

**Linear Time Invariant (LTI):**

$$\frac{d^n y(t)}{dt^n} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i \cdot \frac{d^i y(t)}{dt^i} + \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \cdot \frac{d^i x(t)}{dt^i} + a_0 \cdot y(t) + b_0 \cdot x(t)$$

$\{a_i\}_{i=0}^{n-1}$ ,  $\{b_i\}_{i=0}^m$  are independent of  $x$  and  $y$  (but technically can be time dependent as an ODE).

If in addition, they are independent of  $t$  (time) as well, the system is LTI.

**Superposition Principle:**

If  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are the responses of  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  respectively, we know that  $x(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$  gives a response of  $y(t) = y_1(t) + y_2(t)$ . Generally,  $x(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \cdot x_k(t)$  gives the response  $y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \cdot y_k(t)$ .

Recall the Fourier Series:  $f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$ , where  $c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$ . (MATH2019)

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \cdot \phi_k(t), \quad \text{where } \phi_k(t) = e^{j \cdot \frac{2\pi}{T} \cdot k \cdot t}. \quad (\text{It can be viewed that } x = \frac{2\pi}{T}t)$$

To generalise to integrals of distributions:  $x(t) = \int_{\mu=a}^b c(\mu) \cdot x_{\mu}(t) \cdot d\mu$ ,

which will give the response  $y(t) = \int_{\mu=a}^b c(\mu) \cdot y_{\mu}(t) \cdot d\mu$ , where  $y_{\mu}(t)$  is the response of input  $x_{\mu}(t)$ .

**Fourier Transformation:**

$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x[\omega] \cdot e^{j\omega t} \cdot d\omega$ , where  $x[\omega]$  is the Fourier Transform of  $x(t)$ . It can be interpreted that  $x[\omega]$

“amplifies” frequency  $\omega$  in the continuous range from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ , and the result of the integral is the function  $x(t)$ .

Let  $H(\omega)$  be the ratio of the input and response at frequency  $\omega$ . The Frequency Response is  $H(\omega) \cdot e^{j\omega t}$ , which is the response to the “pure” harmonic function  $e^{j\omega t}$  (without being “amplified” by  $x[\omega]$ ).

The response to  $x(t)$  is therefore  $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x[\omega] \cdot H(\omega) \cdot e^{j\omega t} \cdot d\omega$

**Convolution:**

Run a function backward, shifted by  $t$ , then times it with another function and integrate the result over the domain.

$$\boxed{(x * y)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau) \cdot y(t - \tau) d\tau.} \quad \text{As } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau) \cdot y(t - \tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y(\tau) \cdot x(t - \tau) d\tau, \quad \boxed{x * y = y * x.}$$

convolution theorem for laplace transform:  $\mathcal{L}(x * y) = \mathcal{L}(x) \cdot \mathcal{L}(y)$ .

If  $z(t) = x(t) * y(t)$ , then  $z[\omega] = x[\omega] \cdot y[\omega]$ . Also, if  $z(t) = x(t) \cdot y(t)$ , then  $z[\omega] = x[\omega] * y[\omega]$ .

Impulse response: Let  $\delta(t)$  be  $M$  (magnitude) when  $t \in [-\epsilon, +\epsilon]$ , and zero otherwise, and also  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$ .

Sampling:  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t) \cdot \delta(t - a) dt = x(a)$ . (The limit is often implicit.) Since  $\delta$  is even,  $\delta(t - \tau) = \delta(\tau - t)$ .

Putting  $t$  as  $\tau$  and  $a$  as  $t$ , we will have  $x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau) \cdot \delta(t - \tau) d\tau = (x * \delta)(t)$ .

The response to  $x(t)$  will be  $y(t) = (x * h)(t)$ , where  $h(t)$  is the response to impulse  $\delta(t)$ . Also  $\mathcal{L}(y) = \mathcal{L}(x) \cdot \mathcal{L}(h)$ .

