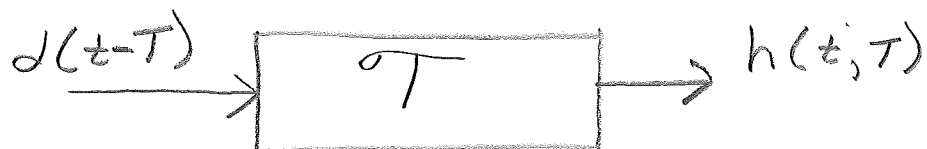


Impulse Response

- System output (response) if input = $\delta(t-T)$



- For general system:

$$h(t, T) = \sigma_T[\delta(t-T)]$$

Time index \nearrow Time at which impulse occurred

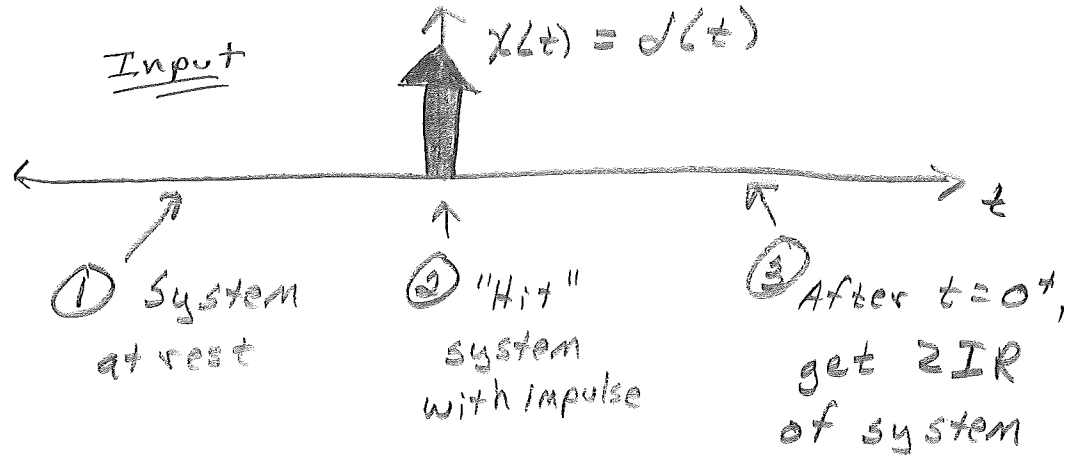
- If system is time-invariant

$$h(t-T) = \sigma_T[\delta(t-T)]$$

\nearrow Function of one variable \rightarrow time difference between current time and when impulse occurred

Note: $h(t)$ implies zero-state before $\delta(t)$

Impulse Response Concept



- Impulse dumps energy into system, system responds with characteristic modes after $t=0^+$.

- For causal systems:

$$\begin{cases} h(t) = 0, & \text{for } t < 0 \\ h(t) \text{ can contain impulse,} & \text{for } t = 0 \\ h(t) \text{ has characteristic} & \\ \text{mode terms,} & \text{for } t > 0^+ \end{cases}$$

- Can solve for $h(t)$ in time domain

\Rightarrow Will find easier method later

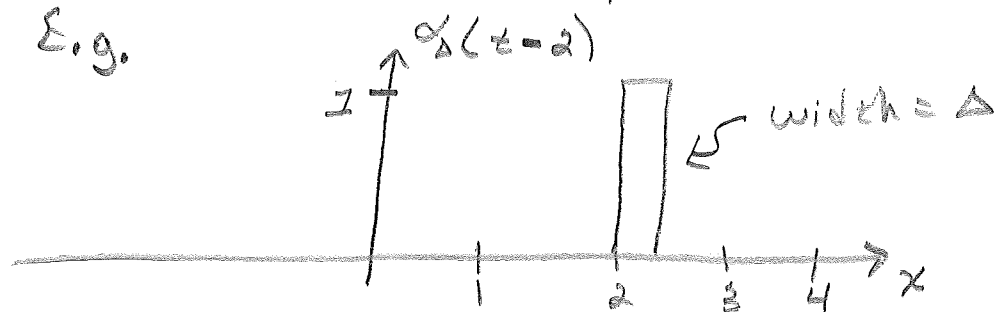
Convolution

Sifting Property of Impulse (1)

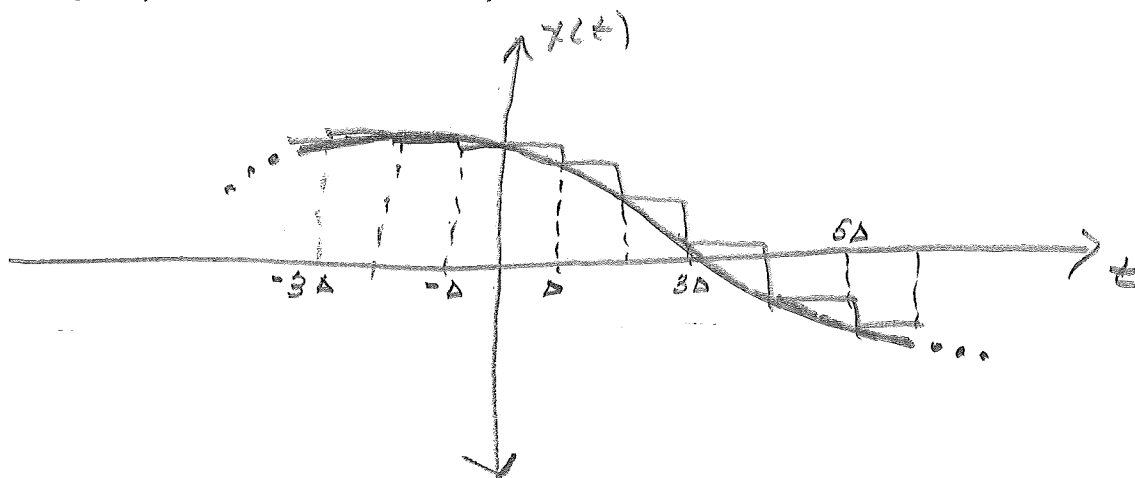
- ① Define rectangular pulse of unit height, width Δ , starting at location $t=T$:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\Delta}(t-T) = \begin{cases} 1 & T \leq t < T+\Delta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

E.g.



- ② Use many ^{scaled} $\mathcal{S}_{\Delta}(\cdot)$ to staircase approximate a function $x(t)$:



$$\hat{x}(t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x(m\Delta) \mathcal{S}_{\Delta}(t-m\Delta)$$

At any given t , only one term in sum is non-zero

Continued

Convolution

Sifting Property of Impulse (2)

◦ From above: $\hat{x}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n\Delta) \delta_{\Delta}(t - n\Delta)$

◦ As $\Delta \rightarrow 0$, $\hat{x}(t) \rightarrow x(t)$:

$$x(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n\Delta) \delta_{\Delta}(t - n\Delta)$$

Area of rectangle

$$\downarrow$$

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

◦ Will use this property to develop convolution integral.

