

CPE 381: Fundamentals of Signals and Systems for Computer Engineers

05 Laplace Transform

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Announcement

- ⚡ Homework 2 has been posted. Due Date: Sept 18, 2024
- ⚡ Quiz 2 will open on Friday the 13th - and will be available until the 15th.
- ⚡ Homework 3 will be posted later with a due date of Sept 25th.
- ⚡ Quiz 3 will be open Friday 20th.
- ⚡ Reading Assignment: Chapter 2, and Chapter 3 of the textbook;
- ⚡ Chapters 2, 3, and 7 of of Signals, systems, and transforms (Parr, John M. Phillips, Charles L. Riskin etc.) available at
https://github.com/rahulbhadani/CPE381_FA24/blob/master/Books/
- ⚡ Exam 1: Sept 30th, 2024, 11:20 AM - 12:40 PM

Outline

1. Motivating Laplace Transform
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5. Transfer Function
6. Inverse Laplace Transform
7. Analyzing LTI Systems



Motivating Laplace Transform

From Calculus to Algebra

Solving the differentiation equation is hard, but solving a linear algebraic equation is easier.

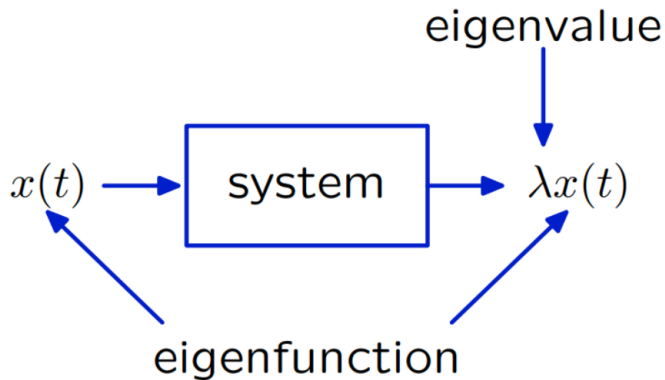
Euler found that when using an appropriate **Kernel function**, multiplied to a function, and then integrated transform it into another function of different variable that can be operated using algebraic operators.

$$F(p) = \int_a^b K(t, p) f(t) dt$$

where $K(t, p)$ is a Kernel function. This goes back to the integral transform invented by Leonhard Euler <https://www.jstor.org/stable/41133757>.

Eigenfunctions

If the output signal is a scalar multiple of the input signal, we refer to the signal as an eigenfunction and the multiplier as the eigenvalue.

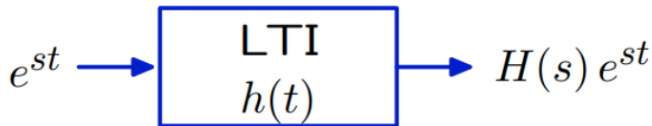


Complex Exponentials as Eigenfunction of LTI Systems

Complex exponentials are eigenfunctions of LTI systems.

If $x(t) = e^{st}$ and $h(t)$ is the impulse response then

$$y(t) = (h * x)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{s(t-\tau)} d\tau = e^{st} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau = H(s) e^{st}$$



$H(s)$ is the Laplace transform of $h(t)$. This definition is only applicable to LTI systems.

That's why we need to know first if a system is an LTI system.

Complex Exponentials

Consider $s = \sigma + j\Omega$, then

$$H(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-\tau s} d\tau$$

From the above equations, it seems obvious that $H(s)$ is an infinite combination of complex exponentials, weighted by the impulse response.



Laplace Transform

Two-sided or Bilateral Laplace Transform

Definition

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt, \quad s \in \text{ROC} \quad (1)$$

ROC = Region of Convergence, the region in the complex plane (henceforth referred to as s plane, as $s = \sigma + j\Omega$ is a complex number).

⚡ σ : damping factor;

⚡ Ω : frequency in rad/s.

Inverse Laplace Transform

Definition

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma-j\infty}^{\sigma+j\infty} F(s)e^{st} ds, \quad \sigma \in \text{ROC} \quad (2)$$

The relationship between a function and its Laplace transform can be written as:

$$f(t) \iff F(s) \quad (3)$$

Transfer Function

For a given system \mathcal{S} , if $f(t) = h(t)$, then $H(s)$ is called the Transfer Function and characterizes the system in s -domain (or frequency domain).

Why Damping Factor and Frequency in s ? I

Going back to Euler's transform:

$$F(p) = \int_a^b K(t, p) f(t) dt$$

e^{-st} is a special case Kernel function.

When the exponential is raised to a negative value, then the exponential is damped. Hence, even with limits from $-\infty$ to ∞ , we may expect the integral to converge (or within other specified limits).

