



CHAPTER 6

THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

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6.0 Introduction

- The Laplace transform is a generalization of the continuous-time Fourier transform. It provides us with a representation for signals as linear combinations of complex exponentials of the form e^{st} with $s = \sigma + j\omega$.
- The system function $H(s)$ characterizes LTI systems in a different way.
- With Laplace transform, we expand the applications in which Fourier transform can or can not be used.
- Relationships between the Laplace transform and the continuous-time Fourier transform.

6.1 The Laplace Transform

6.1.1 Introduction of The Laplace Transform

For some signals which is not absolutely integrable, we can *preprocess* them by multiplying with a real exponential $e^{-\sigma t}$ and then calculate the Fourier transform of the product as:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[x(t) e^{-\sigma t} \right] e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

Let $s = \sigma + j\omega$, and using $X(s)$ to denote this integral, we obtain

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

The *Laplace transform* of $x(t)$

The Laplace transform is a *generalization* of the Fourier transform with the exponential function taking the form e^{st} ; the Fourier transform is a *special case* of the Laplace transform when $\sigma = 0$.

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6.1.2 Examples

Example 6.1

Consider the signal $x(t) = e^{-\alpha t} u(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol: } X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} u(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-(s+\alpha)t} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{s+\alpha} e^{-(s+\alpha)t} \bigg|_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{s+\alpha} e^{-(s+\alpha) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t} + \frac{1}{s+\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

For convergence, we require that $\text{Re}\{s + \alpha\} > 0$, or $\text{Re}\{s\} > -\alpha$

Thus,

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s + \alpha}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > -\alpha$$

region of convergence (ROC)
(收斂域)

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Example 6.2

Consider the signal $x(t) = -e^{-\alpha t} u(-t)$.

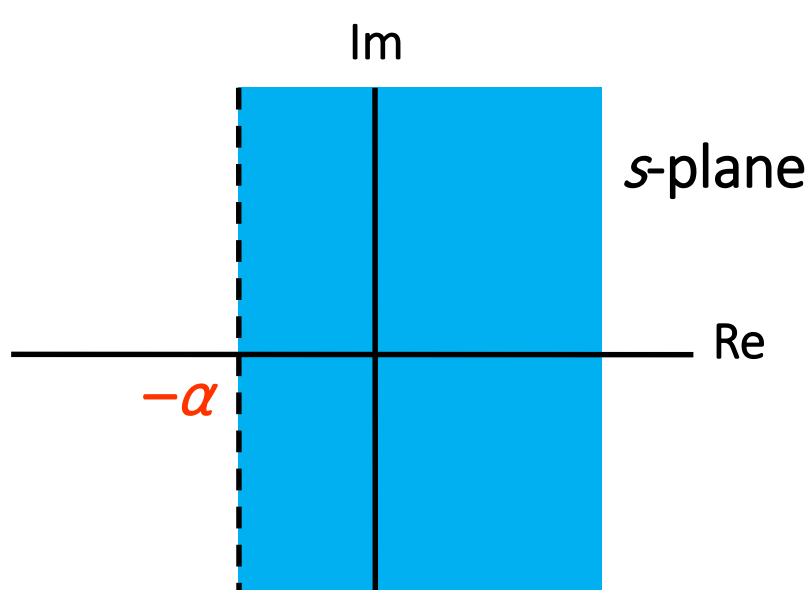
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol: } X(s) &= -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} e^{-st} u(-t) dt = -\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-(s+\alpha)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s+\alpha} e^{-(s+\alpha)t} \bigg|_{-\infty}^0 = \frac{1}{s+\alpha} - \frac{1}{s+\alpha} e^{-(s+\alpha) \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} t}\end{aligned}$$

For convergence, we require that $\text{Re}\{s + \alpha\} < 0$, or $\text{Re}\{s\} < -\alpha$

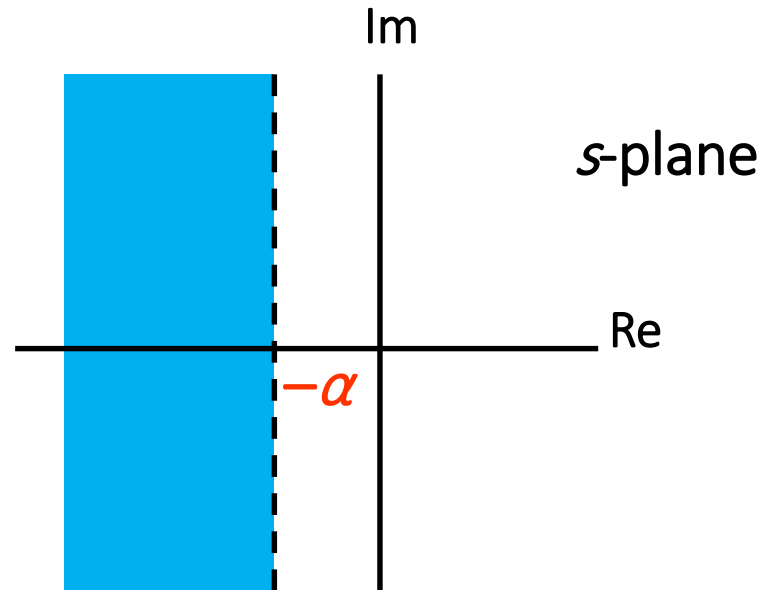
Thus,

$$-e^{-\alpha t} u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s+\alpha}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} < -\alpha$$

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ROC for Example 6.1



ROC for Example 6.2

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Example 6.3

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

Sol: From Euler's relation, we can write

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

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(1-3j)t} u(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s+1-3j)t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s+1-3j} e^{-(s+1-3j)t} \Big|_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{s+1-3j} e^{-(s+1-3j)\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t} + \frac{1}{s+1-3j}$$

Thus, $e^{-(1-3j)t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s+(1-3j)}, \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -1,$

$$e^{-(1+3j)t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s+(1+3j)}, \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -1, \quad e^{-2t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s+2}, \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -2.$$

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Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-2t}u(t) + e^{-t}(\cos 3t)u(t) &\xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s+(1-3j)} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{s+(1+3j)} \right) \\ &= \frac{2s^2 + 5s + 12}{(s^2 + 2s + 10)(s+2)}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -1 \end{aligned}$$

Other useful LT pairs:

$$\cos(\omega t)u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0$$

$$\sin(\omega t)u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0$$

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- Generally, the Laplace transform is *rational*, i.e., it is a ratio of polynomials in the complex variable s :

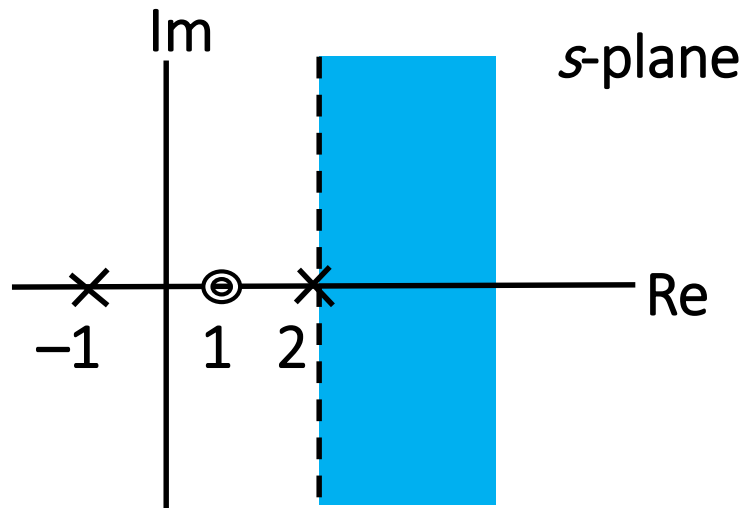
$$X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$
- The roots of $N(s)$ are referred to as the *zeros* (零点) of $X(s)$; and the roots of $D(s)$ are referred to as the *poles* (极点) of $X(s)$.
- The representation of $X(s)$ through its poles and zeros in the s -plane is referred to as the *pole-zero plot* (极零图) of $X(s)$.
- Marking the locations of the roots of $N(s)$ and $D(s)$ in the s -plane and indicating the *ROC* provides a convenient *pictorial way of describing the Laplace transform*.
- Except for a scale factor, a complete specification of a rational Laplace transform consists of the pole-zero plot of the transform, together with its *ROC*.

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➤ About the *infinity* (无穷远点): In general, if the order of $D(s)$ exceeds the order of $M(s)$ by k , $X(s)$ will have *k zeros* at infinity. Similarly, if the order of $M(s)$ exceeds the order of $D(s)$ by k , $X(s)$ will have *k poles* at infinity.

Example 6.4

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



Pole-zero plot and ROC

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{s-2}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > 2 \\ &= \frac{(s-1)^2}{(s+1)(s-2)}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > 2 \end{aligned}$$

6.2 The Region of Convergence For Laplace Transforms

- Property 1: The *ROC* of $X(s)$ consists of strips parallel to the $j\omega$ -axis in the s -plane.
- Property 2: For rational Laplace transforms, the *ROC does not* contain any poles.
- Property 3: If $x(t)$ is of *finite duration* and is absolutely integrable, then the *ROC is the entire s -plane*.

Example 6.5

Let
$$x(t) = e^{-\alpha t} [u(t) - u(t - T)]$$

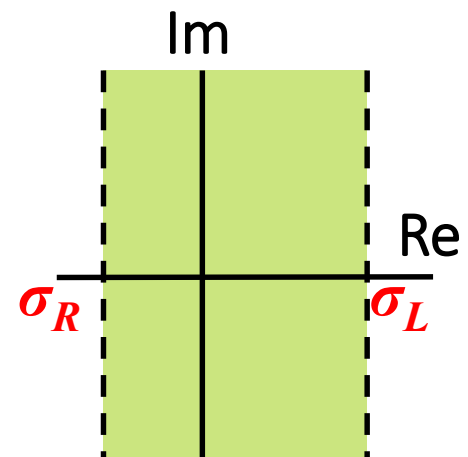
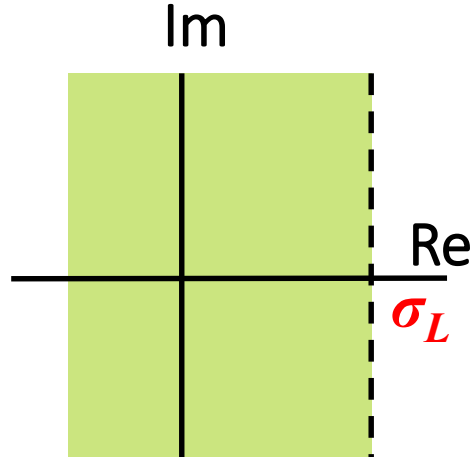
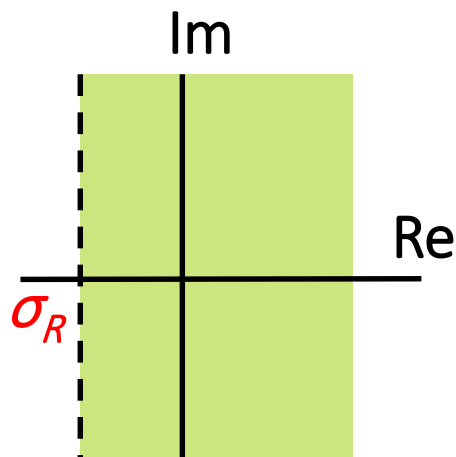
Sol:
$$X(s) = \int_0^T e^{-\alpha t} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s + \alpha} [1 - e^{-(s+\alpha)T}]$$

$$e^{-(s+\alpha)T} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n [(s + \alpha)T]^n}{n!}$$

The pole at $s = -\alpha$ is removable!

