

Ch.1 *Overview*

Part III *Systems Classification and Properties*

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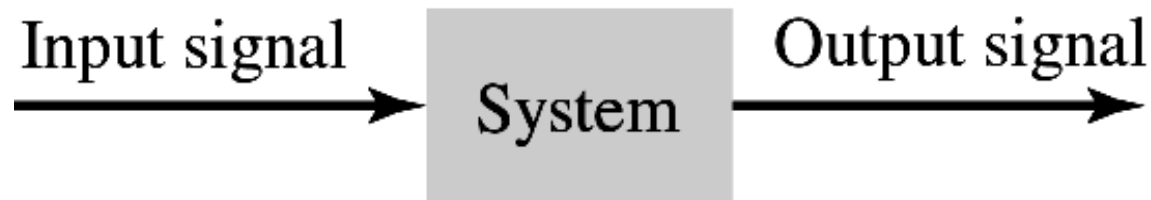
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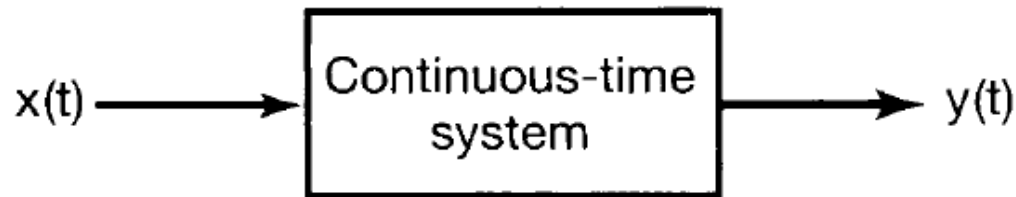
System Representation

- A system is formally defined as an entity that **manipulates one or more signals to accomplish a function**, thereby yielding new signals.
- The system can be viewed as an **interconnection of operations** that transforms an input signal x into an output signal y with properties different from those of x .

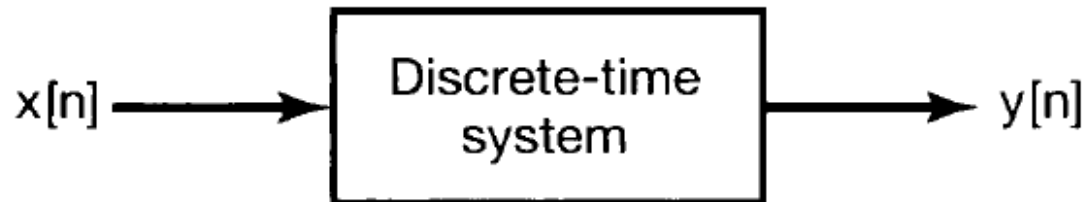


Continuous-time and Discrete-time Systems

- **Continuous-time system:** the input x and output y are continuous-time signals.



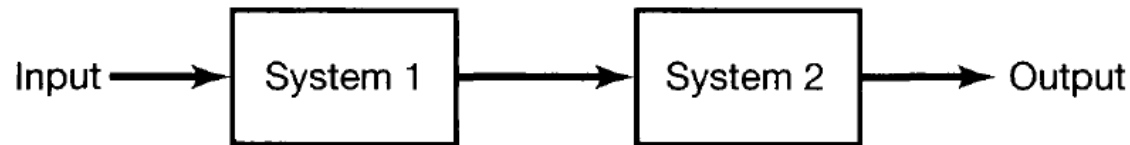
- **Discrete-time system:** the input x and output y are discrete-time signals



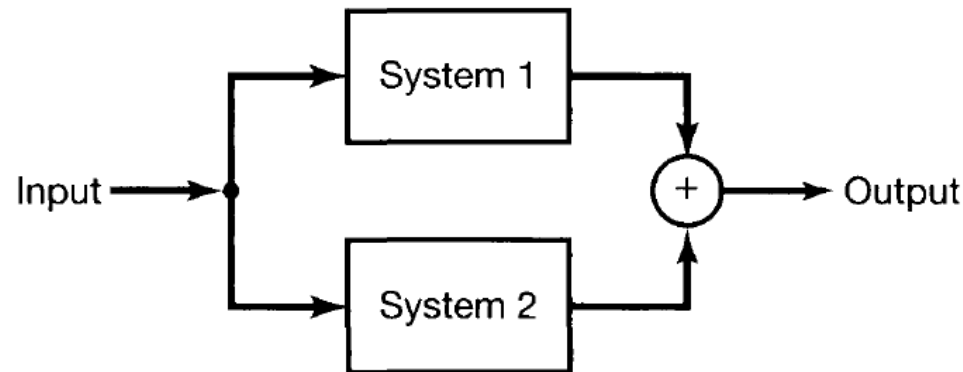
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Interconnections of systems

- **Cascade (Series):** the output of System 1 is the input of System 2.