**Impedance:** Input = Impedance  $\times$  Output.

Electricity:

$$v = R i, \quad V(s) = [R] \cdot J(s) \quad \dots \quad \text{Impedance is } R.$$

$$v = \frac{1}{C} \int i \, dt, \quad V(s) = \left[ \frac{1}{Cs} \right] \cdot J(s).$$

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}, \quad V(s) = [Ls] \cdot J(s).$$

Heat:

$$T_1 - T_2 = \left[ -\frac{d}{KA} \right] \cdot q, \quad q = h_c A (T_1 - T_2), \quad \text{where the surface convective coefficient of heat transfer } h_c = -\frac{K}{d}.$$

$$q = C_t \frac{dT}{dt}, \quad \text{where the thermal capacitance } C_t = \rho c V.$$

$$T = \frac{1}{C_t} \int q \, dt, \quad T(s) = \left[ \frac{1}{C_t} \right] \cdot Q(s).$$

Fluid:

$$P_1 - P_2 = [R_f] q.$$

$$\text{The bulk modulus } \beta \equiv \rho_0 \cdot \frac{p - p_0}{\rho - \rho_0} = \rho_0 \cdot \frac{\dot{p}}{\dot{\rho}}. \quad \dot{p} = \beta \cdot \frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho_0} = \frac{\beta}{\rho_0} \cdot \frac{\dot{m}}{V}, \quad \dot{p} = \left[ \frac{\beta}{V \rho_0} \right] \dot{m}. \quad (\dot{m} \text{ is mass flow rate.})$$

$$\text{Gas: } pV = mRT, \quad \dot{p} = \left[ \frac{RT}{V} \right] \dot{m}.$$

Inertia (liquid of density  $\rho$  through a tube of length  $l$  and cross section  $A$  with pressure  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  at two ends):

$$\text{Volumetric flow rate } q = vA, \quad F = ma, \quad (p_1 - p_2)A = (\rho Al)\ddot{l} = (\rho Al)\dot{v} = (\rho Al)\frac{\dot{q}}{A} = \rho l \dot{q}. \quad \therefore \dot{p} = \left[ \frac{\rho l}{A} \right] \dot{q}.$$

## Examples

In a mass spring system with an external force:  $F = M\ddot{x} + kx$ .  $F(s) = M(s^2 X(s) - sx_0 - \dot{x}_0) + kX(s)$ .

If the system is initially at its neutral point at rest,  $x_0 = 0$  and  $\dot{x}_0 = 0$ .  $F(s) = X(s)(Ms^2 + k)$ .

$$\text{The transfer function (Output/Input): } G(s) = \frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{Ms^2 + k}.$$

$$\text{If } F \text{ is a unit impulse } \delta(t), F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = 1. \quad X(s) = \frac{1}{Ms^2 + k},$$

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{Ms^2 + k} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{Mk}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\frac{k}{M}}}{s^2 + \frac{k}{M}} \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Mk}} \cdot \sin \left( \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} \cdot t \right).$$

$$\text{Let } A = \frac{1}{M}, \quad a = \sqrt{-\frac{k}{M}} \quad \text{and} \quad b = -\sqrt{-\frac{k}{M}}. \quad ab = \frac{k}{M}.$$

$$\text{Non-dimensional form: } G(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{k}}{\frac{M}{k}s^2 + 1} = \frac{\frac{1}{k}}{\left(\sqrt{-\frac{M}{k}}s + 1\right)\left(-\sqrt{-\frac{M}{k}}s + 1\right)} = \frac{\frac{A}{ab}}{\left(\frac{s}{a} + 1\right)\left(\frac{s}{b} + 1\right)}.$$

$$\text{Normalised form: } G(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{M}}{\left(s + \sqrt{-\frac{k}{M}}\right)\left(s - \sqrt{-\frac{k}{M}}\right)} = \frac{A}{(s+a)(s+b)}.$$