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EE 123 Discussion Section 1

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Announcements

- HW 1 – due Friday, Jan 27
- Check website for OH calendar
- Lab 0 due next week, Lab 1 in 3 weeks
- Discussion guidelines:
 - Respect fellow students and staff
 - We are here to learn
 - Wrong answers ok
 - Questions encouraged!

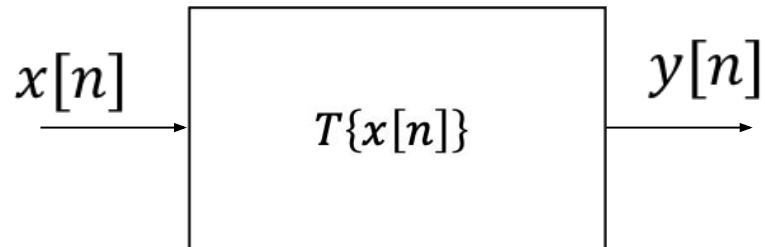
Today

- Properties of systems
- Review of linear regression (least-squares)

Concept Review

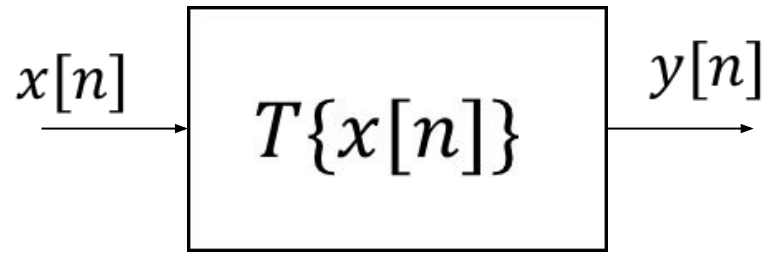
- Causal
 - $y[n_0] = f(x[n], x[n-1], \dots), -\infty < n \leq n_0$
- Memoryless
 - $y[n] = f(x[n]) \quad \forall n$
- Linear
 - $T\{x_i[n]\} = y_i[n]$
 - $T\{\alpha x_1[n] + \beta x_2[n]\} = \alpha y_1[n] + \beta y_2[n]$
- Time Invariant
 - $T\{x[n - n_0]\} = y[n - n_0]$
- BIBO Stable
 - $|x[n]| \leq B_x < \infty \Rightarrow |y[n]| \leq B_y < \infty \quad \forall n$
 - LTI: stable IFF $\sum |h[k]| < \infty$

Concept Review



- Impulse response
 - $h[n] = T\{\delta[n]\}$
- Convolution
 - $y[n] = h[n] * x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n - k]$

Simple example

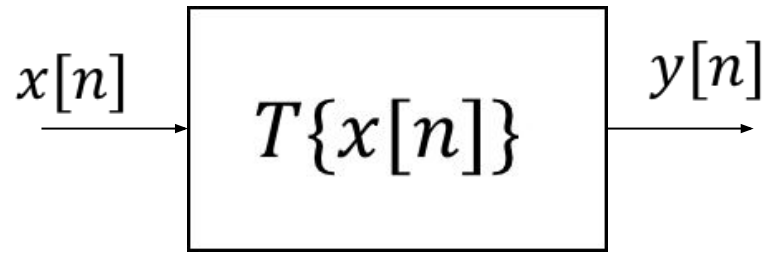


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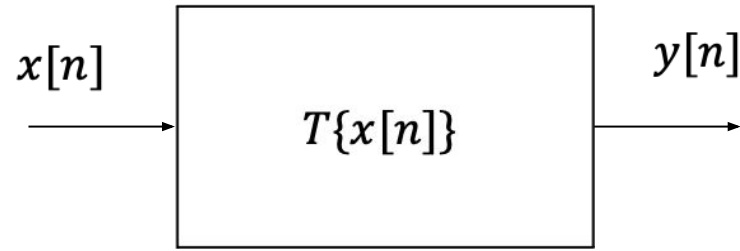
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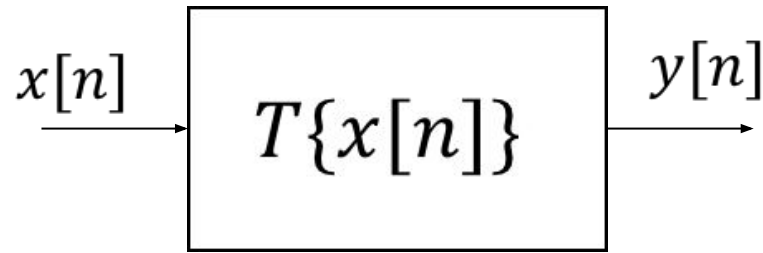


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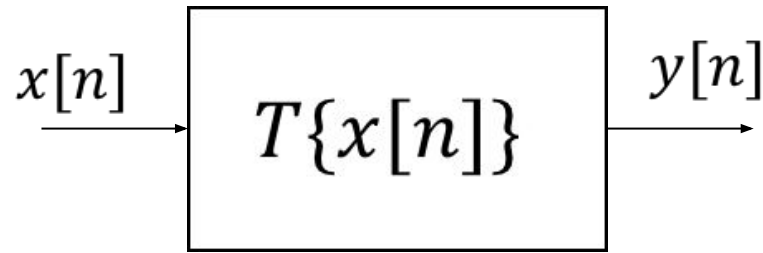
Not linear \rightarrow whenever $x[n] > 1, y[n] = \alpha$, this is not homogeneous.

