

Ve 216: Introduction to Signals and Systems

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Overview

- bilateral
- ROC
- rational Laplace transforms
- pole-zero plots
- inverse LT
- ROC, causality, stability
- Magnitude response from pole-zero plot
- Properties
- application to LTI systems / filtering
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where the 0^- is included to handle an impulse function at 0.

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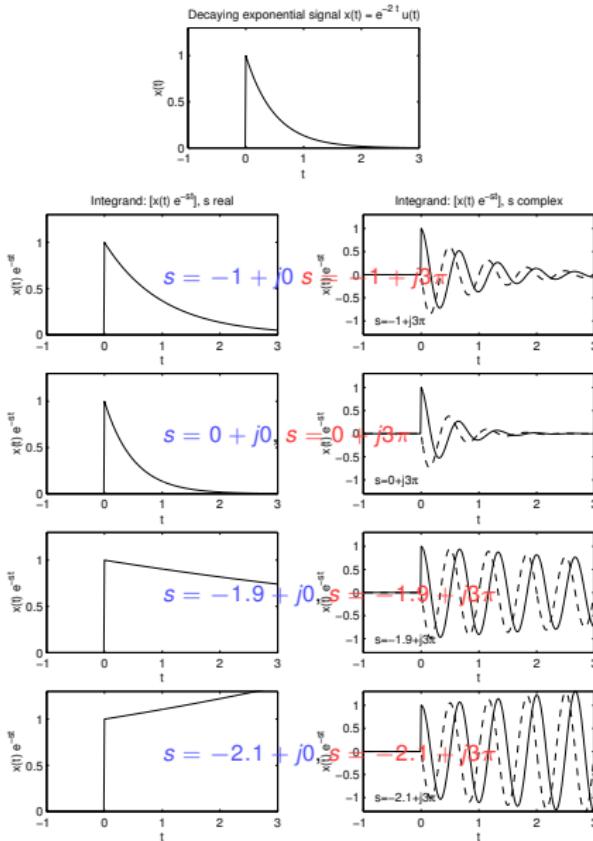
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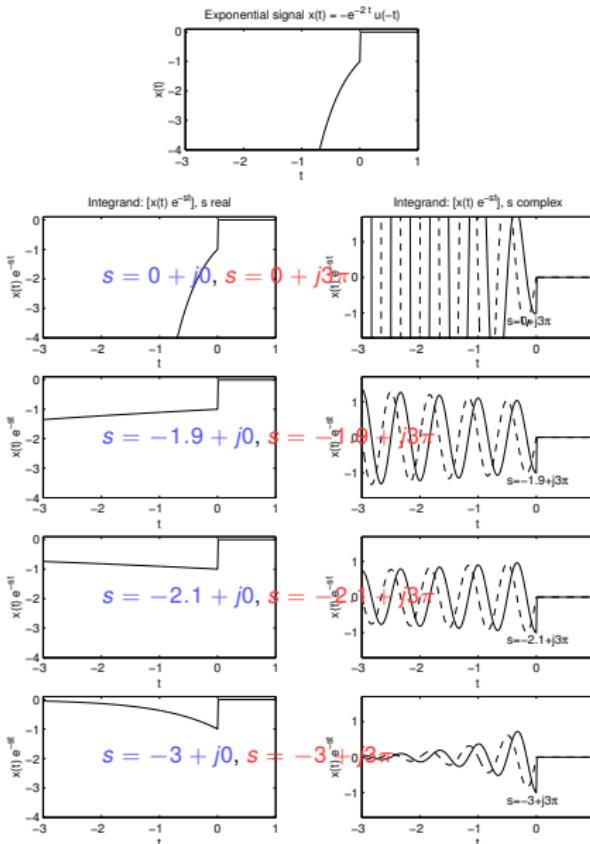
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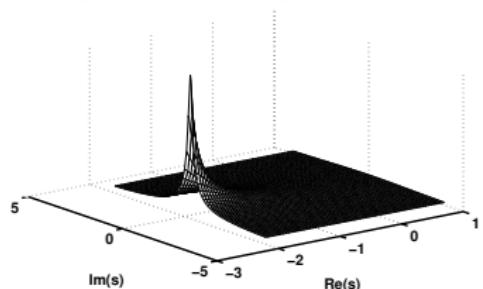
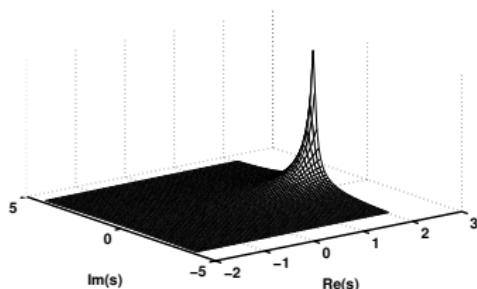
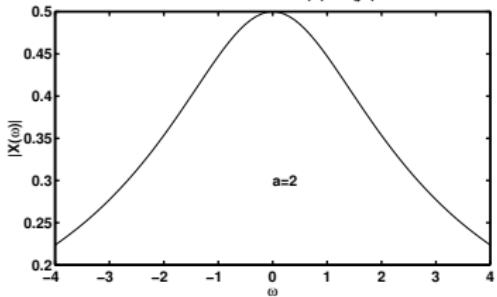
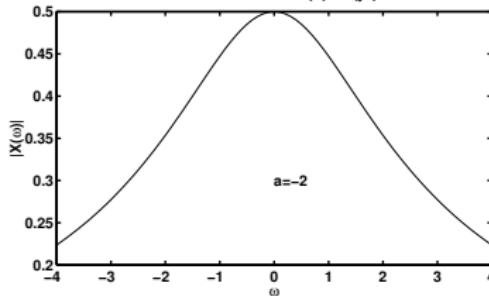
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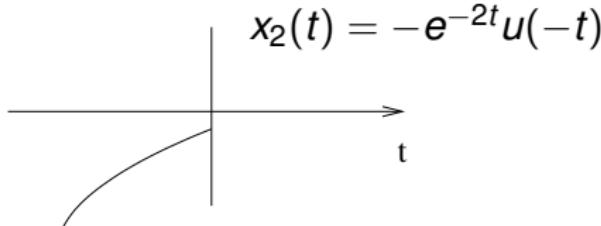
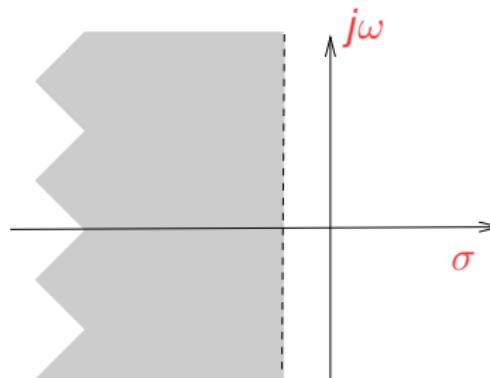
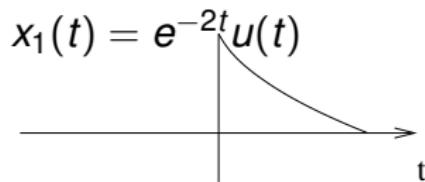
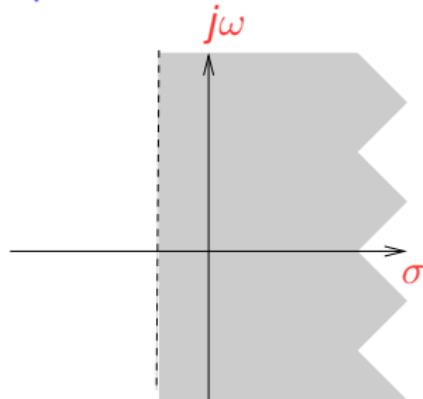
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Display of the ROC (1)

