

**EE 235, Winter 2018, Homework 10: Laplace Transforms**  
**Due Friday March 9, 2018 via Canvas Submission**  
**Write down ALL steps for full credit**

**HW10 Topics:**

- Laplace Transform and Inverse Laplace Transform
- Laplace Transform ROC and Signal Properties
- Laplace Transform ROC and LTI System Properties

**HW10 Course Learning Goals Satisfied:**

- Goal 1: Describe signals in different domains and map characteristics in one domain to those in another.
- Goal 2: Understand the implications of different system properties and how to test for them.
- Goal 4: Analyze LTI systems given different system representations, and translate between these different representations.

**HW10 References:** OWN Sections 9.1 - 9.2, 9.5 - 9.6, 9.7

**HW10 Problems (Total = 60 pts):**

1. *Laplace Transform.* (10 pts)

Find the Laplace Transform of the following signals and sketch the corresponding pole-zero plot for each signal. In the plot, indicate the regions of convergence (ROC). Write  $X(s)$  as a single fraction in the form of  $\frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$ .

- (a) (2 pts)  $x(t) = e^{-4t}u(t) + e^{-6t}u(t)$ . Show that  $X(s) = \frac{2s+10}{(s+4)(s+6)}$  with ROC of  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -4$ .

**Solution.**

$$x(t) = e^{-4t}u(t) + e^{-6t}u(t) \quad X(s) = \frac{1}{s+4} + \frac{1}{s+6} = \frac{2s+10}{(s+4)(s+6)}$$

poles:  $s = -4, -6$   
zero:  $s = -5$   
ROC:  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -4$

- (b) (4 pts)  $x(t) = e^{4t}u(-t) + e^{8t}u(-t)$ .

**Solution.**

$$x(t) = e^{4t}u(-t) + e^{8t}u(-t) \quad \text{Rewriting } x(t) \text{ in correct form}$$
$$x(t) = -[-e^{4t}u(-t)] - [-e^{8t}u(-t)]$$
$$X(s) = -\frac{1}{s-4} - \frac{1}{s-8} = \frac{-2s+12}{(s-4)(s-8)}$$

poles:  $s = 4, 8$   
zero:  $s = 6$   
ROC:  $\text{Re}\{s\} < 4$

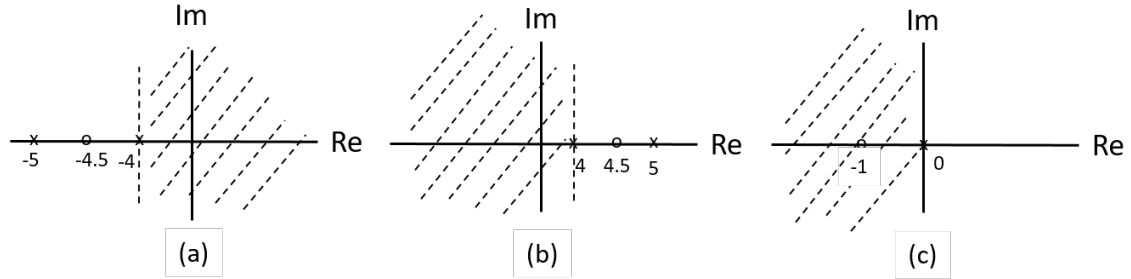
- (c) (4 pts)  $x(t) = \delta(t) - u(-t)$ .

**Solution.**

$$x(t) = \delta(t) + u(t) \quad X(s) = 1 + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{s+1}{s}$$

poles:  $s = 0$   
zero:  $s = -1$

ROC:  $\text{Re}\{s\} < 0$



2. Inverse Laplace Transform. (14 pts)

Find  $x(t)$  for given  $X(s)$  and ROC. Plot pole-zero plots.

(a) (2 pts)  $X(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+5s+6}$ , ROC:  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -2$ . Show that  $x(t)$  is  $x(t) = e^{-2t}u(t) - e^{-3t}u(t)$ .

**Solution.**

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+5s+6} = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s+3)}$$

poles:  $s = -2, -3$ , no zero

Using partial fraction expansion,  $X(s) = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{B}{s+3}$

$A = 1$  and  $B = -1$ .

$$\text{Hence, } X(s) = \frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{s+3}$$

Then, both are 'right' sided using ROC condition.  $x(t) = e^{-2t}u(t) - e^{-3t}u(t)$

(b) (4 pts)  $X(s) = \frac{s-3}{s^2+5s+6}$ , ROC:  $-3 < \text{Re}\{s\} < -2$ .