Why Damping Factor and Frequency in s ? II

If s is a complex number $\sigma + j\Omega$, then $e^{-\sigma t}$ will damp the input signal, but $e^{-j\Omega t}$ will have an effect or rotating phasor with Ω as the angular frequency. Laplace built his idea on the top of Euler's work.

Read more: <https://www.cfm.brown.edu/people/dobrush/am33/MuPad/part6.html> or
<https://web.archive.org/web/20230829205701/https://www.cfm.brown.edu/people/dobrush/am33/MuPad/part6.html>

Region of Convergence (ROC)

Definition

The region in the s plane for which the integral converges is called the region of convergence.

We denote the ROC set as \mathcal{R} .

Example

Laplace Transform

For a signal $x(t) = e^{-at}u(t)$, find the Laplace transform $X(s)$ and its ROC.

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Example

Laplace Transform

Find the Laplace transform of (i) $\delta(t)$, (ii) $u(t)$, (iii) $p(t) = u(t) - u(t - 1)$

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Laplace Transform using Symbolic Expression in MATLAB

```
syms a t s
f = exp(-a*t);
F = laplace(f, t, s);

% Display the Laplace transform
disp('Laplace Transform:');
disp(F);

% Extract the pole from the Laplace transform
[~, poles] = numden(F);
poles = solve(poles, s);
```

Output:

Laplace Transform:
 $1/(a + s)$

poles =
 $-a$

Laplace Transforms of Unit-Impulse and Unit-Step Functions

⚡ dirac is the unit-impulse function.

⚡ heaviside is the unit-step function.

