

EE 313 Linear Signals & Systems

Solution Set for HW#7 on Continuous Time Signals & Systems

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Here are several useful properties of the Dirac delta functional.

- a) Dirac delta: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1$
- b) Sifting property: $\int_a^b f(x) \delta(x - x_0) dx = \begin{cases} f(x_0), & x_0 \in [a, b] \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- c) Even symmetry: $\delta(x) = \delta(-x)$
- d) Relationship to the unit step function: $\frac{d}{dx} u(x) = \delta(x)$.

Here are several comments about bounded-input bounded-output (BIBO) stability:

- e) BIBO Stability: If input $x(t)$ is bounded in amplitude, i.e. $|x(t)| \leq B$ for a finite value B , then output $y(t)$ is always bounded in amplitude, i.e. $|y(t)| \leq B_1$ for a finite value B_1 . This definition does not require the system to be LTI.
- f) BIBO stability for LTI systems: For a continuous-time LTI system with an impulse response $h(t)$, BIBO stability reduces to $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt < \infty$. A derivation is given in problem 3 below.
- g) BIBO stability for FIR filters: From f), it immediately follows that FIR filters are always BIBO stable (if $|h(t)| < \infty$ for all t). This is also reflected in the fact that all the poles of an FIR filter are at $z=0$ (inside the unit circle), which implies stability.
- h) Convolution: Let $c(t) = x(t)*y(t) \Rightarrow c(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)y(t - \tau)d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t - \tau)y(\tau)d\tau$

1. Solution:

a) $y(t) = e^{x(t+2)}$

- i) This system fails the all-zero input test. That is, when $x(t) = 0$ for all t , $y(t) = 1$ instead of 0. Linearity does not hold.

Alternate answer: Let $x_1(t) = a x(t) \Rightarrow y_1(t) = e^{x_1(t+2)} = e^{a x(t+2)} = (y(t))^a$
 So, $y_1(t) \neq a y(t)$. So, homogeneity doesn't hold & the system is not linear.

- ii) $x_{shifted}(t) = x(t - t_0) \Rightarrow y_{shifted}(t) = e^{x_{shifted}(t+2)} = e^{x(t-t_0+2)} = y(t - t_0)$
 So, $y_{shifted}(t) = y(t - t_0)$. So, the system is time-invariant. Note that the system is pointwise, and all pointwise systems are time-invariant.

- iii) When $|x(t)| \leq B \quad \forall t$, it means that $-B \leq x(t) \leq B \quad \forall t$ which in turn means $e^{-B} \leq x(t) \leq e^B \quad \forall t$. So, a bounded input generates a bounded output and hence the system is stable.

- iv) $y(t)$ is a function of a future value of $x(t)$ viz. $x(t+2)$. So, this system is not causal.

b) $y(t) = \cos(w_c t + x(t))$

- i) This system fails the all-zero input test. That is, when $x(t) = 0$ for all t , then $y(t) = \cos(w_c t)$ which is not zero for all t .

Alternate solution: Let $x_1(t) = a x(t) \Rightarrow y_1(t) = \cos(w_c t + x_1(t)) = \cos(w_c t + a x(t))$. So, $y_1(t) \neq a y(t)$. So, homogeneity doesn't hold & system is not linear.

- ii) $x_{shifted}(t) = x(t - t_0) \Rightarrow y_{shifted}(t) = \cos(w_c t + x_{shifted}(t)) = \cos(w_c t + x(t - t_0))$ and $y(t - t_0) = \cos(w_c(t - t_0) + x(t - t_0)) \neq y_s(t)$. The system is time-varying.

- iii) Regardless of the value of $x(t)$, $-1 \leq y(t) \leq 1 \forall t$ since $y(t)$ is a cosine. So, a bounded input would generate a bounded output and hence the system is BIBO stable.
- iv) $y(t)$ is a function of only the current value of $x(t)$. So, this system is causal.

c) $y(t) = [A + x(t)]\cos(w_c t)$

- i) This system fails the all-zero input test. That is, when $x(t) = 0$ for all t , we have $y(t) = A \cos(w_c t)$ instead of 0. Linearity does not hold.

