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## TOPICS FOR TODAY'S LECTURE

1. Linear Systems:
  - a. Scaling Property
  - b. Superposition Property
2. Time-Invariant Systems
3. Derivation of Convolution

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## WHAT IS A SYSTEM?

**What:** Input  $x[n] \rightarrow$  **SYSTEM**  $\rightarrow$   $y[n]$  output.

**That is:** A system inputs one function  $x[n]$  and then outputs another one  $y[n]$ .

**EX:** Many examples in a moment.

**Cont.:** Models circuit, mechanical system.

**Discrete:** **Design** system to **filter** input  $x[n]$ :

1. Reduce or eliminate noise or interference
2. Emphasize or de-emphasize signal aspects

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**DEF:** A system is **LINEAR** [1/4] if these two properties hold:

### 1. Scaling:

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If  $x[n] \rightarrow$  **SYSTEM**  $\rightarrow$   $y[n]$ ,  
then  $ax[n] \rightarrow$  **SYSTEM**  $\rightarrow$   $ay[n]$

**for:** any **constant**  $a$ .

**But:** NOT true if  $a$  varies with time (i.e.,  $a[n]$ ).

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**That is:** "Doubling the input doubles the output."

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### 2. Superposition: [2/4]

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If  $x_1[n] \rightarrow$  **SYSTEM**  $\rightarrow$   $y_1[n]$   
and  $x_2[n] \rightarrow$  **SYSTEM**  $\rightarrow$   $y_2[n]$ ,

**Then:**  $(ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]) \rightarrow$  **SYSTEM**  $\rightarrow$   $(ay_1[n] + by_2[n])$

**for:** any **constants**  $a, b$ .

**But:** NOT true if  $a$  or  $b$  vary with time (i.e.,  $a[n], b[n]$ ).

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**That is:** "Response to the sum is the sum of the responses."

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## EXAMPLES OF LINEAR SYSTEMS [3/4]

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$y[n] = 3x[n - 2]$ ;  $y[n] = \sin(n)x[n]$ .  
 $y[n] = x[n + 1] - nx[n] + 2x[n - 1]$ .

**Q:** How to tell whether a system is linear?

**A:** *If doubling input doubles output, then the system is likely linear.*

This rule works most (not all) of the time.

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## EXAMPLES OF Non-LINEAR SYSTEMS [4/4]

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$y[n] = x^2[n]$ ;  $y[n] = \sin(x[n])$ ;  $y[n] = |x[n]|$ ;

**Last:** Doubling input doubles output, but non-linear.

$y[n] = x[n]/x[n - 1]$ ;  $y[n] = x[n] + 1$ .

**Last:** This is an **affine** (linear+constant) system.

**Note:** Nonlinear function of  $n$  is OK.

Nonlinear function of  $x[n]$  NOT OK.

**DEF:** A system is **TIME-INVARIANT** if: [1/3]

If  $x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow y[n]$ ,

then  $x[n - N] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow y[n - N]$ ,

**for:** any integer time delay  $N$ .

**But:** NOT true if  $N$  varies with time (e.g.,  $N(n)$ ).

**That is:** “Delaying the input delays the output.”

**TIME-INVARIANT SYSTEMS [2/3]**

$y[n] = 3x[n - 2]$ ;  $y[n] = \sin(x[n])$ ;

$y[n] = x[n]/x[n - 1]$  (note this is not linear).

**Q:** How to tell whether a system is time-invariant?

**A:** If “ $n$ ” occurs **only inside**  $x[n]$  or  $y[n]$ ,  
then the system is *time-invariant*.

**Non-TIME-INVARIANT SYSTEMS [3/3]**

$y[n] = nx[n]$ ;  $y[n] = x[n^2]$ ;

$y[n] = x[2n]$ ;  $y[n] = x[-n]$ .

**Note:**  $x[n - 3]$  OK for time-invariant;

$x[n^2]$  and  $x[-n]$  NOT OK.

**LINEAR TIME-INVARIANT SYSTEMS [1/4]**

**DEF:** A system is **Linear Time-Invariant (LTI)** if it is:

1. Linear (scaling and superposition both hold)
2. Time-invariant (what a surprise!)

LTI systems are important in discrete and cont. time:

Linear constant-coefficient differential equations and:

**AN IMPORTANT LTI SYSTEM [2/4]**

$y[n] + a_1y[n - 1] + \dots + a_Ny[n - N] =$

$b_0x[n] + b_1x[n - 1] + \dots + b_Mx[n - M]$

for constants  $\{a_1 \dots a_N\}$  and  $\{b_0 \dots b_M\}$ .

This is called an ARMA difference equation.

**EX:**  $y[n] + 0.99y[n - 1] + 0.98y[n - 2] =$

$x[n] + x[n - 1] + x[n - 2]$

This removes  $A \sin(\frac{2\pi}{3}n)$  from  $x[n]$ .

