

2.6 More Properties of the Laplace Transform

- A few more useful properties, arranged in order of decreasing importance to ENSC 320

- Initial value and final value theorems

- These are very useful — easy answers to specific questions and a check on your work.

→ Given $F(s)$, find $f(0^+)$, $f(\infty)$ without doing a full inversion.

- Initial value theorem (IVT)

We know $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df}{dt}\right] = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} \frac{df}{dt} e^{-st} dt = sF(s) - f(0^-)$

Take limit as $s \rightarrow \infty$:

Allowing step change ($f(0^+) \neq f(0^-)$) at $t=0$,

$$\text{LHS: } \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int_{0^-}^{0^+} (f(0^+) - f(0^-)) \delta(t) e^{-st} dt + \int_{0^+}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \right]$$

$$= f(0^+) - f(0^-)$$

$$\text{RHS: } \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s) - f(0^-)$$

$$\text{so } f(0^+) - f(0^-) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s) - f(0^-)$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s) = f(0^+)} \quad \text{IVT}$$

- Final value theorem (FVT)

$$\text{Again } \int_{0^-}^{\infty} \frac{df}{dt} e^{-st} dt = s F(s) - f(0^-)$$

Take limit as $s \rightarrow 0$:

$$f(\infty) - f(0^-) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s F(s) - f(0^-)$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s F(s) = f(\infty)} \quad \text{FVT}$$

- example:

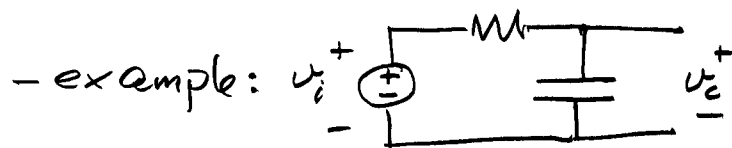
What is the initial value of $f(t)$ if

$$F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - 3s + 2} ?$$

From IVT,

$$f(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s) = 1$$

which is correct, since $f(t) = (2e^{2t} - e^t)u(t)$.



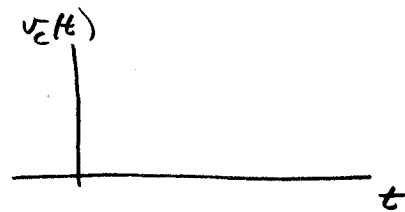
$$H(s) = \frac{1}{1+s\tau}$$

(a) What are the initial and final values of $v_c(t)$ if $v_i(t)$ is a unit step?

$$V_c(s) = \frac{1}{s(1+s\tau)}$$

$$v_c(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s V_c(s) =$$

$$v_c(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s V_c(s) =$$

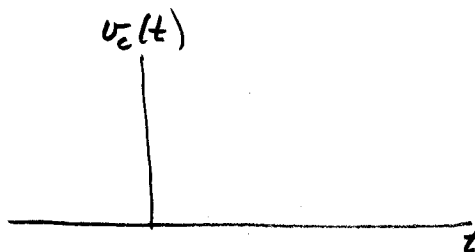


(b) and if $v_i(t)$ is a unit impulse?

$$V_c(s) = \frac{1}{1+s\tau}$$

$$v_c(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s V_c(s) =$$

$$v_c(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s V_c(s) =$$



- cautionary example:

Some functions may not have a well defined final value

$$f(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t) \quad F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) = 0$$

$$f(t) = e^{4t} \quad F(s) = \frac{1}{s-4} \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) = 0$$

or initial value

$$f(t) = \delta(t) - 5e^{-5t} \quad F(s) = \frac{s}{s+5} \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \infty$$

- example:

What is the DC gain of a circuit with

$$H(s) = \frac{s+5}{s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + 1} \quad ?$$

DC gain would be the steady state value of its response to a unit step input,

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} \cdot H(s)$$

$$y(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sY(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} H(s) = H(0) = 5$$

DC gain is $H(0)$!

(provided circuit is stable, so no poles in RHP;
and our roots are $-2.33, -0.34 \pm j0.56$.)

example: My circuit has

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$$H(s) = \frac{s-2}{s^2+6s+25}$$

I calculated its step response as

$$g(t) = -\frac{2}{25} + e^{-3t} \left(-\frac{2}{25} \cos(4t) + \frac{31}{100} \sin(4t) \right)$$

Is this correct?

Try initial and final values.

$$G(s) = \frac{s-2}{s(s^2+6s+25)}$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s G(s) = 0 \quad \text{but } g(0) = -\frac{2}{25}$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s G(s) = -\frac{2}{25} \quad g(\infty) = -\frac{2}{25}$$

It's wrong.

Correction shows that the cos term should have been positive. Note that this test wouldn't find a sign error on the sin term.

• Frequency differentiation property

Start with

$$F(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

Differentiate:

$$\frac{dF(s)}{ds} = - \int_{0^-}^{\infty} t f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

Hence

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}[t f(t)] = - \frac{dF(s)}{ds}}$$

- Analogous to "differentiation in time corresponds to multiplication by s ." The "dual."