Output:

```
syms t s
syms a positive
F = laplace(dirac(t-a),t,s)
G = laplace heaviside(t-a),t,s)
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F =

$\exp(-a*s)$

G =

$\exp(-a*s)/s$

Laplace Transform of Symbolic Function

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syms f1(x) f2(x) a b
f1(x) = exp(x);
f2(x) = x;
F = laplace([f1 f2],x,[a b])
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⚡ dirac is the unit-impulse function.

⚡ heaviside is the unit-step function.

Output:

F =

$[1/(a - 1), 1/b^2]$

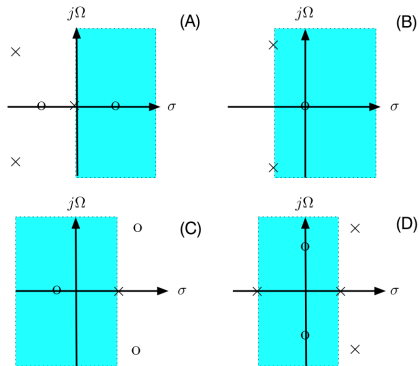
A Note on ROC for Finite-Duration Signal

- ⚡ A finite-duration signal $x_f(t)$ is a signal that is nonzero only for $t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$, where both t_1 and t_2 are finite numbers and $t_2 > t_1$.
- ⚡ For a finite-duration, absolutely integrable signal, the ROC is the entire s -plane.

Key Point

If $x_f(t)$ is absolutely integrable and a finite-duration signal, then $x(t)e^{-\sigma t}$ is also absolutely integrable for any value of σ because the integration is over the finite range of t only.

Region of Convergence



ROC (shaded region) for

- ⚡ (A) causal signal with poles with $\sigma_{max} = 0$;
- ⚡ (B) causal signal with poles with $\sigma_{max} < 0$;
- ⚡ (C) anticausal signal with poles with $\sigma_{min} > 0$;
- ⚡ (D) two-sided or noncausal signal where ROC is bounded by poles (poles on left-hand plane give causal component and poles on the right-hand s-plane give the anticausal component of the signal).
- ⚡ The ROCs do not contain poles, but they can contain zeros.

ROC for Finite-Duration Signals

- ⚡ The Laplace transform of a finite-duration signal converges for every value of s .
- ⚡ This means that the ROC of a general signal $x(t)$ remains unaffected by the addition of any absolutely integrable, finite-duration signal $x_f(t)$ to $x(t)$.

Conclusion

If \mathcal{R} represents the ROC of a signal $x(t)$, then the ROC of a signal $x(t) + x_f(t)$ is also \mathcal{R} .

Why do we care about ROC?

Recall:

Inverse Laplace Transform

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma-j\infty}^{\sigma+j\infty} F(s)e^{st} ds, \quad \sigma \in \text{ROC}$$

- ⚡ Knowledge of ROC is required when calculating inverse Laplace transform.
- ⚡ Path of integration on the complex plane is $\sigma + j\Omega$, Ω varies from $-\infty$ to ∞ . In addition, this path of integration must lie on the ROC. We won't discuss further 'path of integration' but if you are interested, I recommend MA 453/MA 503 – Introduction To Complex Analysis

One-sided of Unilateral Laplace Transform

$t > 0$, a cause system.

For any function $f(t)$, $-\infty < t < \infty$, its one-sided Laplace transform $F(s)$ is defined as

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)u(t)] = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt \quad s \in \text{ROC}$$

- ⚡ An important use of the one-sided Laplace transform is for solving ordinary differential equations with initial conditions.
- ⚡ The two-sided Laplace transform by starting at $t = -\infty$ (lower bound of the integral) ignores possible nonzero initial conditions at $t = 0$. Thus it is not useful in solving ordinary differential equations unless the initial conditions are zero.

Structure of Transfer Function and Poles and Zeros

- ⚡ $H(s)$ is a ratio of numerator to denominator where each is polynomial in s .
- ⚡ $H(s) = N(s)/D(s)$.
- ⚡ The roots of $N(s) = 0$ are called zeros.
- ⚡ The roots of $D(s) = 0$ are called poles.
- ⚡ ROC is related to poles of the transfer function.
- ⚡ Poles and zeros at the same place on the complex plane cancel each other.

Poles and ROC

The ROC consists of the values of σ for which $x(t)e^{-\sigma t}$ is absolutely integrable.

- ⚡ No poles appear on ROC. (Poles make the $H(s)$ go to infinity).
- ⚡ ROC plane is parallel to Ω axis.
- ⚡ ROC doesn't depend on Ω . Thus all ROC has $-\infty < \Omega < \infty$.
- ⚡ For a causal system, ROC is the plane right of the poles.
- ⚡ For an anti-causal system, ROC is the plane left of the poles.
- ⚡ For non-causal system, ROC is the intersection of multiple components, wherever, the integration is finite.

Laplace Transform of a bounded function

The Laplace transform of a bounded function $f(t)$ of finite support $t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$, always exists and has the whole s -plane as ROC.



Region of Convergence

Properties of ROC

1. The ROC does not contain any poles.

Properties of ROC

2. The ROC of $X(s)$ consists of strips parallel to the $j\Omega$ -axis in the s -plane and ROC does not contain any poles.

Properties of ROC

