

PROBLEM Spring-06-Q.3.1:

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Explain each answer (briefly) by stating which property and/or transform pair you used.

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(c) Find $X(j\omega)$ when $x(t) = \sqrt{e} \cos(377t + 0.3\pi)$.

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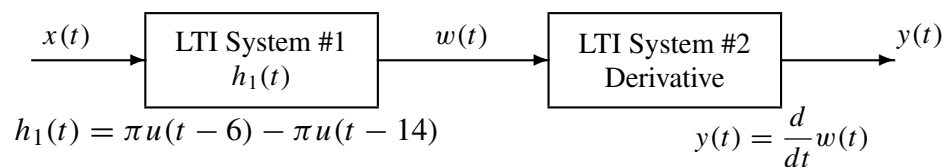
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$$r(t) * r(t) = y(t) = \begin{cases} 100t & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 40 \\ 4000 - 100(t - 40) & \text{for } 40 \leq t \leq 80 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} H(j\omega) &= \delta(\omega - 8\pi) * \sum_{\ell=0}^2 \sin(\omega/12) \delta(\omega - 3\pi\ell) \\ &= \delta(\omega - 8\pi) * \sum_{\ell=0}^2 \sin(3\pi\ell/12) \delta(\omega - 3\pi\ell) \\ &= \delta(\omega - 8\pi) * (0\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}\delta(\omega - 3\pi) + \delta(\omega - 6\pi)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}\delta(\omega - 11\pi) + \delta(\omega - 14\pi) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Simplify $q(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t-9} \delta(\tau - 7) \sqrt{4(\tau - t)} d\tau$

$$\begin{aligned} q(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{t-9} \delta(\tau - 7) \sqrt{4(\tau - t)} d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{t-9} \delta(\tau - 7) \sqrt{4(7 - t)} d\tau \\ &= \sqrt{4(7 - t)} \int_{-\infty}^{t-9} \delta(\tau - 7) d\tau \\ &= \sqrt{4(7 - t)} u(t - 9 - 7) = \sqrt{4(7 - t)} u(t - 16) \end{aligned}$$

(c) Simplify $x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \sqrt{3t} u(t - 12) \right\}$

Take the derivative and evaluate at the location of the impulse ($t = 12$):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \sqrt{3t} u(t - 12) \right\} &= \frac{1}{2}(3t)^{-1/2}(3) u(t - 12) + \sqrt{3t} \delta(t - 12) \\ &= \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3t}} u(t - 12) + 6\delta(t - 12) \end{aligned}$$

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(a) Find $s(t)$ when $S(j\omega) = \frac{\sin(\omega/4)}{\omega/8} e^{-j\omega/2}$.

Multiplication by a complex exponential in the frequency domain corresponds to a time shift. Also, the inverse transform of a “sinc” function is a rectangle. First, we write $S(j\omega)$ in standard form

$$S(j\omega) = 4 \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\omega/2)}{\omega/2} e^{-j\omega/2}$$

Thus, the inverse transform is:

$$s(t) = 4 \left(u\left(t + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) - u\left(t - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \right) = 4 \left(u(t - 0.25) - u(t - 0.75) \right)$$

(b) Find $h(t)$ when $H(j\omega) = \frac{1000j\omega}{1000 + j50\omega}$.

Use the transform pair: $e^{-at} u(t)$ transforms to $1/(a + j\omega)$, and the property that multiplying the transform by $j\omega$ corresponds to differentiation in the time domain. So, we write $H(j\omega)$ as:

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1000j\omega}{1000 + j50\omega} = (j\omega) \frac{20}{20 + j\omega}$$

Then we get the inverse transform:

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ 20 e^{-20t} u(t) \right\} \\ &= -400 e^{-20t} u(t) + 20 e^{-20t} \delta(t) = -400 e^{-20t} u(t) + 20 \delta(t) \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find $X(j\omega)$ when $x(t) = \sqrt{e} \cos(377t + 0.3\pi)$.

Use the transform pair: $e^{j\omega_c t}$ transforms to $2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_c)$. First, we expand the cosine via Euler’s formula:

$$x(t) = \sqrt{e} \cos(377t + 3\pi/4) = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{2} e^{j(377t+0.3\pi)} + \frac{\sqrt{e}}{2} e^{-j(377t+0.3\pi)}$$

Then we transform the two complex exponentials to get:

$$X(j\omega) = \pi \sqrt{e} e^{j0.3\pi} \delta(\omega - 377) + \pi \sqrt{e} e^{-j0.3\pi} \delta(\omega + 377)$$

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Two questions about convolution:

- (a) Find $y(t) = e^{-8(t-3)}u(t-3) * 5u(t-9)$. Give the answer as a simple formula.

