

1. Derive the convolution integral from first principles (as outlined in class) given by $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau) d\tau$, where $h(t)$ is the impulse response of a LTI system, $x(t)$ the input and $y(t)$ the output.

Convolution Integral: In time domain a linear system is described in terms of its impulse response which is defined as the response of the system (with zero initial conditions) to a unit impulse or delta function $\delta(t)$ applied to the input of a system. If the system is time invariant, then the shape of the impulse response is same no matter when the impulse is applied to the system.

Let $h(t)$ denote the impulse response of a LTI system. Let this system be subjected to an arbitrary excitation $x(t)$. To determine the output $y(t)$ we first approximate the input $x(t)$ by staircase function composed of narrow rectangular pulses, each of duration $\Delta\tau$. The approximation becomes better for smaller $\Delta\tau$. As $\Delta\tau$ approaches zero, each pulse in the limit approaches a delta function weighed by a factor equal to the height of the pulse times $\Delta\tau$.

Consider a pulse which occurs at $t = n\Delta\tau$. By definition, the response of the system to a unit impulse or a delta function $\delta(t)$ occurring at $t = 0$ is $h(t)$. Due to the time invariance property the response of the system to a delta function weighed by a factor $x(n\Delta\tau)\Delta\tau$ occurring at $t = n\Delta\tau$, must be

$$\Delta y(t) = \lim_{\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0} x(n\Delta\tau)h(t - n\Delta\tau)\Delta\tau$$

Above is the response to one component of input occurring at $t = n\Delta\tau$. Since the system is linear we can apply superposition principle to find the response to the sum of the input components (which together constitute $x(t)$) occurring at different times as,

$$y(t) = \lim_{\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} x(n\Delta\tau)h(t - n\Delta\tau)\Delta\tau$$

The right hand side of the above equation by definition is the convolution integral that is,

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau) d\tau$$

2. For each of the systems described by the input output relationships below, determine which of the following properties apply to the system: Memoryless(M), causal(C), linear(L), time-invariant(TI), stable(S). Justify your answers.

(a) $y(t) = \sin(t + 1)x(t)$

Memoryless: $y(t)$ depends on the input only at time t , so the system is memoryless.

Time Invariant: We first compute output of the system and delay it by T ,

$$z(t) = y(t - T) = \sin(t - T + 1)x(t - T)$$

Now delay by T , and compute the output of the system

$$w(t) = \sin(t + 1)x(t - T)$$

Since $z(t) \neq w(t)$, the system is time varying.

Linear: First check Homogeneity, the response to $ax(t)$,

$$\sin(t + 1)ax(t) = a\sin(t + 1)x(t) = ay(t)$$

Next check additivity. Let $y_1(t)$ be the response to $x_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ be the response to $x_2(t)$. Then the response to $x_1(t) + x_2(t)$ is

$$\sin(t + 1)[x_1(t) + x_2(t)] = \sin(t + 1)x_1(t) + \sin(t + 1)x_2(t) = y_1(t) + y_2(t)$$

Thus the system is linear.

Causal: The system is memoryless, so it is also causal.

Stable: Let the input $x(t)$ be bounded for all t : $|x(t)| < K$ for all t . Then,

$$|y(t)| = |\sin(t + 1)x(t)| \leq |\sin(t + 1)||x(t)| \leq |x(t)| < K$$

So for bounded inputs, the output is also bounded and the system is stable.

(b) $y[n] = x[2 - n] + 1$

Memoryless: $y[n]$ depends on the input at times other than n , so the system has memory.

Time Invariant: First compute output of the system and then delay it by N ,

$$z[n] = y[n - N] = x[2 - (n - N)] + 1$$

We now delay it by N , then compute output of the system.