Derivation of LTI Convolution

General Continuous-Time System:

$$y(t) = \mathcal{T}[x(t)]$$

Re-write $x(t)$ using sifting property:

$$y(t) = \mathcal{T} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t-\tau) d\tau \right]$$

Assume

Linearity: $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \cdot \mathcal{T}[\delta(t-\tau)] d\tau$

Linear, so sum comes out of $\mathcal{T}[\cdot]$

Scales $\delta(\cdot)$, so scaling comes out of $\mathcal{T}[\cdot]$ if linear

By definition = impulse response

For linear system:

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

Assume Time Invariance:

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

Convolution integral of LTI system

\therefore LTI system fully characterized by impulse response $h(t-\tau)$

Convolution

Interpretation of Convolution Integral

◦ IF

◦ System is LTI

AND

◦ Impulse response known/measured

THEN

◦ Convolution integral gives

output $\{y(t)\}$ due to ANY input $\{x(t)\}$

◦ No need to re-calculate homogeneous response or forced response

◦ But, not account for initial conditions $\Rightarrow h(t)$ is found from zero-state system

Logical Consequence of Convolution

◦ If an LTI system has impulse response $h(t)$

AND

an input $x(t) = \delta(t)$ is applied.

THEN

the output must be the impulse response: $y(t) = h(t)$.

◦ Test with convolution integral:

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

Recall: $\int_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \cdot \delta(t-T) dt = x(T)$

Above, impulse occurs at $\tau = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau = \boxed{h(t) = y(t)}$$

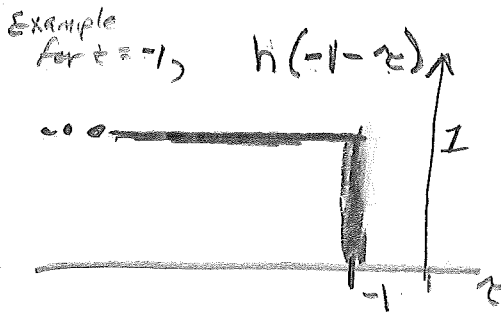
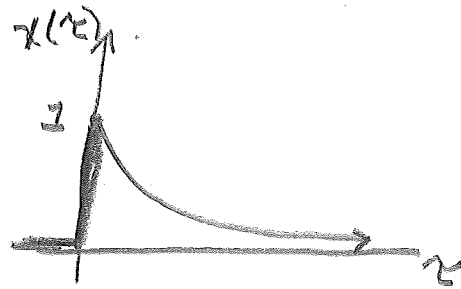
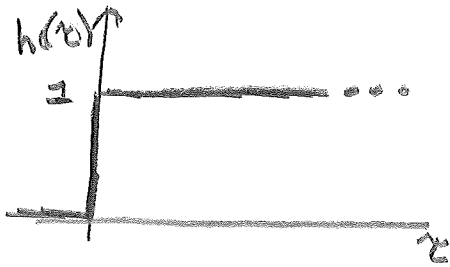
Q.E.D.

Convolution

Convolution Example

◦ LTI system with: $h(t) = u(t)$

◦ Find $y(t)$ if $x(t) = e^{-\beta t} u(t)$



① Value of t "shifts" $h(t-\tau)$

② For $t < 0$, no overlap w/ $x(\tau)$
 $\rightarrow y(t) = 0$

③ For $t \geq 0$

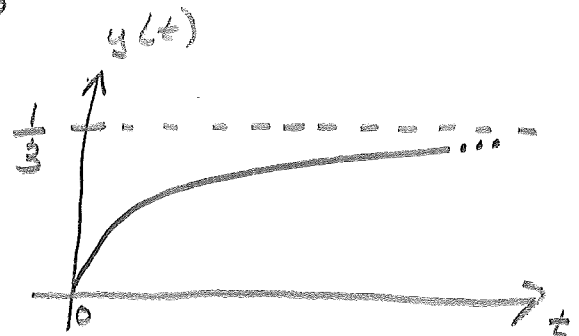
$$x(\tau)h(t-\tau) = \begin{cases} 1 \cdot e^{-\beta \tau}, & 0 \leq \tau \leq t \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For $t \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t-\tau) d\tau = \int_0^t e^{-\beta \tau} d\tau \\ &= \left. \frac{-e^{-\beta \tau}}{\beta} \right|_{\tau=0}^t = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta t}}{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

◦ Overall:

$$y(t) = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta t}}{\beta} u(t)$$

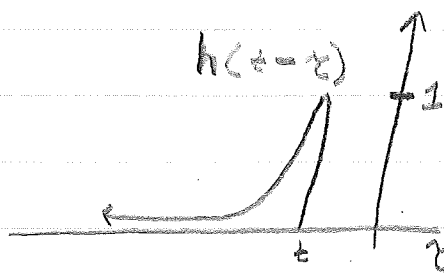
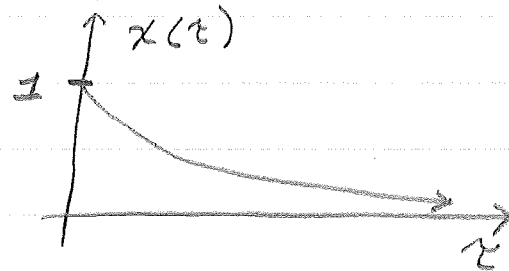
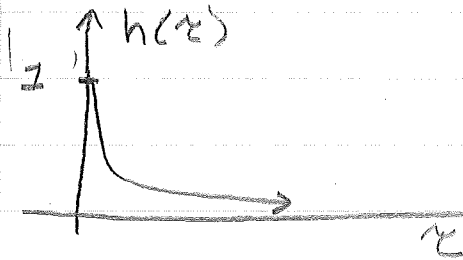


Convolution

Example: Convolution One-Sided Exponentials

• LTI system with: $h(t) = e^{-2t} u(t)$.

• Find $y(t)$ if $x(t) = e^{-t} u(t)$



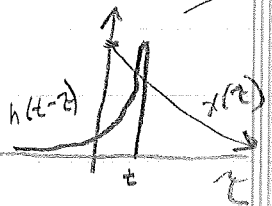
① Value of t "shifts" $h(t-t)$

② For $t < 0$, no overlap
 $\Rightarrow y(t) = 0$

③ For $t \geq 0$

$$x(\tau) \cdot h(t-\tau) = \begin{cases} e^{-\tau} e^{-2(t-\tau)}, & 0 \leq \tau \leq t \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For $t \geq 0$:



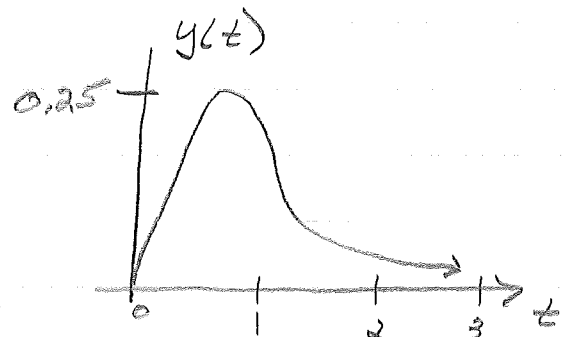
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$= \int_{\tau=0}^t e^{-\tau} e^{-2(t-\tau)} d\tau = e^{-2t} \int_{\tau=0}^t e^{\tau} d\tau = e^{-2t} e^{\tau} \Big|_{\tau=0}^t$$

$$= e^{-2t} (e^t - 1)$$

Overall:

$$y(t) = (e^{-t} - e^{-2t}) u(t)$$

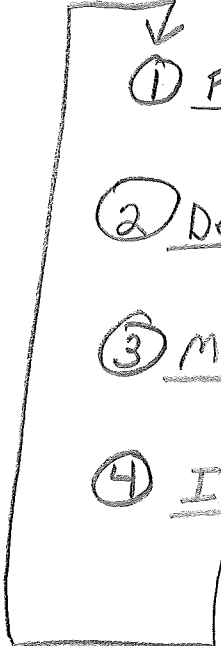


Convolution

Graphical Convolution: Method

- Useful to visualize convolution
- & set axis limits for integration

Method

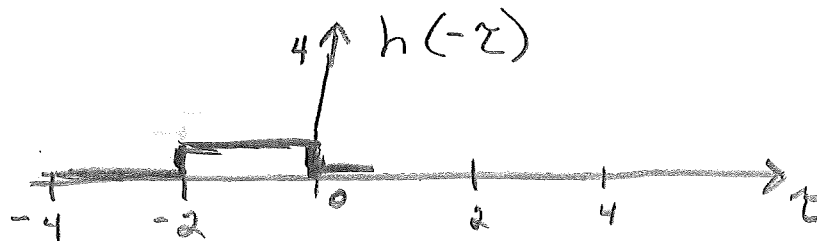
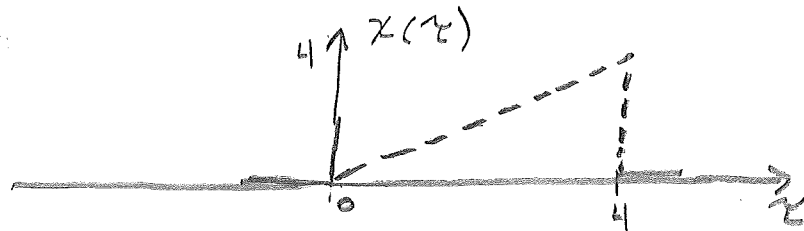
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- ① Fold/reflect $h(\tau)$ about $\tau=0 \rightarrow h(-\tau)$
 - ② Delay/advance $h(-\tau)$ by $t \rightarrow h(t-\tau)$
 - ③ Multiply $x(\tau)$ by $h(t-\tau)$ where overlap
 - ④ Integrate the product $\rightarrow y(t)$

Shift to new t (or range of t), then repeat

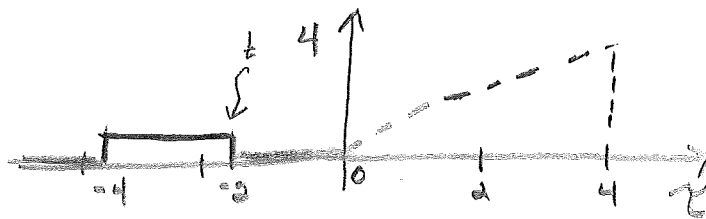
Graphical Convolution: Example 1 (1)

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \leq t \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Region 1: $t \leq 0$



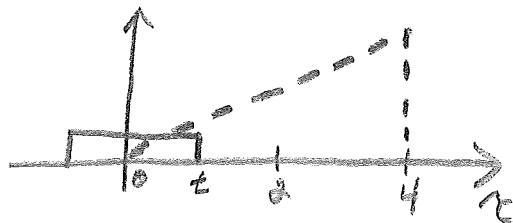
Note:

$t \rightarrow +$, slide right

$t \rightarrow -$, slide left

No overlap $\Rightarrow y(t) = 0$

Region 2: $0 < t < 2$



$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_0^t \tau \cdot 1 d\tau \\ &= \left. \frac{\tau^2}{2} \right|_0^t = \frac{t^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

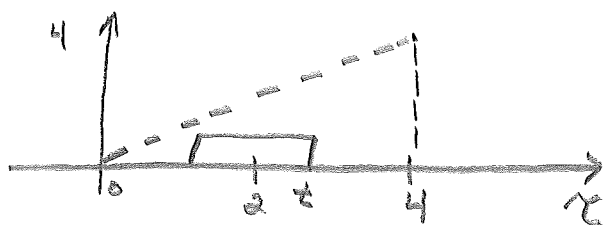
- Partial overlap
from left

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Convolution

Graphical Convolution: Example 2 (2)

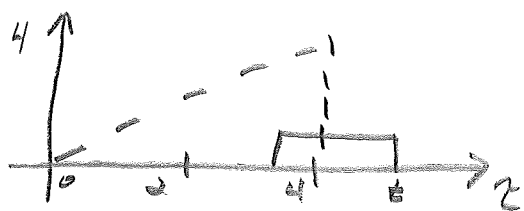
• Region 3: $2 < t < 4$



• Full overlap

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= \int_{t-2}^t \tau \cdot 1 \, d\tau \\
 &= \left. \frac{\tau^2}{2} \right|_{t-2}^t = \frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{(t-2)^2}{2} \\
 &= 2t - 2
 \end{aligned}$$

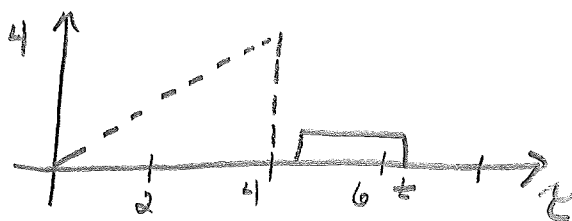
• Region 4: $4 < t < 6$



• Partial overlap from right

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= \int_{t-2}^4 \tau \cdot 1 \, d\tau \\
 &= \left. \frac{\tau^2}{2} \right|_{t-2}^4 = \frac{16}{2} - \frac{(t-2)^2}{2} \\
 &= -\frac{t^2}{2} + 2t + 6
 \end{aligned}$$

• Region 5: $t > 6$



No overlap

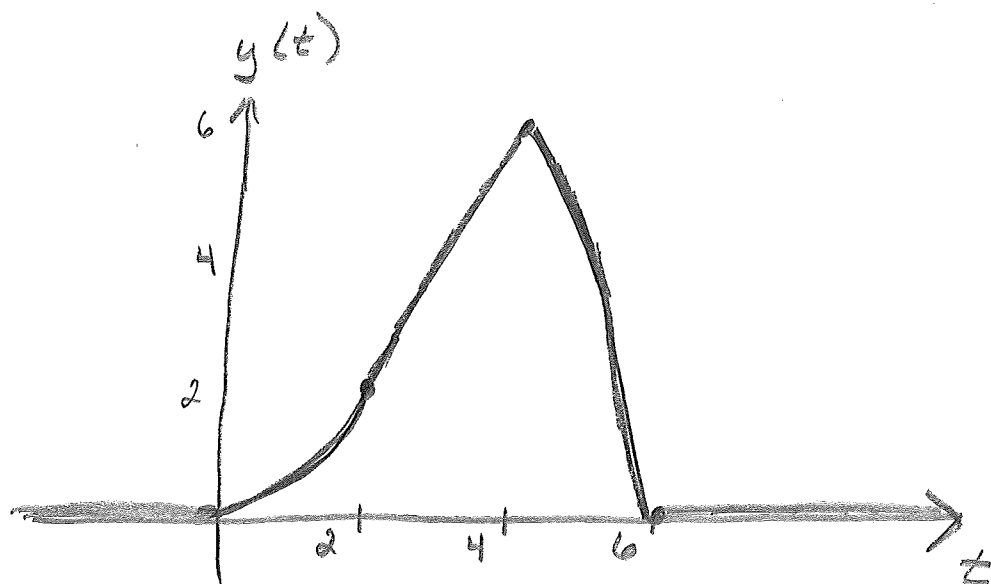
$$y(t) = 0$$

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Graphical Convolution: Example 1 (3)

- Gather complete solution:

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ \frac{t^2}{2}, & 0 < t < 2 \\ 2t - 2, & 2 < t < 4 \\ -\frac{t^2}{2} + 2t + 6, & 4 < t < 6 \\ 0, & t > 6 \end{cases}$$



