

Impulse response of a LTIC system



System is described using linear differential equation in a form

$$Q(D) \cdot y(t) = P(D) \cdot x(t), \text{ or}$$

$$(D^N + a_1 D^{N-1} + a_2 D^{N-2} + \dots + a_N) y(t) = (b_0 D^N + b_1 D^{N-1} + \dots + b_N) x(t) \quad (*)$$

Note: It is assumed that $M=N$. In most cases $M \leq N$. The case $M=N$ is considered as a most general case.

Impulse response $h(t)$ is the response of the system to an excitation in a form of $\delta(t)$. $\delta(t)$ lasts for infinitely small time interval. As a result of $\delta(t)$, the system initial conditions are changed and after $t > 0$, the response of the system contains natural modes. That is, the form of impulse response is given by

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

Substituting $(**)$ $\rightarrow (*)$, one obtains

$$[D^N + a_1 D^{N-1} + \dots + a_N] (A_0 \delta(t) + \text{characteristic modes}) = (b_0 D^N + \dots + b_N) \delta(t)$$

By matching coefficients with $\delta(t)$, one obtains $A_0 = b_0$ and therefore

$$h(t) = b_0 \delta(t) + \text{characteristic modes}$$

The full form of $h(t)$ may be obtained using impulse matching method.

Example 2.3. Find the impulse response for the system given by differential equation

$$(D^2 + 5D + 6)y(t) = (D+1)x(t)$$

In this case $b_0 = 0$ (as it will be in most cases) and the impulse response will consist only of characteristic modes

$$Q(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 6 = (\lambda+2)(\lambda+3) \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = -3$$

$$h(t) = (C_1 e^{-2t} + C_2 e^{-3t}) u(t) \quad (\text{note: } u(t) \text{ makes sure we consider only time } t \geq 0. \text{ For time } t < 0, \text{ the system is relaxed and } h(t) = \dot{h}(t) = \dots = 0)$$

Substituting impulse response into differential equation, one obtains

$$h''(t) + 5h'(t) + 6h(t) = \dot{x}(t) + x(t) \quad *$$

Recall initial conditions, $h(t) = \dot{h}(t) = 0, t=0$. However, due to presence of impulse at the input there is a discontinuity of $h(t)$ and $\dot{h}(t)$. Let $h(t=0^+) = k_1$ and $\dot{h}(t=0^+) = k_2$.

Discontinuous $h(t)$ causes impulse terms in $\dot{h}(t)$. Therefore

$$\dot{h}(t=0) = k_1 \delta(t)$$

Likewise discontinuous $\dot{h}(t)$ causes impulse terms in $h''(t)$ at $t=0$ that is

$$h''(t=0) = k_1 \delta'(t) + k_2 \delta(t)$$

Considering only impulse terms on both sides of (*), one obtains

$$k_1 \delta(t) + k_2 \delta(t) + s \cdot k_1 \delta(t) = \delta(t) + \delta(t)$$

$$k_1 = 1$$

$$5k_1 + k_2 = 1 \Rightarrow k_2 = -4$$

$$\text{Therefore } h(0) = c_1 + c_2 = k_1 = 1$$

$$h'(0) = -2c_1 - 3c_2 = k_2 = -4$$

$$\text{Solving for } c_1 \text{ \& } c_2 \quad c_1 = -1 \text{ and } c_2 = 2.$$

$$\text{Therefore } h(t) = (c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-3t}) u(t) = (-e^{-2t} + 2e^{-3t}) u(t)$$

Approach in example 2.3 is somewhat complicated. It requires too many steps when "one knows" what the answer is. A more systematic approach is given by a method called "impulse matching method" (section 2.8)

Impulse matching method.



$$Q(D) \cdot y(t) = P(D) \cdot x(t)$$

impulse response:

$$h(t) = b_0 \delta(t) + \text{characteristic modes}$$

$$Q(D) \cdot w(t) = x(t)$$

impulse response:

$$g(t) = \text{characteristic modes}$$

Consider first system S_0 . S_0 has the same $Q(D)$ as S . Also in case of S_0 $b_0 = 0$, so the response $w(t)$ has only characteristic modes. One can see that the response of S_0 is zero input response of S for some initial conditions.