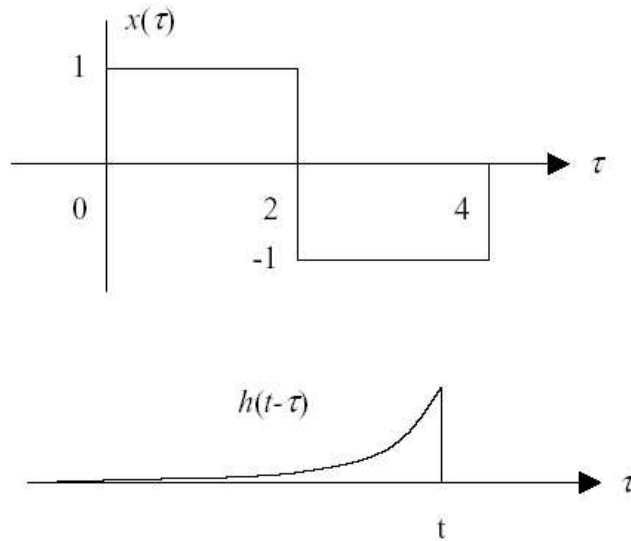
$$w[n] = x[2 - n - N] + 1$$

Since $w[n] \neq z[n]$, the system is time varying.

Linear: Let $y[n]$ be the response to $x[n]$: $y[n] = x[2 - n] + 1$. We first check the homogeneity- the response to $ax[n]$,

$$a.x[2 - n] + 1 \neq a.y[n]$$

Homogeneity is not satisfied and hence the system is not linear.



Causal: To get the output at $n = 0$, the system has to look at the input at time 2. Thus, the system is not causal.

Stable: Let the input $x[n]$ be bounded for all n : $|x[n]| < K$ for all n . Then,

$$|y[n]| = |x[2-n] + 1| \leq |x[2-n]| + 1 < K + 1$$

So a bounded input implies bounded output, so the system is stable.

3. Consider a continuous time system with the following input $x(t)$ and impulse response $h(t)$,

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < t < 2 \\ -1 & 2 < t < 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and $h(t) = \exp(-2t)u(t)$

(a) Compute the output of the system $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$

Flipping and shifting $h(t)$ gives FIGURE 3a. From FIGURE 3a, we find the following different expressions depending on the value of t : $t < 0$. The non-zero portions of $x(\tau)$ and $h(t - \tau)$ do not overlap, so $y(t) = 0$. $0 \leq t \leq 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_0^t 1 \cdot \exp(-2(t - \tau)) d\tau \\ &= \exp(-2t) \int_0^t \exp(2\tau) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \exp(-2t)) \end{aligned}$$

$2 \leq t \leq 4$,

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_0^2 1 \exp(-2(t - \tau)) d\tau + \int_2^t -1 \exp(-2(t - \tau)) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{2}([2 \exp(4) - 1] \exp(-2t) - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$t \geq 4$,

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_0^2 1 \exp(-2(t - \tau)) d\tau + \int_2^4 -1 \exp(-2(t - \tau)) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \exp(-2t) (\exp(4) - 1 - \exp(8) + \exp(4)) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Is the system stable? Is the system causal?

The system is causal, since $h(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$. The system is stable, since $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-2t) dt = \frac{1}{2} < \infty$

4. A signal $x(t)$ is periodic with period $T = 10^{-3}$. The Fourier series coefficients for $x(t)$ are given by

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{2j}\right)^k & k > 0 \\ 0 & k = 0 \\ \left(\frac{1}{-2j}\right)^{-k} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the average power in the signal $x(t)$, $\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |x(t)|^2 dt$. Hint: Use Parseval's relationship!

We use the Parseval's relationship:

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |x(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_k|^2$$

When $k > 0$

$$|a_k|^2 = \left| \left(\frac{1}{2j}\right)^k \right|^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^k$$

When $k < 0$,

$$|a_k|^2 = \left| \left(\frac{1}{-2j}\right)^{-k} \right|^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-k}$$

We can now find the average power:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^k \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^i + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^k \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^k \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

5. Let $x(t) = \exp(-at)u(t)$, where $u(t)$ is the unit step function. Find the Fourier transform of the following signals.

