

Solution Set for Homework #10 on Laplace Transforms

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Problem 1.

a) $x(t) = u(t) - u(t-1)$

From lecture $L\{u(t)\} = \frac{1}{s}$ and $L\{x(t-t_d)\} = e^{-st_d} X(s)$

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s} = \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s}, \text{ for all } s$$

This is a finite-amplitude finite-duration signal, and hence the region of convergence is the entire s plane.

At first glance, it would seem that the region of convergence should have been $\text{Re}\{s\} > 0$ because the signal is causal and the denominator goes to zero when s goes to zero. However, when s goes to zero, the numerator also goes to zero. We can use L'Hôpital's rule by letting s go to zero. The derivative of the numerator with respect to s is $\exp(-s)$ and the derivative of the denominator with respect to s is 1. The limit of $X(s)$ as s goes to zero is 1.

b) $x(t) = 3e^{-3t}u(t-2)$

From $L\{e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$ and region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > -\text{Re}\{a\}$.

$$x(t) = 3e^{-3t}u(t-2) = 3e^{-3(t-2+2)}u(t-2) = 3e^{-6}e^{-3(t-2)}u(t-2)$$

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

And the region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > -3$.

Writing the $\exp(-2s)$ separately from the rest of the expression can help highlight the term, which corresponds in the time domain to a delay by 2 seconds.

c) $x(t) = 3e^{-3(t-2)}u(t-2)$

This part is similar to part b.

$$X(s) = \frac{3e^{-2s}}{s+3} = \frac{3}{s+3}e^{-2s}$$

The region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > -3$.

d) $x(t) = 5\sin(\pi(t-1))u(t-1)$

From $L\{\sin(\omega_0 t)u(t)\} = \frac{\omega_0}{s^2 + \omega_0^2}$ and region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > 0$.

$$X(s) = \frac{5e^{-s}\pi}{s^2 + \pi^2} = \frac{5\pi}{s^2 + \pi^2}e^{-s}$$

And the region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > 0$.

Problem 2.

a)

$$x(t) = \cos(20\pi t)u(t)$$

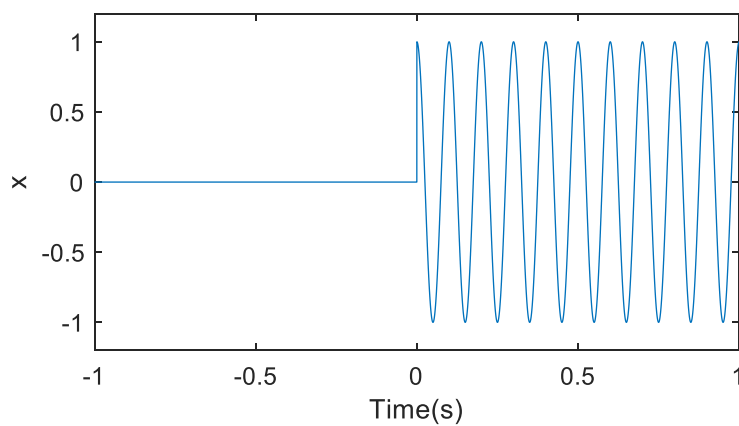
$$\text{From } L\{\cos(\omega_0 t)u(t)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2} \text{ for } \text{Re}\{s\} > 0.$$

$$X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + (20\pi)^2} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 400\pi^2}$$

The region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > 0$.

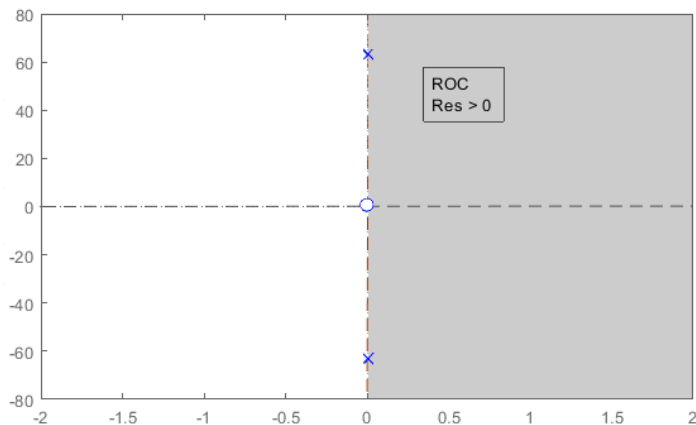
MATLAB code

```
t = -1:1/10000:1;
unitstep = zeros(size(t));
unitstep(t >= 0) = 1;
x = cos(20*pi*t).*unitstep;
plot(t,x)
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('x')
```



