# SIGNALS AND SYSTEMS USING MATLAB Chapter 3 — The Laplace Transform

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LTI system with h(t) as impulse response:

input 
$$x(t) = e^{s_0 t}, \quad s_0 = \sigma_0 + j\Omega_0, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$
  
convolution  $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)x(t-\tau)d\tau$   
 $= e^{s_0 t} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)e^{-\tau s_0}d\tau}_{H(s_0)} = x(t)H(s_0)$ 



The two-sided Laplace transform of f(t) is

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(s) &= \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \qquad s \in ext{ROC} \ s &= \sigma + j \Omega, \ ext{ damping } \sigma, ext{ frequency } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

The inverse Laplace transform is

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

Functions :

- Finite support functions: f(t) = 0, for t not in a finite segment  $t_1 \le t \le t_2$
- Infinite support functions: f(t) defined in infinite support,  $t_1 < t < t_2$  where either  $t_1$  or  $t_2$  or both are infinite



Examples of (a) non-causal finite support signal  $x_1(t)$ , (b) causal finite support signal  $x_2(t)$ , (c) non-causal infinite support signal  $x_3(t)$ , and (d) causal infinite-support  $x_4(t)$ 

Rational function  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = N(s)/D(s)$ 

- zeros: values of s such that F(s) = 0
- poles: values of s such that  $F(s) \to \infty$

ROC: where the F(s) is defined (integral converges) where  $\{\sigma_i\} = \{\mathcal{R}e(p_i)\}$ • Causal f(t), f(t) = 0 for t < 0,

$$\mathcal{R}_{c} = \{(\sigma, \Omega) : \sigma > \max\{\sigma_{i}\}, -\infty < \Omega < \infty\}, \ \ {
m right of poles}$$

• Anti-causal f(t), f(t) = 0 for t > 0,

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{ac}} = \{(\sigma, \Omega) : \sigma < \min\{\sigma_i\}, -\infty < \Omega < \infty\}, \quad \mathsf{left of poles}$$

• Non-causal f(t) defined for  $-\infty < t < \infty$ ,

 $\mathcal{R}_c \bigcap \mathcal{R}_{ac}$ , poles in middle

Example:

•  $\delta(t)$  and u(t)

$$\mathcal{L}[\delta(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-s0} dt = 1, \text{ ROC whole s-plane}$$

$$U(s) = \mathcal{L}[u(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-st}dt = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-st}dt = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\sigma t}e^{-j\Omega t}dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{s}, \quad ROC = \{(\sigma, \Omega) : \sigma > 0, -\infty < \Omega < \infty\}$$

• Pulse p(t) = u(t) - u(t-1)

$$P(s) = \mathcal{L}[u(t) - u(t-1)] = \int_0^1 e^{-st} dt = \frac{-e^{-st}}{s}|_{t=0}^1$$
$$= \frac{1}{s}[1 - e^{-s}] \quad ROC = \text{whole s-plane}$$



ROC for (a) causal signal with poles with  $\sigma_{max} = 0$ ; (b) causal signal with poles with  $\sigma_{max} < 0$ ; (c) anti-causal signal with poles with  $\sigma_{min} > 0$ ; (d) two-sided or noncausal signal where ROC is bounded by poles. The ROCs do not contain poles, but they can contain zeros

For function f(t),  $-\infty < t < \infty$ , its one-sided Laplace transform is

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

Finite support f(t), i.e., f(t) = 0 for t < t<sub>1</sub> and t > t<sub>2</sub>, t<sub>1</sub> < t<sub>2</sub>, F(s) = L [f(t)[u(t - t<sub>1</sub>) - u(t - t<sub>2</sub>)]] ROC: whole s-plane
Causal g(t), i.e., g(t) = 0 for t < 0, is G(s) = L[g(t)u(t)] R<sub>c</sub> = {σ > max{σ<sub>i</sub>}}
Anti-causal h(t), i.e., h(t) = 0 for t > 0, is

$$H(s) = \mathcal{L}[h(-t)u(t)]_{(-s)} \qquad \mathcal{R}_{ac} = \{\sigma < \min\{\sigma_i\}\}$$

• Non-causal p(t), i.e.,  $p(t) = p_{ac}(t) + p_c(t) = p(t)u(-t) + p(t)u(t)$ , is  $P(s) = \mathcal{L}[p_{ac}(-t)u(t)]_{(-s)} + \mathcal{L}[p_c(t)u(t)] \qquad \mathcal{R}_c \bigcap \mathcal{R}_{ac}$  Example:

