



Signals & Systems

Chapter 9

The Laplace Transform



9.0 Introduction

Convolution——

Analysis the system in **time domain**

Fourier transform——

Analysis the system in **frequency domain**



9.0 Introduction

$$h(t) = e^t u(t) \not\rightarrow H(j\omega)$$

♦ View of energy

finite energy(square integrable)

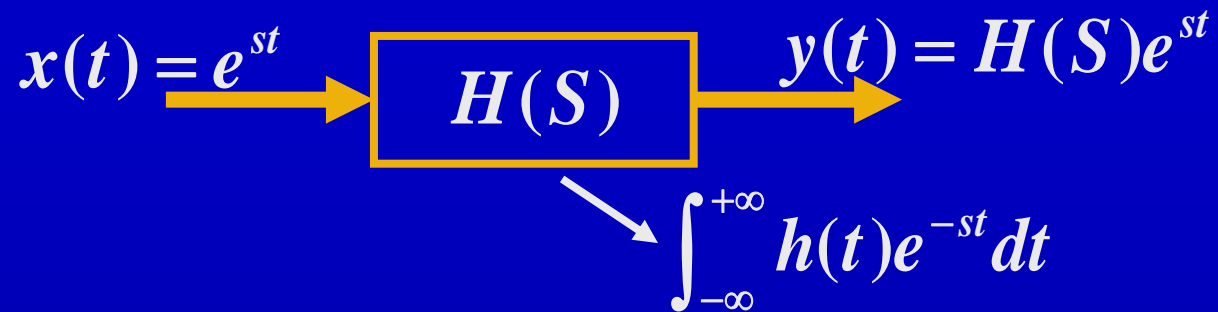
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt < \infty$$

Laplace transform

Analysis the system in **S** domain



9.1 The Laplace transform



Laplace transform: $H(S) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(t)e^{-st} dt$

$$h(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} H(S)$$

Fourier transform: $h(t) \xleftrightarrow{FT} H(S) \Big|_{S=jw}$



The relationship between the Laplace transform and the Fourier transform

$$\diamond F \{x(t)\} = X(S) \Big|_{S=j\omega}$$

Fourier transform is a particular form of Laplace transform

$$\diamond \text{ If } S = \sigma + j\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(S) = X(\sigma + j\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t) e^{-(\sigma + j\omega)t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [x(t) e^{-\sigma t}] e^{-j\omega t} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$F \{x(t) e^{-\sigma t}\} = X(S)$$

Laplace transform is Fourier transform of $x(t) e^{-\sigma t}$



Example 9.1

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

(1) if $a > 0$, determine Fourier transform

(2) determine Laplace transform

Answer :

$$(1) X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-at} u(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{j\omega + a}$$

$$(2) X(S) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-at} u(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-(s+a)t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{S + a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$

$$e^{-at} u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S + a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$

$$\text{if } a = 0, u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > 0$$



Example 9.2

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

$$\begin{aligned} X(S) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} -e^{-at}u(-t)e^{-st}dt = -\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-(s+a)t}dt \\ &= \frac{1}{S+a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} < -a \end{aligned}$$

$$-e^{-at}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} < -a$$

$$e^{-at}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$



Region of Convergence (ROC)

❖ ROC—the range of values of S for which integral in $X(S) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt$ converges

❖ Laplace transform includes:

(1) the algebraic expression

(2) ROC

❖ The representation of ROC—Complex plane (S-plane)

$$-e^{-at} u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} < -a$$

$$e^{-at} u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$



Example 9.3

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

determine Laplace transform of $x(t)$

$$e^{-2t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -2$$

$$e^{-t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

$$X(S) = \frac{3}{S+2} - \frac{2}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$



Example 9.4

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

determine Laplace transform of $x(t)$

$$e^{-at}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -\text{Re}\{a\}$$

$$\cos 3t = \frac{e^{j3t} + e^{-j3t}}{2}$$

$$x(t) = \left[e^{-2t} + \frac{e^{-(1-3j)t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-(1+3j)t}}{2} \right] u(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(S) &= \frac{1}{S+2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{S+(1-3j)} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{S+(1+3j)} \right) \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1 \\ &= \frac{2S^2 + 5S + 12}{(S+2)(S^2 + 2S + 10)} \end{aligned}$$



