

# **Introduction to Signals and Systems: V216**

## **Lecture #14**

### **Chapter 9: Laplace Transform**

# Introduction to the Laplace Transform

Fourier transforms are extremely useful in the study of many problems of practical importance involving signals and LTI systems.

purely imaginary complex exponentials  $e^{st}$ ,  $s=j\omega$

A large class of signals can be represented as a linear combination of complex exponentials and complex exponentials are eigenfunctions of LTI systems.

However, the **eigenfunction** property applies to any complex number  $s$ , not just purely imaginary (signals)

This leads to the development of the **Laplace transform** where  $s$  is an arbitrary complex number.

Laplace and z-transforms can be applied to the analysis of un-stable system (signals with infinite energy) and play a role in the analysis of system stability

# The Laplace Transform

The response of an LTI system with impulse response  $h(t)$  to a complex exponential input,  $x(t)=e^{st}$ , is

$$y(t) = H(s)e^{st}$$

where  $s$  is a complex number and

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

when  $s$  is purely imaginary, this is the **Fourier transform**,  $H(j\omega)$

when  $s$  is complex, this is the **Laplace transform** of  $h(t)$ ,  $H(s)$

The Laplace transform of a general signal  $x(t)$  is:

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

and is usually expressed as:

$$x(t) \overset{L}{\longleftrightarrow} X(s)$$

# Laplace and Fourier Transform

The Fourier transform is the Laplace transform when  $s$  is purely imaginary:

$$X(s) \Big|_{s=j\omega} = F\{x(t)\}$$

An alternative way of expressing this is when  $s = \sigma + j\omega$

$$\begin{aligned} X(\sigma + j\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-(\sigma + j\omega)t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [x(t) e^{-\sigma t}] e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x'(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= F\{x'(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

The Laplace transform is the Fourier transform of the transformed signal  $x'(t) = x(t)e^{-\sigma t}$ . Depending on whether  $\sigma$  is positive/negative this represents a growing/negative signal

# Example 1: Laplace Transform

Consider the signal  $x(t) = e^{-at}u(t)$

The Fourier transform  $X(j\omega)$  converges for  $a > 0$ :

$$X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-at}u(t)e^{-j\omega t}dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at}e^{-j\omega t}dt = \frac{1}{j\omega + a}, \quad a > 0$$

The Laplace transform is:

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-at}u(t)e^{-st}dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s+a)t}dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\sigma+a)t}e^{-j\omega t}dt \end{aligned}$$

which is the Fourier Transform of  $e^{-(\sigma+a)t}u(t)$

$$X(\sigma + j\omega) = \frac{1}{(\sigma + a) + j\omega}, \quad \sigma + a > 0$$

Or

$$e^{-at}u(t) \stackrel{L}{\leftrightarrow} X(s) = \frac{1}{s + a}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > -a$$

If  $a$  is negative or zero, the Laplace Transform still exists

## Example 2: Laplace Transform

Consider the signal  $x(t) = -e^{-at}u(-t)$

The Laplace transform is:

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-st} u(-t) dt \\ &= -\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-(s+a)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s+a} \end{aligned}$$

Convergence requires that  $\text{Re}\{s+a\} < 0$  or  $\text{Re}\{s\} < -a$ .

The Laplace transform expression is identical to Example 1 (similar but different signals), however the regions of convergence of  $s$  are mutually exclusive (non-intersecting).

For a Laplace transform, we need both the expression and the Region Of Convergence (ROC).

### Example 3: $\sin(\omega t)u(t)$

The Laplace transform of the signal  $x(t) = \sin(\omega t)u(t)$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2j} (e^{j\omega t} - e^{-j\omega t}) u(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2j} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-j\omega)t} dt - \frac{1}{2j} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s+j\omega)t} dt & \text{Re}\{s\} > 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2j} \left( \left. \frac{e^{-(s-j\omega)t}}{-(s-j\omega)} \right|_0^{\infty} + \left. \frac{e^{-(s+j\omega)t}}{(s+j\omega)} \right|_0^{\infty} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2j} \left( \frac{1}{(s-j\omega)} - \frac{1}{(s+j\omega)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2j} \left( \frac{2j\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} & \text{Re}\{s\} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Fourier Transform does not Converge ...

It is worthwhile reflecting that the Fourier transform does not exist for a fairly wide class of signals, such as the response of an unstable, first order system, the Fourier transform does not exist/converge

E.g.  $x(t) = e^{at}u(t)$ ,  $a > 0$

does not exist (is infinite) because the **signal's energy is infinite**

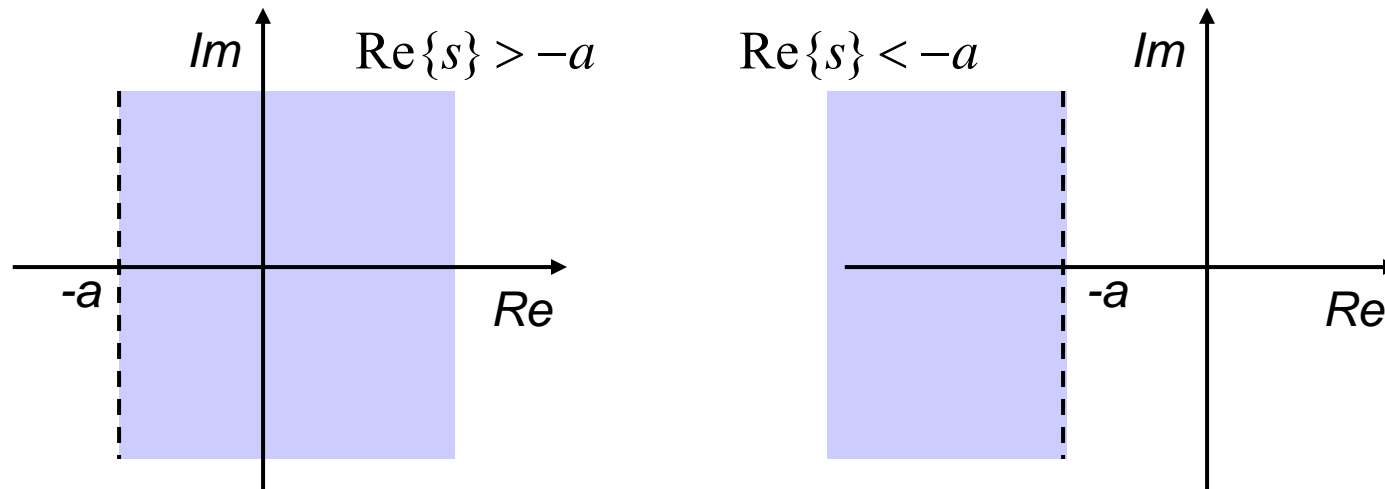
This is because we multiply  $x(t)$  by a complex sinusoidal signal which has **unit magnitude** for all  $t$  and integrate for all time. Therefore, as the **Dirichlet convergence** conditions say, the Fourier transform exists for most signals with **finite energy**



# Region of Convergence

The Region Of Convergence (ROC) of the Laplace transform is the set of values for  $s (= \sigma + j\omega)$  for which the Fourier transform of  $x(t)e^{-\sigma t}$  converges (exists).

