

# Superposition Integral

What is the response to an arbitrary function  $g(x_1, y_1)$ ?

Write  $g(x_1, y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta) \delta(x_1 - \xi, y_1 - \eta) d\xi d\eta$ .

The response is given by

$$\begin{aligned} I(x_2, y_2) &= L[g_1(x_1, y_1)] \\ &= L\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta) \delta(x_1 - \xi, y_1 - \eta) d\xi d\eta\right] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta) L[\delta(x_1 - \xi, y_1 - \eta)] d\xi d\eta \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta) h(x_2, y_2; \xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta \end{aligned}$$