Alternate answer: Let $x_1(t) \rightarrow y_1(t)$ and $x_2(t) \rightarrow y_2(t)$

$$ax_1(t) + bx_2(t) \rightarrow y(t) \Rightarrow y(t) = [A + ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)]\cos(w_c(t))$$

$$y(t) = [aA + ax_1(t)]\cos(w_c t) + [bA + bx_2(t)]\cos(w_c t) + A(1 - a - b)$$

$$\therefore y(t) = ay_1(t) + by_2(t) + A(1 - a - b) \neq ay_1(t) + by_2(t) \quad \forall A \neq 0.$$

So, the system is not linear.

- ii) Let $x_{shifted}(t) = x(t - t_0)$

$$\therefore y_{shifted}(t) = [A + x_{shifted}(t)]\cos(w_c t) = [A + x(t - t_0)]\cos(w_c t)$$

$$y(t - t_0) = [A + x(t - t_0)]\cos(w_c(t - t_0)) \neq y_s(t).$$

So, the system is time-varying.

- iii) If $|x(t)| \leq B \forall t$, then $|y(t)| = |[A + x(t)]\cos(w_c t)| = |A + x(t)| |\cos(w_c t)|$

So, a bounded input generates a bounded output and hence the s/m is stable.

- iv) Clearly, $y(t)$ is a function of the current value of $x(t)$. So, this s/m is causal.

d) System computes the even part of the input signal: $y(t) = \frac{x(t)+x(-t)}{2}$

- i) System passes the all-zero input test; that is, when $x(t) = 0$, $y(t) = 0$. So, we have to prove that the property either holds or does not hold.

Let $x_1(t) \rightarrow y_1(t)$ & $x_2(t) \rightarrow y_2(t)$.

$$ax_1(t) + bx_2(t) \rightarrow \frac{(ax_1(t)+bx_2(t))+(ax_1(-t)+bx_2(-t))}{2} := y(t)$$

$$\text{So, } y(t) = \frac{a(x_1(t)+x_1(-t))}{2} + \frac{b(x_2(t)+x_2(-t))}{2} = ay_1(t) + by_2(t)$$

So, the system satisfies the linearity property and is hence, linear.

- ii) When $x(t) = \sin(2\pi t)$, we have $y(t) = 0$. Let $\tau = \frac{1}{4}$, $x_{shifted}(t) = x(t-\tau) = \sin(2\pi(t - \frac{1}{4})) = \sin(2\pi t - \pi/2) = \cos(2\pi t)$ and $y_{shifted}(t) = \cos(2\pi t)$ but this does not equal $y(t-\tau)$.

Alternate solution: Let $x_{shifted}(t) = x(t - t_0) \Rightarrow$,

$$y_{shifted}(t) = \frac{x_s(t)+x_s(-t)}{2} = \frac{x(t-t_0)+x(-t-t_0)}{2}$$

$$y(t - t_0) = \frac{x(t - t_0) + x(-(t - t_0))}{2} = \frac{x(t - t_0) + x(-t + t_0)}{2}.$$

So, $y_{shifted}(t) \neq y(t - t_0)$. The system is not time-invariant.

- iii) If $|x(t)| \leq B \forall t$, then $|y(t)| = \left| \frac{x(t)+x(-t)}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2}|x(t) + x(-t)| \leq \frac{1}{2}|x(t)| + \frac{1}{2}|x(-t)| \leq \frac{1}{2}B + \frac{1}{2}B$. Hence, $|y(t)| \leq B$. Yes, system is BIBO stable.

- iv) Let $t = -1$. Then $y(-1) = \frac{x(-1)+x(1)}{2}$, which clearly depends on a future value of $x(t)$ viz. $x(1)$. System is not causal.

