

Linearity and LTI Systems

- If a system is both homogeneous and additive it is *linear*.
- If a system is both linear and timeinvariant it is called an LTI system
- Some systems which are non-linear can be accurately approximated for analytical purposes by a linear system for small excitations

Example -

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

 $y_1(t) = tax_1(t)$
 $y_2(t) = tbx_2(t)$
 $x_3(t) = ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)$
 $y_3(t) = tx_3(t) = t[ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)]$
 $y_3(t) = y_1(t) + y_2(t) \rightarrow \text{Linear System}$



Example -

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

$$x_1[n] = r[n] + js[n]$$

$$y_1[n] = r_1[n]$$

$$x_2[n] = jx_1[n] = jr[n] - s[n]$$

$$y_2[n] = \text{Re}\{x_2[n]\} = -s[n] \neq jy_1[n]$$

System violates homogeinity property.

Hence, it is non linear system.



PROPERTIES OF LINEAR SYSTEMS:

• Superposition:

If
$$x_k[n] \rightarrow y_k[n]$$

Then
$$\sum_{k} a_k x_k[n] \rightarrow \sum_{k} a_k y_k[n]$$

For linear systems, zero input zero output

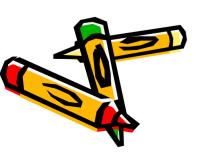
"Proof"
$$0 = 0 \cdot x[n] \rightarrow 0 \cdot y[n] = 0$$



Properties of Linear Systems

 A linear system is causal if and only if it satisfies the condition of <u>initial rest</u>:

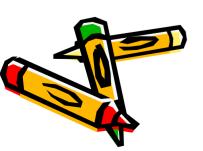
$$x(t) = 0 \text{ for } t \le t_0 \to y(t) = 0 \text{ for } t \le t_0 \ (*).$$



Series or cascade Interconnection

If the response of one system is the excitation of another system the two systems are said to be *series or cascade* connected.

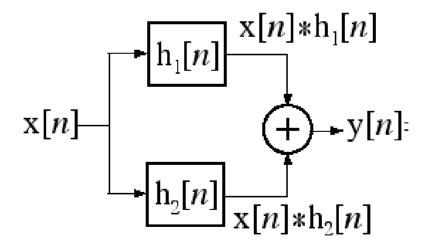
$$\mathbf{x}[n] \longrightarrow \mathbf{h}_1[n] \longrightarrow \mathbf{x}[n] \ast \mathbf{h}_1[n] \longrightarrow \mathbf{h}_2[n] \longrightarrow \mathbf{y}[n] = \{\mathbf{x}[n] \ast \mathbf{h}_1[n]\} \ast \mathbf{h}_2[n]$$





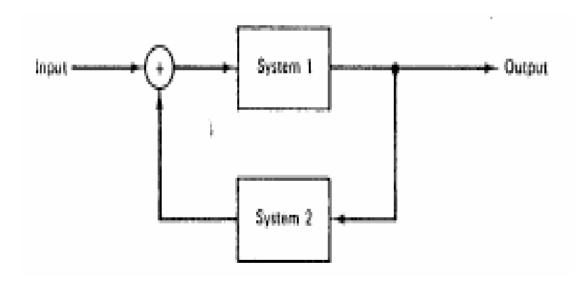
Parallel Interconnection

If two systems are excited by the same signal and their responses are added they are said to be *parallel* connected.





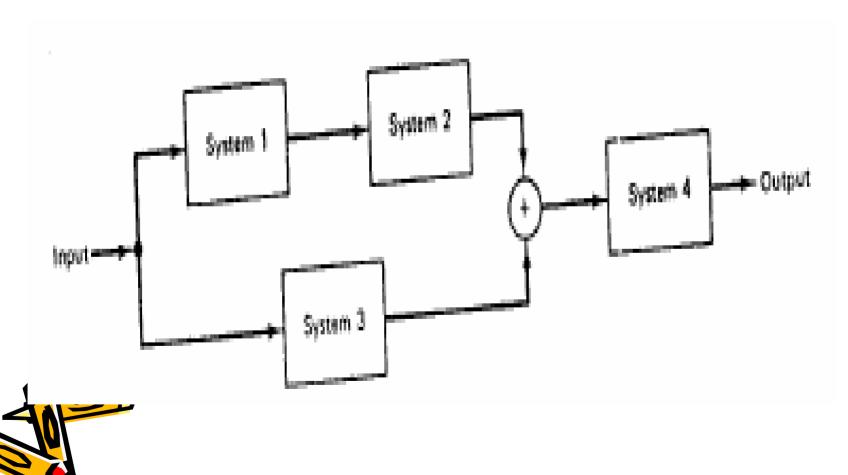
Feedback Interconnection







Series/Parallel Interconnection



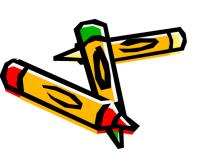
Exploiting Superposition and Time-Invariance

$$x[n] = \sum_{k} a_k x_k[n] \xrightarrow{LinearSystem} y[n] = \sum_{k} a_k y_k[n]$$

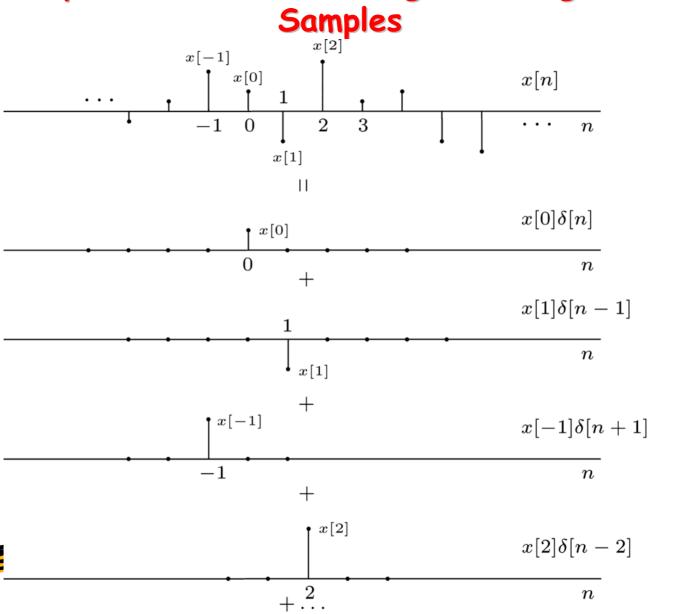
For LTI Systems (CT or DT) there are two natural choices for building blocks:

DT Shifted unit samples

CT Shifted unit impulses



Representation of DT Signals Using Unit Samples



That is ...

$$x[n] = \dots + x[-2]\delta[n+2] + x[-1]\delta[n+1] + x[0]\delta[n] + x[1]\delta[n-1] + \dots$$

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{x[k]} \underbrace{\delta[n-k]}$$



Therefore all discrete time signals could be written in terms of shifted unit samples.





• Suppose the system is linear, and define $h_k[n]$ as the response to $\delta[n - k]$:

$$\delta[n-k] \to h_k[n]$$

From superposition:

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k] \to y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h_k[n]$$







• Now suppose the system is **LTI**, and and define the *unit* $sample\ response\ h[n]$:

$$\delta[n] \to h[n]$$

From TI:

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$\delta[n-k] \to h[n-k]$$

From LTI:

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k] \to y[n] = \underbrace{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]}_{\text{Convolution Sum}}$$