

## Lecture 9

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## 9.1 External Input-Output Stability

## 9.1.1 Signal Norms

A continuous time bilateral signal is a mapping defined by  $f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$  (or for unilateral case  $f : \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$ ), whereas discrete time bilateral signal is a mapping defined by  $g : \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  (or for unilateral case  $g : \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ ). Graphical Examples

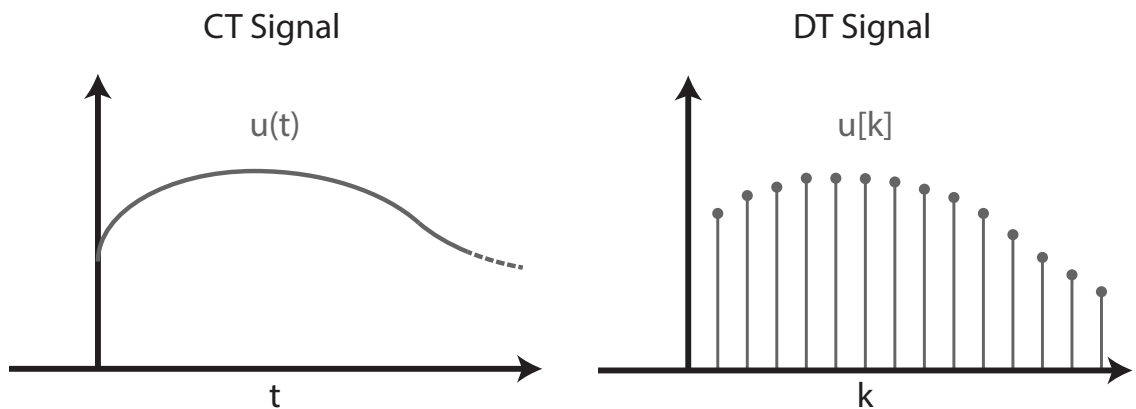


Figure 9.1: CT vs DT Signal

 **$\infty$ -norm**

In the characterization and analysis of input-output stability of linear dynamical systems, most commonly used norm concept is the  $\infty$ -norm which is technically a measure of peak magnitude over time. For scalar signals  $\infty$ -norm is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\infty} &\triangleq \sup_k |f(k)| \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \sup_t |f(t)| \quad (\text{CT}) \end{aligned}$$

The “sup” denotes the *supremum* or *least upper bound*, the value that is approached arbitrarily closely but never (i.e., at any finite time) exceeded. Note that this is the natural standard  $\infty$ -norm definition for finite-dimensional vectors to the infinite dimensional case, i.e. DT and CtT signals. Let’s remember the  $\infty$ -norm of an  $n$ -dimensional vector,

$$\|v\|_{\infty} \triangleq \max_{i \in [1, n]} |v_i|, \text{ where } v \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

A scalar signal,  $f(\cdot)$  is called *bounded* if  $\|f\|_\infty = M < \infty$  and that is the fundamental signal measure adopted in BIBO stability.

For multi-variate signals, we add a new “dimension” in addition to the time dimension, thus in such a case we define  $\infty$ -norm as

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_\infty &\triangleq \sup_k \|f(k)\|_\infty \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \sup_t \|f(t)\|_\infty \quad (\text{CT})\end{aligned}$$

The space of all signals with finite  $\infty$ -norm are generally denoted by  $\ell_\infty$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$  for DT and CT signals respectively. For multi-variate case, the dimension of the vector may be explicitly added as  $\ell_\infty^n$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\infty^n$ .

$\infty$ -norms of some example CT and DT uni-lateral signals (i.e.  $t \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned}f(t) = 1, \|f\|_\infty = 1 &\quad - \quad g[k] = 1, \|g\|_\infty = 1 \\ f(t) = t, \|f\|_\infty = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = k, \|g\|_\infty = \infty \\ f(t) = e^t, \|f\|_\infty = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = 2^k, \|g\|_\infty = \infty \\ f(t) = 1 - e^{-t}, \|f\|_\infty = 1 &\quad - \quad g[k] = 1 - 0.5^k, \|g\|_\infty = 1 \\ f(t) = \delta(t), \|f\|_\infty = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = \delta[k], \|g\|_\infty = 1\end{aligned}$$

## 2-norm

2-norm of a signal is the most fundamental measure of signal in optimal control theory and it can be considered as the square root of the “energy” of the signal. For scalar signals 2-norm is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_2 &\triangleq \left[ \sum_k (f[k])^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \left[ \int (f(t))^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{CT})\end{aligned}$$