The ROC is generally displayed by drawing separating line/curve in the complex plane, as illustrated below for Examples 1 and 2, respectively.



The shaded regions denote the ROC for the Laplace transform

## Example 4: Laplace Transform

Consider a signal that is the sum of two real exponentials:

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

The Laplace transform is then:

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [3e^{-2t}u(t) - 2e^{-t}u(t)]e^{-st} dt \\ &= 3 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2t}u(t)e^{-st} dt - 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t}u(t)e^{-st} dt \end{aligned}$$

Using Example 1, each expression can be evaluated as:

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

The ROC associated with these terms are  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$  and  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -2$ .

Therefore, both will converge for  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$ , and the Laplace transform:

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

# Reminder: Laplace Transforms

Equivalent to the Fourier transform when  $s=j\omega$

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

$$x(t) \overset{L}{\longleftrightarrow} X(s)$$

There is an associated region of convergence for  $s$  where the (transformed) signal has finite energy. The Laplace transform is only defined for these values

Laplace transform is linear (easy!)

Examples for the Laplace transforms include

$$e^{-at}u(t) \overset{L}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{1}{s+a}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > -a$$

$$3e^{-2t}u(t) - 2e^{-t}u(t) \overset{L}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{s-1}{s^2+3s+2}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > -1$$

# Ratio of Polynomials

In each of these examples, the Laplace transform is rational, i.e. it is a ratio of polynomials in the complex variable  $s$ .

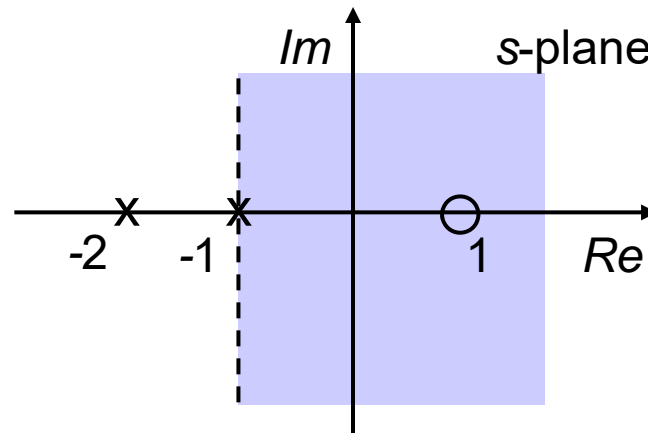
$$X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$

where  $N$  and  $D$  are the numerator and denominator polynomial respectively.

In fact,  $X(s)$  will be rational whenever  $x(t)$  is a linear combination of real or complex exponentials. **Rational transforms** also arise when we consider **LTI systems specified in terms of linear, constant coefficient differential equations**.

We can mark the roots of  $N$  and  $D$  in the  $s$ -plane along with the ROC

Example 3:



○ – roots of  $N(s)$

x – roots of  $D(s)$

# Poles and Zeros

The roots of  $N(s)$  are known as the **zeros**. For these values of  $s$ ,  $X(s)$  is zero.

The roots of  $D(s)$  are known as the **poles**. For these values of  $s$ ,  $X(s)$  is infinite, the Region of Convergence for the Laplace transform cannot contain any poles, because the corresponding integral is infinite

The set of poles and zeros completely characterise  $X(s)$  to within a scale factor (+ ROC for Laplace transform)

$$X(s) \propto \frac{\prod_i (s - z_i)}{\prod_j (s - p_j)}$$

The graphical representation of  $X(s)$  through its poles and zeros in the  $s$ -plane is referred to as the **pole-zero** plot of  $X(s)$

# Example: Poles and Zeros

Consider the signal:

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

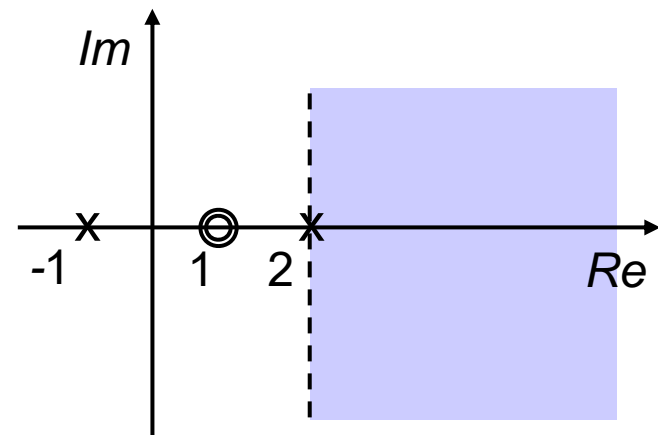
By linearity (& last lecture) we can evaluate the second and third terms

The Laplace transform of the impulse function is:

$$L\{\delta(t)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t)e^{-st} dt = 1$$

which is valid for any  $s$ . Therefore,

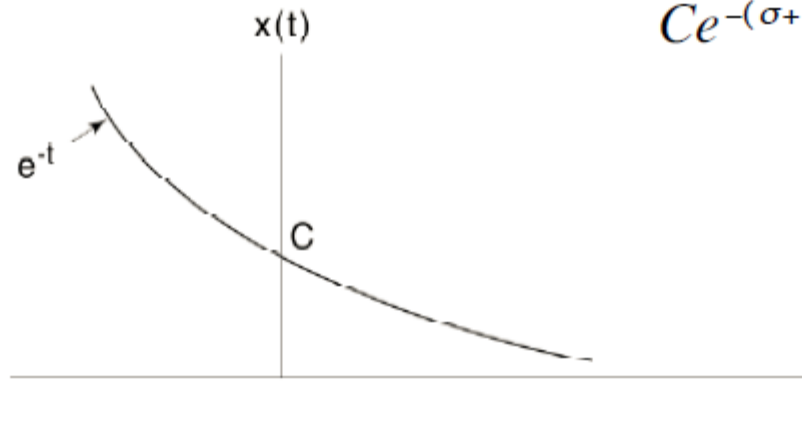
$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{s-2} \\ &= \frac{(s-1)^2}{(s+1)(s-2)}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > 2 \end{aligned}$$



# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

- First of all, some signals do not have Laplace transforms

(a)  $x(t) = Ce^{-t}$  for all  $t$  since  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{|x(t)e^{-\sigma t}|}_{Ce^{-(\sigma+1)t}} dt = \infty$  for all  $\sigma$



(b)  $x(t) = e^{j\omega_o t}$  for all  $t$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x(t)e^{-\sigma t}| dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\alpha} dt = \infty \quad \text{for all } \sigma$$

$X(s)$  is defined only in **ROC**, by definition,

$X(s) \neq \infty \Rightarrow$  No  $\delta(s)$  is allowed, different from **FT**

# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

Secondly, the ROC can take on only a small number of different forms

- 1) The ROC consists of a collection of lines parallel to the  $j\omega$ -axis in the  $s$ -plane (i.e. the ROC only depends on  $\sigma$ ).  
Why?

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)e^{-st}| dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)e^{-\sigma t}| dt < \infty \text{ depends only on } \sigma = \text{Re}(s)$$

- 2) If  $X(s)$  is rational, then the **ROC** does not contain any poles.  
Why?

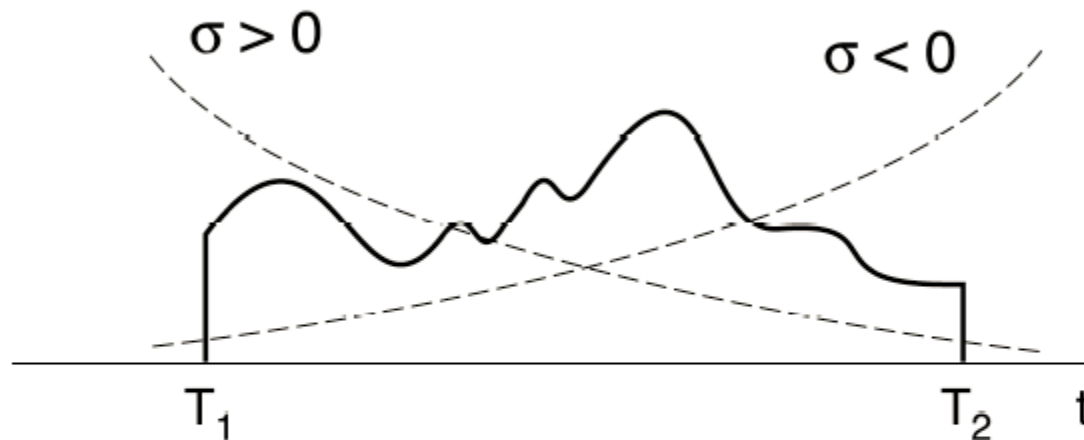
Poles are places where  $D(s) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \infty \quad \text{Not convergent.}$$



# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

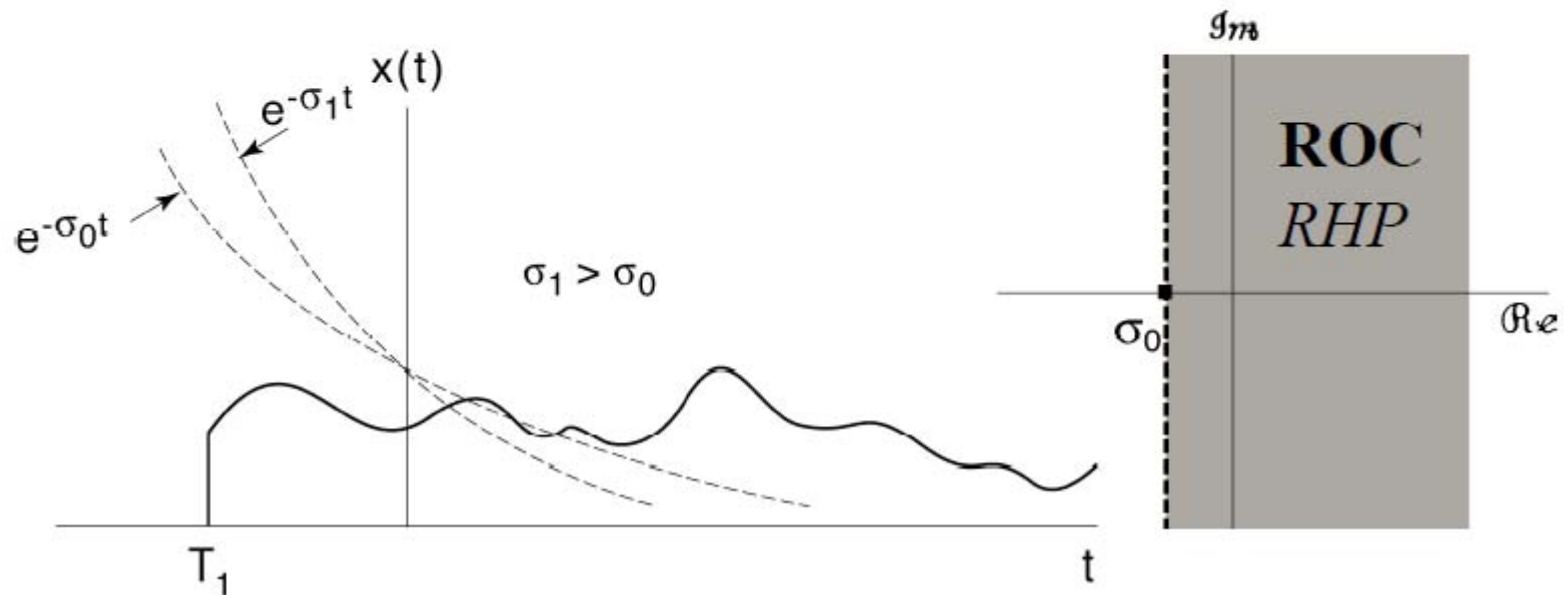
- 3) If  $x(t)$  is of finite duration and is absolutely integrable, then the **ROC** is the entire  $s$ -plane.



