

- 1 Prove that convolution has the following properties.
  - (a) associativity
  - (b) commutativity
  - (c) distribution over +
  - (d)  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t) \Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) * h(t) = x(t) * \dot{h}(t) = \dot{y}(t)$  ( $\dot{x}(t), \dot{h}(t)$  cont.,  $f(t) = df(t)/dt$ )
  - (e)  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t) \Rightarrow \ddot{x}(t) * h(t) = x(t) * \ddot{h}(t) = \ddot{y}(t)$  ( $\ddot{x}(t), \ddot{h}(t)$  cont.,  $\ddot{f}(t) = d^2 f(t)/dt^2$ )
  - (f) Let  $A(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)dt$ . Show that  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t) \Rightarrow A(y) = A(x)A(h)$ . State and prove the discrete version of this result.
- 2 A different interpretation of the convolution operation from the one discussed in the class is that  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$  is the inner product of the *convolver*  $x(\tau)$  with the *convolvend*  $h(\tau)$  after the latter is time reversed and centered about  $t$ , viz,  $h(t - \tau)$ , where the inner product of any 2 functions  $f(t), g(t)$  is given by  $\int_{t=-\infty}^{t=+\infty} f(t)g(t)dt$ . Write out the corresponding interpretation for the case of discrete convolution. Verify for the example solved in the lecture that this yields the same result.
- 3 We define the *support* of any signal  $x(t)$  or  $x[n]$  as the smallest interval outside which the signal is zero. Thus, the support of  $\sin t$  is  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and the support of  $\delta[n+1] - 2\delta[n-3]$  is  $[-1, 3]$ . Let us denote the support of  $x(t)$  by  $(t_{xL}, t_{xR})$  or  $[t_{xL}, t_{xR}]$  or  $[t_{xL}, t_{xR})$  or  $(t_{xL}, t_{xR}]$  as applicable, and that of  $x[n]$  by  $[n_{xL}, n_{xR}]$ . The *support time* of  $x(t)$  is denoted as  $t_{xR} - t_{xL}$  and of  $x[n]$  by  $n_{xR} - n_{xL}$ . Show that the convolution of two signals  $x(t), x'(t)$  with finite support intervals  $T, T'$  has a finite support interval of  $T + T'$ . Similarly, prove the corresponding result for discrete signals: the convolution of two discrete signals having finite supports  $N, N'$  is  $N + N' - 1$ .
- 4 Develop relations between the boundary points  $t_{xL}, t_{xR}, t_{hL}, t_{hR}$  and  $t_{yL}, t_{yR}$ . Similarly, develop the corresponding relations between  $n_{xL}, n_{xR}, n_{hL}, n_{hR}$  and  $n_{yL}, n_{yR}$  for discrete convolution.
- 5 Under the new interpretation of convolution, the value of  $y(t)$  is equal to the area under  $x(\tau)h(t - \tau)$ . Use this to construct two examples of  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$  which is finite but not bounded, though  $x(t), h(t)$  are both bounded. Find constraints on  $x(t), h(t)$  that will ensure that  $y(t)$  remains finite for all  $t$ . Find a sufficient constraint to be applied upon  $x(t), h(t)$  to ensure that  $y(t)$  remains bounded, and not just finite. Compare these constraints with those obtained above to keep  $y(t)$  finite.
- 6 After the above problems, can you comment on  $y(t)$  when  $x(t)$  is periodic and  $h(t)$  is finitely supported and both are bounded? What will happen when both  $x(t), h(t)$  are non negative, periodic and bounded?
- 7 Following the consequences of the above, we seek a way out for the specific case of convolving periodic signals. The *periodic convolution* of two signals  $x(t), y(t)$  of period  $T$  is defined as  $x(t) \circledast y(t) = \int_{t=-T/2}^{t=T/2} x(\tau)y(t - \tau)d\tau$ . The convolution is now bounded because the integration limits have been restricted to exactly one period. What if the indicated integration interval  $(-T/2, T/2]$  is replaced by any other contiguous  $T$ -length time interval of the form  $(\Delta, T + \Delta]$ ? Use this definition to convolve a  $T$ -periodic signal  $x(t)$  with a constant  $y(t) = y_0$ , using  $T$  as the convolution interval. Next, use any finite convolution interval  $T$  to convolve two constant signals  $x(t) = x_0$  and  $y(t) = y_0$ . Express your result in terms of  $T$  in both cases.
- 8 Let  $x_i(t); i = 1, 2$  be periodic signals of the same period  $T$ , and let each cycle of  $x_i(t); i = 1, 2$  be nonzero only over  $t \leq T/2$  and zero over the remaining part of width  $T/2 < t \leq T$  of the cycle. Define  $x'_i(t) = \begin{cases} x_i(t); & t \leq T \\ 0; & t < 0, t > T \end{cases}; i = 1, 2$ . Show that  $x_1(t) \circledast x_2(t) = x'_1(t) * x'_2(t); t \leq T$ .



