

# Lecture 3: Time-Domain Analysis of Continuous-Time Systems

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# Introduction

## Linear Differential Systems

Consider **Linear Time-Invariant Continuous-Time (LTIC)** Systems, for which the input  $f(t)$  and the output  $y(t)$  are related by linear differential equations of the form

$$\frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dt^{n-1}} + \cdots + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y(t) = b_m \frac{d^m f}{dt^m} + b_{m-1} \frac{d^{m-1} f}{dt^{m-1}} + \cdots + b_1 \frac{df}{dt} + b_0 f(t),$$

where all the coefficients  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are constants.

- Theoretically the powers  $m$  and  $n$  can be take on any value.
- Practical noise considerations, require  $m \leq n$ .
- For the rest of this course we assume implicitly that  $m \leq n$ .

# The $D$ -Operator

## $D$ -operator

$Dy \equiv \frac{dy}{dt}$ ,  $Dy$  is taking first-order derivative of  $y$  w.r.t.  $t$ .

$$D^2y = D(Dy) = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$$

$$\vdots = \vdots$$

$$D^n y = \frac{d^n y}{dt^n}, \text{ } n \text{ is a positive interger.}$$

Hence the  $D$ -operator is a differential operator; applying the  $D$ -operator on function  $f(t)$  means differentiating  $f(t)$  with respect to  $t$ , i.e.,

$$Df(t) = \frac{df(t)}{dt}.$$

# The $D$ -Operator

## Properties

The following properties of the  $D$ -operator can be easily verified:

1.  $D[y_1(t) + y_2(t)] = \frac{d}{dt}(y_1 + y_2) = \frac{dy_1}{dt} + \frac{dy_2}{dt} = Dy_1 + Dy_2;$
2.  $D[cy(t)] = \frac{d}{dt}(cy) = c\frac{dy}{dt} = cDy, \quad c = \text{constant}.$
3.  $D[c_1y_1(t) + c_2y_2(t)] = c_1Dy_1 + c_2Dy_2, \quad c_1, c_2 = \text{constants}.$

Using the  $D$ -operator to the LTIC system, we can express the equation as

$$(D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1D + a_0)y(t) = (b_mD^m + b_{m-1}D^{m-1} + \cdots + b_1D + b_0)f(t)$$

or

$$Q(D)y(t) = P(D)f(t)$$

# The $D$ -Operator

## Examples

Rewrite the following differential equations using the  $D$ -operator:

1.  $6x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x^3 e^{2x}$

**Solution:**

$$(6x^2 D^2 + 2xD - 3)y = x^3 e^{2x}, \quad D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$$

2.  $5 \frac{d^3 x}{dt^3} + 2 \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} - \frac{dx}{dt} + 7x = 3 \sin 8t$

**Solution:**

$$(5D^3 + 2D^2 - D + 7)x = 3 \sin 8t, \quad D \equiv \frac{d}{dt}.$$

# Total Response

The response of the linear system (discussed above) can be expressed as the sum of two components: the zero-input component and the zero-state component (decomposition property).

Therefore

$$\text{Total response} = \text{zero-input response} + \text{zero-state response}$$

- the zero-input component is the system response when the input  $f(t) = 0$  so that it is the result of internal system conditions (such as energy storages, initial conditions) alone.
- the zero-state component is the system response to the external input  $f(t)$  when the system is in zero state, meaning the absence of all internal energy storages; that is all initial conditions are zero.

# Total Response

## Decomposition property

We can verify that the LTIC system has the decomposition property. If  $y_0(t)$  is the zero-input response of the system, then, by definition

$$Q(D)y_0(t) = 0.$$

If  $y_i(t)$  is the zero-state response, then  $y_i(t)$  is the solution of

$$Q(D)y_i(t) = P(D)f(t)$$

subject to zero initial conditions (zero-state). The addition of these two equations yields

$$Q(D)[y_0(t) + y_i(t)] = P(D)f(t).$$

Clearly,  $y_0(t) + y_i(t)$  is the general solution of the linear system.

# System Response to Internal Condition

## Zero-Input Response

The zero-input response  $y_0(t)$  is the solution of the LTIC system when the input  $f(t) = 0$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} Q(D)y_0(t) &= 0 \\ (D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1D + a_0)y_0(t) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- the last equation shows that a linear combination of  $y_0(t)$  and its  $n$  successive derivatives is zero, not at some values of  $t$  but for all  $t$ .
- the result is possible if and only if  $y_0(t)$  and all its  $n$  successive derivatives are of the same form. Other wise their sum can never add to zero for all values of  $t$ .

# System Response to Internal Condition

## Zero-Input Response cont.

An exponential function  $e^{\lambda t}$  is an only function has the property. Let us assume that

$$y_0(t) = ce^{\lambda t}$$

is a solution to Eq. (1). Then

$$\begin{aligned} Dy_0(t) &= \frac{dy_0}{dt} = c\lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ D^2 y_0(t) &= \frac{d^2 y_0}{dt^2} = c\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} \\ &\vdots \\ D^n y_0(t) &= \frac{d^n y_0}{dt^n} = c\lambda^n e^{\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these results in Eq. (1), we obtain

$$c(\lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1\lambda + a_0)e^{\lambda t} = 0$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Distinct roots.

For a nontrivial solution of this equation,

$$\lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1\lambda + a_0 = 0 \quad (2)$$

- this result means that  $ce^{\lambda t}$  is indeed a solution of Eq. (1), provided that  $\lambda$  satisfies Eq. (2).
- this polynomial is identical to the polynomial  $Q(D)$  in Eq. (1), with  $\lambda$  replacing  $D$ . Therefore  $Q(\lambda) = 0$ .
- $Q(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n) = 0$  **distinct roots**.
- $\lambda$  has  $n$  solutions:  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Eq. (1) has  $n$  possible solutions:  $c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}, c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}, \dots, c_n e^{\lambda_n t}$ , with  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  as arbitrary constants.

# System Response to Internal Condition

Distinct roots.

We can show that a general solution is given by the sum of these  $n$  solutions, so that

$$y_0(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + \cdots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t},$$

where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are arbitrary constants determined by  $n$  constraints (the auxiliary conditions) on the solution.

- $Q(\lambda)$  is characteristic of the system, has nothing to do with the input.
- $Q(\lambda)$  is called the **characteristic polynomial** of the system.
- $Q(\lambda) = 0$  is called the **characteristic equation** of the system.

# System Response to Internal Condition

Distinct roots.

- $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the roots of the characteristic equation; they are called the **characteristic roots** of the system.
- we also called them **characteristic values**, **eigenvalues**, and **natural frequencies**.
- The exponentials  $e^{\lambda_i t}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) in the zero-input response are the **characteristic modes** (also known as **modes** or **natural modes**) of the system.
- There is a characteristic mode for each characteristic root of the system, and the zero-input response is a linear combination of the characteristic modes of the system.
- The entire behavior of a system is dictated primarily by its characteristic modes.

# System Response to Internal Condition

## Repeated Roots

The solution of Eq. (1) assumes that the  $n$  characteristic roots  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct. If there are **repeated roots**, the form of the solution is modified slightly. For example

$$(D - \lambda)^2 y_0(t) = (D^2 - 2\lambda D + \lambda^2) y_0(t) = 0,$$

by using distinct method, has

$$y_0(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} + c_2 e^{\lambda t} = (c_1 + c_2) e^{\lambda t} = c e^{\lambda t},$$

then there is an only one arbitrary constant. However, for a 2<sup>nd</sup>-order differential equation, the solution must contain 2 arbitrary constants. To solve the problem, one can seek a second linearly independent solution.

# System Response to Internal Condition

## Repeated Roots cont.

Try a solution of the form  $y_0(t) = v(t)e^{\lambda t}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} Dy_0 &= e^{\lambda t}Dv + \lambda ve^{\lambda t} = e^{\lambda t}(Dv + \lambda v), \\ D^2y_0 &= e^{\lambda t}D^2v + \lambda e^{\lambda t}Dv + \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}v + \lambda e^{\lambda t}Dv \\ &= e^{\lambda t}(D^2v + 2\lambda Dv + \lambda^2 v). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in the original equation yields

$$\begin{aligned} D^2y_0 - 2\lambda Dy_0 + \lambda^2 y_0 &= 0 \\ e^{\lambda t} (D^2v + 2\lambda Dv + \lambda^2 v) - 2\lambda e^{\lambda t}(Dv + \lambda v) + \lambda^2 ve^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ e^{\lambda t} D^2v &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

## Repeated Roots cont.

Hence  $v(t)$  satisfies the differential equation  $D^2v = 0$ . Integrating twice leads to

$$v(t) = c_1 + c_2t.$$

The solution is then

$$y_0(t) = (c_1 + c_2t)e^{\lambda t},$$

in which there two arbitrary constants.