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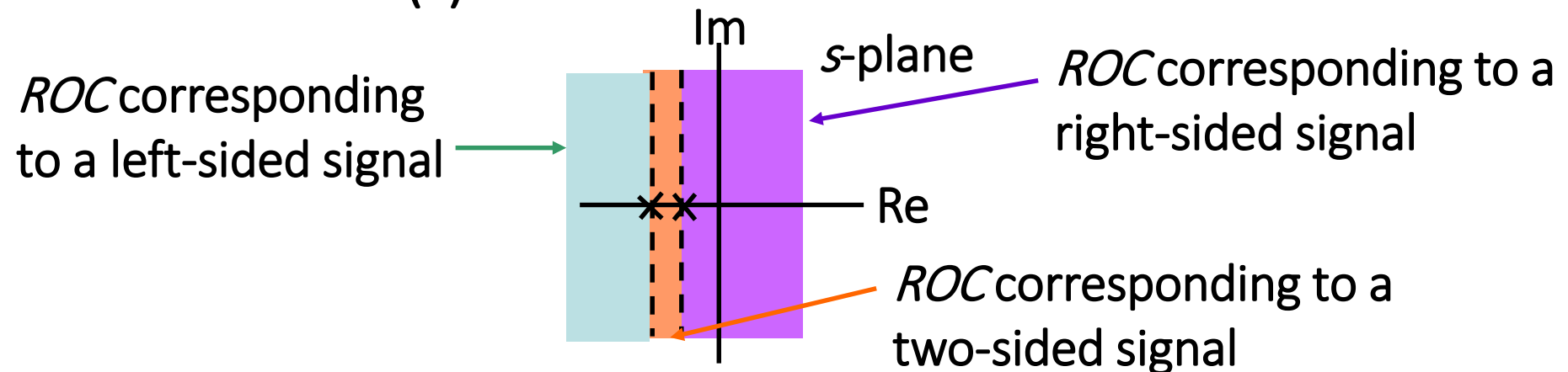
- Property 4: If $x(t)$ is *right sided*, and if the line $\text{Re}\{s\} = \sigma_0$ is in the ROC, then all values of s for which $\text{Re}\{s\} > \sigma_0$ will also be in the ROC; and the ROC of a right-sided signal is a *right-half plane*.
- Property 5: If $x(t)$ is *left sided*, and if the line $\text{Re}\{s\} = \sigma_0$ is in the ROC, then all values of s for which $\text{Re}\{s\} < \sigma_0$ will also be in the ROC; and the ROC of a left-sided signal is a *left-half plane*.
- 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 includes the line $\text{Re}\{s\} = \sigma_0$.



6.2 The Region of Convergence For Laplace Transforms

- 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, then 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 6.6 Let $X(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}$, how many possible *ROCs* relates to this $X(s)$?



6.3 The Inverse Laplace Transform

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

Multiplying both sides by $e^{\sigma t}$ leading to $x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(s) e^{st} d\omega$

Changing the variable of this integration from ω to s and using the fact that σ is constant, so that $ds = j d\omega$.

Thus, the basic *inverse Laplace transform* equation is:

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma - j\infty}^{\sigma + j\infty} X(s) e^{st} ds$$

- The inverse Laplace transform equation states that *$x(t)$ can be represented as a weighted integral of complex exponentials.*
- The formal evaluation of the integral for a general $X(s)$ requires the use of **contour integration**(围线积分) in the complex plane.
- For the class of *rational* transforms, the inverse Laplace transform can be determined by using the technique of **partial-fraction expansion**.

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Example 6.7 Let $X(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}$, $-2 < \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < -1$.

Sol: Performing the **partial-fraction expansion**, we obtain

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

$$-e^{-t}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s+1}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < -1$$

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

$$x(t) = -e^{-t}u(-t) - e^{-2t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}, \quad -2 < \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < -1$$

What if $X(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)(s+2)(s+4)}$, $-2 < \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < -1$. **?**

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Example 6.8 Let $X(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+2}$, $\operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0$.

Sol: From $\cos(\omega t)u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0$

$$\sin(\omega t)u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0$$

By express $X(s)$ as $X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{s^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

We can easily get

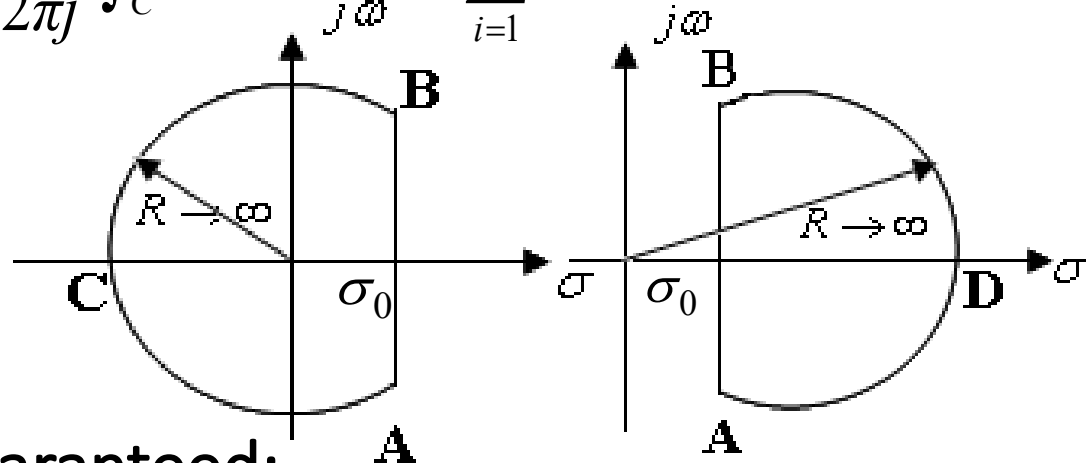
$$x(t) = \left(\cos \sqrt{2}t + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \sqrt{2}t \right) u(t)$$

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➤ Use *Residue Theorem* to calculate contour integration:

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma-j\infty}^{\sigma+j\infty} X(s) e^{st} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(s) e^{st} ds = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Re } s_i$$

To make $\int_{BCA} X(s) e^{st} ds = 0$
 or $\int_{BDA} X(s) e^{st} ds = 0$



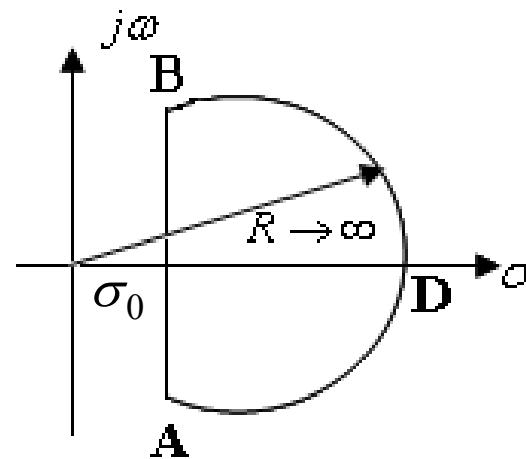
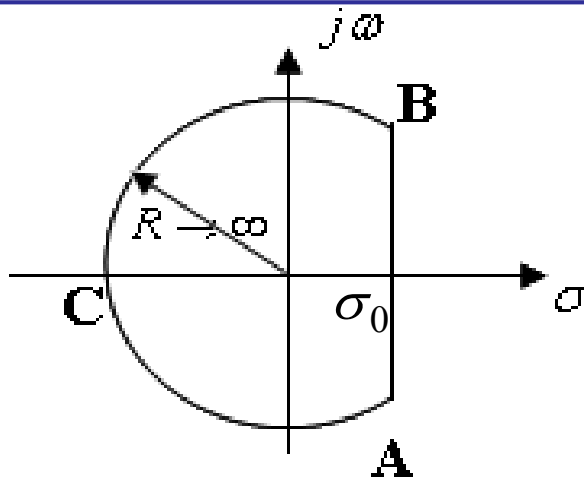
Two conditions must be guaranteed:

- (1) As $|s| = R \rightarrow \infty$, $|X(s)| \rightarrow 0$ for all s ;
- (2) The exponent of e^{st} has a real part less than $\sigma_0 t$, $\text{Re}(st) = \sigma t < \sigma_0 t$

Condition (1) can be satisfied so long as the order of the denominator exceeds the order of the numerator;

Condition (2) requires that as $t > 0$, $\sigma < \sigma_0$; as $t < 0$, $\sigma > \sigma_0$.

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For $t > 0$, the contour is composed by the straight line AB and its left-side arc BCA ; for $t < 0$, the contour is composed by the straight line AB and its right-side arc BDA .

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(s) e^{st} ds = \begin{cases} \sum_{\text{left-side poles}} \text{Re } s_l, & t > 0 \\ - \sum_{\text{right-side poles}} \text{Re } s_r, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

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Example 6.9 Let $X(s) = \frac{s+2}{s(s+3)(s+1)^2}$, $\operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0$.

Compute the $x(t)$ with **contour integration** method.

Sol: $X(s)$ has two first-order poles: $s_1 = 0$, $s_2 = -3$.
and a second-order pole: $s_{3,4} = -1$.

From the **Residue Theorem**,

$$x(t) = \operatorname{Res}\left[X(s)e^{st}, 0\right] + \operatorname{Res}\left[X(s)e^{st}, -3\right] + \operatorname{Res}\left[X(s)e^{st}, -1\right]$$

$$\operatorname{Res}\left[X(s)e^{st}, 0\right] = \left[sX(s)e^{st}\right]_{s=0} = \frac{s+2}{(s+3)(s+1)^2} e^{st} \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\operatorname{Res}\left[X(s)e^{st}, -3\right] = \left[(s+3)X(s)e^{st}\right]_{s=-3} = \frac{s+2}{s(s+1)^2} e^{st} \Big|_{s=-3} = \frac{1}{12} e^{-3t}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Res} \left[X(s)e^{st}, -1 \right] &= \frac{1}{1!} \frac{d}{ds} \left\{ (s+1)^2 X(s)e^{st} \right\}_{s=-1} = \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{s+2}{s(s+3)} e^{st} \right]_{s=-1} \\ &= \left[-\frac{s^2 + 4s + 6}{s^2 (s+3)^2} e^{st} + t \frac{s+2}{s(s+3)} e^{st} \right]_{s=-1} = -\frac{1}{2} t e^{-t} - \frac{3}{4} e^{-t}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } x(t) = \left[\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{12} e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{2} \left(t + \frac{3}{2} \right) e^{-t} \right] u(t)$$

What if $X(s) = \frac{s+2}{s(s+3)(s+1)^2}, \quad -1 < \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < 0$?