The space of all signals with finite 2-norm are generally denoted by  $\ell_2$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  for DT and CT signals respectively. For multivariate signals, we adopt the inner product and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_2 &\triangleq \left[ \sum_k (f[k])^T f[k] \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ \sum_k \|f[k]\|_2^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \left[ \int (f(t))^T f(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ \int \|f(t)\|_2^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{CT})\end{aligned}$$

2-norms of some example CT and DT uni-lateral signals (i.e.  $t \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned}f(t) = 1, \|f\|_2 = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = 1, \|g\|_2 = \infty \\ f(t) = t, \|f\|_2 = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = k, \|g\|_2 = \infty \\ f(t) = e^t, \|f\|_2 = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = 2^k, \|g\|_2 = \infty \\ f(t) = e^{-t}, \|f\|_2 = 1/\sqrt{2} &\quad - \quad g[k] = 0.5^k, \|g\|_2 = 2/\sqrt{3} \\ f(t) = \delta(t), \|f\|_2 = 1 &\quad - \quad g[k] = \delta[k], \|g\|_2 = 1\end{aligned}$$

**1-norm**

1-norm of a signal is referred as the “action” of the signal and for scalar signals 1-norm is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_1 &\triangleq \left[ \sum_k |f[k]| \right] \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \left[ \int |f(t)| dt \right] \quad (\text{CT}) \end{aligned}$$

The space of all signals with finite 1-norm are generally denoted by  $\ell_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  for DT and CT signals respectively. In order to generalize the 1-norm for multi-variate signals, we adopt the 1-norm definition of the vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_1 &\triangleq \left[ \sum_k \|f[k]\|_1 \right] \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \left[ \int \|f(t)\|_1 dt \right] = \quad (\text{CT}) \\ \|v\|_1 &\triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|, \text{ where } v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{aligned}$$

1-norms of some example CT and DT uni-lateral signals (i.e.  $t \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) = 1, \|f\|_1 = \infty & \quad - \quad g[k] = 1, \|g\|_1 = \infty \\ f(t) = t, \|f\|_1 = \infty & \quad - \quad g[k] = k, \|g\|_1 = \infty \\ f(t) = e^t, \|f\|_1 = \infty & \quad - \quad g[k] = 2^k, \|g\|_1 = \infty \\ f(t) = e^{-t}, \|f\|_1 = 1 & \quad - \quad g[k] = 0.5^k, \|g\|_1 = 2 \\ f(t) = \delta(t), \|f\|_1 = 1 & \quad - \quad g[k] = \delta[k], \|g\|_1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**p-norm**

$p$ -norm is technically generalization of the previous norms define in the Lecture Notes. Let  $p > 0$ ,  $p$ -norm for vector valued signals are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_p &\triangleq \left[ \sum_k \|f[k]\|_p^p \right]^{1/p} \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \left[ \int \|f(t)\|_p^p dt \right]^{1/p} = \quad (\text{CT}) \\ \|v\|_p &\triangleq \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^p \right]^{1/p}, \text{ where } v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{aligned}$$

### 9.1.2 Input-Output Stability

The most important notion of input-output stability in the analysis of dynamical systems is termed  $\ell_p$  (or  $\mathcal{L}_p$ ) stability or  $p$ -stability.

**Definition:** A system with input signal,  $u$ , and output signal,  $y$ , is  $\ell_p$  stable (or  $p$ -stable) if  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\|y\|_p \leq M\|u\|_p, \forall u \in \ell_p \text{ (or } \mathcal{L}_p\text{)}$$

In other words a  $p$ -stable system is characterized by the requirement that for every input,  $u$ , with finite  $p$ -norm,  $p$ -norm of the output has also has to be finite.

#### BIBO Stability & $\infty$ -stability for LTI Systems

If we directly follow the definition of  $\ell_p$  stability or  $p$ -stability and signal norm definitions, we can see that BIBO stability definition is indeed a special case of  $p$ -stability where  $p = \infty$ . Lets first remember BIBO stability or  $\infty$ -stability for SISO LTI systems.

**Theorem:** Let,  $S_h$ , be a CT-LTI SISO system where  $h(t)$  is its impulse response, i.e.

$$y(t) = h(t) * u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t - \tau)u(\tau)d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)u(t - \tau)d\tau$$

$S_h$  is BIBO stable (or  $\infty$ -stable) if and only if  $\exists M < \infty$  such that

$$\|h\|_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)|dt = M$$

**Proof:** *Sufficiency* - Let  $\|h\|_1 = M < \infty$  and  $\|u\|_{\infty} = C < \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)u(t - \tau)d\tau \\ |y(t)| &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)u(t - \tau)d\tau \right| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)u(t - \tau)|d\tau \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)||u(t - \tau)|d\tau \leq \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)|d\tau \right] \|u\|_{\infty}, \forall t \\ \|y\|_{\infty} &\leq \|h\|_1 \|u\|_{\infty} \leq MC < \infty \end{aligned}$$