**Solution.**

$$X(s) = \frac{s-3}{s^2+5s+6}$$

poles:  $s = -2, -3$

zero:  $s = 3$

Using partial fraction expansion,  $X(s) = \frac{-5}{s+2} + \frac{6}{s+3}$

From ROC,  $x(t) = 6e^{-3t}u(t) + 5e^{-2t}u(-t)$

(c) (4 pts)  $X(s) = \frac{s+2}{s^2+4s+20}$ , ROC:  $\text{Re}\{s\} < -2$ .

**Solution.**

$$X(s) = \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+16}, \text{ ROC: } \text{Re}\{s\} < -2$$

$$X(s) = \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+(4)^2}$$

$$a = 2$$

$$w_o = 4$$

$\text{Re}\{s\} < -2 \rightarrow \text{left-sided}$

$$x(t) = -e^{-2t} \cos(4t)u(-t)$$

(d) (4 pts)  $X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+9}$ , ROC:  $\text{Re}\{s\} < 0$ .

**Solution.**

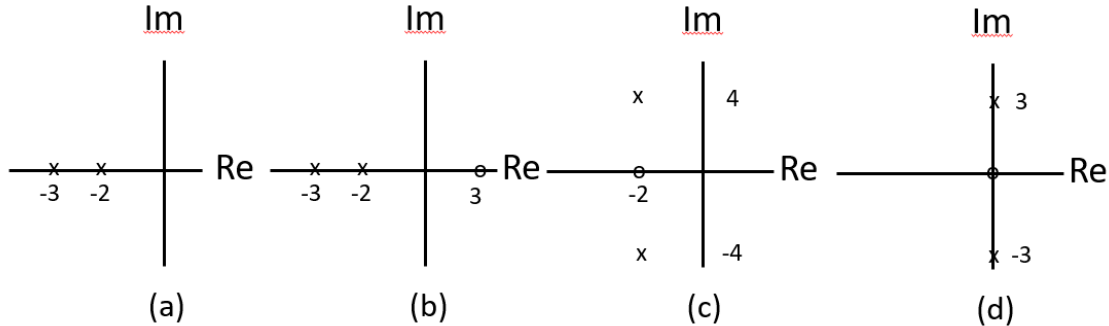
$$X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+9}, \text{ ROC: } \text{Re}\{s\} < 0$$

$$X(s) = \frac{s}{(s)^2+(3)^2}$$

$$w_o = 3$$

$\text{Re}\{s\} < 0 \rightarrow \text{left-sided}$

$$x(t) = -\cos(3t)u(-t)$$



3. ROC and Signal Properties. (10 pts)

(a) (5 pts) Suppose  $x(t)$  is a real signal with rational Laplace transform  $X(s)$  with the following properties:

- $X(s)$  has two poles and one zero, with one pole at  $s = -1 - 2j$ ,
- the Fourier transform of  $e^{2t}x(t)$  does not exist,
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)dt = -2$ ,
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t}x(t)dt = 0$ .

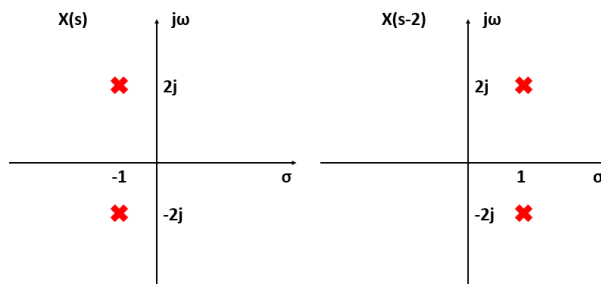
Find  $x(t)$  (the time-domain signal).

**Solution.** Because  $x(t)$  is real, from (i),

the two poles must be conjugate to each other, we can assume that

$$X(s) = \frac{k(s-a)}{(s+1-2j)(s+1+2j)} = \frac{k(s-a)}{(s+1)^2+4}$$

From (ii), We know that the ROC of  $X(s-2)$  does not include the imaginary axis, so it must be



right-sided.