Q1 (a) Associativity in convolution:

i.e.  $[x(t) * h(t)] * g(t) = x(t) * [h(t) * g(t)]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS: } [x(t) * h(t)] * g(t) &= \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z_1) h(t-z_1) dz_1 \right] * g(t) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z_1) h(z_2-z_1) dz_1 \right] g(t-z_2) dz_2 \end{aligned}$$

Assuming  $z_2 - z_1 = z$  and using change of order of integration.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS: } &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z_1) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(z) g(t-z-z_1) dz \right] dz_1 \\ &\quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(z) g(t-z-z_1) dz = h(t-z_1) * g(t-z_1) \\ &\quad = y(t-z_1) \quad \text{--- [let] } \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then LHS} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z_1) y(t-z_1) dz_1$$

$$= x(t) * y(t)$$

$$= x(t) * [h(t) * g(t)]$$

using equation (1)

$$= \text{RHS.}$$

(b) Commutativity in convolution:

i.e.  $x(t) * h(t) = h(t) * x(t)$

$$\text{LHS: } x(t) * h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z) h(t-z) dz$$

$$\text{let } t-z = m \Rightarrow -dz = dm$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) * h(t) = - \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} x(t-m) h(m) dm$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t-m) h(m) dm$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(m) x(t-m) dm$$

$$= h(t) * x(t)$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$



(c) Distribution over addition:

$$\text{i.e. } x(t) * [h(t) + g(t)] = [x(t) * h(t)] + [x(t) * g(t)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S: } x(t) * [h(t) + g(t)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) [h(t-\tau) + g(t-\tau)] d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [x(\tau) h(t-\tau) + x(\tau) g(t-\tau)] d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau \\ &= [x(t) * h(t)] + [x(t) * g(t)] \\ &= \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

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

differentiating with respect to time 't'

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \frac{d[h(t-\tau)]}{dt} d\tau \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \dot{h}(t-\tau) d\tau = x(t) * \dot{h}(t) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now, using the commutativity over convolution

$$x(t) * \dot{h}(t) = \dot{x}(t) * h(t) = \dot{y}(t)$$

proved

(e) Using equation (2) and differentiating again wrt 't'

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \frac{d^2 h(t-\tau)}{dt^2} d\tau$$

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

$$\text{Similarly } \ddot{y}(t) = \ddot{x}(t) * h(t) = x(t) * \ddot{h}(t)$$

proved

Using the result of part (d)

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

differentiating w.r.t 't'

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dot{x}(\tau) \frac{d h(t-\tau)}{dt} d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dot{x}(\tau) \dot{h}(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{y}(t) = \dot{x}(t) * \dot{h}(t)$$



$$(f) \quad y(t) = x(t) * h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z) h(t-z) dz$$

$$A(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z) h(t-z) dz dt$$

changing the order of integration

$$A(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z) dz \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t-z) dt$$

In the second integration let  $t-z=m \Rightarrow dt=dm$

$$A(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(z) dz \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(m) dm$$

$$A(y) = A(x) \cdot A(h)$$

Proved.

For discrete case:

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] h[n-m]$$

$$\text{Sum : } S[y] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} y[n] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] h[n-m]$$

changing the order of summation

$$S[y] = \underbrace{\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m]}_{S[x]} \underbrace{\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n-m]}_{S[h]}$$

proved.

$$\Rightarrow S[y] = S[x] \cdot S[h]$$

Q.2

In discrete domain convolution is defined as:

$$y[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] h[n-m] = x[n] * h[n]$$

And inner product of  $x[m]$  and  $g[m]$  is given by

$$\langle x, g \rangle = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] g[m] = y[n] \quad = \text{inner product}$$

$$\text{where } g[m] = h[n-m]$$

which is time reversed and centred about  $n$   
the function  $h$  after

\* Assuming the functions  $x[n]$  and  $h[n]$  are real valued.