3. If $x(t)$ is a finite-duration signal and absolutely integrable, ROC is the entire s -plane except possibly $s = 0$ or $s = \infty$

Properties of ROC

4. If $x(t)$ is a right-sided signal, that is $x(t) = 0$ for $t < t_1 < \infty$, then ROC is of the form $\text{Re}(s) > \sigma_{\max}$, where σ_{\max} equals the maximum real part of any poles of $X(s)$, thus ROC is to the right of all the poles of $X(s)$.

Properties of ROC

5. If $x(t)$ is a left-sided signal, that is $x(t) = 0$ for $t > t_2 > -\infty$, then ROC is of the form $\text{Re}(s) < \sigma_{\min}$, where σ_{\min} is the minimum real part of any of the poles of $X(s)$, thus ROC is to the left of all the poles of $X(s)$.

Properties of ROC

6. If $x(t)$ is a two-sided signal, that is $x(t)$ is an infinite-duration signal, then ROC is of the form $s_1 < \text{Re}(s) < s_2$ where s_1 , s_2 are real parts of the two poles of $X(s)$, thus ROC is a vertical strip in the s -plane between s_1 and s_2 .



Properties of One-side Laplace Transform

Linearity

Laplace Transform is linear.

$$f(t) \iff F(s), \quad g(t) \iff G(s),$$

then

$$\mathcal{L}[af(t)u(t) + bg(t)u(t)] = aF(s) + bG(s)$$

Example

⚡ $f(t) = Ae^{-at}u(t)$

⚡ $f(t) \iff F(s)$

⚡ $F(s) = \frac{A}{(s+a)}, \quad ROC : \sigma > -|a|$

⚡ $a = 5$ makes $f(t)$ decaying exponential.

⚡ The larger the $|a|$, the faster is the decay.

⚡ $a = -5$ makes $f(t)$ growing exponential.

⚡ The larger the $|a|$, the faster is the growth.

Example continues ...

Now, consider

$$g_1(t) = A \cos(\Omega_0 t) u(t) = 0.5[Ae^{at} u(t) + Ae^{-at} u(t)]$$

Assume $a = j\Omega_0$.

We can use linearity to solve it:

$$G_1(s) = 0.5 \left[\frac{A}{s - a} + \frac{A}{s + a} \right] = \frac{As}{s^2 + \Omega_0^2}$$

and we will have two poles, $s = -j\Omega_0$, $s = j\Omega_0$.

The value of a determines the location of poles. As a is a pure imaginary number, then if the poles are farther away from the origin, we will have a higher frequency.

Example continues ...

Further, consider

$$g_2(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\Omega_0 t) u(t)$$

We can break down the sin part into exponential term using Euler's identity, which would lead to $G_2(s)$:

$$G_2(s) = \frac{A}{2} \left[\frac{1}{s + \alpha - j\Omega_0} + \frac{1}{s + \alpha + j\Omega_0} \right]$$

Comparing G_1 and G_2 , we see that, $G_2(s) = G_1(s + \alpha)$ and we originally had $g_2(t) = g_1(t)e^{-\alpha t}$. Thus we learn that multiplying $g_1(t)$ by $e^{-\alpha t}$ shifts the Laplace transform by α amount.

This is called **Frequency-Shift** property.

Example

Laplace Transform

Find and use the Laplace transform of

$$e^{j\Omega t + \theta} u(t)$$

to obtain the Laplace transform of $x(t) = \cos(\Omega_0 t + \theta)u(t)$

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Multiplication by Time

$$\begin{aligned}p(t) &= tg_2(t) = tAe^{-\alpha t} \cos(\Omega_0 t)u(t) \\P(s) &= \mathcal{L}[p(t)] \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} tAe^{-\alpha t} \cos(\Omega_0 t)u(t)e^{-st} dt \\&= \int_0^{\infty} tAe^{-\alpha t} \cos(\Omega_0 t)e^{-st} dt\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}G_2(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\Omega_0 t)e^{-st} dt \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dG_2(s)}{ds} &= \int_0^{\infty} Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\Omega_0 t) \frac{d}{ds} e^{-st} dt \\&= - \int_0^{\infty} Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\Omega_0 t) te^{-st} dt \\&= -P(s)\end{aligned}$$

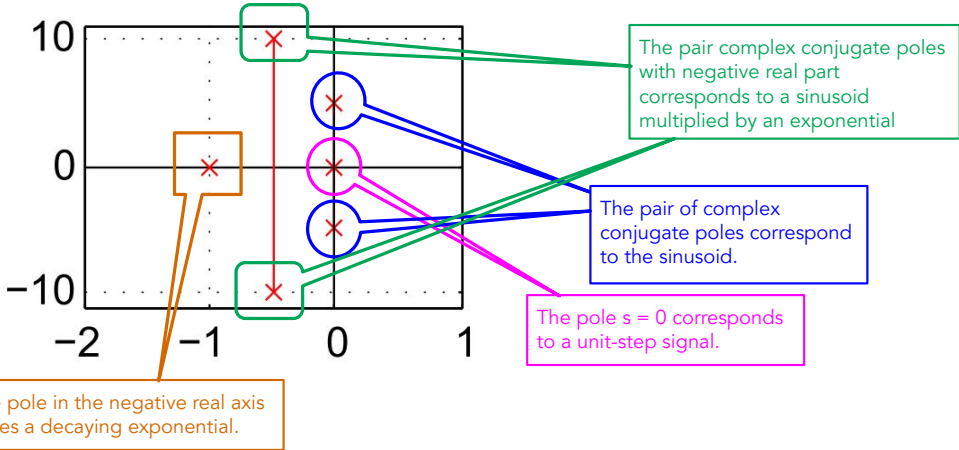
Hence, multiplication by time variable 4 in time is equal to taking the derivative in the s -domain. In general,

$$t^n f(t)u(t) \iff (-1)^n \frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n}, \quad n \geq 1$$

Laplace Transform of Sum of Signals

If we were to add the different signals, then the Laplace transform of the resulting signal would be the sum of the Laplace transform of each of the signals and the poles/zeros would be the aggregation of the poles/zeros from each.

Plotting Poles



Reviewing Integration by Parts

$$\int f g' = f g - \int f' g$$

The Laplace Transform of the Derivative of a Causal Signal

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df(t)}{dt}u(t)\right] = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} \frac{df(t)}{dt}e^{-st}dt$$

Let $f = e^{-st}$, then $f' = -se^{-st}$, $g' = \frac{df(t)}{dt}$, $g = f(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{0^-}^{\infty} \frac{df(t)}{dt}e^{-st}dt &= e^{-st}f(t)\Big|_{0^-}^{\infty} - \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t)(-se^{-st})dt \\ &= -f(0_-) + s\int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt \\ &= -f(0_-) + sF(s)\end{aligned}$$