$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt = \underbrace{\int_{T_1}^{T_2} x(t)e^{-st} dt}_{\text{A finite integration}}$$
$$< \infty \quad \text{if} \quad \int_{T_1}^{T_2} |x(t)| dt < \infty$$

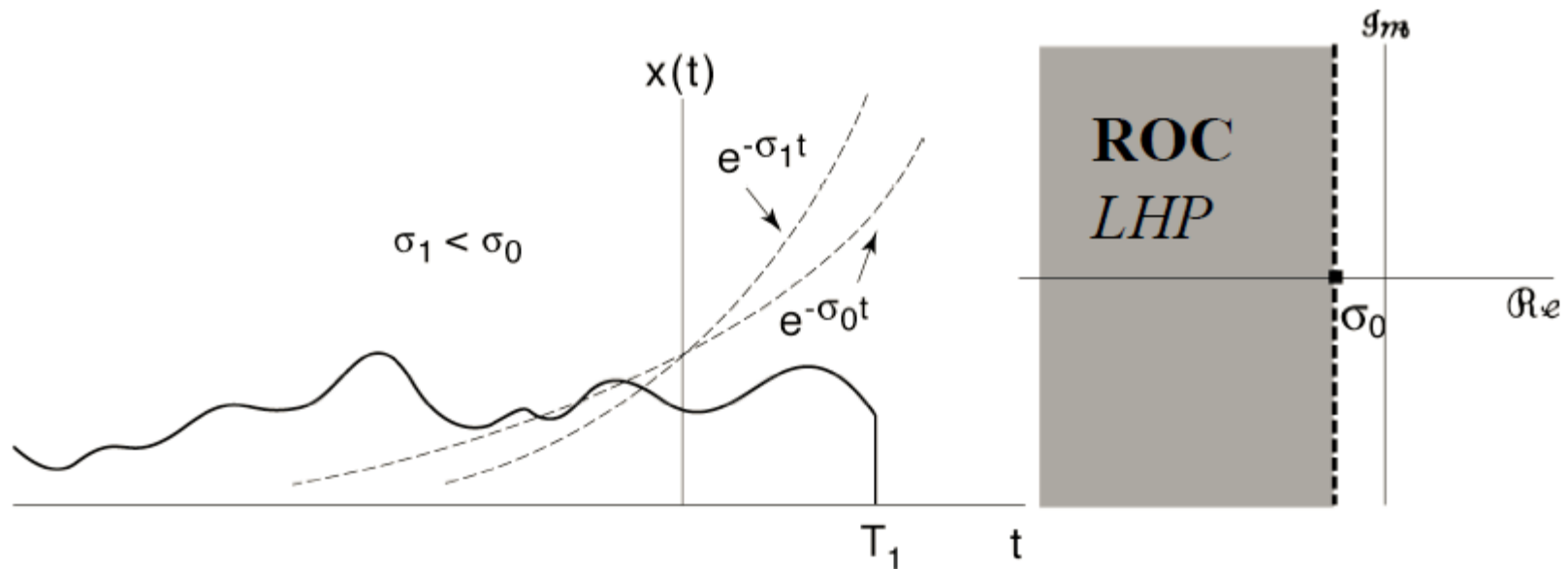
# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

- 4) If  $x(t)$  is right-sided (i.e. if it is zero *before* some time), and if  $\text{Re}(s) = \sigma_0$  is in the ROC, then all values of  $s$  on the right side of the vertical line  $\text{Re}(s) = \sigma_0$  are also in the ROC.



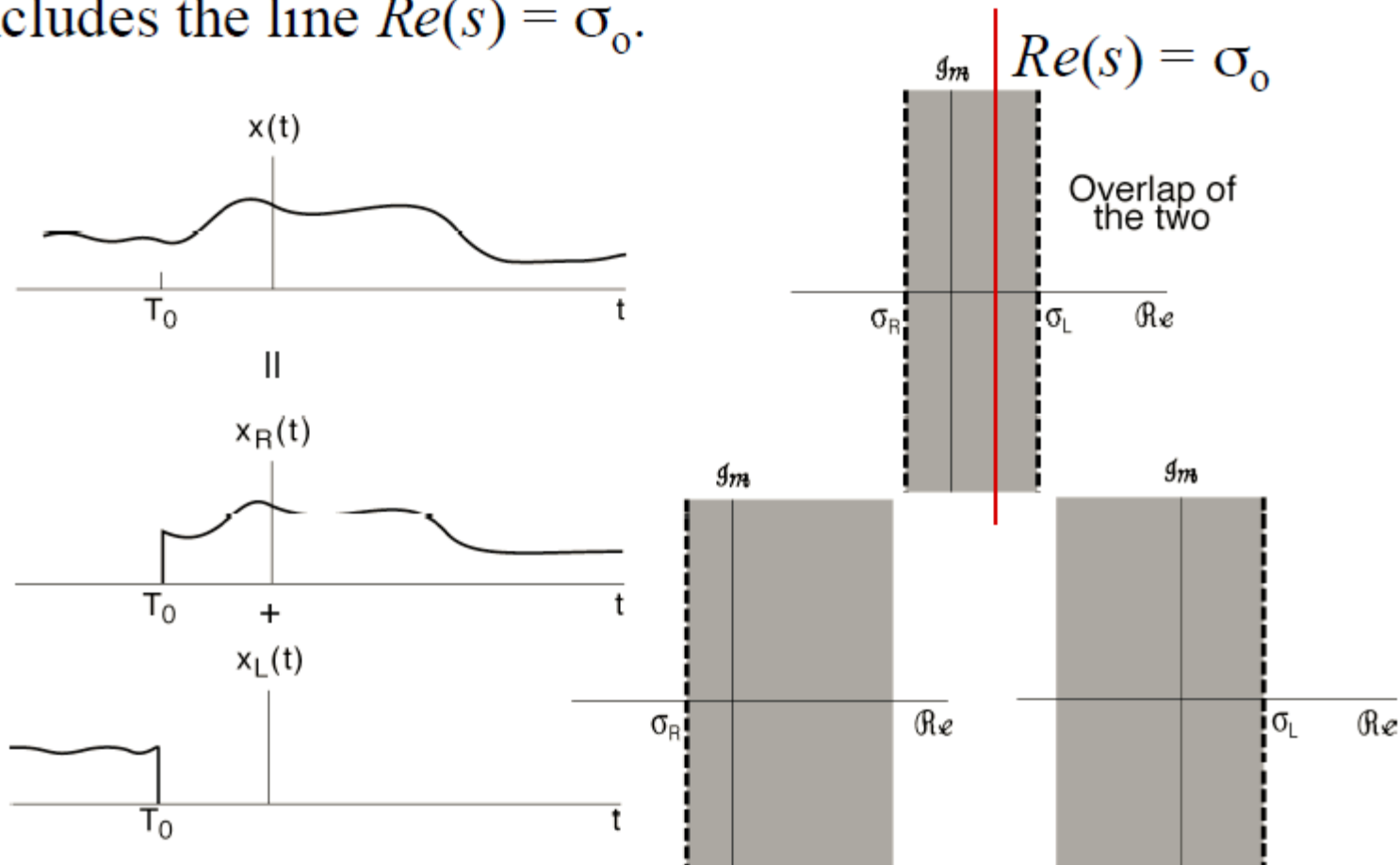
# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