• Frequency shift property

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[e^{at} f(t)] &= \int_{0^-}^{\infty} e^{at} f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-(s-a)t} dt \\ &= F(s-a) \end{aligned}$$

- A dual of the time shift property

- example of use:

$$F(s) = \frac{s-2}{s^2+6s+25}$$

rewrite as

$$F(s) = \frac{(s+3)-5}{(s+3)^2+16}$$

so

$$f(t) = e^{-3t} \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[\frac{\tilde{s}-5}{\tilde{s}^2+16} \right] = e^{-3t} \left(\cos(4t) - \frac{5}{4} \sin(4t) \right) u(t)$$

• Convolution/multiplication property

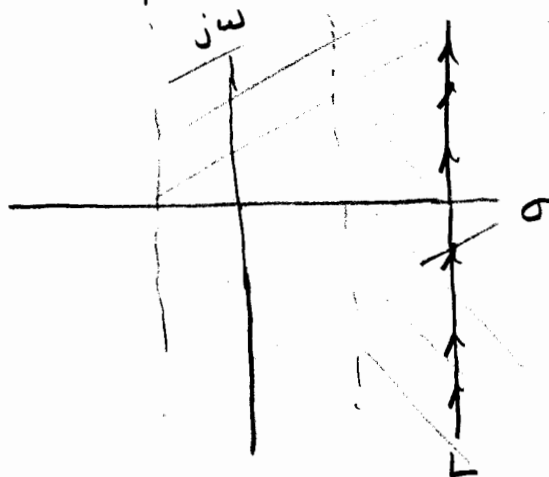
- Another dual...

→ Multiplication in time corresponds to convolution in Laplace ("frequency") domain.

$$\text{If } z(t) = x(t) y(t)$$

$$\text{then } Z(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_L X(v) Y(s-v) dv$$

with integration line L in the common ROC



ROC x

ROC y

common ROC

We won't use this in our course.

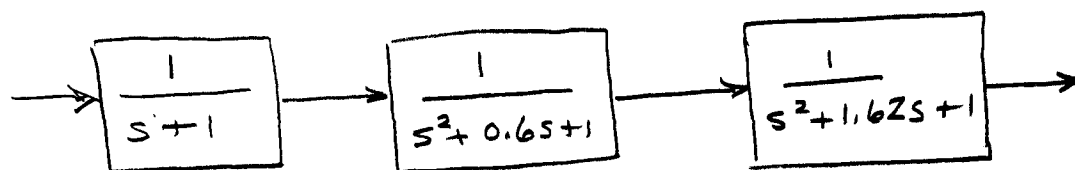
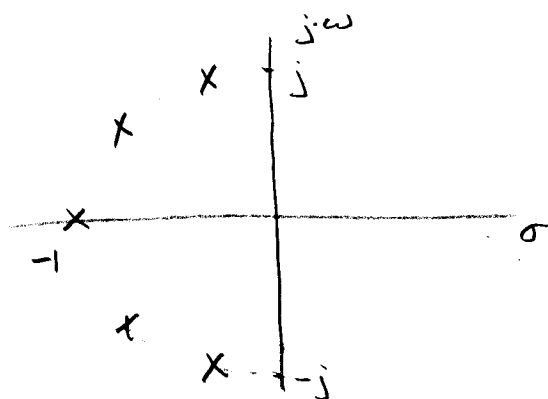
• Series and parallel decompositions

- Conceptually and practically it is sometimes useful to break a circuit into subcircuits.
- Series (cascade) decomposition:

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s^5 + 3.22s^4 + 5.192s^3 + 5.192s^2 + 3.22s + 1}$$

factors to

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2+0.6s+1)(s^2+1.62s+1)}$$



Doesn't have to be quad sections,
but it reduces sensitivity to component
error.

- parallel decomposition.

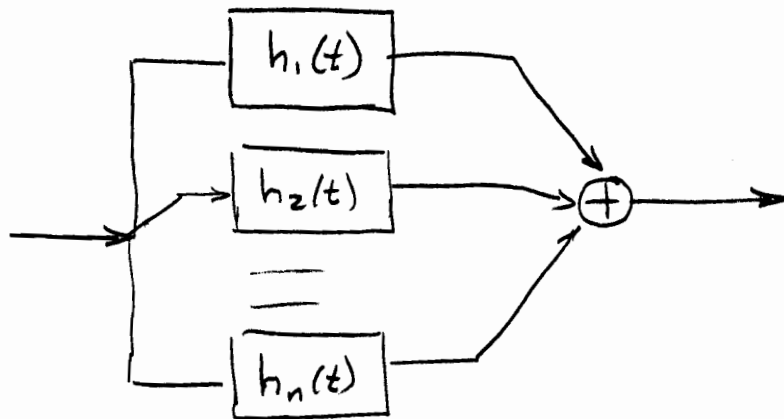
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$$H(s) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} \sum_{i=1}^n h_i(t)$$

partial fractions

$$\downarrow$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n H_i(s)$$



example $H(s) = \frac{s-2}{(s+1)(s^2+6s+25)}$

$$h(t) = -\frac{3}{20} e^{-t} + \frac{e^{-3t}}{40} (6 \cos(4t) + 13 \sin(4t))$$