Pole-Zero plot

- ❖ Laplace transform **maybe** a ratio of polynomials

$$X(S) = \frac{N(S)}{D(S)}$$

← **numerator**
← **denominator**

- ❖ Poles —— the roots of $D(S)$
Zeros —— the roots of $N(S)$
- ❖ The representation of poles and zeros
—— **Pole-Zero plot**
- ❖ Another representation of Laplace transform
—— **Pole-Zero plot** and **ROC**
- ❖ The **order** of pole or zero



Example 9.5

$$x(t) = \delta(t) - \frac{4}{3}e^{-t}u(t) + \frac{1}{3}e^{2t}u(t)$$

determine Laplace transform of $x(t)$

$$\delta(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} 1$$

$$e^{-t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

$$e^{2t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S-2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > 2$$

$$X(S) = 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{S+1} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{S-2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > 2$$

$$= \frac{(s-1)^2}{(S+1)(S-2)} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > 2$$



9.2 The ROC for Laplace transform

❖ Property 1 — the ROC of $X(S)$ consists of strips parallel to the **jw-axis** in the s-plane

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x(t)| e^{-\sigma t} dt < \infty$$

❖ Property 2 — for **rational** Laplace transforms, the ROC does not contain any poles

$$X(S) \Big|_{s=pole} \longrightarrow \infty$$



Example 9.6

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-at} & 0 < t < T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

determine Laplace transform of $x(t)$

$$X(S) = \int_0^T e^{-at} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{S+a} [1 - e^{-(S+a)T}]$$

ROC is the entire s-plane

$$\lim_{S \rightarrow -a} X(S) = \lim_{S \rightarrow -a} \left[\frac{\frac{d}{ds} (1 - e^{-(S+a)T})}{\frac{d}{ds} (S+a)} \right] = \lim_{S \rightarrow -a} T e^{-aT} e^{-ST} = T$$



❖ Property 3 — if $x(t)$ is of **finite duration** and is **absolutely integrable**, then the ROC is the entire s -plane

❖ Property 4 — if $x(t)$ is **right sided**, and if the line $\text{Re}\{s\} = \sigma_0$ is in the ROC, then all values of S for which $\text{Re}\{s\} > \sigma_0$ will also be in the ROC



❖Property 5 — if $x(t)$ is **left sided**, and if the line $\text{Re}\{s\} = \sigma_0$ is in the ROC, then all values of S for which $\text{Re}\{s\} < \sigma_0$ will also be in the ROC

❖Property 6 — if $x(t)$ is **two sided**, and if the line $\text{Re}\{s\} = \sigma_0$ is in the ROC, then the ROC will consist of a strip in the s -plane that include the line $\text{Re}\{s\} = \sigma_0$



Example 9.7

$$x(t) = e^{-b|t|}$$

determine Laplace transform of $x(t)$

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

$$e^{-bt}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+b} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -b$$

$$e^{bt}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{-1}{S-b} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} < b$$

$$X(S) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{S+b} - \frac{1}{S-b} & -b < \text{Re}\{s\} < b \quad \text{for } b > 0 \\ \text{Laplace transform doesn't exist} & \text{for } b \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



❖Property 7 — if the Laplace transform $X(S)$ of $x(t)$ is **rational**, then its ROC is bounded by poles or extends to infinity. In addition, no poles of $X(S)$ are contained in the ROC

❖Property 8 — if the Laplace transform $X(S)$ of $x(t)$ is **rational**

if $x(t)$ is right sided, the ROC is the region in the s -plane to the right of the rightmost pole

if $x(t)$ is left sided, the ROC is the region in the s -plane to the left of the leftmost pole



