



## LINEAR SYSTEMS (034032)

### TUTORIAL 5

## 1 Topics

Bilateral Laplace transform, bilateral  $z$ -transform, RoC, partial fraction expansion, solving differential equations, final and initial value theorems.

## 2 Definitions

### 2.1 Laplace Transform

The bilateral Laplace transform of a continuous time signal  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is

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

where the region of convergence (RoC) is all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  for which the integral converges. If  $\text{supp}(x) = \mathbb{R}_+$ , then  $\exists \alpha_x \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$  such that

$$\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_x} := \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Re } s > \alpha_x\}$$

Specifically, for  $\alpha_x \in \{\pm\infty\}$  we have that

$$\alpha_x = -\infty \implies \text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}$$

$$\alpha_x = \infty \implies \text{RoC} = \emptyset$$

### 2.2 $z$ Transform

The bilateral  $Z$  transform of a discrete time signal  $x : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is

$$X(z) = (\mathcal{Z}\{x\})(z) = \sum_{t=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[t]z^{-t}$$

where the region of convergence (RoC) is all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  for which the sum converges. If  $\text{supp}(x) = \mathbb{Z}_+$  then  $\exists \alpha_x \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that

$$\text{RoC} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| > \alpha_x\}$$

### 2.3 Partial Fraction Expansion

Given a rational proper ( $n \geq m$ ) function  $F$ ,

$$F(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} =: \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$

we can rewrite the function as,

$$F(s) = F(\infty) + \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \frac{c_{ij}}{(s - p_i)^j}$$

where  $p_i$  is the  $i$ th distinct pole of  $F$  (the  $i$ th root of  $D(s)$ ) of order  $n_i$ . For a simple pole (a pole  $p_i$  with order  $n_i = 1$ ) we can calculate  $c_{i1}$  as

$$c_{i1} = \text{Res}(F(s), p_i) := \lim_{s \rightarrow p_i} (s - p_i)F(s)$$

For higher order poles we need to do a few tricks like using coefficient comparison.

## 2.4 Final and Initial Value Theorems

Given a continuous signal  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  with  $\text{supp}(x) \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ , the initial and final value theorems are as follows.

1. Initial value theorem:

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

assuming  $x(0^+)$  exists.

2. Final value theorem:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s) = \text{Res}(X, 0),$$

assuming  $x$  is converging.

Similarly, for a discrete signal  $x : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  with  $\text{supp}(x) \subset \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,

1. Initial value theorem:

$$x[0] = \lim_{z \in \mathbb{R}, z \rightarrow \infty} X(z),$$

assuming  $x[0]$  exists.

2. Final value theorem:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x[t] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z - 1)X(z) = \text{Res}(X, 1),$$

assuming  $x$  is converging.

## 3 Problems

**Question 1.** Consider the signal  $y$  shown in Fig. 1 defined as

$$y = \mathcal{S}_{1/2} \text{rect} - \mathcal{S}_{-1/2} \text{rect} \quad \implies \quad y(t) = \text{rect}\left(t + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \text{rect}\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right),$$

with

$$\text{rect}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & |t| \leq 1/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Find the Laplace transform of  $y$  and its RoC in three different ways,

1. by calculating the Laplace transform directly,
2. by using the Laplace transform properties,
3. by using the Fourier transform,

*Solution.*

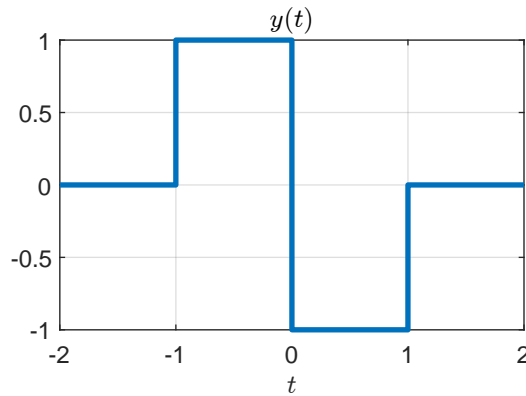


Fig. 1: Signal Used in Question 1.