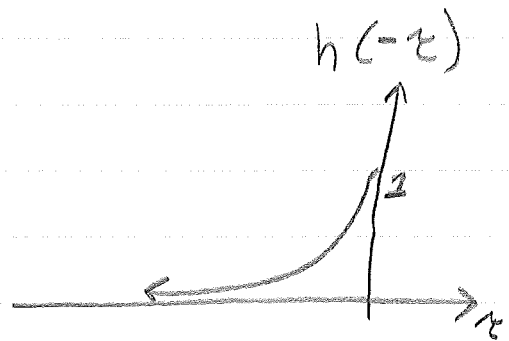
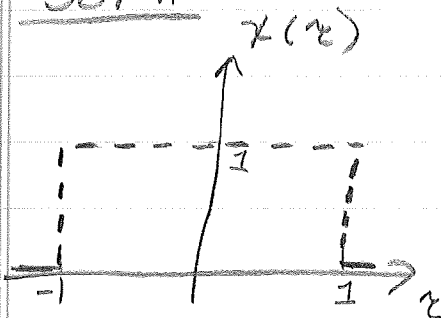
Convolution

Graphical Convolution : Example 2 (1)

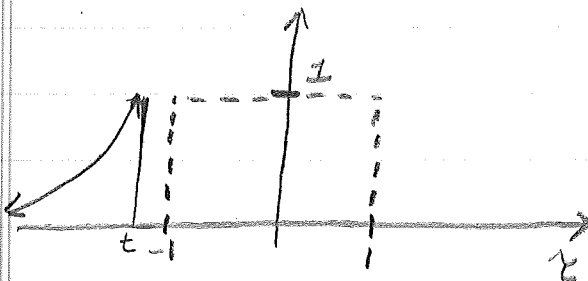
Find $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$ if

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 < t < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

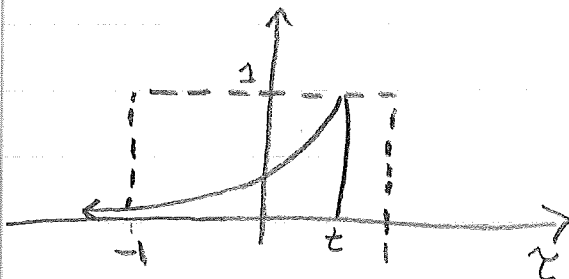
$$h(t) = e^{-4t} u(t)$$

Sol'n

Shift: $h(t-\tau)$

Region 1: $t < -1$ No overlap

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = 0$$

Region 2: $-1 \leq t < 1$ 

- Partial overlap
from left

Convolution

$$y(t) = \int_{-1}^t 1 \cdot e^{-4(t-\tau)} d\tau$$

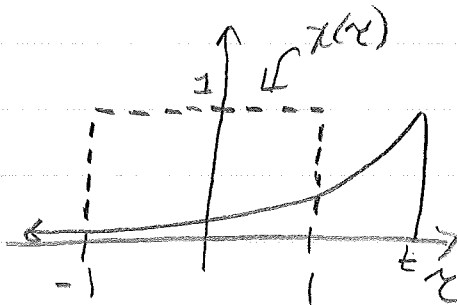
$$= e^{-4t} \cdot \left. \frac{e^{4\tau}}{4} \right|_{\tau=-1}^t$$

$$= \frac{e^{-4t}}{4} (e^{4t} - e^{-4}) = \frac{1 - e^{-4(t+1)}}{4}$$

Continued

Graphical Convolution: Example 2 (2)

Region 3: $t > 1$



$$y(t) = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot e^{-4(t-\tau)} d\tau$$

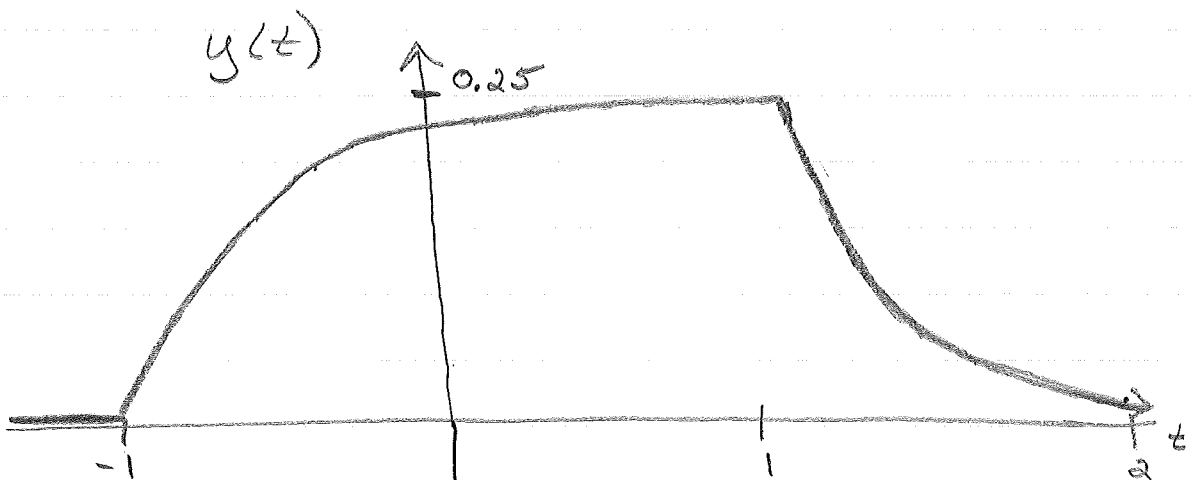
$$= e^{-4t} \left[\frac{e^{4\tau}}{4} \right]_{\tau=-1}^{\tau=1}$$

overlaps $x(t)$
completely

$$= \frac{e^{-4t}}{4} (e^4 - e^{-4})$$

OVERALL:

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < -1 \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{e^{-4(t+1)}}{4}, & -1 \leq t \leq 1 \\ e^{-4t} \left(\frac{e^4 - e^{-4}}{4} \right), & t > 1 \end{cases}$$



Convolution

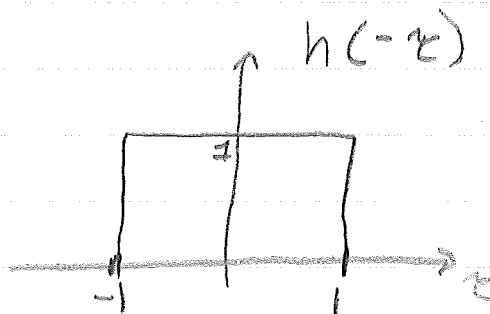
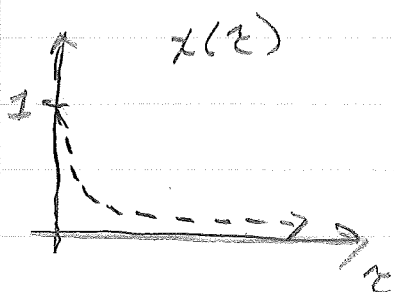
Graphical Convolution: Example 3 (1)