Example 9.8

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

determine possible ROCs

Pole: $S = -1, S = -2$

if $x(t)$ is left sided, then ROC is $\text{Re}\{S\} < -2$

if $x(t)$ is right sided, then ROC is $\text{Re}\{S\} > -1$

if $x(t)$ is two sided, then ROC is $-2 < \text{Re}\{S\} < -1$



9.3 The inverse Laplace transform

- ♦ The representation of the inverse Laplace transform

$$X(S) = X(\sigma + j\omega) = F \{ x(t) e^{-\sigma t} \}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t) e^{-\sigma t} e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) e^{-\sigma t} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} X(\sigma + j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} X(\sigma + j\omega) e^{(\sigma + j\omega)t} d\omega$$

because $ds = j d\omega$

$$\text{so} \quad x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma - j\infty}^{\sigma + j\infty} X(S) e^{St} ds$$



Partial-fraction expansion

$$X(S) = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{A_i}{S + a_i}$$

$$e^{-bt}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+b} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -b$$

$$-e^{-bt}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+b} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} < -b$$



Example 9.9

$$X(S) = \frac{1}{(S+1)(S+2)} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

determine the inverse Laplace transform

$$X(S) = \frac{A}{S+1} + \frac{B}{S+2}$$

$$A = \left[(S+1) X(S) \right] \big|_{S=-1} = 1$$

$$B = \left[(S+2) X(S) \right] \big|_{S=-2} = -1$$

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

Example 9.10

$$\text{Re}\{S\} < -2$$

Example 9.11

$$-2 < \text{Re}\{S\} < -1$$



9.5 Properties of the Laplace transform

❖ Linearity

$$ax_1(t) + bx_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} aX_1(S) + bX_2(S)$$

with ROC containing $R1 \cap R2$

Example 9.13

$$x(t) = x_1(t) - x_2(t)$$

$$X_1(S) = \frac{1}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

$$X_2(S) = \frac{1}{(S+1)(S+2)} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

determine $X(S)$

$$X(S) = \frac{1}{S+1} - \frac{1}{(S+1)(S+2)} = \frac{1}{S+2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -2$$



❖ Time shifting

If

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(S) \quad ROC = R$$

then

$$x(t - t_0) \xleftrightarrow{LT} e^{-St_0} X(S) \quad ROC = R$$

❖ Shifting in the s-domain

If

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(S) \quad ROC = R$$

then

$$e^{S_0 t} x(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(S - S_0) \quad ROC = R + \text{Re}\{S_0\}$$



❖ Time scaling

If

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(S) \quad ROC = R$$

then

$$x(at) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{S}{a}\right) \quad ROC \quad R_1 = aR$$

When

$$a = -1$$

then

$$x(-t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(-S) \quad ROC \quad R_1 = -R$$



❖ Conjugation

If

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(S) \quad ROC = R$$

then

$$x^*(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X^*(S^*) \quad ROC = R$$

❖ Convolution property

$$x_1(t) * x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X_1(S)X_2(S)$$

ROC containing $R1 \cap R2$



❖ Differentiation in the time domain

If

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(S) \quad ROC = R$$

then

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \xleftrightarrow{LT} SX(S) \quad ROC \text{ containing } R$$

❖ Differentiation in the S-domain

If

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(S) \quad ROC = R$$

then

$$-tx(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{dX(S)}{dS} \quad ROC=R$$



Example 9.14

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

determine the Laplace transform

$$e^{-at}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$

$$te^{-at}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} -\frac{d}{dS} \left[\frac{1}{S+a} \right] = \frac{1}{(S+a)^2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$

$$\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-at}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{(S+a)^n} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$



Example 9.15

$$X(S) = \frac{2S^2 + 5S + 5}{(S+1)^2(S+2)} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

determine the inverse Laplace transform

$$X(S) = \frac{2}{(S+1)^2} - \frac{1}{S+1} + \frac{3}{S+2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

$$e^{-at}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+a} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$

$$te^{-at}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{(S+a)^2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -a$$

$$x(t) = [2te^{-t} - e^{-t} + 3e^{-2t}]u(t)$$



❖ Integration in the time domain

If

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} X(S) \quad ROC = R$$

then

$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S} X(S)$$

ROC containing $R \cap \{\text{Re}\{S\} > 0\}$

❖ The initial- and final-value theorems

If $x(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$ and $x(t)$ contains no impulses or higher order singularities at the origin

then

$$x(0^+) = \lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} SX(S)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{S \rightarrow 0} SX(S)$$



