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**ECE 2025 Fall 2000**  
**Problem Set #9**

Assigned: 27-Oct-00

Due Date: Week of 6-Nov-00

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Any grading questions on Quiz #2 must be resolved no later than 7-Nov; after that date the scores will not be changed.

Quiz #3 will be on 20-Nov (Monday). Coverage will be Homeworks #8, #9 and #10, which correspond to the Continuous-Time Signals & Systems notes.

Reading: Chapter 10 in Notes.

⇒ **Please check the “Bulletin Board” often. All official course announcements are posted there.**

**ALL** of the **STARRED** problems will have to be turned in for grading. A solution will be posted to the web.

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**Your homework is due in recitation at the beginning of class.** After the beginning of your assigned recitation time, the homework is considered late and will be given a zero.

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**PROBLEM 9.1\*:**

Try your hand at expressing each of the following in a simpler form:

(a) Convolution:  $\delta(t - 1) * [\delta(t + 2) + 2e^{-t+1} \sin(\pi t)u(t + 1)] =$

(b) Multiplication:  $[u(-t + 3) - u(t)][\delta(t + 1) + \delta(t + 4)] =$

(c)  $\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sin(5\pi t)u\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right) \right] =$

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

Note: use properties of the impulse signal  $\delta(t)$  and the unit-step signal  $u(t)$  to perform the simplifications. For example, recall

$$\delta(t) = \frac{d}{dt}u(t) \quad \text{where} \quad u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Be careful to distinguish between multiplication and convolution; convolution is denoted by a “star”, as in  $u(t) * \delta(t - 2)$ .

**PROBLEM 9.2\*:**

A continuous-time system is defined by the input/output relation

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t-2} x(\tau) d\tau$$

- (a) Determine the impulse response,  $h(t)$ , of this system.
- (b) Is this a stable system? Explain with a proof or counter-example.
- (c) Is it a causal system? Explain with a proof or counter-example.
- (d) Use the convolution integral to determine the output of the system when the input is  $u(t)$ , the unit step signal:

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

Plot the output signal  $y(t)$  versus  $t$ .

**PROBLEM 9.3\*:**

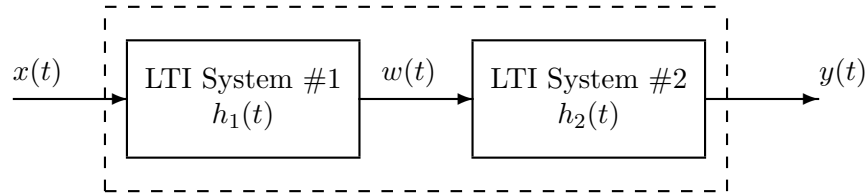
A linear time-invariant system has impulse response:

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t} & -1 \leq t < 9 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Plot  $h(t - \tau)$  as a function of  $\tau$  for  $t = -10, 0$ , and  $10$ .
- (b) Find the output  $y(t)$  when the input is  $x(t) = \delta(t + 10)$ .
- (c) Use the convolution integral to determine the output  $y(t)$  when the input is

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < 20 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Hint: You may want to check your answer with the results derived in Problem 6 (below).

**PROBLEM 9.4\*:**

In the cascade of two LTI systems shown in the figure above, the first system has an impulse response

$$h_1(t) = u(t + 3)$$

and the second system is described by the input/output relation

$$y(t) = \frac{dw(t)}{dt} - \pi w(t)$$

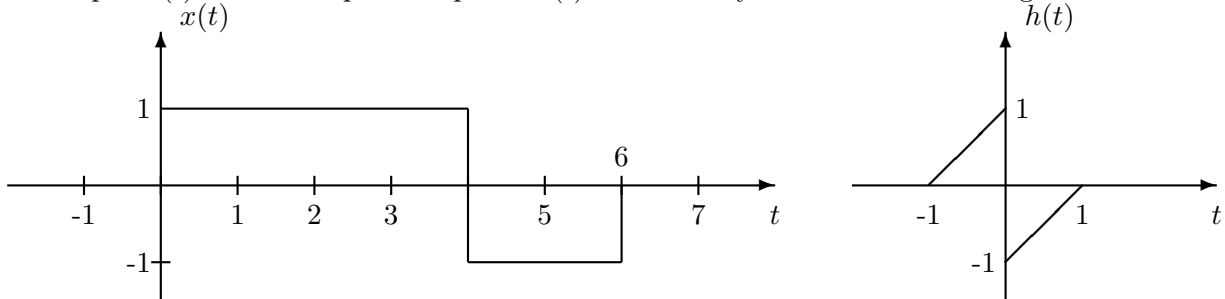
- Find the impulse response of the overall system; i.e., find the output  $y(t) = h(t)$  when the input is  $x(t) = \delta(t)$ .
- Give a general expression for  $y(t)$  in terms of  $x(t)$  that holds for any input signal. Express your answer in terms of integrals, derivatives and delays. For example, you should try to get a form like:

$$y(t) = Ax(t - t_1) + B \frac{d}{dt} x(t - t_2) + C \int_{-\infty}^{t-t_3} x(\tau) d\tau$$

where the parameters  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  have specific numeric values.

**PROBLEM 9.5\*:**

If the input  $x(t)$  and the impulse response  $h(t)$  of an LTI system are the following:



- Determine  $y(0)$ , the value of the output at  $t = 0$ .
- Find all the values of  $t$  for which the output  $y(t) = 0$ . There will be regions where  $y(t) = 0$ , but there might also be isolated points where  $y(t) = 0$ . *Note: You do not need to find  $y(t)$  at any other values of  $t$ .*

**PROBLEM 9.6:**

*This is Problem 1.2 of Problem Set #1 of EE2201 from the Spring of 1999.* The impulse response of an LTI continuous-time system is such that  $h(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq T_1$  and for  $t \geq T_2$ . By drawing appropriate figures as recommended for evaluating convolution integrals, show that if  $x(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq T_3$  and for  $t \geq T_4$  then  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq T_5$  and for  $t \geq T_6$ . In the process of proving this result you should obtain expressions for  $T_5$  and  $T_6$  in terms of  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ , and  $T_4$ .