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

$$x(t) = e^{-4t} u(t)$$

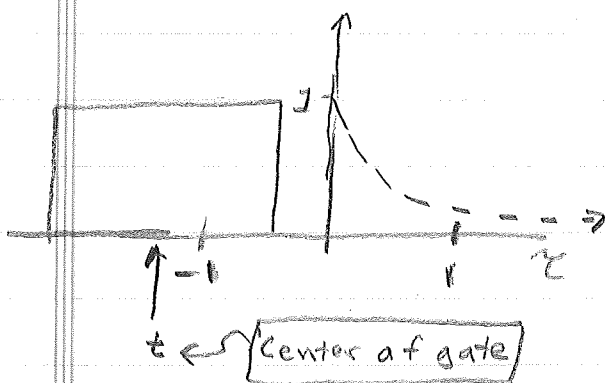
$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Sol'n



shift: $h(t-\tau)$

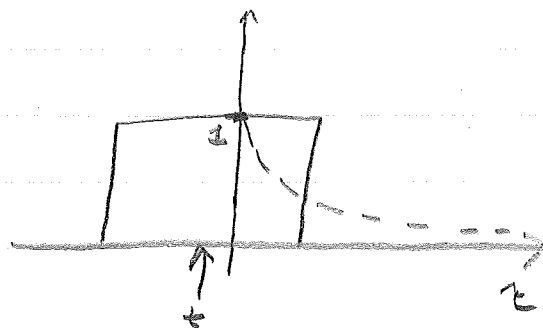
Region 1: $t < -1$



No overlap

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = 0$$

Region 2: $-1 \leq t \leq 1$



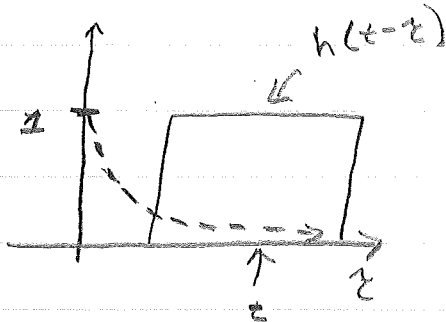
$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_{-1}^{t+1} e^{-4\tau} \cdot 1 \, d\tau \\ &= \left. \frac{e^{-4\tau}}{-4} \right|_{-1}^{t+1} = \frac{-e^{-4(t+1)} + 1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

-Partial overlap from left
Convolution

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Graphical Convolutions Example 3 (2)

Region 3: $t > 1$

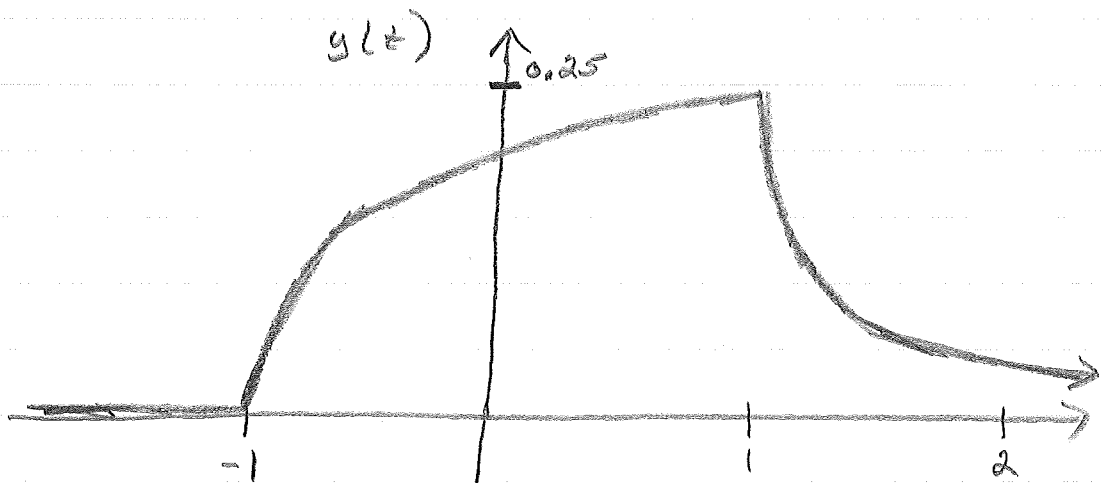


- Overlaps $h(t-z)$
completely

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= \int_{z=t-1}^{t+1} e^{-4z} dz \\
 &= \frac{e^{-4z}}{-4} \bigg|_{z=t-1}^{t+1} = \frac{e^{-4(t+1)} - e^{-4(t-1)}}{-4} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-4t}}{4} (e^4 - e^{-4})
 \end{aligned}$$

OVERALL:

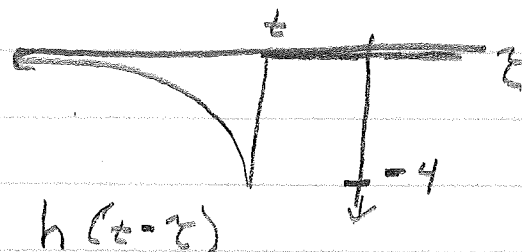
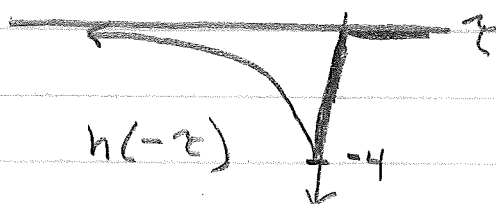
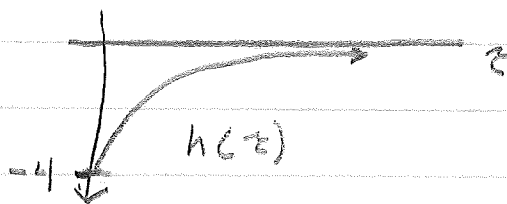
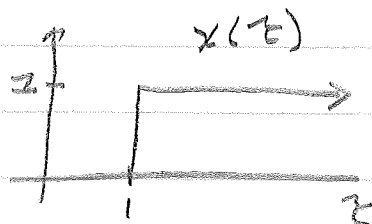
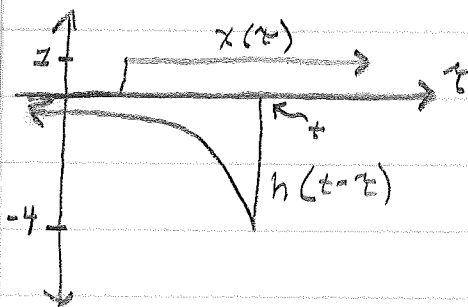
$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < -1 \\ \frac{1 - e^{-4(t+1)}}{4}, & -1 \leq t \leq 1 \\ e^{-4t} \left(\frac{e^4 - e^{-4}}{4} \right), & t > 1 \end{cases}$$