Often we display the ROC of a signal using the **complex s-plane** as shown in the following figures.



Display of the ROC (2)

- The horizontal axis is usually called the σ **axis**, and the vertical axis is usually called the $j\omega$ **axis**.
- The **shaded region** indicates the set of points in the s-plane where the bilateral Laplace transform exists, *i.e.*, the **ROC**.
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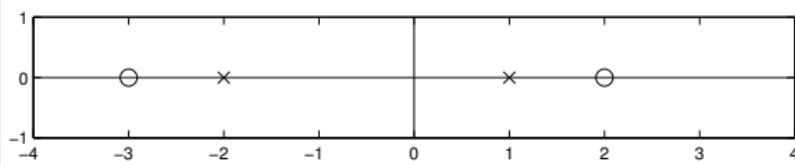
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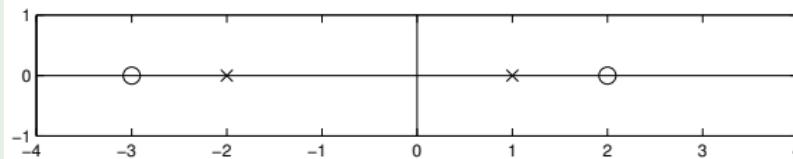
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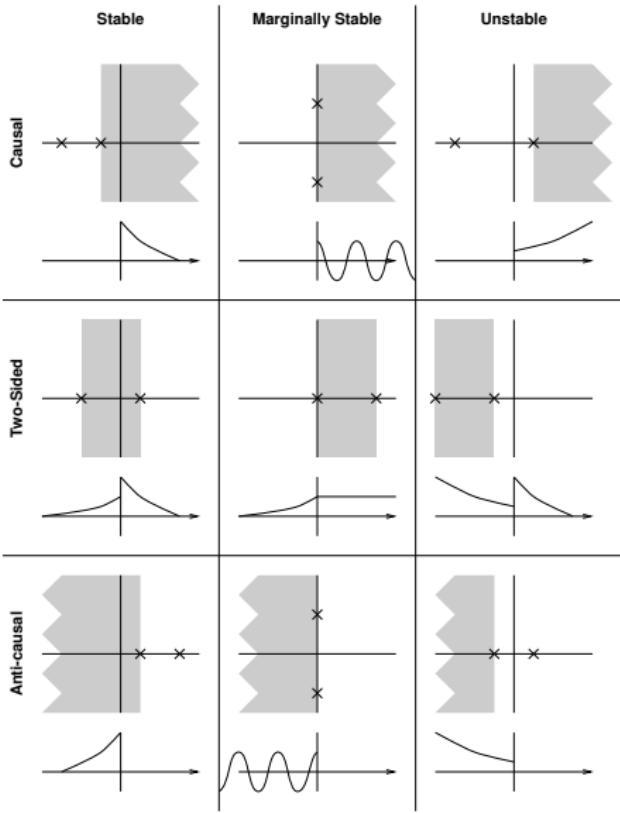
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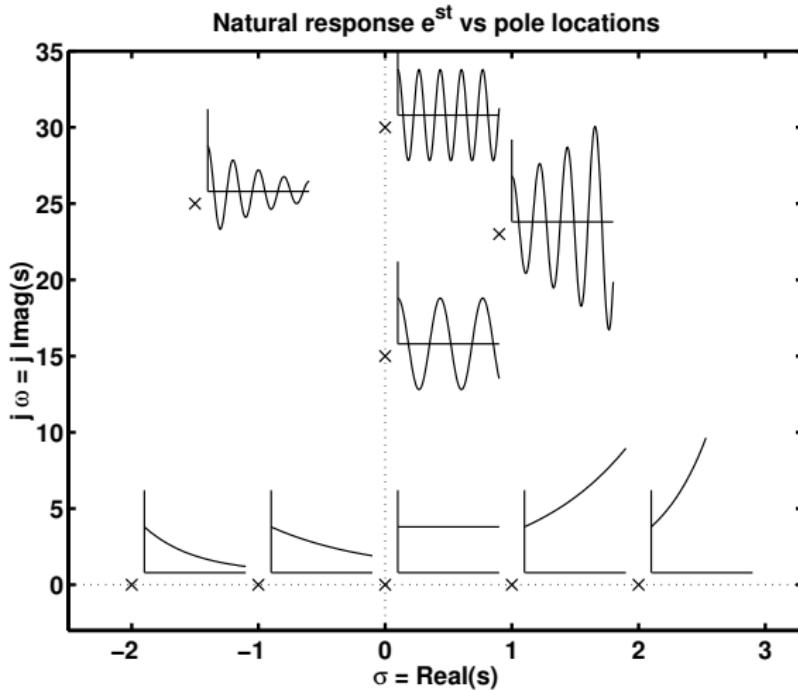
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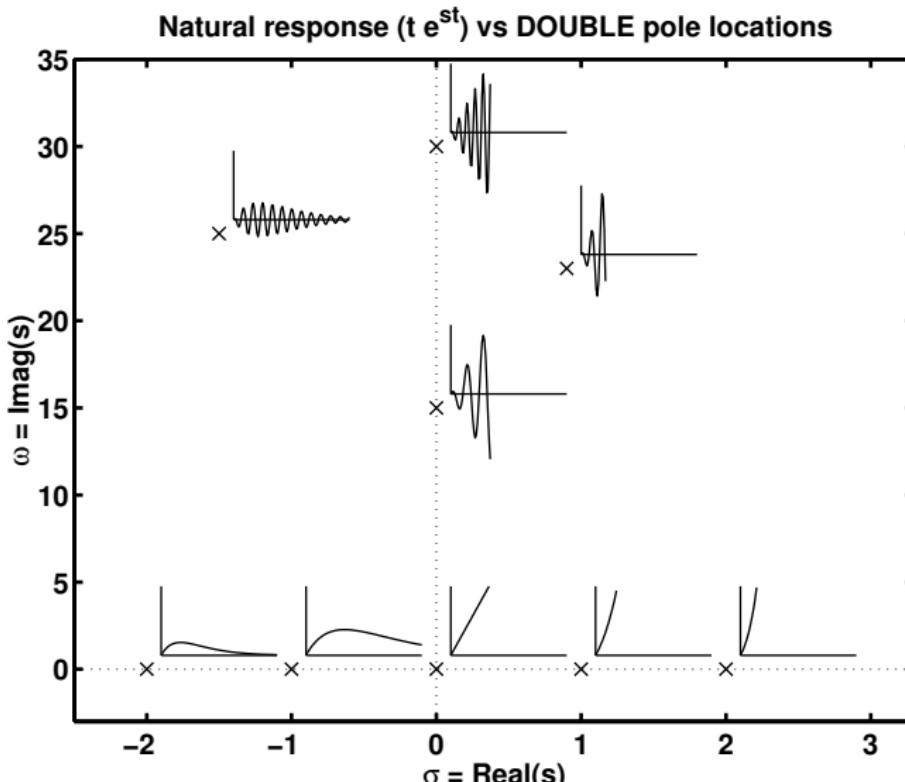
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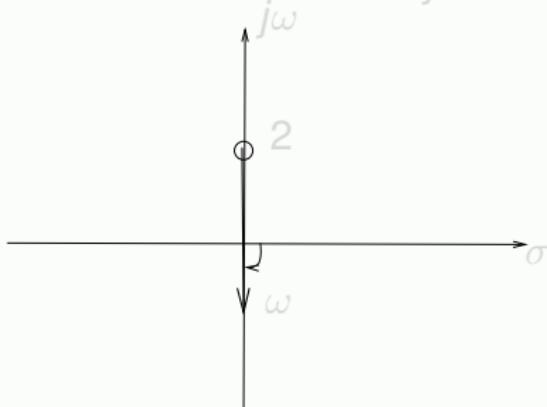
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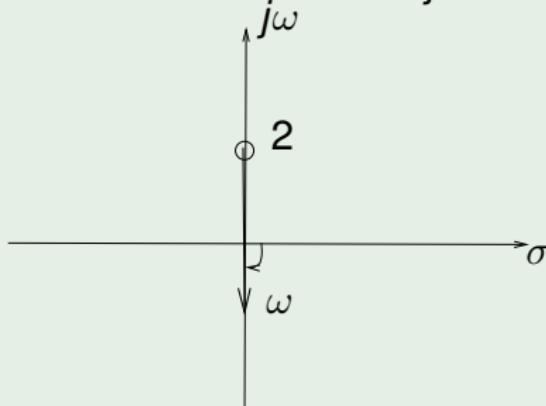


