

ECE 210 (AL2)

## Chapter 10

# Impulse Response, Stability, Causality, and LTIC Systems

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# Chapter objectives

- Understand the meaning of an LTI system's impulse response and its relation to the frequency response
- Understand and test for BIBO stability
- Understand and test for causality of systems and signals

## • Convolution and impulse response

- Recall that

$$F(\omega) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI with } H(\omega)} \rightarrow Y(\omega) = F(\omega)H(\omega)$$

- What is  $F(\omega)$  or  $H(\omega)$  doesn't exist?



$$f(t) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI with } h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = f(t) * h(t)$$

- Q: How to get  $h(t)$  if we do not know it?

- Recall that

$$\delta(t) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI with } h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = \delta(t) * h(t) = h(t)$$

$h(t)$  is the impulse response

## • Convolution and unit-step response

- Consider

$$u(t) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI with } h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = u(t) * h(t)$$

$y(t)$  is the unit-step response

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \left( \frac{d}{dt} u(t) \right) * h(t) =$$

$$= \delta(t) * h(t) = h(t)$$

- Q: How to get  $h(t)$  from  $y(t)$ ?

$$y(t) = f(t) * h(t)$$

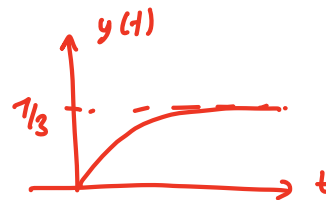
$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} f(t) * h(t) = f(t) * \frac{d}{dt} h(t)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = h(t)}$$

## • Unit-step response - Example # 1

- Let the unit-step response of an LTI system be

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{3}(1 - e^{-3t})u(t)$$

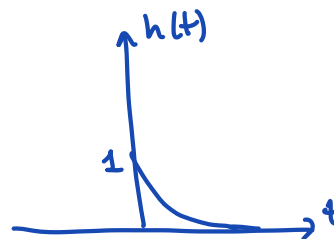


- Determine  $h(t)$  :

$$u(t) \rightarrow \boxed{h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{3}(1 - e^{-3t})u(t)$$

$$h(t) = \frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \underbrace{(1 - e^{-3t})}_{\text{sampling}} \delta(t) + 3e^{-3t} u(t) \right) =$$

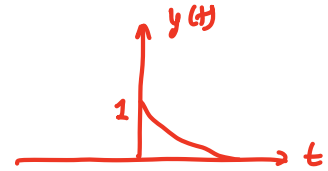
$$= \frac{1}{3} \left( \underbrace{(1 - e^{-3|0|})}_{\substack{0 \\ 0}} \delta(t) + 3e^{-3t} u(t) \right) = e^{-3t} u(t)$$



## • Unit-step response - Example # 2

- Let the unit-step response of an LTI system be

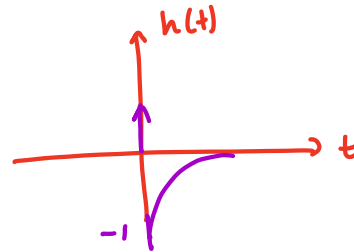
$$y(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$$



- Determine  $h(t)$  :

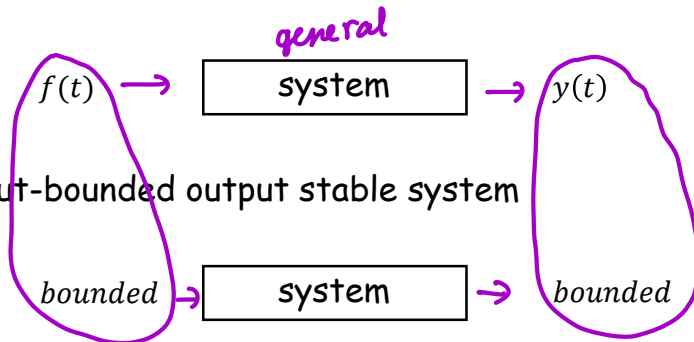
$$u(t) \rightarrow \boxed{h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$$

$$h(t) = \frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \underbrace{e^{-t}}_{1} \delta(t) - e^{-t}u(t) = \underbrace{e^{-0}}_1 \delta(t) - e^{-t}u(t)$$



# • Bounded input-bounded output (BIBO) stability

- Consider



- In a bounded input-bounded output stable system

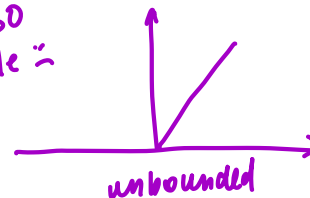
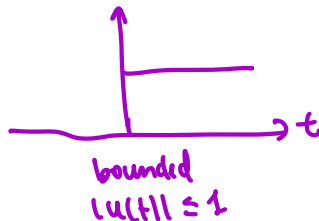
for any bounded  $f(t)$

$$|f(t)| \leq C_1 \Rightarrow |y(t)| \leq C_2$$

Note: BIBO doesn't care  
what happens to  
unbounded inputs

$$u(t) \rightarrow \boxed{h(t)=u(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = u(t) * u(t) = t u(t)$$

LTI  
↓ system is  
not BIBO  
stable :-



## • BIBO stability and LTI systems

- If the system is LTI, then it is BIBO if and only if its impulse response is absolutely integrable.

$$\text{BIBO stable} \Leftrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt < \infty$$

check the system,  
not the input!

Assuming  
 $h(t)$  is a  
function.  
If not, use  
original  
definition

Note: do not check boundness of  $h(t)$ , just A.I.!



## • BIBO stability and LTI systems - Example # 3

- Determine which of the following impulse responses correspond to BIBO stable systems:

check  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt < \infty$

X not  
BIBO  
stable  
✓ ☺

1.  $h(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t)$



2.  $h(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t) \text{rect}(t)$



3.  $h(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t)u(t)$

4.  $h(t) = 2u(t - 1)$

5.  $h(t) = \delta(t - 1)$