

Complex Frequency; Definition of the Laplace Transform

Readings: Sections 14.1, 14.2

Complex Frequency

If we have a damped sinusoid for a source, $x(t) = Ae^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t + \emptyset)$, then things get even more complicated. We can represent various types of waveforms, depending on the values of σ and ω .

1.
$$\sigma = \omega = 0$$
 $\chi(t) = A\cos(\phi)$
 $\Rightarrow a \cos t \cot t e.e. DC$

2. $\sigma = 0$
 $\chi(t) = A\cos(\omega t + \phi)$
 $\Rightarrow a \sin u \sin d$

3. $\omega = 0$
 $\chi(t) = Ae^{\sigma t} \cos(\phi)$

4. Neither equal 0
 $\chi(t) = Ae^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$
 $\Rightarrow a \exp t \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

Using Euler's formula, we can rearrange the general form to get:

x(t) = Re{Ar(o+jw)++j\${\forall } = Re{Aryes} complex frequency = S = 0+jw

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The Laplace Transform

For a general function f(t), the definition of the Laplace Transform is:

$$F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

As you can see from the limits of integration, this covers all of both positive and negative time. However, we're usually only interested in what happens after t=0 s, so we usually use the one-sided Laplace Transform instead:

$$F(s) = \int_{0^{-}}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

to t=0+ +-0

We use 0^- rather than 0 or 0^+ , as we want to be able to use the initial conditions of the circuit.

Remember:

$$t(o-) \neq t(o) \neq t(o+)$$

 $(v(o), v(o), v(o+))$ could all be different,
as can $i(o), i(o), i(o+)$

Voltage across a capacitor, v_c , and current through an inductor, i_L , are special cases. Other voltages and currents can change instantly.

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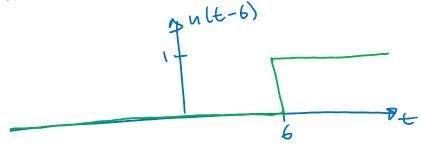
$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s})$$

Example:

Work out the LT of f(t) = 3u(t - 6) using the LT formula.

$$F(s) = \int_{0-}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= \int_{0-}^{\infty} e^{-st} x 3u(t-6) dt$$



$$F(s) = 3 \int_{6}^{a} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 3 \left[-\frac{1}{5} e^{-st} \right]_{6}^{\infty}$$

$$= 3 \left[0 - \frac{1}{5} e^{-65} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} e^{-65}$$

Example:

What is the one-sided LT of $f(t) = e^{-3t}$?

$$F(s) = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{-3t} dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{-1}{5+3} e^{-(s+3)t} \right]_{0}^{\infty}$$

$$= 0 - \left(\frac{-1}{5+3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5+3}$$

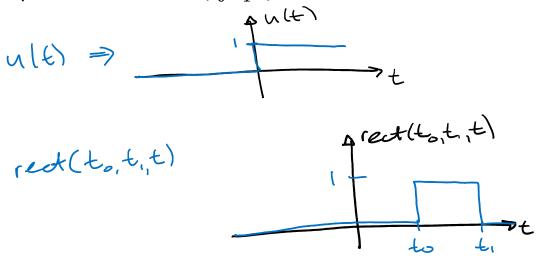
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Laplace transforms of simple time functions; Basic theorems for the Laplace transform

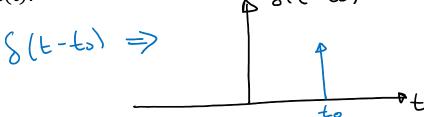
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More Useful Functions

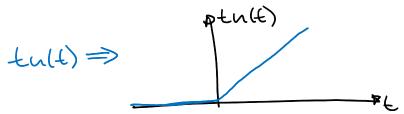
Reminder: in Term 2 we looked at the unit step function, u(t), and the rectangular pulse function, $rect(t_0, t_1, t)$:



We will add to that the unit impulse, $\delta(t-t_0)$, and the ramp function, tu(t).



The unit impulse has *infinite* amplitude at one instant in time. The area "under" the unit impulse is defined as equal to 1. A really useful function.



The unit ramp has zero amplitude for t < 0 s, but is equal to t for positive time.

Properties of the Laplace transform

To be able to use the LT on a circuit, we need to know a few more things... Equations for circuits with capacitors and inductors in them usually look something like this (assuming initial conditions are zero):

$$v(t) = Ri(t) + L\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C}\int i(t) dt$$

So – can we add LTs? How do we deal with differentials and integrals?

1. <u>Linearity</u>: Since the LT is calculated using integration, and we know that $\int (a + b) = \int a + \int b$, then it makes sense that:

$$2[f_{1}(t)+f_{2}(t)]=2[f_{1}(t)]+2[f_{2}(t)]$$

= $F_{1}(s)+F_{2}(s)$

Similarly, if b is a constant, then:

2. <u>Differentiation and Integration in the Time Domain:</u> Using integration by parts you can show that:

$$2[df]_{dd} = sF(s) - f(o)$$

$$2[d^{2}f]_{dd^{2}} = s^{2}F(s) - sf(o) - f'(o)$$

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3. <u>Time Shift</u>: This helps us deal with situations where we might have different switches turning on at different points in time.

$$\begin{aligned}
2\left[f(t-a)u(t-a)\right] &= \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-a)u(t-a) dt \\
&= \int_{a}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-a) dt \\
&= \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-s(r+a)} f(r) dr \\
&= \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-s(r+a)} f(r) dr \\
&= e^{-as} f(s)
\end{aligned}$$

Example:

For the circuit below, find I(s) in terms of V(s) if $i(0^-) = 0$ A.

$$v(t) = 3n + 2h = 0.25F$$

$$i(t) = 3i(t) + 2 \frac{di}{dt} + 4 = i(t) \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$v(s) = 3I(s) + 2 (sI(s) - i(s)) + \frac{4}{5}I(s)$$

$$= 3I(s) + 2sI(s) + \frac{4}{5}I(s)$$

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$$I(s) = \frac{V(s)}{3+2s+4/5}$$

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$$I(s) = \frac{sV(s)}{3s + 26^2 + 4}$$

What does l(s) look like if v(t) = u(t)?

$$V(|s|) = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-st} \, u(|t|) \, dt$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-st} \, dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2s^{2} + 3s + 4}$$

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We can use tables of LT pairs rather than integrating – this is normally faster and easier. The tables are at the start of this book, and are the same ones you will get in the exam.

General Process

- 1. Write an equation for i(t) and/or v(t).
- 2. Take the Laplace Transform and get I(s) and/or V(s)
- 3. Rearrange the equation(s) as desired
- Take the inverse LT to get back into the time domain (see next section)