*Necessity* - Let  $\|h\|_1 = \infty$ , and for any  $t$  we can choose  $u(t - \tau) = \text{sign}(h(\tau))$ , then

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)u(t - \tau)d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)\text{sign}(h(\tau))d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)|d\tau = \infty$$

Thus a SISO CT-LTI system is BIBO stable (or  $\infty$ -stable)  $\iff \|h\|_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)|dt < \infty$ . Furthermore,

the least upper bound of the infinity norm of the output given that  $\|u\|_\infty$  simply given by

$$\sup_{\|u\|_\infty=1} \|y\|_\infty = \|h\|_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt$$

and this constant is called the  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -norm (or  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\text{-ind}}$ -norm) of the system and showed as

$$\|S_h\|_1 = \sup_{\|u\|_\infty=1} \|y\|_\infty$$

**Theorem:** Let,  $S_g$ , be a DT-LTI SISO system where  $g[k]$  is its impulse response, i.e.

$$y[k] = g[k] * u[k] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g[k-n]u[n] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g[n]u[k-n]$$

$S_g$  is BIBO stable (or  $\infty$ -stable) if and only if  $\exists M < \infty$  such that

$$\|g\|_1 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |g[n]| = M$$

**Proof:** Steps of the proof is very similar to the CT case.

Now let's generalize the BIBO stability for MIMO systems.

**Theorem:** Let,  $S_{\mathcal{H}}$ , be a CT-LTI MIMO system where  $\mathcal{H}(t)$  is its impulse response matrix with  $m$  inputs and  $p$  outputs, i.e.

$$y(t) = \mathcal{H}(t) * u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}(t-\tau)u(\tau)d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}(\tau)u(t-\tau)d\tau$$

$S_{\mathcal{H}}$  is BIBO stable (or  $\infty$ -stable) if and only if  $\exists M < \infty$  such that

$$\max_{i \in [1,p]} \sum \|h_{ij}\|_1 = M$$

we can see that for multivariate BIBO stability all possible SISO input-output terminals has to be BIBO stability. It is enough to the sufficiency for the multi-variate case, since proof in SISO case covers necessity condition. Let  $y_i(t)$  is the  $i^{th}$  output terminal then

$$\begin{aligned} y_i(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \int h_{ij}(\tau) u_j(t-\tau) d\tau \right] \\ |y_i(t)| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \int h_{ij}(\tau) u_j(t-\tau) d\tau \right] \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \int |h_{ij}(\tau) u_j(t-\tau)| d\tau \right] \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \int |h_{ij}(\tau)| |u_j(t-\tau)| d\tau \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \int |h_{ij}(\tau)| \|u(t-\tau)\|_\infty d\tau \right] \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \int |h_{ij}(\tau)| d\tau \right] \|u\|_\infty \leq \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \|h_{ij}\|_1 \right] \|u\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

Now let's focus on all output variables

$$\|y\|_\infty = \sup_t \|y(t)\|_\infty = \sup_t \max_{i \in [1,p]} |y_i(t)| \leq \max_{i \in [1,p]} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \|h_{ij}\|_1 \right] \|u\|_\infty$$

thus if  $\max_{i \in [1, p]} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \|h_{ij}\|_1 \right] = M < \infty$ , then  $\|y\|_\infty$  is finite for all finite  $\|u\|_\infty$ . The constant  $M$  derived in this proof is called the  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -norm (or  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\text{-ind}}$ -norm) of the system and showed as

$$\|S_{\mathcal{H}}\|_1 = \max_{i \in [1, p]} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \|h_{ij}\|_1 \right]$$

**Theorem:** Let,  $S_{\mathcal{G}}$ , be a DT-LTI MIMO system where  $\mathcal{G}[k]$  is its impulse response matrix with  $m$  inputs and  $p$  outputs, i.e.

$$y[k] = \mathcal{G}[k] * u[k] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{G}[k-n]u[n]$$

$S_{\mathcal{G}}$  is BIBO stable (or  $\infty$ -stable) if and only if  $\exists M < \infty$  such that

$$\|S_{\mathcal{G}}\|_1 = \max_{i \in [1, p]} \sum \|h_{ij}\|_1 = M$$

Steps of the proof is very similar to the CT case.

**Theorem** A finite-dimensional CT-LTI (or DT-LTI) system is BIBO or  $\infty$ -stable  $\iff$

- poles of  $\mathcal{H}(s)$  (or  $\mathcal{G}(z)$  for DT case) are located in the O.L.P (or unit circle for DT systems)  $\iff$
- eigenvalues associated with reachable and observable modes are located in the O.L.P (or unit circle for DT systems)