- 5) If  $x(t)$  is left-sided (i.e. if it is zero *after* some time), and if  $\text{Re}(s) = \sigma_0$  is in the ROC, then all values of  $s$  on the left side of the vertical line  $\text{Re}(s) = \sigma_0$  are also in the ROC.



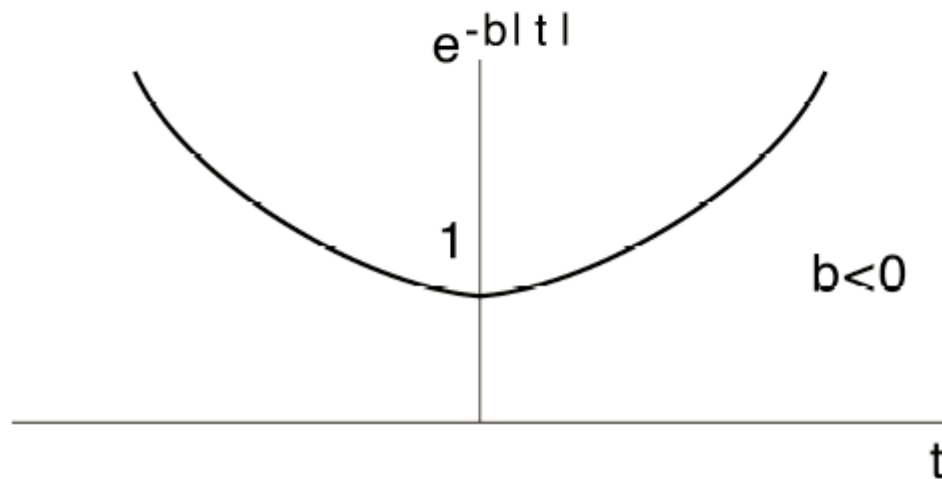
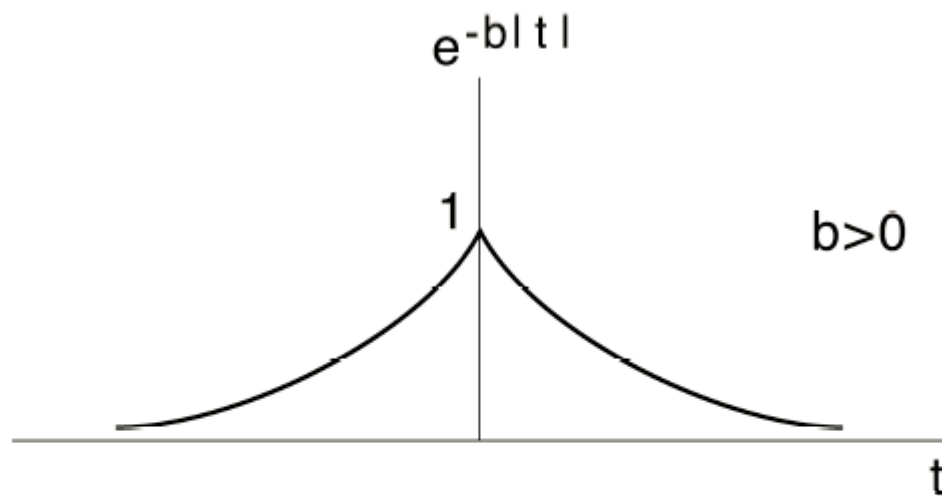
# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

6) If  $x(t)$  is two-sided and if the line  $\text{Re}(s) = \sigma_0$  is in the ROC, then the ROC consists of a strip in the  $s$ -plane that includes the line  $\text{Re}(s) = \sigma_0$ .



# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

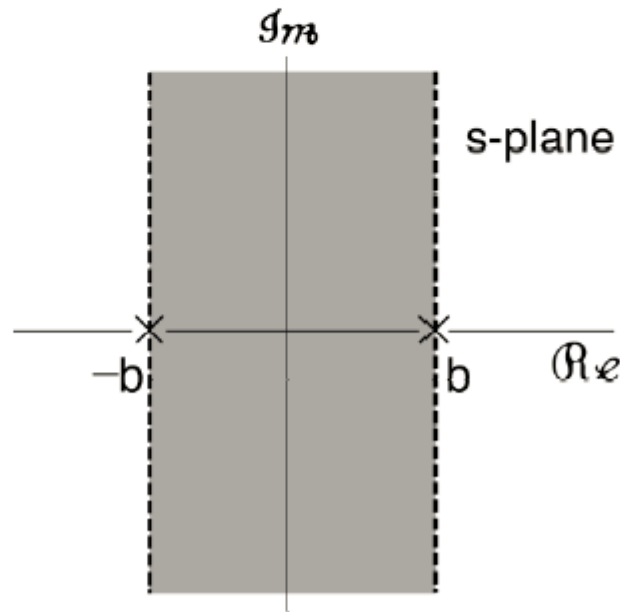
$$x(t) = e^{-b|t|}$$



# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 x(t) & = & e^{bt}u(-t) \quad + \quad e^{-bt}u(t) \\
 & \Downarrow & \Downarrow \\
 & -\frac{1}{s-b}, \operatorname{Re}\{s\} < b & \frac{1}{s+b}, \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -b
 \end{array}$$