Or $X(s) = \frac{s+2}{s(s+3)(s+1)^2}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < -3$?

then $x(t) = -\frac{2}{3} u(-t) + \left[\frac{1}{12} e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{2} \left(t + \frac{3}{2} \right) e^{-t} \right] u(t)$

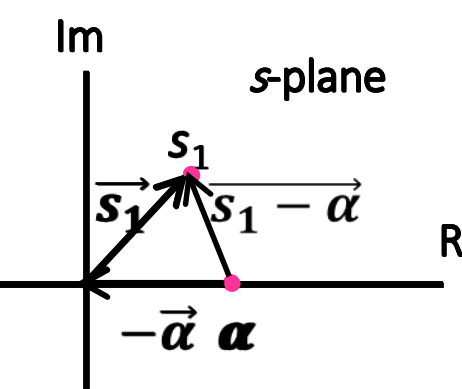
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6.4 Geometric Evaluation of The Fourier Transform From The Pole-Zero Plot

A general rational Laplace transform has the form: $X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$

and it can be factored into the form: $X(s) = M \frac{\prod_{i=1}^R (s - \beta_i)}{\prod_{k=1}^P (s - \alpha_k)}$

where β_i, α_k are zeros and poles of $X(s)$, respectively.



Im

s-plane

Re

\vec{s}_1

$\vec{s}_1 - \vec{\alpha}$

$-\vec{\alpha}$

α

pole vectors (极点向量)

zero vectors (零点向量)

$$X(j\omega) = M \frac{\prod_{i=1}^R (j\omega - \beta_i)}{\prod_{k=1}^P (j\omega - \alpha_k)}$$

$$X(j\omega_1) = M \frac{\prod_{i=1}^R A_i \cdot e^{j \sum_{i=1}^R \theta_i}}{\prod_{k=1}^P B_k \cdot e^{j \sum_{k=1}^P \varphi_k}}$$

Complex plane representation of the vectors \vec{s}_1 , $\vec{\alpha}$, and $\vec{s}_1 - \vec{\alpha}$ representing the complex numbers s_1 , α and $s_1 - \alpha$ respectively.

$$|X(j\omega_1)| = M \frac{\prod_{i=1}^R A_i}{\prod_{k=1}^P B_k}$$

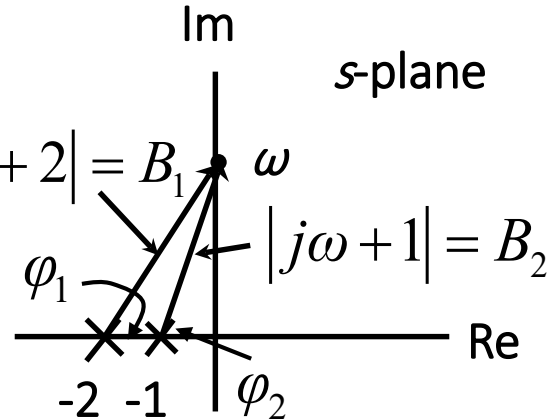
$$\angle X(j\omega_1) = \sum_{i=1}^R \theta_i - \sum_{k=1}^P \varphi_k$$

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Given $X(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}$, $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$

Geometrically, we can write

$$|X(j\omega)| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\omega^2 + 2^2)(\omega^2 + 1^2)}} = \frac{1}{B_1 \cdot B_2}$$

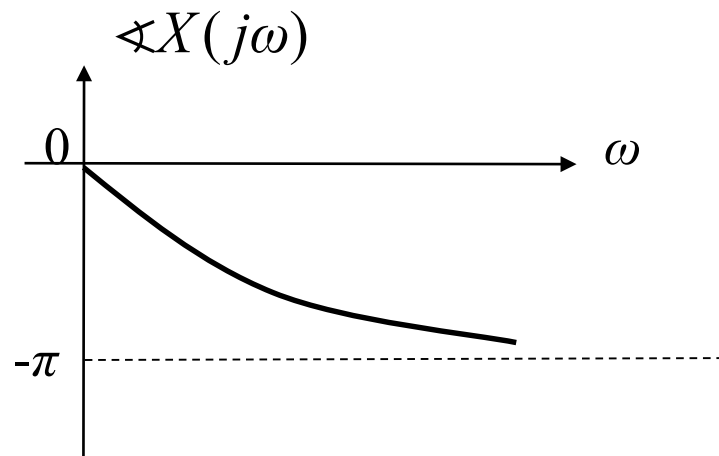
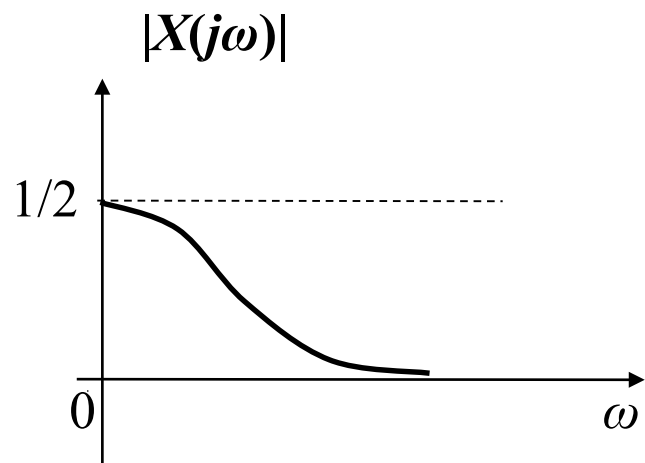
$$\angle X(j\omega) = -\left(\tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{2} + \tan^{-1} \omega\right) = -(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)$$


$$\omega = 0: \quad B_1 = 2, \quad B_2 = 1, \quad |X(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \varphi_1 = 0, \varphi_2 = 0, \quad \angle X(j\omega) = 0$$

$$\omega \uparrow: \quad \begin{cases} B_1 \uparrow, B_2 \uparrow \Rightarrow |X(j\omega)| \downarrow \\ \varphi_1 \uparrow, \varphi_2 \uparrow \text{ (however, } \varphi_1 < \frac{\pi}{2}, \varphi_2 < \frac{\pi}{2} \text{)} \Rightarrow \angle X(j\omega) < 0, |\angle X(j\omega)| \uparrow \\ B_1 \rightarrow \infty, B_2 \rightarrow \infty, |X(j\omega)| \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

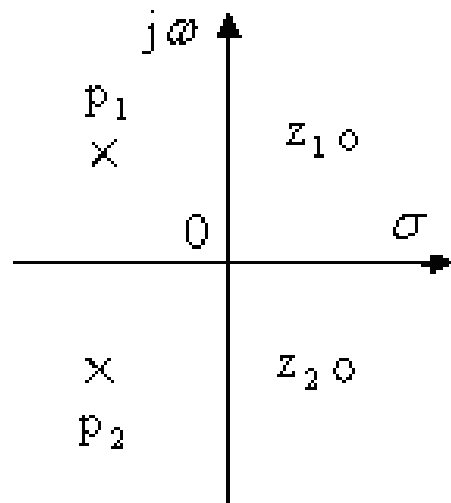
$$\omega \rightarrow +\infty:$$

$$\varphi_1 \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}, \varphi_2 \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}, \angle X(j\omega) \rightarrow -\pi$$



6.4 Geometric Evaluation of The Fourier Transform From The Pole-Zero Plot

All-pass function: A Laplace transform with all of its poles and zeros located on both sides of the $j\omega$ -axis symmetrically. And all the poles are on the left of the $j\omega$ -axis. All the zeros are on the right of the $j\omega$ -axis.



$$p_1 = p_2^* = -z_2 = -z_1^*$$

The products of the magnitudes of all pole vectors

= The products of the magnitudes of all zero vectors

6.5 Properties of The Laplace Transform

6.5.1 Linearity

If $x_1(t) \leftrightarrow X_1(s)$, $ROC = R_1$ and $x_2(t) \leftrightarrow X_2(s)$, $ROC = R_2$

then $ax_1(t) + bx_2(t) \leftrightarrow aX_1(s) + bX_2(s)$, ROC containing $R_1 \cap R_2$

Note: ROC is at least the intersection of R_1 and R_2 , which could be empty, also can be larger than the intersection.

6.5.2 Time Shifting

If $x(t) \leftrightarrow X(s)$, $ROC = R$

then $x(t - t_0) \leftrightarrow e^{-st_0} X(s)$, $ROC = R$

6.5.3 Shifting in the s-Domain

If $x(t) \leftrightarrow X(s)$, $ROC = R$

then $e^{s_0 t} x(t) \leftrightarrow X(s - s_0)$, $ROC = R + \text{Re}\{s_0\}$

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6.5.4 Time Scaling

If $x(t) \leftrightarrow X(s)$, $ROC = R$

then $x(\alpha t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|\alpha|} X\left(\frac{s}{\alpha}\right)$, $ROC = \alpha R$

Special case: $x(-t) \leftrightarrow X(-s)$, $ROC = -R$

6.5.5 Conjugation

$$x^*(t) \leftrightarrow X^*(s^*), \quad ROC = R$$

If $x(t)$ is real: $X(s) = X^*(s^*)$



If $X(s)$ has a pole or zero at $s = s_0$, then $X(s)$ also has a pole or zero at the complex conjugate point $s = s_0^*$.

6.5.6 Convolution Property

If $x_1(t) \leftrightarrow X_1(s)$, $ROC = R_1$ and $x_2(t) \leftrightarrow X_2(s)$, $ROC = R_2$

then $x_1(t) * x_2(t) \leftrightarrow X_1(s)X_2(s)$, ROC containing $R_1 \cap R_2$

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6.5.7 Differentiation in the Time Domain

If $x(t) \leftrightarrow X(s), \quad ROC = R$

then $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \leftrightarrow sX(s), \quad ROC \text{ containing } R$

6.5.8 Differentiation in the s-Domain

$$-tx(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{dX(s)}{ds}, \quad ROC = R$$

6.5.9 Integration in the Time Domain

$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \leftrightarrow \frac{X(s)}{s}, \quad ROC \text{ containing } R \cap \{\operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0\}$$

6.5 Properties of The Laplace Transform

6.5.10 The Initial- and Final-Value Theorems (初值和终值定理)

If $x(t)$ is a **causal** signal, i.e., $x(t) = 0$, for $t < 0$, then

Initial-value theorem:

$$x(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sX(s)$$

Note: If rational $X(s)$ is an improper fraction, rewrite $X(s)$ as a sum of a polynomial of s and a true fraction $X_1(s)$, then take $X_1(s)$ into above limit on the right side.

Final -value theorem:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s)$$

To guarantee the **existence of the final value**, no poles of $X(s)$ lie on the right side of $j\omega$ -axis. If there is a pole on the $j\omega$ -axis, it must be a first-order pole at the origin.

6.5 Properties of The Laplace Transform

Example 6.10

Consider the signal $x(t) = u(t) - u(t - 1)$.

Sol: As we know $u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > 0$

From the time shifting $u(t - 1) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s} e^{-s}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > 0$

So that $X(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s} e^{-s} = \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s}, \quad \text{ROC} = \text{entire } s \text{ plane.}$

Example 6.11

Determine the Laplace transform of $x(t) = te^{-\alpha t} u(t)$.