1. Calculating the Laplace transform by definition.

We express  $y$  directly as:

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 0 < t < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } -1 < t < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } |t| > 1 \end{cases}$$

By the definition of the Laplace transform we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_{-1}^0 e^{-st} dt - \int_0^1 e^{-st} dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_{-1}^0 - \left[ \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^1 = -\frac{1}{s} + \frac{e^s}{s} - \left( -\frac{e^{-s}}{s} + \frac{1}{s} \right) \\ &= \frac{e^s + e^{-s} - 2}{s} = \frac{(e^{s/2})^2 + (e^{-s/2})^2 - 2}{s} = \frac{(e^{s/2} - e^{-s/2})^2}{s} \end{aligned}$$

The RoC is defined as the the range of  $s$  where the integral converges. Here we see that  $\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}$

2. Using the Laplace properties - 2 options.

Option 1 - Using the linearity and shift properties:

Reminder from the lecture, the Laplace transform of the signal  $x = \text{rect}$  is:

$$X(s) = (\mathcal{L}\{\text{rect}\})(s) = \frac{e^{s/2} - e^{-s/2}}{s}$$

The Laplace transform of  $y$  is defined as:

$$Y(s) = (\mathcal{L}\{y\})(s) = (\mathcal{L}\{\mathcal{S}_{1/2} \text{rect} - \mathcal{S}_{-1/2} \text{rect}\})(s)$$

thus, using linearity and shift:

$$Y(s) = e^{s/2} X(s) - e^{-s/2} X(s) = (e^{s/2} - e^{-s/2}) X(s) = \frac{(e^{s/2} - e^{-s/2})^2}{s}$$

To calculate the RoC we note that shift does not change the RoC, and because of linearity we get  $\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_1} \cap \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_2}$ . So for our case,

$$\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_y} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_x} \cap \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_x} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_x}$$

Again, the region of convergence of rect is  $\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}$ , so that,

$$\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}$$

for  $y$  as well.

Option 2 - Using the convolution and differentiation properties:

In Tutorial 3 we saw that

$$y(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \text{tent}(t)$$

The Laplace transform of the signal  $x = \text{tent}$ , using convolution:

$$X(s) = (\mathcal{L}\{\text{tent}\})(s) = \mathcal{L}\{\text{rect} * \text{rect}\}(s) = \frac{(e^{s/2} - e^{-s/2})^2}{s^2}$$

which together with the derivative property yields:

$$Y(s) = sX(s) = \frac{(e^{s/2} - e^{-s/2})^2}{s}$$

Here, again the differentiation property does not change the RoC and the convolution property gives  $\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_x} \cap \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_y}$ . So for our case,

$$\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_y} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_x} \cap \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_x} = \mathbb{C}_{\alpha_x}$$

The region of convergence of rect is  $\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}$ , so that,

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for  $y$  as well.

### 3. Using the Fourier transform.

In Tutorial 3 we saw that  $y$  is Fourier transformable and calculated its Fourier transform as

$$Y(j\omega) = j\omega \text{sinc}^2(\omega/2)$$

We may thus expect that  $y$  is Laplace transformable at least for  $s \in j\mathbb{R}$ . Mechanically substituting  $j\omega \rightarrow s$  yields that

$$Y(s) = s \text{sinc}^2(s/(2j)) = s \frac{\sin^2(s/(2j))}{(s/(2j))^2} = s \frac{(e^{js/(2j)} - e^{-js/(2j)})^2}{s^2} = \frac{(e^{s/2} - e^{-s/2})^2}{s}$$

In this approach we need to be careful though, as we cannot extrapolate the RoC of the Laplace transform, other than to acknowledge that  $j\mathbb{R} \subseteq \text{RoC}$ .