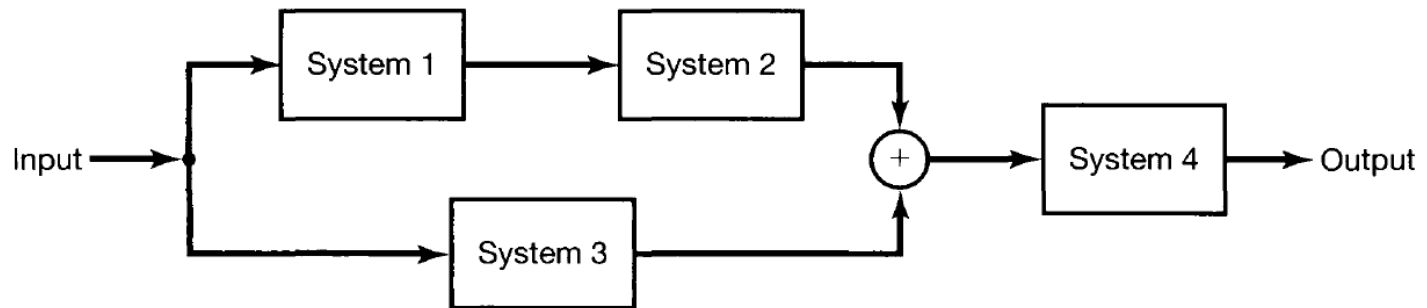
- **Parallel:** the same input is applied to Systems 1 and 2; the final output is the sum of the outputs of Systems 1 and 2.



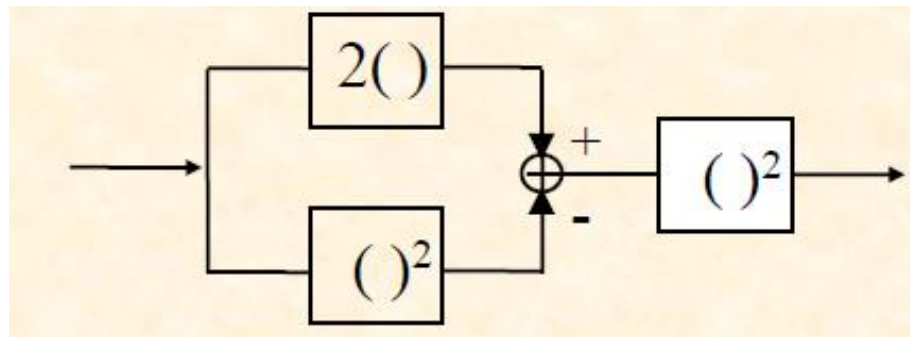
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Interconnections of systems

