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MECHTRON 3DX4 Tutorial Quiz 1 L02: Laplace Transforms

1. Laplace Transforms (10 marks)

Laplace transform tables are on Page 2!

- a) (5 marks) Assume that you are given a system with $G(s) = \frac{s+5}{s^2+3s-4}$. What is the time domain output, $c(t)$, in response to a step input (i.e. $r(t) = u(t)$)?

$r(t) = u(t)$
 $R(s) = \frac{1}{s}$
 $C(s) = R(s)G(s)$
 $C(s) = \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)\left(\frac{s+5}{s^2+3s-4}\right)$
 $C(s) = \frac{s+5}{s(s+4)(s-1)}$
 $C(s) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+4} + \frac{C}{s-1}$

$\frac{s+5}{(0+4)(0-1)} = -\frac{5}{4} = A$
 $\frac{-4+5}{(-4)(-4-1)} = \frac{-1}{20} = B$
 $\frac{1+5}{(1)(1+4)} = \frac{6}{5} = C$

$C(s) = -\frac{5}{4s} - \frac{1}{20(s+4)} + \frac{6}{5(s-1)}$

$c(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(C(s))$
 $= -\frac{5}{4}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) - \frac{1}{20}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+4}\right) + \frac{6}{5}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-1}\right)$
 $= -\frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{20}e^{-4t} + \frac{6}{5}e^t$

- b) (5 marks) Could you have applied the Final Value Theorem to get the value of $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} c(t)$ (i.e. the steady state response) for question (1a) without doing the inverse Laplace transform? Justify your answer.

The poles occur at $s = -4$ & $s = 1$. Since one of the poles is not in the left side of the s -plane, then the system is not BIBO stable. Therefore, FVT cannot be applied.

Justification

using final value theorem yields:

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} c(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} C(s) \cdot s$
 $C(s) = \frac{s+5}{s^2+3s-4s}$
 $= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \cdot \frac{s+5}{s^2+3s-4s}$
 $= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s+5}{s+3-4}$
 $= \frac{-5}{4}$

$-\frac{5}{4} \neq \infty$

From 1a)

$C(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{20}e^{-4t} + \frac{6}{5}e^t \right]$
 $= -\frac{5}{4} + \infty$
 $= \infty$

this result confirms that FVT cannot be applied and that inverse Laplace transform is required