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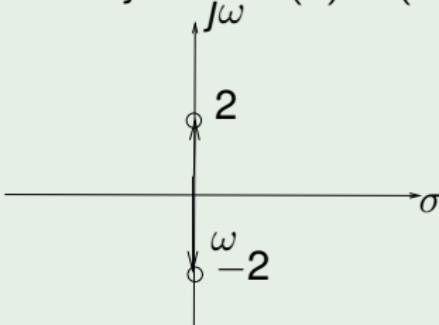
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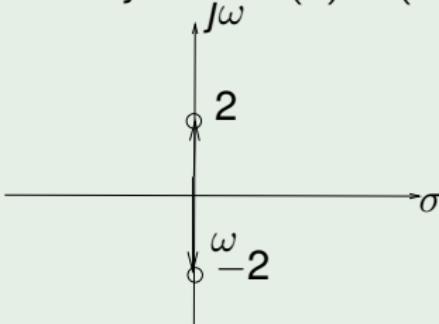
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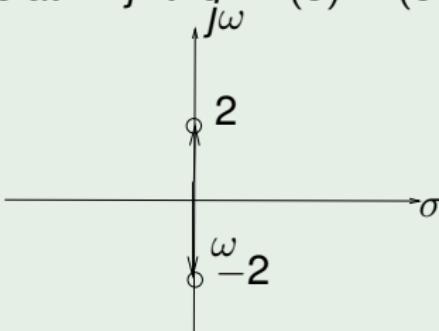
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$$y(t) = x(t) * h(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} Y(s) = H(s)X(s)$$

The ROC is at least as large as the intersection of the ROC's of $X(s)$ and $H(s)$.

Convolution property: example

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$$X_1(s) = \frac{s+1}{s+2}, \quad \text{real}\{s\} > -2$$

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then

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$$-tx(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{d}{ds}X(s), \text{ ROC unchanged}$$

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$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau = x(t) * u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s} X(s)$$

ROC_{new} must contain $\text{ROC}_{\text{old}} \cap \{\text{real}\{s\} > 0\}$

Initial and final value theorem

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initial value theorem

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

if $x(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$ and $x(t)$ contains no impulses or higher-order singularities at $t = 0$, i.e. $M < N$ for rational $X(s)$ (no poles at infinity).

final value theorem

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s) \text{ if } x(t) \text{ has a final value and } x(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0$$

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Find the step response of the causal LTI system described by the following differential equation:

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

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

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

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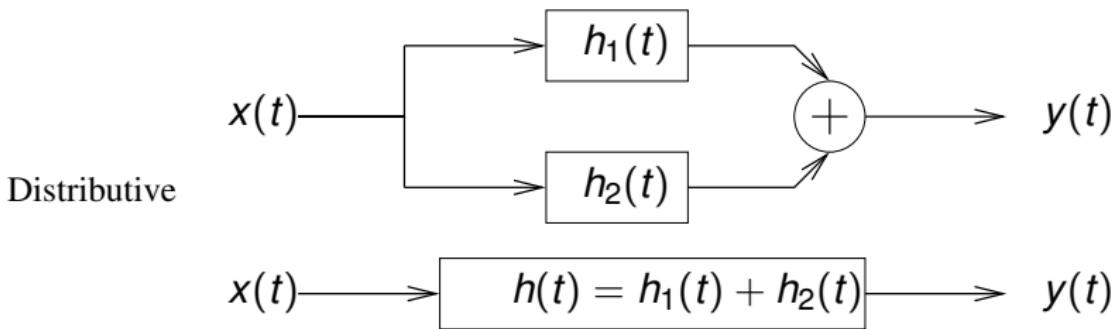
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We have seen that when two LTI systems are connected in **parallel**, i.e.