There is a general formula for convolving one-sided exponentials:

$$e^{-at}u(t) * e^{-bt}u(t) = \left(\frac{1}{b-a}\right) (e^{-at}u(t) - e^{-bt}u(t))$$

In addition, there are time shifts of both signals. In this case, $a = 8$ and $b = 0$ and the total delay will be $3 + 9 = 12$. Thus, the answer becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= 5 \left(\frac{1}{0-8}\right) (e^{-8(t-12)}u(t-12) - u(t-12)) \\ &= -\frac{5}{8}e^{-8(t-12)}u(t-12) + \frac{5}{8}u(t-12) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) If the signal $r(t)$ is a rectangular pulse, then $r(t) * r(t)$ is a triangle. Suppose that

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Determine the rectangular signal $r(t)$.

First of all, we can exploit a fact about convolution, $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$, that the duration of $y(t)$ is the sum of the durations of $x(t)$ and $h(t)$. Since the duration of $y(t)$ is 80 secs, and $x(t)$ and $h(t)$ are both equal to $r(t)$, the duration of $r(t)$ will have to be 40 secs.

Next, we can recognize that if the starting time of $r(t)$ is $t = 0$, then the starting time of $r(t) * r(t)$ is also $t = 0$.

Finally, we need to figure out the amplitude of the rectangular pulse. To find the amplitude of $r(t)$, visualize convolution as “flip and slide.” The maximum value of the output is obtained when there is complete overlap of $r(\tau)$ and $r(t - \tau)$. The convolution integral at this time will be:

$$y(40) = \int_0^{40} r(\tau)r(40 - \tau) d\tau = \int_0^{40} A^2 d\tau = 40 A^2$$

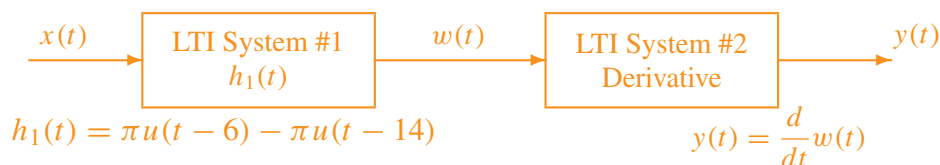
where A is the amplitude of $r(t)$. From the maximum value, $y(40) = 4000$, we get

$$40 A^2 = 4000 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = \sqrt{4000/40} = 10$$

Thus, the final answer for the rectangular signal is: $r(t) = 10u(t) - 10u(t - 40)$

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- (a) Determine the overall impulse response for this cascade of two systems. Give your answer in the *simplest possible form*.

Since the second system takes the derivative and we are given the impulse response of the first system, we merely take the derivative of $h_1(t)$.

$$h(t) = \frac{d}{dt} h_1(t) = \pi \delta(t - 6) - \pi \delta(t - 14)$$

Note: the derivative of the unit-step, $u(t)$, is the unit-impulse signal, $\delta(t)$.

- (b) The overall frequency response of this system, $H(j\omega)$, is zero for infinitely many values of ω . Derive a general formula that gives all the zeros of $H(j\omega)$. *Explain*.

In a cascade, the overall frequency response is the product of the individual frequency responses

$$H(j\omega) = H_1(j\omega)H_2(j\omega)$$

so the zeros of $H(j\omega)$ are the zeros of $H_1(j\omega)$ plus the zeros of $H_2(j\omega)$. From the Fourier transform tables, we can find $H_1(j\omega)$ and $H_2(j\omega)$ easily.

$$H_1(j\omega) = \pi \frac{\sin(8\omega/2)}{\omega/2} e^{-j10\omega} \quad \text{and} \quad H_2(j\omega) = j\omega$$

The zeros of $H_1(j\omega)$ are the zeros of a “sinc” function, so we get zeros of $H_1(j\omega)$ at:

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi k}{8}, \quad \text{except for } k = 0.$$

However, $H_2(j\omega)$ has one zero at $\omega = 0$, so the final answer is that the zeros of $H(j\omega)$ are at

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi k}{8}, \quad \text{for } k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$