Thus, all approaches produce the same Laplace transform but the RoC needs to be handled carefully.  $\nabla$

**Question 2.** Consider the mass-spring-damper system in Fig. 2 with

$$m = 1, \quad k = 6, \quad \text{and} \quad c = 5.$$

We suppose zero spring force at  $x = 0$  and zero initial velocity and position. By Newton's second law

$$m\ddot{x}(t) = F(t) - f_{\text{damper}}(t) - f_{\text{spring}}(t) = F(t) - c\dot{x}(t) - kx(t)$$

which is equivalent to

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

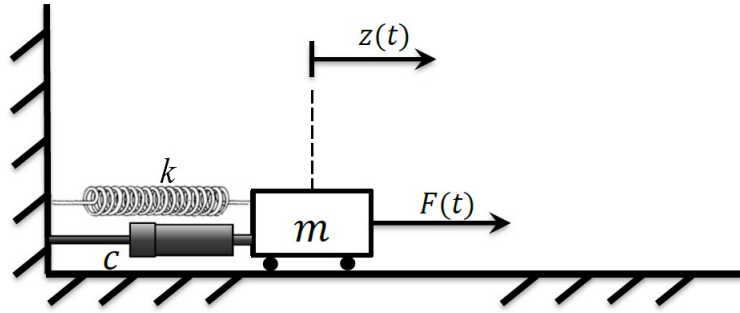


Fig. 2: The Mass-Spring-Damper System Used in Question 2.

1. Find the solution to the problem, i.e. the position of the mass in time, for the given input force  $F = 1$ .
2. The mass position is measured using a digital sensor with the sampling period  $h$ . Find the  $z$ -transform of the sampled signal  $\bar{x}$ .
3. What is the position of the mass after infinite time (use the Final Value Theorem)? What will the sensor show?

*Solution.*

1. We describe the differential equation of the system using the Laplace transform (using the differentiation property).

$$\begin{aligned}
 ms^2X(s) + csX(s) + kX(s) &= F(s) \\
 \Downarrow \\
 (ms^2 + cs + k)X(s) &= F(s) \\
 \Downarrow \\
 X(s) &= \frac{1}{ms^2 + cs + k}F(s)
 \end{aligned}$$

We substitute now the Laplace transform of the force. Reminder:

$$F(s) = (\mathcal{L}\{1\})(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

Substituting into our dynamic equation, we have that

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s(ms^2 + cs + k)} \quad (1)$$

Substituting the parameter values:

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 5s + 6)} \quad (2)$$

Next, calculate the partial fraction expansion of this  $X$ . To do so, we first find the roots of the denominator,

$$s(s^2 + 5s + 6) = 0 \implies s_1 = 0, s_2 = -2, s_3 = -3$$

so that

$$\frac{1}{s(s^2 + 5s + 6)} = \frac{1}{s(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{\text{Res}(X, -2)}{s+2} + \frac{\text{Res}(X, -3)}{s+3} + \frac{\text{Res}(X, 0)}{s}$$

The residues are computed as follows:

$$\text{Res}(X, -2) = \lim_{s \rightarrow -2} (s+2) \frac{1}{s(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{1}{-2(-2+3)} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Res}(X, -3) = \lim_{s \rightarrow -3} (s+3) \frac{1}{s(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{1}{-3(-3+2)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Res}(X, 0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \frac{1}{s(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{1}{(0+2)(0+3)} = \frac{1}{6}$$

so that we finally get that

$$X(s) = -\frac{1}{2(s+2)} + \frac{1}{3(s+3)} + \frac{1}{6s}$$

Using our knowledge of Laplace transforms of the step function together with the modulation property, we can calculate the inverse Laplace transform for each element separately.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s} &= (\mathcal{L}\{\mathbb{1}\})(s), & \text{RoC} &= \mathbb{C}_0 \\ \frac{1}{s+2} &= (\mathcal{L}\{\mathbb{1} \exp_{-2}\})(s), & \text{RoC} &= \mathbb{C}_{-2} \\ \frac{1}{s+3} &= (\mathcal{L}\{\mathbb{1} \exp_{-3}\})(s), & \text{RoC} &= \mathbb{C}_{-3} \end{aligned}$$

with the region of convergence

$$\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}_0 \cap \mathbb{C}_{-2} \cap \mathbb{C}_{-3} = \mathbb{C}_0.$$