Sol: Since $e^{-\alpha t} u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{1}{s + \alpha}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > -\alpha$

From the differentiation in the s-domain

$$te^{-\alpha t} u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s + \alpha} \right) = \frac{1}{(s + \alpha)^2}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > -\alpha$$

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Example 6.12

Use the initial-value theorem to determine the initial-value of

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

$$e^{-2t}u(t) + e^{-t}(\cos 3t)u(t) \xleftrightarrow{LT} \frac{2s^2 + 5s + 12}{(s^2 + 2s + 10)(s + 2)}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -1$$

$$x(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sX(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2s^3 + 5s^2 + 12s}{s^3 + 4s^2 + 14s + 20} = 2$$

Example 6.13 Let $X(s) = \frac{s+2}{s^2+2s+5}$, $\operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -1$.

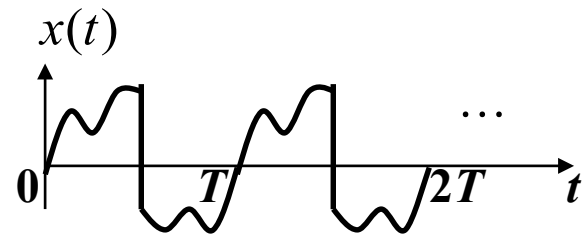
$$X(s) = \frac{s+2}{s^2+2s+5} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + 2^2} + \frac{2}{(s+1)^2 + 2^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x(t) = e^{-t} \left(\cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \right) u(t)$$

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Example 6.14 Determine the Laplace transform of the *causal periodic signal* $x(t)$ which is depicted in the figure:

Sol: $x(t) = x_0(t) + x_0(t - T) + x_0(t - 2T) + \dots$



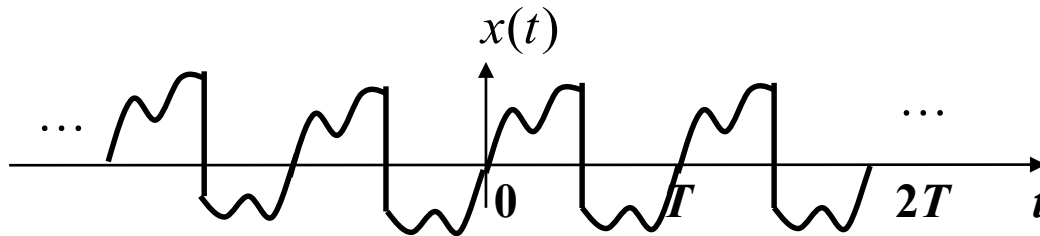
$$X(s) = X_0(s) + X_0(s) \cdot e^{-s \cdot T} + X_0(s) \cdot e^{-s \cdot 2T} + \dots$$

$$= X_0(s) [1 + e^{-s \cdot T} + e^{-s \cdot 2T} + \dots]$$

$$= X_0(s) \cdot \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \quad (\text{Re}\{s\} > 0) \quad = \frac{X_0(s)}{1 - e^{-sT}}$$

Consider:

What's the LT of the periodic signal in the following figure?



6.6 Analysis And Characterization of LTI Systems Using Laplace Transform

- The Laplace transforms of the input and the output of an LTI system are related through multiplication by the Laplace transform of the impulse response of the system.

$$Y(s) = H(s) X(s)$$

System function \uparrow Transfer function

- The *ROC* associated with the system function for a **causal system** is a right-half plane.
- ✓ An *ROC* to the right of the rightmost pole **does not** guarantee that a system is causal.
- ✓ 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.**

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Example 6.15

Consider a system with impulse response $h(t) = e^{-(1+2j)t} u(t)$.

Sol: Since $h(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$, this system is causal.

It's easy to find the system function: $H(s) = \frac{1}{s+1+2j}$, $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$

The $H(s)$ is rational and the *ROC* is to the right of the rightmost pole, consistent with our statement.

Example 6.16

Consider the system function $H(s) = \frac{e^s}{s+1}$, $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$ **irrational !**

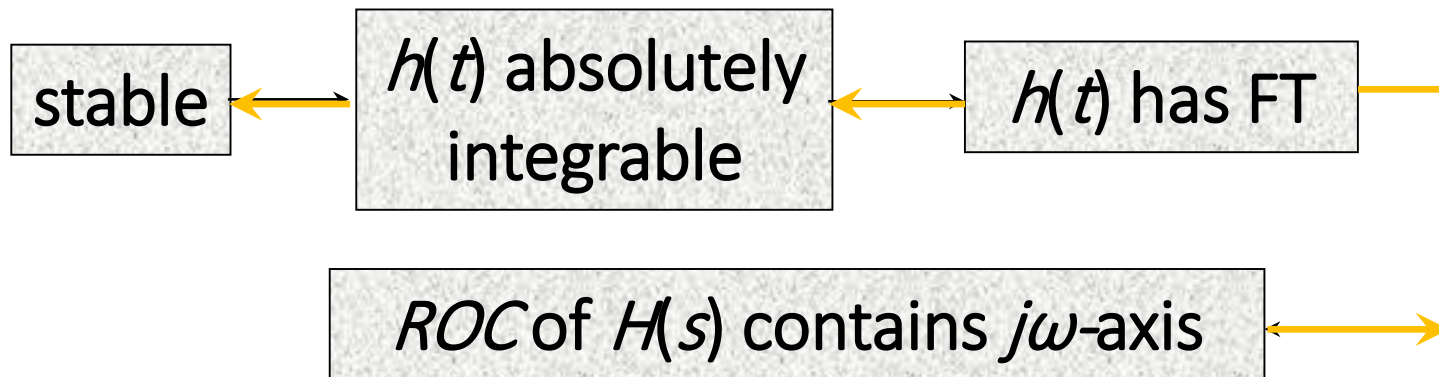
Sol: For this system, the *ROC* is to the right of the rightmost pole.

But the impulse response can be obtained as $h(t) = e^{-(t+1)} u(t+1)$

Obviously this system is **not causal**.

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



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

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- For an LTI system which is described by a linear constant-coefficient differential equation of the form

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

Its system function (transfer function) is:

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

The system function for a system specified by a differential equation is always rational.

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Example 6.17 Given the information about an LTI system:

1. The system is causal.
2. The $H(s)$ is rational and has only two poles, at $s = -2$ and $s = 4$.
3. If $x(t) = 1$, then $y(t) = 0$.
4. $\mathbf{h(0^+) = 4}$.

Determine the system function of the system.

Sol: From fact 2, we write
$$H(s) = \frac{p(s)}{(s+2)(s-4)} = \frac{p(s)}{s^2 - 2s - 8}$$

From fact 3, using eigenfunction property

$$x(t) = 1 = e^{0 \cdot t} \quad \longrightarrow \quad y(t) = H(0) \cdot e^{0 \cdot t} = H(0) = 0$$

$p(s)$ must have a root at $s = 0$ and thus is of the form $p(s) = sq(s)$.

$$\text{From fact 4 and 1,} \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sH(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s^2 q(s)}{s^2 - 2s - 8} = 4$$

The highest powers in s in both the denominator and the numerator are identical, that is, $q(s)$ must be a constant. We let $q(s) = k$.

$$\text{It's easy to find that } k = 4. \text{ So that} \quad H(s) = \frac{4s}{(s+2)(s-4)}$$

6.7 System Function Algebra And Block Diagram Representations

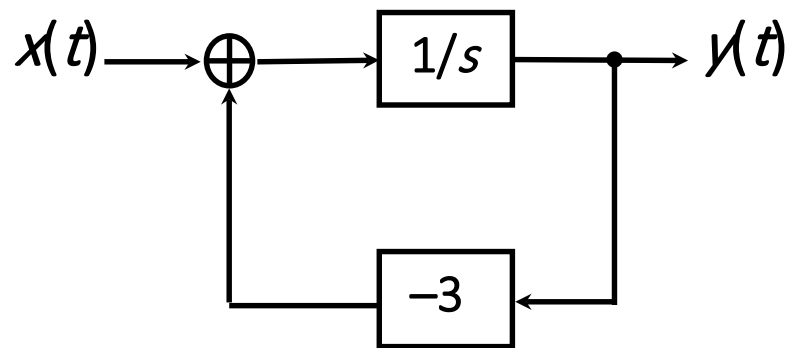
Example 6.18

Consider the causal LTI system with system function

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

This system can also be described by the differential equation

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



Block diagram representation of the causal LTI system

$1/s$ is the system function of a system with impulse response $u(t)$, i.e., it is the system function of an **integrator**.

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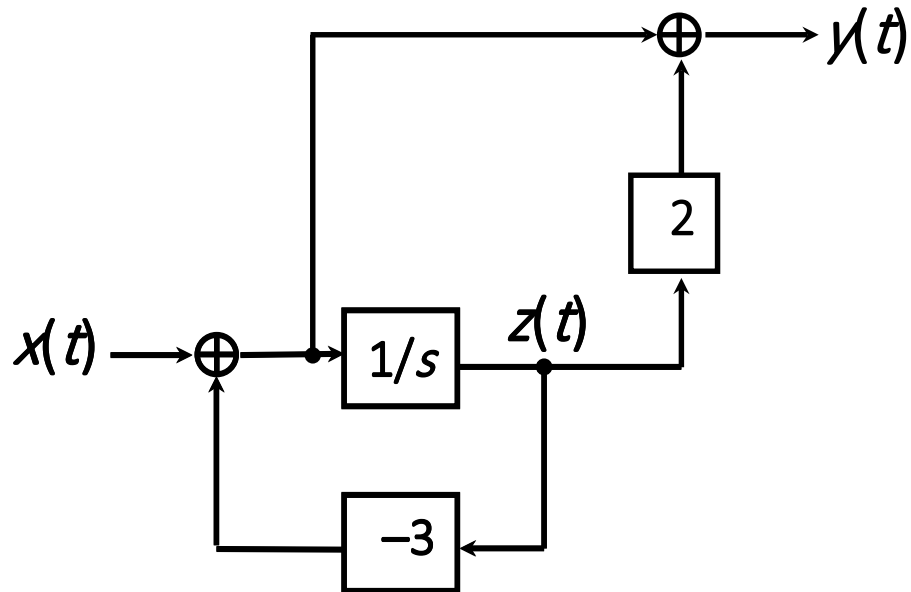
Example 6.19

Consider a causal LTI system with system function $H(s) = \frac{s+2}{s+3}$

$$H(s) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{s+3} \right)}_{H_1(s)} \underbrace{(s+2)}_{H_2(s)}$$

Let $z(t)$ be the output of the first subsystem, $y(t)$ is the output of the overall system.