Convolution

Convolution Example 4Find $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$ if

$$x(t) = u(t-1), \quad h(t) = -4e^{-t}u(t)$$

Sol'nRegion 1: $t < 1$ \rightarrow No overlap $\Rightarrow y(t) = 0$ Region 2: $t \geq 1$ 

$$y(t) = \int_{\tau=1}^t 1 \cdot (-4e^{-(t-\tau)}) d\tau$$

$$= -4e^{-t} \int_{\tau=1}^t e^{\tau} d\tau = -4e^{-t} e^{\tau} \Big|_{\tau=1}^t$$

$$= -4e^{-t} (e^t - e^1) = -4(1 - e^{-t+1})$$

Overall:

$$y(t) = -4(1 - e^{-t+1})u(t-1)$$

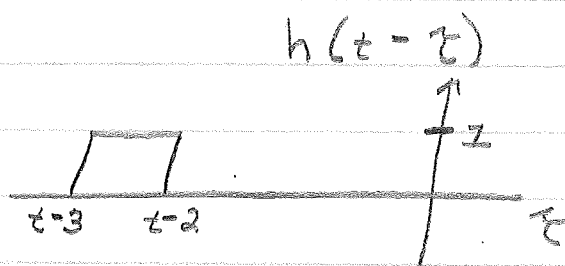
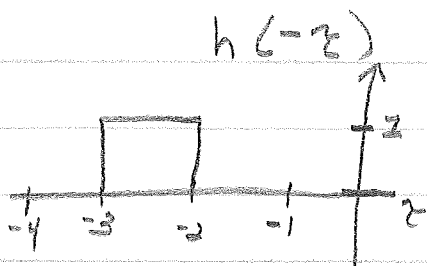
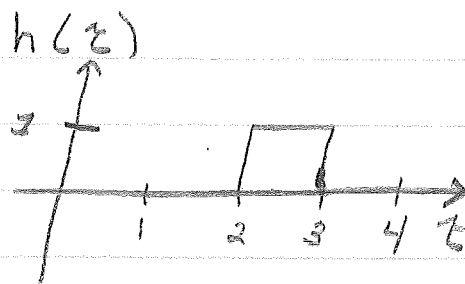
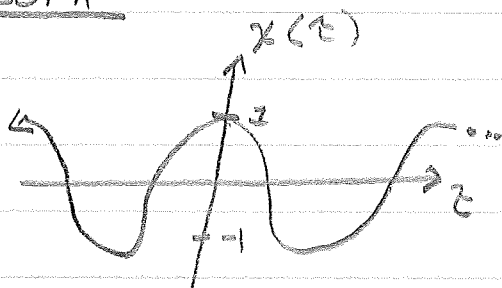
Convolution Example 5

Find $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$ if:

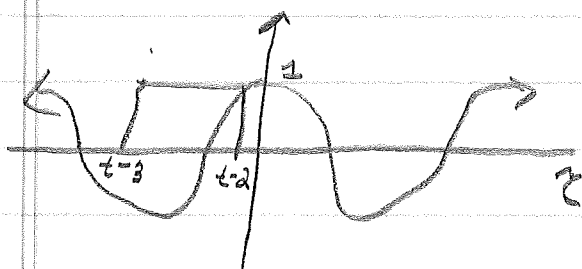
$$x(t) = \cos(6t)$$

$$h(t) = u(t-2) - u(t-3)$$

Sol'n



→ One region, extending from $-\infty \leq t \leq \infty$:



$$y(t) = \int_{\tau=t-3}^{t-2} \cos(6\tau) \cdot 1 \, d\tau$$

$$= \frac{\sin(6\tau)}{6} \Big|_{\tau=t-3}^{t-2}$$

$$= \frac{\sin(6(t-2)) - \sin(6(t-3))}{6} = \frac{\sin(6t-12) - \sin(6t-18)}{6}$$

$$y(t) \approx 0.0470 \sin(6t - 0.85)$$

Trig
Identities

Duration of Convolved Signals

◦ Given: $y(t) = x_1(t) * x_2(t)$

◦ If $x_1(t)$ or $x_2(t)$ are infinite duration

$\Rightarrow y(t)$ infinite duration

◦ If $x_1(t)$ of duration T_1 ,
 $x_2(t)$ of duration T_2

$\Rightarrow y(t)$ of duration $T_1 + T_2$

◦ Demonstrated from graphical convolution

NOTE: In Practice

◦ Use graphical convolution to
set up integrals

◦ Use tables, software tools to
perform integration

Convolution is Commutative

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

• Let $\ell = t - \tau \Rightarrow \tau = t - \ell, d\tau = -d\ell$

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

$$= \int_{-\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} -h(\ell) x(t-\ell) d\ell$$

← "t" fixed
while evaluating
integral

← Negating limits
⇒ multiply by -1

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

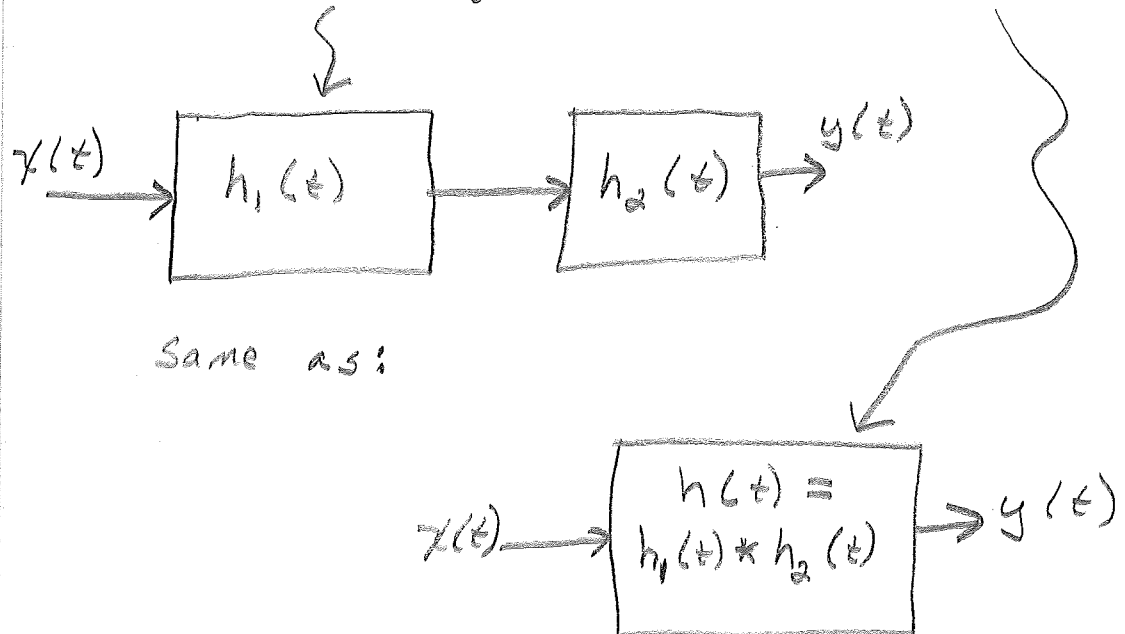
Therefore: $\boxed{x(t) * h(t) = h(t) * x(t)}$

• Commutative Property

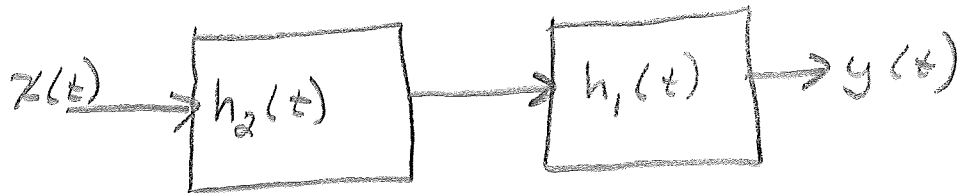
Convolution is Associative

• Can show:

$$[x(t) * h_1(t)] * h_2(t) = x(t) * [h_1(t) * h_2(t)]$$



• Also, by commutative, same as:

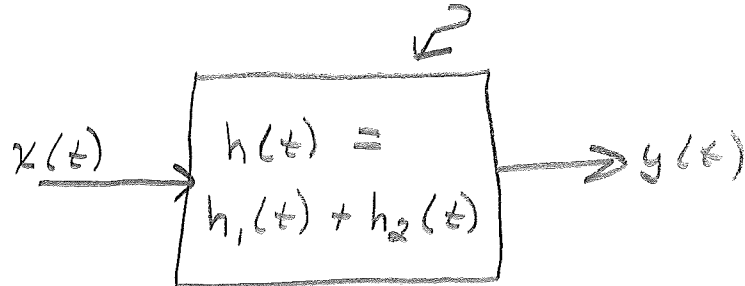


Remember: Need LTI systems
 \Rightarrow Convolution integral computes system action

