

**6A 7.1** Using the definition of the Laplace transform, find the Laplace transform  $X$  of each of function  $x$  below.

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

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

(c)  $x(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t)u(t)$ . [Note:  $\int e^{ax} \cos(bx) dx = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} (e^{ax} [a \cos(bx) + b \sin(bx)]) + C$ .]

**6A Answer (c).**

Let  $s = \sigma + j\omega$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\cos \omega_0 t u(t)\}(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\cos \omega_0 t] u(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} [\cos \omega_0 t] e^{-st} dt.\end{aligned}$$

Since this integral does not converge if  $s = 0$ , we assume that  $s \neq 0$ . From this assumption, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\cos \omega_0 t u(t)\}(s) &= \left[ \frac{e^{-st} [-s \cos \omega_0 t + \omega_0 \sin \omega_0 t]}{(-s)^2 + \omega_0^2} \right] \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-st} [-s \cos \omega_0 t + \omega_0 \sin \omega_0 t]}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \right] \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-(\sigma + j\omega)t} [-(\sigma + j\omega) \cos \omega_0 t + \omega_0 \sin \omega_0 t]}{(\sigma + j\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2} \right] \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma t} e^{-j\omega t} [-(\sigma + j\omega) \cos \omega_0 t + \omega_0 \sin \omega_0 t]}{(\sigma + j\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2} \right] \Big|_0^{\infty}.\end{aligned}$$

The preceding expression only converges to a finite limit if  $\sigma > 0$  (i.e.,  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ ). We proceed to compute this limit as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\cos \omega_0 t u(t)\}(s) &= 0 - \left[ \frac{-(\sigma + j\omega)}{(\sigma + j\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{\sigma + j\omega}{(\sigma + j\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2} \\ &= \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \quad \text{for } \text{Re}(s) > 0.\end{aligned}$$

**6A 7.2** Using properties of the Laplace transform and a table of Laplace transform pairs, find the Laplace transform  $X$  of each function  $x$  below.

- (a)  $x(t) = e^{-2t}u(t)$ ;
- (b)  $x(t) = 3e^{-2t}u(t) + 2e^{5t}u(-t)$ ;
- (c)  $x(t) = e^{-2t}u(t+4)$ ;
- (d)  $x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-2\tau}u(\tau)d\tau$ ;
- (e)  $x(t) = -e^{at}u(-t+b)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real constants and  $a > 0$ ;
- (f)  $x(t) = te^{-3t}u(t+1)$ ; and
- (g)  $x(t) = tu(t+2)$ .

**6A Answer (b).**

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{3e^{-2t}u(t) + 2e^{5t}u(-t)\}(s) \\
 &= 3\mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}u(t)\}(s) + 2\mathcal{L}\{e^{5t}u(-t)\}(s) \\
 &= 3\left(\frac{1}{s+2}\right) - 2\left(\frac{1}{s-5}\right) \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > -2 \cap \operatorname{Re}(s) < 5 \\
 &= \frac{3(s-5) - 2(s+2)}{(s+2)(s-5)} \\
 &= \frac{3s-15-2s-4}{(s+2)(s-5)} \\
 &= \frac{s-19}{(s+2)(s-5)} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > -2 \cap \operatorname{Re}(s) < 5 \\
 &= \frac{s-19}{(s+2)(s-5)} \quad \text{for } -2 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 5.
 \end{aligned}$$

**6A Answer (c).**

To begin, let  $v_1(t) = x(t-4)$  so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= v_1(t+4) \quad \text{and} \\
 v_1(t) &= e^{-2(t-4)}u(t-4+4) \\
 &= e^8 e^{-2t}u(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking the Laplace transform of these equations yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(s) &= \mathcal{L}x(s) \\
 &= \mathcal{L}\{v_1(t+4)\}(s) \\
 &= e^{4s}V_1(s) \quad \text{for ROC of } V_1(s), \quad \text{and} \\
 V_1(s) &= \mathcal{L}v_1(s) \\
 &= \mathcal{L}\{e^8 e^{-2t}u(t)\}(s) \\
 &= e^8 \mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}u(t)\}(s) \\
 &= e^8 \frac{1}{s+2} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > -2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the above expression for  $V_1$  into the expression for  $X$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(s) &= e^{4s}V_1(s) \\
 &= e^{4s} \left[ e^8 \frac{1}{s+2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{e^{4s+8}}{s+2} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > -2.
 \end{aligned}$$

