

# **The Laplace Transform**

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# Laplace Transform

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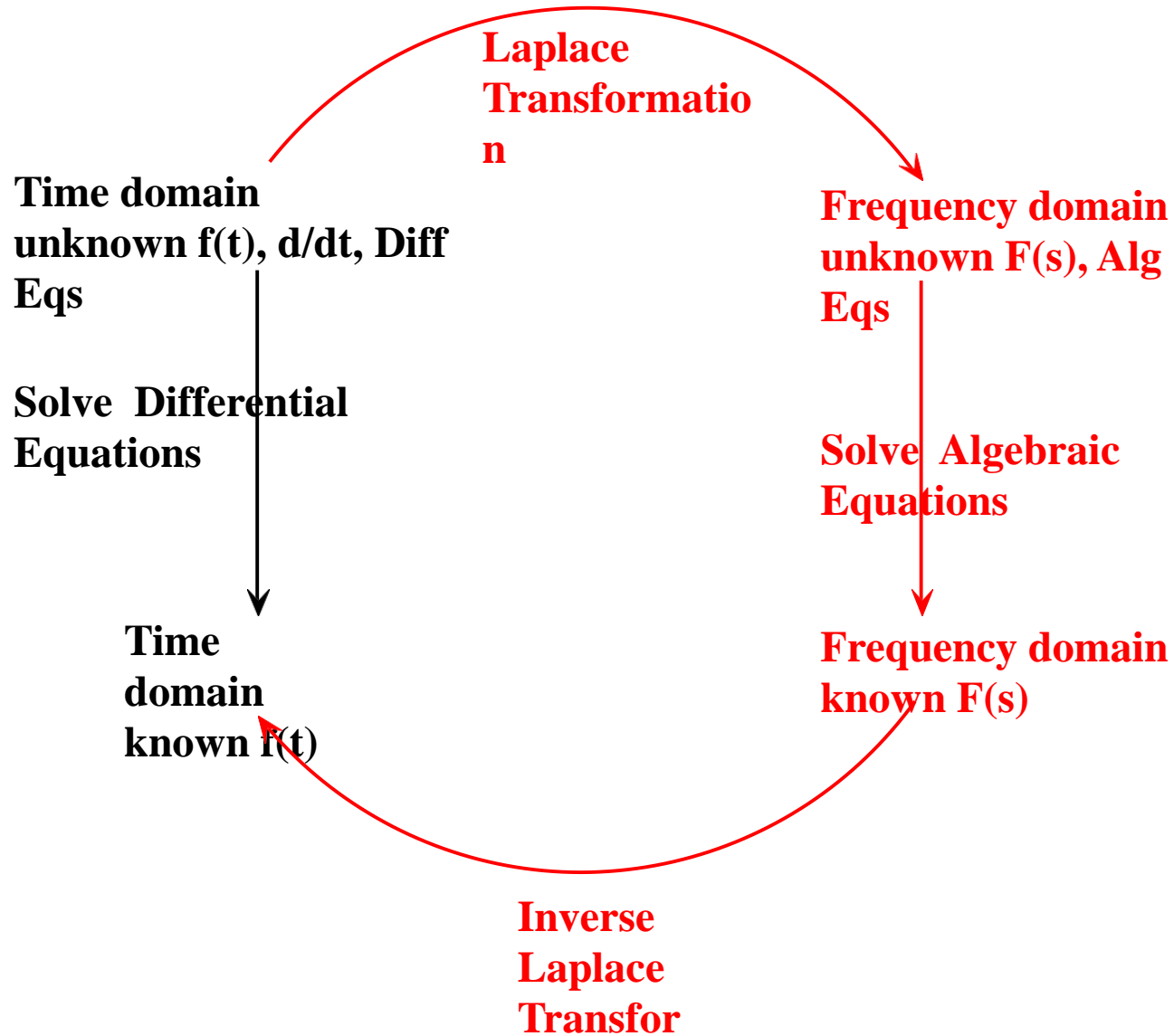
➤ To evaluate the performance of an automatic control

system commonly used mathematical tool is “Laplace Transform”

➤ Laplace transform converts the differential equation into an algebraic equation in ‘s’.

➤ Laplace transform exist for almost all signals of practical interest.

