Homework Signal 2

Week 2

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1 Representing Signals

Problem 1. Evaluate the convolution of the following signals

a)
$$\operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t-a}{a}\right) * \delta(t-b)$$

Solution. From the sifting property of the delta function, we have:

$$f(t) * \delta(t - b) = f(t - b)$$

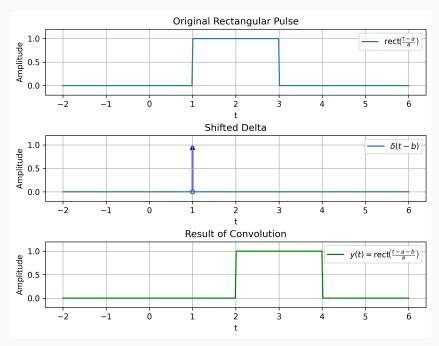
Applying this property to our problem, we get:

$$\operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t-a}{a}\right)*\delta(t-b) = \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{(t-b)-a}{a}\right) = \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t-(a+b)}{a}\right)$$

Thus, the result of the convolution is:

$$rect\left(\frac{t-(a+b)}{a}\right)$$

Using Python to verify this result, we can implement the convolution and plot the results. The plot of the signal is shown below:



b) rect $\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) * rect \left(\frac{t}{a}\right)$

Solution. To evaluate the convolution of two rectangular functions, we start with the definition of the rectangular function:

$$\operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |t| \le \frac{a}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The convolution of two functions f(t) and g(t) is defined as:

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

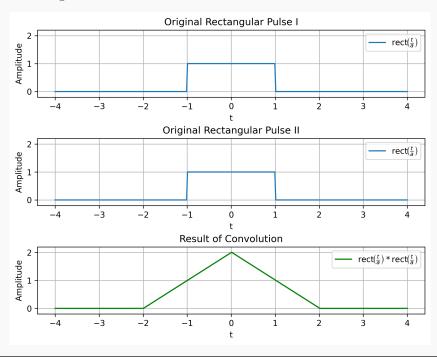
Applying this to our rectangular functions, we have:

$$\begin{split} (\operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) * \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right))(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{\tau}{a}\right) \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t-\tau}{a}\right) \, d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t-\tau}{a}\right) \, d\tau \\ &= \int_{\max(-\frac{a}{2},t-\frac{a}{2})}^{\min(\frac{a}{2},t+\frac{a}{2})} 1 \, d\tau \\ (\operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) * \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right))(t) &= \min\left(\frac{a}{2},t+\frac{a}{2}\right) - \max\left(-\frac{a}{2},t-\frac{a}{2}\right) \end{split}$$

Evaluating the limits, we find that the result is a triangular function:

$$\operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) * \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & |t| > a \\ t+a & -a \le t < 0 \\ a-t & 0 \le t \le a \end{cases}$$

Using Python to verify this result, we can implement the convolution and plot the results. The plot of the signal is shown below:



c) t[u(t) - u(t-1)] * u(t)

Solution. First, we define the functions involved in the convolution:

$$x(t) = t[u(t) - u(t-1)] = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t & 0 \le t < 1 \\ 0 & t \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

The convolution y(t) = x(t) * u(t) is given by:

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

Evaluating the convolution integral, we find:

$$y(t) = \int_0^1 \tau \cdot u(t - \tau) d\tau$$
$$y(t) = \int_0^{\min(t, 1)} \tau d\tau$$

Thus,

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0\\ \frac{t^2}{2} & 0 \le t < 1\\ \frac{1}{2} & t \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

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