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{j(\Omega_0 t+ heta)}u(t)] = rac{e^{j heta}}{s-j\Omega_0} \qquad \mathsf{ROC:} \ \ \sigma > 0.$$

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

$$egin{aligned} X(s) &= 0.5\mathcal{L}[e^{j(\Omega_0t+ heta)}u(t)] + 0.5\mathcal{L}[e^{-j(\Omega_0t+ heta)}u(t)] \ &= rac{s\cos( heta)-\Omega_0\sin( heta)}{s^2+\Omega_0^2}, \ \ \textit{ROC}:\sigma>0 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\theta = 0, -\pi/2$ 

$$egin{split} \mathcal{L}[\cos(\Omega_0 t)u(t)] &= rac{s}{s^2+\Omega_0^2}, \ \mathcal{L}[\sin(\Omega_0 t)u(t)] &= rac{\Omega_0}{s^2+\Omega_0^2}, \ \ extsf{ROC}: \sigma > 0 \end{split}$$

Example: non-causal autocorrelation  

$$c(t) = e^{-2|t|} = c(t)u(t) + c(t)u(-t) = c_c(t) + c_{ac}(t),$$

$$C(s) = \mathcal{L}[c_c(t)] + \mathcal{L}[c_{ac}(-t)]_{(-s)} = \int_0^\infty e^{-at}e^{-st}dt + \mathcal{L}[c_{ac}(-t)u(t)]_{(-s)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s+a} + \frac{1}{-s+a} = \frac{2a}{a^2 - s^2}$$

ROC: intersection  $\{\sigma > -a\}$  and  $\{\sigma < a\} = -a < \sigma < a$ ROC contains  $j\Omega$ -axis so  $|C(\Omega)|^2$  can be computed



Autocorrelation  $c(t) = e^{-2|t|}$ , poles of C(s) (left). Power spectral density  $|C(\Omega)|^2$  (right)

#### Causal functions and constants $\alpha f(t), \ \beta g(t)$ $\alpha F(s), \beta G(s)$ $\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)$ $\alpha F(s) + \beta G(s)$ Linearity $f(t-\alpha)u(t-\alpha) \qquad e^{-\alpha s}F(s)$ Time shifting $e^{\alpha t}f(t)$ $F(s-\alpha)$ Frequency shifting $-\frac{dF(s)}{ds}$ Multiplication by t t f(t) $\frac{df(t)}{dt}$ sF(s) - f(0-)Derivative $\frac{\frac{d^2f(t)}{dt^2}}{\int_{0-}^{t}f(t')dt'}$ $s^{2}F(s) - sf(0-) - f^{(1)}(0)$ Second derivative $\frac{F(s)}{s}$ Integral $\frac{1}{|\alpha|}F\left(\frac{s}{\alpha}\right)$ $f(\alpha t), \ \alpha \neq 0$ Expansion/contraction $f(0-) = \lim_{s \to \infty} sF(s)$ Initial value

**Basic Properties of One-sided Laplace Transforms** 



For poles in middle plot: pole s = 0 corresponds to u(t); complex conjugate poles on  $j\Omega$ -axis correspond to sinusoid; complex conjugate poles with negative real part corresponds to sinusoid multiplied by an exponential; the pole in negative real axis gives decaying exponential

Example: Impulse response of RL circuit



Example: Find y(t) for

$$\int_0^t y(\tau) d\tau = 3u(t) - 2y(t)$$

<u>Method 1</u> Using integration property

$$\frac{Y(s)}{s} = \frac{3}{s} - 2Y(s)$$
$$Y(s) = \frac{3}{2(s+0.5)} \Rightarrow y(t) = 1.5e^{-0.5t}u(t)$$

<u>Method 2</u> Using derivative property

$$egin{aligned} y(t) &= 3\delta(t) - 2rac{dy(t)}{dt}, & ext{assume } y(0) = 0 \ Y(s) &= 3 - 2sY(s) \ Y(s) &= rac{3}{2(s+0.5)} & \Rightarrow y(t) = 1.5e^{-0.5t}u(t) \end{aligned}$$

