

# Laplace Transform (CT only)

Why? - Signals that don't have F.T. (infinite energy)  
 - Unstable systems (diff. eq.)

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{x(t)}_{\text{signal}} e^{-st} dt$$

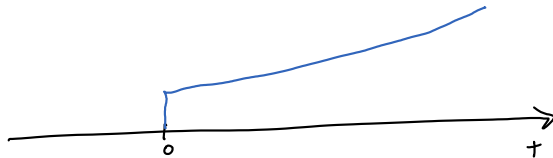
complex

The domain of  $X(s)$  is complex plane.

May only converge for some  $s$ .

Two parts: 1.) Region of Convergence (ROC)  
 2.)  $X(s)$

Examples:  $x(t) = e^t u(t)$



Notice: No Fourier Transform  
 Energy is infinite.

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^t u(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{(1-s)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{1-s} e^{(1-s)t} \Big|_{t=0}^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{-1}{1-s} = \boxed{\frac{1}{s-1}} \end{aligned}$$

ROC:  $\boxed{\text{Re}\{s\} > 1}$

$(1-s)t \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$x(t) = -e^t u(-t)$



$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^t u(-t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{(1-s)t} dt \\ &= \frac{-1}{1-s} e^{(1-s)t} \Big|_{t=-\infty}^0 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{s-1}} \end{aligned}$$

ROC:  $\text{Re}\{1-s\} > 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Re}\{s\} < 1}$

$$e^{(1-s)t} = e^{(1-\text{Re}\{s\})t} e^{-i\text{Im}\{s\}t}$$

↑ Exp growth     ↑ periodic

Relationship to F.T.:

Let  $s = \sigma + i2\pi f$

↙ real     ↘

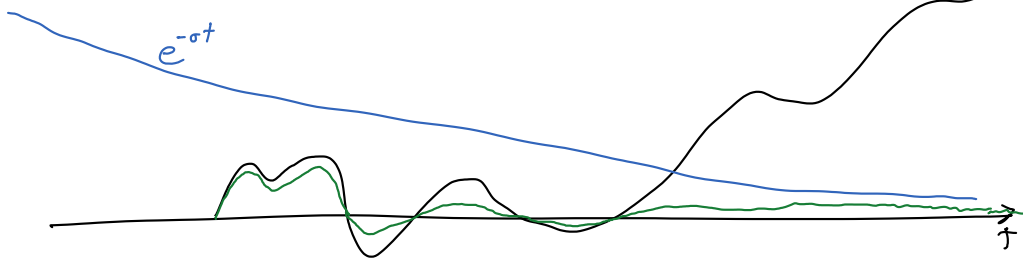
$$X_L(\sigma + i2\pi f) = X(s) \Big|_{s=\sigma + i2\pi f} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-\sigma t} e^{-i2\pi f t} dt = \mathcal{F}(x(t)e^{-\sigma t})$$

$$X_L(i2\pi f) = X(s) \Big|_{s=i2\pi f} = \mathcal{F}(x(t))$$

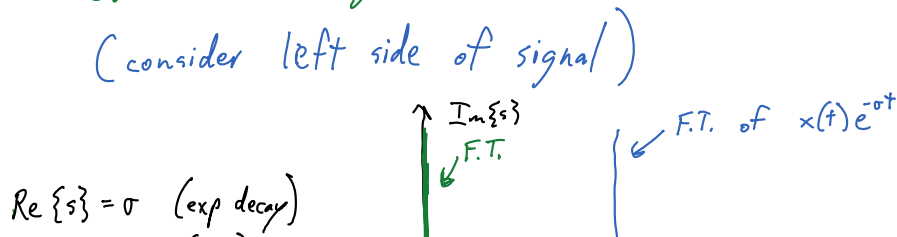
$$X_L(i2\pi f) = X_F(f)$$

Interpret Laplace Transform:

$$X_L(\sigma + i2\pi f) = \mathcal{F}(x(t)e^{-\sigma t})$$

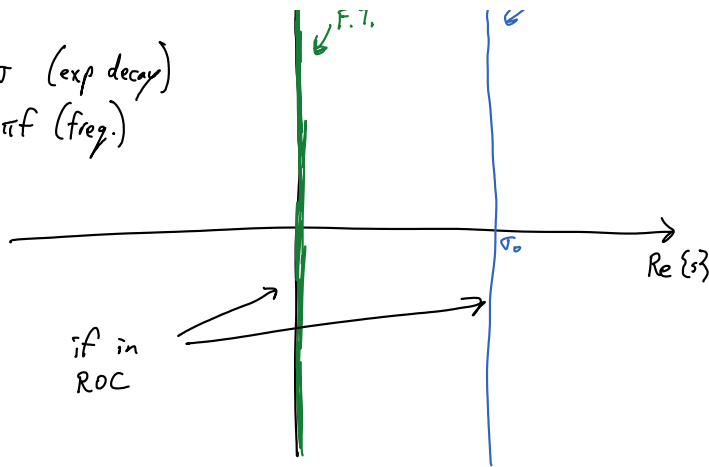


- If  $\sigma$  is large enough, F.T. might converge (finite energy).
  - If  $\sigma$  is too large or too small, can cause divergence.
- (consider left side of signal)



$$\operatorname{Re}\{s\} = \sigma \text{ (exp decay)}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\{s\} = 2\pi f \text{ (freq.)}$$



Laplace transform is redundant.

Example:  $x(t) = \operatorname{rect}(t)$

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{rect}(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \frac{e^{-s/2} - e^{s/2}}{s}$$

ROC: All s. ROC = complex plane.  $\leftarrow$  Finite-duration

Inverse of Laplace Transform:

1.) If imag. axis is in the ROC,  
take the inverse F.T. of  $X_L(i2\pi f)$ .

2.) In general:

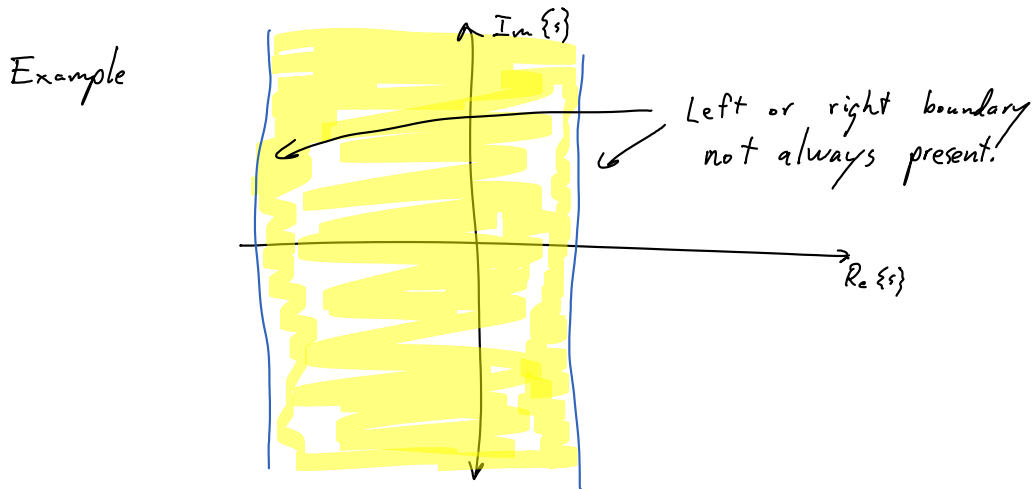
$$x(t) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{i2\pi} \int_{\sigma - i2\pi T}^{\sigma + i2\pi T} X(s) e^{st} ds$$

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$$e^{\sigma t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_c(\sigma + i2\pi f) e^{i2\pi f t} df.$$

ROC: Always vertical strips



Stability: Let  $h(t)$  be the impulse response of a system.  
 The system is stable if ROC of  $H(s)$  contains the imag. axis in the interior  
 Not on boundary.

Example of unusual case:

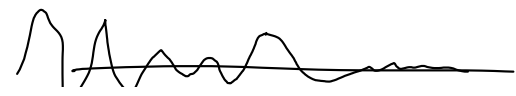
$$h(t) = \text{sinc}(t)$$

Laplace transform:

$$\text{ROC: } \text{Re}\{s\} = 0.$$

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$e^{\sigma t} \text{sinc}(t) \text{ for } \sigma \neq 0$$

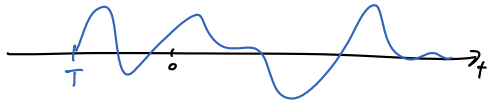


$$\text{RUC: } \text{Re}(s) = \sigma$$



## Characterization of signal:

1.) Right-sided signal



⇒ ROC has no right boundary

$$\exists T \text{ s.t. } x(t) = 0 \quad \forall t < T$$

2.) Left-sided signal

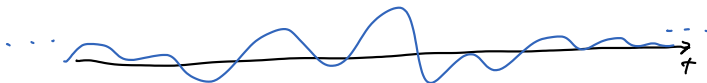
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⇒ ROC has no left boundary

3.) Two-sided

(e.g.  $\text{sinc}(t)$ )

(neither left or right sided.) ← unfortunate naming



4.) Finite-duration

(Mathematically: both left and right sided.)

