

# **CECC507: Signals and Systems** Lecture Notes 10: Laplace Transform for Continuous-Time Signals and Systems: Part B



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## Application: Circuit Analysis Electronic Circuits

• A resistor  $v_R(t) = Ri_R(t)$  or  $i_R(t) = \frac{1}{R}v_R(t)$  $V_R(s) = RI_R(s)$  or  $I_R(s) = \frac{1}{R}V_R(s)$  $\boldsymbol{v}_{\boldsymbol{R}}\left(t\right)$ • An inductor  $v_L(t) = L \frac{d}{dt} i_L(t)$  or  $i_L(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-\infty}^t v_L(\tau) d\tau$  $i_L(t)$ L  $V_L(s) = sLI_L(s)$  or  $I_L(s) = \frac{1}{sL}V_L(s)$  $v_L(t)$ • A capacitor  $v_C(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i_C(\tau) d\tau$  or  $i_C(t) = C \frac{d}{dt} v_C(t)$   $i_C(t)$ C $V_C(s) = \frac{1}{sC} I_C(s)$  or  $I_C(s) = sCV_C(s)$  $v_{C}(t)$ 

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- The desired values of the quantities being controlled are collectively viewed as the input of the control system.
- The actual values of the quantities being controlled are collectively viewed as the output of the control system.
- A control system whose behavior is not influenced by the actual values of the quantities being controlled is called an open loop (or non-feedback) system.
- A control system whose behavior is influenced by the actual values of the quantities being controlled is called a closed loop (or feedback) system.
- An example of a simple control system would be a thermostat system, which controls the temperature in a room or building.



#### **Feedback Control Systems**



- input: desired value of the quantity to be controlled.
- output: actual value of the quantity to be controlled.
- error: difference between the desired and actual values.
- plant: system to be controlled.
- controller: device that monitors the error and changes the input of the plant.
   with the goal of forcing the error to zero.



sensor: device used to measure the actual output.

A control system includes two very important components:

- Transducer: Since it is possible that the output signal y(t) and the reference signal x(t) might not be of the same type, a transducer is used to change y(t) so it is compatible with the reference input x(t).
- Actuator: A device that makes possible the execution of the control action on the plant, so that the output of the plant follows the reference input.

#### Stability Analysis of Feedback Systems

- Often, we want to ensure that a system is BIBO stable.
- The BIBO stability property is more easily characterized in the Laplace domain than in the time domain.



**Example 2:** Stabilization Example: Using Pole-Zero Cancellation

System formed by series interconnection of plant and causal LTI compensator:

$$X \qquad W(s) = \frac{s-1}{10(s+1)} \qquad P(s) = \frac{10}{s-1} \qquad Cancelled \qquad s-plane \\ pole \qquad ROC \\ H(s) = W(s)P(s) = \frac{s-1}{10(s+1)} \frac{10}{s-1} = \frac{1}{(s+1)} \qquad (a + 1)$$



**Example 3**: Stabilization Example: Using Feedback

Feedback system (with causal LTI compensator and sensor):



Transfer function H of overall system:

$$H(s) = \frac{C(s)P(s)}{1 + C(s)P(s)Q(s)} = \frac{10\beta}{s - (1 - 10\beta)}$$

• Feedback system is BIBO stable if and only if  $1-10\beta < 0$ .

 $1-10\beta$ 

*s*-plane

ROC



## 4. Bode Plots

• Bode plots of the frequency response are used in the analysis and design of feedback control systems. A Bode plot consists of the dB magnitude  $20 \log_{10}|H(\omega)|$  and the phase  $\measuredangle H(\omega)$ , each graphed as a function of  $\log_{10}(\omega)$ .

$$H(s) = K_1 \frac{(1 - s/z_1)(1 - s/z_2)\cdots(1 - s/z_M)}{(1 - s/p_1)(1 - s/p_2)\cdots(1 - s/p_N)}$$

• Let us write H(s) as a cascade combination of M + N subsystems:

$$H(s) = K_1 H_1(s) H_2(s) \cdots H_M(s) H_{M+1}(s) H_{M+2}(s) \cdots H_{M+N}(s)$$

with

$$H_i(s) = 1 - s/z_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

$$H_{M+i}(s) = \frac{1}{1 - s/p_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

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Zero at the origin

 $H_k(s) = s \Rightarrow 20\log_{10} |H_k(\omega)| = 20\log_{10}(\omega), \quad \measuredangle H_k(\omega) = 90^\circ$ 