$f(0_-)$ term will vanish when the limits of integration are from $-\infty$ to ∞ , i.e. for a two-sided Laplace transform

The Laplace Transform of the Derivative of a Causal Signal

In general

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{d^N f(t)}{dt^N} u(t) \right] = s^N F(s)$$

for two-sided Laplace transform. Thus solving a differential equation becomes an algebraic problem with the application of Laplace transform.

The Laplace Transform of the Integral of a Causal Signal

Let $g(t) = \int_0^t f(u)du$.

$\Rightarrow g'(t) = f(t)$, and assume, $g(0) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[g'(t)] &= s\mathcal{L}[g(t)] - g(0) = s\mathcal{L}[g(t)] \\ &= F(s), \quad \text{as } F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[g(t)] = \frac{F(s)}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(u)du\right] = \frac{F(s)}{s}$$

Time-shift Property

$$\mathcal{L}\left[f(t - \tau)u(t - \tau)\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - \tau)u(t - \tau)e^{-st}dt$$

Let $t - \tau = T \Rightarrow t = T + \tau$, then $dt = dT$. Thus,

$$\mathcal{L}\left[f(t - \tau)u(t - \tau)\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(T)u(T)e^{-s(T+\tau)}dT = \int_0^{\infty} f(T)e^{-sT}dT = e^{-s\tau}F(s)$$

Time-shift corresponds to a frequency shift in s -domain.

Summary: Duality in Time-domain and s -domain

$$\text{⚡ } f(t) \leftrightarrow F(s)$$

$$\text{⚡ } \frac{df(t)}{dt} \leftrightarrow sF(s)$$

$$\text{⚡ } t(f) \leftrightarrow -\frac{dF(s)}{ds}$$

$$\text{⚡ } f(t - \alpha)u(t - \alpha) \leftrightarrow F(s)e^{-\alpha s}$$

$$\text{⚡ } f(t)e^{-\alpha t}u(t) \leftrightarrow F(s + \alpha)$$

$$\text{⚡ } f(\alpha t)u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|\alpha|}F\left(\frac{s}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$\text{⚡ } \frac{1}{|\alpha|}f\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right)u(t) \leftrightarrow F(\alpha s)$$

Convolutional Integral

If a system has an impulse response $h(t)$, then

$y(t) = (x * h)(t)$, then by definition of convolutional integral,

$$y(t) = \int_0^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau$$

Its Laplace transform is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y(t)] &= Y(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \left[\int_0^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau \right] e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \left[x(\tau) \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} h(t - \tau)e^{-s(t-\tau)} dt}_{\text{Solve this by the change of variable}} \right] e^{-s\tau} d\tau = X(s)H(s)\end{aligned}$$

Solve this by the change of variable

Initial Value Theorem

It enables us to find the initial value at time $t = (0^+)$ for a given transformed function (Laplace) without enabling us to work harder to find $f(t)$ which is a tedious process in such a case.

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

Final Value Theorem

This theorem is useful for finding the final value because it is almost always easier to derive the Laplace transform and evaluate the limit on the right-hand side than to derive the equation for $f(t)$ and evaluate the limit on the left-hand side.

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

Example

Apply Final Value Theorem

Apply the Final Value Theorem to find $f(\infty)$: (i) $F(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+4)}$; (ii) $F(s) = \frac{2s+51}{47s^2+67}$

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Transfer Function

Defining Transfer Function

Laplace transform of the impulse response $h(t)$ of a LTI system with input $x(t)$ and output $y(t)$:

Transfer Function

$$H(s) = \frac{\mathcal{L}[\text{output}]}{\mathcal{L}[\text{input}]} = \frac{\mathcal{L}[y(t)]}{\mathcal{L}[x(t)]} = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$$

This function is called **transfer function** because it transfers the Laplace transform of the input to the output. Just as with the Laplace transform of signals, $H(s)$ characterizes an LTI system by means of its poles and zeros. Thus it becomes a very important tool in the analysis and synthesis of systems.

Inverse Laplace Transform Pairs

	$f(t)$	$F(s)$
1	$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s} \quad \text{Re}(s) > 0$
2	$\delta(t)$	1 , ROC whole plane
3	$e^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s+a} \quad \text{Re}(s) > -a$
4	$t^n u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad \text{Re}(s) > 0$

Laplace Transform Pairs (cont.)