**6A Answer (d).**

We rewrite  $x(t)$  as

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t v_1(\tau) d\tau,$$

where

$$v_1(t) = e^{-2t} v_2(t) \quad \text{and} \\ v_2(t) = u(t).$$

Let  $R_X$ ,  $R_{V_1}$ , and  $R_{V_2}$  denote the ROCs of  $X$ ,  $V_1$ , and  $V_2$ , respectively. Taking the Laplace transform of both sides of each of the above equations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \frac{1}{s} V_1(s) \quad \text{for } R_X = R_{V_1} \cap (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0) \\ V_1(s) &= V_2(s+2) \quad \text{for } R_{V_1} = R_{V_2} - 2 \\ V_2(s) &= \frac{1}{s} \quad \text{for } R_{V_2} = (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0). \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above equations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \frac{1}{s} [V_2(s+2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \left( \frac{1}{s+2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s(s+2)} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the ROC of  $X$  given above was determined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R_X &= R_{V_1} \cap (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0) \\ &= (R_{V_2} - 2) \cap (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0) \\ &= (\operatorname{Re}(s) > -2) \cap (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0) \\ &= \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

**6A Answer (e).**

Let us rewrite  $x(t)$  as

$$x(t) = v_1(-t),$$

where

$$v_1(t) = v_2(t+b) \quad \text{and} \\ v_2(t) = -e^{ab} e^{-at} u(t).$$

Let  $R_X$ ,  $R_{V_1}$ , and  $R_{V_2}$  denote the ROCs of  $X$ ,  $V_1$ , and  $V_2$ , respectively. Taking the Laplace transform of both sides

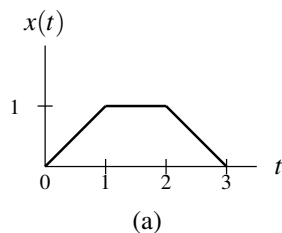
of each of the above equations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{v_1(-t)\}(s) \\
 &= V_1(-s) \quad \text{for } R_X = -R_{V_1} \\
 V_1(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{v_2(t+b)\}(s) \\
 &= e^{bs}V_2(s) \quad \text{for } R_{V_2} \\
 V_2(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{-e^{ab}e^{-at}u(t)\}(s) \\
 &= -e^{ab}\mathcal{L}\{e^{-at}u(t)\}(s) \\
 &= -e^{ab}\frac{1}{s+a} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > -a.
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above results, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(s) &= V_1(-s) \\
 &= e^{-bs}V_2(-s) \\
 &= e^{-bs}\left[-e^{ab}\frac{1}{-s+a}\right] \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) < a \\
 &= e^{-b(s-a)}\frac{1}{s-a} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) < a \\
 &= e^{b(a-s)}\frac{1}{s-a} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) < a.
 \end{aligned}$$

**6A 7.4** Using properties of the Laplace transform and a Laplace transform table, find the Laplace transform  $X$  of each function  $x$  shown in the figure below.



**6A Answer (a).**

We have

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 1 & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ -t + 3 & 2 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We rewrite  $x(t)$  using unit-step functions to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= t[u(t) - u(t-1)] + [u(t-1) - u(t-2)] + [-t+3][u(t-2) - u(t-3)] \\ &= tu(t) + (-t+1)u(t-1) + (-t+2)u(t-2) + (t-3)u(t-3) \\ &= tu(t) - (t-1)u(t-1) - (t-2)u(t-2) + (t-3)u(t-3). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the Laplace transform of both sides of this equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2} + \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-s} - e^{-2s} + e^{-3s}}{s^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  is of finite duration, the ROC of  $X$  is the entire complex plane.

**6A 7.5** For each case below, using properties of the Laplace transform and a table of Laplace transform pairs, find the Laplace transform  $Y$  of the function  $y$  in terms of the Laplace transform  $X$  of the function  $x$ , where the ROCs of  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $R_X$  and  $R_Y$ , respectively.

- (a)  $y(t) = x(at - b)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real constants and  $a \neq 0$ ;
- (b)  $y(t) = e^{-3t} [x * x(t - 1)]$ ;
- (c)  $y(t) = tx(3t - 2)$ ;
- (d)  $y(t) = \mathcal{D}x_1(t)$ , where  $x_1(t) = x^*(t - 3)$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  denotes the derivative operator;
- (e)  $y(t) = e^{-5t}x(3t + 7)$ ; and
- (f)  $y(t) = e^{-j5t}x(t + 3)$ .

**6A Answer (e).**

Define

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(t) &= x(t + 7) \quad \text{and} \\ v_2(t) &= v_1(3t), \end{aligned}$$

so that we can express  $y(t)$  as

$$y(t) = e^{-5t}v_2(t).$$

Taking the Laplace transforms of both sides of the above equations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(s) &= e^{7s}X(s), \quad R_{V_1} = R_X, \\ V_2(s) &= \frac{1}{3}V_1\left(\frac{s}{3}\right), \quad R_{V_2} = 3R_{V_1}, \\ Y(s) &= V_2(s + 5), \quad R_Y = R_{V_2} - 5, \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_{V_1}$  and  $R_{V_2}$  denote the ROCs of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , respectively. Combining the above equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= V_2(s + 5) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}V_1\left(\frac{s + 5}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}e^{7(s+5)/3}X\left(\frac{s + 5}{3}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Also, we have a ROC of

$$\begin{aligned} R_Y &= R_{V_2} - 5 \\ &= 3R_{V_1} - 5 \\ &= 3R_X - 5. \end{aligned}$$

**6A 7.6** A causal function  $x$  has the Laplace transform

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

- (a) Assuming that  $x$  has no singularities at 0, find  $x(0^+)$ .  
 (b) Assuming that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$  exists, find this limit.

