

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

$$u(t) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI with } h(t)} \rightarrow \underbrace{y(t) = u(t) * h(t)}_{\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \left(\frac{d}{dt} u(t) \right) * h(t) = \delta(t) * h(t) = h(t)}$$

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

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

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

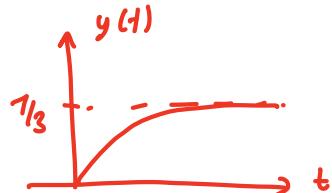
$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} f(t) * h(t) = f(t) * \frac{d}{dt} h(t)$$

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

• Unit-step response - Example # 1

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

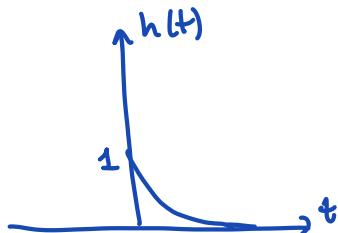
$$y(t) = \frac{1}{3}(1 - e^{-3t})u(t)$$



- Determine $h(t)$:

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

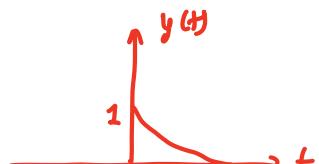
$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= \frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{3} \left((1 - e^{-3t}) \delta(t) + 3e^{-3t} u(t) \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left(\underbrace{(1 - e^{-3(0)})}_{\text{sampling}} \delta(t) + 3e^{-3t} u(t) \right) = \frac{e^{-3t}}{e^0} u(t) \end{aligned}$$



• Unit-step response - Example # 2

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

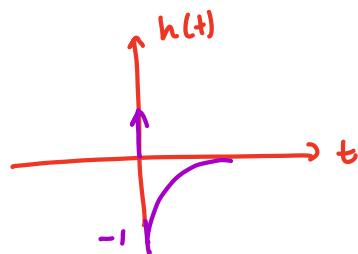
$$y(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$$



- Determine $h(t)$:

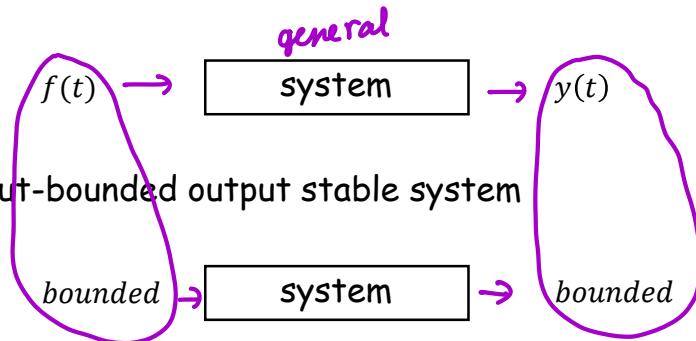
$$u(t) \rightarrow \boxed{h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = \bar{e}^t u(t)$$

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



• Bounded input-bounded output (BIBO) stability

- Consider

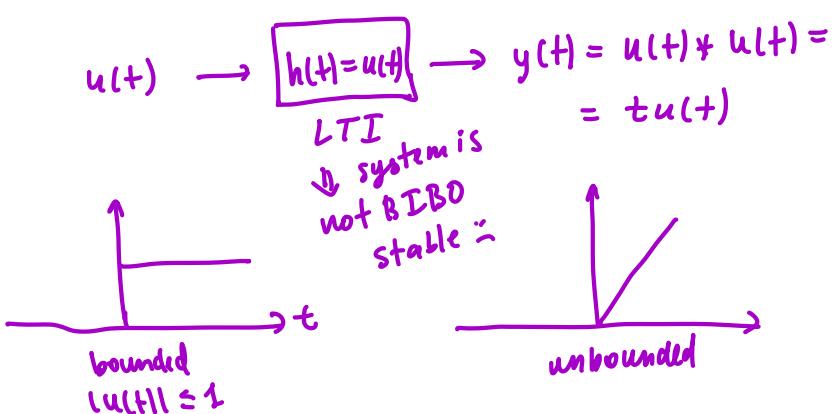


- In a bounded input-bounded output stable system

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



• 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 boundedness 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:

$\times \text{ not}$ 1. $h(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t)$



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

$\checkmark \text{ BIBO stable}$ 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. $h(t) = \delta(t - 1)$