

# TUTORIAL ELG3125B: SIGNAL AND SYSTEM ANALYSIS

## Chapter (9)

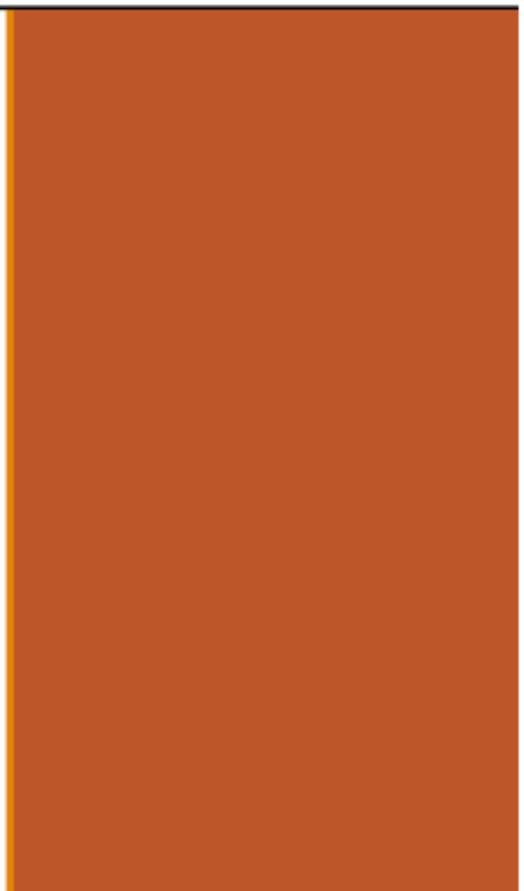
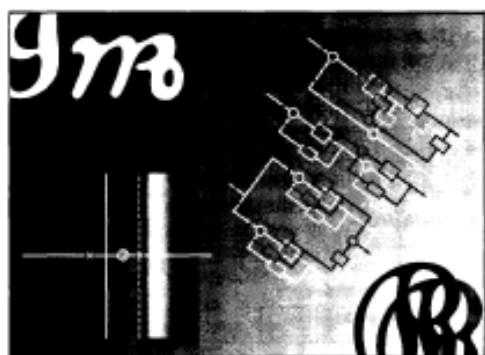
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### THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM



# Laplace Transform

Laplace transform is often a rational of polynomials

$$X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \text{algebraic expression}; \quad X(s) = \frac{2s^2 + 5s + 2}{(s^2 + 5s + 10)(s + 2)}$$

- $N(s) = a_n s^n + \dots + a_1 s + a_0$
- $D(s) = b_m s^m + \dots + b_1 s + b_0$
- Poles (singularities) :  $s \ni D(s) = 0$  (So,  $X(s) = \infty$ )
- Zeroes :  $s \ni N(s) = 0$  (So,  $X(s) = 0$ )
- Poles and zeroes are complex
- Order of  $X(s)$  is the number of poles =  $m$
- Poles & Zeros of  $X(s)$  :  
Completely characterize the algebraic expression of  $X(s)$

$|X(s)|$  will be larger when it is closer to the poles

$|X(s)|$  will be smaller when it is closer to the zeros

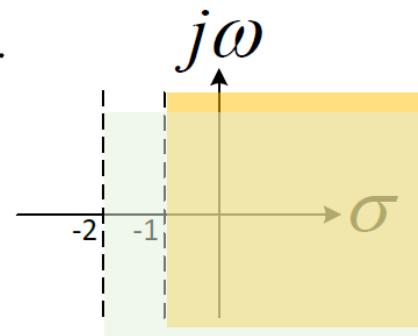
**example** consider a signal that is the sum of two real exponentials:

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

Solution:

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

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



Laplace transforms of both terms converge in  $\operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -1$ , and thus, combining the two terms, we obtain

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

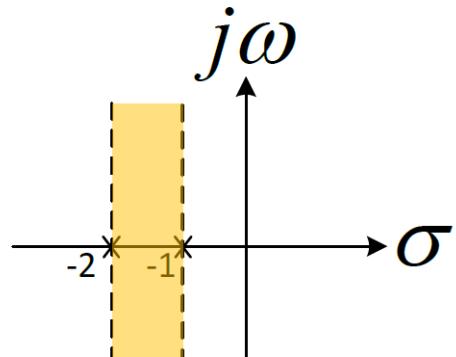
Example:  $x(t) = e^{-2t}u(t) - e^{-t}u(-t)$

Solution:

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

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

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



As can be seen that ROC is a strip parallel to the  $j\omega$  axis.