**IMPULSE AND IMPULSE RESPONSE [3/4]**

**DEF:** A discrete time *impulse*  $\delta[n]$  is:

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

**DEF:** The *impulse response*  $h[n]$  of a system is  
the system’s response to an impulse.

**That is:** Impulse  $\delta[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow h[n]$  = impulse response.

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### Why are LTI Systems Important? [4/4]

1. If the impulse response  $h[n]$  is known, then the response to **any** input  $x[n]$  is  $y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$  where  $*$  = *convolution*.  
Coming soon in this lecture.

$$2. \cos(\omega n) \rightarrow \boxed{h[n]} \rightarrow A \cos(\omega n + \theta)$$

**where:**  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n] e^{-j\omega n} = A e^{j\theta}$ .

**So?** Leads to *frequency response* and *filtering*.  
Coming in a couple of weeks.

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**DEF:** A system is **MEMORYLESS** if

$$y[n] = F(x[n]) \text{ (present input only).}$$

**EX:**  $y[n] = \sin(x[n]) / (x[n]^2 + 7n)$

**That is:** System is Zen (“Lives in the now”)

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**DEF:** A system is **CAUSAL** if it has

this form for some function  $F(\cdot)$ :

$$y[n] = F(x[n], x[n-1], x[n-2], \dots)$$

(present and past input only).

**LTI:** LTI system is causal  $\Leftrightarrow$

its impulse response  $h[n]$  is causal:  
**That is:**  $h[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0$ .

**Note:** Physical systems must be causal.

But DSP filters need not be causal!

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**DEF:** A system is **(BIBO) STABLE** if:

$$\text{Let } x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow y[n].$$

If  $\|x[n]\| \leq M$  for some constant  $M$ ,

then  $\|y[n]\| \leq N$  for some  $N$ .

**That is:** “Every bounded input (BI) yields bounded output (BO).”

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**Q:** How to tell if an LTI system is BIBO stable?

**A:** BIBO stable  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| < \infty$  (finite).

**That is:** Impulse response is *absolutely summable*.

**Proof:** Coming next lecture (uses convolution).

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**EX:** A time-invariant system is observed

to have the following two responses:

1.  $\{\underline{0}, 0, 3\} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow \{\underline{0}, 1, 0, 2\}$

2.  $\{\underline{0}, 0, 0, 1\} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow \{\underline{1}, \underline{2}, 1\}$ .

**Proof:** The system is nonlinear.

**Proof:** By contradiction. *Suppose* is linear.

Then system is LTI and we have:

$$\{\underline{0}, 0, 0, 1\} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow \{\underline{1}, \underline{2}, 1\} \text{ (given)}$$

$$\text{so } \{\underline{0}, 0, 1\} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow \{\underline{1}, \underline{2}, \underline{1}\} \text{ (TI)}$$

$$\text{and } \{\underline{0}, 0, 3\} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SYSTEM}} \rightarrow \{3, 6, \underline{3}\} \text{ (scale)}$$

**But:** So  $\{\underline{0}, 0, 3\}$  produces two outputs!

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### SIFTING REPRESENTATION

$x[n] = \{3, \underline{1}, 4, 6\}$  is equivalent to:

$$3\delta[n+1] + 1\delta[n] + 4\delta[n-1] + 6\delta[n-2].$$

**Note:**  $x[n] = \sum_i x[i]\delta[n-i] = x[n] * \delta[n]$

**Delay:**  $x[n-D]$  is  $x[n]$  shifted:

*right* (later) if  $D > 0$ ;

*left* (earlier) if  $D < 0$ .

**Fold:**  $x[-n]$  is  $x[n]$  flipped/folded/reversed

around vertical axis  $n = 0$ .

**Both:**  $x[N-n]$  is  $x[-n]$  shifted *right* if  $N > 0$

(since  $x[0]$  is now at  $n = N$ ).

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### CONVOLUTION DERIVATION: [1/6]

1.  $\delta[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n]$  Definition of **Impulse response**  $h[n]$ .

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### CONVOLUTION DERIVATION: [2/6]

1.  $\delta[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n]$  Definition of **Impulse response**  $h[n]$ .
2.  $\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n-i]$  **Time invariant:** delay by  $i$ .

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### CONVOLUTION DERIVATION: [3/6]

1.  $\delta[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n]$  Definition of **Impulse response**  $h[n]$ .
2.  $\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n-i]$  **Time invariant:** delay by  $i$ .
3.  $x[i]\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow x[i]h[n-i]$  **Linear:** scale by  $x[i]$ .

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### CONVOLUTION DERIVATION: [4/6]

1.  $\delta[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n]$  Definition of **Impulse response**  $h[n]$ .
2.  $\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n-i]$  **Time invariant:** delay by  $i$ .
3.  $x[i]\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow x[i]h[n-i]$  **Linear:** scale by  $x[i]$ .
4.  $\sum_i x[i]\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow \sum_i x[i]h[n-i]$  **Linear:** superposition.