Example 9.16

$$X(S) = \frac{2S^2 + 5S + 12}{(S^2 + 2S + 10)(S + 2)} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

determine $x(0^+)$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$

Answer:

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

$$\diamond x(0^+) = \lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} SX(S) = 2$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{S \rightarrow 0} SX(S) = 0$$



9.7 Analysis and characterization of LTI system using the Laplace transform

- ♦ The relationship between the properties of system and $H(S)$
- ♦ How can get the $X(S)$ or $H(S)$ or $Y(S)$



Causality

The ROC associated with the system function for a causal system is a right-half plane

For a system with a rational system function, causality of the system is equivalent to the ROC being the right-half plane to the right of the rightmost pole



Example 9.17

$$h(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$$

determine $H(S)$ and analysis the ROC

$$H(S) = \frac{1}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

The system is causal , so the ROC of $H(S)$ is a right-half plane



Example 9.18

$$h(t) = e^{-|t|}$$

determine $H(S)$ and analysis the ROC

$$H(S) = \frac{-2}{S^2 - 1} \quad -1 < \text{Re}\{S\} < 1$$

The system is not causal , the ROC of $H(S)$ is not a right-half plane



Example 9.19

$$H(S) = \frac{e^S}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

determine $h(t)$

$$e^{-t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

$$e^{-(t+1)}u(t+1) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{e^S}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

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

ROC is a right-half plane , but the system is not causal , unless the system is rational



Stability

An LTI system is stable if and only if the ROC of its system function $H(S)$ includes the entire $j\omega$ -axis[i.e. $\text{Re}\{S\}=0$]

Example 9.20

$$H(S) = \frac{S-1}{(S+1)(S-2)}$$

analysis the stability of system

A causal system with rational system function $H(S)$ is stable if and only if all of the poles of $H(S)$ lies in the left-half of the s -plane — i.e. , all of the poles have negative real parts



Example 9.21

$$h_1(t) = e^{-t}u(t) \quad h_2(t) = e^{2t}u(t)$$

analysis the stability by using Laplace transform

$$H_1(S) = \frac{1}{S+1} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

$$H_2(S) = \frac{1}{S-2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > 2$$



LTI system characterized by linear constant-coefficient differential equations

The method of determine $h(t)$ by differential equations



$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k}$$

$$\left(\sum_{k=0}^N a_k S^k \right) Y(S) = \left(\sum_{k=0}^M b_k S^k \right) X(S)$$

$$H(S) = \frac{\left(\sum_{k=0}^M b_k S^k \right)}{\left(\sum_{k=0}^N a_k S^k \right)}$$



Example 9.23

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 3y(t) = x(t)$$

determine $h(t)$ of the system

$$SY(S) + 3Y(S) = X(S)$$

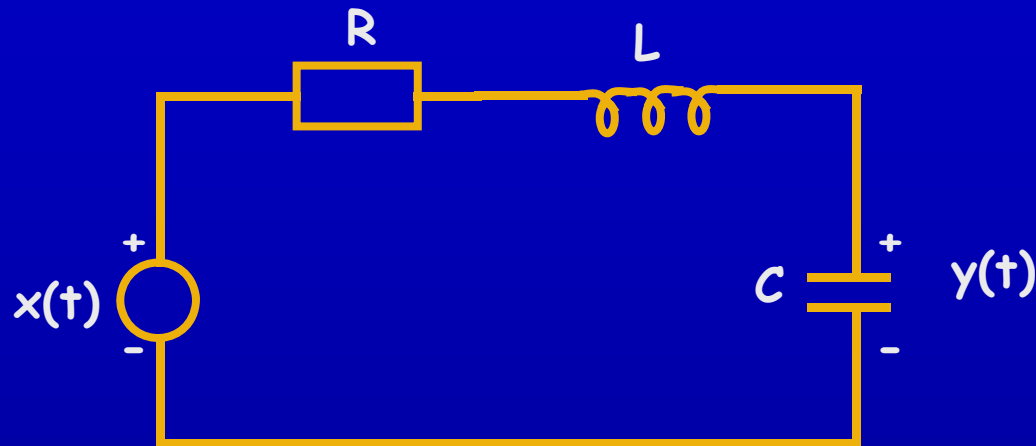
$$H(S) = \frac{Y(S)}{X(S)} = \frac{1}{S + 3}$$