Combining everything we end up with

$$x(t) = -1/2(\exp_{-2} \mathbb{1})(t) + 1/3(\exp_{-3} \mathbb{1})(t) + 1/6\mathbb{1}(t) = \left( -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{3}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{6} \right) \mathbb{1}(t)$$

The system response is shown in Fig. 3.

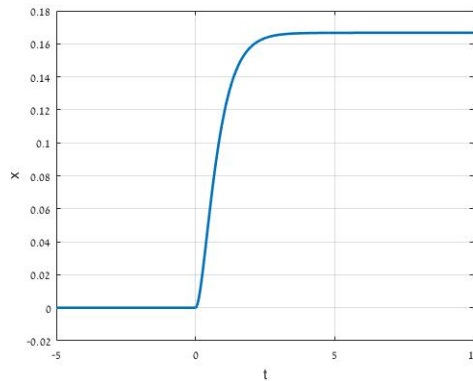


Fig. 3: The system response in question 2.

2. To calculate the  $z$ -transform, we first need to find the sampled signal:

$$\bar{x}[i] = x(ih) = \left( -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2ih} + \frac{1}{3}e^{-3ih} + \frac{1}{6} \right) \mathbb{1}(ih) = -\frac{1}{2}(\exp_{e^{-2h}} \mathbb{1})[i] + \frac{1}{3}(\exp_{e^{-3h}} \mathbb{1})[i] + \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{1}[i]$$

where,

$$\exp_{\lambda} = \lambda^t, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Now calculating the  $z$ -transform, we use linearity and modulation. Reminder:

$$(\mathfrak{Z}\{\mathbb{1}\})(z) = \frac{z}{z-1} \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathfrak{Z}\{\exp_{\lambda} \mathbb{1}\})(z) = \frac{z}{z-\lambda}$$

so for our case,

$$\bar{X}(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{z-e^{-2h}} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{z}{z-e^{-3h}} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{z}{z-1}$$

3. Using the final value theorem, we calculate the position of the mass after a long time:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \left( -\frac{1}{2(s+2)} + \frac{1}{3(s+3)} + \frac{1}{6s} \right) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} -\frac{s}{2(s+2)} + \frac{s}{3(s+3)} + \frac{1}{6} = 1/6 \end{aligned}$$

Using the final value theorem on the sampled signal, we calculate the sensor's value after a long time,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \bar{x}[i] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1)\bar{X}(z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{z-e^{-2h}} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{z}{z-e^{-3h}} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{z}{z-1} \right) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{z(z-1)}{z-e^{-2h}} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{z(z-1)}{z-e^{-3h}} + \frac{1}{6} z \right) = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

We see that we get the same result, which is also shown in the system response in Fig. 3 as the position the mass converges to after a long time.

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**Question 3.** Consider the signal from Fig. 4, i.e.