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### CONVOLUTION DERIVATION: [5/6]

1.  $\delta[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n]$  Definition of **Impulse response**  $h[n]$ .
2.  $\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n-i]$  **Time invariant:** delay by  $i$ .
3.  $x[i]\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow x[i]h[n-i]$  **Linear:** scale by  $x[i]$ .
4.  $\sum_i x[i]\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow \sum_i x[i]h[n-i]$  **Linear:** superposition.
5.  $x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow y[n] = \sum_i x[i]h[n-i] = h[n] * x[n]$  **Convolution**

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### CONVOLUTION DERIVATION: [6/6]

1.  $\delta[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n]$  Definition of **Impulse response**  $h[n]$ .
2.  $\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow h[n-i]$  **Time invariant:** delay by  $i$ .
3.  $x[i]\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow x[i]h[n-i]$  **Linear:** scale by  $x[i]$ .
4.  $\sum_i x[i]\delta[n-i] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow \sum_i x[i]h[n-i]$  **Linear:** superposition.
5.  $x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI}} \rightarrow y[n] = \sum_i x[i]h[n-i] = h[n] * x[n]$  **Convolution**

Input  $x[n]$  into LTI system with no initial stored energy  $\rightarrow$  output

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**PROPERTIES OF CONVOLUTION [1/6]**

$$1. y[n] = h[n] * x[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \sum_i h[i]x[n-i] = \sum_i h[n-i]x[i].$$

**PROPERTIES OF CONVOLUTION [2/6]**

1.  $y[n] = h[n] * x[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \sum_i h[i]x[n-i] = \sum_i h[n-i]x[i]$ .
2.  $h[n], x[n]$  both causal ( $h[n] = 0$  and  $x[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0$ )  
 $\rightarrow y[n] = \sum_{i=0}^n h[i]x[n-i] = \sum_{i=0}^n h[n-i]x[i]$  also causal.

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 $\rightarrow y[n] = \sum_{i=0}^n h[i]x[n-i] = \sum_{i=0}^n h[n-i]x[i]$  also causal.

3. Let  $h[n] \neq 0$  only for  $0 \leq n \leq L$  ( $h[n]$  has length  $L+1$ ).  
 Let  $x[n] \neq 0$  only for  $0 \leq n \leq M$  ( $x[n]$  has length  $M+1$ ).  
 Then  $y[n] \neq 0$  only for  $0 \leq n \leq L+M$  ( $y[n]$  has length  $L+M+1$ ).

**Note:** Length  $[y[n]] = \text{Length}[h[n]] + \text{Length}[x[n]] - 1$

**Note:**  $y[0] = h[0]x[0]$ ;  $y[L+M] = h[L]x[M]$ ;  $x[n] * \delta[n-D] = x[n-D]$ .

**PROPERTIES OF CONVOLUTION [5/6]**

$$4. x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h_1[n]} \rightarrow \boxed{h_2[n]} \rightarrow y[n] \text{ (cascade connection)}$$

Equivalent to:  $x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h_1[n] * h_2[n]} \rightarrow y[n]$ . (Associative property)

**Rewrite:**  $x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h_1[n]} \rightarrow w[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h_2[n]} \rightarrow y[n]$   
**Then:**  $w[n] = h_1[n] * x[n]$  and  $y[n] = h_2[n] * w[n]$   
**and:**  $y[n] = h_2[n] * w[n] = h_2[n] * (h_1[n] * x[n]) = (h_2[n] * h_1[n]) * x[n]$ .

**EXAMPLE OF THESE PROPERTIES [4/6]**

$$y[n] = \{1, -2, 3\} * \{4, 5, 6\} = ?$$

$$y[n] = 0 \text{ for } n < 0 \text{ (all causal)}$$

$$\text{Length}[y[n]] = 3 + 3 - 1 = 5.$$

$$y[0] = h[0]x[0] = (1)(4) = 4.$$

$$y[4] = h[2]x[2] = (3)(6) = 18.$$

$$y[n] = \{4, ?, ?, 18\}.$$

**PROPERTIES OF CONVOLUTION [6/6]**

$$4. x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h_1[n]} \rightarrow \boxed{h_2[n]} \rightarrow y[n] \text{ (cascade connection)}$$

Equivalent to:  $x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h_1[n] * h_2[n]} \rightarrow y[n]$ . (Associative property)

$$5. x[n] \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \boxed{h_1[n]} & & \boxed{h_2[n]} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \end{matrix} \rightarrow y[n] \text{ (parallel connection)}$$

Equivalent to:  $x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h_1[n] + h_2[n]} \rightarrow y[n]$ . (Distributive property)