Pole at the origin



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Single real zero

$$\begin{aligned} H_k(\omega) &= H_k(s) \Big|_{s=j\omega} = 1 - j\omega/z_k \\ & 20\log_{10} \left| H_k(\omega) \right| = 20\log_{10} \sqrt{1 + \left(\omega/z_k\right)^2} = 10\log_{10} \left[ 1 + \left(\omega/z_k\right)^2 \right], \\ & \measuredangle H_k(\omega) = \measuredangle \left(1 - j\omega/z_k\right) = \tan^{-1} \left(-\omega/z_k\right) = -\tan^{-1} \left(\omega/z_k\right) \end{aligned}$$

Magnitude: For  $\omega \ll |z_k|$  the magnitude is asymptotic to 0 dB. For  $\omega \gg |z_k|$  it becomes asymptotic to a straight line with a slope of 20 dB per decade. At  $\omega = |z_k|$  it is approximately equal to 3 dB.

Phase: For  $\omega \ll |z_k|$  the phase is asymptotic to 0°. For  $\omega \gg |z_k|$  the phase is 90° for  $z_k < 0$  and -90° for  $z_k > 0$ . At  $\omega = |z_k|$  the phase is 45° for  $z_k < 0$  and -45° for  $z_k > 0$ .



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Single real pole

$$\begin{aligned} H_k(\omega) &= H_k(s) \Big|_{s=j\omega} = 1/(1 - j\omega/p_k) \\ & 20\log_{10} \left| H_k(\omega) \right| = 20\log_{10} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega/p_k)^2}} = -10\log_{10} \left[ 1 + (\omega/p_k)^2 \right], \\ & \measuredangle H_k(\omega) = \measuredangle 1/(1 - j\omega/p_k) = -\tan^{-1}(-\omega/p_k) = \tan^{-1}(\omega/p_k) \end{aligned}$$

Magnitude: For  $\omega \ll |p_k|$  the magnitude is asymptotic to 0 dB. For  $\omega \gg |p_k|$  it becomes asymptotic to a straight line with a slope of -20 dB per decade. At  $\omega = |p_k|$  it is approximately equal to -3 dB.

Phase: For  $\omega \ll |p_k|$  the phase is asymptotic to 0°. For  $\omega \gg |p_k|$  the phase is  $-90^{\circ}$  for  $p_k < 0$  and  $90^{\circ}$  for  $p_k > 0$ . At  $\omega = |p_k|$  the phase is  $-45^{\circ}$  for  $z_k < 0$  and  $45^{\circ}$  for  $z_k > 0$ .



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Example 4: Constructing a Bode plot

$$H(s) = \frac{s(1 + s/300)}{(1 + s/5)(1 + s/40)}$$
  
$$H(s) = H_1(s)H_2(s)H_3(s)H_4(s)$$

 $H_1(s) = s, \ H_2(s) = (1 + s/300), \ H_3(s) = 1/(1 + s/5), \ H_4(s) = 1/(1 + s/40)$ 



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Conjugate pair of poles

Consider a causal and stable second-order system with a pair of complex conjugate poles, that is,  $p_2 = p_1^*$ 

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{(1 - s/p_1)(1 - s/p_1^*)} = \frac{|p_1|^2}{(s - p_1)(s - p_1^*)}$$

Let us put H(s) into the standard form  $H(s) = \frac{\omega_0^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_0 s + \omega_0^2}$ 

$$w_0^2 = |p_1|^2, \quad \zeta = -\frac{\operatorname{Re}\{p_1\}}{|p_1|}$$

Since the system is causal and stable, Re  $\{p_1\} < 0$ . Consequently, when the poles of the system form a complex conjugate pair, we have  $0 < \zeta < 1$ .



Analysis of the second-order system

$$\begin{split} H(s) &= \frac{1}{(1 - s/p_1)(1 - s/p_2)} = \frac{p_1 p_2}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2)} \\ \omega_0^2 &= p_1 p_2, \quad 2\zeta \omega_0 = -\operatorname{Re}\{p_1\} - \operatorname{Re}\{p_2\} \\ \omega_0 &= \sqrt{p_1 p_2}, \quad \zeta = \frac{-\operatorname{Re}\{p_1\} - \operatorname{Re}\{p_2\}}{2\sqrt{p_1 p_2}} \end{split}$$

The parameter  $\omega_0$  is called the natural undamped frequency of the system. The parameter  $\zeta$  is called the damping ratio.

$$p_{1,2} = -\zeta \omega_0 \pm \omega_0 \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$$

 $\zeta$  > 1: The poles  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are real-valued and distinct. The system is said to be overdamped.