$$x(t) = \cos(\omega_x t) \mathbb{1}(t)$$

1. Find the Laplace transform of  $x$  with its RoC.
2. What about  $-\mathbb{P}_{-1}x$ ?

*Solution.*

1. Reminder, for a harmonic signal,  $x(t) = \sin(\omega_x t + \phi) \mathbb{1}(t)$ ,

$$X(s) = \frac{s \sin \phi + \omega_x \cos \phi}{s^2 + \omega_x^2}$$

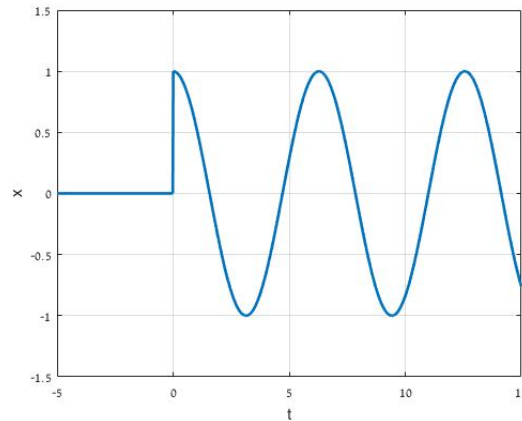


Fig. 4: Signal used in Question 3.

In our case  $\phi = \pi/2$ , thus,

$$X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_x^2}$$

The RoC is  $\mathbb{C}_0$  (see lecture slides). We can also calculate the Laplace transform directly,

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(\omega_x t) \mathbb{1}(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \cos(\omega_x t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{j\omega_x t} + e^{-j\omega_x t}}{2} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{(j\omega_x - s)t} + e^{(-j\omega_x - s)t}}{2} dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{(j\omega_x - s)t}}{2(j\omega_x - s)} - \frac{e^{-(j\omega_x + s)t}}{2(j\omega_x + s)} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{-1}{2(j\omega_x - s)} - \frac{-1}{2(j\omega_x + s)} \\ &= \frac{-(j\omega_x + s) + (j\omega_x - s)}{-2(s^2 + \omega_x^2)} = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_x^2} \end{aligned}$$

To find the RoC we need to calculate for what  $s$  does the integral converge. We demand that:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{(j\omega_x - s)t} = 0 &\iff \operatorname{Re}(j\omega_x - s) = -\operatorname{Re} s < 0 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-(j\omega_x + s)t} = 0 &\iff \operatorname{Re}(j\omega_x + s) = \operatorname{Re} s > 0 \end{aligned}$$

therefore the region of convergence is  $\mathbb{C}_0$ .

2. Now the signal is  $-\mathbb{P}_{-1}x$ , which is shown in Fig. 5.

$$\mathbb{P}_{-1}x = \cos(-\omega_x t) \mathbb{1}(-t)$$



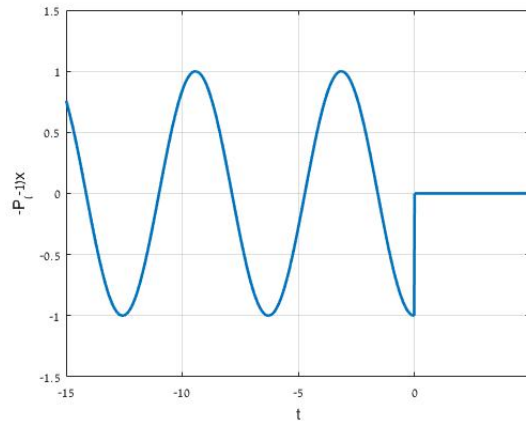


Fig. 5: The Flipped Signal from Question 3.

In order to calculate the Laplace transform, we need to use the definition,

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(s) &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(-\omega_x t) \mathbb{1}(-t) e^{-st} dt = - \int_{-\infty}^0 \cos(\omega_x t) e^{-st} dt \\
 &= - \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{e^{j\omega_x t} + e^{-j\omega_x t}}{2} e^{-st} dt = - \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{e^{(j\omega_x - s)t} + e^{(-j\omega_x - s)t}}{2} dt \\
 &= - \left[ \frac{e^{(j\omega_x - s)t}}{2(j\omega_x - s)} - \frac{e^{(-j\omega_x + s)t}}{2(j\omega_x + s)} \right]_{-\infty}^0 = - \frac{1}{2(j\omega_x - s)} + \frac{1}{2(j\omega_x + s)} \\
 &= \frac{-(j\omega_x + s) + (j\omega_x - s)}{-2(s^2 + \omega_x^2)} = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

We got the same Laplace transform, but now the integral converges for,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^{(j\omega_x - s)t} = 0 &\iff \operatorname{Re}(j\omega_x - s) = -\operatorname{Re} s > 0 \\
 \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^{(-j\omega_x + s)t} = 0 &\iff \operatorname{Re}(-j\omega_x + s) = \operatorname{Re} s < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

therefore the region of convergence is  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{\mathbb{C}}_0 := \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re} s < 0\}$ .