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-3t}u(t) & \text{Re}\{S\} > -3 \\ -e^{-3t}u(-t) & \text{Re}\{S\} < -3 \end{cases}$$



Example 9.24

Determine the $H(S)$ of the system





Example 9.25

if the input to an LTI system is

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

the output is

$$y(t) = [e^{-t} - e^{-2t}]u(t)$$

determine $H(S)$ and differential equation

$$X(S) = \frac{1}{S+3} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -3$$

$$Y(S) = \frac{1}{(S+1)(S+2)} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

$$H(S) = \frac{Y(S)}{X(S)} = \frac{S+3}{(S+1)(S+2)} = \frac{S+3}{S^2+3S+2} \quad \text{Re}\{S\} > -1$$

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



Example 9.26

An LTI system include the information as below:

- 1.the system is causal
- 2.the system function is rational and has only two poles , at $s=-2$ and $s=4$
- 3.If $x(t)=1$, then $y(t)=0$
- 4.the value of the impulse response at $t=0^+$ is 4



Example 9.27

A stable and causal system , $H(S)$ is rational , contains a pole at $s=-2$, and does not have a zero at the origin , please determine the statements below:

a) $F\{h(t)e^{3t}\}$ converges

b) $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(t)dt = 0$

c) $th(t)$ is the impulse response of a causal and stable system

d) $dh(t)/dt$ contains at least one pole in its Laplace transform

e) $h(t)$ has finite duration

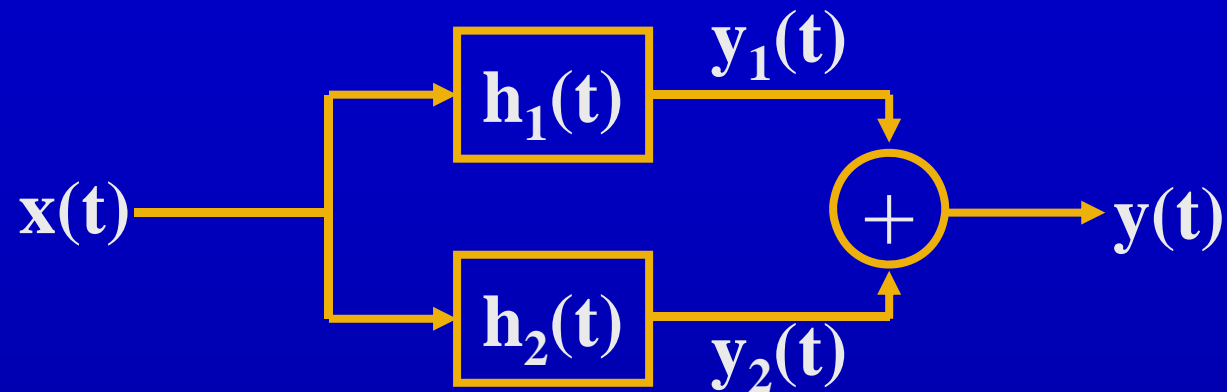
f) $H(S) = H(-S)$

g) $\lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} H(S) = 2$



9.8 System function algebra and block diagram representations

Parallel interconnection



$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= y_1(t) + y_2(t) = h_1(t) * x(t) + h_2(t) * x(t) \\ &= [h_1(t) + h_2(t)] * x(t) \end{aligned}$$

we can get :

$$h(t) = h_1(t) + h_2(t)$$

$$H(S) = H_1(S) + H_2(S)$$



Series combination



$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= y_1(t) * h_2(t) = h_1(t) * x(t) * h_2(t) \\ &= [h_1(t) * h_2(t)] * x(t) \end{aligned}$$