Zeros are roots of nominator and poles are roots of denominator.

zero: $s = 0$, pole: $s^2 + (20\pi)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow s_{1,2} = \pm j20\pi$ In the figure legend, Res means $\text{Re}\{s\}$.



b)

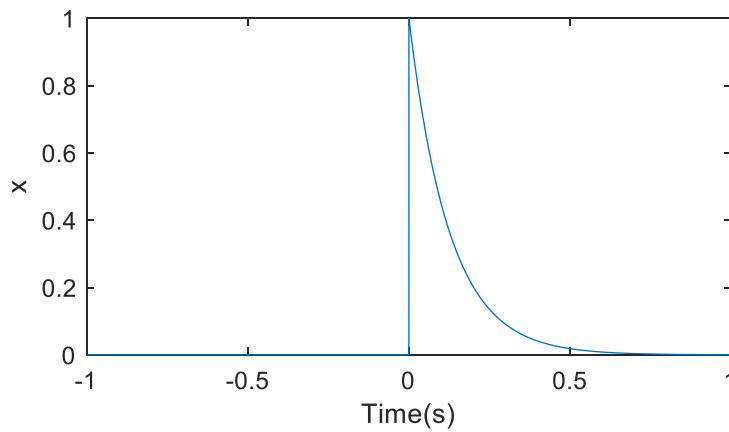
$$x(t) = e^{-8t}u(t)$$

From $L\{e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$ for $\text{Re}\{s\} > -\text{Re}\{a\}$.

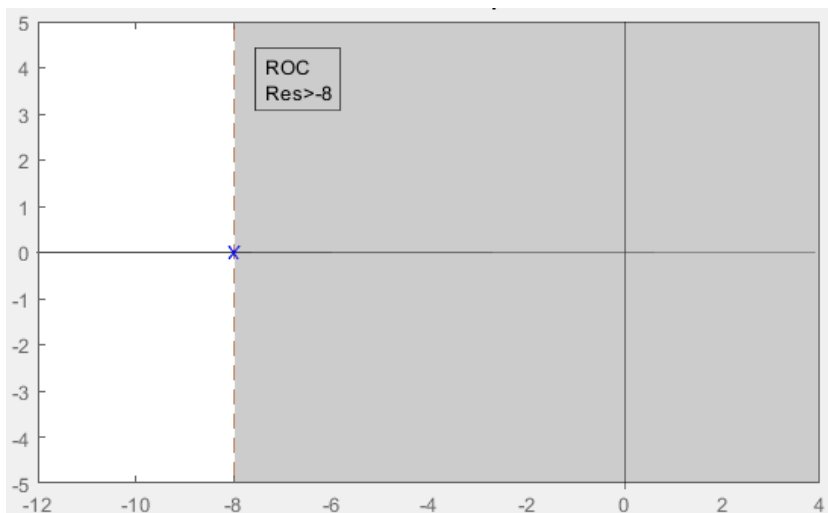
$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s+8}$$

The region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > -8$.

```
t = -1:1/10000:1;
unitstep = zeros(size(t));
unitstep(t >= 0) = 1;
x = exp(-8*t).*unitstep;
plot(t,x)
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('x')
```



pole : $s + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow s = -8$ In the figure legend, Res means $\text{Re}\{s\}$.



c)

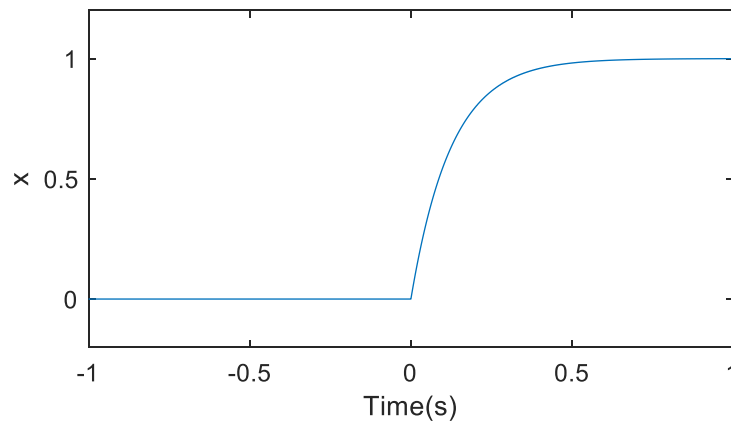
$$x(t) = (1 - e^{-8t})u(t) = u(t) - e^{-8t}u(t)$$

From $L\{e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$ for $\text{Re}\{s\} > -\text{Re}\{a\}$.