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## 4 Homework problems

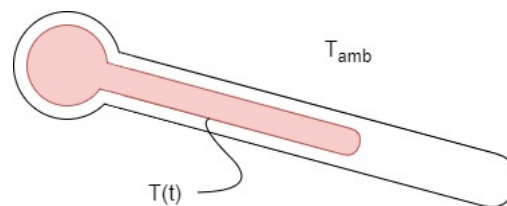


Fig. 6: The Thermometer system used in question 4.

**Question 4.** We are again given the system of the thermometer as in Lecture 5 (see Fig. 6). We assume the thermometer has some initial stable temperature  $\theta_0$  (for example, due to it being placed in a different room for a long period of time). After which, it is transferred to a different environment.

The dynamic equation of the system is as follows:

$$\tau \dot{\theta}(t) = \theta_{\text{amb}}(t) - \theta(t)$$

where  $\theta_{\text{amb}}$  is the ambient temperature (which can change over time), and  $\theta$  is the temperature of the thermometer.

1. Express the temperature shown by the thermometer as a function of time for the ambient temperature

$$\theta_{\text{amb}}(t) = \theta_1 t \mathbb{1}(t) + \theta_0$$

2. Assuming  $\tau > 0$  find the stable temperature.

*Solution.*

1. We first describe the model parameters in terms of a deviation from  $\theta_0$ ,

$$\tilde{\theta}(t) = \theta(t) - \theta_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\theta}_{\text{amb}}(t) = \theta_{\text{amb}}(t) - \theta_0$$

This allows us to analyze a model with  $\text{supp}(\tilde{\theta}) \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ ,

$$\tau \dot{\tilde{\theta}}(t) = \tilde{\theta}_{\text{amb}}(t) - \tilde{\theta}(t)$$

Next, we calculate the Laplace transform of the model,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau s \tilde{\Theta}(s) &= \tilde{\Theta}_{\text{amb}}(s) - \tilde{\Theta}(s) \\ &\Downarrow \\ \tau s \tilde{\Theta}(s) + \tilde{\Theta}(s) &= \tilde{\Theta}_{\text{amb}}(s) \\ &\Downarrow \\ (\tau s + 1) \tilde{\Theta}(s) &= \tilde{\Theta}_{\text{amb}}(s) \\ &\Downarrow \\ \tilde{\Theta}(s) &= \frac{\tilde{\Theta}_{\text{amb}}(s)}{\tau s + 1} \end{aligned}$$

For the ambient temperature of  $\theta_{\text{amb}} = \theta_1 t \mathbb{1}(t) + \theta_0$  we have

$$\tilde{\theta}_{\text{amb}}(t) = \theta_1 t \mathbb{1}(t) \tag{3}$$

We now calculate its Laplace transform using the  $t$ -modulation property. Reminder,

$$(\mathcal{L}\{x \text{ ramp}\})(s) = -\frac{d}{ds} X(s) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathcal{L}\{\mathbb{1}\})(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