### **Time-shifting property**



(1)	$\delta(t)$
(2)	u(t)
(3)	r(t)
(4)	$e^{-at}u(t), \ a>0$
(5)	$\cos(\Omega_0 t)u(t)$
(6)	$\sin(\Omega_0 t) u(t)$
(7)	$e^{-at}\cos(\Omega_0 t)u(t), \ a>0$
(8)	$e^{-at}\sin(\Omega_0 t)u(t),a>0$
(9)	$2A \ e^{-at}\cos(\Omega_0 t +  heta)u(t), \ a > 0$
(10)	$\frac{1}{(N-1)!} t^{N-1}u(t)$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1, & \text{whole s-plane} \\ \frac{1}{s}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > 0 \\ \frac{1}{s^2}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > 0 \\ \frac{1}{s+a}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > -a \\ \frac{s}{s^2 + \Omega_0^2}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > 0 \\ \frac{\Omega_0}{s^2 + \Omega_0^2}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > 0 \\ \frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2 + \Omega_0^2}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > -a \\ \frac{\Omega_0}{(s+a)^2 + \Omega_0^2}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > -a \\ \frac{A\angle\theta}{s+a-j\Omega_0} + \frac{A\angle-\theta}{s+a+j\Omega_0}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > -a \\ \frac{1}{s^N} & N \text{ an integer}, & \mathcal{R}e[s] > 0 \end{array}$$

One-sided inverse Laplace transform

Given 
$$F(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$
, ROC, find causal  $f(t)u(t)$ 

- Basic idea: decompose proper rational functions (order N(s) < order D(s)) into proper rational components with inverse in tables
- Poles of X(s) provide basic characteristics of x(t)
- For N(s) and D(s) polynomials with real coefficients zeros and poles of X(s) are real and/or complex conjugate pairs, and can be simple or multiple,
- u(t) is integral part of the one-sided inverse
- Avoid errors using generic inverse from poles and *initial-value theorem*

#### Simple real poles

$$X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{(s+p_1)(s+p_2)}, \ \{-p_i, i=1,2\}$$
 real poles

partial fraction expansion and inverse

Simple complex conjugate poles

$$X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{(s+\alpha)^2 + \Omega_0^2} = \frac{N(s)}{(s+\alpha-j\Omega_0)(s+\alpha+j\Omega_0)}, \text{ poles: } \{-\alpha \pm j\Omega_0\}$$

partial fraction expansion and inverse

$$\begin{split} \hline X(s) &= \frac{A}{s + \alpha - j\Omega_0} + \frac{A^*}{s + \alpha + j\Omega_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x(t) = 2|A|e^{-\alpha t}\cos(\Omega_0 t + \theta)u(t) \\ \\ A &= X(s)(s + \alpha - j\Omega_0)|_{s = -\alpha + j\Omega_0} = |A|e^{j\theta} \end{split}$$

Example: Causal inverse of

$$X(s) = \frac{3s+5}{s^2+3s+2} = \frac{3s+5}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$X(s) = \frac{A_1}{s+1} + \frac{A_2}{s+2}$$
generic solution  $x(t) = [A_1e^{-t} + A_2e^{-t}]u(t)$ 

$$A_1 = X(s)(s+1)|_{s=-1} = \frac{3s+5}{s+2}|_{s=-1} = 2 \text{ and}$$

$$A_2 = X(s)(s+2)|_{s=-2} = \frac{3s+5}{s+1}|_{s=-2} = 1$$

$$X(s) = \frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{1}{s+2} \implies x(t) = [2e^{-t} + e^{-2t}]u(t)$$

Example: Causal inverse

$$X(s) = \frac{4}{s((s+1)^2 + 3)}, \text{ poles: } s = 0, \ s = -1 \pm j\sqrt{3}$$
$$X(s) = \frac{A}{s+1-j\sqrt{3}} + \frac{A^*}{s+1+j\sqrt{3}} + \frac{B}{s}$$
$$B = sX(s)|_{s=0} = 1$$
$$A = X(s)(s+1-j\sqrt{3})|_{s=-1+j\sqrt{3}} = 0.5(-1+\frac{j}{\sqrt{3}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\angle 150^{\circ}$$
$$x(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}e^{-t}\cos(\sqrt{3}t + 150^{\circ})u(t) + u(t)$$
$$= -[\cos(\sqrt{3}t) + 0.577\sin(\sqrt{3}t)]e^{-t}u(t) + u(t)$$

