

# Introduction to Systems.

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# Systems

- **System: Any process that results in the transformations of signals.**
- Systems can model the behavior of a chemical process, a hydraulic system, an electric circuit, a communication channel, ...

## Microphone (transducer)

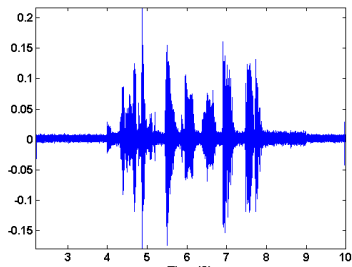


Figure: Voice (pressure) signal  $\Rightarrow$  Voltage signal

# Communication channel

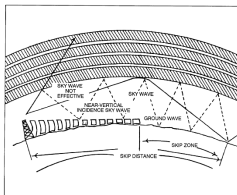
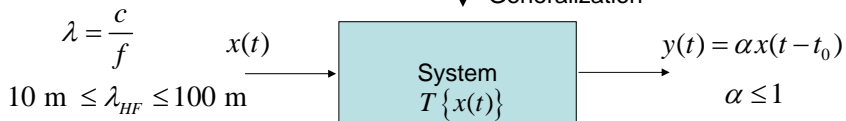


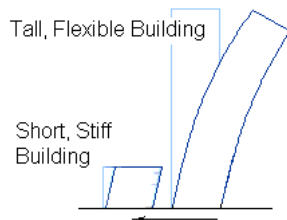
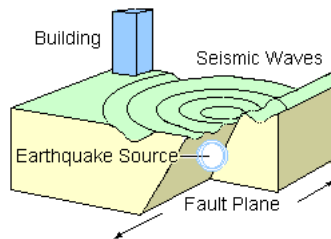
Figure D-4. HF skip zone and use of NVIS.



Generalization

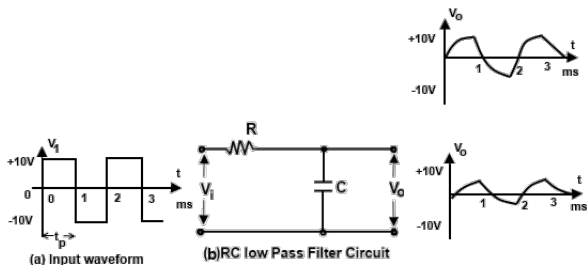


## Seismic analysis and earthquake prevention



- The building can be seen as a system.
- Input signal: seismic (sinusoidal) wave with amplitude  $A$  and angular frequency  $\omega$ .
- Output signal: Building curvature and displacement.

# Electric Circuits



- Voltages and currents as a function of time in an electrical circuit are examples of signals.
- A circuit is itself an example of a system, which responds to applied input voltage/current signals.

# Motivation: Image Filtering

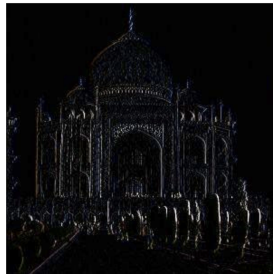
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filter (3 x 3)

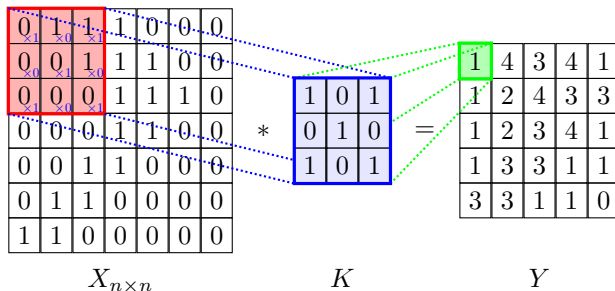
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**vertical edge detector**



<https://docs.gimp.org/en/plugin-convmatrix.html>

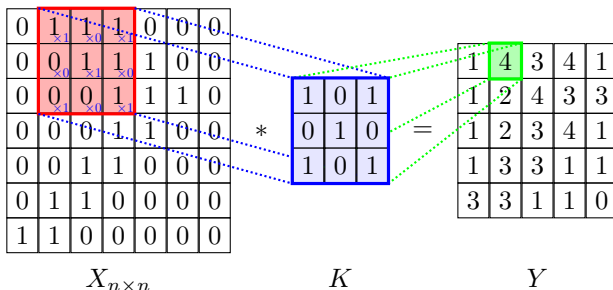
# Image Filtering



$$\begin{aligned}
 Y[1,1] = & X[1,1] * K[1,1] + X[1,2] * K[1,2] + X[1,3] * K[1,3] \\
 & + X[2,1] * K[2,1] + X[2,2] * K[2,2] + X[2,3] * K[2,3] \\
 & + X[3,1] * K[3,1] + X[3,2] * K[3,2] + X[3,3] * K[3,3]
 \end{aligned}$$

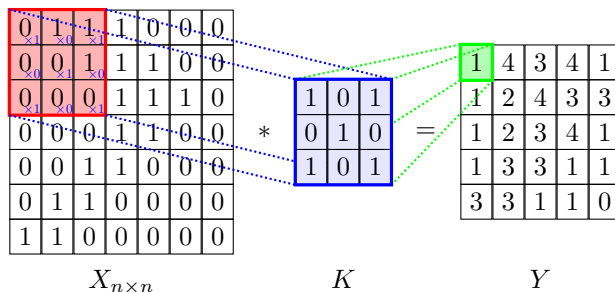


# Image Filtering



$$\begin{aligned} Y[1,2] &= X[1,2] * K[1,1] + X[1,3] * K[1,2] + X[1,4] * K[1,3] \\ &\quad + X[2,2] * K[2,1] + X[2,3] * K[2,2] + X[2,4] * K[2,3] \\ &\quad + X[3,2] * K[3,1] + X[3,3] * K[3,2] + X[3,4] * K[3,3] \end{aligned}$$