**Example :** If the ROC is  $-2 < \text{Re}\{s\} < -1$ , what is the inverse LT?

**Solution:**

Based on  $-e^{-at}u(-t) \xleftarrow{\text{L}} \frac{1}{a+s}$ ,  $\text{Re}\{s\} < -a$ , we have

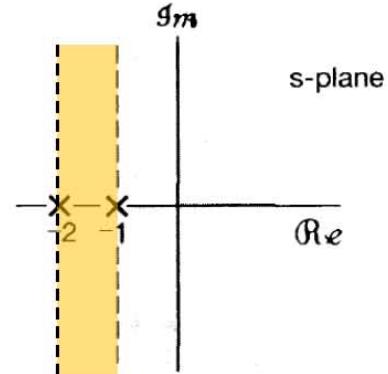
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$e^{-2t}u(t) \xleftarrow{\text{L}} \frac{1}{s+2}$ ,  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -2$

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

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



**Example:** Consider a system with impulse response.

$$h(t) = e^{-|t|}$$

Since  $h(t) \neq 0$  for  $t < 0$ , this system is not causal.

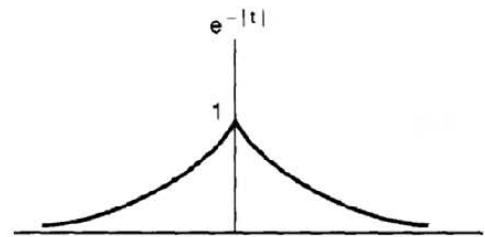
$$h(t) = e^{-|t|} = e^{-t}u(t) + e^t u(-t)$$

Considering

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

The LT transform of the system function:

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s-1}, -1 < \text{Re}\{s\} < 1 \\ &= -\frac{2}{s^2 - 1}, -1 < \text{Re}\{s\} < 1 \end{aligned}$$



Thus,  $H(s)$  is rational and has an ROC that is *not* to the right of the rightmost pole, the system is not causal.

**Example:** A continuous-time causal LTI system has a transfer function given below :

$$H(s) = \frac{\frac{101}{100}(s + j10)(s - j10)}{s^2 + 2s + 101}$$

- (a) Find the poles and the zeros.
- (b) Indicate the poles and the zeros on the s-plane. Indicate the region of convergence (ROC).
- (c) Write the differential equation of the system.
- (d) Prove that the gain of the system at dc is unity (or the gain is 1 at dc).

**Solution:**

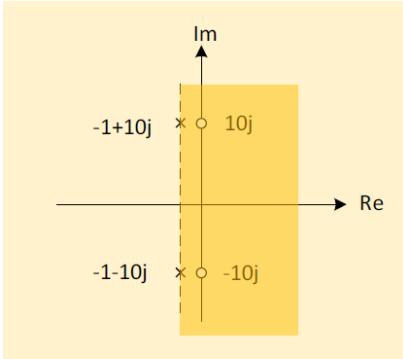
a) To find the poles, we let  $s^2 + 2s + 101 = 0$ , we have the solutions given by:

$$s_{p1,p2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 101}}{2 \times 1} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-400}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm j20}{2} = -1 \pm j10$$

Then we have

$$H(s) = \frac{\frac{101}{100}(s + j10)(s - j10)}{s^2 + 2s + 101} = \frac{\frac{101}{100}(s + j10)(s - j10)}{(s + 1 + 10j)(s + 1 - 10j)}$$

The zeros and the poles are shown in the figure.



b) The ROC is  $\text{Re}\{s\} > -1$ , considering the system is causal.

$$\text{c) } H(s) = \frac{\frac{101}{100}(s + j10)(s - j10)}{s^2 + 2s + 101} = \frac{\frac{101}{100}s^2 + 101}{s^2 + 2s + 101}$$

$$\frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{\frac{101}{100}s^2 + 101}{s^2 + 2s + 101}$$

$$Y(s)s^2 + 2sY(s) + 101Y(s) = \frac{101}{100}s^2X(s) + 101X(s)$$

$$\frac{dy^2(t)}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 101y(t) = \frac{101}{100}\frac{dx^2(t)}{dt^2} + 101x(t)$$

$$\text{d) Let } s = j\omega, \text{ we have } H(j\omega) = \frac{\frac{101}{100}(j\omega + j10)(j\omega - j10)}{(j\omega)^2 + 2j\omega + 101}$$

$$\frac{101}{100}(j0 + j10)(j0 - j10)$$

At dc, we have  $\omega = 0, H(j0) = \frac{\frac{101}{100}(j0 + j10)(j0 - j10)}{(j0)^2 + 2j0 + 101} = 1$ , the gain at dc is 1.

