

### Question 1: Delta Distribution

Evaluate the following integrals

(a)

$$\int_0^{\infty} \delta(2t^{1/3} - 54) e^{2t} dt$$

Hint: Make a variable substitution  $u = 2t^{1/3}$  to bring the Delta function into a standard form.

Let  $u = 2t^{1/3}$  and thus  $t = \frac{1}{8}u^3$ , and thus

$$dt = \frac{3}{8}u^2 du$$

and thus

$$\int_0^{\infty} \delta(u - 54) e^{\frac{1}{4}u^3} \frac{3}{8}u^2 du = \frac{2187}{2} e^{39366}$$

(b)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \delta(t - 4) \right) \sin\left(\frac{t^2}{4}\right) dt$$

Hint: you may integrate by parts

We could actually find a more general rule, notice that  $\delta^{(n)}(\pm\infty) = 0$ , and that means

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta^{(n)}(x) dx = f(x) \delta^{(n)}(x) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \delta^{(n-1)}(x) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \delta^{(n-1)}(x) dx$$

and thus

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta^{(n)}(x) dx = (-1)^n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \delta(x) dx$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \delta(t - 4) \right) \sin\left(\frac{t^2}{4}\right) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - 4) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \sin\left(\frac{t^2}{4}\right) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - 4) \left( \frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{t^2}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{4} t^2 \sin\left(\frac{t^2}{4}\right) \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos(4) - 4 \sin(4) \end{aligned}$$

### Question 2: Impulse response

Consider a damped oscillator with impulse response, i.e., Green's function, given by

$$G(t) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-t} \sin(4t) & t > 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

and subjected to a force

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1 \\ 8 & 1 < t < 2 \\ 0 & 2 < t < 3 \\ 6(t-3) & t > 3 \end{cases}$$

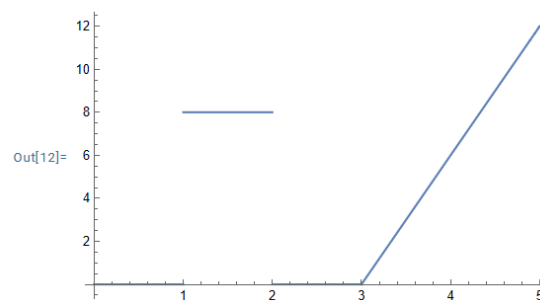
(a)

Sketch the force

By Mathematica

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In[11]:= g[t_] =  
Piecewise[{{0, t < 1}, {8, 1 < t < 2}, {0, 2 < t < 3},  
{6 * (t - 3), t > 3}}]  
Out[11]= {  
0      t < 1  
8      1 < t < 2  
0      2 < t < 3  
6 (-3 + t)  t > 3  
0      True
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In[12]:= Plot[g[t], {t, 0, 5}]
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(b)

Construct an integral convolution expression for the response that is valid at all times. You do not need to evaluate the integrals, but they should be of a form that one could look up in a table of integrals.

the convolution have the form of

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t F(\tau)G(t-\tau)d\tau$$

for  $t < 1$ , the  $F(\tau) = 0$  in above expression, and thus

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t F(\tau)G(t-\tau)d\tau = 0$$

for  $1 < t < 2$ ,

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t F(\tau)G(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_1^t F(\tau)G(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_1^t 8 \cdot 2e^{-(t-\tau)} \sin(4(t-\tau))d\tau$$

for  $2 < t < 3$ , the  $F(\tau) = 0$  for  $2 < \tau < 3$

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t F(\tau)G(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_1^2 8 \cdot 2e^{-(t-\tau)} \sin(4(t-\tau))d\tau$$

for  $t > 3$ ,

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t F(\tau)G(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_1^2 8 \cdot 2e^{-(t-\tau)} \sin(4(t-\tau))d\tau + \int_3^t 6(\tau-3)2e^{-(t-\tau)} \sin(4(t-\tau))d\tau$$

and the integral could be evaluated.

