

# Re: Questions on Laplace transform

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The World Wide Wade wrote:

In article <[1ppXj.144599\\$Cj7.137009@pd7urf2no](mailto:1ppXj.144599$Cj7.137009@pd7urf2no)>, Rskater <[Rskater@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Rskater@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Let us assume  $f(x)$  is a linear combination of an exponential function.  
i.e.  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \exp(-b_i x)$  with  $b_i > 0$  for all  $i$ ,  
but some of  $a_i$ 's could be negative.

Also assume  $F(s)$  is the Laplace Transform of  $f(x)$ .

Is the following true?

If  $F(s)$  has no positive roots then  $f(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$ .

Thanks

No, try  $f(x) = e^{-x} - 2e^{-2x}$ .

Thank you for the counter example.

So, if I have  $F(s) > 0$  for  $0 < s < 1$ , would that work.

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