# Why Laplace Transform?



# Laplace Transform- Definition

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The Laplace transform of a function,  $f(t)$ , is defined as

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \quad (1-1)$$

where  $F(s)$  is the symbol for the Laplace transform,  $\mathcal{L}$  is the Laplace transform operator, and  $f(t)$  is some function of time,  $t$ .

**Note:** The  $\mathcal{L}$  operator transforms a time domain function  $f(t)$  into an  $s$  domain function,  $F(s)$ .  $s$  is a *complex variable*:

$$s = a + bj, \quad j \equiv \sqrt{-1}$$

# Inverse Laplace Transform

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**By definition, the inverse Laplace transform operator,  $L^{-1}$ , converts an  $s$ -domain function back to the corresponding time domain function:**

$$f(t) = L^{-1} [F(s)]$$

# Transfer Function

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➤ The relationship between input & output of a system is

given by the transfer function.

➤ Definition: The ratio of Laplace transform of the output to the Laplace transform of the input under the assumption of zero initial conditions is defined as

“Transfer Function”.

# The Laplace Transform

The Laplace Transform of a function,  $f(t)$ , is defined as;

$$L[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

**Eq A**

The Inverse Laplace Transform is defined by

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma - j\infty}^{\sigma + j\infty} F(s) e^{ts} ds$$

**Eq B**

# The Laplace Transform

**Laplace Transform of the unit step.**

$$L[u(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} 1e^{-st} dt = \left. \frac{-1}{s} e^{-st} \right|_0^{\infty}$$

$$L[u(t)] = \frac{1}{s}$$

**The Laplace Transform of a unit step is:**

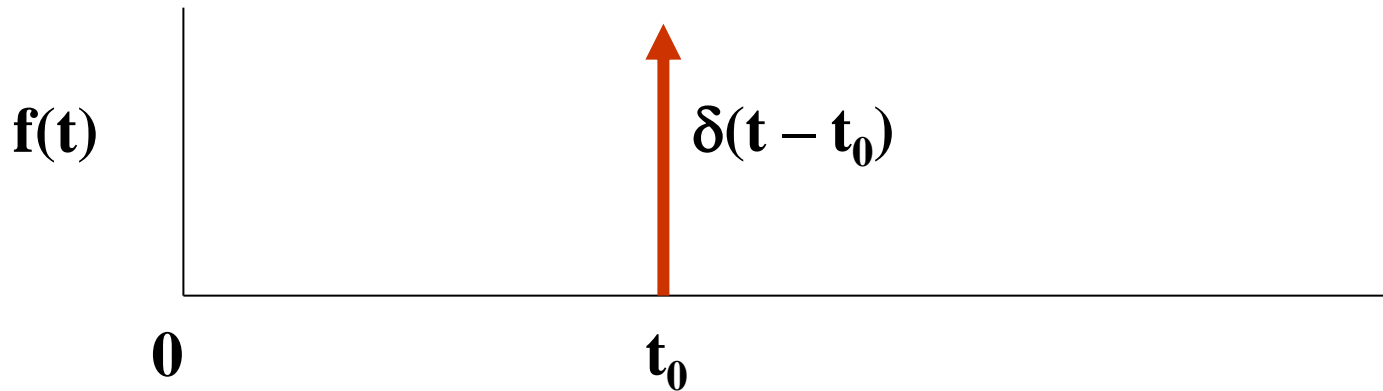
$$\frac{1}{s}$$



# The Laplace Transform

The Laplace transform of a unit impulse:

Pictorially, the unit impulse appears as follows:



Mathematically:

$$\delta(t - t_0) = 0 \quad t \neq t_0$$

$$\int_{t_0 - \varepsilon}^{t_0 + \varepsilon} \delta(t - t_0) dt = 1 \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

# The Laplace Transform

The Laplace transform of a unit impulse:

In particular, if we let  $f(t) = \delta(t)$  and take the Laplace

$$L[\delta(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-st} dt = e^{-0s} = 1$$

# The Laplace Transform

Building transform pairs:

$$L[e^{-at}u(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s+a)t} dt$$

$$L[e^{-at}u(t)] = \frac{-e^{-st}}{(s+a)} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s+a}$$

A transform

pair

$$e^{-at}u(t) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{s+a}$$

# The Laplace Transform

Building transform pairs:

$$\begin{aligned} L[\cos(\omega t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t})}{2} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{s - j\omega} - \frac{1}{s + j\omega} \right] \\ &= \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos(\omega t)u(t) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