- the root  $\lambda$  repeats twice. The characteristic modes in this case are  $e^{\lambda t}$  and  $te^{\lambda t}$ .
- for  $(D - \lambda)^r y_0(t) = 0$  the characteristic modes are  $e^{\lambda t}$ ,  $te^{\lambda t}$ ,  $t^2e^{\lambda t}$ ,  $\dots, t^{r-1}e^{\lambda t}$ , and that the solutions is

$$y_0(t) = (c_1 + c_2t + \dots + c_rt^{r-1})e^{\lambda t}.$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

## Repeated Roots cont.

Consequently, for a system with the characteristic polynomial

$$Q(\lambda) = \underbrace{(\lambda - \lambda_1)^r}_{r \text{ repeated roots}} \overbrace{(\lambda - \lambda_{r+1}) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n)}^{n-r \text{ distinct roots}}$$

the characteristic modes are  $e^{\lambda_1 t}, t e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, t^{r-1} e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n t}$  and the solution is

$$y_0(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t + \cdots + c_r t^{r-1}) e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_{r+1} e^{\lambda_{r+1} t} + \cdots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t}$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

## Complex roots

The procedure for handling complex roots is the same as that for real roots.

- for a real system, complex roots must occur in pairs of conjugates if the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial  $Q(\lambda)$  are to be real.
- if  $\alpha + j\beta$  is a characteristic root,  $\alpha - j\beta$  must also be a characteristic root.
- the zero-input response corresponding to this pair of complex conjugate roots is

$$y_0(t) = c_1 e^{(\alpha+j\beta)t} + c_2 e^{(\alpha-j\beta)t}.$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Complex roots cont.

For a real system, the response  $y_0(t)$  must also be real. This is possible only if  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are conjugates. Let

$$c_1 = \frac{c}{2} e^{j\theta} \quad \text{and} \quad c_2 = \frac{c}{2} e^{-j\theta}$$

This yields

$$\begin{aligned} y_0(t) &= \frac{c}{2} e^{j\theta} e^{(\alpha+j\beta)t} + \frac{c}{2} e^{-j\theta} e^{(\alpha-j\beta)t} \\ &= \frac{c}{2} e^{\alpha t} \left[ e^{j(\beta t + \theta)} + e^{-j(\beta t + \theta)} \right] \\ &= c e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t + \theta) \end{aligned}$$

This form is more convenient because it avoids dealing with complex

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: distinct roots

Find  $y_0(t)$ , the zero-input component of the response of an LTI system described by the following differential equation:

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y(t) = Df(t)$$

when the initial conditions are  $y_0(0) = 0$ ,  $\dot{y}_0(0) = -5$ . Note that  $y_0(t)$ , being the zero-input component ( $f(t) = 0$ ), is the solution of  $(D^2 + 3D + 2)y_0(t) = 0$ .

**Solution:** The characteristic polynomial of the system is  $\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) = 0$ . The characteristic roots of the system are  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -2$ , and the characteristic modes of the system are  $e^{-t}$  and  $e^{-2t}$ . Consequently, the zero-input component of the loop current is

$$y_0(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$$

To determine the arbitrary constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , we differentiate above equation to obtain

$$\dot{y}_0(t) = -c_1 e^{-t} - 2c_2 e^{-2t}$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: distinct roots cont.

Setting  $t = 0$  in both equations, and substituting the initial conditions  $y_0(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{y}(0) = -5$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= c_1 + c_2 \\ -5 &= -c_1 - 2c_2.\end{aligned}$$

Solving these two simultaneous equations in two unknowns for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  yields

$$c_1 = -5, \quad c_2 = 5$$

Therefore

$$y_0(t) = -5e^{-t} + 5e^{-2t}$$

This is the zero-input component of  $y(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: distinct roots cont.

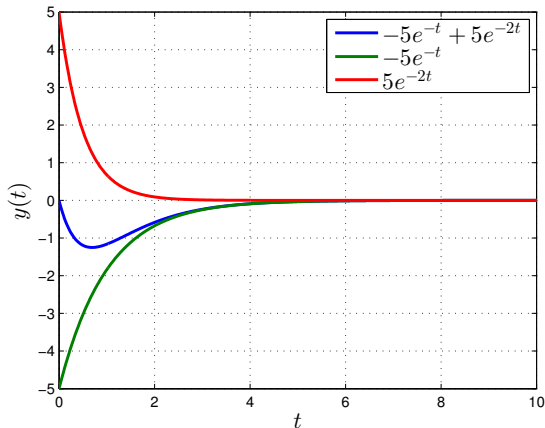


Figure: the plot of  $y_0(t)$

# System Response to Internal Condition

## Example: repeated roots

For a system specified by

$$(D^2 + 6D + 9)y(t) = (3D + 5)f(t)$$

let us determine  $y_0(t)$ , the zero-input component of the response if the initial conditions are  $y_0(0) = 3$  and  $\dot{y}_0(0) = -7$ .

### Solution:

The characteristic polynomial is  $\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 9 = (\lambda + 3)^2$ , and its characteristic roots are  $\lambda_1 = -3, \lambda_2 = -3$  (repeated roots). Consequently, the characteristic modes of the system are  $e^{-3t}$  and  $te^{-3t}$ . The zero-input response, being a linear combination of the characteristic modes, is given by

$$y_0(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t)e^{-3t}.$$

The arbitrary constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  from the initial conditions  $y_0(0) = 3$  and  $\dot{y}_0(0) = -7$ . From,

$$\dot{y}_0(t) = -3c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-3t} - 3c_2 t e^{-3t}$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: repeated roots cont.

Substituting the initial conditions, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}3 &= c_1 \\ -7 &= -3c_1 + c_2 \text{ and } c_2 = 2.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$y_0(t) = (3 + 2t)e^{-3t}.$$

This is the zero-input component of  $y(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: repeated roots cont.

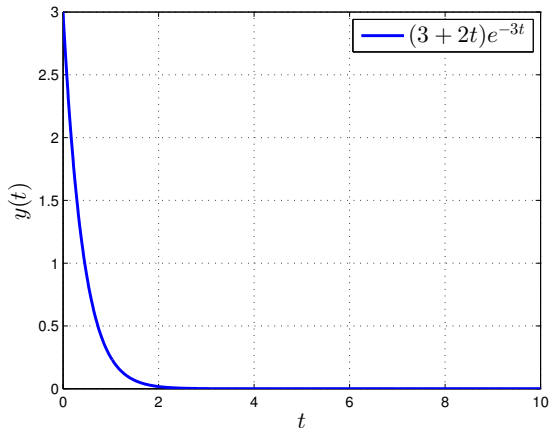


Figure: the plot of  $y_0(t)$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: complex roots

Determine the zero-input response of an LTI system described by the equation:

$$(D^2 + 4D + 40)y(t) = (D + 2)f(t)$$

with initial conditions  $y_0(0) = 2$  and  $\dot{y}_0(0) = 16.78$ .

**Solution:**

The characteristic polynomial is  $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 40 = (\lambda + 2 - j6)(\lambda + 2 + j6)$ . The characteristic roots are  $-2 \pm j6$ . The solution can be written either in the complex form or in the real form. The complex form is

**Real form method:**

Since  $\alpha = -2$  and  $\beta = 6$ , the real form solution is

$$y_0(t) = ce^{-2t} \cos(6t + \theta)$$

where  $c$  and  $\theta$  are arbitrary constants to be determined from the initial conditions  $y_0(0) = 2$  and  $\dot{y}_0(0) = 16.78$ .

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: complex roots cont.

Differentiation of above equation yields

$$\dot{y}_0(t) = -2ce^{-2t} \cos(6t + \theta) - 6ce^{-2t} \sin(6t + \theta).$$

Setting  $t = 0$  and then substituting initial conditions, we obtain

$$2 = c \cos \theta$$

$$16.78 = -2c \cos \theta - 6c \sin \theta.$$

Solution of these two simultaneous equations in two unknowns  $c \cos \theta$  and  $c \sin \theta$  yields

$$c \cos \theta = 2$$

$$c \sin \theta = -3.463.$$

Squaring and then adding the two sides of the above equations yields

$$c^2 = (2)^2 + (-3.464)^2 = 16 \implies c = 4.$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: complex roots cont.

Next, dividing  $c \sin \theta$  by  $c \cos \theta$  yields

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-3.463}{2}$$

and

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-3.483}{2} \right) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

Therefore

$$y_0(t) = 4e^{-2t} \cos\left(6t - \frac{\pi}{3}\right).$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: complex roots cont.

## Complex form method:

From

$$\begin{aligned}y_0(t) &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} = c_1 e^{-(2-j6)t} + c_2 e^{-(2+j6)t} \\&= e^{-2t} (c_1 e^{j6t} + c_2 e^{-j6t}).\end{aligned}$$

Using Euler's identities  $e^{\pm j\theta} = \cos \theta \pm j \sin \theta$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}y_0(t) &= e^{-2t} (c_1 (\cos 6t + j \sin 6t) + c_2 (\cos 6t - j \sin 6t)) \\&= e^{-2t} ((c_1 + c_2) \cos 6t + j(c_1 - c_2) \sin 6t) = e^{-2t} (K_1 \cos 6t + K_2 \sin 6t)\end{aligned}$$

Since  $y_0(t)$  is real, the coefficients of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  must be real. This can be done by:

$$c_1 + c_2 = K_1 = 2a, \quad j(c_1 - c_2) = K_2 = -2b \implies c_1 - c_2 = j2b, \quad a, b \text{ real constants}$$

or

$$c_1 = a + jb, \quad c_2 = a - jb$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: complex roots cont.

$$\dot{y}_0(t) = -2e^{-2t}(K_1 \cos 6t + K_2 \sin 6t) + e^{-2t}(-6K_1 \sin 6t + 6K_2 \cos 6t)$$

and

$$\dot{y}_0(0) = -2K_1 + 6K_2 = 16.78, \quad y_0(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 2 \implies K_1 = 2, K_2 = 3.463.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= e^{-2t}(2 \cos 6t + 3.463 \sin 6t) \\ &= 4e^{-2t}(0.5 \cos 6t + 0.866 \sin 6t), \quad \cos \theta \leq 1, \sin \theta \leq 1 \\ &= 4e^{-2t}\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} \cos 6t + \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \sin 6t\right) \\ &= 4e^{-2t} \cos\left(6t - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Example: complex roots cont.

