

# Linear Time-Invariant System

## Discrete-Time System / Discrete System

A discrete-time system transforms discrete-time into discrete-time

$x[n]$



Example → Balance Bank Account from Month to Month

models the fact that we accrue 1% interest each month

$x[n]$  → net deposit during  $n^{\text{th}}$  month

## Basic System Properties

A system is  if its output for each value of the variable at given time is  only on the input

$$y[n] = (2x[n] - x^2[n])^2$$

$$y[n] = y[n-1] + x[n]$$

A system is **invertible** if distinct inputs lead to distinct outputs

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$$



$$x[n] = y[n] - y[n-1]$$

Inverse system of the accumulator

A system is **causal** if the output at any time depends only on the input at the present time & past

All memoryless systems are **causal**. Why?

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$$

causal

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n+1]$$

non-causal

A system is **stable** if small inputs lead to responses that do not diverge

accumulator:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$$

input → unit step signal.

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n \mu[k]$$

$$\rightarrow y[n] = (n+1)\mu[n]$$



the output grows without bound



Unstable

A system is linear if the following two properties hold.

Additive Property

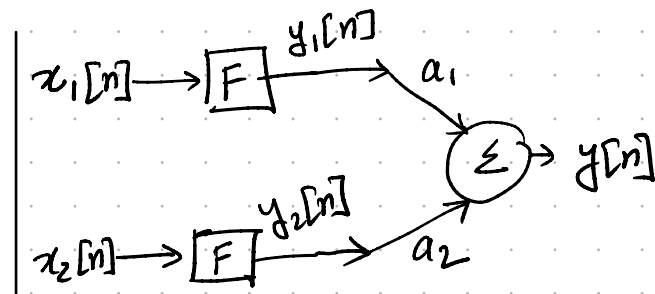
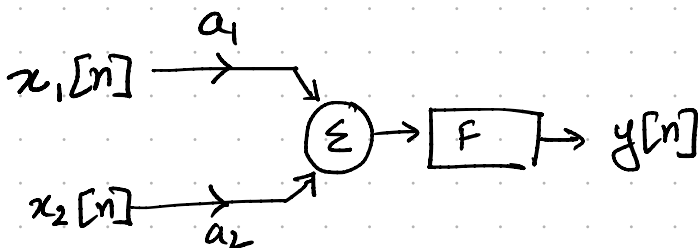
$$x_1[n] + x_2[n] \rightarrow y_1[n] + y_2[n]$$

Scaling or Homogeneity Property

$$ax[n] \rightarrow ay[n]$$

These two properties can be written as.

$$F(a_1 x_1[n] + a_2 x_2[n]) = a_1 y_1[n] + a_2 y_2[n]$$



Linear System  $\iff$  Superposition

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1[n] \rightarrow F \rightarrow y_1[n] \\ x_2[n] \rightarrow F \rightarrow y_2[n] \end{array}$$

# Test Linearity

① In system equation, replace:

$$x[n] \rightarrow a_1 x_1[n] + a_2 x_2[n]$$

$$y[n] \rightarrow a_1 y_1[n] + a_2 y_2[n]$$

② Equation still valid?

valid  $\swarrow$   $\searrow$  invalid  
linear non-linear

### Example 1

$$y[n] = 3x[n] + 2x[n-1]$$

(i) Substituting

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 y_1[n] + a_2 y_2[n] &= 3(a_1 x_1[n] + a_2 x_2[n]) + 2(a_1 x_1[n-1] + a_2 x_2[n-1]) \\ &= \underbrace{a_1 (3x_1[n] + 2x_1[n-1])}_{\equiv y_1[n]} + \underbrace{a_2 (3x_2[n] + 2x_2[n-1])}_{\equiv y_2[n]} \\ &= a_1 y_1[n] + a_2 y_2[n] \end{aligned}$$

Linear System

Generally, sum of scaled, delayed/advanced inputs  $\Rightarrow$  linear system

### Example 2

$$y[n] = \alpha x[n] + \beta$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1 y_1[n] + a_2 y_2[n]) &= \alpha (a_1 x_1[n] + a_2 x_2[n]) + \beta \\ &= a_1 \alpha x_1[n] + a_2 \alpha x_2[n] + \beta \\ &= a_1 (\alpha x_1[n] + \beta) - \beta a_1 + a_2 (\alpha x_2[n] + \beta) - \beta a_2 + \beta \\ &\neq a_1 y_1[n] + a_2 y_2[n] + \underbrace{\beta (1 - a_1 - a_2)}_{\text{not equal, unless } \beta=0} \end{aligned}$$

non-linear system

zero input  $\rightarrow$  zero output for linear system



example 3

$$y[n] = n \cdot x[n] + n^2 x[n-1]$$

$$a_1 y_1[n] + a_2 y_2[n]$$

$$= n (a_1 x_1[n] + a_2 x_2[n]) + n^2 (a_1 x_1[n-1] + a_2 x_2[n-1])$$

$$= a_1 (n x_1 + n^2 x_1[n-1]) + a_2 (n x_2 + n^2 x_2[n-1])$$

$$= a_1 y_1[n] + a_2 y_2[n]$$

Linear system

A system is **time invariant** if the behavior & characteristics of the system are **fixed over time**.

A system is time-invariant if a **time shift** in the input signal results in an **identical time shift** in the output signal.

$$x[n] \rightarrow y[n] \quad x[n-n_0] \rightarrow y[n-n_0]$$

Time origin does **not** influence system transformation.

### example 1

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

let's say the input is  $x_1[n]$

① Apply function to input, then shift output.

$$y[n] = F(x_1[n]) = x_1^2[n]$$

$$\text{out}_1[n] = y[n-n_0]$$

$$= x_1^2[n-n_0]$$

Shift  
Invariant

② Shift input, then apply function

shifted input  $x_1[n-n_0]$

$$\text{out}_2[n] = F(x_1[n-n_0]) = (x_1[n-n_0])^2 = x_1^2[n-n_0]$$

Same

Notes  $y[n] = x^2[n]$

1. not linear

2. static non-linearities are shift invariant

depend only on current time

Dynamic  $\rightarrow$  depends on past and/or future times.

Example 2  $y[n] = n \cdot x[n]$

input:  $x_1[n]$

①  $y[n] = n \cdot x_1[n]$

out<sub>1</sub>[n] =  $y[n-n_0] = [n-n_0] x_1[n-n_0]$

② shifted input  $x_1[n-n_0]$

out<sub>2</sub>[n] =  $F(x_1[n-n_0])$

=  $n x_1[n-n_0]$

not same

Time varying

example 3

$$y[n] = \frac{x[n+1] - x[n-1]}{2}$$

1. input  $x_1[n]$

$$y[n] = \frac{x_1[n+1] - x_1[n-1]}{2}$$

substitute  $x_1[n]$  by  $x_1[n-n_0]$

$$\text{out}_1[n] = y[n-n_0] = \frac{x_1[n-n_0+1] - x_1[n-n_0-1]}{2}$$

2. shifted input  $x_1[n-n_0]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{out}_2[n] &= F(x_1[n-n_0]) \\ &= \frac{x_1[n-n_0+1] - x_1[n-n_0-1]}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Same

Time Invariant