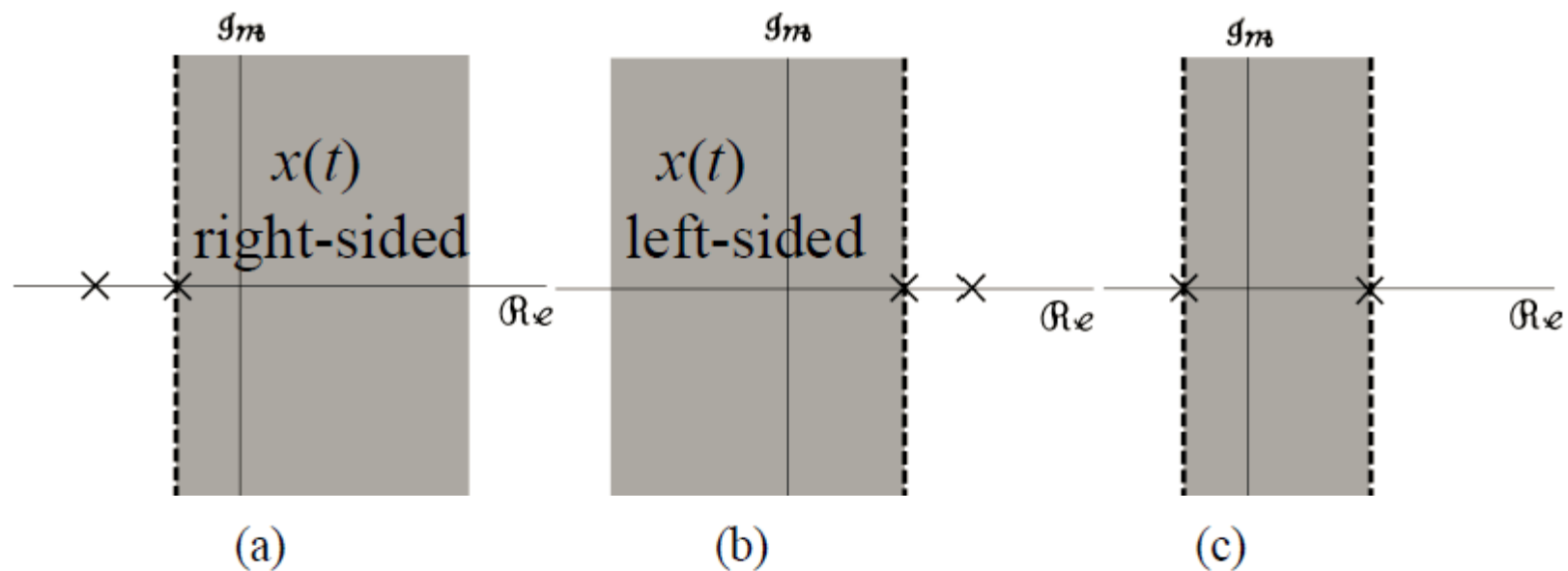
Overlap only if  $b > 0 \Rightarrow X(s) = \frac{-2b}{s^2 - b^2}$ , with ROC



What if  $b < 0$ ?  $\Rightarrow$  No overlap  $\Rightarrow$  No Laplace Transform

# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

- 7) If  $X(s)$  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.
- 8) Suppose  $X(s)$  is rational, then
  - (a) If  $x(t)$  is right-sided, the ROC is to the right of the rightmost pole.
  - (b) If  $x(t)$  is left-sided, the ROC is to the left of the leftmost pole.

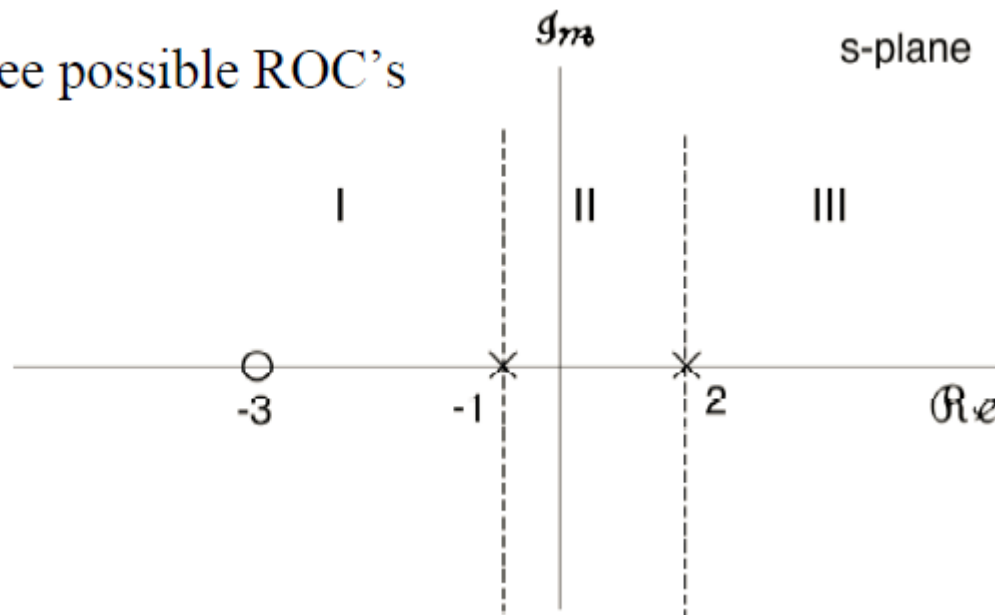


# ROC Properties for Laplace Transform

9) If ROC of  $X(s)$  includes the  $j\omega$ -axis, then *FT* of  $x(t)$  exists.

**Example:** 
$$X(s) = \frac{(s+3)}{(s+1)(s-2)}$$

Two poles  $\Rightarrow$  three possible ROC's



$x(t)$ is right-sided	$\Rightarrow$	ROC: III
$x(t)$ is left-sided	$\Rightarrow$	ROC: I
$x(t)$ has a Fourier transform	$\Rightarrow$	ROC: II



# Inverse Laplace Transform

The Laplace transform of a signal  $x(t)$  is:

$$X(\sigma + j\omega) = F\{x(t)e^{-\sigma t}\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-\sigma t}e^{-j\omega t}dt$$

We can invert this relationship using the inverse Fourier transform

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

Multiplying both sides by  $e^{\sigma t}$ :

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

Therefore, we can recover  $x(t)$  from  $X(s)$ , where the real component is fixed and we integrate over the imaginary part, noting that  $ds = jd\omega$

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

# Inverse Laplace Transform Interpretation

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

Just about all real-valued signals,  $x(t)$ , can be represented as a weighted,  $X(s)$ , integral of complex exponentials,  $e^{st}$ .