 $\zeta = 1$ : The 2 poles are  $p_1 = p_2 = -\zeta \omega_0$ . The system is said to be critically damped.

 $\zeta$  < 1: The two poles are a complex conjugate pair:

$$p_{1,2} = -\zeta \omega_0 \pm j \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = -\zeta \omega_0 \pm j \omega_d$$

In this case the system is said to be underdamped.

$$H(\omega) = \frac{\omega_0^2}{(j\omega)^2 + 2\zeta\omega_0 j\omega + \omega_0^2} = \frac{1}{1 - (\omega/\omega_0)^2 + j2\zeta(\omega/\omega_0)}$$
$$20\log_{10} |H(\omega)| = -10\log_{10} \left\{ \left[ 1 - (\omega/\omega_0)^2 \right]^2 + \left[ 2\zeta(\omega/\omega_0) \right]^2 \right\}$$
$$\measuredangle H(\omega) = -\tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{2\zeta(\omega/\omega_0)}{1 - (\omega/\omega_0)^2} \right]$$

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Define the quality factor as  $Q = 1/2\zeta$ 

Magnitude: For  $\omega \ll \omega_0$  the magnitude is asymptotic to 0 dB. For  $\omega \gg \omega_0$  it becomes asymptotic to a straight line with a slope of -40 dB per decade. At  $\omega = \omega_0$  the actual magnitude is 20 log<sub>10</sub>  $Q = -20 \log_{10} (2\zeta)$ .

Phase: For  $\omega \ll \omega_0$  the phase is asymptotic to 0°. For  $\omega \gg \omega_0$  the phase is -180°. At  $\omega = \omega_0$  the phase is -90°.



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Overdamped:  $\zeta > 1 \Rightarrow Q < 0.5$ Critically damped:  $\zeta = 1 \Rightarrow Q = 0.5$ Underdamped:  $\zeta < 1 \Rightarrow Q > 0.5$ 



• The response of the second-order system to unit-impulse: H(s) = -

$$k_1 = \frac{p_1 p_2}{p_1 - p_2} = \frac{\omega_0}{2\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}}, \quad k_2 = \frac{p_1 p_2}{p_2 - p_1} = -\frac{\omega_0}{2\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} \qquad s - p_1 \qquad s - p_2$$

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 $k_{2}$ 

If 
$$\zeta < 1$$
,  $h(t) = \frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} e^{-\zeta\omega_0 t} \sin\left(\omega_0 \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} t\right) u(t)$ 

If 
$$\zeta = 1$$
,  $H(s) = \frac{\omega_0}{(s + \omega_0)^2} \Rightarrow h(t) = \omega_0^2 t e^{-\omega_0 t} u(t)$ 

• The response of the second-order system to unit-step:

$$T\{u(t)\} = h(t) * u(t) = \int_0^t h(\tau) d\tau, \quad t \ge 0$$
  
f  $\zeta \ne 1$ ,  $T\{u(t)\} = 1 + \frac{1}{p_1 - p_2} [p_2 e^{p_1 t} - p_1 e^{p_2 t}] u(t)$ 

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5. Simulation Structures for CTLTI Systems

## **Direct-form implementation**

The method of obtaining a block diagram from an *s*-domain TF will be derived using a third-order system, but its generalization to higher-order TF is quite straightforward. Consider a CTLTI system described by a TF *H*(*s*):

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{b_2 s^2 + b_1 s + b_0}{s^3 + a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0}$$
  
Let us use an intermediate function  $W(s)$ 
$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{W(s)} \frac{W(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{b_2 s^{-1} + b_1 s^{-2} + b_0 s^{-3}}{1 + a_2 s^{-1} + a_1 s^{-2} + a_0 s^{-3}}$$
$$X(s) \longrightarrow H(s) \longrightarrow Y(s) \qquad X(s) \longrightarrow H_1(s) \longrightarrow Y(s)$$
$$H_1(s) = \frac{W(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + a_2 s^{-1} + a_1 s^{-2} + a_0 s^{-3}}, \quad H_2(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{W(s)} = b_2 s^{-1} + b_1 s^{-2} + b_0 s^{-3}$$
$$W(s) = X(s) - a_2 s^{-1} W(s) - a_1 s^{-2} W(s) - a_0 s^{-3} W(s)$$
$$Y(s) = b_2 s^{-1} W(s) + b_1 s^{-2} W(s) + b_0 s^{-3} W(s)$$

