



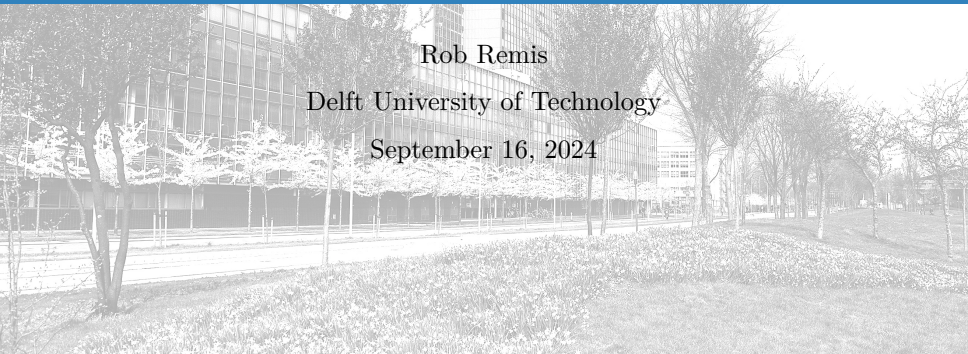
Signals and Systems

The Laplace Transform 2

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2 The one-sided Laplace transform

- ▶ Let $x(t)$ denote a causal signal: $x(t) = x(t)u(t)$
- ▶ The two-sided Laplace transform simplifies to

$$X(s) = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt \quad s \in \text{ROC}_x$$

- ▶ This transform is known as the *one-sided Laplace transform*
- ▶ A separate study is warranted, since many (most/all) signals and systems encountered in practice/Nature are causal
- ▶ Switch-on phenomena (initial-value problems) are conveniently studied using the one-sided Laplace transform

- ▶ To incorporate the Dirac distribution $\delta(t)$, we define the one-sided Laplace transform of a signal $x(t)$ as

$$X(s) = \int_{t=0^-}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt = \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{t=-\epsilon}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt, \quad s \in \text{ROC}_x$$

- ▶ Many properties of the two-sided Laplace transform carry over to the one-sided Laplace transform
- ▶ We only discuss three properties of the one-sided transform that do not have a two-sided counterpart

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- ▶ **Differentiation in the time-domain**
- ▶ Let $X(s)$ denote the one-sided Laplace transform of the time-domain signal $x(t)$
- ▶ What is the one-sided Laplace transform of

$$y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} ?$$

- ▶ By definition

$$Y(s) = \int_{t=0^-}^{\infty} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} e^{-st} dt, \quad s \in \text{ROC}_x$$

- ▶ Integration by parts gives

$$Y(s) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty, \epsilon \downarrow 0} x(t)e^{-st} \Big|_{-\epsilon}^T - \int_{t=0^-}^{\infty} x(t)[-se^{-st}] dt = -x(0^-) + sX(s)$$

with $x(0^-) = \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} x(-\epsilon)$ and $s \in \text{ROC}_x$

- ▶ We have found that

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

with $s \in \text{ROC}_x$

3 Properties of the one-sided Laplace transform

- ▶ Similarly, by repeated integration by parts we find that

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} \text{ transforms into } s^2X(s) - sx(0^-) - \left. \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^-}$$

with $s \in \text{ROC}_x$

- ▶ **Abel's initial-value theorem**
- ▶ Let $X(s)$ be the one-sided Laplace transform of $x(t)$, $s \in \text{ROC}_x$
- ▶ Abel's initial-value theorem states that

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

with $x(0^+) = \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} x(\epsilon)$, provided $x(t)$ is regular at $t = 0$

3 Properties of the one-sided Laplace transform

- ▶ Note that
 - > Left-hand side: Laplace-domain
 - > Right-hand side: time-domain
- ▶ **Abel's final-value theorem**
- ▶ Let $X(s)$ denote the one-sided Laplace transform of $x(t)$, $s \in \text{ROC}_x$
- ▶ Abel's final-value theorem states that

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

provided $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$ exists

- ▶ Note that
 - > Left-hand side: Laplace-domain
 - > Right-hand side: time-domain