The contour of integration is a straight line (in the complex plane) from  $\sigma-j\infty$  to  $\sigma+j\infty$  (**we won't be explicitly evaluating this, just spotting known transformations**)

We can choose any  $\sigma$  for this integration line, as long as the integral converges

For the class of **rational Laplace transforms**, we can express  $X(s)$  as **partial fractions** to determine the **inverse Fourier transform**.

$$X(s) = \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{A_i}{s + a_i} \quad L^{-1}\{A_i/(s + a_i)\} \begin{cases} A_i e^{-a_i t} u(t) & \text{Re}\{s\} > -a_i \\ -A_i e^{-a_i t} u(-t) & \text{Re}\{s\} < -a_i \end{cases}$$

# Example 1: Inverting the Laplace Transform

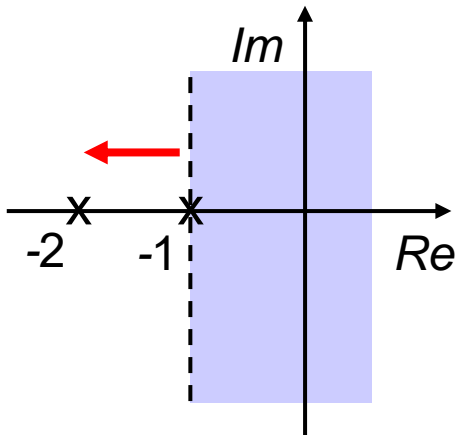
Consider when

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

Like the inverse Fourier transform, expand as partial fractions

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

Pole-zero plots and ROC for combined & individual terms



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

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

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

## Example 2

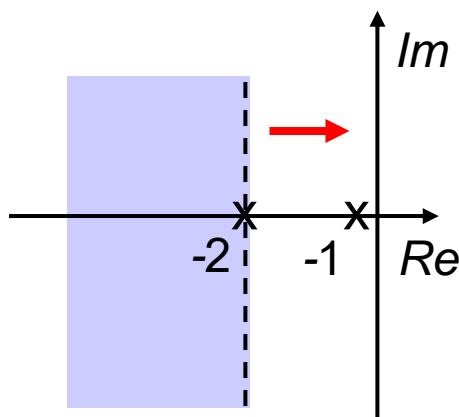
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$$-e^{-2t}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{L} \frac{1}{s+2}, \quad \text{Re}\{s\} < -2$$

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

# **Laplace Transform Properties**

# Linearity of the Laplace Transform

If  $x_1(t) \xleftrightarrow{L} X_1(s)$       ROC =  $R_1$

and  $x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{L} X_2(s)$       ROC =  $R_2$

Then  $ax_1(t) + bx_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{L} aX_1(s) + bX_2(s)$       ROC =  $R_1 \cap R_2$

This follows directly from the definition of the Laplace transform (as the integral operator is linear). It is easily extended to a linear combination of an arbitrary number of signals

# Time Shifting & Laplace Transforms

If  $x(t) \xleftrightarrow{L} X(s)$  ROC =  $R$

Then  $x(t - t_0) \xleftrightarrow{L} e^{-st_0} X(s)$  ROC =  $R$

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

Now replacing  $t$  by  $t - t_0$

$$x(t - t_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma - j\infty}^{\sigma + j\infty} X(s) e^{s(t - t_0)} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma - j\infty}^{\sigma + j\infty} (e^{-st_0} X(s)) e^{st} ds$$

Recognising this as

$$L\{x(t - t_0)\} = e^{-st_0} X(s)$$

A signal which is shifted in time may have both the **magnitude** and the **phase** of the Laplace transform altered.

# Example: Linear and Time Shift

Consider the signal (linear sum of two time shifted sinusoids)

$$x(t) = 2x_1(t - 2.5) - 0.5x_1(t - 4)$$

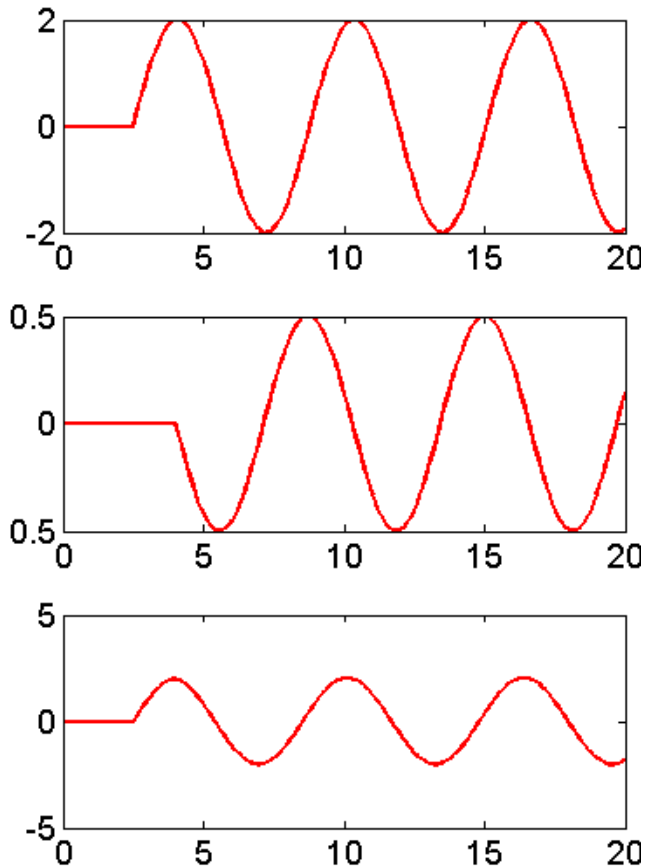
where  $x_1(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t)u(t)$ .