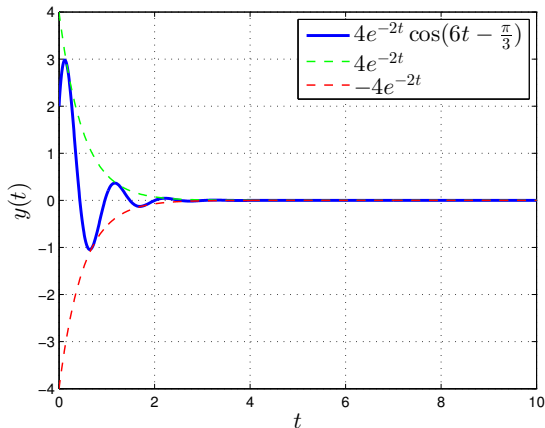


Figure: the plot of  $y_0(t)$

# System Response to Internal Condition

Practical initial conditions and the meaning of  $0^-$  and  $0^+$

- In academic examples the initial conditions  $y_0(0)$  and  $\dot{y}(0)$  are supplied. In practical problems, we must derive such conditions from the physical situation.
- For example in an RLC circuit, we may be given the conditions, such as initial capacitor voltages, and initial inductor currents, etc. From this information, we need to derive  $y_0(0)$ ,  $\dot{y}(0)$ ,  $\dots$  for the desired variable as demonstrated next.
- The input is assumed to start at  $t = 0$ . Hence  $t = 0$  is the reference point of interest. In real life, there is  $y_0(t)$  at  $t = 0^-$  and  $t = 0^+$ . The two sets of conditions are generally different.

# System Response to Internal Condition

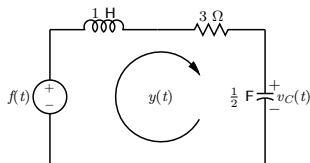
Practical initial conditions and the meaning of  $0^-$  and  $0^+$

- We are dealing with the total response  $y(t)$ , which consists of two components; the zero-input component  $y_0(t)$  (response due to the initial conditions alone with  $f(t) = 0$ ) and zero-state component resulting from the input alone with all initial conditions zero.
- At  $t = 0^-$ , the response  $y(t)$  consists solely of the zero-input component  $y_0(t)$  because the input has not started yet. Thus,  $y(0^-) = y_0(0^-)$ ,  $\dot{y}(0^-) = \dot{y}_0(0^-)$ , and so on.
- The  $y_0(t)$  is the response due to initial conditions alone and does not depend on the input  $f(t)$ .
- The initial conditions on  $y_0(t)$  at  $t = 0^-$  and  $0^+$  are identical.
- This is not true for the total response  $y(t)$ .

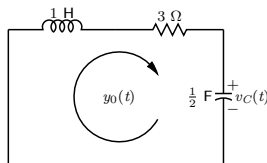
# System Response to Internal Condition

## RLC circuit

A voltage  $f(t) = 10e^{-3t}u(t)$  is applied at the input of the RLC circuit shown in Fig. below. Find the zero-input loop current  $y_0(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$  if the initial inductor current is zero; that is,  $y(0^-) = 0$  and the initial capacitor voltage is 5 volts; that is  $v_C(0^-) = 5$ .



(a)



(b)

### Solution:

From Figure (a), the differential equation relating  $y(t)$  to  $f(t)$  is  $(D^2 + 3D + 2)y(t) = Df(t)$ . To find  $y_0(t)$  we need two initial conditions  $y_0(0)$  and  $\dot{y}_0(0)$ . These conditions can be derived from the given initial conditions,  $y(0^-) = 0$  and  $v_C(0^-) = 5$ . Since  $y_0(t)$  is the loop current when the input terminals are shorted at  $t = 0$ , so that the input  $f(t) = 0$  (zero-input) as depicted in Figure (b).

# System Response to Internal Condition

## RLC circuit cont.

Remember that the inductor current and the capacitor voltage cannot change instantaneously in absence of an impulsive voltage and an impulsive current, respectively. Hence

$$i_L(0^-) = i_L(0) = i_L(0^+) \quad \text{and} \quad v_C(0^-) = v_C(0) = v_C(0^+)$$

Therefore, when the input terminals are shorted at  $t = 0$ , the inductor current is still zero and the capacitor voltage is still 5 volts. Thus,  $y_0(0) = 0$ . To determine  $\dot{y}(0)$ , we use the loop equation for the circuit in Figure (b). Because the voltage across the inductor is  $L(dy_0/dt)$  or  $\dot{y}_0(t)$ , this equation can be written as follows:

$$\dot{y}_0(t) + 3y_0(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t y_0(\tau) d\tau = 0$$

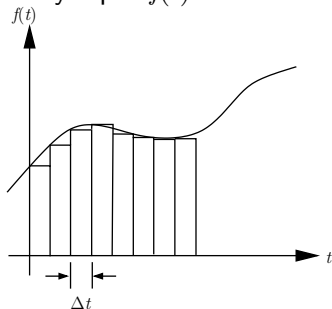
$$\ddot{y}_0(t) + 3\dot{y}_0(t) + 2y_0(t) = 0$$

By setting  $t = 0$ , we obtain  $\dot{y}_0(0) = -5$  and since  $(D^2 + 3D + 2)y_0(t) = 0$ , we have

$$y_0(t) = -5e^{-t} + 5e^{-2t}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

The impulse function  $\delta(t)$  is also used in determining the response of a linear system to an arbitrary input  $f(t)$ .



We can approximate  $f(t)$  with a sum of rectangular pulses of width  $\Delta t$  and of varying heights. The approximation improves as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , when the rectangular pulses become impulses. (Note : by using sampling property)

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

Cont.

We can determine the system response to an arbitrary input  $f(t)$ , if we know the system response to an impulse input. The unit impulse response of an LTIC system described by the  $n$ th-order differential equation

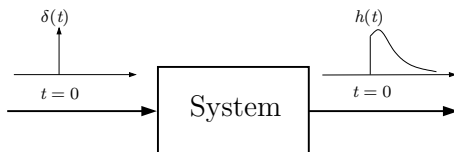
$$Q(D)y(t) = P(D)f(t),$$

where  $Q(D)$  and  $P(D)$  are the polynomials. Generality, let  $m = n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}(D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1D + a_0)y(t) = \\ (b_nD^n + b_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + b_1D + b_0)f(t)\end{aligned}$$

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

Cont.



- an impulse input  $\delta(t)$  appears momentarily at  $t = 0$ , and then it is gone forever.
- it generates energy storages; that is, it creates nonzero initial conditions instantaneously within the system at  $t = 0^+$ .
- the impulse response  $h(t)$ , therefore, must consist of the system's characteristic modes for  $t \geq 0^+$  As a result

$$h(t) = \text{characteristic mode terms} \quad t \geq 0^+$$

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

## Characteristic modes

What happens at  $t = 0$ ? At a single moment  $t = 0$ , there can at most be an impulse, so the form of the complete response  $h(t)$  is given by

$$h(t) = A_0\delta(t) + \text{characteristic mode terms} \quad t \geq 0$$

Consider an LTIC system  $S$  specified by  $Q(D)y(t) = P(D)f(t)$  or

$$(D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1D + a_0)y(t) = (b_nD^n + b_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + b_1D + b_0)f(t).$$

When the input  $f(t) = \delta(t)$  the response  $y(t) = h(t)$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$(D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1D + a_0)h(t) = (b_nD^n + b_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + b_1D + b_0)\delta(t).$$

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

Characteristic modes cont.

Substituting  $h(t)$  with  $A_0\delta(t)$ + characteristic modes, we have

$$A_0 D^n \delta(t) + \dots = b_n D^n \delta(t) + \dots .$$

Therefore,  $A_0 = b_n$  and  $h(t) = b_n \delta(t)$ + characteristic modes.

To find the characteristic mode terms, let us consider a system  $S_0$  whose input  $f(t)$  and the corresponding output  $x(t)$  are related by

$$Q(D)x(t) = f(t).$$

Systems  $S$  and  $S_0$  have the same characteristic polynomial. Moreover,  $S_0$  has  $P(D) = 1$ , that is  $b_n = 0$ . Then the impulse response of  $S_0$  consists of characteristic mode terms only without an impulse at  $t = 0$ .

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

Characteristic modes cont.