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Completed block diagram for simulating the transfer function H(s)



Example 5: Obtaining a block diagram from transfer function
 A CTLTI system is described through the transfer function:



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#### Cascade and parallel forms

Cascade form

$$H(s) = H_1(s)H_2(s)\cdots H_M(s) = \frac{W_1(s)}{X(s)}\frac{W_2(s)}{W_1(s)}\cdots \frac{Y(s)}{W_{M-1}(s)}$$
$$X(s) \longrightarrow H_1(s) \longrightarrow H_2(s) \longrightarrow W_2(s) \longrightarrow W_{M-1}(s) \longrightarrow H_M(s) \longrightarrow Y(s)$$

Example 6: Obtaining a block diagram from transfer function
 Develop a cascade form block diagram for simulating the system used in example 2.

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{2(s+4)(s-3)(s-1)}{(s+1-j2)(s+1+j2)(s+3)(s+2)}$$





Example 7: Obtaining a block diagram from transfer function
 Develop a parallel form BD for simulating the system used in example 2.

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### 6. Unilateral Laplace Transform

The unilateral Laplace transform of the function x is defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}_u\{x(t)\} = X(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt$$

The unilateral LT is related to the bilateral Laplace transform as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}_{u}\{x(t)\} = \int_{0^{-}}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st}dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)u(t)e^{-st}dt = \mathcal{L}\{x(t)u(t)\}$$

- With the unilateral LT, the same inverse transform equation is used as in the bilateral case.
- The unilateral LT is only invertible for causal functions.
- For a noncausal function x, we can only recover x(t) for  $t \ge 0$ .



### Unilateral Versus Bilateral Laplace Transform

In the unilateral case:

- The time-domain convolution property has the additional requirement that the functions being convolved must be causal.
- The time/Laplace-domain scaling property has the additional constraint that the scaling factor must be positive.
- The time-domain differentiation property has an extra term in the expression of  $\mathcal{L}_u(dx(t)/dt)$ , namely  $-x(0^-)$ .
- The time-domain integration property has a different lower limit in the timedomain integral (0<sup>-</sup> instead of -∞);
- The time-domain shifting property does not hold (except in special cases).



### Properties of the Unilateral Laplace Transform

Property	x(t)	X(s)	ROC	
Linearity	$ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)$	$aX_1(s) + bX_2(s)$	$\supset (R_1 \cap R_2)$	
Multiply by t	t x(t)	-dX(s)/ds	R	
Multiply by $e^{-\alpha t}$	$x(t)e^{-\alpha t}$	$X(s + \alpha)$	Shift $R$ by $-\alpha$	
Scaling in $t$	x(at), a > 0	$\frac{1}{a}X(\frac{s}{a})$	aR	
Differentiate in t	dx(t)/dt	$sX(s) - x(0^{-})$	$\supset R$	
Integrate in t	$\int_{0^-}^t x(\tau) d\tau$	$\frac{X(s)}{s}$	$\supset (R \cap (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0))$	
Convolve in t	$x_1 * x_2(t)$	$X_1(s) X_2(s)$	$\supset (R_1 \cap R_2)$	

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### **Unilateral Laplace Transform Pairs**

Pair	$x(t); t \ge 0$	X(s)	Pair	$x(t); t \ge 0$	X(s)
1	$\delta(t)$	1	6	$\cos \omega_0 t$	$\frac{S}{2}$
2	1	1			$s^2 + \omega_0^2$
2	<b>4</b> <i>n</i>	$\frac{s}{n!}$	7	$\sin \omega_0 t$	$\frac{\omega_0}{s^2 + \omega_0^2}$
3	l	$\overline{s^{n+1}}$	8	$e^{-at} \cos \omega_0 t$	s+a
4	$e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$	U		$(s+a)^2 + \omega_0^2$
5	$t^n e^{-at}$ –	<u>n!</u>	9	$e^{-at}{ m sin}\omega_0 t$	$\frac{\omega_0}{\left(s+a\right)^2+\omega_0^2}$
U	(,	$(s+a)^{n+1}$			

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