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# Note Set #8

- D-T Convolution: The Tool for Finding the Zero-State Response
- Reading Assignment: Section 2.1-2.2 of Kamen and Heck

### **Course Flow Diagram**

The arrows here show conceptual flow between ideas. Note the parallel structure between the pink blocks (C-T Freq. Analysis) and the blue blocks (D-T Freq. Analysis).



# **Convolution**

#### **Our Interest:** Finding the output of **LTI** systems (D-T & C-T cases)



#### Our focus in this chapter will be on finding the <u>zero-state</u>

**solution...** (we already know how to find the zero-input solution for C-T differential equations and later we'll learn how to do that for D-T difference equations)

#### How do we find the Zero-State Response?

(Remember... that is the response (i.e., output) of the system to a specific input when the system has zero initial conditions)

Recall that in the examples for <u>differential</u> equations we always saw:

$$y_{ZS}(t) = \int_{t_0}^{t} h(t - \lambda) x(\lambda) d\lambda$$
C-T "convolution"

Where does this come from?

How do we deal with it?

Recall that in the examples for <u>difference</u> equations we saw:

$$y_{ZS}[n] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} h[n-i]x[i]$$

$$\swarrow \text{D-T "convolution"}$$

Where does this come from?

How do we deal with it?

We'll handle D-T systems first because they are easier to understand!



Before we can <u>find</u> the Z-S outptut... we need something first:

Impulse Response (Warning: book calls it "unit-pulse response")

The impulse response h[n] is what "comes out" when  $\delta[n]$  "goes in" w/ ICs=0



The impulse response h[n] uniquely describes the system... so we can identify the system by specifying its impulse response h[n].

Thus, we often show the system using a block diagram with the system's impulse response h[n] inside the box representing the system:

Because impulse response is only defined for LTI systems, if you see a box with the symbol h[n] inside it you can assume that the system is an LTI system.

$$\xrightarrow{x[n]} h[n] \xrightarrow{y[n]}$$

#### How do we know/get the impulse response *h*[*n*]?

Many possible ways:

1. Given by the designer of D-T systems

2. Measured experimentally

-Put in sequence . . . 0 0 1 0 0 0 . . .

-See what comes out

3. Mathematically analyze the D-T system

-Given difference equation

-Derive *h*[*n*]

There are many ways to do this, as we will see!

In what form will we know *h*[*n*]?

1. *h*[*n*] known analytically as a function <u>Ex:</u>  $h[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n]$ 2. h[n] known numerically as a <u>finite</u>-duration sequence We assume that Ex: h[n] = 0 for n < 0

n

#### Example of analytically finding *h*[*n*]

Given a system described by a 1<sup>st</sup> order difference equation:

y[n] = -ay[n-1] + bx[n] (*a* and *b* are arbitrary numbers)

Recall that h[n] is what comes out when  $\delta[n]$  goes in (with zero ICs). So we can re-write the above difference equation as follows:

$$h[n] = -ah[n-1] + b\delta[n]$$

Here we solve for h[n] recursively and then examine the results to deduce a closed-form solution (note: we can't always use this "deductive" approach):

п	$\delta[n]$	h[n]	
-1 0 1 2	0 1 0 0	$-a \times 0 + b \times 0 = 0$ $-a \times 0 + b \times 1 = b$ $-ab + b \times 0 = -ab$ $-a \times (-ab) = (-a)^2 b$	By examining these results we see $= b(-a)^n u[n]$
3	0	$-a \times (-a)^2 b = (-a)^3 b$	J



So... we now have the impulse response for this system!!! Next we'll learn how to <u>use</u> it to <u>solve</u> for the <u>zero-state response</u>!!!

#### **Q:** How do we use *h*[*n*] to find the Zero-State Response?

<u>A: "Convolution"</u> We'll go through three analysis steps that will <u>derive</u> "The General Answer" that convolution is what we need to do to find the zerostate response

After that... we won't need to re-do these steps... we'll just "Do Convolution"





**<u>Step 3:</u>** Use "additivity" part of linearity

In Step 2 we looked at inputs like this:

$$x[i] \delta[n-i] \qquad h[n] \qquad x[i]h[n-i] \\ 1Cs = 0 \qquad \uparrow$$

For each *i*, a different input  $\Rightarrow$  For each *i*, a different response

#### Now we use the additivity part of linearity:





So... what we've seen is this:



Or in other words... we've derived an expression that tells what comes out of a D-T LTI system with input *x*[*n*]:

$$x[n]$$

$$h[n]$$

$$ICs = 0$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]h[n-i]$$

$$CONVOLUTION!$$

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$$

$$Notation for Convolution$$

So... now that we have derived this result we don't have to do these three steps... we "just" use this equation to find the zero-state output:

$$y[n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]h[n-i]$$
 CONVOLUTION!

## **Big Picture**

For a LTI D-T system in <u>zero state</u> we no longer need the difference equation model...

-Instead we need the impulse response *h*[*n*] & convolution

New alternative model!