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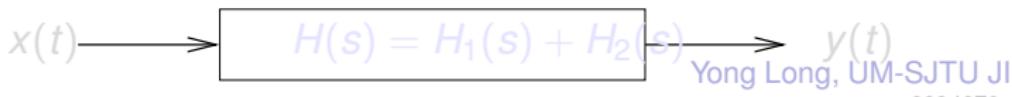
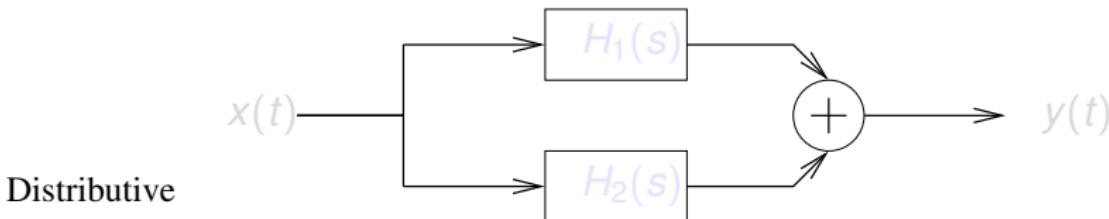
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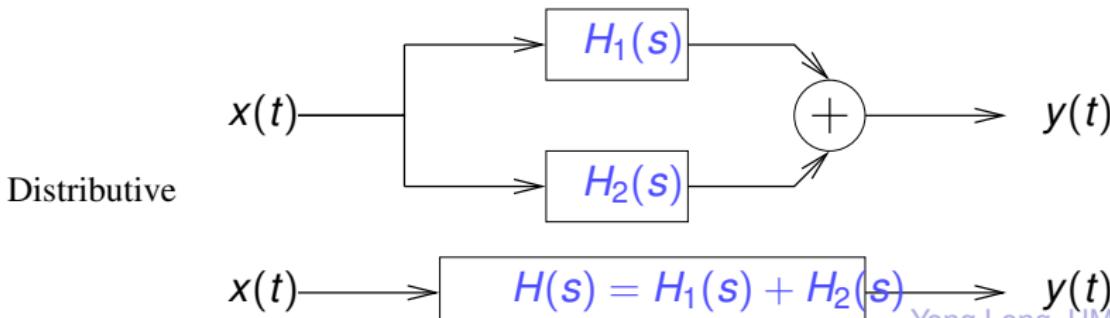
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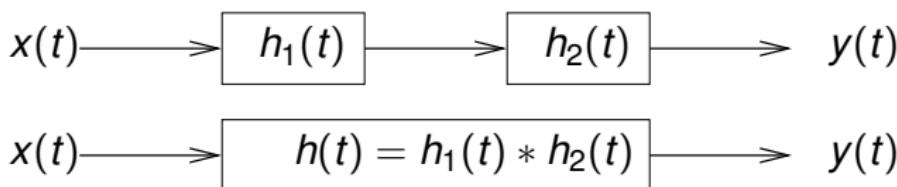
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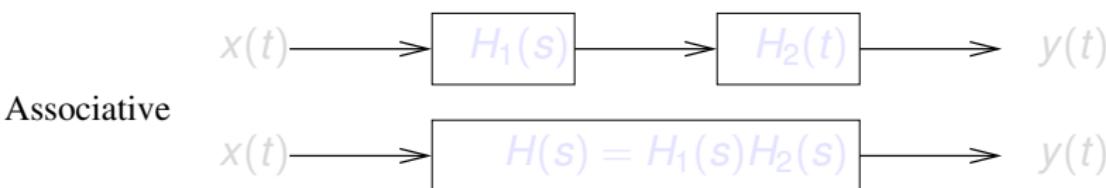
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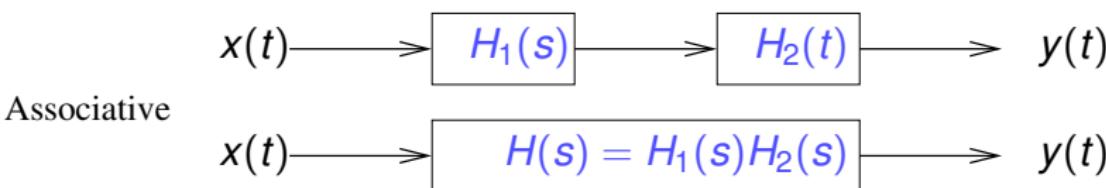
