

MECE 3350U  
Control Systems

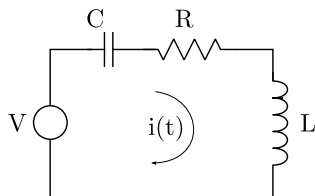
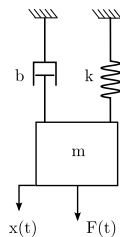
Lecture 3  
Laplace Transform

## Outline of Lecture 3

In today's lecture we will

- Review the principles of the Laplace transformation
- Apply the Laplace transformation to a system

## Applications

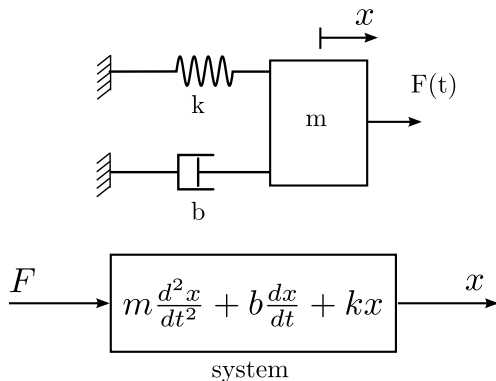


$$F(t) = m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx$$

$$V(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int i dt + iR + L \frac{di}{dt}$$

## Input/output relation

Transfer function: A relation between the input and output of a given linear system

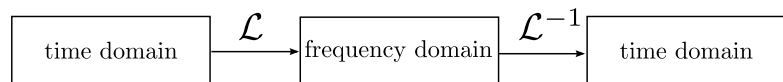


How can we evaluate the temporal response to the system?

## Laplace transformation

The time-response solution can be obtained using the Laplace transform.

differential equation



$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + kx \quad F(s) = X(s)[ms^2 + bs + k] \quad x(t) = Ke^{-\alpha t} \sin(\beta t + \theta)$$

- Obtain the linearised differential equations
- Obtain the Laplace transformation of the differential equation
- Solve for the variable of interest

## Laplace transformation

A mass-spring system is governed by the differential equation

$$m \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + kx(t) = F(t) \quad (1)$$

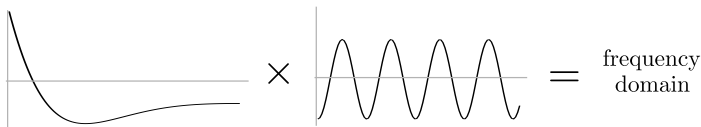
Solutions of (1) can either be

→ Exponential:  $x(t) = e^{at}$  with  $a \in \mathcal{R}$

→ Sinusoidal:  $x(t) = \sin(at) = e^{-j\omega t}$  *> or both*

Fourier transform: Analyses the frequency response of a system

$$X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (2)$$

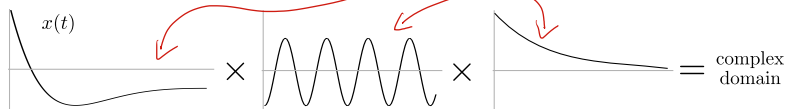


Where is the exponential term??

# Laplace transformation



$$X(\sigma, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [x(t) \cdot e^{-\sigma t} \cdot e^{-j\omega t}] dt$$