	$f(t)$	$F(s)$
5	$e^{-at}t^n u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{(s+a)^{n+1}} \quad \text{Re}(s) > -a$
6	$\sin(at)u(t)$	$\frac{a}{s^2+a^2} \quad \text{Re}(s) > 0$
7	$\cos(at)u(t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2+a^2} \quad \text{Re}(s) > 0$

Laplace Transform Pairs (cont.)

	$f(t)$	$F(s)$
8a	$e^{-at} \sin(bt)u(t)$	$\frac{b}{(s+a)^2+b^2} \quad \text{Re}(s) > -a$
8b	$e^{-at} \cos(bt)u(t)$	$\frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2+b^2} \quad \text{Re}(s) > -a$
9a	$\sinh(at)u(t)$	$\frac{a}{s^2-a^2} \quad \text{Re}(s) > a$
9b	$\cosh(at)u(t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2-a^2} \quad \text{Re}(s) > a$

Laplace Transform Pairs (cont.)

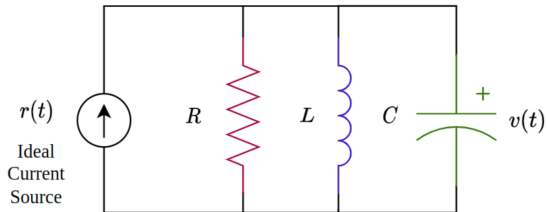
	$f(t)$	$F(s)$
10	$re^{-at} \cos(bt + \theta)u(t)$	$\frac{0.5re^{j\theta}}{(s+a-jb)} + \frac{0.5re^{-j\theta}}{(s+a+jb)}$

Summary: Basic properties of one-sided Laplace transforms

Linearity	$\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \alpha F(s) + \beta G(s)$
Time-shifting	$f(t - \alpha)u(t - \alpha) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} e^{-\alpha s} F(s)$
Frequency-shifting	$f(t)e^{-\alpha t}u(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} F(s + \alpha)$
Derivative	$\frac{df(t)}{dt} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} sF(s) - f(0^-)$
Integration	$\int_{0^-}^t f(t')dt' \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{F(s)}{s}$

Revisiting the old problem (Parallel RLC Circuit)

$$\frac{v(t)}{R} + C \frac{dv(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v(t) dt = r(t)$$



Solve the differential equation using Laplace transform.



Inverse Laplace Transform

Calculating Inverse Laplace Transform

Given the transform and ROC, find a time-domain function. Three cases to consider:

1. Inverse of one-sided Laplace transforms giving causal functions
2. Inverse of Laplace transforms with exponentials
3. Inverse of two-sided Laplace transforms giving anti-causal or noncausal functions.

Inverse of One-sided Laplace transforms

We consider a causal function. In s -domain, causal function means

$$\sigma > \sigma_{\max} \quad , -\infty < \Omega_0 < \infty$$

where σ_{\max} is the maximum of the real parts of $X(s)$.

Review of Partial Fraction Expansion

Partial fraction expansion (also called **partial fraction decomposition**) is performed whenever we want to represent a complicated fraction as a sum of simpler fractions.
Let's understand this with an example.

Partial Fraction: Example 1

$$F(s) = \frac{s + 3}{s^3 + 7s^2 + 10s}$$

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Partial Fraction: Example 2

Evaluate:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos x dx}{(1 + \sin x)(2 + \sin x)}$$

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Calculating Inverse Laplace Transform

Calculating the inverse Laplace transform requires converting $X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$ fraction to a proper fraction where the degree of the numerator polynomial is less than that of the denominator.

If $X(s)$ is not a proper fraction, we need to do a long division until we get a proper fraction.

We do partial fractions expansion so that we can directly calculate the inverse from the table.

Example (Simple Pole)

$$X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{(s + p_1)(s + p_2)}$$

where $\{s_k = -p_k\}, k = 1, 2$ are simple real poles of $X(s)$, its partial expansion, and hence inverse is given by

$$X(s) = \frac{A_1}{s + p_1} + \frac{A_2}{s + p_2} \xrightarrow{x} (t) = [A_1 e^{-p_1 t} + A_2 e^{-p_2 t}] u(t)$$

Example

Consider a proper rational function:

$$X(s) = \frac{3s + 5}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

Find its causal inverse.

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Example (Complex Conjugate Poles)

$$X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \Omega_0^2}$$

Blank space for calculation

Example

Find poles:

$$X(s) = \frac{2s + 3}{s^2 + 2s + 4}$$

Blank space for calculation

Double Real Poles

Find poles:

$$X(s) = \frac{4}{s(s+2)^2}$$

Blank space for calculation

Example: Simple pole and complex conjugate poles

Find poles:

$$X(s) = \frac{4}{s((s+1)^2 + 3)}$$

Blank space for calculation

Example with Exponentiation Term

Find poles:

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

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Example with Exponentiation Term

Find poles:

$$X(s) = \frac{2\pi(1 + e^{-s/2})}{(1 - e^{-s/2})(s^2 + 4\pi^2)}$$

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Inverse Laplace Transformation using Symbolic Expression