## Double real poles

$$X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{(s + \alpha)^2}$$
 proper rational, poles  $s_{1,2} = -\alpha$ 

partial fraction expansion and inverse

$$X(s) = \frac{a + b(s + \alpha)}{(s + \alpha)^2} = \frac{a}{(s + \alpha)^2} + \frac{b}{s + \alpha}$$
$$x(t) = [ate^{-\alpha t} + be^{-\alpha t}]u(t)$$
$$a = X(s)(s + \alpha)^2|_{s = -\alpha}$$

b found by computing X(s\_0) for s\_0 \neq -\alpha

Example

$$X(s) = \frac{4}{s(s+2)^2}, \text{ poles: } s = 0, -2 \text{ double}$$
  
=  $\frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{C}{s+2}$   
 $A = X(s)s|_{s=0} = 1$   
 $B = X(s)(s+2)^2|_{s=-2} = -2$   
 $X(1) = \frac{4}{9} = \frac{A}{1} + \frac{B}{9} + \frac{C}{3} = 1 - \frac{2}{9} + \frac{C}{3} \Rightarrow C = -1$   
 $x(t) = [1 - 2te^{-2t} - e^{-2t}]u(t)$ 



## Functions containing $e^{-\rho s}$ terms

• Exponentials in numerator If  $f_k(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(N_k(s)/D_k(s))$ 

$$X(s) = \sum_k rac{N_k(s)e^{-
ho_k s}}{D_k(s)} \ \Rightarrow \ x(t) = \sum_k f_k(t-
ho_k)$$

• Exponentials in denominator If  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(N(s)/D(s))$ 

$$[a] \quad X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)(1 - e^{-\alpha s})} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} + \frac{N(s)e^{-\alpha s}}{D(s)} + \frac{N(s)e^{-2\alpha s}}{D(s)} + \cdots$$
$$x(t) = f(t) + f(t - \alpha) + f(t - 2\alpha) + \cdots$$
$$[b] \quad X(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)(1 + e^{-\alpha s})} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} - \frac{N(s)e^{-\alpha s}}{D(s)} + \frac{N(s)e^{-2\alpha s}}{D(s)} - \cdots$$

$$x(t) = f(t) - f(t - \alpha) + f(t - 2\alpha) - \cdots$$

# Example

$$\begin{array}{lll} X_1(s) &=& \displaystyle \frac{1-e^{-s}}{(s+1)(1+e^{-2s})} = F(s) \sum_{k=0}^\infty (-1)^k (e^{-2s})^k \\ & \quad \text{where} \ \ F(s) = (1-e^{-s})/(s+1) \\ & \quad f(t) = e^{-t} u(t) - e^{-(t-1)} u(t-1) \\ & \quad x_1(t) \ = \ f(t) - f(t-2) + f(t-4) + \cdots \end{array}$$

- ROC to right of all poles  $\Rightarrow$  causal signal
- ROC to left of all poles  $\Rightarrow$  anti-causal signal
- ROC between poles on right on left  $\Rightarrow$  non-causal signal

Example

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s-2)} \quad \text{ROC:} -2 < \mathcal{R}e(s) < 2$$
$$= \frac{-0.25}{\underbrace{s+2}} + \underbrace{\frac{0.25}{s-2}}_{anticausal, \mathcal{R}e(s) < 2} \quad \text{ROC}$$
$$ROC = [\mathcal{R}e(s) > -2] \cap [\mathcal{R}e(s) < 2]$$
$$x(t) = -0.25e^{-2t}u(t) - 0.25e^{2t}u(-t)$$

## **Analysis of LTI systems**

Complete response y(t) of system represented by

$$egin{aligned} &y^{(N)}(t) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k y^{(k)}(t) = \sum_{\ell=0}^M b_\ell x^{(\ell)}(t) & N > M \ &x(t) \; y(t) \; ext{input, output, } \{y^{(k)}(t), \; 0 \leq k \leq N-1\} \; \; ext{IC} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[Y(s) = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)}X(s) + \frac{1}{A(s)}I(s)
ight]$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} Y(s) &=& \mathcal{L}[y(t)], \ X(s) = \mathcal{L}[x(t)] \\ A(s) &=& \sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k s^k, \ a_N = 1, \quad B(s) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{M} b_\ell s^\ell \\ I(s) &=& \sum_{k=1}^{N} a_k \left( \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} s^{k-m-1} y^{(m)}(0) \right) \end{array}$$