$$y(t) = \frac{dz(t)}{dt} + 2z(t)$$



Block diagram representation for the system

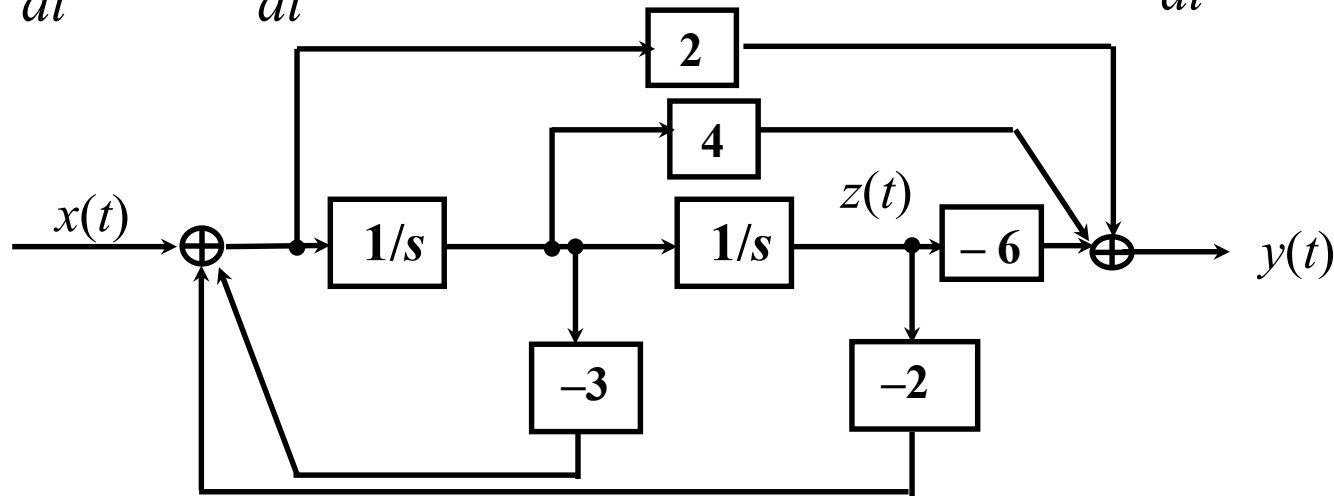
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Example 6.20 Consider a second-order LTI system with system function

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

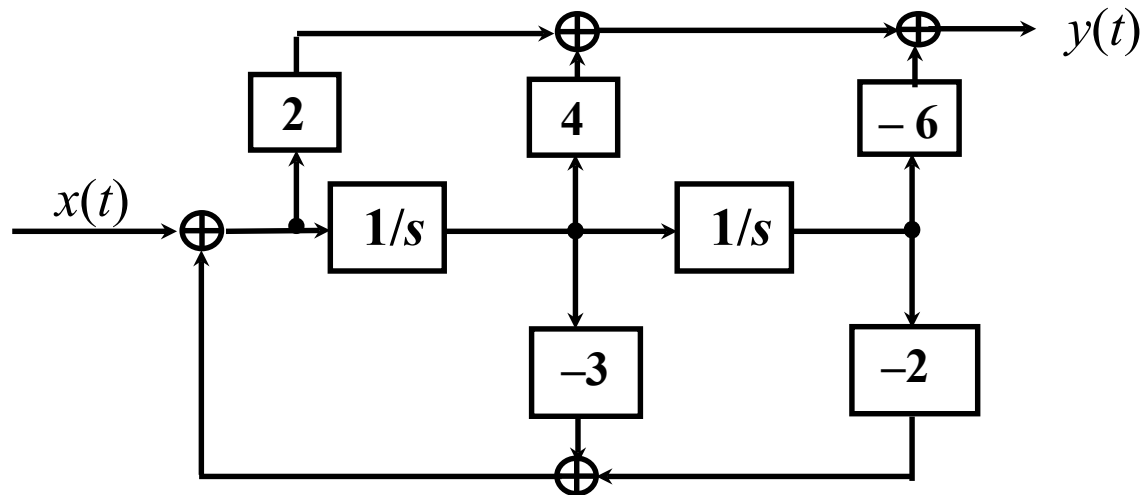
$$H(s) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 2} \right)}_{H_1(s)} \underbrace{(2s^2 + 4s - 6)}_{H_2(s)}$$

$$H_1(s): \frac{d^2 z(t)}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dz(t)}{dt} + 2z(t) = x(t) \quad H_2(s): y(t) = 2 \frac{d^2 z(t)}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dz(t)}{dt} - 6z(t)$$



Direct-form (直接型) representation for the system

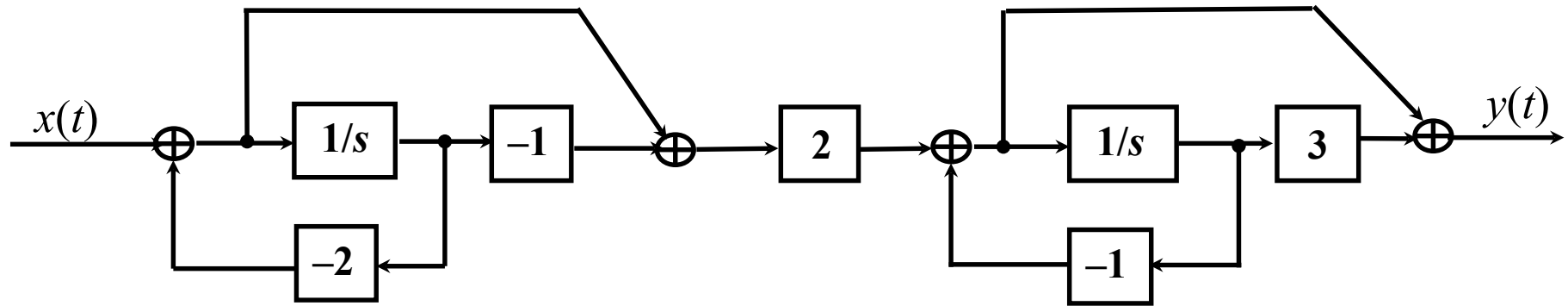
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Direct-form (直接型) representation for the system

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$$H(s) = \left(2 \cdot \frac{s-1}{s+2} \right) \left(\frac{s+3}{s+1} \right)$$



Cascade-form (级联型) representation

What's the cascade-form representation if

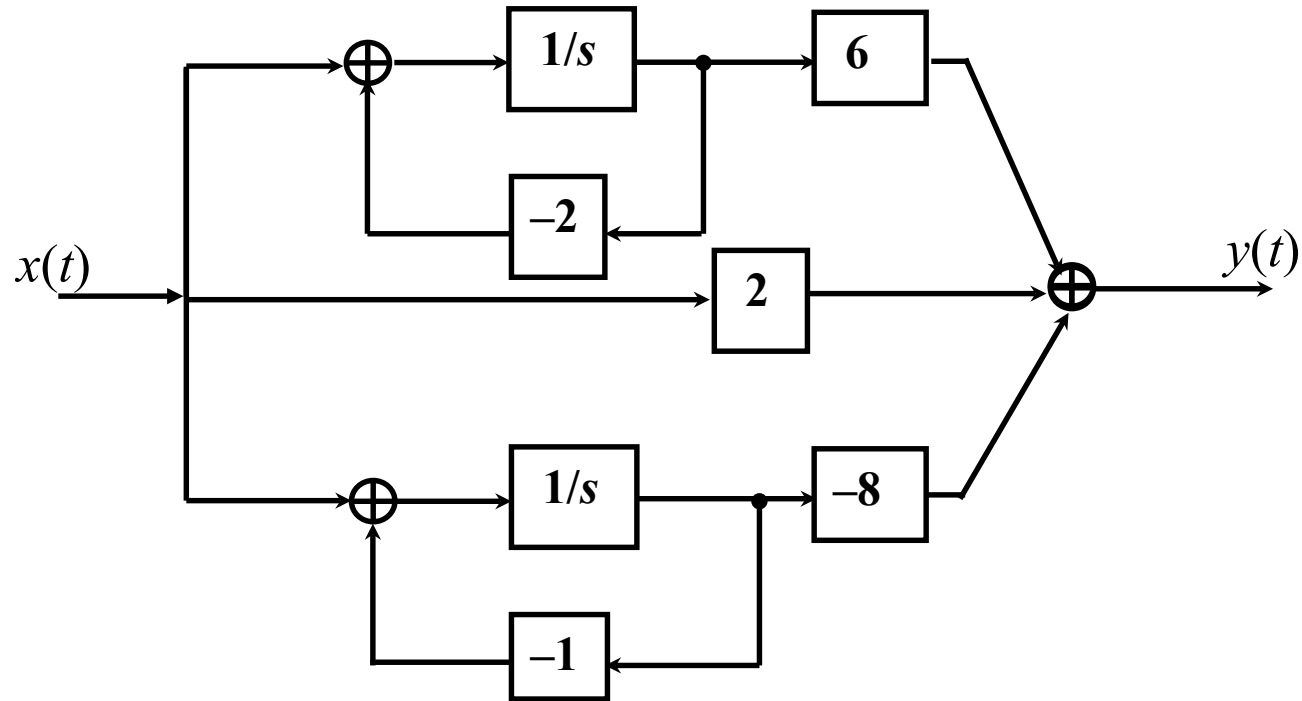
$$H(s) = \left(\frac{2s-2}{s+2} \right) \left(\frac{s+3}{s+1} \right)$$

or

$$H(s) = 2 \left(\frac{s+3}{s+2} \right) \left(\frac{s-1}{s+1} \right) \quad ?$$

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$$H(s) = \frac{6}{s+2} + 2 - \frac{8}{s+1}$$



Parallel-form (并联型) representation

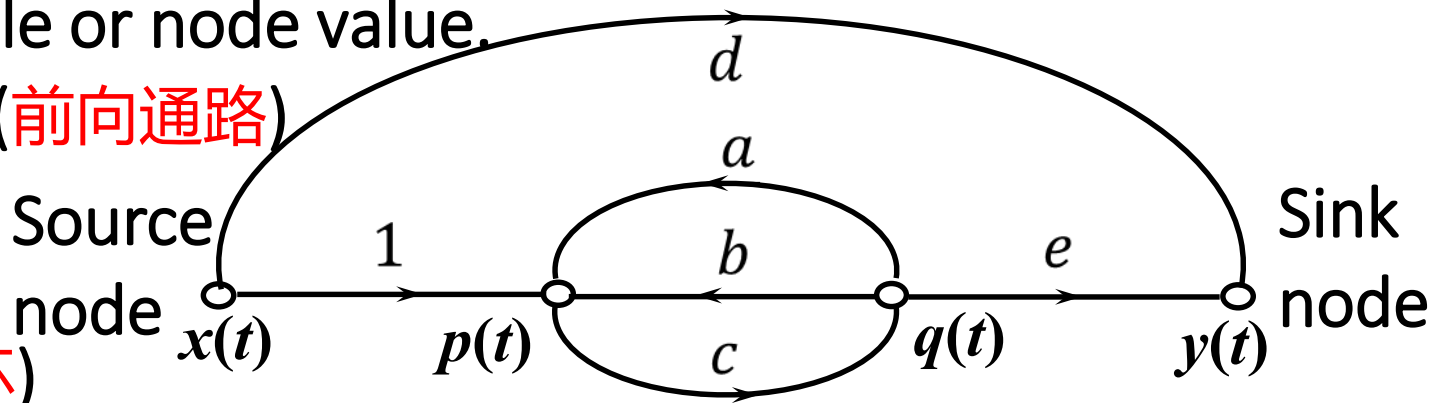
6.8 Signal Flow Graph (信号流图) Representations

Formally, a *signal flow graph* is a network of **directed branches** (有向支路), that connect at **nodes** (结点). Associated with each node is a variable or node value.