Q3

Suppose  $x(t)$  is finite in the interval  $(t_{xL}, t_{xR})$

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \text{finite} & ; \forall t \in (t_{xL}, t_{xR}) \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } x'(t) = \begin{cases} \text{finite} & ; \forall t \in (t_{x'L}, t_{x'R}) \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } x'(t-\tau) \neq 0 \text{ for } t_{x'L} \leq t-\tau < t_{x'R} \\ \Rightarrow t_{x'L} + \tau < t < t_{x'R} + \tau$$

While convolving  $x(t)$  and  $x'(t)$ , we get the first point for  $\tau = t_{xL}$  i.e.  $t_{x'L} + t_{xL} < t$

and last point for  $\tau = t_{xR}$  i.e.  $t < t_{x'R} + t_{xR}$

overall the output is non zero for

$$t_{x'L} + t_{xL} < t < t_{x'R} + t_{xR}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{x'L} + t_{xL} < t < t_{x'L} + T + t_{xL} + T$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{x'L} + t_{xL} < t < t_{x'L} + t_{xL} + \underbrace{T+T'}_{T+T'} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Thus the range of interval for finite support is  $T+T'$ .

Discrete case:

$$\text{suppose } x[m] = \begin{cases} \neq 0 & \text{for } (N_0 \leq m \leq N_1) \\ = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } x'[m] = \begin{cases} \neq 0 & \text{for } (N_2 \leq m \leq N_3) \\ = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{then } x'[n-m] \neq 0 \text{ for } N_2 \leq n-m \leq N_3 \\ \text{or for } N_2+m \leq n \leq m+N_3$$

After convolving the minimum value of  $n$  will be  $N_2+N_0$  and similarly maximum value of  $m = N_1+N_3$

$$\Rightarrow x[m] * x'[m] \neq 0, N_2+N_0 \leq n \leq N_1+N_3$$

$$\text{But } N_1 - N_0 \neq N \text{ and } N_3 - N_2 \neq N'$$

$$\Rightarrow x[m] * x'[m] \neq 0 ; N_0+N_2 \leq n \leq N_0+N+N_2+N'-2$$

$$\text{Thus the support interval is } (N+N'-1) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



Q4. Using equation ① from question 3

$$\underbrace{tx_L + tx_L}_{ty_L} < t < \underbrace{tx_R + tx_L + T + T'}_{ty_R} \quad (\text{Range of } x)$$

$$ty_L = tx_L + tx_L \rightarrow \text{sum of lower limits}$$

$$ty_R = tx_R + tx_L \rightarrow \text{sum of upper limits}$$

Using equation ① from question 3

$$\underbrace{N_0 + N_2}_{n_{yL}} \leq n \leq \underbrace{(N_0 + N - 1) + (N_2 + N' - 1)}_{n_{yR}}$$

$$n_{yL} = N_0 + N_2 = n_{xL} + n_{xL} \rightarrow \text{sum of lower limits}$$

$$n_{yR} = (N_0 + N - 1) + (N_2 + N' - 1) = n_{xR} + n_{xR}$$

Sum of upper limits



Q5 Example 1: Let's take  $x(t) = u(t)$  and  $h(t) = u(t)$  } bounded

$$y(t) = x(t) * h(t) = u(t) * u(t) \\ = e(t) \text{ [unit ramp func]} \\ \text{finite but not bounded}$$

Example 2: Let  $x(t) = u(t)$

$$h(t) = (1 + \sin(t)) u(t)$$

$$y(t) = x(t) * h(t) = e(t) + (1 - \cos t) u(t) \\ \text{finite but unbounded}$$

for  $y(t)$  to remain finite:

$x(t)$ ,  $h(t)$  should be "single sided func" (semifinite support) i.e. they shouldn't extend to infinity on both the sides of the axis but only on one side. Should ~~not~~ be ~~oscillatory about~~ non-negative.

for  $y(t)$  to remain finite and bounded:

At least one out of  $x(t)$  or  $h(t)$  should have a finite support. Both of them should be bounded.