A transform pair

# The Laplace Transform

## Time Shift

$$L[f(t-a)u(t-a)] = \int_a^{\infty} f(t-a)e^{-st} dt$$

*Let  $x = t - a$ , then  $dx = dt$  and  $t = x + a$*

*As  $t \rightarrow a$ ,  $x \rightarrow 0$  and as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . So,*

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x)e^{-s(x+a)} dx = e^{-as} \int_0^{\infty} f(x)e^{-sx} dx$$

$$L[f(t-a)u(t-a)] = e^{-as} F(s)$$

# The Laplace Transform

## Frequency Shift

$$\begin{aligned} L[e^{-at} f(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} [e^{-at} f(t)] e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-(s+a)t} dt = F(s+a) \end{aligned}$$

$$L[e^{-at} f(t)] = F(s+a)$$

# The Laplace Transform

## Example: Using Frequency Shift

Find the  $L[e^{-at}\cos(\omega t)]$

In this case,  $f(t) = \cos(\omega t)$  so,

$$F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$\text{and } F(s + a) = \frac{(s + a)}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$L[e^{-at}\cos(\omega t)] = \frac{(s + a)}{(s + a)^2 + (\omega)^2}$$

# The Laplace Transform

## Time Integration:

Making these substitutions and carrying out  
The integration shows that

$$\begin{aligned} L\left[\int_0^{\infty} f(t)dt\right] &= \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s} F(s) \end{aligned}$$



# The Laplace Transform

## Time Differentiation:

If the  $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ , we want to show:

$$L\left[\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right] = sF(s) - f(0)$$

Integrate by parts:

$$u = e^{-st}, \quad du = -se^{-st}dt \quad \text{and}$$

$$dv = \frac{df(t)}{dt}dt = df(t), \quad \text{so } v = f(t)$$

# The Laplace Transform

## Time Differentiation:

Making the previous substitutions gives,

$$\begin{aligned} L\left[\frac{df}{dt}\right] &= f(t)e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f(t)[-se^{-st}]dt \\ &= 0 - f(0) + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt \end{aligned}$$

So we have shown:

$$L\left[\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right] = sF(s) - f(0)$$

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## Time Differentiation:

We can extend the previous to show;

$$L\left[\frac{df(t)^2}{dt^2}\right] = s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$L\left[\frac{df(t)^3}{dt^3}\right] = s^3 F(s) - s^2 f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$$

*general case*

$$L\left[\frac{df(t)^n}{dt^n}\right] = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) \\ - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

# The Laplace Transform

## Transform Pairs:

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$\delta(t)$	$1$
$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
$e^{-st}$	$\frac{1}{s + a}$
$t$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$

# The Laplace Transform

## Transform Pairs:

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$te^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{(s+a)^2}$
$t^n e^{-at}$	$\frac{n!}{(s+a)^{n+1}}$
$\sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
$\cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$

# The Laplace Transform

## Transform Pairs:

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$e^{-at} \sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$
$e^{-at} \cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s + a}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$
$\sin(\omega t + \theta)$	$\frac{s \sin \theta + \omega \cos \theta}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
$\cos(\omega t + \theta)$	$\frac{s \cos \theta - \omega \sin \theta}{s^2 + \omega^2}$

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## Common Transform Properties:

**f(t)**

**F(s)**

$$f(t-t_0)u(t-t_0), t_0 \geq 0$$

$$e^{-t_0 s} F(s)$$

$$f(t)u(t-t_0), t \geq 0$$

$$e^{-t_0 s} L[f(t+t_0)]$$

$$e^{-at} f(t)$$

$$F(s+a)$$

$$\frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n}$$

$$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - \dots - s^0 f^{n-1} f(0)$$

$$tf(t)$$

$$-\frac{dF(s)}{ds}$$

$$\int_0^t f(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$\frac{1}{s} F(s)$$

# The Laplace Transform

## Using Matlab with Laplace transform:

**Example**

Use Matlab to find the transform of

$$te^{-4t}$$

The following is written in *italic* to indicate Matlab code

```
syms t,s  
laplace(t*exp(-4*t),t,s)  
ans =  
1/(s+4)^2
```