➤ forward path (前向通路)

➤ loop (环)

➤ self-loop (自环)



➤ *Source nodes* (源结点): nodes that have only outgoing branches (出支路), which are used to represent the injection of external inputs or signal sources into a graph.

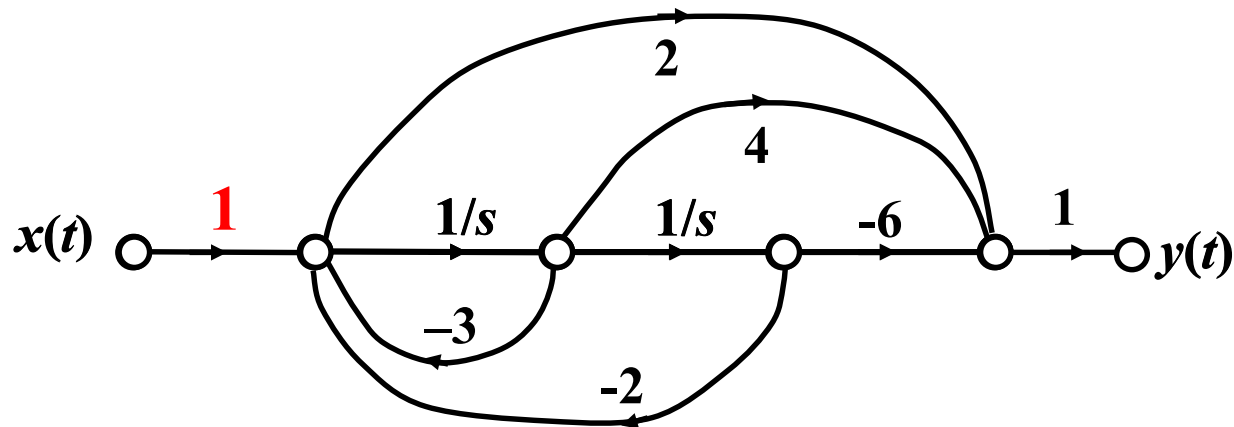
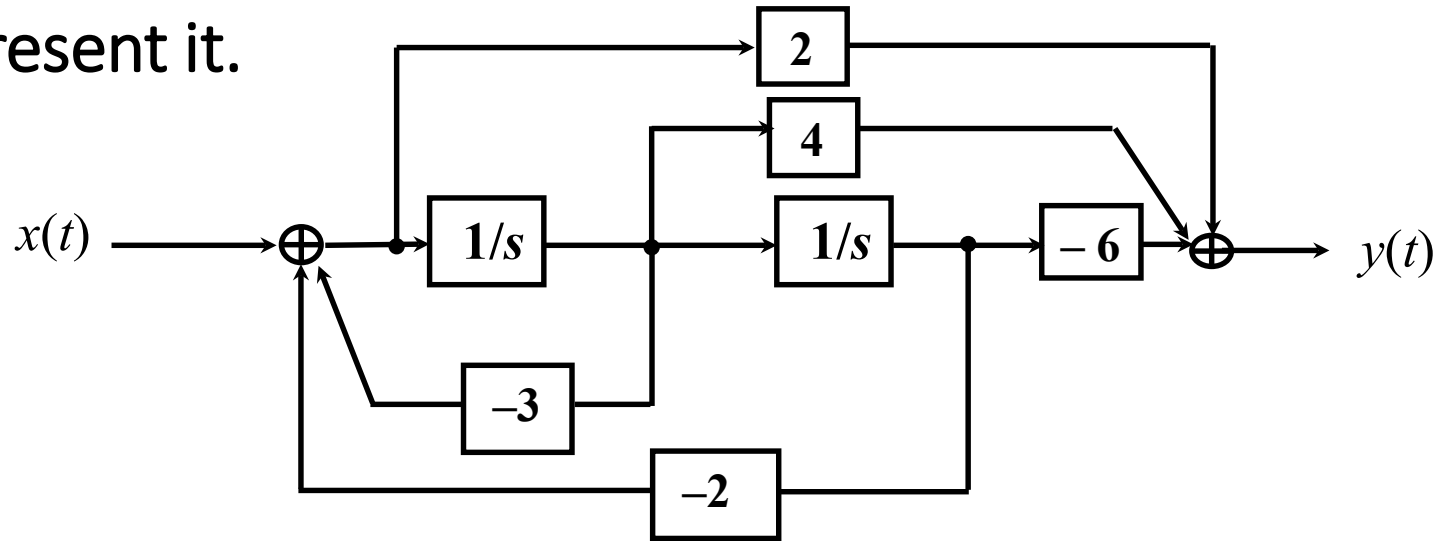
➤ *Sink nodes* (汇结点): nodes that have only entering branches (入支路), which are used to extract outputs from a graph.

➤ mixed node (混合结点)

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Example 6.21

Consider again the system in example 6.20. Use signal flow graph to represent it.



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

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Mason's Formula:
(梅森公式)

$$H = \frac{1}{\Delta} \sum_k G_k \Delta_k$$

Mason's formula is used to calculate the transfer value (transfer function) between any source node and sink node (or mixed node) in a signal flow graph.

Where $\Delta = 1 - \sum_i L_i + \sum_{i,j} L_i L_j - \sum_{i,j,k} L_i L_j L_k + \dots$
is the graph determinant (特征行列式).

L_i is the gain of each loop.

$L_i L_j$ is the product of the gains of two loops which have no shared nodes and branches.

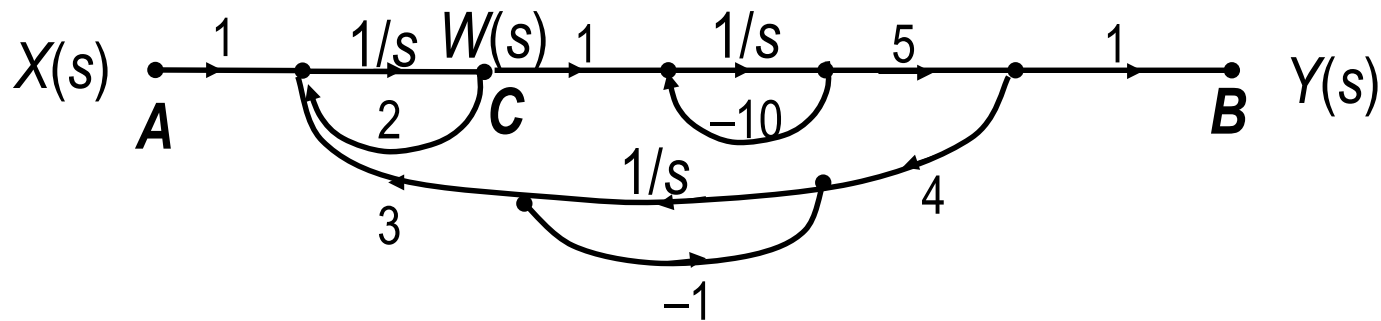
G_k is the gain of the k -th forward path between the source node and the sink node (or mixed node).

Δ_k is the graph determinant of the left graph after remove the k -th forward path.

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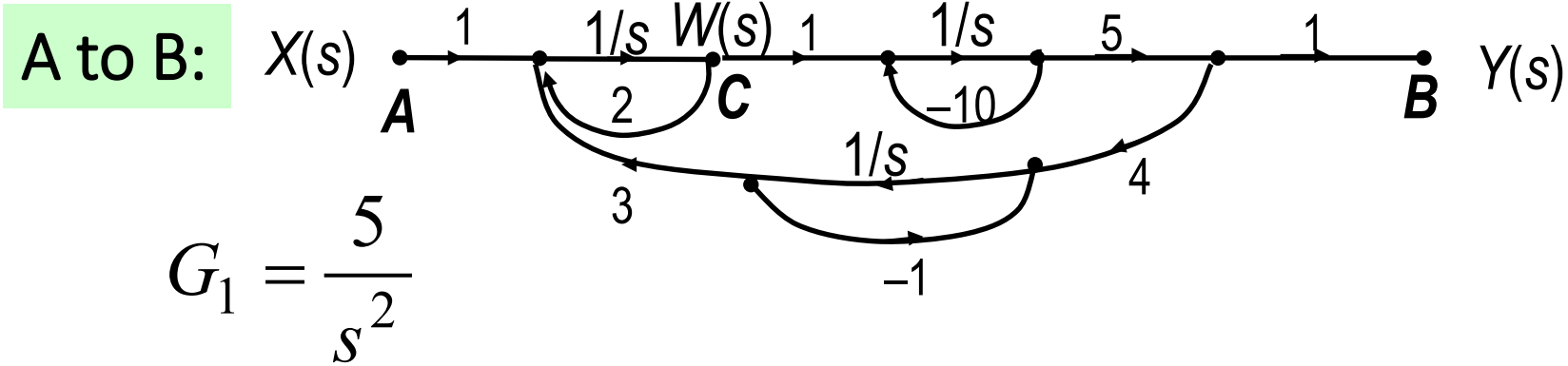
Example 6.22

Compute the transfer functions between nodes A and B, and nodes A and C in the following signal flow graph.



$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= 1 - \left[\frac{2}{s} - \frac{10}{s} - \frac{1}{s} + \frac{60}{s^3} \right] + \left[\frac{2}{s} \left(-\frac{10}{s} \right) + \frac{2}{s} \left(-\frac{1}{s} \right) + \left(-\frac{10}{s} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{s} \right) \right] - \frac{2}{s} \left(-\frac{10}{s} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{s} \right) \\ &= 1 + \frac{9}{s} - \frac{12}{s^2} - \frac{80}{s^3}\end{aligned}$$

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After removing G_1 , the left graph is:

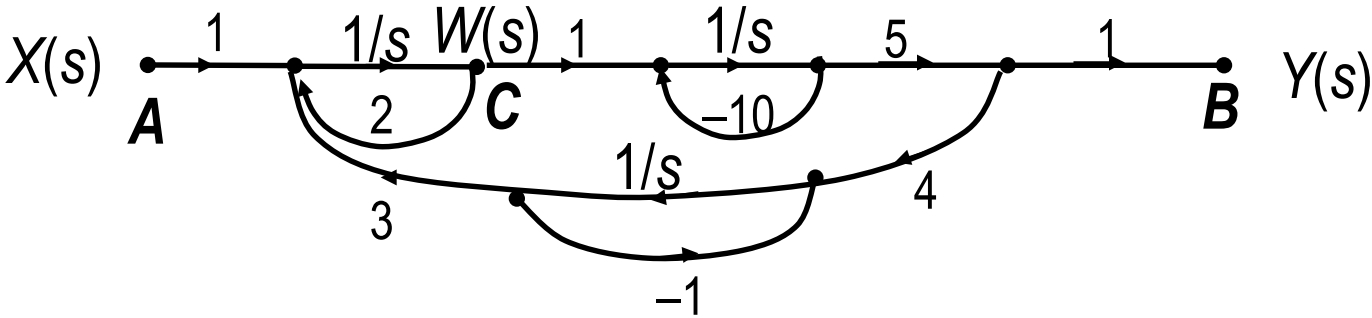
$$\Delta_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{s}$$