2. Solution:

a) $\int_0^{10} e^{-(t-4)}u(t-4)\delta(t-5) dt$

$= e^{-(5-4)}u(5-4)$ (Using sifting property of $\delta(t)$)

$= e^{-1}u(1) = e^{-1}$

$$b) \int_{-\infty}^{t-5} \delta(\tau - 1) d\tau = \begin{cases} 1, & -\infty < 1 \leq t - 5 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1, & t \geq 6 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{(Using } \int_a^b \delta(t) dt = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \in [a, b], b > a \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$c) \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-(t-4)} u(t-4)) = -e^{-(t-4)} u(t-4) + e^{-(t-4)} \delta(t-4) \\ = e^{-(t-4)} (\delta(t-4) - u(t-4))$$

$$\text{(Using } \frac{d}{dt} (u(t)) = \delta(t))$$

$$d) \delta(t-1) * \delta(t-2) * \delta(t) = (\delta(t-1) * \delta(t-2)) * \delta(t) \\ = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\tau-1) \delta(t-\tau-2) d\tau \right) * \delta(t) \\ = \delta(t-3) * \delta(t) = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\tau) \delta(t-\tau-3) d\tau \right) = \delta(t-3)$$

3. Solution:

A continuous-time LTI system is bounded-input bounded-output (BIBO) stable if its impulse response $h(t)$ satisfies $\int |h(t)| dt < \infty$

For a derivation of this condition, let $x(t)$ be any bounded input. Then $|x(t)| \leq B$ for some positive B . Then,

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

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

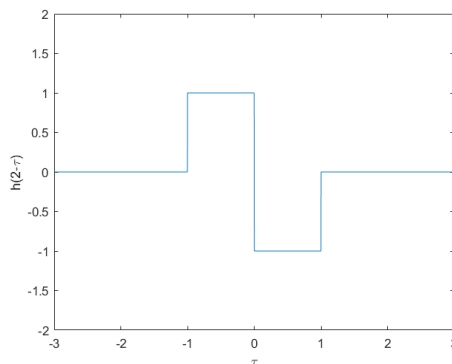
$$|y(t)| \leq B \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau$$

So, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau < \infty \Rightarrow |y(t)| < \infty \forall t$ (Condition for BIBO stability.)

$$a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau = 1 + 1 = 2$$

Since $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau < \infty$, the system is BIBO stable.

b)



$$c) y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau \Rightarrow y(2) = \int u(\tau) h(2-\tau) d\tau$$

So, $y(2) = \int_0^{\infty} h(2-\tau) d\tau$. Hence, $y(2)$ can be calculated by summing the area under the graph in part (b) over the interval $[0, \infty)$. So, $y(2) = -1$.

$$d) y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau \\ = \int_0^{\infty} h(t-\tau) d\tau = \int_t^{-\infty} h(\tau') (-d\tau') \text{ (Substituting } \tau' = t - \tau)$$

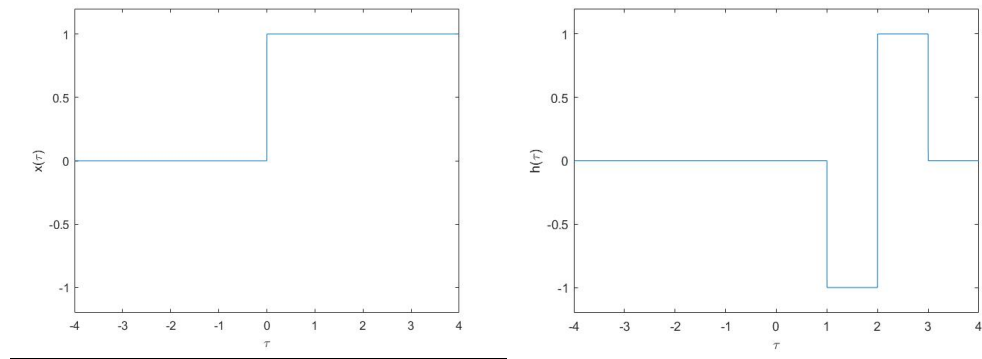
$$= \int_{-\infty}^t h(\tau') d\tau' = \begin{cases} 0 & , t < 1 \\ -(t-1) & , 1 \leq t < 2 \\ (t-2) - 1 & , 2 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & , 3 \leq t \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & , t \in (-\infty, 1) \cup [3, \infty) \\ 1-t & , t \in [1, 2) \\ t-3 & , t \in [2, 3) \end{cases}$$