■ Series/Parallel



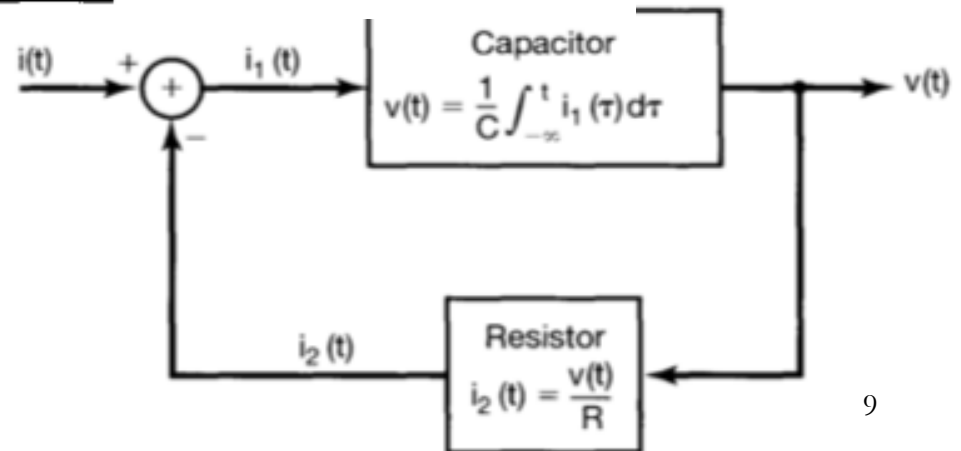
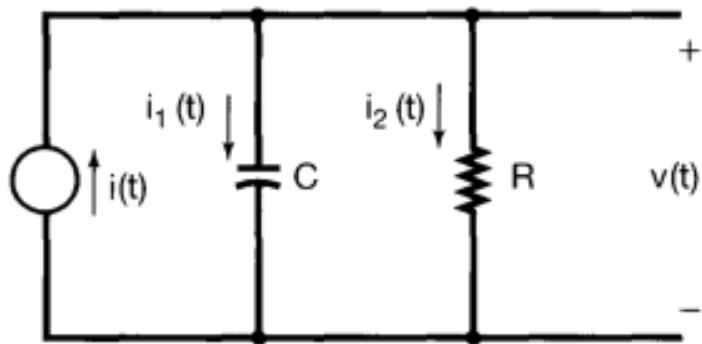
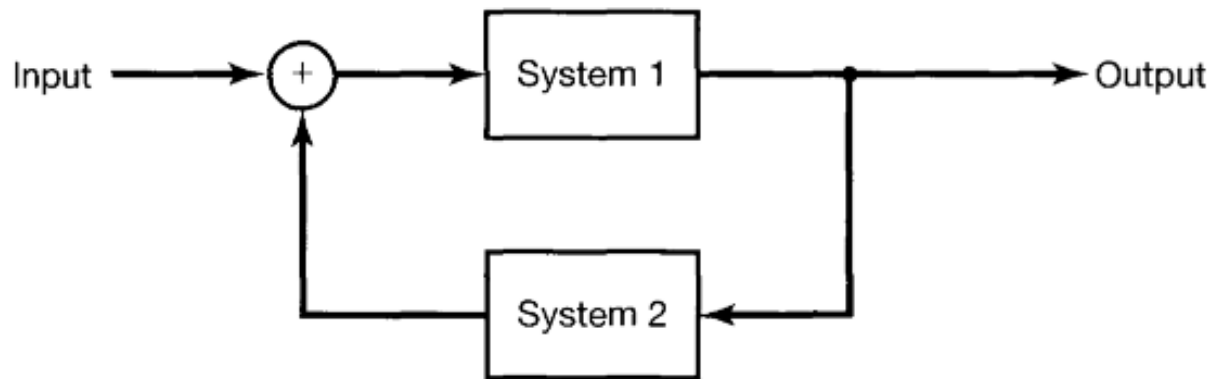
$$\text{Ex. } y[n] = (2x[n] - x[n]^2)^2$$



Continuous-time and Discrete-time Systems

Interconnections of systems

- **Feedback:** Output of System 1 is the input to System 2; Output of System 2 is fed back and added to the external input to produce the actual input to System 1.



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Systems with and without memory

- A system is said to be **memoryless** if the output at any time depends on only the input at that same time. Otherwise, the system is said to have **memory**.

□ System without memory:

- Output is dependent **only on the current input**
- Examples:

$$y[n] = (2x[n] - x^2[n])^2$$

$$y(t) = Rx(t)$$

$$y(t) = x(t)$$

$$y[n] = x[n]$$

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□ System with memory:

- Output is dependent on the **current and past/future** inputs and outputs.