3 Properties of the one-sided Laplace transform

One-Sided Laplace Transforms

Time signal	One-sided Laplace transform	ROC	parameters
$e^{at} u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$	$\text{Re}(s) > \text{Re}(a)$	$a \in \mathbb{C}$
$-e^{at} u(-t)$	0	\mathbb{C}	$a \in \mathbb{C}$
$\frac{t^{k-1} e^{at}}{(k-1)!} u(t)$	$\frac{1}{(s-a)^k}$	$\text{Re}(s) > \text{Re}(a)$	$a \in \mathbb{C}, k \in \mathbb{N}$
$-\frac{t^{k-1} e^{at}}{(k-1)!} u(-t)$	0	\mathbb{C}	$a \in \mathbb{C}, k \in \mathbb{N}$
$e^{at} \cos(\Omega_0 t) u(t)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + \Omega_0^2}$	$\text{Re}(s) > a$	$a, \Omega_0 \in \mathbb{R}$
$e^{at} \sin(\Omega_0 t) u(t)$	$\frac{\Omega_0}{(s-a)^2 + \Omega_0^2}$	$\text{Re}(s) > a$	$a, \Omega_0 \in \mathbb{R}$
$\delta(t)$	1	\mathbb{C}	-
$\delta'(t)$	s	\mathbb{C}	-

3 Properties of the one-sided Laplace transform

Properties of the One-Sided Laplace Transform: $x_c(t) = x(t)u(t)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$

Property	Time signal	One-sided Laplace transform	ROC	Parameters
Convolution	$y_c(t) = h_c(t) * x_c(t)$	$Y(s) = H(s)X(s)$	$\text{ROC}_{h_c} \cap \text{ROC}_{x_c}$	–
Diff. s -domain	$-tx(t)$	$\frac{dX(s)}{ds}$	ROC_{x_c}	–
Diff. t -domain	$\frac{dx(t)}{dt}$	$sX(s) - x(0^-)$	ROC_{x_c}	–
Int. t -domain	$\int_{\tau=0^-}^t x(\tau) d\tau$	$\frac{1}{s}X(s)$	$\{\text{ROC}_{x_c} \text{Re}(s) > 0\}$	–
Shift t -domain	$x_c(t - \tau)$	$e^{-s\tau}X(s)$	ROC_{x_c}	$\tau \in \mathbb{R}, \tau > 0$
Shift s -domain	$e^{at}x(t)$	$X(s - a)$	$s - a \in \text{ROC}_{x_c}$	$a \in \mathbb{C}$
Scaling	$x(at)$	$\frac{1}{a}X\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$	$s/a \in \text{ROC}_{x_c}$	$a \in \mathbb{R}, a > 0$

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- ▶ **KCL** Kirchhoff's current law: the algebraic sum of all branch currents flowing into any node must be zero
- ▶ For a node with N branches

$$\sum_{n=1}^N i_n(t) = 0$$

- ▶ **KVL** Kirchhoff's voltage law: the algebraic sum of the branch voltages around any closed path in a network must be zero
- ▶ For a closed path consisting of N branches

$$\sum_{n=1}^N v_n(t) = 0$$

- ▶ Let

$I_n(s)$ be the one-sided Laplace transform of $i_n(t)$

$$n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$V_n(s)$ be the one-sided Laplace transform of $V_n(t)$

$$n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

- ▶ Since the Laplace transform is linear, we have

- ▶ **KCL** Kirchhoff's current law in the Laplace domain:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N I_n(s) = 0$$

- ▶ **KVL** Kirchhoff's voltage law in the Laplace domain:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N V_n(s) = 0$$

▶ **Constitutive relations**

▶ *Resistor*

$$v(t) = R i(t) \quad \text{transforms into} \quad V(s) = R I(s)$$

▶ *Capacitor*

$$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \quad \text{transforms into} \quad I(s) = sC V(s) - C v(0^-)$$

▶ *Inductor*

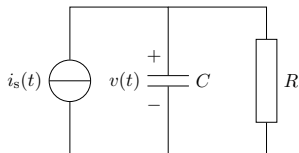
$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt} \quad \text{transforms into} \quad V(s) = sL I(s) - L i(0^-)$$

- ▶ For circuits with vanishing initial conditions (the circuit is initially at rest), we define the Laplace impedance $Z(s)$ through the relation

$$V(s) = Z(s) I(s)$$

- ▶ **Resistor:** $Z(s) = R$
- ▶ **Capacitor:** $Z(s) = \frac{1}{sC}$
- ▶ **Inductor:** $Z(s) = sL$

- ▶ **Example.** Consider the circuit sketched below
- ▶ Input signal: $i_s(t) = I_0\delta(t)$
- ▶ Output signal: $v(t)$
- ▶ The circuit is initially at rest



- ▶ Kirchhoff's current law in the time-domain:

$$C \frac{dv}{dt} + R^{-1}v(t) = I_0\delta(t), \quad t > 0^-$$

$$v(0^-) = 0$$

- ▶ Kirchhoff's current law in the s -domain:

$$sCV(s) + R^{-1}V(s) = I_0$$

- ▶ Divide by C to obtain

$$(s + \tau^{-1})V(s) = C^{-1}I_0, \quad \tau = RC$$

- ▶ We find

$$V(s) = C^{-1}I_0 \frac{1}{s + \tau^{-1}}, \quad \tau = RC$$

- ▶ Using the table for one-sided Laplace transforms, the voltage is found as

$$v(t) = C^{-1} I_0 e^{-t/\tau} u(t), \quad \tau = RC$$

- ▶ The current through the capacitor follows as

$$i_c(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = I_0 \left[\delta(t) - \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-t/\tau} u(t) \right], \quad \tau = RC$$

