

EEE 4106 Signals and Communication I.

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Operations on signals

- ▶ Amplitude scaling: Form the signal $y(t) = \alpha x(t)$
- ▶ Addition, Subtraction $x_3(t) = x_1(t) \pm x_2(t)$
- ▶ Multiplication $x_3(t) = x_1(t)x_2(t)$

Examples

- ▶ Sketch the following signals

- ▶ $2u(t)$

- ▶ $2r(t)$

- ▶ $u(t) - r(t)$

- ▶ $e^{-t}u(t)$

- ▶ $\cos(2\pi t + \frac{\pi}{2})$

- ▶ $e^{-t} \sin(4\pi t + \frac{\pi}{2})$

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- ▶ Time scaling $y(t) = x(at)$ where $a > 0$
 - ▶ If $a > 1$ the signal is compressed
 - ▶ If $0 < a < 1$ the signal is expanded

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- ▶ Delay (time shifting): a delayed version of a signal $x(t)$ is given by $x'(t) = x(t - D)$ where D is a real number. If $D > 0$ then we have a delay. If $D < 0$ we advance.
- ▶ Sketch $u(t - 1)$
- ▶ Sketch $u(t) - u(t - 1)$
- ▶ Sketch $r(t) - r(t - 2)$

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- ▶ Time reversal (reflection): the time reversed version of a signal $x(t)$ is given by $x'(t) = x(-t)$
- ▶ Sketch $r(-t)$
- ▶ Sketch $u(-t + 2)$

Systems

- ▶ Systems perform operations on signals
- ▶ Often we are concerned with the input-output relationship of systems

Systems - Introduction

- ▶ Most systems we encounter are realised as electrical circuits.
- ▶ Consider for example the RC circuit, if we assume the output is the voltage across the capacitor we can determine this by applying techniques from circuit theory.