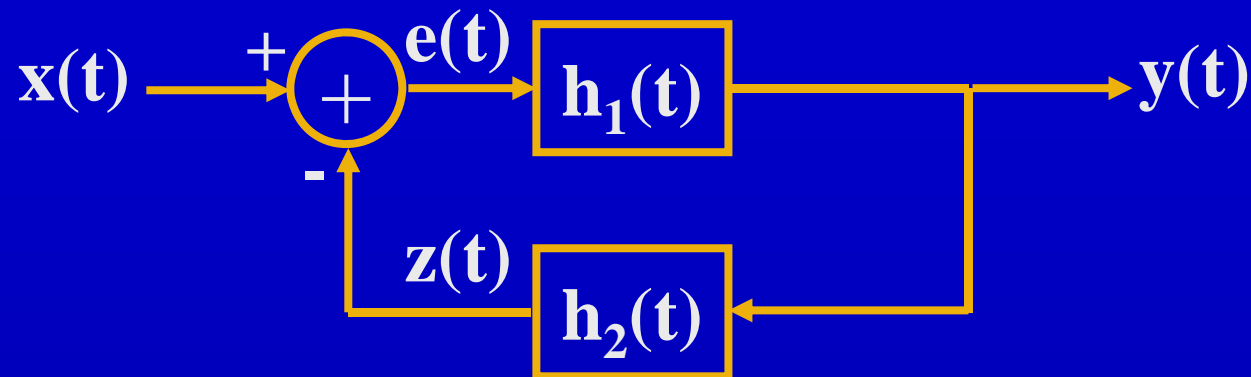
we can get :