**6A Answer (a).**

Since  $x$  is causal and has no singularities at the origin, we can compute  $x(0^+)$  using the initial value theorem as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x(0^+) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sX(s) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s(-2s)}{s^2 + 3s + 2} \\ &= -2. \end{aligned}$$

**6A Answer (b).**

Since  $x$  is causal and we are told that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$  exists, we can compute this limit using the final value theorem as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s) \\ &= \frac{s(-2s)}{s^2 + 3s + 2} \Big|_{s=0} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

**6A 7.10** Find the inverse Laplace transform  $x$  of each function  $X$  below.

- (a)  $X(s) = \frac{s-5}{s^2-1}$  for  $-1 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 1$ ;  
 (b)  $X(s) = \frac{2s^2+4s+5}{(s+1)(s+2)}$  for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > -1$ ;  
 (c)  $X(s) = \frac{3s+1}{s^2+3s+2}$  for  $-2 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < -1$ ;  
 (d)  $X(s) = \frac{s^2-s+1}{(s+3)^2(s+2)}$  for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > -2$ ; and  
 (e)  $X(s) = \frac{s+2}{(s+1)^2}$  for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) < -1$ .

**6A Answer (d).**

We are given the function  $X(s) = \frac{s^2-s+1}{(s+3)^2(s+2)}$  for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > -2$ . The function  $X$  has a partial fraction expansion of the form

$$X(s) = \frac{A_{1,1}}{s+3} + \frac{A_{1,2}}{(s+3)^2} + \frac{A_2}{s+2}.$$

Computing the expansion coefficients, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{1,1} &= \frac{1}{(2-1)!} \left[ \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \right]^{2-1} [(s+3)^2 X(s)] \right] \Big|_{s=-3} = \left[ \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \right] \left[ \frac{s^2-s+1}{s+2} \right] \right] \Big|_{s=-3} \\ &= \frac{(s+2)(2s-1) - (s^2-s+1)(1)}{(s+2)^2} \Big|_{s=-3} = \frac{(-1)(-7) - (9+3+1)}{1} = 7 - 13 = -6, \\ A_{1,2} &= \frac{1}{(2-2)!} \left[ \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \right]^{2-2} [(s+3)^2 X(s)] \right] \Big|_{s=-3} = \frac{s^2-s+1}{s+2} \Big|_{s=-3} = \frac{9+3+1}{-1} = -13, \quad \text{and} \\ A_2 &= [(s+2)X(s)] \Big|_{s=-2} = \frac{s^2-s+1}{(s+3)^2} \Big|_{s=-2} = \frac{4+2+1}{1} = 7. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $X$  has the partial fraction expansion

$$X(s) = -\frac{6}{s+3} - \frac{13}{(s+3)^2} + \frac{7}{s+2}.$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform of  $X$ , we have

$$X(s) = -6e^{-3t}u(t) - 13te^{-3t}u(t) + 7e^{-2t}u(t).$$



**6A 7.12** Find all possible inverse Laplace transforms of

$$H(s) = \frac{7s-1}{s^2-1} = \frac{4}{s+1} + \frac{3}{s-1}.$$

**6A Answer.**

Each distinct ROC for  $H$  will yield a distinct inverse Laplace transform. Since  $H$  is a rational function with poles at  $-1$  and  $1$ , three distinct ROCs are possible: i)  $\text{Re}(s) < -1$ ; ii)  $-1 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ ; and iii)  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ . From the expression for  $H(s)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}H(s) \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{4}{s+1} + \frac{3}{s-1}\right\}(t) \\ &= 4\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+1}\right\}(t) + 3\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-1}\right\}(t). \end{aligned}$$

For  $\text{Re}(s) < -1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= 4[-e^{-t}u(-t)] + 3[-e^t u(-t)] \\ &= [-4e^{-t} - 3e^t]u(-t). \end{aligned}$$

For  $-1 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= 4[e^{-t}u(t)] + 3[-e^t u(-t)] \\ &= 4e^{-t}u(t) - 3e^t u(-t). \end{aligned}$$

For  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= 4[e^{-t}u(t)] + 3[e^t u(t)] \\ &= [4e^{-t} + 3e^t]u(t). \end{aligned}$$