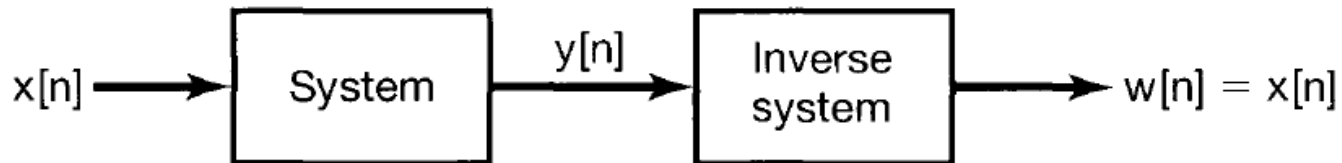
- Examples:
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k],$$

$$y[n] = x[n - 1]$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$$

Invertibility and inverse system

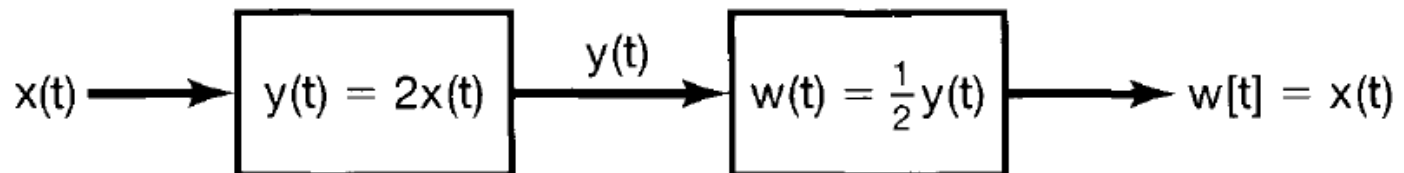
- A system is **invertible** if distinct inputs lead to distinct outputs.



If $w[n]=x[n]$, then system 2 is the **inverse system** of system 1.

- **Example**

$$y(t) = 2x(t) \qquad w(t) = \frac{1}{2}y(t)$$

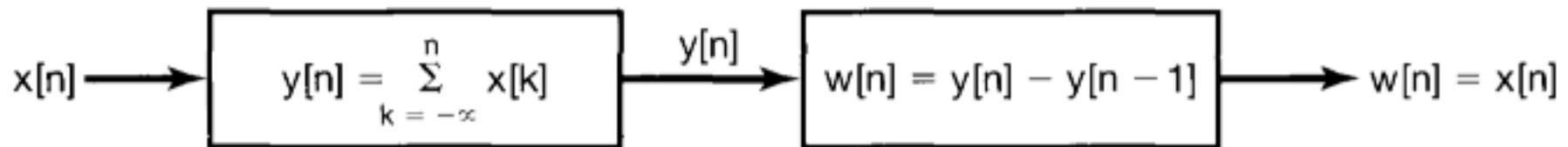


Invertibility and inverse system

■ Invertible Example:

- **Accumulator:** $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$
- The difference between two successive outputs is precisely the inputs:

$$y[n] - y[n-1] = x[n]$$



Invertibility and inverse system

■ **Noninvertible Example:**

$$y[n] = 0$$

All $x[n]$ leads to the same $y[n]$

$$y(t) = x^2(t)$$

Cannot determine the sign of the inputs

Causal and Non-causal Systems

- A system is said to be **causal** if the output at any time only depends on the input at the present time and before.
- A system is said to be **non-causal** if its output signal depends on one or more future values of the input signal.

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$$y(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$$

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n + 1]$$

$$y(t) = x(t + 1)$$

Causal and Non-causal Systems

- **Causality Example:**

$$y[n] = x[-n]$$

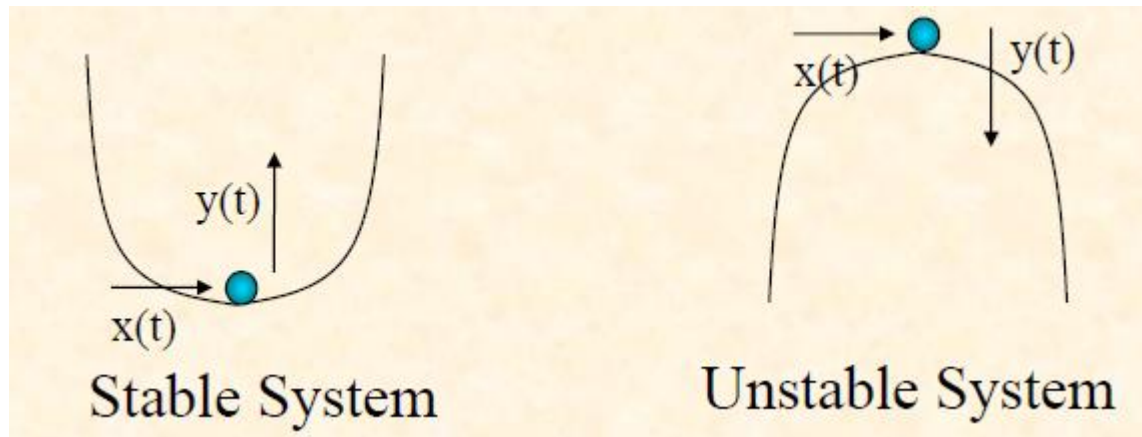
$$y(t) = x(t) \cos(t + 1)$$

Stability

- A system is stable if bounded input gives bounded output.