### Question 3: Piecewise driving force

A force acts on an initial quiescent ( $x_0 = x(t=0) = 0, v_0 = v(t=0) = 0$ ), undamped mass-spring system described by the equation of motion

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + kx = F(t)$$

where the driving force  $F(t)$  is piece-wise analytic

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ F_0 \frac{t^2}{T^2} & 0 < t < T \\ F_0 & T < t \end{cases}$$

Like  $F(t)$ , the response  $x(t)$  will be piece-wise analytic, i.e., it has different analytic form depending on whether  $t$  is smaller or larger than  $T$ .

In both cases, you do not need to evaluate the integral, but you should conclude with an expression that one could look up in a table of integrals.

From (41) of Lecture 16, we know that since the equation is undamped

$$G(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\omega_d t)}{m\omega_d} & t > 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

(a)

Use the convolution to compose an expression for the response  $x(t)$  at times  $0 < t < T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t F(\tau) G(t-\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t F(\tau) G(t-\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t F_0 \frac{t^2}{T^2} \frac{\sin(\omega_d(t-\tau))}{m\omega_d} d\tau \\ &= \frac{F_0}{m\omega_d} \frac{t^2}{T^2} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_d(t-\tau)) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

(b)

Use the convolution to compose an expression for the response  $x(t)$  valid at times  $t > T$

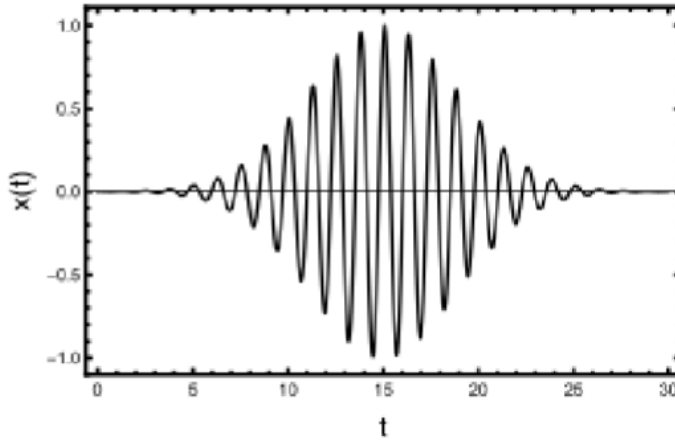
$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t F(\tau) G(t-\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^T F(\tau) G(t-\tau) d\tau + \int_T^t F(\tau) G(t-\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^T F_0 \frac{t^2}{T^2} \frac{\sin(\omega_d(t-\tau))}{m\omega_d} d\tau + F_0 \int_T^t \frac{\sin(\omega_d(t-\tau))}{m\omega_d} d\tau \\ &= \frac{F_0}{m\omega_d} \left( \int_0^T \frac{t^2}{T^2} \sin(\omega_d(t-\tau)) d\tau + \int_T^t \sin(\omega_d(t-\tau)) d\tau \right) \end{aligned}$$

### Question 4: Gaussian tone burst

The complex Gaussian tone burst

$$x(t) = e^{i\alpha t} \exp\left(-\frac{(t-t_0)^2}{T^2}\right)$$

is oscillatory with nominal frequency  $\alpha$ , under a Gaussian envelop of width  $T$  and centered on time  $t_0$ . The figure plots its real part for the case  $\alpha = 5$ ,  $T = \sqrt{30}$  and  $t_0 = 15$ . If this was a plot of pressure on your ear versus time, you would hear a short beep, assuming that the frequency  $f = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$  is within the hearing range.



(a)

Show that

$$|\tilde{x}(\omega)| = \sqrt{\pi}T \exp\left(-\alpha \frac{(\alpha - \omega)^2 T^2}{4}\right)$$

Hint: you may use

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i\beta x) \exp(-x^2) dx = \sqrt{\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta^2}{4}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \exp(-i\omega t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\alpha t} \exp\left(-\frac{(t-t_0)^2}{T^2}\right) \exp(-i\omega t) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i(\alpha - \omega)t) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right)^2\right) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i(\alpha - \omega)(T\tau + t_0)) \exp(-\tau^2) T d\tau \\ &= T \exp(i(\alpha - \omega)t_0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i(\alpha - \omega)T\tau) \exp(-\tau^2) d\tau \\ &= T \exp(i(\alpha - \omega)t_0) \sqrt{\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{(\alpha - \omega)^2 T^2}{4}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{|\tilde{x}(\omega)| = T\sqrt{\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{(\alpha - \omega)^2 T^2}{4}\right)}$$

