

# Signals and Systems

## #15: Properties of the Laplace transform

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# Properties of the Laplace transform

Linearity:

$$x_1(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X_1(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R_1$$

$$x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X_2(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R_2$$

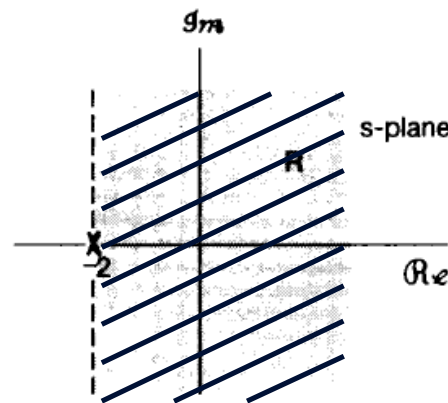
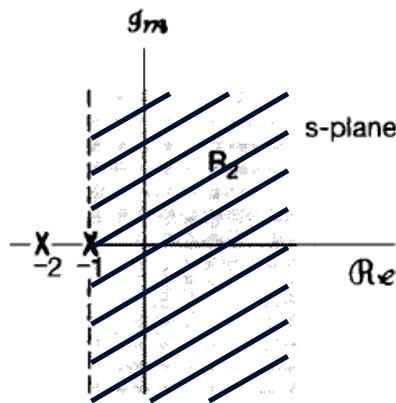
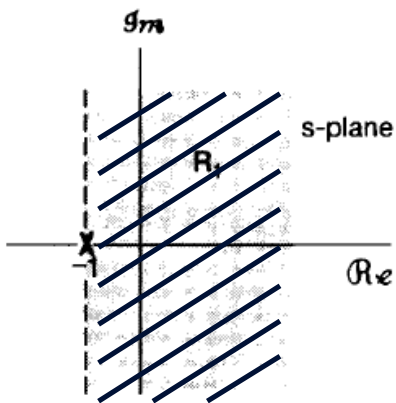
$$\Rightarrow a x_1(t) + b x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} a X_1(s) + b X_2(s) \quad \text{with ROC containing } R_1 \cap R_2$$

(the ROC can be larger than  $R_1 \cap R_2$ )

Example:

$$x(t) = x_1(t) - x_2(t), \quad \text{where} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_1(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} \quad \Re\{s\} > -1 \\ X_2(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \quad \Re\{s\} > -1 \end{array} \right.$$

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Time shifting:

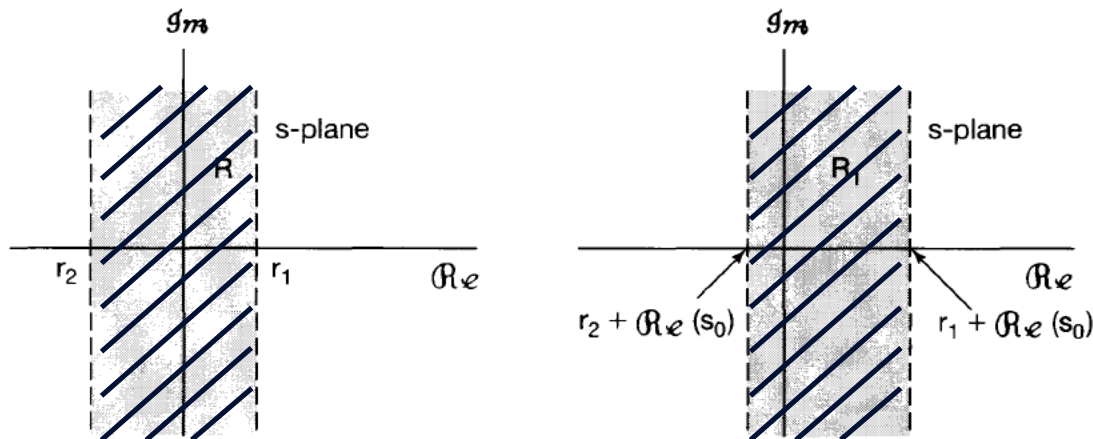
$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t - t_0) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) e^{-st_0} \quad \text{with ROC} = R$$

Shifting in the  $s$ -domain:

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{s_0 t} x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s - s_0) \quad \text{with ROC} = R + \Re\{s_0\}$$



poles/zeros at  $s = a$  will be moved to  $s = a + s_0$

Time scaling:

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R$$

$$\Rightarrow x(at) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \quad \text{with ROC} = aR$$

For  $0 < a < 1 \Rightarrow$  ROC compression

For  $a > 1 \Rightarrow$  ROC expansion

For  $a < 0 \Rightarrow$  ROC reversal and scaling

$$x(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(-s) \quad \text{with ROC} = -R$$



Conjugation:

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R$$

$$\Rightarrow x^*(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X^*(s^*) \quad \text{with ROC} = R$$

$$\text{If } x(t) \text{ is real} \Rightarrow X(s) = X^*(s^*)$$

Convolution:

$$x_1(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X_1(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R_1$$

$$x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X_2(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(t) * x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X_1(s) \cdot X_2(s) \quad \text{with ROC containing } R_1 \cap R_2 \text{ (can be larger)}$$

$$\text{Example: } \begin{cases} X_1(s) = \frac{s+1}{s+2} & \Re\{s\} > -2 \\ X_2(s) = \frac{s+2}{s+1} & \Re\{s\} > -1 \end{cases} \quad X_1(s) \cdot X_2(s) = 1 \quad \forall s$$

Time-domain differentiation:

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} sX(s) \quad \text{with ROC containing } R \text{ (can be larger)}$$

Example:

$$x(t) = u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) = \frac{1}{s} \quad \Re\{s\} > 0$$

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \delta(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} sX(s) = 1 \quad \forall s$$

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It follows that:

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

$$te^{-at} u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{1}{s+a} = \frac{1}{(s+a)^2} \quad \Re\{s\} > -a$$

$$\frac{t^2}{2} e^{-at} u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{1}{(s+a)^2} = \frac{1}{(s+a)^3} \quad \Re\{s\} > -a$$

$$\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-at} u(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{(s+a)^n} \quad \Re\{s\} > -a$$

Example:

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

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = [2te^{-t} - e^{-t} + 3e^{-2t}] u(t)$$

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Time-domain integration:

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) \quad \text{with ROC} = R$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s} X(s) \quad \text{with ROC containing } R \cap \{\Re\{s\} > 0\}$$

Initial-value theorem:

If  $x(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ , and

$x(t)$  has no impulses or higher-order singularities at  $t = 0$

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Final-value theorem:

If  $x(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ , and

$x(t)$  has finite limit as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \cdot X(s)$$

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Example:

$$x(t) = e^{-2t} u(t) + e^{-t} (\cos 3t) u(t)$$

$$X(s) = \frac{2s^2 + 5s + 12}{(s^2 + 2s + 10)(s + 2)}$$

$$x(0^+) = 2$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \cdot X(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2s^3 + 5s^2 + 12s}{s^3 + 4s^2 + 14s + 20} = 2$$

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