```
syms s
F = 1/s^2;
f = ilaplace(F)
```

Output:

$f =$
 t

Inverse Laplace Transform Involving Unit-impulse and Unit-step

```
syms s t
f1 = ilaplace(1,s,t)

F = exp(-2*s)/(s^2+1);
f2 = ilaplace(F,s,t)
```

Output:

```
f1 =
    dirac(t)

f2 =
    heaviside(t - 2)*sin(t - 2)
```

Inverse Laplace Transform as Convolution

```
syms t positive % t >= 0
f(t) = heaviside(t);
g(t) = exp(-t);
F = laplace(f);
G = laplace(g);
h = ilaplace(F*G)
```

Output:

$h =$
 $1 - \exp(-t)$

Specifying Transfer Function

```
numerator = 1;  
denominator = [2,3,4];  
sys = tf(numerator,denominator)
```

Output:

sys =

$$\frac{1}{2s^2 + 3s + 4}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

Getting Poles and Zeros

```
numerator = 1;  
denominator = [2,3,4];  
sys = tf(numerator,denominator)
```

Output:

sys =

$$\frac{1}{2s^2 + 3s + 4}$$

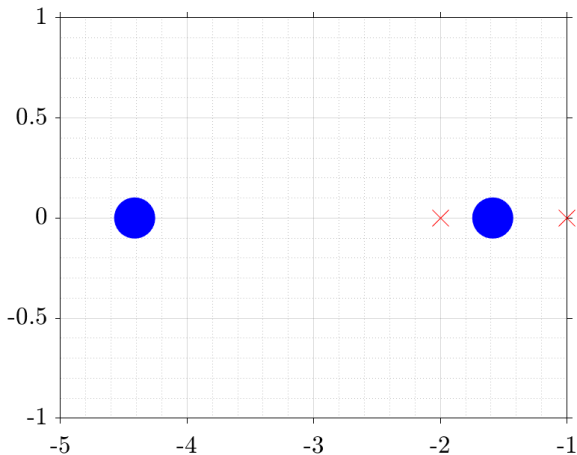
Continuous-time transfer function.

Getting Poles and Zeros

```
numerator = [1 6 7];
denominator = [1 3 2];
sys = tf(numerator,denominator);
z = roots(numerator); % zeros
p = roots(denominator); % poles
f = figure(1);
plot(real(z), imag(z), 'b.',
      'MarkerSize',90);
hold on;
plot(real(p), imag(p), 'rx',
      'MarkerSize',15);
```