Let  $y_n(t)$  is the response of  $S_0$  to input  $\delta(t)$ . Therefore

$$Q(D)y_n(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$(D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1D + a_0)y_n(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$y_n^{(n)}(t) + a_{n-1}y_n^{(n-1)}(t) + \cdots + a_1y_n^{(1)}(t) + a_0y_n(t) = \delta(t).$$

The right-hand side contains a single impulse term  $\delta(t)$ . This is possible only if  $y_n^{(n-1)}(t)$  has a unit jump discontinuity at  $t = 0$ , so that  $y_n^{(n)}(t) = \delta(t)$ . The lower-order terms cannot have any jump discontinuity because this would mean the presence of the derivatives of  $\delta(t)$ . Therefore, the  $n$  initial conditions on  $y_n(t)$  are

$$y_n^{(n)}(0) = \delta(t), \quad y_n^{(n-1)}(0) = 1$$

$$y_n(0) = y_n^{(1)}(0) = \cdots = y_n^{(n-2)}(0) = 0$$

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

Characteristic modes cont.

In conclusion  $y_n(t)$  is the zero-input response of the system  $S$  subject to initial conditions above.

Since

$$\begin{aligned}Q(D)x(t) &= f(t) \\P(D)Q(D)x(t) &= P(D)f(t) \\y(t) &= P(D)x(t),\end{aligned}$$

or

$$h(t) = P(D)[y_n(t)u(t)],$$

where  $y_n(t)$  is an characteristic mode of  $S_0$  and we use  $y_n(t)u(t)$  because the impulse response is causal.

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

Characteristic modes cont.

At the end,

$$h(t) = b_n \delta(t) + P(D)[y_n(t)u(t)].$$

In general,  $m \leq n$ , we can assert that at  $t = 0$ ,  $h(t) = b_n \delta(t)$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= b_n \delta(t) + P(D)y_n(t), & t \geq 0 \\ &= b_n \delta(t) + [P(D)y_n(t)]u(t), \end{aligned}$$

where  $b_n$  is the coefficient of the  $n$ th-order term in  $P(D)$ , and  $y_n(t)$  is a linear combination of the characteristic modes of the system subject to the following initial conditions:

$$y_n^{(n-1)}(0) = 1, \text{ and } y_n(0) = \dot{y}_n(0) = \ddot{y}_n(0) = \cdots = y_n^{(n-2)}(0) = \cdots = 0$$

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

## Characteristic modes cont.

As an example, we can express this condition for various values of  $n$  (the system order) as follow:

$$n = 1 : y_n(0) = 1$$

$$n = 2 : y_n(0) = 0 \text{ and } \dot{y}_n(0) = 1$$

$$n = 3 : y_n(0) = \dot{y}_n(0) = 0 \text{ and } \ddot{y}_n(0) = 1$$

$$n = 4 : y_n(0) = \dot{y}_n(0) = \ddot{y}_n(0) = 0 \text{ and } \dddot{y}_n(0) = 1$$

and so on.

If the order of  $P(D)$  is less than the order of  $Q(D)$ ,  $b_n = 0$ , and the impulse term  $b_n\delta(t)$  in  $h(t)$  is zero.

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

## Example

Determine the unit impulse response  $h(t)$  for a system specified by the equation

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y(t) = Df(t).$$

The system is a second-order system ( $n=2$ ) having the characteristic polynomial

$$(\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2) = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) \text{ and } \lambda = -1, -2.$$

Therefore  $y_n(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$  and  $\dot{y}_n(t) = -c_1 e^{-t} - 2c_2 e^{-2t}$ .

To find the impulse response, we know that the initial conditions are

$$\dot{y}_n(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y_n(0) = 0.$$

Setting  $t = 0$  and substituting the initial conditions, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= c_1 + c_2 \\ 1 &= -c_1 - 2c_2, \end{aligned}$$

and  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = -1$ . Therefore  $y_n(t) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$ .

# The Unit Impulse Response $h(t)$

Example cont.

From  $P(D) = D$ , so that

$$P(D)y_n(t) = Dy_n(t) = \dot{y}_n(t) = -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t}.$$

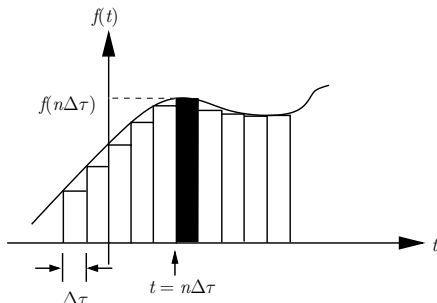
Also in this case,  $b_n = b_2 = 0$  [the second-order term is absent in  $P(D)$ ]. Therefore

$$h(t) = b_n\delta(t) + [P(D)y_n(t)]u(t) = (-e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t})u(t).$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

The zero-state response is the system response  $y(t)$  to an input  $f(t)$  when the system is in zero state; that is, when all initial conditions are zero.

- we use the superposition principle to derive a linear system's response to some arbitrary inputs  $f(t)$ .
- $f(t)$  is expressed in terms of impulses.  $f(t)$  is a sum of rectangular pulses, each of width  $\Delta\tau$ .



# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

Sum of impulses

- As  $\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0$ , each pulse approaches an impulse having a strength equal to the area under the pulse. For example, the shaded rectangular pulse located at  $t = n\Delta\tau$  will approach an impulse at the same location with strength  $f(n\Delta\tau)\Delta\tau$  (area under pulse).
- This impulse can therefore be represented by  $[f(n\Delta\tau)\Delta\tau]\delta(t - n\Delta\tau)$ .
- the response to above input can be described by

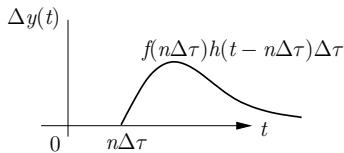
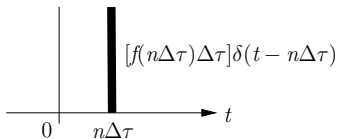
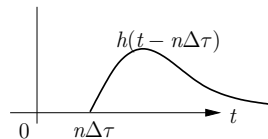
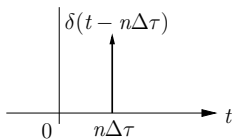
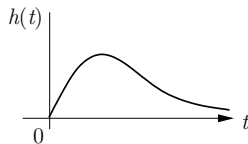
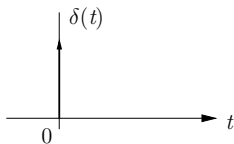
$$\delta(t) \implies h(t)$$

$$\delta(t - n\Delta\tau) \implies h(t - n\Delta\tau)$$

$$\underbrace{[f(n\Delta\tau)\Delta\tau]\delta(t - n\Delta\tau)}_{\text{input}} \implies \underbrace{[f(n\Delta\tau)\Delta\tau]h(t - n\Delta\tau)}_{\text{output}}$$

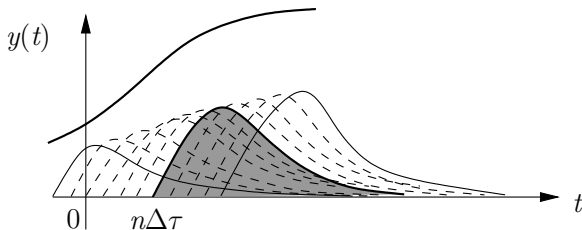
# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

Finding the system response to an arbitrary input  $f(t)$



# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

Finding the system response to an arbitrary input  $f(t)$  cont.



The total response  $y(t)$  is obtained by summing all such components.

$$\lim_{\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(n\Delta\tau) \delta(t - n\Delta\tau) \Delta\tau \implies \lim_{\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(n\Delta\tau) h(t - n\Delta\tau) \Delta\tau$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau \implies y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## The Convolution Integral

The **convolution integral** of two functions  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$  is denoted symbolically by  $f_1(t) * f_2(t)$  and is defined as

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau) f_2(t - \tau) d\tau$$

Some important properties of the convolution integral are given below:

1. **The Commutative Property:** Convolution operation operation is commutative; that is

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = f_2(t) * f_1(t)$$

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau) f_2(t - \tau) d\tau.$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## The Convolution Integral cont.

If we let  $x = t - \tau$  so that  $\tau = t - x$  and  $d\tau = -dx$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau) f_2(t - \tau) d\tau &= - \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} f_2(x) f_1(t - x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(x) f_1(t - x) dx \\ &= f_2(t) * f_1(t)\end{aligned}$$

## 2. The Distributive Property:

$$\begin{aligned}f_1(t) * [f_2(t) + f_3(t)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau) [f_2(t - \tau) + f_3(t - \tau)] d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [f_1(\tau) f_2(t - \tau) + f_1(\tau) f_3(t - \tau)] d\tau \\ &= f_1(t) * f_2(t) + f_1(t) * f_3(t)\end{aligned}$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

The Convolution Integral cont.

## 3 The Associative Property:

$$\begin{aligned}f_1(t) * [f_2(t) * f_3(t)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau_1) [f_2 * f_3(t - \tau_1)] d\tau_1 \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau_1) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(\tau_2) f_3(t - \tau_1 - \tau_2) d\tau_2 \right] d\tau_1\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\lambda = \tau_1 + \tau_2$  and  $d\lambda = d\tau_2$  (we consider  $\tau_1$  as a constant when we integrate a function with respect to  $\tau_2$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau_1) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(\lambda - \tau_1) f_3(t - \lambda) d\lambda \right] d\tau_1 \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau_1) f_2(\lambda - \tau_1) d\tau_1 \right]}_{f_1 * f_2(\lambda)} f_3(t - \lambda) d\lambda \\&= [f_1(t) * f_2(t)] * f_3(t)\end{aligned}$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## The Convolution Integral cont.