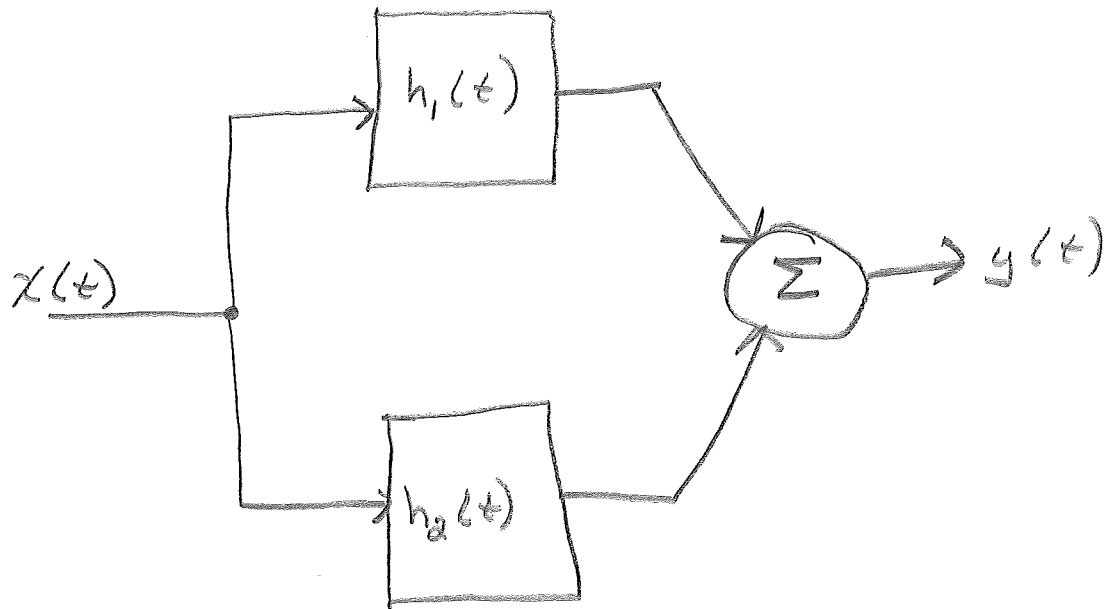
Convolution is Distributive

• Can show:

$$x(t) * [h_1(t) + h_2(t)] = x(t) * h_1(t) + x(t) * h_2(t)$$



Same as:



Convolution

Convolution Shift Property

If $y(t) = x_1(t) * x_2(t)$

THEN

$$x_1(t) * x_2(t-T) = x_1(t-T) * x_2(t) = y(t-T)$$

AND

$$x_1(t-T_1) * x_2(t-T_2) = y(t-T_1-T_2)$$

Convolution with an Impulse

$$x(t) * \delta(t) = x(t)$$

Deriving Shift Property

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

Show that

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

Sol'n

By definition,

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

Let $t \rightarrow t-T$ (substitute $t-T$ for t)

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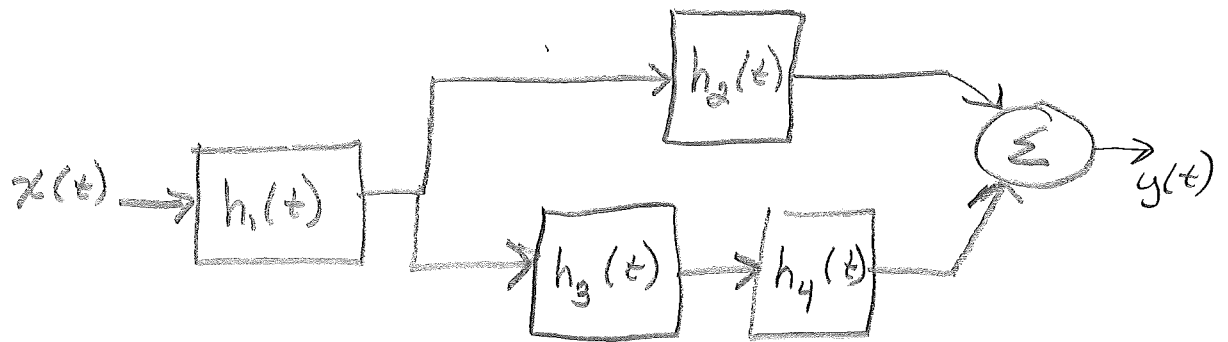
$$y(t-T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t-T-\tau) d\tau$$

which says:

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

Convolution Properties; Example 1

- Given the LTI systems below, find the overall impulse response as a function of $h_1(t)$, $h_2(t)$, $h_3(t)$, $h_4(t)$.



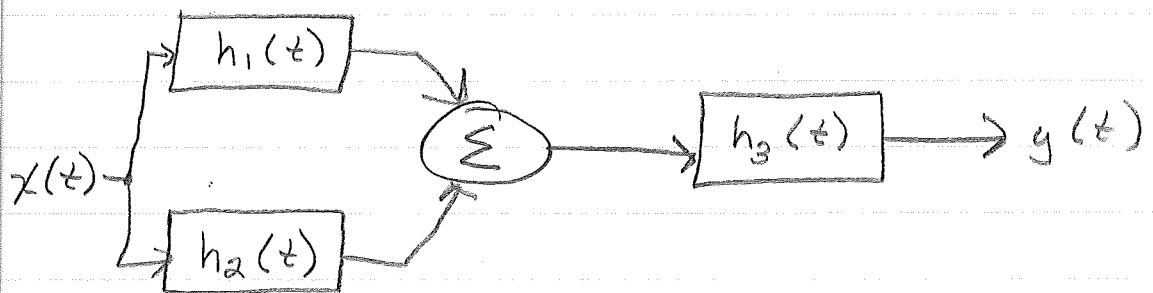
Soln.

$$h(t) = h_1(t) * [h_2(t) + h_3(t) * h_4(t)]$$

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

Convolution Properties: Example 2

- Given the LTI systems below, find the overall impulse response as a function of the $h_i(t)$.



Sol'n

$$h(t) = [h_1(t) + h_2(t)] * h_3(t)$$

Consequence

- Associative & distributive combination of LTI systems



Overall system is LTI

Convolution

Causal LTI Systems

• LTI system causal iff $h(t < 0) = 0$

• To see:

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

$$y(t) = \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^0 h(\tau) x(t-\tau) d\tau}_{\text{Negative } \tau\text{'s}} + \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} h(\tau) x(t-\tau) d\tau}_{\text{Positive } \tau\text{'s}}$$

Negative τ 's

\Rightarrow Input times $> t$

\Rightarrow Future inputs

So, need $h(\tau) = 0$
for $-\infty < \tau < 0$

Positive τ 's

\Rightarrow Input times $< t$

\Rightarrow Past inputs

OK ✓

• If causal,

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

Stable LTI Systems

- LTI systems BIBO stable

iff
$$\int_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt < \infty$$

- E.g., consider integrator (accumulator):

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

Find $h(t)$ by letting $x(t) \rightarrow \delta(t)$:

$$h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau = u(t)$$

Then,
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u(\tau)| d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot d\tau = \tau \Big|_0^{\infty} = \infty$$