(a) $x(t)$

$$X(j\omega) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-at) \exp(-j\omega t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-(a + j\omega)t) dt = \frac{1}{a + j\omega}$$

(b) $y(t) = x(t + 5)$

Using the time shifting property of Fourier transform,

$$Y(j\omega) = e^{j\omega 5} X(j\omega) = e^{j\omega 5} \frac{1}{(a + j\omega)}$$

(c) $z(t) = x(t) \sin(2\pi 40t)$

Writing $z(t)$ as complex exponentials gives

$$z(t) = x(t) \frac{1}{2j} (\exp(j2\pi 40t) - \exp(-j2\pi 40t)) = \frac{1}{2j} x(t) \exp(j2\pi 40t) - \frac{1}{2j} x(t) \exp(-j2\pi 40t)$$

Applying frequency shifting property of Fourier transform to each term of $z(t)$ gives,

$$Z(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2j} [X(j(\omega - 2\pi 40)) - X(j(\omega + 2\pi 40))] = \frac{1}{2j} \left[\frac{1}{a + j(\omega - 2\pi 40)} - \frac{1}{a + j(\omega + 2\pi 40)} \right]$$

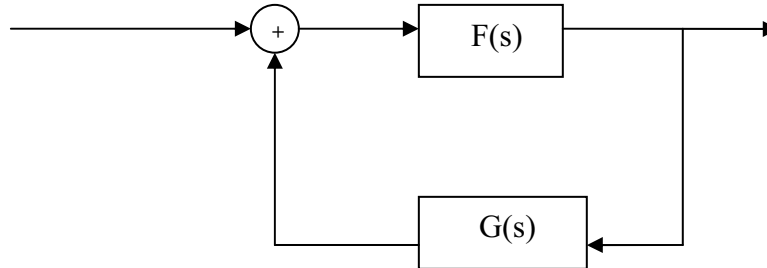
6. Evaluate the Fourier transform of the damped sinusoidal wave $g(t) = \exp(-t) \sin(2\pi f_c t) u(t)$, where $u(t)$ is the unit step function.

$$\sin(2\pi f_c t) = \frac{1}{2j} [e^{j2\pi f_c t} - e^{-j2\pi f_c t}]$$

Therefore, applying the frequency shifting property to the Fourier transform pair we find that the Fourier transform of the damped sinusoidal wave is

$$G(f) = \frac{1}{2j} \left[\frac{1}{1 + j2\pi(f - f_c)} - \frac{1}{1 + j2\pi(f + f_c)} \right] = \frac{2\pi f_c}{(1 + j2\pi f)^2 + (2\pi f_c)^2}$$

7. Show that the overall system function $H(s)$ for the feedback system in FIGURE 7 is given by $H(s) = \frac{F(s)}{1 - F(s)G(s)}$.



$$W(s) = X(s) + G(s).Y(s), Y(s) = F(s).W(s) = F(s)[X(s) + G(s).Y(s)]$$

Re-arranging the previous equation,

$$F(s).X(s) = Y(s)[1 - F(s).G(s)]$$

System function

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{F(s)}{1 - F(s).G(s)}$$

8. A signal $x(t)$ of finite energy is applied to a square-law device whose output is defined by $y(t) = x^2(t)$. The spectrum of $x(t)$ is limited to the frequency interval $-W \leq f \leq W$. Hence show that the spectrum of $y(t)$ is limited to $-2W \leq f \leq 2W$.

$$y(t) = x^2(t) = x(t)x(t)$$

Since multiplication in time domain corresponds to convolution in frequency domain, we may express the Fourier transform of $y(t)$ as

$$Y(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\lambda)X(f - \lambda) d\lambda$$

where $X(f)$ is the Fourier transform of $x(t)$. However $X(f)$ is zero for $|f| > W$. Hence,

$$Y(f) = \int_{-W}^W X(\lambda)X(f - \lambda) d\lambda$$

In this integral we note that $X(f - \lambda)$ is limited to $-W \leq f - \lambda \leq W$. When $\lambda = -W$, we find that $-2W \leq f \leq 0$. When $\lambda = W$, $0 \leq f \leq 2W$. Accordingly the Fourier transform $Y(f)$ is limited to the frequency interval $-2W \leq f \leq 2W$.