### 4 Convolution with an Impulse:

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

It is obvious to see that  $f(t) * \delta(t) = f(t)$  ( $\delta(t - \tau)$  is an impulse located at  $\tau = t$ , the integral in the above equation is the value of  $f(\tau)$  at  $\tau = t$ ). Then

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

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## The Convolution Integral cont.

### 5 The Shift Property:

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(\tau) f_2(t - \tau) d\tau = c(t).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(t) * f_2(t - T) &= f_1(t) * f_2(t) * \delta(t - T) = c(t) * \delta(t - T) \\ &= c(t - T) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(t - T) * f_2(t) &= f_1(t) * \delta(t - T) * f_2(t) = f_1(t) * f_2(t) * \delta(t - T) \\ &= c(t - T) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(t - T_1) * f_2(t - T_2) &= f_1(t) * \delta(t - T_1) * f_2(t) * \delta(t - T_2) \\ &= f_1(t) * f_2(t) * \delta(t - T_1) * \delta(t - T_2) \\ &= c(t - T_1 - T_2) \end{aligned}$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

The Convolution Integral cont.

**6 The Width Property:** If the durations (width) of  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$  are  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively, then the duration of  $f_1(t) * f_2(t)$  is  $T_1 + T_2$ .

The proof of this property follows readily from the graphical considerations discussed later.

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Zero-State Response and Causality

The (zero-state) response  $y(t)$  of an LTIC system is

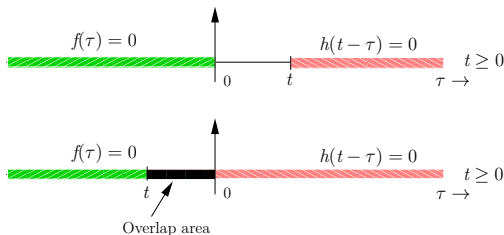
$$y(t) = f(t) * h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau.$$

In practice, most systems are causal, so that their response cannot begin before the input starts. Furthermore, most inputs are also causal, which means they start at  $t = 0$ .

By definition, the response of a causal system cannot begin before its input begins. Consequently, the causal system's response to a unit impulse  $\delta(t)$  (which is located at  $t = 0$ ) cannot begin before  $t = 0$ . Therefore, a *causal system's unit impulse response*  $h(t)$  is a *causal signal*.

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Zero-State Response and Causality cont.



- $f(t)$  is causal,  $f(\tau) = 0$  for  $\tau < 0$ . If  $h(t)$  is causal,  $h(t-\tau) = 0$  for  $t-\tau < 0$
- Therefore, the product  $f(\tau)h(t-\tau) = 0$  everywhere except over the nonshaded interval  $0 < \tau < t$ . If  $t$  is negative,  $f(\tau)h(t-\tau) = 0$  for all  $\tau$ . Then,

$$y(t) = f(t) * h(t) = \begin{cases} \int_0^t f(\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau & , t \geq 0 \\ 0 & , t < 0 \end{cases}$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Zero-State Response and Causality: examples

For an LTIC system with the unit impulse response  $h(t) = e^{-2t}u(t)$ , determine the response  $y(t)$  for the input

$$f(t) = e^{-t}u(t).$$

Here both  $f(t)$  and  $h(t)$  are causal. Hence, the system response is given by

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= \int_0^t f(\tau)h(t-\tau) d\tau, & t \geq 0 \\&= \int_0^t e^{-\tau} e^{-2(t-\tau)} d\tau, & t \geq 0 \\&= e^{-2t} \int_0^t e^{\tau} d\tau = e^{-2t} e^{\tau} \Big|_0^t, & t \geq 0 \\&= e^{-2t}(e^t - 1) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}, & t \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

Also,  $y(t) = 0$  when  $t < 0$ . This result yields

$$y(t) = (e^{-t} - e^{-2t})u(t).$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Zero-State Response and Causality: examples

Find the loop current  $y(t)$  of the RLC circuit for the input  $f(t) = 10e^{-3t}u(t)$ , when all the initial conditions are zero. If the loop equation of the circuit is

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y(t) = Df(t).$$

The impulse response  $h(t)$  for this system, from the previous RLC example, is

$$h(t) = (2e^{-2t} - e^{-t}) u(t).$$

The response  $y(t)$  to the input  $f(t)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= f(t) * h(t) = 10e^{-3t}u(t) * [2e^{-2t} - e^{-t}] u(t) \\ &= 10e^{-3t}u(t) * 2e^{-2t}u(t) - 10e^{-3t}u(t) * e^{-t}u(t) \\ &= 20 [e^{-3t}u(t) * e^{-2t}u(t)] - 10 [e^{-3t}u(t) * e^{-t}u(t)] \end{aligned}$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Zero-State Response and Causality: examples

Using a pair 4 in the convolution table,

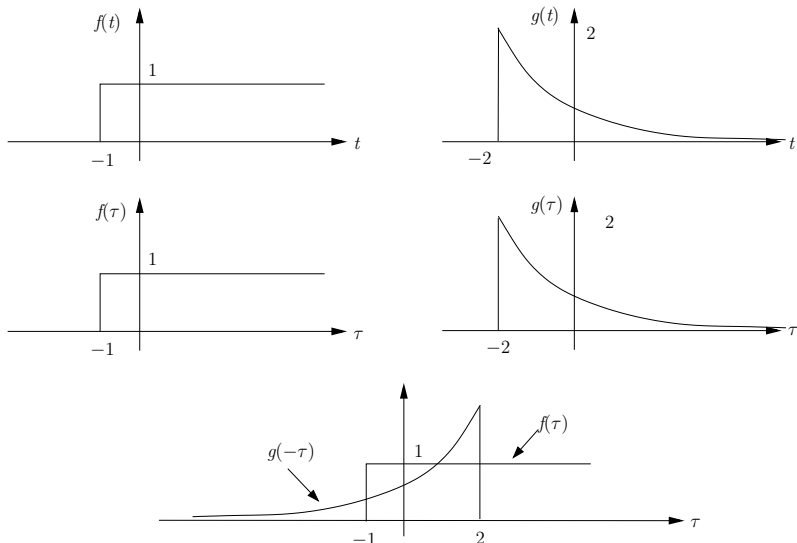
No	$f_1(t)$	$f_2(t)$	$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = f_2(t) * f_1(t)$
4	$e^{\lambda_1 t} u(t)$	$e^{\lambda_2 t} u(t)$	$\frac{e^{\lambda_1 t} - e^{\lambda_2 t}}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} u(t) \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$

, yields

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \frac{20}{-3 - (-2)} [e^{-3t} - e^{-2t}] u(t) - \frac{10}{-3 - (-1)} [e^{-3t} - e^{-t}] u(t) \\ &= -20 (e^{-3t} - e^{-2t}) u(t) + 5 (e^{-3t} - e^{-t}) u(t) \\ &= (-5e^{-t} + 20e^{-2t} - 15e^{-3t}) u(t) \end{aligned}$$

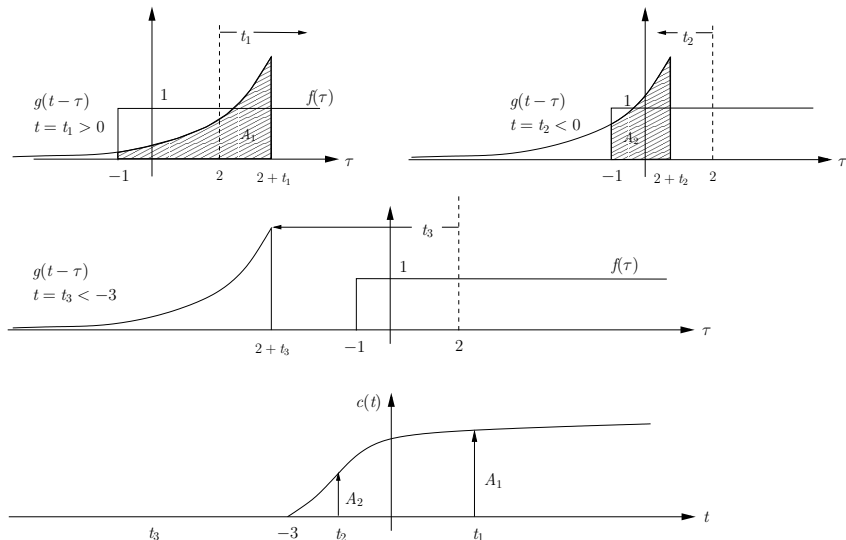
# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution



# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

Graphical Understanding of Convolution cont.



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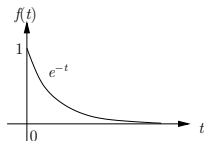
### Summary of the Graphical Procedure:

1. Keep the function  $f(\tau)$  fixed.
2. Visualize the function  $g(\tau)$  as a rigid wire frame, and rotate (or invert) this frame about the vertical axis ( $\tau = 0$ ) to obtain  $g(-\tau)$ .
3. Shift the inverted frame along the  $\tau$  axis by  $t_0$  seconds. The shifted frame now represents  $g(t_0 - \tau)$ .
4. The area under the product of  $f(\tau)$  and  $g(t_0 - \tau)$  (the shifted frame) is  $c(t_0)$ , the value of the convolution at  $t = t_0$ .
5. Repeat this procedure, shifting the frame by different values (positive and negative) to obtain  $c(t)$  for all values of  $t$ .