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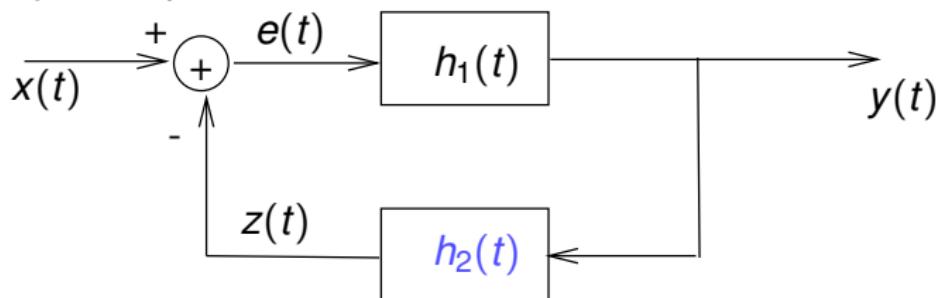
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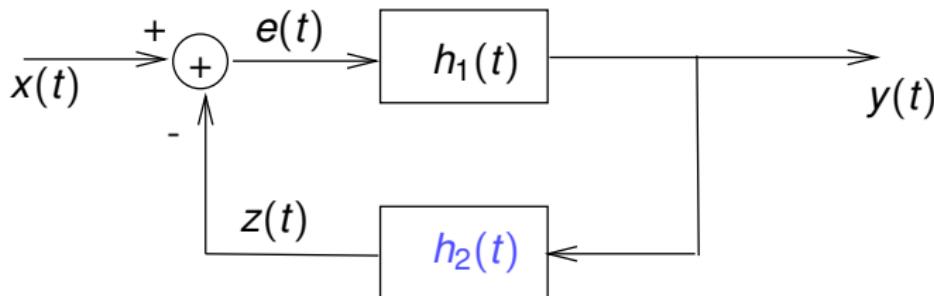
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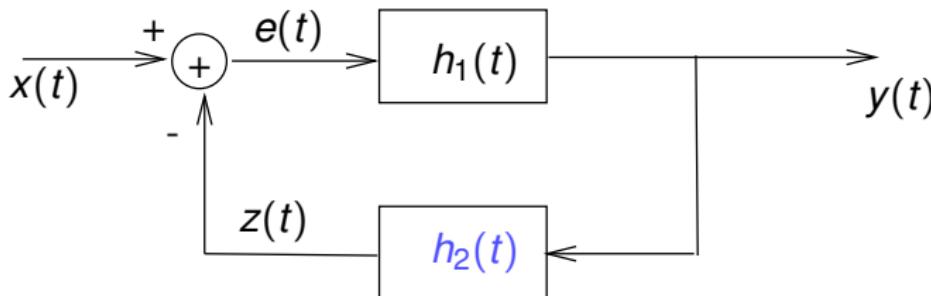
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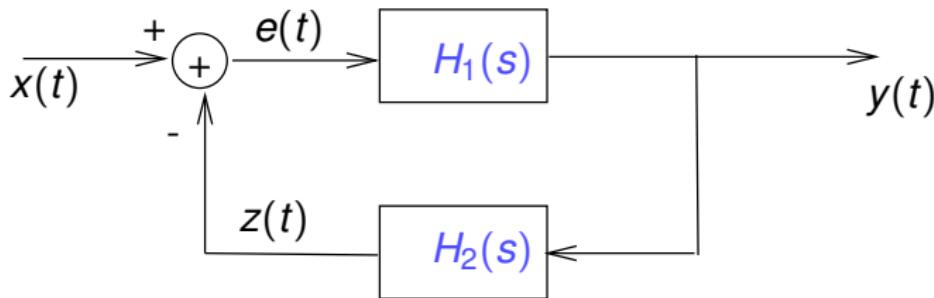
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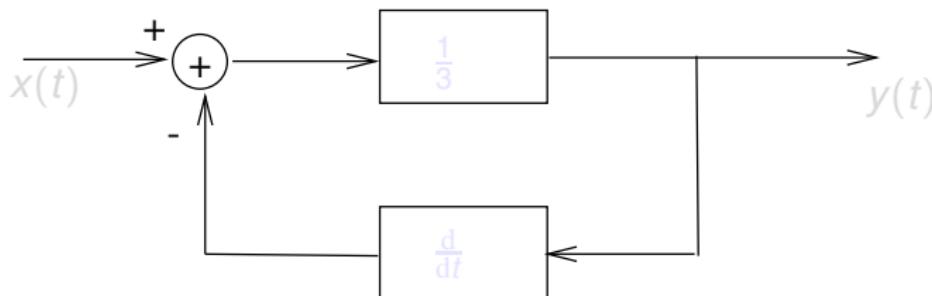
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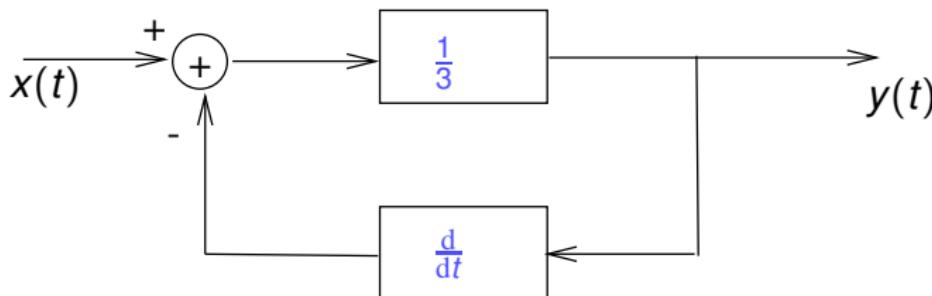