⇒ ROC has no left or right boundary  
(ROC = complex plane)

Causal:

$$h(t) = 0, \quad \forall t < 0. \quad \leftarrow \text{"causal" signal}$$

↑  
Impulse response

⇒ right-sided impulse response.

## Rational Laplace Transform:

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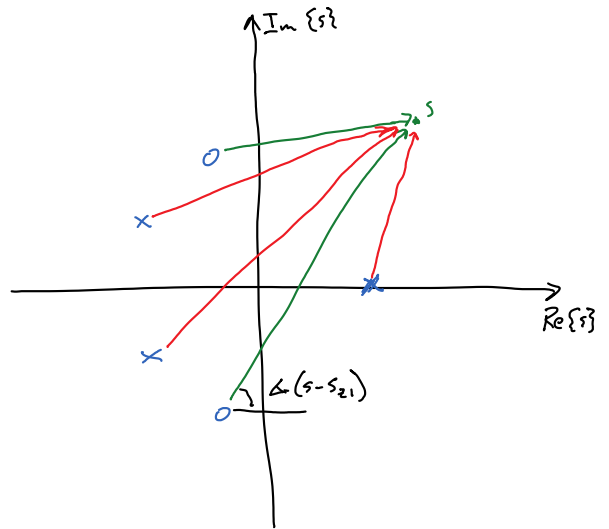
Rational function:  $\frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$  ← Polynomial

Factored:  $C \frac{(s-s_{z1})(s-s_{z2})\dots}{(s-s_{p1})(s-s_{p2})\dots}$  ← # of terms is order of polynomial.

$s_{zi}$  are the zeros.  
 $s_{pi}$  are the poles.

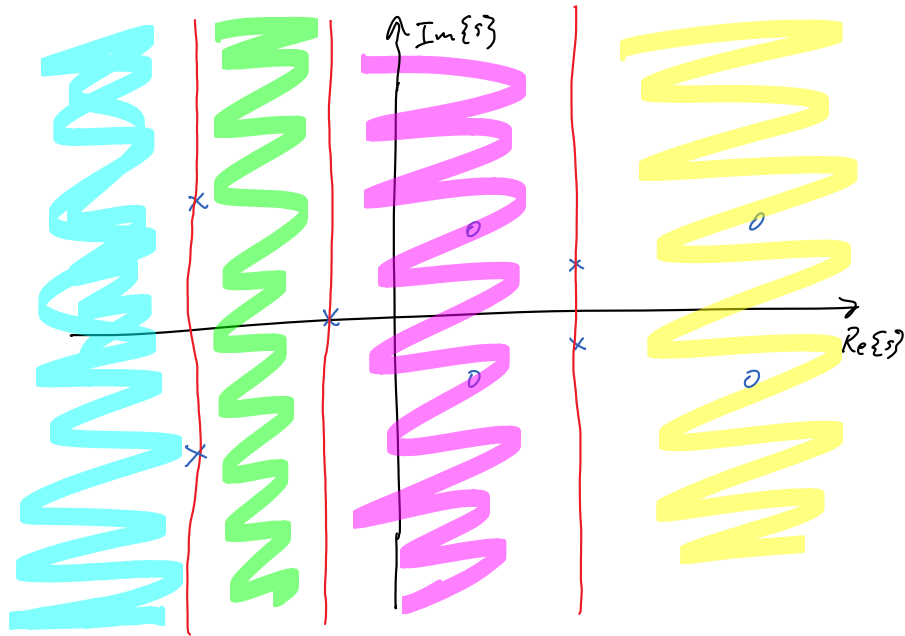
Magnitude:  $|C| \frac{|s-s_{z1}| |s-s_{z2}| \dots}{|s-s_{p1}| |s-s_{p2}| \dots}$

Phase:  $\angle C + \sum_{\text{zeros}} \angle (s-s_{zi}) - \sum_{\text{poles}} \angle (s-s_{pi})$



For Rational Laplace Transforms:

Boundaries of ROC are the poles.



Quickly check whether a rational Laplace transform could be both causal and stable.

All poles are in the left half-plane.  
(real parts negative)