Zero-input, zero-state responses

$$\begin{array}{l} Y(s) = H(s)X(s) + H_1(s)I(s), \quad H(s) = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)}, \quad H_1(s) = \frac{1}{A(s)}\\ y(t) = y_{zs}(t) + y_{zi}(t)\\ \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} y_{zs}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[H(s)X(s)] \quad \text{system's zero-state response}\\ y_{zi}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[H_1(s)I(s)] \quad \text{system's zero-input response} \end{array}$$



#### Transient and steady-state responses

LTI, BIBO system 
$$y(t) = \underbrace{y_t(t)}_{transient} + \underbrace{y_{ss}(t)}_{steady-state}$$

(i) Steady state is due to simple real or complex conjugate pairs poles of Y(s) in  $j\Omega$ -axis (ii) Transient is due to poles of Y(s) in the left-hand s-plane

(iii) Multiple poles in the  $j\Omega$ -axis and poles in the right-hand s-plane give unbounded responses

Example: Impulse response of system represented by o.d.e.

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 2y(t) = x(t), \text{ input, output : } x(t), y(t)$$
$$Y(s)[s^2 + 3s + 2] = X(s) \implies H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 2} = \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{-1}{s+2}$$
$$h(t) = \left[e^{-t} - e^{-2t}\right] u(t) \quad (\text{transient only})$$

Example: Unit-step response

$$\begin{split} S(s)[s^2 + 3s + 2] &= X(s) \implies S(s) = \frac{H(s)}{s} = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 3s + 2)} \\ S(s) &= \frac{0.5}{s} + \frac{-1}{s+1} + \frac{0.5}{s+2} \\ s(t) &= 0.5u(t) - e^{-t}u(t) + 0.5e^{-2t}u(t) \\ s_t(t) &= -e^{-t}u(t) + 0.5e^{-2t}u(t), \quad \text{(transient)} \end{split}$$

$$s_{ss}(t) = \lim_{t o \infty} = 0.5, \;\; ({ t steady-state})$$

Unit-step s(t) and impulse h(t) responses

$$sS(s) = H(s) \Rightarrow \frac{ds(t)}{dt} = [e^{-t} - e^{-2t}]u(t) = h(t)$$

$$y(t) = [x * h](t)$$
 convolution  $\Rightarrow Y(s) = X(s)H(s)$   
 $H(s) = \mathcal{L}[h(t)] = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$  transfer function of system  
 $y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)]$ 

Example: Convolution y(t) = [x \* h](t) when

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= u(t), \ h(t) = u(t) - u(t-1) \\ X(s) &= \mathcal{L}[u(t)] = \frac{1}{s}, \ \ H(s) = \mathcal{L}[h(t)] = \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s} \\ Y(s) &= H(s)X(s) = \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s^2} \\ y(t) &= r(t) - r(t-1) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Positive feedback created by closeness of a microphone to a set of speakers



• Impulse response  $x(t) = \delta(t)$ , IC= 0, y(t) = h(t)

$$y(t) = x(t) + y(t-1) \implies h(t) = \delta(t) + \beta h(t-1)$$
  

$$H(s) = 1 + H(s)e^{-s}$$
  

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{1 - \beta e^{-s\tau}} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-s}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-sk} = 1 + e^{-s} + e^{-2s} + e^{-3s} + \cdots$$
  

$$h(t) = \delta(t) + \delta(t-1) + \delta(t-2) + \cdots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta(t-k)$$

• BIBO stability of positive feedback system absolute integrability

$$egin{aligned} &\int_{-\infty}^\infty |h(t)| dt \ &= \ \int_{-\infty}^\infty \sum_{k=0}^\infty \delta(t-k) dt \ &= \ \sum_{k=0}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \delta(t-k) dt \ &= \ \sum_{k=0}^\infty 1 o \infty \end{aligned}$$

pole location

poles: roots of 
$$1 - e^{-s} = 0$$
, or  $e^{-s_k} = 1 = e^{j2\pi k} \Rightarrow s_k = \pm j2\pi k$ 

System is not BIBO stable (h(t) is not absolutely integrable, or poles of H(s) are not in open left-hand *s*-plane)