

Lecture 38, Monday, April 4, 2022

- Convolution

- Recall that

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \longrightarrow [H(\omega)] \longrightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(\omega) F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$
$$F(\omega) \longrightarrow [H(\omega)] \longrightarrow Y(\omega) = F(\omega)H(\omega)$$

- Now, convolution of $f(t)$ and $h(t)$:

$$f(t) \longrightarrow [h(t)] \longrightarrow y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau = f(t) * h(t)$$

- At any point t , the output $y(t)$ is a linear combination of $f(\tau)$ across all time, where the weights are given by $h(t - \tau)$
 - To convolve $f(t)$ and $h(t)$:

- * Change the parameter of $f(t)$ and $h(t)$ from t to τ to get $f(\tau)$ and $h(\tau)$:

$$f(t) \rightarrow f(\tau) \quad h(t) \rightarrow h(\tau)$$

- * Time-reverse $h(\tau)$ and then shift it to the right by t (left if $t < 0$) to get $h(t - \tau)$:

$$h(\tau) \rightarrow h(t - \tau) = h(-(\tau - t))$$

- * Multiply $f(\tau)$ and $h(t - \tau)$ for each τ :

$$f(\tau)h(t - \tau)$$

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- * Integrate the resulting product for all time τ :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau$$

- Properties of convolution:

- * Commutative:

$$y(t) = f(t) * h(t) = h(t) * f(t)$$

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

- It does not matter which signal is time-reversed.