$$\text{Consider: } Q(D) \cdot g_n(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) g_n(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$y_n^{(N)}(t) + a_1 y_n^{(N-1)}(t) + \dots + a_N y_n(t) = \delta(t) \quad (+)$$

where $y_n^{(k)}(t) = \frac{d^k y_n(t)}{dt^k}$ - k th derivative of impulse response for S_0

Considering (+) one sees that there is only one impulse on the right hand side. This can only happen if

$$y_n(0) = y_n^{(1)}(0) = \dots = y_n^{(N-2)}(0) = 0 \quad \& \quad y_n^{(N-1)}(0) = 1 \quad (*)$$

The impulse on the left hand side is generated as a part of $\frac{d}{dt} y_n^{(N)}(t) = y_n^{(N+1)}(t)$

Therefore $y_n(t)$ is the zero input response of S to the initial conditions given by: (*).

Consider: $Q(D) \omega(t) = X(t) / P(D)$

$$P(D) Q(D) \omega(t) = P(D) X(t)$$

$$Q(D) [P(D) \omega(t)] = P(D) X(t)$$

$$Q(D) \cdot y(t) = P(D) \cdot X(t)$$

Therefore: $y(t) = P(D) \omega(t)$

Applying this result to $X(t) = \delta(t)$ one obtains:

$$\omega(t) = P(D) [y_n(t) / M(t)], \quad t > 0$$

Finally, impulse response of S , can be obtained as

$$h(t) = b_0 \delta(t) + P(D) [y_n(t) / M(t)], \quad t \geq 0 \quad \text{- general case}$$

$$h(t) = b_0 \delta(t) + [P(D) y_n(t)] / M(t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad \text{case } N \leq N.$$

Summary (impulse matching method)

Consider system given $Q(D) \cdot y(t) = P(D) \cdot x(t)$. (*)

step 1. Solve for characteristic modes of $y(t)$

$$Q(\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_k, k=1, N$$

$$y_k(t) = \text{characteristic modes}$$

step 2 Determine coefficients of $y(t)$ by using initial conditions.

$$y_n(0) = y_n^{(1)}(0) = \dots = y_n^{(n-2)}(0) = 0, \quad y_n^{(n-1)}(0) = 1$$

step 3. Determine $u(t)$ of (*) using

$$h(t) = b_0 \delta(t) + P(D) [y_n(t) u(t)] \quad \text{if } n > N$$

$$h(t) = b_0 \delta(t) + [P(D) y_n(t)] u(t) \quad \text{if } n \leq N$$

Example of use.

Example 2.4 Determine impulse response of the system

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

step 1 $Q(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = (\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 1) \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -2$

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

step 2 $y_n(0) = 0, \quad y_n^{(1)}(0) = 1$

$$y_n(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$y_n^{(1)}(0) = -c_1 - 2c_2 = 1$$

$$c_2 = -1, \quad c_1 = 1 \quad y_n(t) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

step 3: $h(t) = b_0 \delta(t) + [P(D) \cdot y_h(t)] u(t)$

In this case: $b_0 = 0$, $P(D) = D$

$$h(t) = D \cdot [e^{-t} - e^{-2t}] u(t) = (-e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t}) u(t)$$

Exercise E24 Determine impulse response of the following systems

a) $(D+2)y(t) = (3D+5)x(t)$

step 1 $Q(\lambda) = \lambda + 2 = 0$, $\lambda_1 = -2$

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{-2t}$$

step 2 $y_h(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1$ $y_h(t) = e^{-2t}$

step 3 $h(t) = 3\delta(t) + [(3D+5) \cdot e^{-2t}] u(t)$
 $= 3\delta(t) + [-6e^{-2t} + 5e^{-2t}] u(t)$
 $= 3\delta(t) - e^{-2t} u(t)$

b) $D(D+2)y(t) = (D+4)x(t)$

step 1 $Q(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda+2)$, $\lambda_1 = 0$, $\lambda_2 = -2$

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

step 2 $y_h(0) = 0$ $y_h'(0) = 1$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$-2c_2 = 1 \Rightarrow c_2 = -1/2 \quad c_1 = 1/2$$

Step 3 $h(t) = 0 \cdot \delta(t) + \left[(D+4) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} \right) \right] \cdot u(t)$

$$h(t) = \left[-\frac{1}{2} (-2) e^{-2t} + 2 - 2 e^{-2t} \right] u(t)$$

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

c) $(D^2 + 2D + 1) y(t) = D x(t)$

Step 1 $Q(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 = (\lambda + 1)^2, \quad \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -1$

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

Step 2 $y_n(0) = 0 \quad y_n''(0) = 1$

$$y_n(0) = c_1 = 0$$

$$y_n''(0) = c_2 = 1 \Rightarrow c_2 = 1 \quad y_n(t) = t e^{-t}$$

$$h(t) = 0 \cdot \delta(t) + (D \cdot t e^{-t}) u(t)$$

$$= (e^{-t} - t e^{-t}) u(t) = (1-t) e^{-t} u(t)$$

System Response to Delayed Impulse.