(b)

Plot the absolute value  $|\tilde{x}(\omega)|$  for two cases (i)  $T = 30$ ,  $\alpha = 5$ ,  $t_0 = 15$ , and (ii)  $T = \sqrt{30}$ ,  $\alpha = 5$ ,  $t_0 = 15$

when  $T = \sqrt{30}$ ,  $\alpha = 5$ ,  $t_0 = 15$

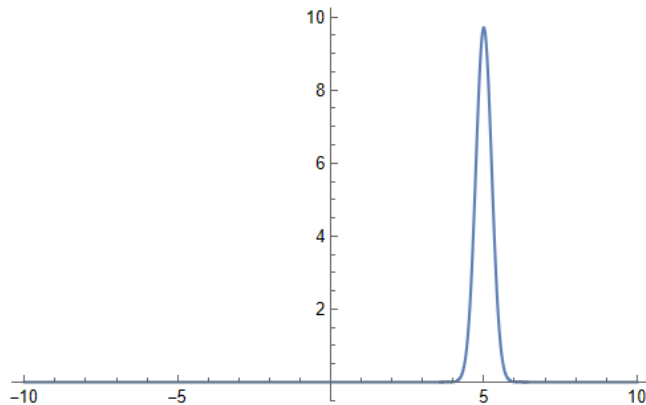
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In[27]:= x[o_] = Sqrt[Pi] * T * Exp[-(a - o)^2 * T^2 / 4]
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Out[27]=  $e^{-\frac{15}{2}(5-o)^2} \sqrt{30} \pi$ 
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In[34]:= Plot[x[o], {o, -10, 10}, PlotRange -> All]
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Out[34]=
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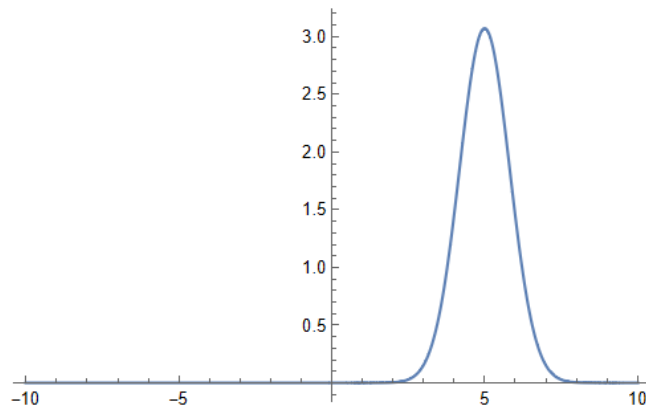
when  $T = \sqrt{3}, \alpha = 5, t_0 = 15$ ,

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In[36]:= x[o_] = Sqrt[Pi] * T * Exp[-(a - o)^2 * T^2 / 4]
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Out[36]=  $e^{-\frac{3}{4}(5-o)^2} \sqrt{3} \pi$ 
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In[37]:= Plot[x[o], {o, -10, 10}, PlotRange -> All]
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Out[37]=
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(c)

Show that  $|\tilde{x}(\omega)|$  peaks at the nominal frequency  $\omega = \alpha$ . Discuss how your result illustrates that large  $T$  (i.e., being well spread out in time) corresponds to a Fourier transform that is highly compact in frequency.

From the graph, we could indeed see that it peaks at  $\alpha = 5$ . The reason is simply because  $(a - \omega)^2$  has its minimum value at  $\alpha = \omega$ , and thus  $\exp\left(-\frac{(\alpha - \omega)^2 T^2}{4}\right)$  has maximum value and thus  $|\tilde{x}(\omega)|$ .

The graph illustrates that larger  $T$  results in a more compact peak. This is expected since with higher  $T$ ,  $-\frac{(\alpha - \omega)^2 T^2}{4}$  decreases more rapidly when away from the  $\omega = \alpha$ , and thus the  $|\tilde{x}(\omega)|$ . A more intuitive explanation comes from signal processing. If you have a sound at certain frequency for a longer period of time, you are more certain about the frequency of that sound (which, when illustrated on the plot of  $|\tilde{x}(\omega)|$ , is a more compact peak).