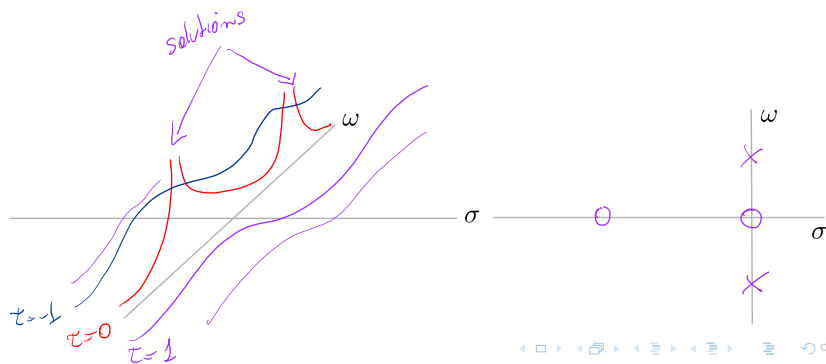
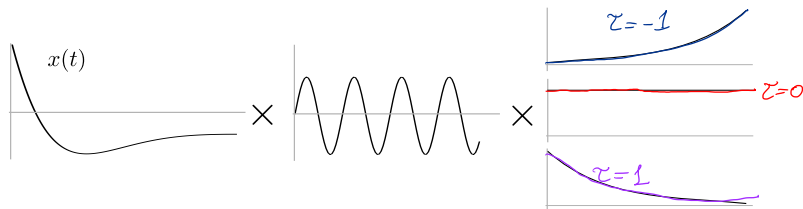
The standard form of the Laplace transform is:

$$X(\sigma, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [x(t) \cdot e^{(-\sigma - j\omega)t}] dt \quad (3)$$

where the complex variable  $s = \sigma + j\omega$  has:

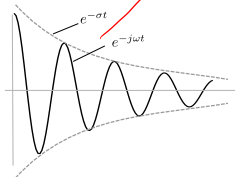
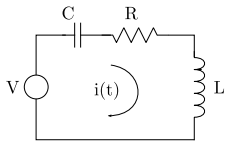
- A real portion  $\sigma$ , which corresponds to the exponential response
- An imaginary portion  $\omega$ , which corresponds to the sinusoidal response

# Laplace transformation

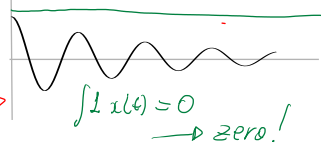
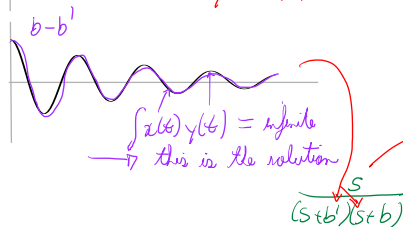
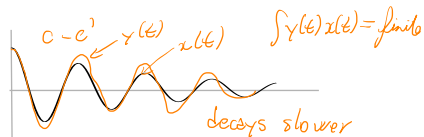
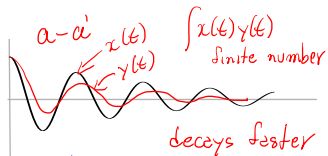
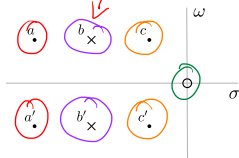




# Laplace transformation



assuming that the solution is  $\sigma, \omega$ , at  $b$



## Laplace transformation

The Laplace transformation for a function of time  $f(t)$  is

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \quad (4)$$

where  $s = \sigma + j\omega$ .

The inverse Laplace transform is

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{\sigma-j\infty}^{\sigma+j\infty} F(s)e^{st} ds \quad (5)$$

**Transfer function:** The ratio of the Laplace transform of the output variable of to the input variable.

## Laplace transformation

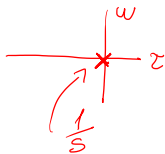
What is the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = 1$  ?

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} 1 e^{-st} dt = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A e^{-st} dt \rightarrow \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right]_0^A$$

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{s} e^{-sA} + \frac{1}{s} \right] \rightarrow \frac{1}{s} //$$

$$\left( \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} e^{-sA} = 0 \right)$$



## Laplace transformation

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
Impulse function $\delta(t)$	1
Step function $u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
$e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$
$\sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2+\omega^2}$
$\cos \omega t$	$\frac{s}{s^2+\omega^2}$
$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
$e^{-at} \sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{(s+a)^2+\omega^2}$
$e^{-at} \cos \omega t$	$\frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2+\omega^2}$