Using the  $\sin()$  Laplace transform example

$$X_1(s) = \frac{\omega_0}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > 0$$

Then using the **linearity** and **time shift** Laplace transform properties

$$X(s) = \left(2e^{-2.5s} - 0.5e^{-4s}\right) \frac{\omega_0}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > 0$$





# Convolution

The Laplace transform also has the multiplication property, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \overset{L}{x(t)} \leftrightarrow \overset{L}{X(s)} & \text{ROC} = R_1 \\ \overset{L}{h(t)} \leftrightarrow \overset{L}{H(s)} & \text{ROC} = R_2 \\ x(t) * h(t) \leftrightarrow X(s)H(s) & \text{ROC} \supseteq R_1 \cap R_2 \end{array}$$

Proof is “identical” to the Fourier transform convolution

Note that pole-zero cancellation may occur between  $H(s)$  and  $X(s)$  which extends the ROC

$$\begin{array}{ll} X(s) = \frac{s+1}{s+2} & \Re\{s\} > -2 \\ H(s) = \frac{s+2}{s+1} & \Re\{s\} > -1 \\ X(s)H(s) = 1 & -\infty < \Re\{s\} < \infty \end{array}$$

# Example 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Order Input & First Order System Impulse Response

Consider the Laplace transform of the output of a first order system when the input is an exponential (decay?)

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

$$h(t) = e^{-bt}u(t)$$

*Solved with Fourier transforms when  $a, b > 0$*

Taking Laplace transforms

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

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

Laplace transform of the output is

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s+a} \frac{1}{s+b} \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > \max\{-a, -b\}$$

## Example 1: Continued ...

Splitting into partial fractions

$$Y(s) = \left( \frac{1}{b-a} \right) \left( \frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b} \right) \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > \max\{-a, -b\}$$

and using the inverse Laplace transform

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{b-a} \left( e^{-at} u(t) - e^{-bt} u(t) \right)$$

Note that this is the same as was obtained earlier, expect it is **valid for all**  $a$  &  $b$ , i.e. we can use the Laplace transforms to solve ODEs of LTI systems, using the system's impulse response

$$h(t) \overset{L}{\longleftrightarrow} H(s)$$

## Example 2: Sinusoidal Input

Consider the 1<sup>st</sup> order (possible unstable) system response with input  $x(t)$

$$h(t) = e^{-at}u(t)$$

$$x(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t)u(t)$$

Taking Laplace transforms

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s+a} \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > -a$$

$$X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > 0$$

The Laplace transform of the output of the system is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \frac{1}{s+a} \quad \text{Re}\{s\} > \max\{0, -a\} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{a^2 + \omega_0^2} \right) \frac{as + \omega_0^2}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} + \left( \frac{-a}{a^2 + \omega_0^2} \right) \frac{1}{s+a} \end{aligned}$$

and the inverse Laplace transform is

$$y(t) = \frac{u(t)}{a^2 + \omega_0^2} \left( a \sin(\omega_0 t) + \omega_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) - ae^{-at} \right)$$

# PROPERTIES OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Property	Signal	Laplace Transform	ROC
	$x(t)$	$X(s)$	$R$
	$x_1(t)$	$X_1(s)$	$R_1$
	$x_2(t)$	$X_2(s)$	$R_2$
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Linearity	$ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)$	$aX_1(s) + bX_2(s)$	At least $R_1 \cap R_2$
Time shifting	$x(t - t_0)$	$e^{-st_0} X(s)$	$R$
Shifting in the $s$ -Domain	$e^{s_0 t} x(t)$	$X(s - s_0)$	Shifted version of $R$ (i.e., $s$ is in the ROC if $s - s_0$ is in $R$ )
Time scaling	$x(at)$	$\frac{1}{ a } X\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$	Scaled ROC (i.e., $s$ is in the ROC if $s/a$ is in $R$ )
Conjugation	$x^*(t)$	$X^*(s^*)$	$R$
Convolution	$x_1(t) * x_2(t)$	$X_1(s)X_2(s)$	At least $R_1 \cap R_2$
Differentiation in the Time Domain	$\frac{d}{dt} x(t)$	$sX(s)$	At least $R$
Differentiation in the $s$ -Domain	$-tx(t)$	$\frac{d}{ds} X(s)$	$R$
Integration in the Time Domain	$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d(\tau)$	$\frac{1}{s} X(s)$	At least $R \cap \{\Re\{s\} > 0\}$

# PROPERTIES OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

## Initial- and Final-Value Theorems

9.5.10 If  $x(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$  and  $x(t)$  contains no impulses or higher-order singularities at  $t = 0$ , then

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

If  $x(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$  and  $x(t)$  has a finite limit as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , then

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

# SOME LAPLACE TRANSFORM PAIRS

Signal	Transform	ROC
$\delta(t)$	1	All $s$
$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$\Re\{s\} > 0$
$-u(-t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$\Re\{s\} < 0$
$\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s^n}$	$\Re\{s\} > 0$
$-\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}u(-t)$	$\frac{1}{s^n}$	$\Re\{s\} < 0$
$e^{-\alpha t}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s + \alpha}$	$\Re\{s\} > -\alpha$
$-e^{-\alpha t}u(-t)$	$\frac{1}{s + \alpha}$	$\Re\{s\} < -\alpha$
$\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}e^{-\alpha t}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{(s + \alpha)^n}$	$\Re\{s\} > -\alpha$
$-\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}e^{-\alpha t}u(-t)$	$\frac{1}{(s + \alpha)^n}$	$\Re\{s\} < -\alpha$

# SOME LAPLACE TRANSFORM PAIRS

$\delta(t - T)$	$e^{-sT}$	All $s$
$[\cos \omega_0 t]u(t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2}$	$\Re\{s\} > 0$
$[\sin \omega_0 t]u(t)$	$\frac{\omega_0}{s^2 + \omega_0^2}$	$\Re\{s\} > 0$
$[e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega_0 t]u(t)$	$\frac{s + \alpha}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \omega_0^2}$	$\Re\{s\} > -\alpha$
$[e^{-\alpha t} \sin \omega_0 t]u(t)$	$\frac{\omega_0}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \omega_0^2}$	$\Re\{s\} > -\alpha$
$u_n(t) = \frac{d^n \delta(t)}{dt^n}$	$s^n$	All $s$
$u_{-n}(t) = \underbrace{u(t) * \cdots * u(t)}_{n \text{ times}}$	$\frac{1}{s^n}$	$\Re\{s\} > 0$