For  $y(t)$  to be finite, we need both  $x(t)$  &  $h(t)$  to be semifinite <sup>and non-negative</sup>, so that the area under  $x(\tau) h(t-\tau)$  keeps on increasing.



We want one out of  $x(t)$  or  $h(t)$  to have a finite support and both of them to be bounded because this ensures area under  $x(\tau) h(t-\tau)$  to be bounded.

Q6  $x(t)$  is periodic &  $h(t)$  finitely supported  
 $y(t)$  is bounded, finite and also periodic with period  $T$ .

When  $x(t)$ ,  $h(t)$  are both periodic, non-negative and bounded, the o/p  $y(t)$  is non-negative, periodic and unbounded.



Q7  $x(t) \otimes y(t) = \int_{t=-T/2}^{T/2} x(\tau) y(t-\tau) d\tau$

Let's put  $\tau = -\Delta - T/2$

$$x(t) \otimes y(t) = \int_{t=-T/2}^{t=T/2} x(-\Delta - T/2) y(t + \Delta + T/2) d(-\Delta - T/2)$$

Assuming  $t + \Delta + T/2 = t'$

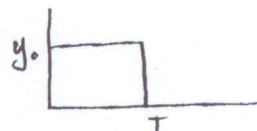
$$x(t) \otimes y(t) = \int_{t'=\Delta}^{t'=\Delta+T} y(t) x(t-t') d(t-t')$$

$$= \int_{\Delta}^{\Delta+T} y(t') x(t-t') dt'$$

$$= y(t) * x(t) \quad \text{for any period } T$$

Case 1 :  $x(t)$  is periodic with period  $T$

$$y(t) = y_0$$



$$x(t) \otimes y(t) = \int_0^T x(\tau) y(t-\tau) d\tau$$



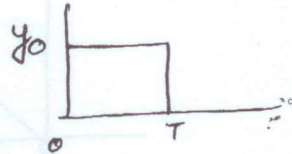
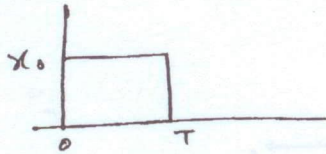
~~$$= y_0 \int_0^T x(\tau) d\tau \quad \text{for period } T$$~~

we will keep one signal the same and flip & shift the other from 0-T. Area under multiplication gives convolution

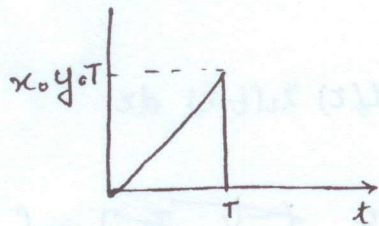


With 2 constant signals.

$$x(t) = x_0 \quad \& \quad y(t) = y_0$$



$$x(t) \otimes y(t) = \int_0^T x(\tau) y(t-\tau) d\tau$$

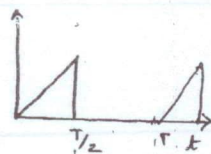


$$\text{Max value} = \int_0^T x_0 y_0 d\tau = x_0 y_0 T$$

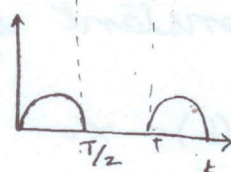


Q8

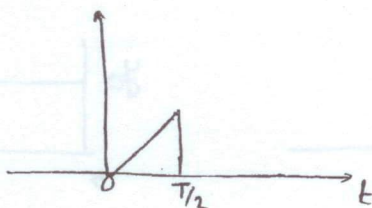
Let  $x_1(t)$  :



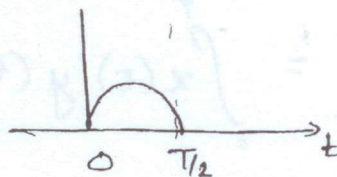
And  $x_2(t)$  :



Now  $x_1'(t)$  :



and  $x_2'(t)$  :



$$y(t) = x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t) = \int_{-t}^{t+T} x_1(z) x_2(t-z) dz$$

Thus  $y(t)$  lies in the range  $[-T/2, T/2]$   $[0, T]$

$$\text{And } y'(t) = x_1'(t) * x_2'(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1'(\tau) x_2'(t-\tau) d\tau$$

Also lies in the range  $[0, T]$

Thus  $y(t) = y'(t)$  ;  $t \leq T$