Time invariant \rightarrow Plug in $x[n - 1]$, the output is $y[n - 1]$

Causal \rightarrow It only depends on current $x[n]$, which is memoryless/causal

Stable \rightarrow both α and $x[n]$ are bounded then output $y[n]$ is bounded

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Do real systems act this way?

1. MOS/BJT amplifier input/output
2. Hooke's law (elastic materials)
3. Hysteresis

They all have a limited linear region

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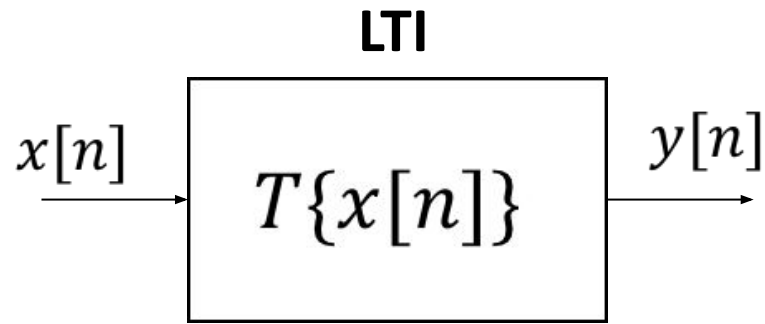
Not time invariant:

- For $x_1[n] = \delta[n]$, then $y_1[n] = \delta[n]$
- For $x_2[n] = \delta[n - 1]$, then $y_2[n] = \frac{\delta[n-1] + \delta[n+1]}{2}$
- $y_1[0] = 1$ but $y_2[1] = \frac{1}{2}$

→ Not time invariant

(however, the system is linear)

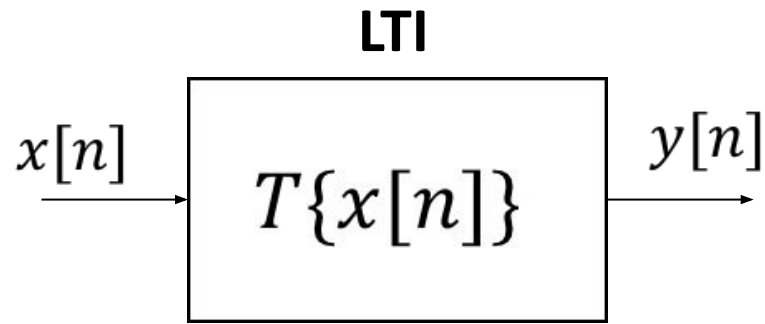
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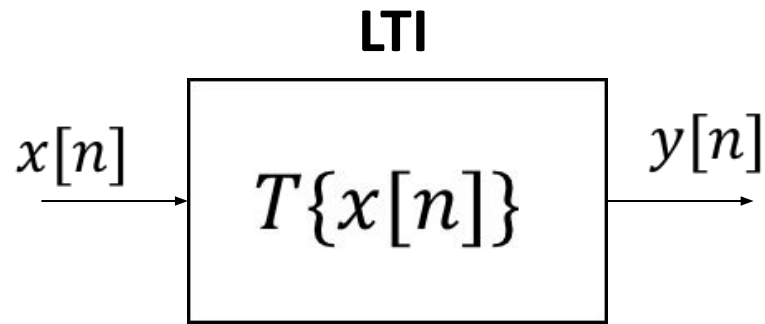
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The key is to massage the input into $\delta[n]$

We know $u[n] - u[n - 1] = \delta[n]$

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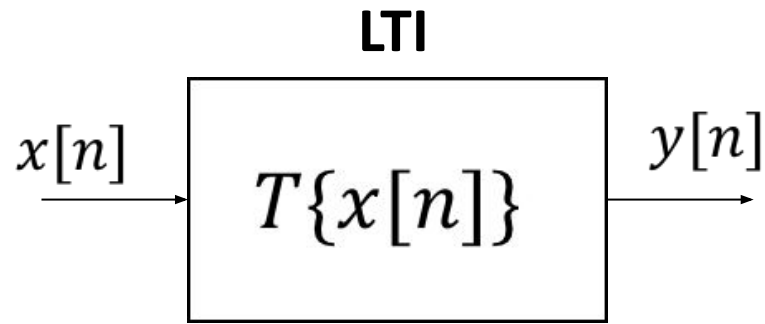
By time-invariance: input $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} u[n-1]$, output $g[n-1]$