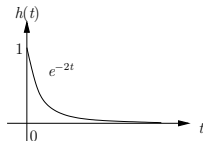
# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

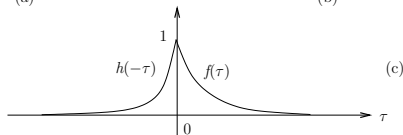
Determine graphically  $y(t) = f(t) * h(t)$  for  $f(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$  and  $h(t) = e^{-2t}u(t)$ .



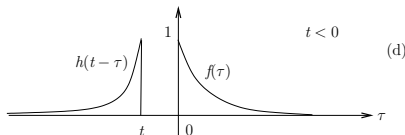
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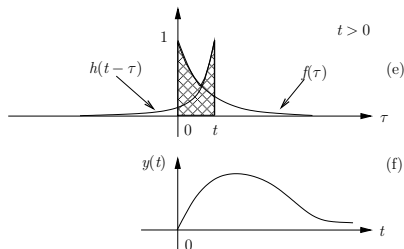
(c)



(d)

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples



The function  $h(t-\tau)$  is now obtained by shifting  $h(-\tau)$  by  $t$ . If  $t$  is positive, the shift is to the right (delay); if  $t$  is negative, the shift is to the left (advance). When  $t < 0$ ,  $h(-\tau)$  does not overlap  $f(\tau)$ , and the product  $f(\tau)h(t-\tau) = 0$ , so that

$$y(t) = 0, \quad t < 0$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

Figure (e) shows the situation for  $t \geq 0$ . Here  $f(\tau)$  and  $h(t - \tau)$  do overlap, but the product is nonzero only over the interval  $0 \leq \tau \leq t$  (shaded interval). Therefore

$$y(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Therefore  $f(\tau) = e^{-\tau}$  and  $h(t - \tau) = e^{-2(t - \tau)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_0^t e^{-\tau} e^{-2(t - \tau)} d\tau \\ &= e^{-2t} \int_0^t e^{\tau} d\tau = e^{-2t} e^{\tau} \Big|_0^t = e^{-2t} (e^t - 1) \\ &= e^{-t} - e^{-2t}, \quad t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

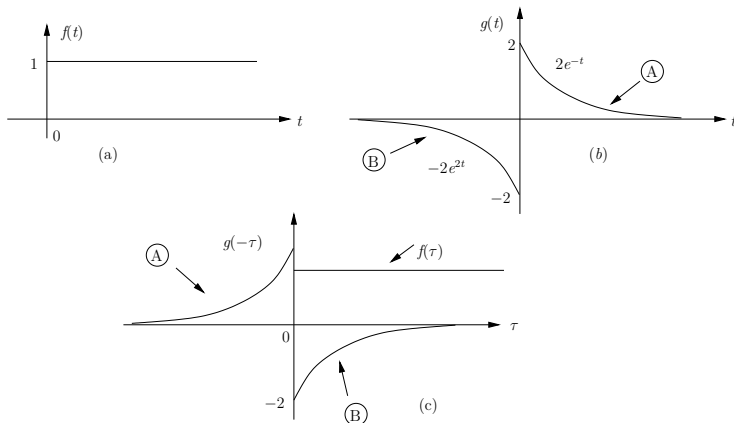
Moreover,  $y(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ , so that

$$y(t) = (e^{-t} - e^{-2t})u(t).$$

# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

Find  $f(t) * g(t)$  for the functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  shown in Figures below. Here  $f(t)$  has a simpler mathematic description than that of  $g(t)$ , so it is preferable to invert  $f(t)$ . Hence, we shall determine  $c(t) = g(t) * f(t)$ .

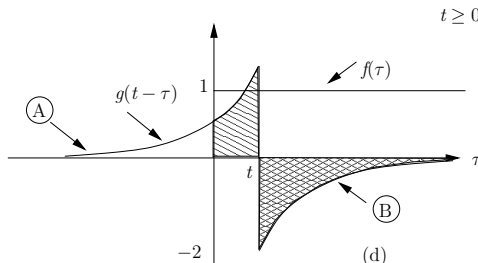


# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

Compute  $c(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}c(t) &= \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau \\&= \int_0^t 2e^{-(t-\tau)}d\tau + \int_t^{\infty} -2e^{2(t-\tau)}d\tau \\&= 2(1 - e^{-t}) - 1 \\&= 1 - 2e^{-t}, \quad t \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

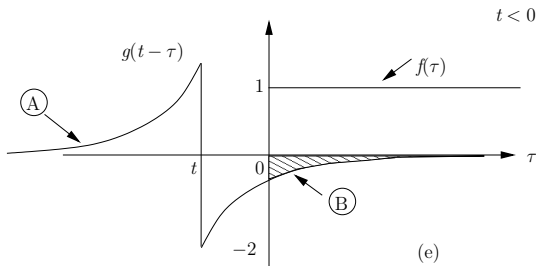


# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

Compute  $c(t)$  for  $t < 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}c(t) &= \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} g(t-\tau)d\tau \\&= \int_0^{\infty} -2e^{2(t-\tau)}d\tau \\&= -e^{2t}, \quad t < 0\end{aligned}$$

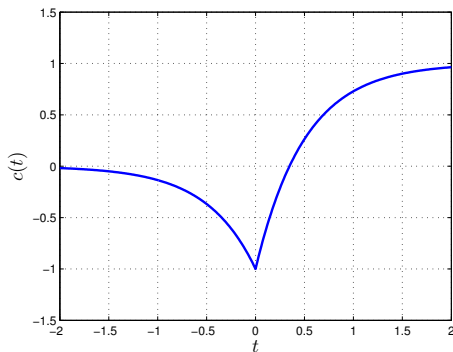


# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

Therefore

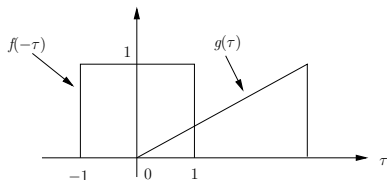
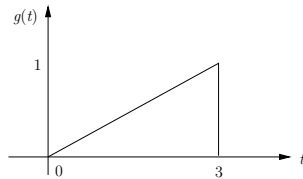
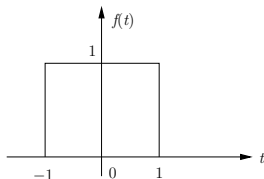
$$c(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2e^{-2t} & , t \geq 0 \\ -e^{2t} & , t < 0 \end{cases}$$



# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

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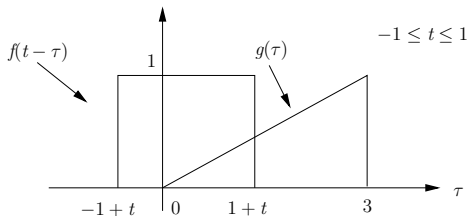


# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

For  $-1 \leq t \leq 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}c(t) &= \int_0^{1+t} g(\tau)f(t-\tau) d\tau \\&= \int_0^{1+t} \frac{1}{3}\tau d\tau \\&= \frac{1}{6}(t+1)^2, \quad -1 \leq t \leq 1\end{aligned}$$

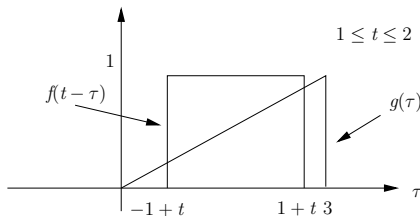


# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

For  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}c(t) &= \int_{-1+t}^{1+t} \frac{1}{3} \tau d\tau \\&= \frac{2}{3} t, \quad 1 \leq t \leq 2\end{aligned}$$

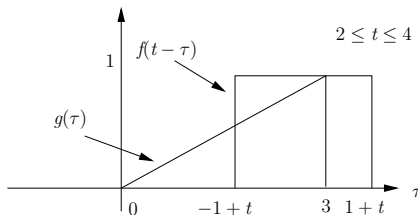


# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

For  $2 \leq t \leq 4$ :

$$\begin{aligned}c(t) &= \int_{-1+t}^3 \frac{1}{3} \tau d\tau \\&= -\frac{1}{6}(t^2 - 2t - 8)\end{aligned}$$



# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

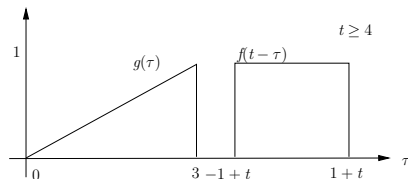
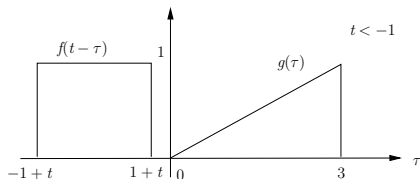
## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

For  $t \geq 4$ :

$$c(t) = 0, \quad t \geq 4.$$

For  $t < -1$ :

