

## Lecture 45, Monday, April 18, 2022

- Causality

- If the output of a system,  $y(t)$ , does **not** depend on the future of the input,  $f(t)$ , then the system is *causal*.
  - This has to be true for **any** input  $f(t)$
- If the output  $y(t)$  does depend on the future of the input  $f(t)$ , then the system is *non-causal* (unrealizable).
- Causality may apply to any system, but if the system is LTI with impulse response  $h(t)$ , then

$$\text{system is causal} \iff h(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0$$

- A signal  $f(t)$  is causal if it could be an LTIC impulse response.

$$f(t) \text{ is causal} \iff f(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0$$