Thus, integrator NOT BIBO stable

First-Order Low-Pass Stability

- Consider first-order low-pass system (e.g., RC filter) of form:

$$h(t) = e^{-at} u(t), \quad a > 0$$

- BIBO stability:

$$\int_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{-at} u(t)| dt$$

$$= \int_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-at} dt = \left. \frac{-e^{-at}}{a} \right|_{t=0}^{\infty} = \frac{-e^{-a \cdot \infty} - (-e^{-a \cdot 0})}{a} = \frac{0 + 1}{a} = \frac{1}{a}$$

For $a > 0$,

$$= \frac{0+1}{a} = \frac{1}{a}$$

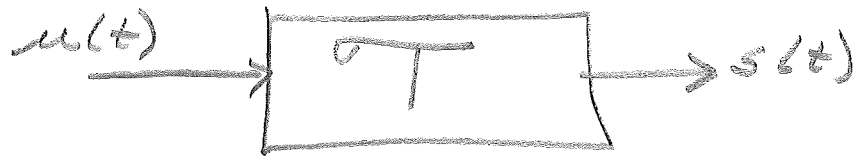
Since

$$\frac{1}{a} < \infty \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Always BIBO stable}}$$

Step Response

• System output (response) if input = $u(t-T)$

• For simplicity, let $T=0$



• By convolution (LTI system)

$$s(t) = h(t) * u(t)$$

$$\equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) \underbrace{u(t-\tau)}_{\substack{\text{0 for } t-\tau < 0 \\ \text{1 for } t-\tau \geq 0}} d\tau$$

$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t-\tau < 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } t-\tau \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

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

Unit step response = running integral of impulse response

Step Response Example

• If the impulse response of an LTI system is:

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

Find the step response of the system.

Sol'n

For $t < 0$: $h(t < 0) = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{\tau=-\infty}^{t < 0} h(\tau) d\tau = 0$

For $t \geq 0$

$$s(t) = \int_{\tau=-\infty}^t h(\tau) d\tau = \int_{\tau=0}^t (2e^{-\tau} + e^{-3\tau}) d\tau$$

$$= \left(-2e^{-\tau} - \frac{e^{-3\tau}}{3} \right) \bigg|_{\tau=0}^t = -2e^{-t} - \frac{e^{-3t}}{3} - \left(-2 - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{7}{3} - 2e^{-t} - \frac{e^{-3t}}{3}$$

Giving:

$$s(t) = \left(\frac{7}{3} - 2e^{-t} - \frac{e^{-3t}}{3} \right) u(t)$$

Convolution

LTI Response to Complex Exponentials

Let $x(t) = e^{st}$ for $s = \sigma + j\omega$

Recall: e^{st} sinusoidal, in general

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

$$= e^{st} \cdot \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau \right]$$

- Not function of t
- Just a complex number
- Depends on value of $s = \sigma + j\omega$
- Denote as $H(s)$.

So, $y(t) = H(s) \cdot e^{st}$

where $H(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau$

Note: Output is scaled input ↖ Eigen function
↗ Scaling
= Eigen value

Analogy: Sinusoids in linear circuits
→ Phasors simplify analysis

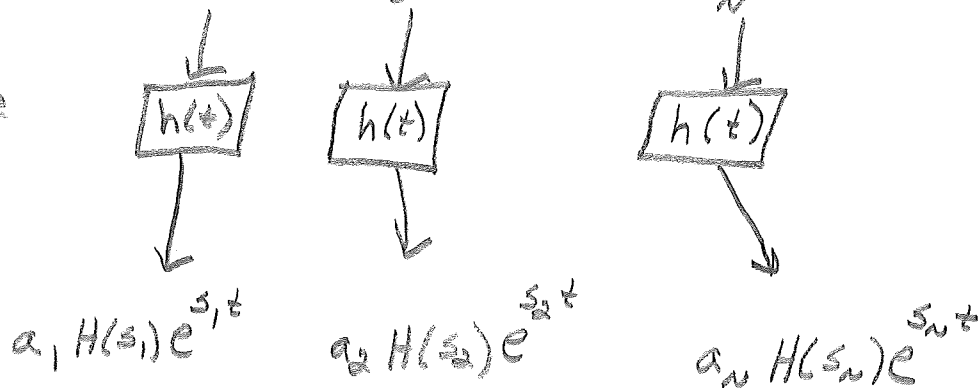
Convolution

LTI Systems with Complex Exponentials

- Decompose inputs into sum of complex exponentials

$$x(t) = a_1 e^{s_1 t} + a_2 e^{s_2 t} + \dots + a_N e^{s_N t}$$

- Determine each response



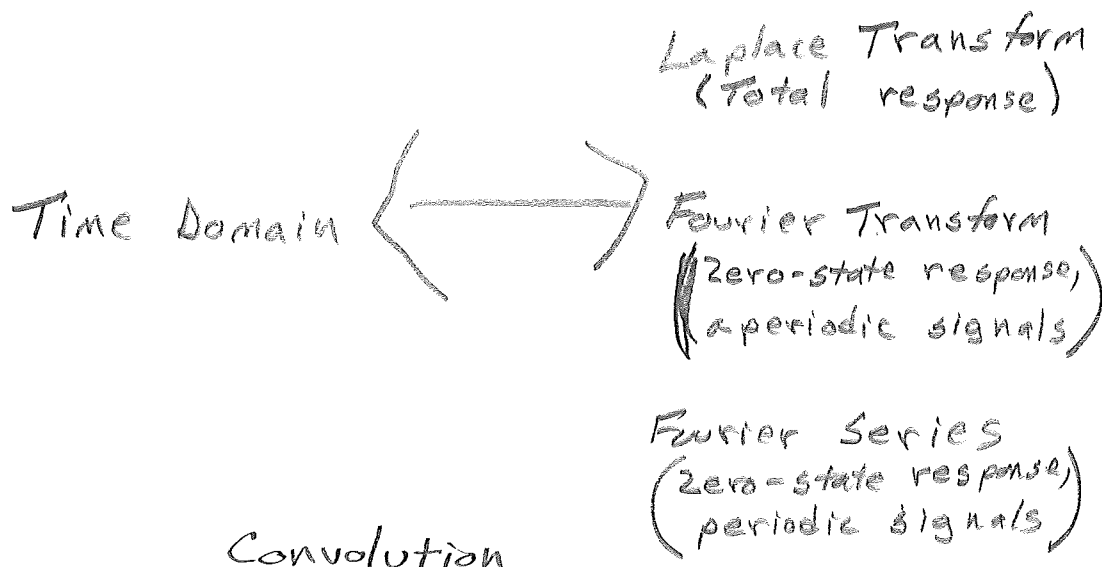
- Linear \rightarrow

$$y(t) = a_1 H(s_1) e^{s_1 t} + a_2 H(s_2) e^{s_2 t} + \dots + a_N H(s_N) e^{s_N t}$$

- For electric circuits w/ one sine frequency

Time Domain \longleftrightarrow Phasor Domain
(Sinusoidal steady-state response)

- For many frequencies



Linear Differential System is LTI

• System defined by:

$$a_R \frac{d^R y(t)}{dt^R} + a_{R-1} \frac{d^{R-1} y(t)}{dt^{R-1}} + \dots + a_1 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + a_0 y(t) \\ = b_P \frac{d^P x(t)}{dt^P} + b_{P-1} \frac{d^{P-1} x(t)}{dt^{P-1}} + \dots + b_1 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + b_0 x(t)$$

This system is LTI

• E.g.: • RLC circuit

• Linear amplifiers