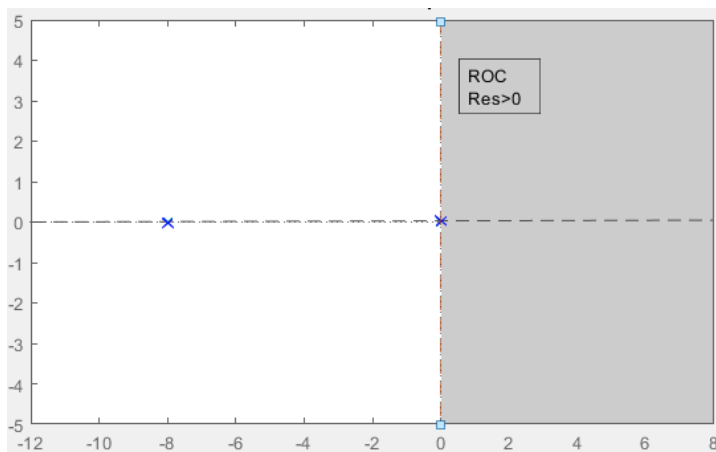
$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+8} = \frac{8}{s(s+8)}$$

The region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > 0$.

```
t = -1:1/10000:1;
unitstep = zeros(size(t));
unitstep(t >= 0) = 1;
x = (1-exp(-8*t)).*unitstep;
plot(t,x)
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('x')
```



poles : $s(s+8) = 0 \Rightarrow s_1 = 0, s_2 = -8$ In the figure legend, Res means $\text{Re}\{s\}$.



Problem 3.

Using the property: $L\left\{\frac{d}{dt}x(t)\right\} = sL\{x(t)\}$ for zero initial conditions, we get:

a) $sY(s) + 2Y(s) = sX(s) \Rightarrow Y(s)(s+2) = sX(s) \Rightarrow H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{s}{s+2}$

Because the system is causal, the region of convergence is $\text{Re}\{s\} > -2$.

- b) Using the Laplace transform pair $L\{e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$ for $\text{Re}\{s\} > -\text{Re}\{a\}$, $L\{\delta(t)\} = 1$ for all s , we obtain

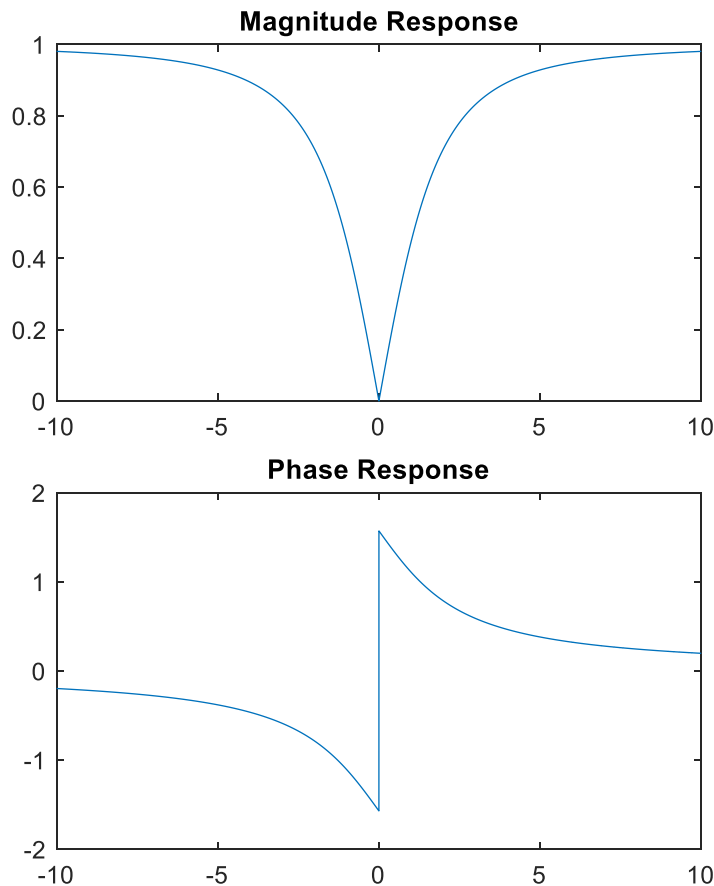
$$H(s) = \frac{s}{s+2} = \frac{s+2-2}{s+2} = 1 - \frac{2}{s+2}$$

$$h(t) = \delta(t) - 2e^{-2t}u(t)$$

- c) $H(j\omega) = \frac{j\omega}{j\omega+2}$ by substituting $s = j\omega$ into $H(s)$ above. This substitution is valid because the imaginary axis lies within the region of convergence of $\text{Re}\{s\} > -2$.