Thus,

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{\frac{5}{s^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{s} \right)}{1 + \frac{9}{s} - \frac{12}{s^2} - \frac{80}{s^3}} = \frac{5s + 5}{s^3 + 9s^2 - 12s - 80}$$

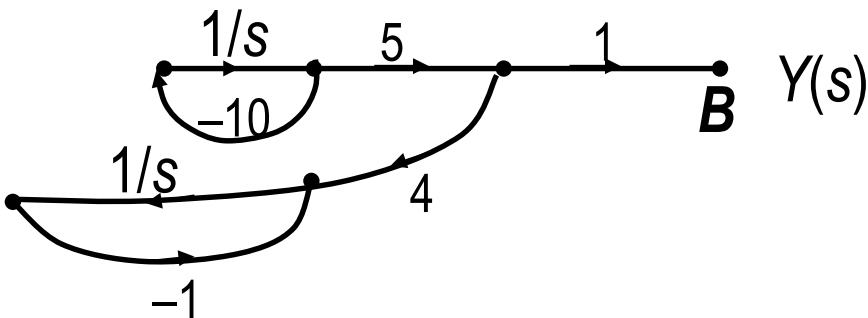
6.8 Signal Flow Graph (信号流图) Representations

A to C:



$$G_1 = \frac{1}{s}$$

After removing G_1 , the left graph is:



$$\Delta_1 = 1 - \left[\left(-\frac{10}{s} \right) + \left(-\frac{1}{s} \right) \right] + \left[\left(-\frac{10}{s} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{s} \right) \right] = 1 + \frac{11}{s} + \frac{10}{s^2}$$

Thus,
$$H(s) = \frac{W(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{s^2 + 11s + 10}{s^3 + 9s^2 - 12s - 80}$$

6.9 The Unilateral Laplace Transform

6.9.1 Introduction of the Unilateral Laplace Transform

Bilateral Laplace transform: (双边拉普拉斯变换)

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

Unilateral Laplace transform: (单边拉普拉斯变换)

$$X(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt$$

- The lower limit of integration, 0^- , signifies that we include in the interval of integration any impulses or higher order singularity functions (奇异函数) concentrated at $t = 0$.
- The bilateral transform depends on the entire signal from $t = -\infty$ to $t = +\infty$, whereas the unilateral transform depends only on the signal from $t = 0^-$ to ∞ .
- The bilateral transform and the unilateral transform of a causal signal are identical.
- The *ROC* for the unilateral transform is always a right-half plane

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➤ The evaluation of the inverse unilateral Laplace transforms is also the same as for bilateral transforms, with the constraint that the *ROC* for a unilateral transform must always be a right-half plane.

Example 6.23 Consider the signal $x(t) = e^{-\alpha(t+1)}u(t+1)$.

Sol: The bilateral transform $X(s)$ can be obtained from Example 6.1 and the time-shifting property:

$$X(s) = \frac{e^s}{s + \alpha}, \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -\alpha$$

By contrast, the unilateral transform is

$$X(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha(t+1)}u(t+1)e^{-st}dt = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha}e^{-t(s+\alpha)}dt = e^{-\alpha} \frac{1}{s + \alpha} \quad \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -\alpha$$

We could recognize $X(s)$ as the bilateral transform of $x(t)u(t)$.

Since $x(t)u(t) = e^{-\alpha}e^{-\alpha t}u(t)$, Thus $X(s) = e^{-\alpha} \frac{1}{s + \alpha}, \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -\alpha$

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Example 6.24 Consider the unilateral LT $X(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}$. Determine the corresponding $x(t)$.

Sol: For the unilateral transform, the ROC must be the right-half plane to the right of the rightmost pole of $X(s)$.

In this case, the ROC consists of all points s with $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$.

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

✓ unilateral Laplace transform provide us with information about signals only for $t > 0^-$.

Example 6.25 Calculate the inverse of the unilateral LT $X(s) = \frac{s^2 - 3}{s + 2}$.

Sol:
$$X(s) = -2 + s + \frac{1}{s + 2}$$

Taking inverse transforms of each term results in

$$x(t) = -2\delta(t) + \delta'(t) + e^{-2t}u(t)$$

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6.9.2 Properties of the Unilateral Laplace Transform

✓ Time scaling:
$$x(at) \xleftrightarrow{UL} \frac{1}{a} X\left(\frac{s}{a}\right), \quad a > 0$$

✓ Convolution: assuming that $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ are identically zero for $t < 0$.

$$x_1(t) * x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{UL} X_1(s)X_2(s)$$

✓ Differentiation in the time domain :

$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) \xleftrightarrow{UL} sX(s) - x(0^-)$$

$$\frac{d^n}{dt^n} x(t) \xleftrightarrow{UL} s^n X(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s^{n-k-1} x^{(k)}(0^-)$$

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Proof of this property for first-derivative of $x(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dx(t)}{dt}\right\} &= \int_{0^-}^{\infty} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} e^{-st} dt = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} e^{-st} dx(t) \\ &= x(t)e^{-st} \Big|_{0^-}^{\infty} + s \int_{0^-}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= sX(s) - x(0^-)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the unilateral Laplace transform of second-derivative of $x(t)$ can be obtained by repeating using the property:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2}\right\} &= s(sX(s) - x(0^-)) - x'(0^-) \\ &= s^2X(s) - sx(0^-) - x'(0^-).\end{aligned}$$

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6.9.3 Solving Differential Equations Using the Unilateral Laplace Transform

Example 6.26

Consider the causal system characterized by the differential equation

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

with initial conditions $y(0^-) = \beta$, $y'(0^-) = \gamma$ and input signal $x(t) = \alpha u(t)$. Determine the output signal $y(t)$.

Sol: Applying the unilateral LT to both sides of the differential equation yields

$$s^2 Y(s) - sy(0^-) - y'(0^-) + 3sY(s) - 3y(0^-) + 2Y(s) = X(s)$$

$$\text{or equivalently, } s^2 Y(s) - \beta s - \gamma + 3sY(s) - 3\beta + 2Y(s) = \frac{\alpha}{s}$$

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Thus, we obtain $Y(s) = \frac{\beta s^2 + (\gamma + 3\beta)s + \alpha}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$

$$Y(s) = \underbrace{\frac{\beta(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{\gamma}{(s+1)(s+2)}}_{\text{zero-input response}} + \underbrace{\frac{\alpha}{s(s+1)(s+2)}}_{\text{zero-state response}}$$

Conclusion: The unilateral Laplace transform is of *considerable value* in analyzing causal systems which are specified by linear constant-coefficient differential equations with *nonzero initial conditions*.

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6.9.4 Representation of Circuits in s-domain

Unilateral LT is also useful in electric circuits analysis. First we obtain the representations in s-domain for those basic elements in the circuit, then we can have the circuit in the s-domain.

The relationships between currents and voltages in the time domain for *Resistors*, *Inductors*, *Capacitors* are:

$$v_R(t) = Ri_R(t) \quad v_L(t) = L \frac{di_L(t)}{dt} \quad i_C(t) = C \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt}$$

Respectively.

Apply unilateral Laplace transform to each equation to obtain

$$V_R(s) = RI_R(s)$$

$$V_L(s) = sLI_L(s) - Li_L(0^-)$$

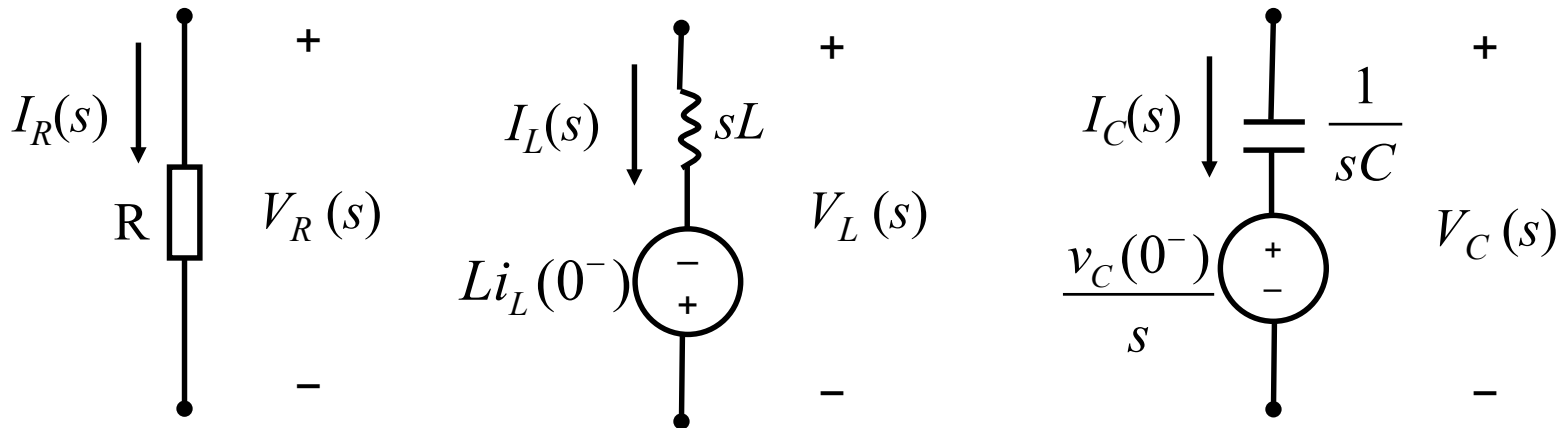
$$V_C(s) = \frac{1}{sC} I_C(s) + \frac{1}{s} v_C(0^-)$$

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$$V_R(s) = RI_R(s)$$

$$V_L(s) = sLI_L(s) - Li_L(0^-)$$

$$V_C(s) = \frac{1}{sC}I_C(s) + \frac{1}{s}v_C(0^-)$$



Representation of *Resistors, Inductors, Capacitors* in the s-domain with *initial conditions equivalent to a source voltage*.