bounded-input bounded-output (BIBO) stable

- E.g. $x(t)$: the horizontal force; $y(t)$: vertical displacement



Stability

- **Stability Example:**

$$y(t) = tx(t)$$

$$y(t) = e^{x(t)}$$

Time-Invariance

- A system is **time-invariant** if a time-shift (advance or delay) at the input causes an identical shift at the output.
- For a continuous-time system, time-invariance exists if:

$$\text{If } x(t) \rightarrow y(t) \quad \text{Then } x(t - t_0) \rightarrow y(t - t_0)$$

- For a discrete-time system, the system is time-invariant if

$$\text{If } x[n] \rightarrow y[n] \quad \text{Then } x[n - n_0] \rightarrow y[n - n_0]$$

- A system not satisfying equation above equations is **time-varying**.
- time-invariance can be tested by correlating the shifted output with the output produced by a shifted input.

Time-Invariance

■ Time-Invariance Example

$$y(t) = \sin[x(t)]$$

Let

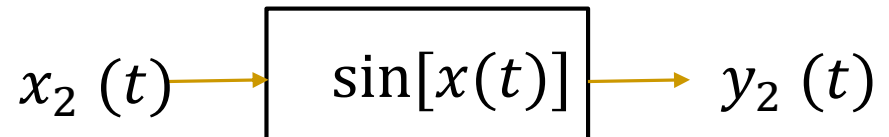
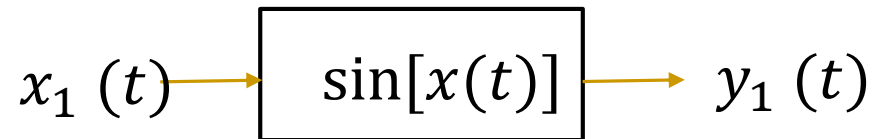
$$y_1(t) = \sin[x_1(t)]$$

$$x_2(t) = x_1(t - t_0)$$

Then

$$y_2(t) = \sin[x_2(t)] = \sin[x_1(t - t_0)] = y_1(t - t_0)$$

Hence, $y(t)$ is time-invariant (T.I.)



Time-Invariance

■ Time-Variance Example

$$y[n] = nx[n]$$

Let

$$y_1[n] = n \cdot x_1[n]$$

$$x_2[n] = x_1[n - n_0]$$

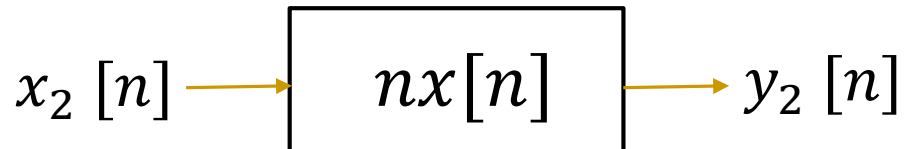
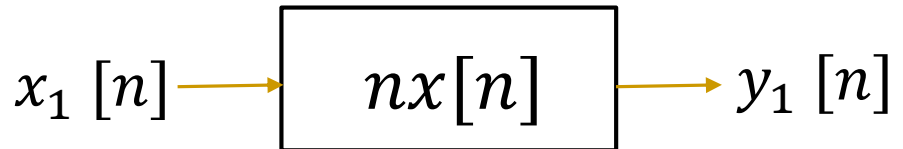
Then

$$y_2[n] = n \cdot x_2[n] = n \cdot x_1[n - n_0]$$

However

$$y_1[n - n_0] = (n - n_0) \cdot x_1[n - n_0] \neq y_2[n]$$

Hence, $y[n]$ is not time-invariant (T.I.)