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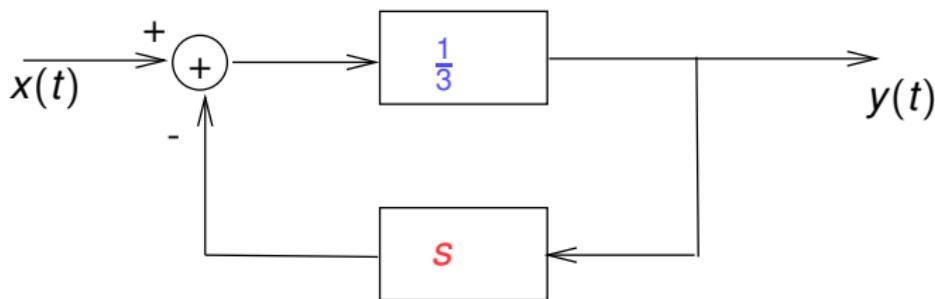
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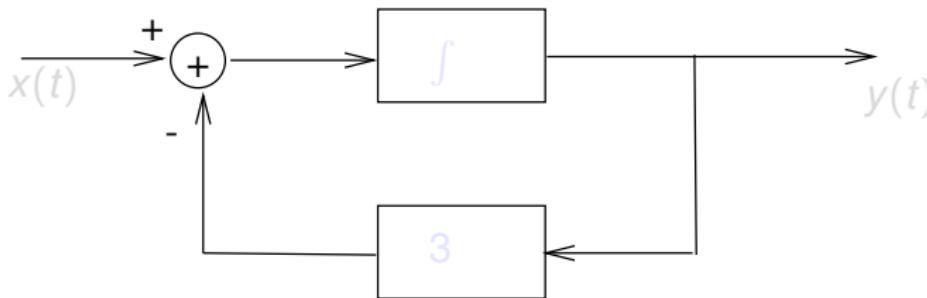


