

Final Value Theorem

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

Proof: From the derivative property

$$sX(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} x'(t)e^{-st} dt + x(0^-).$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{0^-}^{\infty} x'(t)e^{-st} dt \right) + x(0^-)$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{0^-}^{\infty} x'(t) dt \right) + x(0^-)$$

$$= [x(\infty) - x(0^-)] + x(0^-)$$

$$= x(\infty)$$

Conditions: 1) all poles have non-negative real parts. 2) at most one pole at origin.



Initial Value Theorem

$$x(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sX(s) \quad \text{if } \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} X(s) = 0$$

Proof: From the derivative property

$$sX(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} x'(t)e^{-st} dt + x(0^-).$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sX(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{0^-}^{\infty} x'(t)e^{-st} dt \right) + x(0^-)$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{0^-}^{0^+} x'(t)e^0 dt + \int_{0^+}^{\infty} x'(t)e^{-st} dt \right) + x(0^-)$$

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(x(t) \Big|_{0^-}^{0^+} + 0 \right) + x(0^-)$$

$$= x(0^+)$$

More Generally

If $X(s)$ can be written as

$$X(s) = \tilde{X}(s) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n s^n$$

where $\tilde{X}(s)$ converges to zero as $s \rightarrow \infty$. In this case,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s\tilde{X}(s) = x(0^+).$$



Reference

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