So, $T_1 = 1$ & $T_2 = 3$.

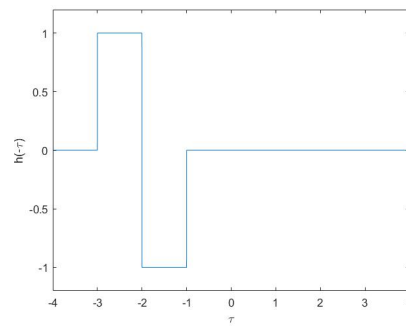
Graphically, this integration is worked out as follows:

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

Step 1: Take $x(\tau)$ and $h(\tau)$.

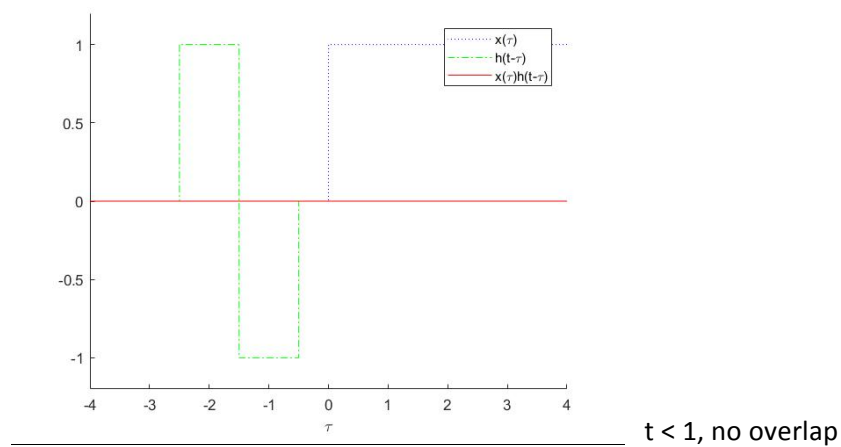


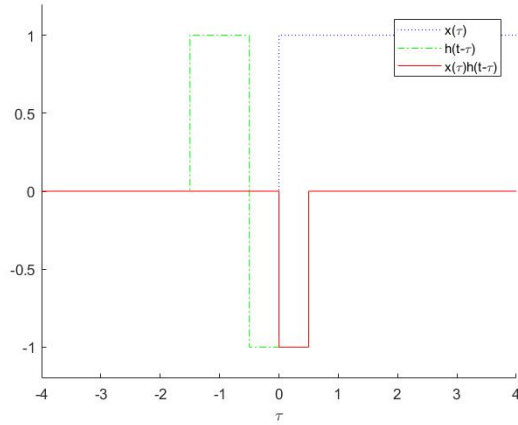
Step 2: Flip $h(\tau)$ around the y-axis to generate $h(-\tau)$.