Thus, the ROC of  $X(s)$  is also right-sided  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$

From (iii) and (iv),

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

$$\text{When } s = 0, X(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)dt = -2 = \frac{-ka}{5}$$

$$\text{When } s = 1, X(1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-t}dt = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1 \Rightarrow k = 10$$

$$\text{Thus, } X(s) = \frac{10(s-1)}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{10(s+1-2)}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{10(s+1)}{(s+1)^2+2^2} - \frac{10 \cdot 2}{(s+1)^2+2^2}$$

$$x(t) = \boxed{10e^{-t}\cos(2t)u(t) - 10e^{-t}\sin(2t)u(t)}$$

ROC:  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$

(b) (5 pts) Signal  $x(t)$  has the following properties:

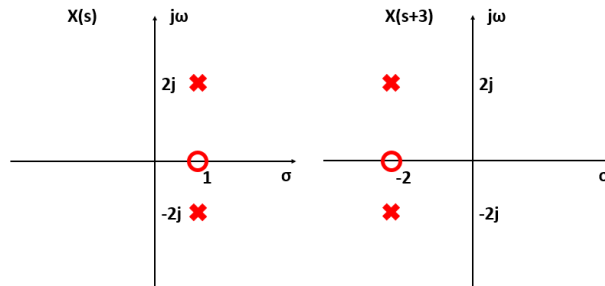
- $X(s)$  is rational with 1 zero and 2 poles
- $x(t)$  is real

- iii.  $X(s)$  has its zero at  $s = 1$  and a known pole at  $s = 1 - 2j$   
 iv. Area under  $x(t)$  is equal to 1  
 v.  $e^{-3t}x(t)$  is absolutely integrable (so Fourier Transform of  $e^{-3t}x(t)$  does exist)  
 Deduce the expression for signal  $x(t)$ .

**Solution.** From (i) to (iii), we have  $X(s) = \frac{k(s-1)}{(s-1+2j)(s+1+2j)} = \frac{k(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+2^2}$

From (iv), we have  $X(0) = \frac{k(-1)}{(-1)^2+4} = \frac{-k}{5} = 1 \Rightarrow k = -5$

From (v), since  $e^{-3t}x(t)$  is absolutely integrable, its ROC includes  $j\omega$ -axis, we know that the correct ROC is  $\text{Re}\{s\} > 1$



Thus,  $X(s) = \frac{-5(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+4}$  and the corresponding ROC is  $\text{Re}\{s\} > 1$   $x(t) = -5e^t \cos(2t)u(t)$

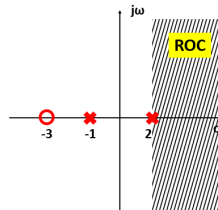
#### 4. ROC and LTI Systems. (16 pts)

- (a) (5 pts) Consider another system described by:  $-2y(t) - \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} = 3x(t) + \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$ .

**Solution.** Find  $H(s)$ :  $-2Y(s) - sY(s) + s^2Y(s) = 3X(s) + sX(s)$

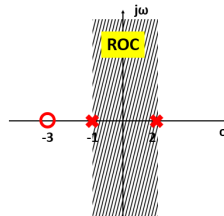
$$H(s) = \frac{s+3}{s^2-s-2} = \frac{s+3}{(s-2)(s+1)}$$

- i. (1 pt) Specify the ROC corresponding to  $H(s)$  if it is known the system is causal. Also, sketch the pole-zero plot and associated ROC.



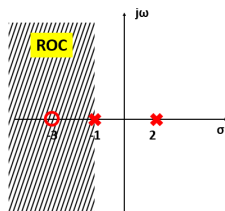
**Solution.** ROC = at least  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1 \cap \text{Re}\{s\} > 2 = \text{at least } \text{Re}\{s\} > 2$

- ii. (2 pts) Specify the ROC corresponding to  $H(s)$  if it is known the system is stable. Also, sketch the pole-zero plot and associated ROC.



**Solution.** Stable  $\Rightarrow$  must include  $j\omega$ -axis  $\Rightarrow -1 < \text{Re}\{s\} < 2$

- iii. (2 pts) Specify the ROC corresponding to  $H(s)$  if it is known the system is left-sided. Also, sketch the pole-zero plot and associated ROC.



**Solution.** *Left-sided  $\Rightarrow$  ROC left-sided  $\text{Re}\{s\} < -1$*

- (b) (5 pts) Let  $H(s)$  represent the system function for a causal, stable LTI system. The input to the system consists of the sum of three terms, one of which is an impulse  $\delta(t)$  and the second term is a complex exponential  $e^{s_0 t}$ , where  $s_0$  is a complex constant. The output of the system is:

$$y(t) = e^{-t}u(t) + \frac{10}{34}e^{4t}\cos(3t) + \frac{6}{34}e^{4t}\sin(3t).$$

Determine  $h(t)$  and  $s_0$  consistent with this information.

**Hint1:** What happens when a complex exponential is passed through an LTI system?

**Hint2:** One thing to note is that the output is real even if  $s_0$  was complex. This indicates that the third term consists of  $e^{s_0^* t}$ , where  $s_0^*$  is the complex conjugate of  $s_0$ .