# The Laplace Transform

## Using Matlab with Laplace transform:

### Example

Use Matlab to find the inverse transform of

$$F(s) = \frac{s(s+6)}{(s+3)(s^2+6s+18)} \quad \text{prob.12.19}$$

```
syms s t
```

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ilaplace(s*(s+6)/((s+3)*(s^2+6*s+18)))
```

```
ans =
```

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-exp(-3*t)+2*exp(-3*t)*cos(3*t)
```

# The Laplace Transform

**Theorem:** Initial Value Theorem:

If the function  $f(t)$  and its first derivative are Laplace transformable and  $f(t)$  has the Laplace transform  $F(s)$ , and the  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$  exists, then

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = f(0)$$

*Initial Value  
Theorem*

The utility of this theorem lies in not having to take the inverse of  $F(s)$  in order to find out the initial condition in the time domain. This is particularly useful in circuits and systems.

# The Laplace Transform

**Example: Initial Value Theorem:**

**Given;**

$$F(s) = \frac{(s+2)}{(s+1)^2 + 5^2}$$

**Find  $f(0)$**

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \frac{(s+2)}{(s+1)^2 + 5^2} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{s^2 + 2s}{s^2 + 2s + 1 + 25} \right] \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s^2/s^2 + 2s/s^2}{s^2/s^2 + 2s/s^2 + (26/s^2)} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

# The Laplace Transform

## Theorem: Final Value Theorem:

If the function  $f(t)$  and its first derivative are Laplace transformable and  $f(t)$  has the Laplace transform  $F(s)$ , and the  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$  exists, then

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = f(\infty)$$

*Final Value  
Theorem*

Again, the utility of this theorem lies in not having to take the inverse of  $F(s)$  in order to find out the final value of  $f(t)$  in the time domain. This is particularly useful in circuits and systems.

# The Laplace Transform

**Example: Final Value Theorem:**

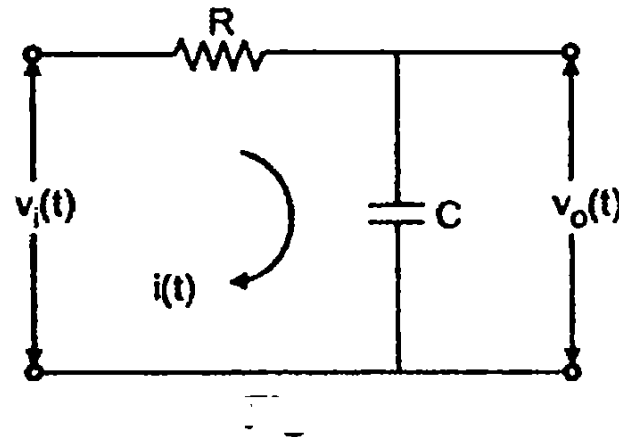
**Given:**

$$F(s) = \frac{(s+2)^2 - 3^2}{(s+2)^2 + 3^2} \quad \text{note } F^{-1}(s) = te^{-2t} \cos 3t$$

**Find  $f(\infty)$ .**

$$f(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \frac{(s+2)^2 - 3^2}{(s+2)^2 + 3^2} = 0$$

➡ **Example** For a system shown in the Fig. calculate its transfer function where  $v_o(t)$  is output and  $v_i(t)$  is input to the system.



**Solution :** We can write for this system, equations by applying KVL as,

$$v_i(t) = R \cdot i(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int i(t) dt \quad \dots (1)$$

and

$$v_o(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int i(t) dt \quad \dots (2)$$

We are interested in  $\frac{V_o(s)}{V_i(s)}$  where  $V_o(s)$  is Laplace of  $v_o(t)$  and  $V_i(s)$  is Laplace of  $v_i(t)$  and initial conditions are to be neglected.

So taking Laplace of above two equations and assuming initial conditions zero we can write,

$$V_i(s) = RI(s) + \frac{1}{sC} I(s) \quad \dots (3)$$

$$V_o(s) = \frac{1}{sC} I(s) \quad \dots (4)$$

$$\therefore I(s) = sCV_o(s)$$

Substituting in equation (3),

$$V_i(s) = sCV_o(s) \left[ R + \frac{1}{sC} \right]$$

$$\therefore V_i(s) = sCR V_o(s) + V_o(s) = V_o(s) [1 + sCR]$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{V_o(s)}{V_i(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + sCR}}$$

We can represent above system as in the Fig. : which is called transfer function model of the system.

