1)^h} + F_1(s) \end{aligned}$$

where $F_1(s)$ is found using the same rules that apply to single poles as we discussed above and $A_{1,i}$ is given by:

$$A_{1,h-r} = \frac{1}{(h-r)!} \left. \frac{d^r}{ds^r} [F(s)(s-p_1)^h] \right|_{s=p_1}.$$

Proof

- ▶ Multiply by $(s - p_1)^h$ both sides of

$$\frac{n(s)}{(s - p_1)^h d_1(s)} = \frac{A_{1,1}}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_{1,2}}{(s - p_1)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_{1,h}}{(s - p_1)^h} + F_1(s)$$

and obtain

$$\frac{n(s)}{d_1(s)} = A_{1,1}(s - p_1)^{h-1} + \dots + A_{1,h-1}(s - p_1) + A_{1,h} + F_1(s)(s - p_1)^h.$$

- ▶ Since neither $d_1(s)$ nor any denominator in $F_1(s)$ divides $s - p_1$, we can evaluate both sides in $s - p_1$ and get:

$$\frac{n(p_1)}{d_1(p_1)} = A_{1,h}.$$

Proof

- If we differentiate r times, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^r}{ds^r} \left[\frac{n(s)}{d_1(s)} \right] &= A_{1,1}(h-1)(h-2)\dots(h-r)(s-p_1)^{h-1-r} + A_{1,2}(h-2)\dots \\ &\quad \dots + (h-r)(h-r-1)\dots 1 \cdot A_{1,h-r} + \\ &\quad + h(h-1)\dots(h-r)(s-p_1)^{h-r} F_1(s) + \frac{d^r}{ds^r} [F_1(s)] (s-p_1)\end{aligned}$$

If we evaluate in $s = p_1$ we obtain our claim.

Another important fact

Inverse transform of a multiple simple fraction

Proposition

Let $F(s) = \frac{1}{(s-p)^h}$. Then $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) = \frac{t^{h-1}}{h-1!} e^{pt}$.

The proof comes as a direct implication of the differentiation in the Laplace domain property.

Final Result

Putting together the two propositions.....

Theorem

Let $F(s) = A \frac{n(s)}{(s-p_1)^h d_1(s)}$ with the partial fraction expansion:

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then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) &= \mathbf{1}(t) \left(A_{1,1} e^{p_1 t} + A_{1,2} t e^{p_1 t} + A_{1,3} \frac{t^2}{2} e^{p_1 t} + \dots + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + A_{1,h} \frac{t^{h-1}}{(h-1)!} e^{p_1 t} \right) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F_1(s)) \end{aligned}$$

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Complex Conjugate Poles

We can treat each pole in the complex conjugate pair as in the real case by:

- ▶ finding the coefficients of the partial fraction expansion,
- ▶ observing that the coefficient related to the complex conjugate are complex conjugate,
- ▶ recombining the pairs related to the partial fraction with the same power and reducing them to real functions.

We will illustrate this idea through an example

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Example

► Coefficients

$$A_2 = F(s)s|_{s=0} = 1$$

$$A_{1,2} = F(s)(s - p_1)^2|_{s=p_1} = \frac{1}{p_1(p_1 - \overline{p_1})^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{1,1} &= \frac{d}{ds} [F(s)(s - p_1)^2] \Big|_{s=p_1} \\ &= \frac{-((s - \overline{p_1})^2 + 2s(s - \overline{p_1}))}{s^2(s - \overline{p_1})^4} \Big|_{s=p_1} \\ &= \frac{-(3s^2 - \overline{p_1})}{s^2(s - \overline{p_1})^3} \Big|_{s=p_1} \\ &= \frac{-3p_1 + \overline{p_1}}{p_1^2(p_1 - \overline{p_1})^3} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} A_{1,1} &= \frac{e^{-j\pi/3} - 3e^{j\pi/3}}{e^{j2\pi/3}(-j3\sqrt{3})} = \frac{e^{-j\pi/3} - 3e^{j\pi/3}}{e^{j2\pi/3}e^{-j\pi/2}3\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{e^{-j\pi/3} - 3e^{j\pi/3}}{e^{j\pi/6}3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{e^{-j\pi/2} - 3e^{j\pi/6}}{3\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{-j - 3\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{3}{2}j}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-3\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{5}{2}j}{3\sqrt{3}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{6\sqrt{3}}j = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}e^{j\operatorname{atan2}(-5/(6\sqrt{3}), -1/2)} = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}e^{-j2.3754} \end{aligned}$$

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- Combining the results...

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= A_2 \mathbf{1}(t) + \\ &+ \mathbf{1}(t) (A_{1,1} e^{p_1 t} + \overline{A_{1,1}} e^{\overline{p_1} t}) + \\ &+ \mathbf{1}(t) (A_{1,2} t e^{p_1 t} + \overline{A_{1,2}} t e^{\overline{p_1} t}) \\ &= \mathbf{1}(t) (1 + 2\mathbf{Real}(A_{1,1} e^{p_1 t}) + 2\mathbf{Real}(A_{1,2} t e^{p_1 t})) = \\ &= \mathbf{1}(t) \left(1 + 2\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} e^{1/2 t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t - 2.3754\right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{3} t e^{1/2 t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t - \pi/3\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$