**9.21.** Determine the Laplace transform and the associated region of convergence and pole-zero plot for each of the following functions of time:

- (a)  $x(t) = e^{-2t}u(t) + e^{-3t}u(t)$
- (b)  $x(t) = e^{-4t}u(t) + e^{-5t}(\sin 5t)u(t)$
- (c)  $x(t) = e^{2t}u(-t) + e^{3t}u(-t)$
- (d)  $x(t) = te^{-2|t|}$
- (e)  $x(t) = |t|e^{-2|t|}$

$$(a) \quad e^{-2t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s+2} \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} > -2. \quad \& \quad e^{-3t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s+3} \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} > -3.$$

$$(b) \quad e^{-4t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s+4}, \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} > -4.$$

$$\text{Also, } e^{-5t}e^{j5t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s+5-j5}, \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} > -5.$$

$$\text{and } e^{-5t}e^{-j5t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s+5+j5}, \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} > -5.$$

From this we obtain

$$e^{-5t}\sin(5t)u(t) = \frac{1}{2j}[e^{-5t}e^{j5t} - e^{-5t}e^{-j5t}]u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{5}{(s+5)^2 + 25},$$

where  $\mathcal{R}e\{s\} > -5$ . Therefore,

$$e^{-4t}u(t) + e^{-5t}\sin(5t)u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{s^2 + 15s + 70}{s^3 + 14s^2 + 90s + 100}, \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} > -4.$$

(c) The Laplace transform of  $x(t)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 (e^{2t} + e^{3t})e^{-st}dt \\ &= [-e^{(s-2)t}/(s-2)]|_{-\infty}^0 + [-e^{-(s-3)t}/(s-3)]|_{-\infty}^0 \\ &= \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{s-3} = \frac{2s-5}{s^2-5s+6} \end{aligned}$$

The region of convergence (ROC) is  $\mathcal{R}e\{s\} < 2$ .

(d)

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

Using an approach along the lines of part (c), we obtain

$$e^{2t}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\frac{1}{s-2}, \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} < 2.$$

From these we obtain

$$e^{-2|t|} = e^{-2t}u(t) + e^{2t}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{-4}{s^2-4} \quad -2 < \mathcal{R}e\{s\} < 2.$$

Using the differentiation in the s-domain property, we obtain

$$te^{-2|t|} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{-4}{s^2-4} \right] = -\frac{-8s}{(s^2-4)^2}, \quad -2 < \mathcal{R}e\{s\} < 2.$$

(e)

Using the differentiation in the s-domain property on eq. (S9.21-1),

$$te^{-2t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s+2} \right] = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}, \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} > -2.$$

Using the differentiation in the s-domain property on eq. (S9.21-2),

$$-te^{2t}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s-2} \right] = -\frac{1}{(s-2)^2}, \quad \mathcal{R}e\{s\} < 2.$$

Therefore,

$$|t|e^{-2|t|} = te^{-2t}u(t) + -te^{2t}u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{-4s}{(s+2)^2(s-2)^2}, \quad -2 < \mathcal{R}e\{s\} < 2.$$

**9.22.** Determine the function of time,  $x(t)$ , for each of the following Laplace transforms and their associated regions of convergence:

(a)  $\frac{1}{s^2+9}$ ,  $\Re\{s\} > 0$

(b)  $\frac{s}{s^2+9}$ ,  $\Re\{s\} < 0$

(c)  $\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+9}$ ,  $\Re\{s\} < -1$

(d)  $\frac{s+2}{s^2+7s+12}$ ,  $-4 < \Re\{s\} < -3$

(g)  $\frac{s^2-s+1}{(s+1)^2}$ ,  $\Re\{s\} > -1$

(a) From Table 9.2, we have

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{3} \sin(3t)u(t).$$

(b) From Table 9.2 we know that

$$\cos(3t)u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{s}{s^2+9}, \quad \Re\{s\} > 0.$$

Using the time scaling property, we obtain

$$\cos(3t)u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\frac{s}{s^2+9}, \quad \Re\{s\} < 0.$$

Therefore, the inverse Laplace transform of  $X(s)$  is

$$x(t) = -\cos(3t)u(-t).$$

(c) From Table 9.2 we know that

$$e^t \cos(3t)u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2+9}, \quad \Re\{s\} > 1.$$

Using the time scaling property, we obtain

$$e^{-t} \cos(3t)u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+9}, \quad \Re\{s\} < -1.$$

Therefore, the inverse Laplace transform of  $X(s)$  is

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

(d) Using partial fraction expansion on  $X(s)$ , we obtain

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

From the given ROC, we know that  $x(t)$  must be a two-sided signal. Therefore,

$$x(t) = 2e^{-4t}u(t) + e^{-3t}u(-t).$$

(g) We may rewrite  $X(s)$  as

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

From Table 9.2, we know that

$$tu(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad \Re\{s\} > 0.$$

Using the shifting property, we obtain

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

Using the differentiation property,

$$\frac{d}{dt}[e^{-t}tu(t)] = e^{-t}u(t) - te^{-t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{s}{(s+1)^2}, \quad \Re\{s\} > -1.$$

Therefore,

$$x(t) = \delta(t) - 3e^{-t}u(t) - 3te^{-t}u(t).$$