Thus, for our case

$$(\mathcal{L}\{\tilde{\Theta}_{\text{amb}}\})(s) = -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{\theta_1}{s} = \frac{\theta_1}{s^2}$$

with  $\text{RoC} = \mathbb{C}_0$ . Plugging back into the model equation,

$$\tilde{\Theta}(s) = \frac{\theta_1}{s^2(\tau s + 1)}$$

The system has a simple pole at  $s = -1/\tau$  and a pole of order 2 at  $s = 0$ . Using partial fraction expansion,

$$\tilde{\Theta}(s) = \frac{\text{Res}(\tilde{\Theta}, -1/\tau)}{s + 1/\tau} + \frac{f_1}{s} + \frac{f_0}{s^2} = \frac{\text{Res}(\tilde{\Theta}, -1/\tau)}{s + 1/\tau} + \frac{f(s)}{s^2},$$

where  $f(s) = f_1 s + f_0$ . To find  $f(s)$ , we first calculate the residue of  $-1/\tau$ :

$$\text{Res}(\tilde{\Theta}, -1/\tau) = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1/\tau} (s + 1/\tau) \tilde{\Theta}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1/\tau} (s + 1/\tau) \frac{\theta_1}{s^2(\tau s + 1)} = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1/\tau} \frac{\theta_1}{\tau s^2} = \tau \theta_1$$

Now we can find  $f(s)$ ,

$$\frac{f(s)}{s^2} = \frac{\theta_1}{s^2(\tau s + 1)} - \frac{\tau \theta_1}{s + 1/\tau} = \frac{\theta_1 - s^2 \tau^2 \theta_1}{s^2(\tau s + 1)} = \frac{\theta_1(1 - (\tau s)^2)}{s^2(1 + \tau s)} = \frac{\theta_1(1 - \tau s)}{s^2}$$

We therefore got that

$$f(s) = \theta_1(1 - \tau s)$$

Substituting back to the Laplace representation gives,

$$\tilde{\Theta}(s) = \frac{\tau \theta_1}{s + 1/\tau} + \frac{\theta_1(1 - \tau s)}{s^2} = \frac{\tau \theta_1}{s + 1/\tau} + \frac{\theta_1}{s^2} - \frac{\theta_1 \tau}{s}$$

Now we can calculate the reverse Laplace transform using known functions. Reminder,

$$(\mathcal{L}\{\mathbb{1}\})(s) = \frac{1}{s}, \quad (\mathcal{L}\{t\mathbb{1}\})(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathcal{L}\{\exp_{\lambda}\mathbb{1}\})(s) = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda}$$

So for our problem,

$$\tilde{\theta}(t) = \theta_1 \tau \exp_{-1/\tau} \mathbb{1}(t) + \theta_1 t \mathbb{1}(t) - \theta_1 \tau \mathbb{1}(t) = \theta_1 \tau \left( e^{-t/\tau} + \frac{t}{\tau} - 1 \right) \mathbb{1}(t)$$

Finally, the absolute temperature  $\theta$  is obtained by adding back  $\theta_0$ ,

$$\theta(t) = \theta_1 \tau \left( e^{-t/\tau} + \frac{t}{\tau} - 1 \right) \mathbb{1}(t) + \theta_0$$

The graph in Fig. 7 shows the temperature change over time for these parameters:

$$\tau = 3, \quad \theta_1 = 10, \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_0 = 10.$$

2. We can see from Fig. 7, and also from the time response of the temperature, that

$$\theta(t) = \theta_1 \tau \left( e^{-t/\tau} + \frac{t}{\tau} - 1 \right) \mathbb{1}(t) + \theta_0$$

that the signal diverges as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . So we cannot use the final value theorem.

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**Question 5.** Given bellow a system  $u \mapsto y$ , described by the difference equation

$$y[k + 2] - 1.2y[k + 1] + 0.2y[k] = 0.8u[k]$$

Assume that  $u = 1$ . Find the discrete output  $y$ . Can you use the final value theorem to find the system output at  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ? What about the initial value theorem for  $k = 0$ ?