Laplace transformation

$$\mathcal{L}\{\ddot{x}(t)\} = s^3 X(s) - s^2 x(0) - s \dot{x}(0) - \ddot{x}(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\dot{x}(t)\} = s^2 X(s) - s x(0) - \dot{x}(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = X(s) - x(0)$$

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$\frac{d^k f(t)}{dt^k}$	$s^k F(s) - s^{k-1} f(0) - s^{k-2} \dot{f}(0) - \dots - f^{(k-1)}(0)$
$\int f(t) dt$	$\frac{F(s)}{s} + \frac{1}{s} \int f(t) dt \Big _{t=0}$

The Laplace variable  $s$  can be considered to be the differential operator:

$$s \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \quad (6)$$

And the integral operator:

$$\frac{1}{s} \Rightarrow \int_0^t dt \quad (7)$$

## Laplace transform properties

### Linearity

$$\mathcal{L}\{\alpha x(t)\} = \alpha \mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = \alpha X(s) \quad (8)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\alpha x(t) + \beta y(t)\} = \alpha X(s) + \beta Y(s) \quad (9)$$

### Time shift

$$x(t - \tau) = X(s)e^{-s\tau} \quad (10)$$

### Initial value theorem

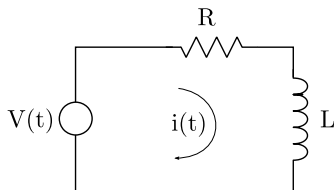
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} x(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sX(s) \quad (11)$$

### Final value theorem

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s) \quad (12)$$

## Laplace transform

Consider all initial conditions to be zero.



$$\rightarrow V(s) = (R + Ls)I(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{v(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\left\{Ri(t) + L\frac{di(t)}{dt}\right\} \quad (13)$$

$$V(s) = RI(s) + LsI(s) \quad (14)$$

$V(s)$  is called the forcing function: a term that is only a function of time.

## Common forcing signals

Impulse function

$$\delta(t) = \begin{cases} A & t = 0 \\ 0 & t \neq 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow I(s) = A$$

Step function

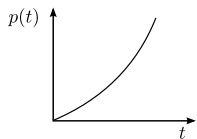
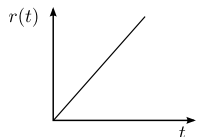
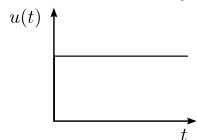
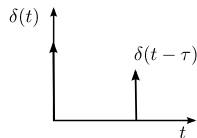
$$u(t) = \begin{cases} A & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow U(s) = A \frac{1}{s}$$

Ramp function

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} At & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow R(s) = A \frac{1}{s^2}$$

Parabolic function

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} A \frac{t^2}{2} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow P(s) = A \frac{1}{s^3}$$





## Partial fraction decomposition

Consider the function  $F(s)$  given by

$$F(s) = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n a_k s^k}{\sum_{p=0}^p a_p s^p} \quad (15)$$

with  $A$  and  $B$  being polynomials **and**  $p > k$ .

How to split up a complicated fraction into known forms such as:

$$F(s) = \frac{c_1}{s + a_1} + \frac{c_2}{s + a_2} \dots \frac{c_p}{s + c_p} ?$$

Such that:

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{c_1}{s + a_1} + \frac{c_2}{s + a_2} \dots + \frac{c_p}{s + a_p}\right\}$$
$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{c_1}{s + a_1}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{c_2}{s + a_2}\right\} \dots + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{c_p}{s + a_p}\right\}$$

## Partial fraction decomposition

For each factor in the denominator, the term in the decomposition is:

Factor in denominator

Term in partial decomposition

$$as + b$$

$$\frac{c}{as+b}$$

$$(as + b)^k$$

$$\frac{c_1}{as+b} + \frac{c_2}{(as+b)^2} + \dots + \frac{c_k}{(as+b)^k}$$

$$as^2 + bx + d$$

$$\frac{c_1s+c_2}{as^2+sb+d}$$

$$(as^2 + bx + d)^k$$

$$\frac{c_1s+e_1}{as^2+sb+d} + \frac{c_2s+e_2}{(as^2+sb+d)^2} + \dots + \frac{c_ks+e_k}{(as^2+sb+d)^k}$$