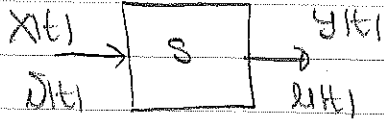
$$S: \quad Q(D) y(t) = P(D) x(t)$$

$$Q(D) h(t) = P(D) \delta(t)$$

$$x(t) = \delta(t - \tau) \Rightarrow y(t) = h(t - \tau) \quad (*)$$

The result (*) comes directly from the fact that the system is time invariant.

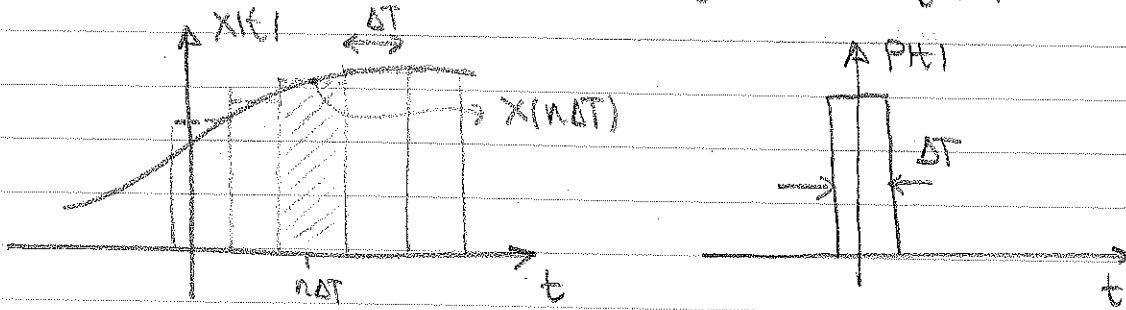
Zero State Response



$$Q(D) \cdot Y(t) = P(D) \cdot X(t)$$

$$Q(D) \cdot dY(t) = P(D) \cdot dX(t) \quad \text{--- known}$$

System is zero state. That is $y(0) = y'(0) = \dots = y^{(n)}(0) = 0$



Define $\hat{X}(t) = \sum_n X(n\Delta T) P(t - n\Delta T)$

$$= \sum_n \left[\frac{X(n\Delta T)}{\Delta T} \right] P(t - n\Delta T) \cdot \Delta T$$

It is easy to see that $\hat{X}(t) \rightarrow X(t)$ as $\Delta T \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{\Delta T \rightarrow 0} \hat{X}(t) = \lim_{\Delta T \rightarrow 0} \sum_n X(n\Delta T) \left\{ \frac{P(t - n\Delta T)}{\Delta T} \right\} \cdot \Delta T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } \Delta T \rightarrow 0 \quad X(n\Delta T) &\rightarrow x \\ \frac{P(t - n\Delta T)}{\Delta T} &\rightarrow \delta(t - \tau) \\ \Delta T &\rightarrow d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \lim_{\Delta T \rightarrow 0} \hat{X}(t) = X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} X(\tau) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau \quad (*)$$

Equation (*) decomposes the input as a "train of" impulses. Now, we can use superposition to determine the output of the system to an arbitrary input $X(t)$

input \Rightarrow output

$$\delta(t) \rightarrow h(t)$$

$$\delta(t - n\Delta T) \rightarrow h(t - n\Delta T)$$

$$x(n\Delta T) \Delta T \delta(t - n\Delta T) \rightarrow x(n\Delta T) \Delta T h(t - n\Delta T)$$

$$x(\tau) \Delta T \delta(t - \tau) \rightarrow x(\tau) \Delta T h(t - \tau)$$

Therefore
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau !!$$

Equation !! represents famous convolution integral

Problems

2.3.-1 H2.2. Function H-files

2.3.-2

2.3.-3

2.3.-4