Solution (3)

- The previous diagram is a valid representation.
- But the **differentiator** is both difficult to implement and extremely sensitive to noise.

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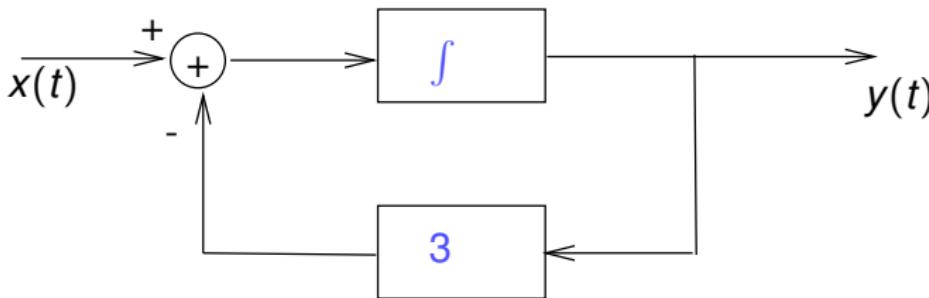


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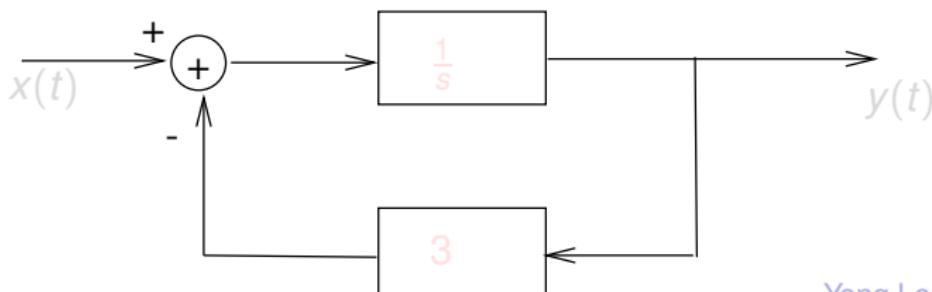
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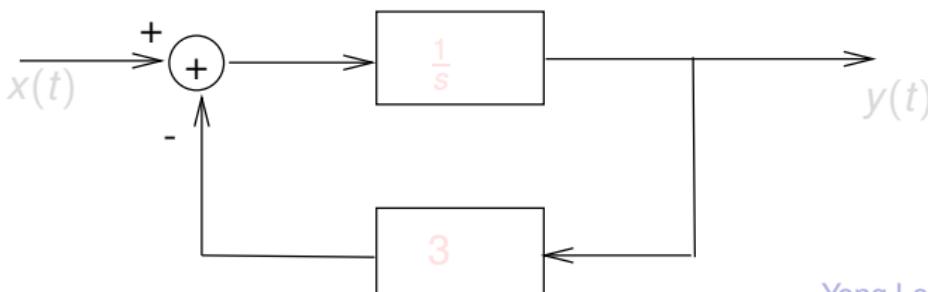


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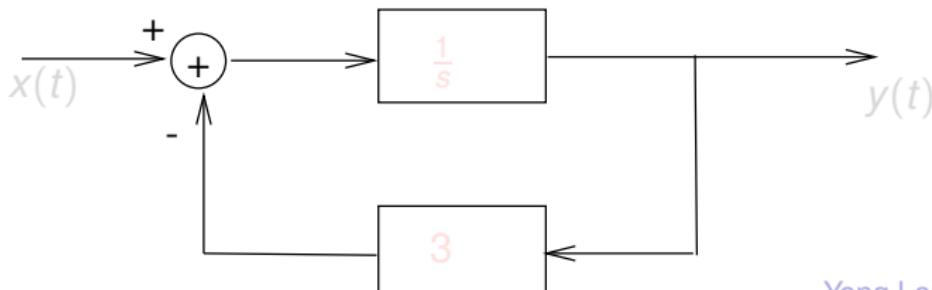
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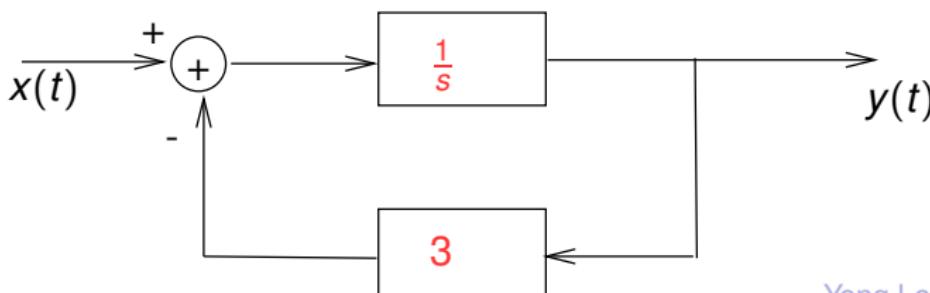


