

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
 - system is causal $\longleftrightarrow h(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$
- A signal $f(t)$ is causal if it could be an LTIC impulse response.
 - $f(t)$ is causal $\longleftrightarrow f(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$