

Problem 2.24

(a) The convolution of $g_1(t)$ and $g_2(t)$ is defined by

$$g_1(t) \star g_2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\tau) g_2(t - \tau) d\tau \quad (1)$$

Differentiating both sides of Eq. (1) with respect to time t :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}[g_1(t) \star g_2(t)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\tau) \frac{d}{dt} g_2(t - \tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\tau) \frac{d}{d(t - \tau)} g_2(t - \tau) d\tau \\ &= g_1(t) \star \left[\frac{d}{dt} g_2(t) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since convolution is commutative, we may also write

$$\frac{d}{dt}[g_1(t) \star g_2(t)] = \left[\frac{d}{dt} g_1(t) \right] \star g_2(t)$$

In other words, the derivative of a convolution product of two signals is equivalent to the convolution of one of the signals and the derivative of the other.

(b) Changing variables in Eq. (1), we may write

$$g_1(t) \star g_2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\lambda) g_2(t - \lambda) d\lambda \quad (2)$$

Integrating both sides of Eq. (2) with respect to t :

$$\int_{-\infty}^t [g_1(\tau) \star g_2(\tau)] d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\lambda) g_2(\tau - \lambda) \lambda d\tau$$

Interchanging the order of integration and rearranging terms:

$$\int_{-\infty}^t [g_1(\tau) \star g_2(\tau)] d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\lambda) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_2(\tau - \lambda) \tau d\lambda d\tau \quad (3)$$

Recognizing that

$$\int_{-\infty}^t g_2(\tau - \lambda) d\lambda = \int_{-\infty}^{t - \lambda} g_2(\tau) d\tau$$

we may rewrite Eq. (3) as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^t [g_1(\tau) \star g_2(\tau)] d\tau &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\lambda) \int_{-\infty}^{t - \lambda} g_2(\tau) d\tau d\lambda \\ &= g_1(t) \star \left[\int_{-\infty}^t g_2(\tau) d\tau \right] \end{aligned}$$

In other words, the integral of a convolution product of two signals is equivalent to the convolution of one of the signals and the integral of the other.