

Ch.4 *The Continuous-Time Fourier Transform (CTFT)*

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Part IV *Systems Characterized by Differential Equations* \rightarrow *LT*

Differential Equations

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

- Use differential equations to represent the input and output of continuous-time LTI systems:

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k}$$

Also consider the LTI system is characterized by

$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega) \Rightarrow H(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)}$$

1. Frequency response
2. $h(t) \rightarrow FT$
3. System function
4. Transfer function

- Apply Fourier transform to both sides of the equation:

$$\mathcal{F} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} \right\} = \mathcal{F} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k} \right\}$$

- Use the linearity property:

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} \right\} = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k} \right\}$$

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{F} X(j\omega)$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{dx(t)}{dt}}_{\tilde{x}_1(t)} \xleftrightarrow{F} \underbrace{j\omega X(j\omega)}_{\tilde{X}_1(j\omega)}$$

$$\underline{\frac{d\tilde{x}_1(t)}{dt}} = \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} \xleftrightarrow{F} j\omega \tilde{X}_1(j\omega) = \underline{(j\omega)^2 X(j\omega)}$$

$$\frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k} \xleftrightarrow{F} (j\omega)^k X(j\omega)$$

Differential Equations

- Use the differentiation property

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \underline{a_k (j\omega)^k} \underline{Y(j\omega)} = \sum_{k=0}^N \underline{b_k (j\omega)^k} \underline{X(j\omega)}$$

- Or equivalently:

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k (j\omega)^k}{\sum_{k=0}^N b_k (j\omega)^k}$$

- Therefore

$$\underline{H(j\omega)} = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^N b_k (j\omega)^k}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k (j\omega)^k}$$

Differential Equations

- Example 1. Consider a stable LTI system characterized by the differential equation

$$\mathcal{F} \left(\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ay(t) \right) = \mathcal{F}(x(t)), a > 0$$

please find the impulse response of this system.

$$j\omega Y(j\omega) + a Y(j\omega) = X(j\omega)$$

$$\underline{H(j\omega)} = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} = \frac{1}{a + j\omega} \Rightarrow h(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(H(j\omega)) = \underline{e^{-at} u(t)}$$

Differential Equations

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please find the impulse response of this system.

- Solution:

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ay(t)\right\} = \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\}$$

$$j\omega Y(j\omega) + aY(j\omega) = X(j\omega)$$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega + a} \Rightarrow h(t) = e^{-at}u(t)$$

Differential Equations

- Example 2. Consider a stable LTI system characterized by the differential equation

$$\mathcal{F}\left(\frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 3y(t)\right) = \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{dx(t)}{dt} + 2x(t)\right)$$

please find the impulse response of this system.


$$(j\omega)^2 Y(j\omega) + 4j\omega Y(j\omega) + 3Y(j\omega) = j\omega X(j\omega) + 2X(j\omega)$$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} = \frac{2+j\omega}{(j\omega)^2 + 4j\omega + 3} = \frac{2+j\omega}{(j\omega+1)(j\omega+3)} \quad \star$$

$$a = b = \frac{1}{2} \quad \leftarrow \quad = \frac{a}{j\omega+1} + \frac{b}{j\omega+3}$$

Differential Equations


- Example 2. Consider a stable LTI system characterized by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 3y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + 2x(t)$$


please find the impulse response of this system.

- Solution:

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{(j\omega) + 2}{(j\omega)^2 + 4(j\omega) + 3} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{j\omega + 1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{j\omega + 3}$$

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}u(t) + \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t}u(t)$$


Summary

- Systems Characterized by Differential Equations
- Reference in textbook:
 - 4.7