

Example 6.39 (Communication channel equalization). Consider a LTI communication channel with frequency response

$$H(\omega) = \frac{1}{3+j\omega}.$$

Unfortunately, this channel has the undesirable effect of attenuating higher frequencies. Find the frequency response G of an equalizer that when connected in series with the communication channel yields an **ideal (i.e., distortionless) channel**. The new system with equalization is shown in Figure 6.24, where g and h denote the inverse Fourier transforms of G and H , respectively.

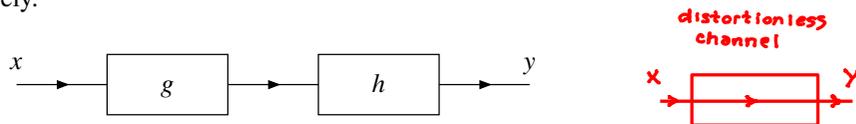


Figure 6.24: System from example that employs equalization.

Solution. An ideal communication channel has a **frequency response equal to one** for all frequencies. Consequently, we want $H(\omega)G(\omega) = 1$ or equivalently $G(\omega) = 1/H(\omega)$. Thus, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(\omega) &= \frac{1}{H(\omega)} && \text{rearrange} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{3+j\omega}\right)} && \text{substitute given } H \\
 &= 3 + j\omega. && \text{simplify}
 \end{aligned}$$

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