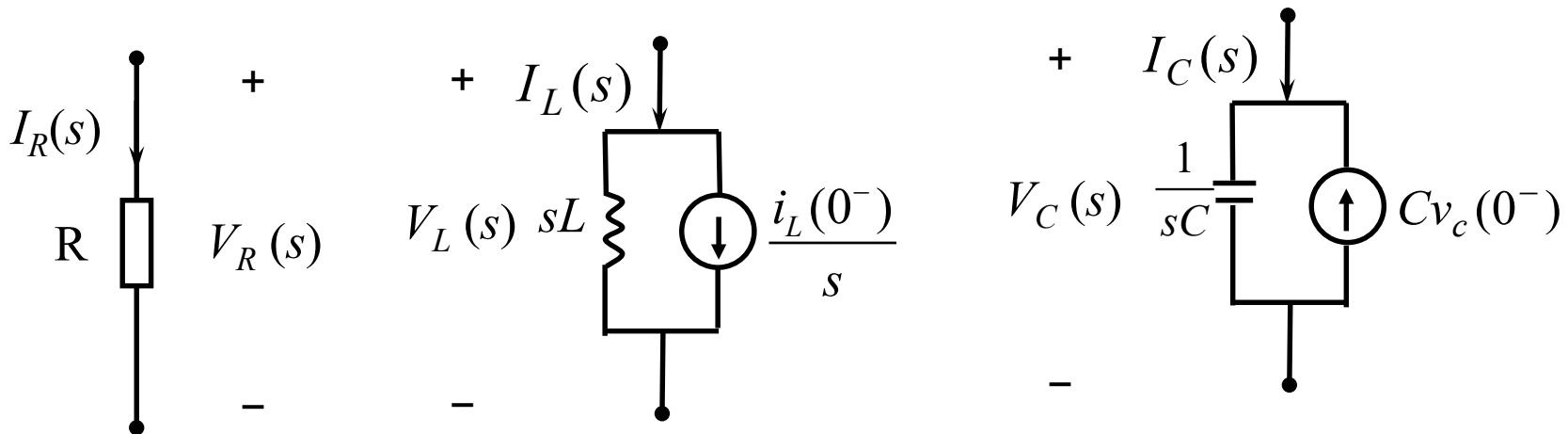
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➤ Another expression of the relation between *current* and *voltage* of three basic elements in the s-domain can lead to another model:

$$V_R(s) = RI_R(s)$$

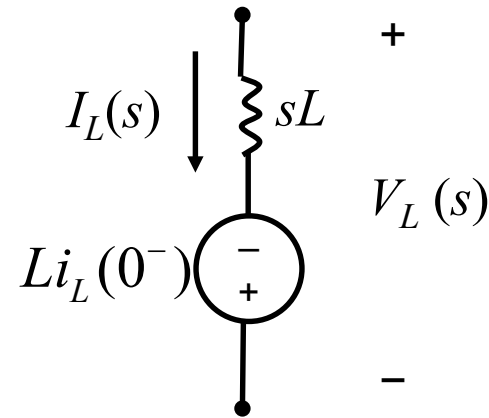
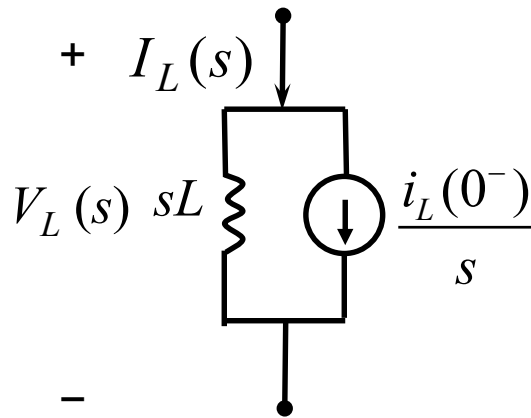
$$I_C(s) = sCV_C(s) - Cv_C(0^-)$$

$$I_L(s) = \frac{1}{sL}V_L(s) + \frac{1}{s}i_L(0^-)$$



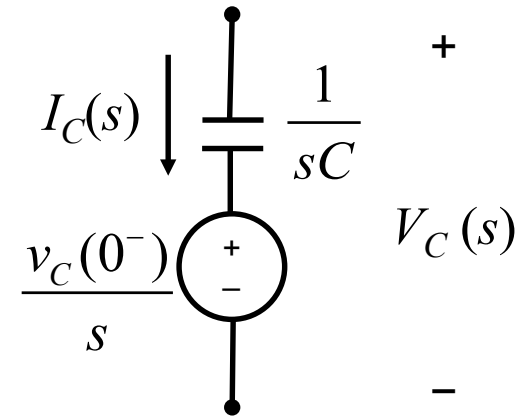
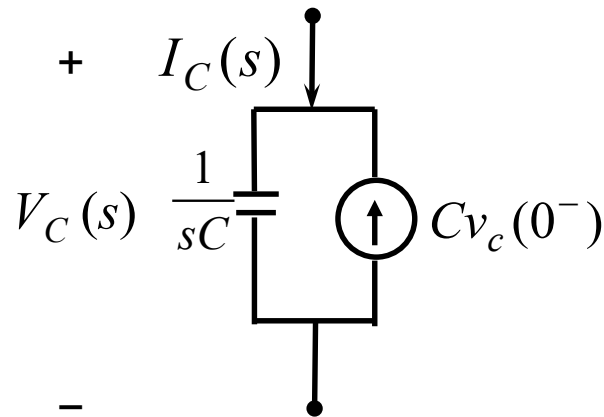
Representation of *Resistors*, *Inductors*, *Capacitors* in the s-domain with *initial conditions equivalent to a source current*.

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- An inductor with inductance L and initial current $i_L(0^-)$ may be taken as an inductor with inductance L and zero initial current parallelly connected with a step source current with step $i_L(0^-)$ or cascaded with an impulse source voltage with area $Li_L(0^-)$.

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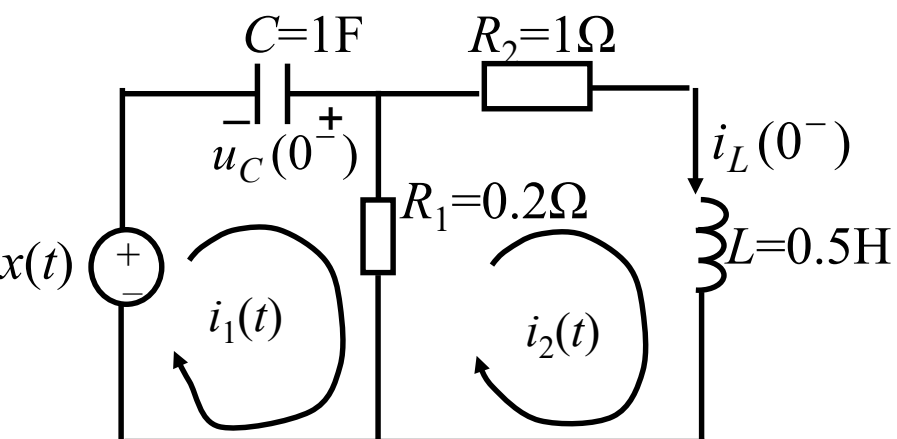


- A capacitor with capacitance C and initial voltage $v_c(0^-)$ may be taken as a capacitor with capacitance C and zero initial voltage parallelly connected with an impulse source current with area $Cv_c(0^-)$ or cascaded with a step source voltage with step $v_c(0^-)$.

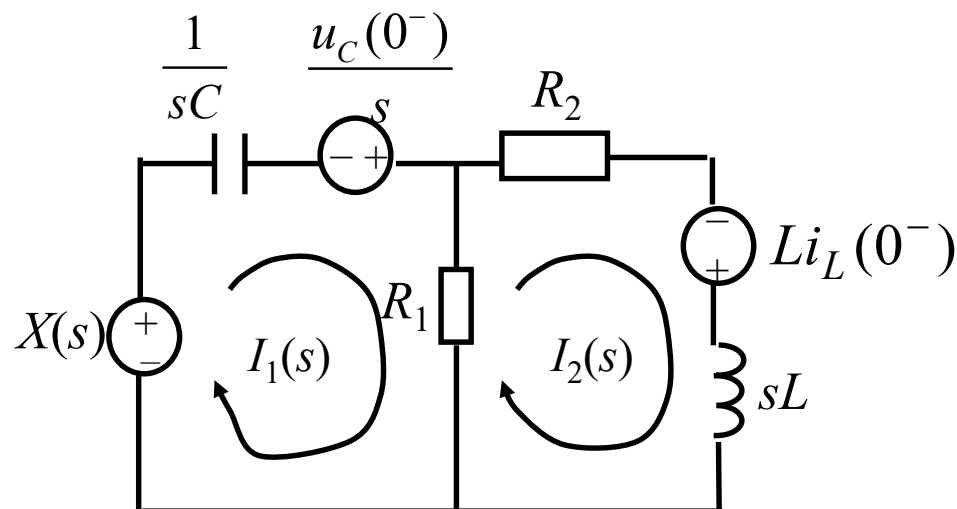
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Example 6.27

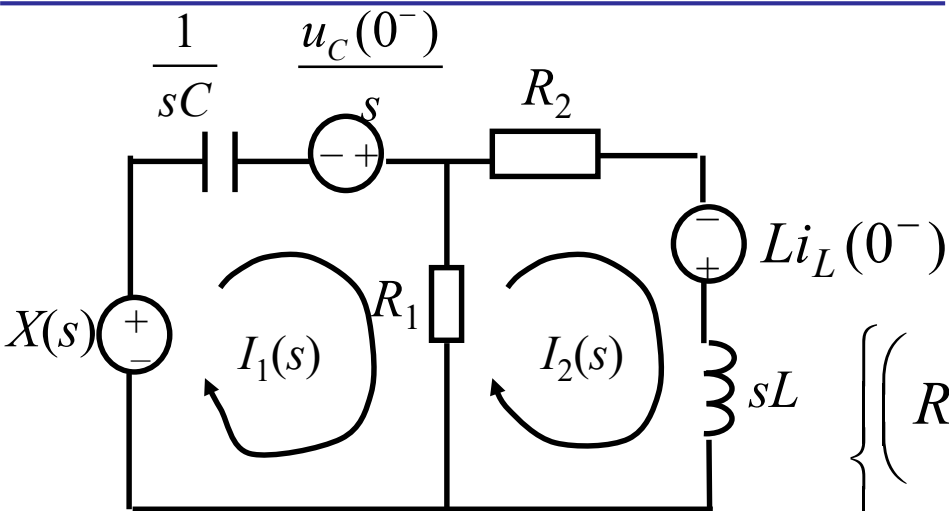
Determine the current $i_1(t)$ in the following circuit. Given the initial conditions $u_C(0^-) = 5V$, $i_L(0^-) = 4A$, and input $x(t) = 10u(t)V$.



Sol: Drawing the s-domain circuit with all initial conditions equivalent to source voltages.



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From *KVL* we can obtain following equations :

$$\begin{cases} \left(R_1 + \frac{1}{sC} \right) I_1(s) - R_1 I_2(s) = X(s) + \frac{u_C(0^-)}{s} \\ -R_1 I_1(s) + (R_1 + R_2 + sL) I_2(s) = Li_L(0_-) \end{cases}$$

Taking values into above equations to get

$$\begin{cases} \left(0.2 + \frac{1}{s} \right) I_1(s) - 0.2 I_2(s) = \frac{10}{s} + \frac{5}{s} \\ -0.2 I_1(s) + (1.2 + 0.5s) I_2(s) = 2 \end{cases}$$

Thus,
$$I_1(s) = \frac{136}{s+4} - \frac{57}{s+3}$$

Consequently,
$$i_1(t) = (136e^{-4t} - 57e^{-3t})u(t) \text{ A}$$

6.10 SUMMARY

- The bilateral and unilateral Laplace transforms;
- The properties of the *ROC* of LT and the relationship between the *ROC* and the poles;
- Methods to calculate the inverse Laplace transform;
- The properties of the bilateral and unilateral Laplace transforms (note the similarities and the differences);
- Significance of the poles and zeros of LT in characterizing continuous-time signals and systems;
- The computations of the zero-state response and the zero-input response by unilateral Laplace transform.
- The block diagram and signal flow graph representations of continuous-time LTI systems.

Homework

9.21 (a) (d) (g) (j) 9.22 (a) (c) (e) (g)

9.23 9.24 9.25 (b) (d) (f) 9.26

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