## Partial fraction decomposition

$$\frac{3s+11}{(s+3)(s+2)} = \frac{a}{s+3} + \frac{b}{s+2} \rightarrow \frac{a(s+2)+b(s+3)}{(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{3s+11}{(s+3)(s+2)}$$

$$as+2a+bs+3b = 3s+11$$

$$\begin{cases} s(a+b) = 3 \\ 2a+3b = 11 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{solving: } \begin{cases} b = 5 \\ a = -2 \end{cases}$$

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

$$f(t) = -2e^{-3t} + 5e^{-2t} \quad \checkmark$$

## Partial fraction decomposition

$$\frac{s^2+15}{(s+3)^2(s^2+3)} \rightarrow \frac{a}{(s+3)} + \frac{b}{(s+3)^2} + \frac{cs+d}{s^2+3}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{comom} \rightarrow (s+3)^2(s^2+3)}$

$$a(s+3)(s^2+3) + b(s^2+3) + (cs+d)(s+3)^2 = s^2+15$$

solving  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $c = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $d = \frac{1}{2}$

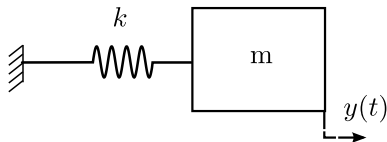
thus: 
$$\frac{1}{2(s+3)} + \frac{2}{(s+3)^2} + \frac{-s+1}{2(s^2+3)}$$

## Laplace transformation

$F(s)$	$f(t)$
1	Unit impulse $\delta(t)$
$\frac{1}{s}$	Unit step function $u(t)$
$\frac{1}{s^2}$	Unit ramp $t$
$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	$t^n$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$
$\frac{1}{s+a}$	$e^{-at}$
$\frac{1}{(s+a)^2}$	$te^{-at}$
$\frac{s}{(s+a)(s+b)}$	$\frac{1}{b-a} (be^{-bt} - ae^{-at})$

## Exercise 11

If the mass is released from rest when the spring is stretched by  $y(0) = \alpha$ , calculate its position  $y(t)$  as a function of time.



### Procedure:

- Find the differential equation
- Calculate the Laplace transform
- Determine the temporal response using the inverse transformation

## Exercise 11 - continued

Given  $y(0) = \alpha$ ,  $\dot{y}(0) = 0$ . Determine  $y(t)$ .

$$-ky = m\ddot{y}$$

$$m\ddot{y} + ky = 0 \rightarrow m[s^2 Y(s) - s\alpha] + kY(s) = 0$$

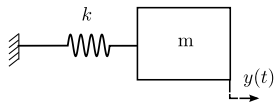
$$ms^2 Y(s) - ms\alpha + kY(s) = 0$$

$$Y(s)[ms^2 + k] = ms\alpha$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{ms\alpha}{ms^2 + k} \rightarrow \alpha \frac{s}{s^2 + \frac{k}{m}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1} = \alpha \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right)$$

from the Laplace table:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos \omega t\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} \rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$



## Exercise 12

Consider the following differential equation in the frequency domain

$$F(s) = \frac{10}{s(s+1)(s+10)}$$

Determine:

→ The final value of the function  $f(t)$  when  $t \rightarrow \infty$

→ The function  $f(t)$



## Exercise 12 - continued

Final value

$$F(s) = \frac{10}{s(s+1)(s+10)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [sF(s)]$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{s \cdot 10}{s(s+1)(s+10)} \right) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{10}{(s+1)(s+10)} \right) = \frac{10}{10} = 1 //$$

## Exercise 12 - continued

Final value

$$F(s) = \frac{10}{s(s+1)(s+10)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [sF(s)]$$