Time-Invariance

■ Time-Variance Example

$$y(t) = x(2t)$$

Let

$$y_1(t) = x_1(2t)$$

$$x_2(t) = x_1(t - t_0)$$

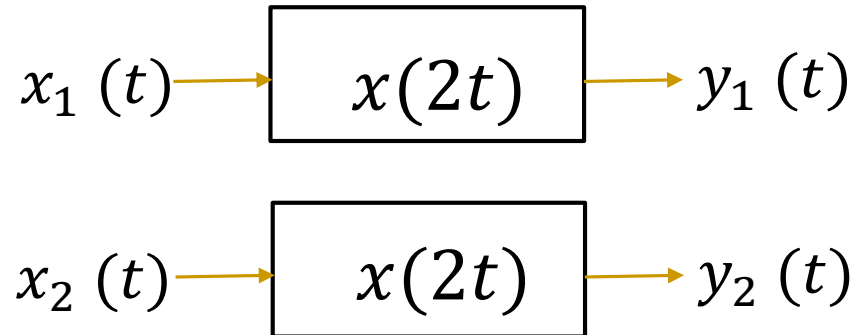
Then

$$y_2(t) = x_2(2t) = x_2(2t - t_0)$$

However

$$y_1(t - t_0) = x_1(2(t - t_0)) \neq y_2(t)$$

Hence, $y(t)$ is not time-invariant (T.I.)



Linearity

- If a system is **linear**, it has to satisfy the following two conditions:

- **Additivity**

The response to $x_1(t) + x_2(t)$ is $y_1(t) + y_2(t)$

- **Scaling/Homogeneity**

The response to $a \cdot x_1(t)$ is $a \cdot y_1(t)$

- Combine the above two properties, we can conclude

$$ax_1(t) + bx_2(t) \rightarrow ay_1(t) + by_2(t)$$

Superposition property (additivity and homogeneity)

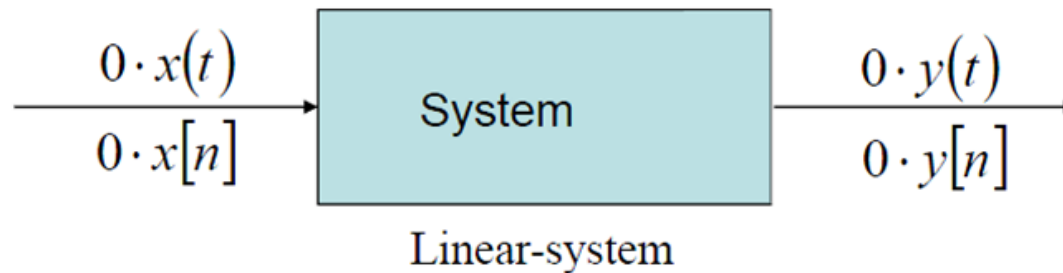
- For discrete-time:

$$ax_1[n] + bx_2[n] \rightarrow ay_1[n] + by_2[n]$$

Linearity

- If linear, zero input gives zero output.

zero in = zero out



- Question: Is $y[n] = 2x[n] + 3$ linear?
- Answer: No, because it violates zero-in zero-out property.
- However, this system is an “**incremental linear system**”: difference of output is a linear function of difference of input.

$$y_1[n] - y_2[n] = 2x_1[n] + 3 - (2x_2[n] + 3) = 2(x_1[n] - x_2[n])$$

Linear and Nonlinear Systems

■ Linearity Example

$$y(t) = tx(t)$$

Let

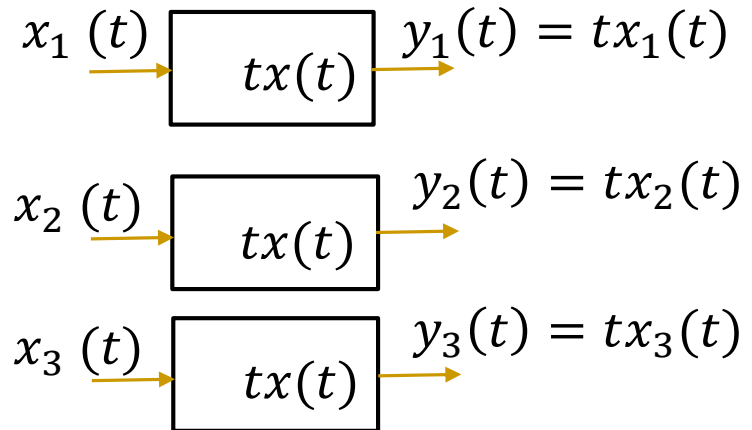
$$\begin{aligned}y_1(t) &= tx_1(t) \\ y_2(t) &= tx_2(t) \\ x_3(t) &= ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)\end{aligned}$$

