System Basics

Digital Signal Processing

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Systems

Definition

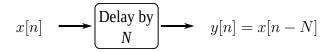
A **system** is a process that takes a signal as input and returns a signal as output.

Diagram for a system:

$$x[n] \longrightarrow \boxed{T\{\bullet\}} \qquad y[n] = T\{x[n]\}$$

Ideal Delay

The ideal delay system shifts the signal to the right by ${\cal N}$ samples.

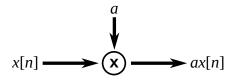


Cascaded Systems

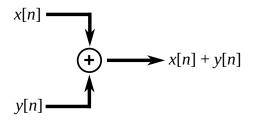
We can apply two systems in serial:

$$x[n] \longrightarrow \boxed{T_1\{\bullet\}} \longrightarrow \boxed{T_2\{\bullet\}} \longrightarrow y[n] = T_2\{T_1\{x[n]\}\}$$

Multiplication



Addition



Example: Karplus-Strong