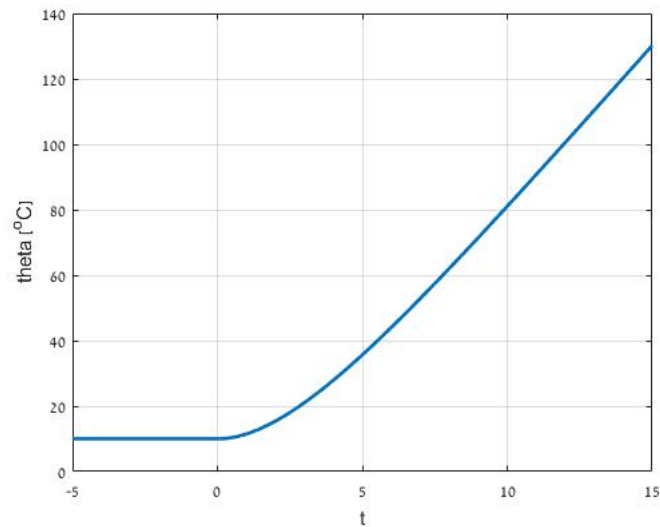


Fig. 7: The System Response to a Ramp Input.

*Solution.* To solve the difference equation we first calculate the Z-transform of the system:

$$z^2Y(z) - 1.2zY(z) + 0.2Y(z) = 0.8U(z)$$

$$(z^2 - 1.2z + 0.2)Y(z) = 0.8U(z)$$

$$Y(z) = \frac{0.8}{z^2 - 1.2z + 0.2}U(z)$$

We calculate the Z-transform of  $u[k] = \mathbb{1}[k]$  which is:

$$U(z) = \frac{z}{z-1}$$

Inserting into the system's dynamic equation gives:

$$Y(z) = \frac{0.8z}{(z^2 - 1.2z + 0.2)(z-1)}$$

The poles of the denominator are:

$$z^2 - 1.2z + 0.2 = 0 \Rightarrow z_{1,2} = 1, z_3 = 0.2$$

so we get,

$$Y(z) = \frac{0.8z}{(z-1)^2(z-0.2)}$$

To calculate the partial fraction expansion we first divide both sides of the equation by  $z$ :

$$\frac{Y(z)}{z} = \frac{0.8}{(z-1)^2(z-0.2)} = \frac{Az+B}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{C}{z-0.2}$$

Performing coefficient comparison:

$$0.8 = (Az+B)(z-0.2) + C(z-1)^2 = Az^2 + (B-0.2A)z - 0.2B + Cz^2 - 2Cz + C$$

which yields,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 : 0.8 &= C - 0.2B \\ z : 0 &= B - 0.2A - 2C \\ z^2 : 0 &= A + C \end{aligned}$$

Calculating we get,

$$A = -1.25, B = 2.25, C = 1.25$$

Inserting back into the equation,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Y(z)}{z} &= \frac{-1.25z + 2.25}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1.25}{z-0.2} \\ &= -\frac{1.25(z-1)}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1.25}{z-0.2} \\ &= -\frac{1.25}{z-1} + \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1.25}{z-0.2} \end{aligned}$$

We multiply by  $z$ :

$$Y(z) = -\frac{1.25z}{z-1} + \frac{z}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1.25z}{z-0.2}$$

We can find the inverse  $Z$ -transforms by finding the transforms of known functions. Reminder:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{Z}\{1\})(z) &= \frac{z}{z-1} \\ (\mathfrak{Z}\{k1\})(z) &= -z \frac{d}{dz} \frac{z}{z-1} = \frac{z}{(z-1)^2} \\ (\mathfrak{Z}\{\exp_\lambda 1\})(z) &= \frac{z}{z-\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

Also the discrete exponent function is defined as:

$$(\exp_\lambda)[k] = \lambda^k$$

We apply this to our problem and get:

$$y[k] = (k + 1.25(0.2^k - 1)) \mathbb{1}[k]$$

We can see from our result that  $y$  does not converge therefore we cannot use the final value theorem. The initial value theorem can be used on the other hand since  $y$  exists for  $k = 0$ .

$$y[0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} Y(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1.25z}{z-1} + \frac{z}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1.25z}{z-0.2} = 0$$

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