Then $y_3(t) = f\{x_3(t)\} = t[ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)]$

Since

$$y'_3(t) = ay_1(t) + by_2(t) = atx_1(t) + btx_1(t) = y_3(t)$$

Hence, $y[n]$ is linear



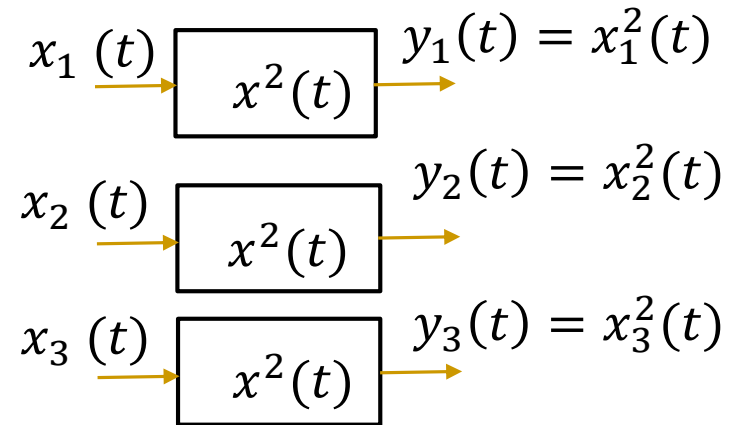
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■ Linearity Example

$$y(t) = x^2(t)$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}y_1(t) &= x_1^2(t) \\ y_2(t) &= x_2^2(t) \\ x_3(t) &= ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)\end{aligned}$$



Then $y_3(t) = f\{x_3(t)\} = [ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)]^2$

Since

$$y_3'(t) = ay_1(t) + by_2(t) = ax_1^2(t) + bx_2^2(t) \neq y_3(t)$$

Hence, $y(t)$ is non-linear

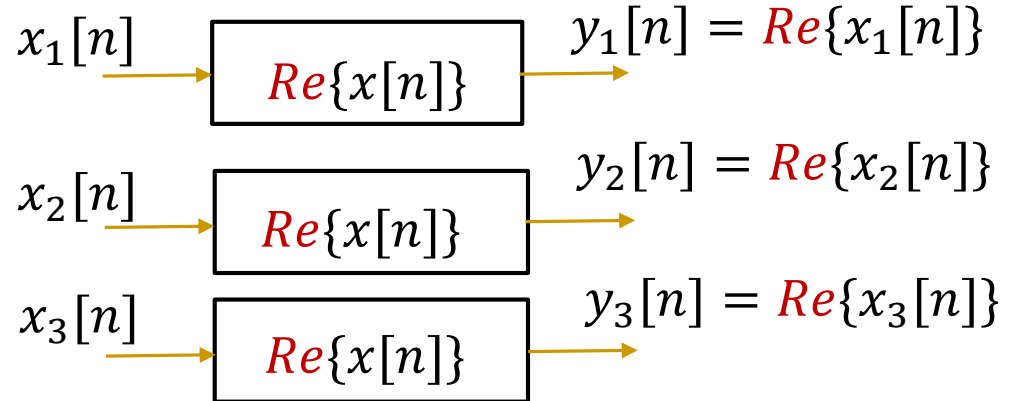
Linear and Nonlinear Systems

■ Linearity Example

$$y[n] = \text{Re}\{x[n]\}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}y_1[n] &= \text{Re}\{x_1[n]\} \\y_2[n] &= \text{Re}\{x_2[n]\} \\x_3[n] &= ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]\end{aligned}$$



Then

$$y_3[n] = f\{x_3[n]\} = \text{Re}\{ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]\}$$

Since

$$y'_3[n] = ay_1[n] + by_2[n] = a\text{Re}\{x_1[n]\} + b\text{Re}\{x_2[n]\} \neq y_3[n]$$

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