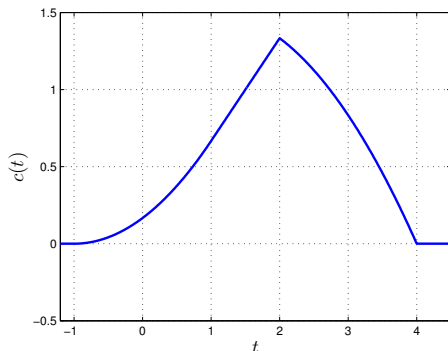
$$c(t) = 0, \quad t < -1.$$



# System Response to External Input: Zero-state Response

## Graphical Understanding of Convolution: Examples

$$c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & , t < -1 \\ \frac{1}{6}(t+1)^2 & , -1 \leq t \leq 1 \\ \frac{2}{3}t & , 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\ -\frac{1}{6}(t^2 - 2t - 8) & , 2 \leq t \leq 4 \\ 0 & , t \geq 4. \end{cases}$$



# Total Response

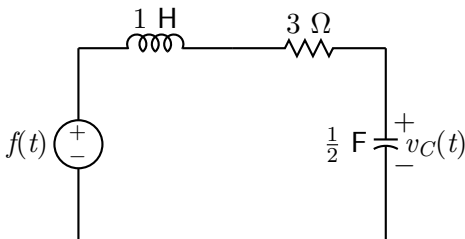
The total response of a linear system can be expressed as the sum of its zero-input and zero-state components:

$$\text{Total Response} = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^n c_j e^{\lambda_j t}}_{\text{zero-input component}} + \underbrace{f(t) * h(t)}_{\text{zero-state component}}$$

For repeated roots, the zero-input component should be appropriately modified.

# Total Response

zero-input and zero-state responses



For the series RLC circuit with the input  $f(t) = 10e^{-3t}u(t)$  and the initial conditions  $y(0^-) = 0$ ,  $v_C(0^-) = 5$ , from the previous RLC examples, we obtain

$$\text{Total current} = \underbrace{(-5e^{-t} + 5e^{-2t})}_{\text{zero-input current}} + \underbrace{(-5e^{-t} + 20e^{-2t} - 15e^{-3t})}_{\text{zero-state current}}, \quad t \geq 0$$

# Total Response

## Natural and Forced response

From the RLC circuit above, the characteristic modes were found to be  $e^{-t}$  and  $e^{-2t}$ . The zero-input response is composed exclusively of characteristic modes. However, the zero-state response contains also characteristic mode terms.

- If we lump all the characteristic mode terms in the total response together, giving us a component known as the **natural response**  $y_n(t)$ .
- The remainder, consisting entirely of noncharacteristic mode terms, is known as the **forced response**  $y_\phi(t)$ .

$$\text{Total current} = \underbrace{(-10e^{-t} + 25e^{-2t})}_{\text{natural response } y_n(t)} + \underbrace{(-15e^{-3t})}_{\text{forced response } y_\phi(t)}, \quad t \geq 0$$

# Total Response

## Natural and Forced response cont.

The total system response is  $y(t) = y_n(t) + y_\phi(t)$ .

- $y_n(t)$  is the system's **natural response** (also known as the **homogeneous solution** or **complementary solution**).
- $y_\phi(t)$  is the system's **forced response** (also known as the **particular solution**).

Since  $y(t)$  must satisfy the system equation,

$$Q(D)[y_n(t) + y_\phi(t)] = P(D)f(t)$$

or

$$Q(D)y_n(t) + Q(D)y_\phi(t) = P(D)f(t)$$

# Total Response

## Natural and Forced response cont.

However  $y_n(t)$  is composed entirely of characteristic modes. Therefore

$$Q(D)y_n(t) = 0$$

so that

$$Q(D)y_\phi(t) = P(D)f(t)$$

- The natural response, being a linear combination of the system's characteristic modes, has the same form as that of the zero-input response; only its arbitrary constants are different.

# Total Response

## Forced response: The Method of Undetermined Coefficients

- The forced response of an LTIC system, when the input  $f(t)$  is such that it yields only a finite number of independent derivatives.
- $e^{\zeta t}$  has only one independent derivative; the repeated differentiation of  $e^{\zeta t}$  yields the same form as this input; that is,  $e^{\zeta t}$ .
- the repeated differentiation of  $t^r$  yields only  $r$  independent derivatives. For example, the input  $at^2 + bt + c$ , the suitable form for  $y_\phi(t)$  in this case is, therefore

$$y_\phi(t) = \beta_2 t^2 + \beta_1 t + \beta_0.$$

The undetermined coefficients  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  are determined by substituting this expression for  $y_\phi(t)$

$$Q(D)y_\phi(t) = P(D)f(t).$$

# Total Response

Forced response: The Method of Undetermined Coefficients cont.

	Input $f(t)$	Forced Response
1.	$e^{\zeta t} \quad \zeta \neq \lambda_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$	$\beta e^{\zeta t}$
2.	$e^{\zeta t} \quad \zeta = \lambda_i$	$\beta t e^{\zeta t}$
3.	$k$	$\beta$
4.	$\cos(\omega t + \theta)$	$\beta \cos(\omega t + \phi)$
5.	$(t^r + \alpha_{r-1}t^{r-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 t + \alpha_0)e^{\zeta t}$	$(\beta_r t^r + \beta_{r-1}t^{r-1} + \dots + \beta_1 t + \beta_0)e^{\zeta t}$

- $y_\phi(t)$  cannot have any characteristic mode terms.
- if the characteristic mode terms appearing in forced response, the correct form of the forced response must be modified to  $t^i y_\phi(t)$ .

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

Solve the differential equation

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y(t) = Df(t)$$

if the input

$$f(t) = t^2 + 5t + 3$$

and the initial conditions are  $y(0^+) = 2$  and  $\dot{y}(0^+) = 3$ .

**Solution:**

The characteristic polynomial of the system is

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2).$$

The natural response is then a linear combination of these modes, so that

$$y_n(t) = K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

The arbitrary constants  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  must be determined from the system's initial conditions.

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

The forced response to the input  $t^2 + 5t + 3$ , is (from the previous table)

$$y_\phi(t) = \beta_2 t^2 + \beta_1 t + \beta_0.$$

$y_\phi(t)$  satisfies the system equation; that is

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y_\phi(t) = Df(t)$$

$$Dy_\phi(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(\beta_2 t^2 + \beta_1 t + \beta_0) = 2\beta_2 t + \beta_1$$

$$D^2 y_\phi(t) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}(\beta_2 t^2 + \beta_1 t + \beta_0) = 2\beta_2$$

$$Df(t) = \frac{d}{dt}[t^2 + 5t + 3] = 2t + 5.$$

Substituting these results yields

$$2\beta_2 + 3(2\beta_2 t + \beta_1) + 2(\beta_2 t^2 + \beta_1 t + \beta_0) = 2t + 5$$

$$2\beta_2 t^2 + (2\beta_1 + 6\beta_2)t + (2\beta_0 + 3\beta_1 + 2\beta_2) = 2t + 5$$

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

Equating coefficients of similar powers of both sides of this expression yields

$$2\beta_2 = 0$$

$$2\beta_1 + 6\beta_2 = 2$$

$$2\beta_0 + 3\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 = 5.$$

Solving these three equations for their unknowns, we obtain  $\beta_0 = 1$ ,  $\beta_1 = 1$ , and  $\beta_2 = 0$ .

Therefore

$$y_\phi(t) = t + 1, \quad t > 0.$$

The total system response  $y(t)$  is the sum of the natural of forced solutions. Therefore

$$y(t) = y_n(t) + y_\phi(t) = K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t} + t + 1, \quad t > 0$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = -K_1 e^{-t} - 2K_2 e^{-2t} + 1.$$

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

Setting  $t = 0$  and substituting  $y(0) = 2$  and  $\dot{y}(0) = 3$  in these equations, we have

$$2 = K_1 + K_2 + 1$$

$$3 = -K_1 - 2K_2 + 1.$$

The solution of these two simultaneous equations is  $K_1 = 4$  and  $K_2 = -3$ . Therefore

$$y(t) = 4e^{-t} - 3e^{-2t} + t + 1, \quad t \geq 0.$$

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

Solve the differential equation

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y(t) = Df(t)$$

if the initial conditions are  $y(0^+) = 2$  and  $\dot{y}(0^+) = 3$  and the input is

(a)  $10e^{-3t}$       (b) 5      (c)  $e^{-2t}$       (d)  $10\cos(3t + 30^\circ)$

From the previous example, the natural response for this case is

$$y_n(t) = K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t}$$

(a) For input  $f(t) = 10e^{-3t}$ ,  $\zeta = -3$ , and

$$y_\phi(t) = \beta e^{-3t}$$

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y_\phi(t) = Df(t)$$

$$9\beta e^{-3t} - 9\beta e^{-3t} + 2\beta e^{-3t} = -30e^{-3t}$$

$$2\beta = -30, \quad \beta = -15$$

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

$$y(t) = K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t} - 15e^{-3t}, \quad t > 0$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = -K_1 e^{-t} - 2K_2 e^{-2t} + 45e^{-3t}, \quad t > 0$$

The initial conditions are  $y(0^+) = 2$  and  $\dot{y}(0^+) = 3$ . Setting  $t = 0$  in the above equations and then substituting the initial conditions yields

$$K_1 + K_2 - 15 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad -K_1 - 2K_2 + 45 = 3$$

Solution of these equations yields  $K_1 = -8$  and  $K_2 = 25$ . Therefore

$$y(t) = -8e^{-t} + 25e^{-2t} - 15e^{-3t}, \quad t > 0$$

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

For input  $f(t) = 5 = 5e^{0t}$ ,  $\zeta = 0$ , and  $y_\phi(t) = \beta$ .