- ▶ Observe that we can also write

$$I_c(s) = \frac{Y_{\text{cap}}(s)}{Y_{\text{cap}}(s) + Y_{\text{res}}(s)} I_0$$

- ▶ $Y_{\text{cap}}(s) = sC$ and $Y_{\text{res}}(s) = R^{-1}$ are the Laplace domain *admittances* of the capacitor and resistor, respectively ($Y(s) = Z^{-1}(s)$)

- ▶ Substitution gives

$$I_c(s) = \frac{sC}{sC + R^{-1}} I_0 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \right) I_0, \quad \tau = RC$$

- ▶ Using the table for the one-sided Laplace transform, we again arrive at

$$i_c(t) = I_0 \left[\delta(t) - \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-t/\tau} u(t) \right], \quad \tau = RC$$

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- ▶ We consider the differential equation

$$a_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y = x(t),$$

for $t > 0^-$ with initial conditions

$$y(0^-) = \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=0^-} = \beta$$

- ▶ The problem consists of finding $y(t)$ for a given signal $x(t)$ and initial values α and β
- ▶ The signal $x(t)$ can be seen as the input signal of a SISO system
- ▶ The signal $y(t)$ can be seen as the output signal of the SISO system
- ▶ The coefficients a_i are typically real-valued
Determined by R , L , and/or C in an electric circuit, for example

- ▶ Applying a one-sided Laplace transform to the differential equation and taking the initial conditions into account, we obtain

$$(a_2s^2 + a_1s + a_0)Y(s) = X(s) + a_1\alpha + a_2(\beta + \alpha s)$$

- ▶ and the Laplace transform of the solution is found as

$$Y(s) = Y_{zs}(s) + Y_{zi}(s)$$

with

$$Y_{zs}(s) = \frac{X(s)}{a_2s^2 + a_1s + a_0}$$

the Laplace transform of the zero-state response $y_{zs}(t)$, and

$$Y_{zi}(s) = \frac{a_1\alpha + a_2(\beta + \alpha s)}{a_2s^2 + a_1s + a_0}$$

the Laplace transform of the zero-input response $y_{zi}(t)$

- ▶ Note that for $x(t) = \delta(t)$ and vanishing initial conditions ($\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 0$), the time-domain output signal is the impulse response $h(t)$ with the transfer function

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0}$$

as its Laplace transform

- ▶ Determining $y(t)$ amounts to finding the time-domain signal that corresponds to $Y(s)$ (inverse Laplace transform)
- ▶ We determine $y(t)$ from $Y(s)$ using tables (via inspection)

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- ▶ The Laplace transform signals that we consider are of the form

$$X(s) = \frac{p_M(s)}{q_N(s)}$$

- ▶ $p_M(s)$ and $q_N(s)$ are polynomials in s of degree M and N , respectively
- ▶ Our Laplace transform signals are rational functions in s
 - * For $M > N$, $X(s)$ is an *improper* rational function
 - * For $M \leq N$, $X(s)$ is a *proper* rational function
 - * For $M < N$, $X(s)$ a *strictly proper* rational function

- ▶ It can be shown that if $X(s)$ is proper or improper then it can always be written as

$$X(s) = R_{M-N}(s) + \frac{S(s)}{T(s)}$$

- ▶ $R_{M-N}(s)$ is a polynomial in s of degree $M - N$
- ▶ S and T are polynomials such that the rational function S/T is strictly proper

► **Example 1**

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

is a proper rational function, which can be written as

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

- In this example, $R_0(s) = 1$ and $-1/(s+1)$ is strictly proper

► **Example 2**

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

is an improper rational function, which can be written as

$$X(s) = s^2 - 4s + 16 - \frac{64}{s+4}$$

- In this example, $R_2(s) = s^2 - 4s + 16$ and $-64/(s+4)$ is strictly proper

- ▶ Finding $x(t)$ from $X(s)$ amounts to using partial fraction decompositions of $X(s)$ such that $X(s)$ consists of polynomials and/or strictly proper rational functions that have tabulated time-domain counterparts
- ▶ **Example** Suppose

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

- ▶ A partial fraction decomposition gives

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+4} \right)$$

- ▶ Using the Laplace transform table, we find

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