- d)

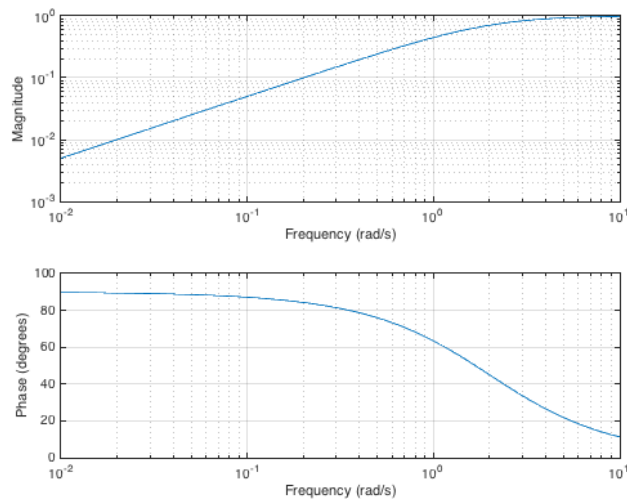
```
w = -10:1/10000:10;
H= j*w./(j*w+2);
Hmag=abs(H) ;
Hphase=angle(H) ;
plot(w,Hmag)
title('Magnitude Response');
figure
plot(w,Hphase)
title('Phase Response');
```



According to magnitude response, the filter notches out zero frequency. Hence, it is a notch filter. It could also be called a highpass filter, but a DC notch filter would be more descriptive and a better answer.

Here's the plot of the magnitude and phase using the `freqs` command in Matlab, which will plot the frequency responses on a log scale in frequency. The magnitude will also be on a log scale.

```
freqs( [1 0], [1 2] );
```



We see a highpass response over the frequencies plotted.

Please note that `freqs([1], [1 2])` would mean $\frac{1}{s+2}$ for the transfer function instead of $\frac{s}{s+2}$.

- e) $x(t) = u(t) \Rightarrow X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s}$ for $\text{Re}\{s\} > 0$. We could have also obtained the transform by using $L\{e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$ and substituting $a = 0$.

$$Y(s) = H(s)X(s) = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

f)

Using the Laplace transform pair $L\{e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$, for we get

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

Problem 4.

- a) Using the Laplace transform pair $L\{e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$, we get
 $h(t) = e^{-2t}u(t)$

b)

$$X(s) = L\{7e^{-2t}u(t)\} = \frac{7}{s+2}, \text{ for } \text{Re}\{s\} > -2$$

$$Y(s) = H(s)X(s) = \frac{7}{(s+2)^2}, \text{ for } \text{Re}\{s\} > -2$$

$$\text{From } L\{t^r e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{r!}{(a+s)^{r+1}}, \text{ for } \text{Re}\{s\} > -\text{Re}\{a\}$$

$$y(t) = 7 t e^{-2t} u(t)$$

- c) Using convolution:

$$y(t) = h(t) * h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\tau}u(\tau)e^{-2(t-\tau)}u(t-\tau)d\tau$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-2\tau}u(\tau)e^{-2(t-\tau)}d\tau = e^{-2t} \int_{-\infty}^t u(\tau)d\tau = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ e^{-2t} \int_0^t 1d\tau = te^{-2t}, & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$h(t) * h(t) = t e^{-2t} u(t)$$

For a discrete-time version of this problem, please see Handout F Convolution of Exponential Sequences at

<http://users.ece.utexas.edu/~bevans/courses/signals/handouts/Appendix%20F%20Convolution%20Exp%20Sequences.pdf>

d)

$$\text{From } L\{t^r e^{-at}u(t)\} = \frac{r!}{(a+s)^{r+1}}, \text{ for } \text{Re}\{s\} > -\text{Re}\{a\}$$

$$y(t) = h(t) * h(t) \rightarrow Y(s) = L\{te^{-2t}u(t)\} = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}, \text{ for } \text{Re}\{s\} > -2$$

Poles are the roots of the denominator:

$$\text{poles} : (s+2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow s_{1,2} = -2$$

Thus, $Y(s)$ has a double pole at $s = -2$.