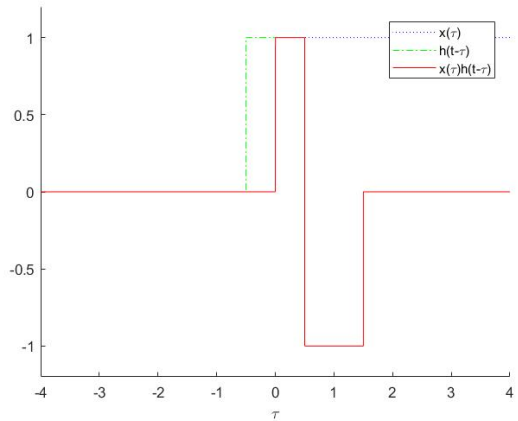
Step 3: Shift $h(-\tau)$ right by t to generate $h(t - \tau)$. Multiply it by $x(\tau)$ to generate $x(\tau)h(t - \tau)$ (the function being integrated in the convolution).

Plots for each of the four intervals of interest are shown below.

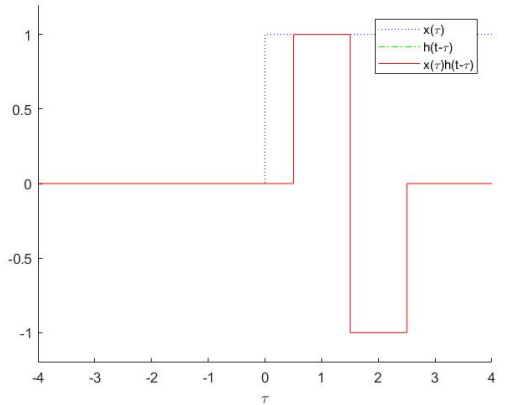




$1 \leq t < 2$, overlap of length $t-1$.



$2 \leq t < 3$, overlap of length $t-1$.



$3 \leq t$, overlap of length $t-1$.

Step 4: Find the area under the plot for $x(\tau)h(t-\tau)$. This step performs the integration from $-\infty$ to ∞ .

Looking at the plot,

For $t < 1$, there is no overlap, and the net area is 0.

For $1 \leq t < 2$, the net area is $-(t-1) = 1-t$.

For $2 \leq t < 3$, the net area is $-1*1+1(t-1-1) = -1+t-2 = t-3$.

For $3 \leq t$, the net area is $-1*1+1*1 = 0$.

This matches the answer derived above.

4. Solution:

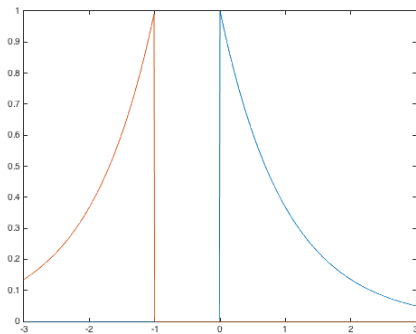
$$y(t) = e^{-at}u(t) * e^{-at}u(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a\tau} u(\tau) e^{-a(t-\tau)} u(t-\tau) d\tau \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-at} u(\tau) u(t-\tau) d\tau
\end{aligned}$$

The term $u(\tau)$ is 1 when $\tau \geq 0$ and 0 otherwise. So, the lower limit in the integral becomes 0. The term $u(t-\tau)$ is 1 when $t-\tau \geq 0$ and 0 otherwise. With $t \geq \tau$ and $\tau \geq 0$, we have $t \geq \tau \geq 0$. So, the upper limit in the integral becomes t . For $t > 0$,

$$y(t) = \int_0^t e^{-at} d\tau = e^{-at} \int_0^t d\tau = te^{-at}$$

When $t < 0$,



and there is no overlap between $e^{-a\tau} u(\tau)$ and $e^{-a(t-\tau)} u(t-\tau)$.

The complete answer is

$$y(t) = te^{-at} u(t)$$

Comparing this with Exercise 9.4 on page 265 of the *Signal Processing First* textbook, we see that $y(t) = \lim_{b \rightarrow a} y_{ex}(t)$, which is the expected behavior.

Also, compare this answer to the discrete-time version of the problem in the Handout F on Convolution of Two Exponential Sequences in discrete time at

<http://users.ece.utexas.edu/~bevans/courses/signals/handouts/Appendix%20F%20Convolution%20Exp%20Sequences.pdf>