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y_\phi(t) = Df(t)$$

$$0 + 0 + 2\beta = 0, \quad \beta = 0$$

and

$$y(t) = K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t}, \quad t > 0$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = -K_1 e^{-t} - 2K_2 e^{-2t}, \quad t > 0$$

Setting  $t = 0$  in the above equations and then substituting the initial conditions yields

$$K_1 + K_2 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad -K_1 - 2K_2 = 3$$

Solution of this equations yields  $K_1 = 7$  and  $K_2 = -5$ . Therefore

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

(c) Here  $\zeta = -2$ , which is also a characteristic root of the system. Hence  $y_\phi(t) = \beta te^{-2t}$  and

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y_\phi(t) = Df(t)$$

$$D[\beta te^{-2t}] = \beta(1 - 2t)e^{-2t}$$

$$D^2[\beta te^{-2t}] = 4\beta(t - 1)e^{-2t}$$

$$De^{-2t} = -2e^{-2t}.$$

Consequently

$$\beta(4t - 4 + 3 - 6t + 2t)e^{-2t} = -2e^{-2t}$$

$$-\beta e^{-2t} = -2e^{-2t}$$

Therefore,  $\beta = 2$  so that  $y_\phi(t) = 2te^{-2t}$ . The complete solution is  $K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t} + 2te^{-2t}$ .

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

Then,

$$y(t) = K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t} + 2te^{-2t}, \quad t > 0$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = -K_1 e^{-t} - 2K_2 e^{-2t} + 2e^{-2t} - 4te^{-2t}, \quad t > 0$$

Setting  $t = 0$  in the above equations and then substituting the initial conditions yields

$$K_1 + K_2 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad -K_1 - 2K_2 = 1$$

Solution of this equations yields  $K_1 = 5$  and  $K_2 = -3$ . Therefore

$$y(t) = 5e^{-t} - 3e^{-2t} + 2te^{-2t}, \quad t > 0$$

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

(d) For the input  $f(t) = 10 \cos(3t + 30^\circ)$ , the forced response is  $y_\phi(t) = \beta \cos(3t + \phi)$  and

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y_\phi(t) = Df(t)$$

$$D(\beta \cos(3t + \phi)) = -3\beta \sin(3t + \phi)$$

$$D^2(\beta \cos(3t + \phi)) = -9\beta \cos(3t + \phi)$$

$$D(10 \cos(3t + 30^\circ)) = -30 \sin(3t + 30^\circ).$$

Consequently

$$-9\beta \cos(3t + \phi) - 9\beta \sin(3t + \phi) + 2\beta \cos(3t + \phi) = -30 \sin(3t + 30^\circ)$$

$$\beta(-7 \cos(3t + \phi) - 9 \sin(3t + \phi)) = -30 \sin(3t + 30^\circ)$$

$$-\beta(C \sin(\theta_1) \cos(3t + \phi) + C \cos(\theta_1) \sin(3t + \phi)) = -30 \sin(3t + 30^\circ)$$

$$C = \sqrt{7^2 + 9^2} = 11.4018, \quad \theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{7}{9} \right) = 37.9^\circ$$

$$\beta = 30/11.4018 = 2.63, \quad \phi + 37.9^\circ = 30^\circ \text{ and } \phi = -7.9^\circ$$

# Total Response

## Classical method: Examples

Then

$$y(t) = K_1 e^{-t} + K_2 e^{-2t} + 2.63 \cos(3t - 7.9^\circ)$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = -K_1 e^{-t} - 2K_2 e^{-2t} - 7.89 \sin(3t - 7.9^\circ)$$

Setting  $t = 0$  in the above equations and then substituting the initial conditions yields

$$K_1 + K_2 = -0.6 \quad \text{and} \quad -K_1 - 2K_2 = 1.9$$

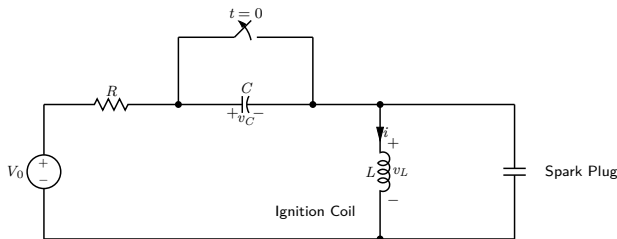
Solution of this equations yields  $K_1 = 0.7$  and  $K_2 = -1.3$ . Therefore

$$y(t) = 0.7e^{-t} - 1.3e^{-2t} + 2.63 \cos(3t - 7.9^\circ), \quad t > 0.$$

# Applications

## Automobile Ignition Circuit

An automobile ignition system is modeled by the circuit shown in the following figure. The voltage source  $V_0$  represents the battery and alternator. The resistor  $R$  models the resistance of the wiring, and the ignition coil is modeled by the inductor  $L$ . The capacitor  $C$ , known as the condenser, is in parallel with the switch, which is known as the electronic ignition. The switch has been closed for a long time prior to  $t < 0^-$ . Determine the inductor voltage  $v_L$  for  $t > 0$ .

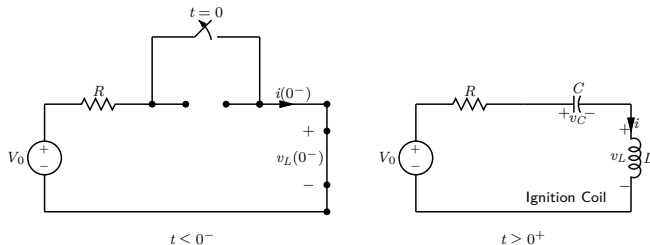


For  $V_0 = 12 \text{ V}$ ,  $R = 4 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $C = 1 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$ ,  $L = 8 \text{ mH}$ , determine the maximal inductor voltage and the time when it is reached.

# Applications

## Automobile Ignition Circuit cont.

For  $t < 0$ , the switch is closed, the capacitor behaves as an open circuit and the inductor behaves as a short circuit as shown. Hence  $i(0^-) = V_0/R$ ,  $v_C(0^-) = 0$ .



At  $t = 0$ , the switch is opened. Since the current in an inductor and the voltage across a capacitor cannot change abruptly, one has

$i(0^+) = i(0^-) = V_0/R = 3 \text{ A}$ ,  $v_C(0^+) = v_C(0^-) = 0$ . The derivative  $i'(0^+)$  is obtained from  $v_L(0^+)$ , which is determined by applying Kirchhoff's Voltage Law to the mesh at  $t = 0^+$ :

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## Automobile Ignition Circuit cont.

$$v_L(0^+) = L \frac{di(0^+)}{dt} \implies i'(0^+) = \frac{v_L(0^+)}{L} = 0.$$

For  $t > 0$ , applying Kirchhoff's Voltage Law to the mesh leads to

$$-V_0 + Ri + \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i dt + L \frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

$$L \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + R \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{i}{C} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + 0.5 \times 10^3 \frac{di}{dt} + 1 \times 10^6 i = 0$$

$$(D^2 + 0.5 \times 10^3 D + 1 \times 10^6) i = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 0.5 \times 10^3 \lambda + 1 \times 10^6 = 0$$

$$\lambda = -250 \pm 1.118 \times 10^4 j$$

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## Automobile Ignition Circuit cont.

$$\begin{aligned}i(t) &= ce^{-250t} \cos(1.118 \times 10^4 t + \theta), & i(0) &= c \cos(\theta) = 3 \\i'(t) &= -250ce^{-250t} \cos(1.118 \times 10^4 t + \theta) \\&\quad - 1.118 \times 10^4 ce^{-250t} \sin(1.118 \times 10^4 t + \theta)\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $t = 0$ , we obtain

$$i'(0) = -250c \cos(\theta) - 1.118 \times 10^4 c \sin(\theta) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}-1.118 \times 10^4 c \sin(\theta) &= 250c \cos(\theta), \\ \tan(\theta) &= \frac{250}{-1.118 \times 10^4} = -0.0224, \\ \theta &= -0.0224 \text{ rad}, & c &= 3,\end{aligned}$$

# Applications

## Automobile Ignition Circuit cont.

Therefore,  $i(t) = 3e^{-250t} \cos(1.118 \times 10^4 t - 0.0224)$  and,

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= L \frac{di}{dt} \\ &= -6e^{-250t} \cos(1.118 \times 10^4 t - 0.0224) - 268.32e^{-250t} \sin(1.118 \times 10^4 t - 0.0224) \\ &= -268.39e^{-250t} \sin(1.118 \times 10^4 t - 0.0224 + 0.0224) \\ &= -268.39e^{-250t} \sin(1.118 \times 10^4 t) \end{aligned}$$

$v(t)$  is maximum when  $1.118 \times 10^4 t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then

$$t = \frac{1.5708}{1.118 \times 10^4} = 1.405 \times 10^{-4} \text{ sec} = 140.5 \mu\text{s}, \quad v_{\max}(t) = -259 \text{ V}.$$

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