$$h(t) = h_1(t) * h_2(t)$$

$$H(S) = H_1(S)H_2(S)$$



Feedback interconnection

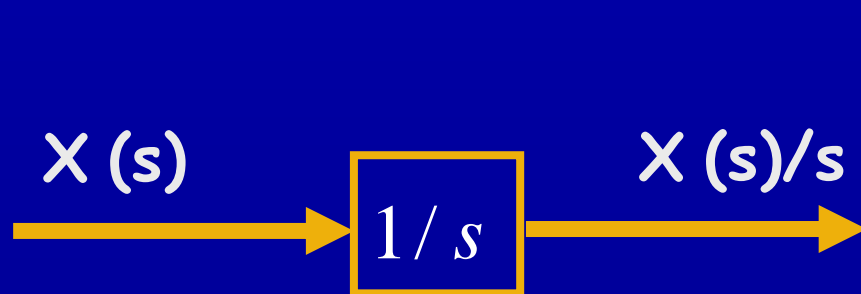
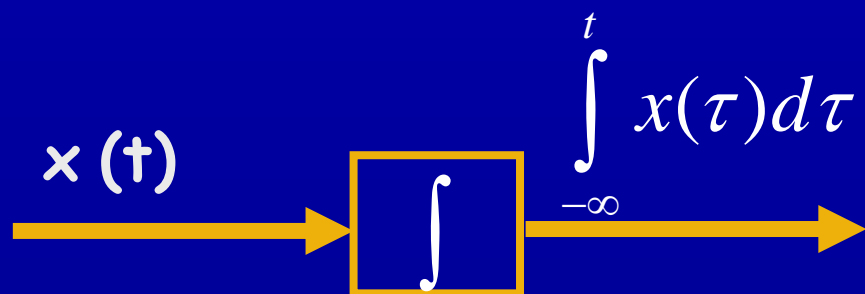
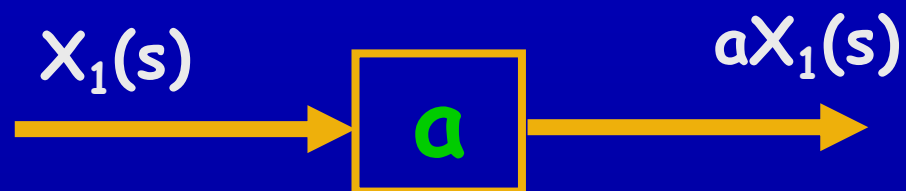
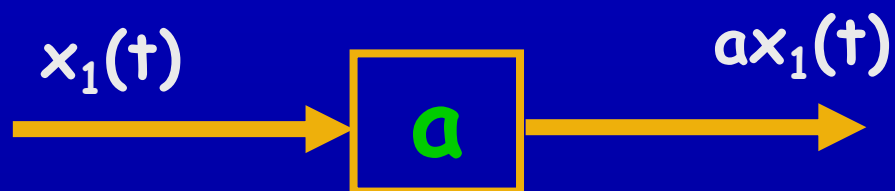
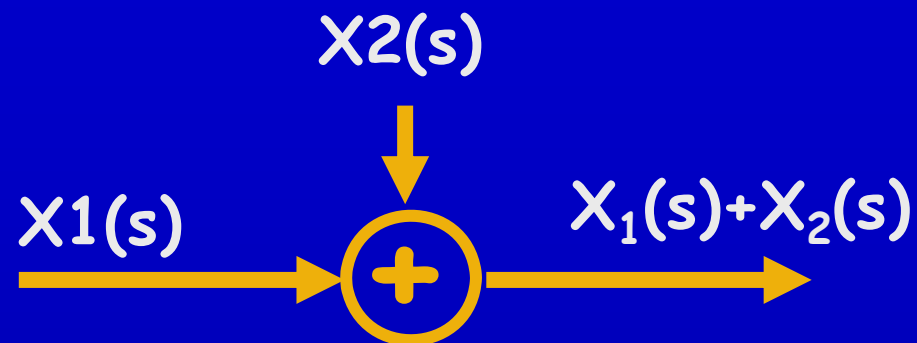
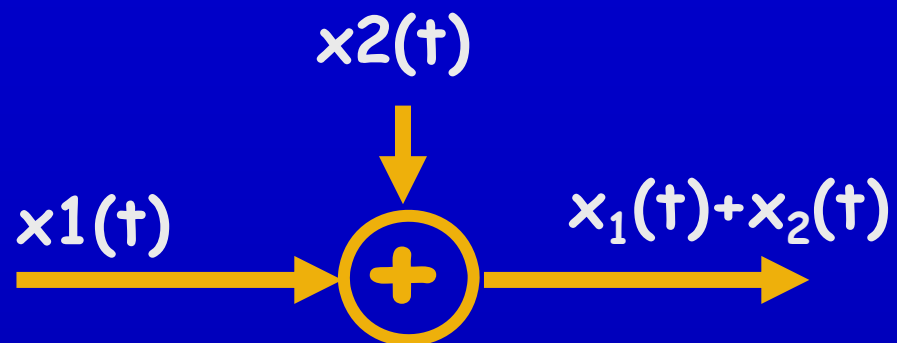


$$\begin{cases} Y(S) = H_1(S)E(S) \\ E(S) = X(S) - Z(S) \\ Z(S) = H_2(S)Y(S) \end{cases}$$

we can get :

$$Y(S) = H_1(S)[X(S) - H_2(S)Y(S)]$$

$$H(S) = \frac{Y(S)}{X(S)} = \frac{H_1(S)}{1 + H_1(S)H_2(S)}$$





Example 9.28

A causal LTI system

$$H(S) = \frac{1}{S + 3}$$

Example 9.29

A causal LTI system

$$H(S) = \frac{S + 2}{S + 3}$$



Example 9.30

A causal LTI system

$$H(S) = \frac{1}{(S+1)(S+2)}$$

❖ Cascade form

❖ Parallel form

❖ Direct form



Example 9.31

A system

$$H(S) = \frac{2S^2 + 4S - 6}{S^2 + 3S + 2}$$

- ❖ Direct form
- ❖ Cascade form
- ❖ Parallel form



Example

Consider an LTI system with input $x(t) = \delta(t) + e^{-3t}u(t)$ and output $y(t) = -e^{-t}u(-t)$

- 1、 $H(S) = ?$ sketch the pole-zero pattern, then indicate the ROC of $H(S)$
- 2、 determine the $h(t)$, is the system causal and stable?
- 3、 $x(t) = e^{-3t}$, $y(t) = ?$
- 4、 draw a block diagram
- 5、 determine the differential equation of this system