**Solution.** *Recall that  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$  for an LTI system. Also recall that  $h(t) * \delta(t) = h(t)$ . Since the input  $x(t)$  has a  $\delta(t)$  in it, it must be that one of the terms in  $y(t)$  has a  $h(t)$ . We claim that  $h(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$ . To verify this claim, we would need to prove that the output is indeed the convolution of the input and  $h(t)$ . Note that  $H(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$ . Also when  $e^{s_0 t}$  is passed through an LTI system, we get as the output  $H(s_0)e^{s_0 t}$ . We don't know what  $s_0$  is - But the output has an  $e^{4t}$  term in it. We can thus guess that  $\text{Re}(s_0) = 4$ . Let  $s_0 = \alpha + j\beta$ . We need to figure out  $\alpha, \beta$ . We have that,*

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta(t) + e^{s_0 t} + e^{-s_0^* t}) * h(t) &= h(t) + H(s_0)e^{s_0 t} + H(s_0^*)e^{s_0^* t} \\ &= h(t) + \frac{1}{s_0+1}e^{s_0 t} + \frac{1}{s_0^*+1}e^{s_0^* t} \\ &= h(t) + e^{\alpha t} \left( \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)+j\beta}e^{j\beta t} + \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)-j\beta}e^{-j\beta t} \right) \\ &= h(t) + e^{\alpha t} \left( \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)+j\beta} \frac{(\alpha+1)-j\beta}{(\alpha+1)-j\beta}e^{j\beta t} + \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)-j\beta} \frac{(\alpha+1)+j\beta}{(\alpha+1)+j\beta}e^{-j\beta t} \right) \\ &= h(t) + e^{\alpha t} \left( \frac{(\alpha+1)-j\beta}{(\alpha+1)^2+\beta^2}e^{j\beta t} + \frac{(\alpha+1)+j\beta}{(\alpha+1)^2+\beta^2}e^{-j\beta t} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

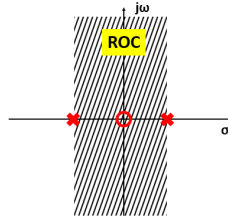
*Clearly  $\alpha = 4$ , since  $e^{4t}$  shows up in the output,  $y(t)$ . Also note that  $(\alpha+1)^2 + \beta^2$  shows up in the denominator of both the second term and the third term. Since the denominator in the given problem is 34, we have that  $\beta^2 = 34 - (4+1)^2 = 34 - 25 = 9$ . Thus,  $\beta = 3$ . It can now be verified that the last equation in (1) does simplify to  $y(t)$  as given in the problem. Hence, we have that  $h(t) = \boxed{e^{-t}u(t)}$ . Also,  $s_0 = \boxed{4+3j}$ .*

- (c) For each of the cases below, draw a pole-zero plot and ROC for a system that matches the description:
- i. (2 pts) The system is stable; the impulse response is two-sided; and the system frequency response approaches a non-zero constant at high frequencies.

**Solution.** *The system is stable  $\Rightarrow$  The plot contains  $j\omega$  axis*

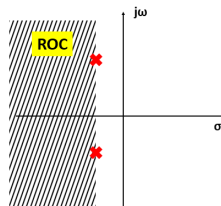
*The impulse response is two-sided  $\Rightarrow$  The signal is two-sided*

*The system frequency response approaches a non-zero constant at high frequencies  $\Rightarrow$  Highpass filter,  $H(0) = 0$*



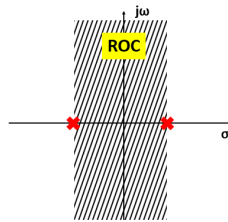
- ii. (2 pts) The system is not stable and contains complex poles in the left half plane.

**Solution.** *The system is not stable  $\Rightarrow$  The plot does not contain  $j\omega$  axis  
The system contains complex poles in the left half plane  $\Rightarrow$  The signal is left-sided*



- iii. (2 pts) The impulse-response is two-sided and absolutely integrable, and the system behaves like a lowpass filter.

**Solution.** *The impulse-response is two-sided  $\Rightarrow$  The signal is two-sided  
The system is absolutely integrable  $\Rightarrow$  The system is stable  $\Rightarrow$  The plot contains  $j\omega$  axis  
The system behaves like a lowpass filter  $\Rightarrow H(0) \neq 0$*



#### 5. Homework Self-Reflection

(10 pts) After completing your homework, go to the following link to rate your skill or concept understanding level for each item listed. Your self-reflection must be completed by the due date. All submissions are time-stamped, so please give yourself plenty of time to complete and submit your self-reflection.

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