By linearity: input $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n (u[n] - u[n-1]) = \delta[n]$,

output $g[n] - \frac{1}{3}g[n-1]$ (impulse response)

$$y[n] = x[n] * \left(g[n] - \frac{1}{3}g[n-1] \right)$$

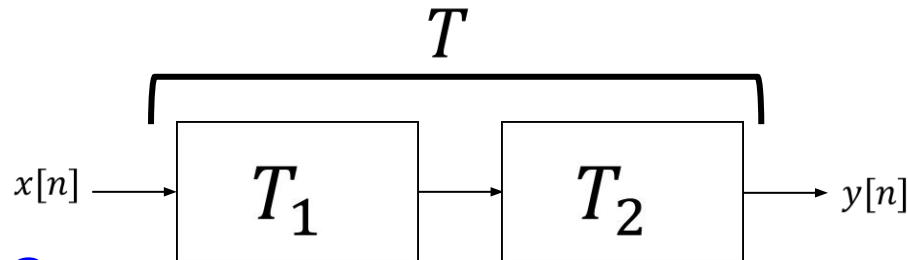
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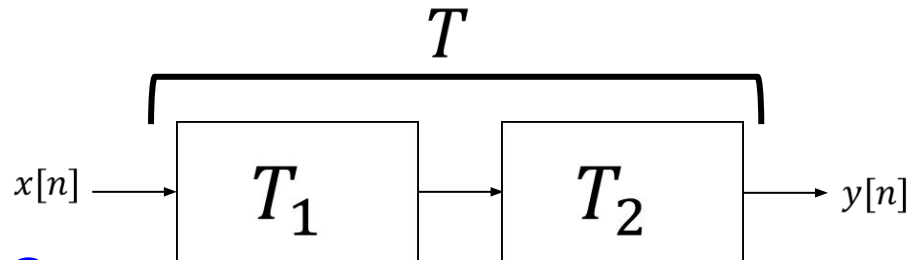


True or False?

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Consider the system $T_1=0$. Then $T=0$

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False

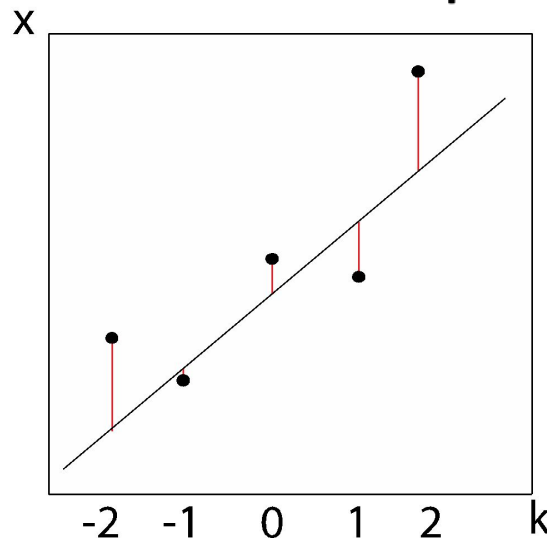
Consider the system $T_1\{x\} = x^3$ and $T_2\{x\} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$. Then $T\{x\} = x$

Linear regression primer

Many signal processing problems can be formulated as a **least squares** problem, where we try to find model parameters that best fit the observed data. We will see this many, many times

Linear regression primer

Example: Linear regression. Suppose we observe five data points $x[k]$, where $k = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$. We want to fit a line $x = mk + b$ by minimizing the squared distance between the line and the data points:



1. We want to write the squared distance in the form $\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2$, where $\mathbf{x} = [x[-2], x[-1], \dots, x[2]]^T$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta} = [m \ b]^T$. What is \mathbf{K} ?
2. Solve for m and b in terms of \mathbf{K} and \mathbf{x} .

Linear regression primer

For each value of k , we have a linear equation for our model:

Example, $k = 2$: $x[2] = 2m + b$

And we have a squared error with our data:

Example, $k = 2$: $(x[2] - (b + 2m))^2$

Sum of squared errors: $\sum_k (x[k] - (mk + b))^2$

→ In matrix form, Error = $\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2$

$$\text{Error} = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_{-2} \\ x_{-1} \\ x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ b \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2$$

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To find the best fit from a least squares sense, minimize the sum of squared errors:

$$\underset{m,b}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_{-2} \\ x_{-1} \\ x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ b \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2 = \underset{\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2$$

Linear regression primer

To solve for b and m , take the derivative (gradient) with respect to b and to m , and set to zero:

$$\underset{\beta}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{K}\beta\|_2^2$$

$$\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K} \beta - \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \beta = (\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{x}$$

In Python,

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K = np.array( [...] )  
x = np.array( [...])  
beta = np.linalg.solve(K, x)
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