*See previous slides.*

## Exercise 12 - continued

Partial fraction expansion

$$F(s) = \frac{10}{s(s+1)(s+10)} = \frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{s+1} + \frac{c}{s+10}$$

$$a(s+1)(s+10) + b(s)(s+10) + c(s)(s+1) = 10$$

$$\begin{cases} s^2(a+b+c) = 0 \\ s(11a+10b+c) = 0 \\ 10a = 10 \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{a=1}$$

$$\boxed{b = -\frac{10}{9}}$$

$$\boxed{c = \frac{1}{9}}$$

## Exercise 12 - continued

Inverse transformation

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{10}{9} \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{9} \frac{1}{s+10}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{-at}\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$$

$$f(t) = 1 - \frac{10}{9} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{9} e^{-10t}$$

$$\text{final value} \rightarrow f(t) \Big|_{t \rightarrow \infty} = 1 - 0 + 0 = 1 //$$

(same as before)

## Exercise 13

Consider the following differential equation in the frequency domain

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+2)^2}$$

Determine:

→ The final value of the function  $f(t)$  when  $t \rightarrow \infty$

→ The function  $f(t)$

## Exercise 13 - continued

Final value

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+2)^2}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [sF(s)]$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cancel{s} \cdot 1}{s(s+2)^2} \right) \rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} = \frac{1}{4} //$$

# Exercise 13 - continued

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{s+2} + \frac{c}{(s+2)^2} = \frac{1}{s(s+2)^2}$$

Inverse transformation

from partial fraction

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{4s} - \frac{1}{4(s+2)} - \frac{1}{2(s+2)^2}$$

a      b      c

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2}te^{-2t}$$

see slide 21, line 6.

## Exercise 14

Assuming all initial conditions are zero, determine the solution of the following differential equation, where the forcing term is  $f(t) = 2e^{-t}$ .

$$\frac{d^3y(t)}{dt^3} + 4\frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 2y(t) = f(t)$$

Home work

try this on  
your own.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{2}{s+1}$$



## Exercise 14 - continued

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

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

roots  $\nearrow -1, -1, -2$

partial fraction

$$Y(s) = \frac{a}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{b}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{c}{s+1} + \frac{d}{s+2}$$

$$a = 2$$

$$b = -2$$

$$c = 2$$

$$d = -2$$



## Exercise 14 - continued

*partial fraction*  $\rightarrow$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{(s+1)^3} - \frac{2}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{2}{s+1} - \frac{2}{s+2}$$

$$y(t) = t^2 e^{-t} - 2t e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-2t}$$

## Exercise 15

A laser printer uses a laser beam to print copy rapidly for a computer. The laser is positioned by a control input  $r(t)$  so that we have:

$$Y(s) = \frac{6(s+50)}{s^2 + 40s + 300} R(s).$$

*(not 4)*

The input  $r(t)$  represents the desired position of the laser beam. If  $r(t) = 1$ , determine:


→ The output  $y(t)$

→ The final value of  $y(t)$

$\mathcal{L}$

$R(s) = \frac{1}{s}$

## Exercise 15 - continued

1 - Partial fraction expansion 

$$R(s) = \frac{1}{s}, \quad Y(s) = \frac{6(s+50)}{s^2+40s+300} R(s) = \frac{6(s+50)}{(s+10)(s+30)} \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\frac{a}{s+10} + \frac{b}{s+30} + \frac{c}{s} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} a &= 1 \\ b &= -1.2 \\ c &= 0.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1.2}{s+10} + \frac{0.2}{s+30}$$

2 - Inverse transform

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(Y(s)) = 1 + 0.2e^{-30t} - 1.2e^{-10t}$$

$$\text{if } y \rightarrow \infty, \quad f(\infty) = 1$$

## Exercise 15 - continued

2 - Final value of  $y(t)$

$$R(s) = \frac{1}{s}, \quad Y(s) = \frac{6(s+50)}{s^2+40s+300} R(s).$$

$$y(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \left( \frac{6(s+50)}{(s+10)(s+30)} \cdot \frac{1}{s} \right) = \frac{6 \times 50}{10 \times 30} = 1 //$$

Next class...

- Transfer functions