```
grid on;
grid minor;
set(gca, 'FontSize', 16);
set(gca, 'XColor', [0, 0, 0],
      'YColor', [0, 0, 0], 'TickDir', 'out');
xaxis = get(gca, 'XAxis');
xaxis.TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
yaxis = get(gca, 'YAxis');
yaxis.TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
exportgraphics(f, 'ch3_laplace.png');
```


Getting Poles and Zeros (contd.)



Output:

sys =

$$\frac{s^2 + 6s + 7}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

$$\frac{s^2 + 3s + 2}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

z =

-4.4142

-1.5858

p =

-2

-1



Analyzing LTI Systems

Solving a Differential Equation using Laplace Transform

$$\frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 6y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + x(t)$$

Initial condition: $y(0^-) = 2$ and $y'(0^-) = 1$, and the input is $x(t) = e^{-4t}u(t)$

$$\text{⚡ } \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \iff sX(s) - x(0^-)$$

$$\text{⚡ } \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} \iff s^2X(s) - sx(0^-) - x'(0^-)$$

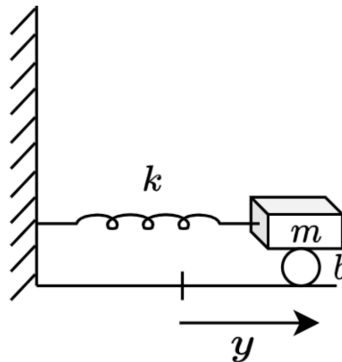
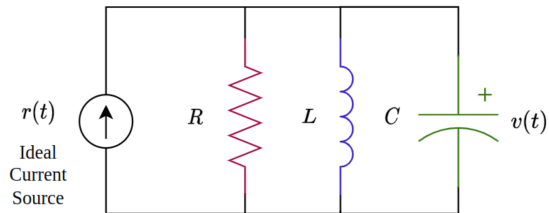
$$\text{⚡ } \frac{d^nx(t)}{dt^n} \iff s^nX(s) - \sum_{k=1}^n s^{n-k}x^{(k-1)}(0^-)$$

$$\text{⚡ } \int_0^t x(\tau)d\tau \iff \frac{1}{s}X(s)$$

$$\text{⚡ } \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau)d\tau \iff \frac{1}{s}X(s) + \frac{1}{s}\int_{-\infty}^{0^-} x(t)dt$$

Dynamic Linear Time Invariant Systems

Ordinary differential equations typically represent dynamic linear time-invariant (LTI) systems.



Characterizing the Response of Causal LTI Systems

- ⚡ **zero-state** and **zero-input** responses, which have to do with the effect of the input and the initial conditions of the system,
- ⚡ **transient** and **steady-state** responses, which have to do with close and far away the behavior of the response

Nth Order Differential Equation for a System

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} = \sum_{k=0}^m b_k \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k}$$

Taking Laplace transform:

$$A(s)Y(s) = B(s)X(s) + I(s)$$

$$Y(s) = \underbrace{\frac{B(s)}{A(s)}}_{H(s)} X(s) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{A(s)}}_{H_1(s)} I(s)$$

$$A(s) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k s^k$$

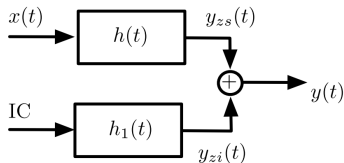
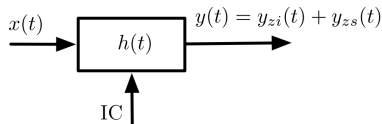
$$B(s) = \sum_{j=0}^m b_j s^j$$

$$I(s) = \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} s^{k-j-1} \frac{d^m y}{dt^m}(0) \right), \quad a_n = 1$$

The Response of the LTI System

$$Y(s) = H(s)X(s) + H_1(s)I(s)$$

$$y(t) = y_{zs}(t) + y_{zi}(t)$$



$y_{zs}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[H(s)X(s)]$ is the system's **zero-state response**.

$y_{zi}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[H_1(s)I(s)]$ is the system's **zero-input response**.

Transient and Steady-State Responses

- ⚡ The transient response can be thought of as the inertia the system presents to the input.
- ⚡ The steady-state response is how the system reacts to the input away from the initial time.

Steady-state Response

If the poles (simple or multiple, real or complex) of the Laplace transform of the output, $Y(s)$, of an LTI system are in the open left-hand s -plane (i.e., no poles on the $j\Omega$ -axis) the steady-state response is

$$y_s(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$$

but the steady state can also occur much earlier.

Simple complex conjugate poles and a simple real pole at the origin of the s -plane cause a steady state response.

Real pole $s = -\alpha$, $\alpha > 0$, of multiplicity $m \geq 1$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{N(s)}{(s + \alpha)^m}\right] = \sum_{k=1}^m A_k t^{k-1} \underbrace{e^{-\alpha t}}_* u(t)$$

* For any value of $\alpha > 0$ and any order $m \geq 1$, the above inverse will tend to zero as t increases.

$N(s)$ is a polynomial function with degree $m - 1$ or less.

The rate at which they will go zero will depend on how far apart poles are on the $j\Omega$ -axis.

Complex Conjugate Pairs of Poles with Negative Real Part

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{N(s)}{((s + \alpha)^2 + \Omega_0^2)^m}\right] = \sum_{k=1}^m 2|A_k|t^{k-1}e^{-\alpha t}\cos(\Omega_0 + \angle(A_k))u(t), \quad m \geq 1$$

Due to the decaying exponentials this type of response will go to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Points to Note about Steady-state Response

The steady-state component of the complete solution is given by the inverse Laplace transforms of the partial fraction expansion terms of $Y(s)$ that have simple poles (real or complex conjugate pairs) in the $j\Omega$ -axis.

The Transient Response

The transient response is given by the inverse Laplace transform of the partial fraction expansion terms with poles in the left-hand s -plane, independent of whether the poles are simple or multiple, real or complex.

Definition

The response of a system to a change from an equilibrium or a steady state is called **transient response**.

The impulse response and step response are transient responses to a specific input.

A System's Response as Transient + Steady State Response

The transient response is present in a short period immediately after the system is turned on. If the system is asymptotically stable, the transient response disappears eventually.

$$y(t) = y_{tr}(t) + y_{ss}(t)$$

If the system is unstable, the transient response will increase very quickly (exponentially) in time, and in most cases, the system will be practically unusable or even destroyed during the unstable transient response (as can occur, for example, in some electrical networks).

Find the Impulse Response and Step Response of the System

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

1. initial zero condition
2. $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0, x(t) = u(t)$

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Noncausal Inverse Laplace Transform

Find $x(t)$ for

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s-2)}, \quad \text{ROC: } -2 < \text{Re}(s) < 2$$

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Determining BIBO Stability

1. If the system is both causal and stable, then the poles of $H(s)$ must lie in the left half of s -plane.
2. A LTI with a transfer function $H(s)$ and region of convergence R is BIBO stable if the $j\Omega$ -axis is contained in the region of convergence.
3. A causal LTI system with impulse response $h(t)$ or transfer function $H(s) = \mathcal{L}[h(t)]$ is BIBO stable if the following equivalent conditions are satisfied:
 - $H(s) = \mathcal{L}[h(t)] = \frac{Ns(s)}{D(s)}$, $j\Omega$ axis in ROC of $H(s)$.
 - $\int_0^\infty |h(t)|dt < \infty$, $h(t)$ is absolutely integrable.
 - Poles of $H(s)$ are in the open left-hand s -plane (not including the $j\Omega$ -axis).

Example: BIBO Stability

Consider causal LTI systems with impulse responses: (i) $h_1(t) = [4\cos(t) - e^{-t}]u(t)$, (ii) $h_2(t) = [te^{-t} + e^{-2t}]u(t)$, (iii) $h_3(t) = [te^{-t} \cos(2t)]u(t)$.

Determine which of these systems is BIBO stable. For those that are not, indicate why they are not.

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