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(Picture Block diagram from spring semester)

Block diagram representation in direct form, cascade form and parallel form. (Textbook, Example 9.30)

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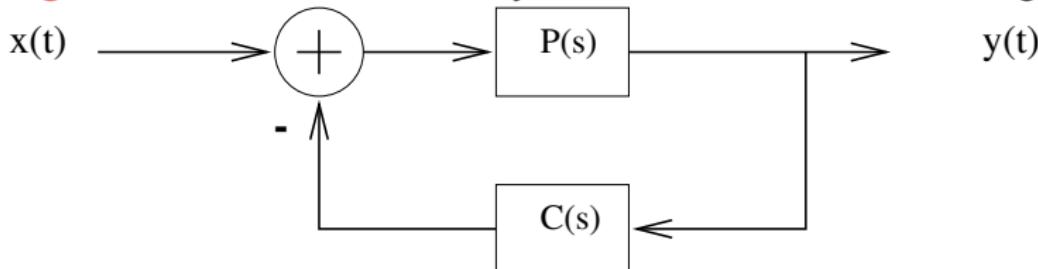
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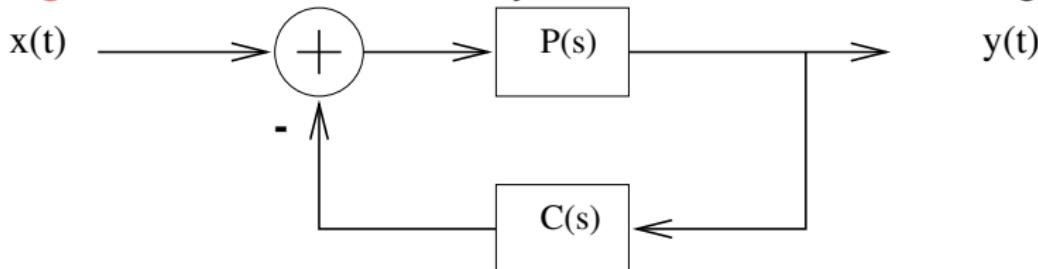
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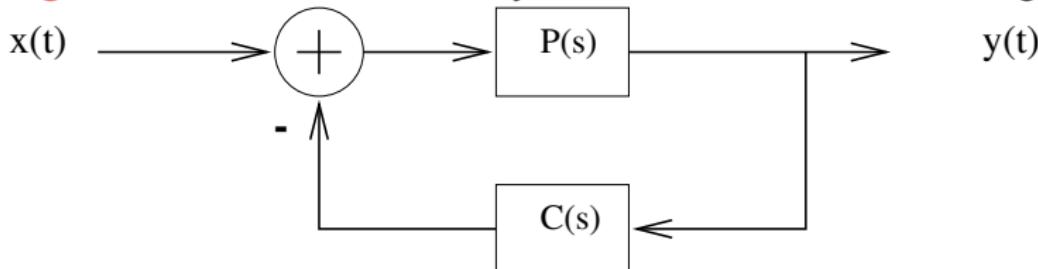
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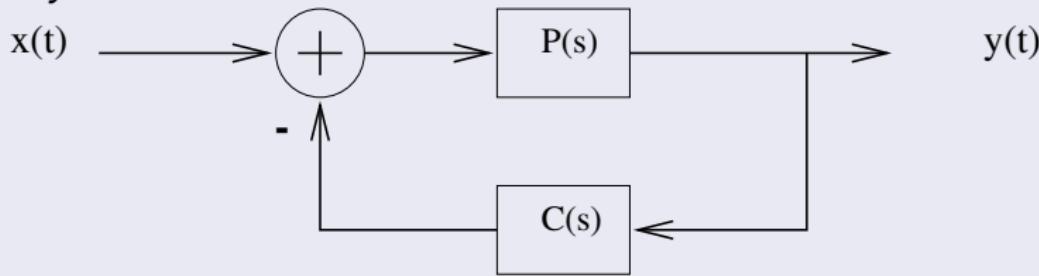


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- ROC of Laplace transform / properties
- relation to Fourier transform
- rational Laplace transforms / pole-zero plot
- inverse Laplace transform by PFE
- FT magnitude from pole-zero plot
- properties of LT
- application of LT to LTI systems