# Image Filtering



$$Y[i,j] = \sum_{k_1=1}^n \sum_{k_2=1}^n X[k_1, k_2] K[i - k_1, j - k_2], \quad K[u, q] = 0 \text{ para } u > 3, q > 3$$

**Linear operator, the result does not depend on the position of the image**

# Image Filtering

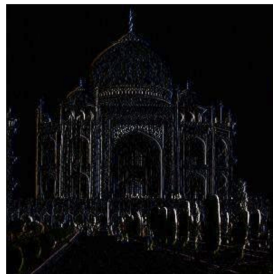
original



filter (3 x 3)

	0	0	0
	-1	1	0
	0	0	0

**vertical edge detector**



<https://docs.gimp.org/en/plugin-convmatrix.html>

# Image Filtering

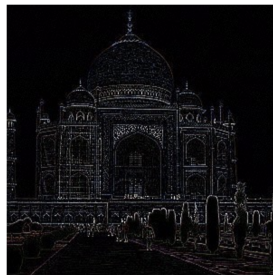
original



filter (3 x 3)

0	1	0	
1	-4	1	
0	1	0	

**all edge detector**



# Image Filtering

original



filter (5 x 5)

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	-1	0	0
0	-1	5	-1	0
0	0	-1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

**sharpen**



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Symbolically, we represent a system as:

$$x(t) \rightarrow y(t)$$

$$x[n] \rightarrow y[n]$$

# Interconnection of systems

Complex system composed of the interconnection of simpler systems:

**Cascade interconnection**

**Parallel interconnection**



# Interconnection of systems

## Series/Parallel interconnection

In general, the order is NOT interchangeable.

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

## Problem 31

Consider the following interconnection of systems:

where  $T_1 : y(t) = 2x(t - 2)$ ,  $T_2 : y(t) = dx(t - 2)/dt$  and  $T_3 : y(t) = x(-t + 1)$ .

- a) Determine the system input-output relationship.
- b) Compute the system response when  $x(t) = u(t)$ .

Sol:

$$e(t) = 2x(t-2) \Rightarrow w(t) = \frac{de(t-2)}{dt} = 2\frac{dx(t-4)}{dt}$$
$$r(t) = x(-t+1)$$

For  $x(t) = u(t)$

$$y(t) = 2\frac{dx(t-4)}{dt} + x(-t+1) = 2\delta(t-4) + u(-t+1)$$

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## Systems with and without memory

A system  $x(t) \rightarrow y(t)$  is said to be memoryless if the output  $y(t_0)$  at one time instant  $t_0$  only depends on the input at the same time instant, i.e.,  $x(t_0)$ .

### Examples:

- $y[n] = (2x[n] - x[n]^2)^2$  is memoryless.
- $y(t) = x(t - 1)$  is a system with memory.
- $y(t) = x(t - 3)x(t + 2)$  is a system with memory.

$y(t) = \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t}$  is a system **with memory**.

$$y(t) = \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t} \doteq \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t + \Delta) - x(t)}{\Delta}$$

- We need  $x(t + \Delta)$ !
- The system has memory!

## Invertibility and inverse systems

- A system is said to be invertible if distinct inputs lead to distinct outputs.
- By observing its output, we can determine its input.



Are invertible the following systems?

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

## Problem 33

Consider the following discrete-time system

$$y[n] = x[n]x[n-2]$$

- a) Is the system memoryless?
- b) Determine the system response when the input is  $x[n] = A\delta[n]$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{C}$ .
- c) Is the system invertible?

# Causality

- A system is causal if the output at any time depends only on values of the input at the present time and in the past.
- $y(t) = f(x(t))$  is causal if  $y(t_0)$  only depends on  $x(t)$  for  $t \leq t_0$ .
- $y[n] = f(x[n])$  is causal if  $y[n_0]$  only depends on  $x[n]$  for  $n \leq n_0$ .
- Memoryless systems are always causal.

Are the following systems causal?

- $y[n] = x[n] - x[n + 1]$
- $y(t) = x(t + 1)$
- $y[n] = \text{Even}(x[n - 1])?$
- $y(t) = x(\sin(t))$

# Stability

## Bounded signal

Consider an input signal  $x(t)$  that verifies

$$|x(t)| \leq B \quad \forall t$$

for some real constant  $B$ . We say  $x(t)$  is a bounded signal.

## Bounded Input, Bounded Output (BIBO) stability

A given system  $x(t) \rightarrow y(t)$  is **BIBO stable** if there exists a real constant  $C$  for which

$$|y(t)| \leq C \quad \forall t$$

for any input signal  $x(t)$  that is bounded.

Same definition holds for discrete-time systems.

Determine whether the following systems are stable:

$$y(t) = x(t/3)$$

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

$$y(t) = \int_{t-2}^{t-1} x^3(\tau) d\tau$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n (1/2)^{n-k} x[k]$$

## Time Invariance

A system is time-invariant if a time shift in the input signal causes a time shift in the output signal.

- If  $y[n] = f(x[n])$ , the system is invariant if  $f(x[n - n_0]) = y[n - n_0]$ .
- If  $y(t) = f(x(t))$ , the system is invariant if  $f(x(t - t_0)) = y(t - t_0)$ .

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

Let  $x_1(t)$  be the input:

$$y_1(t) = \sin(x_1(t)).$$

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

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

The system is time-invariant.



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

Let  $x_1[n]$  be the input:

$$y_1[n] = nx_1[n].$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}y_2[n] &= nx_2[n] = nx_1[n - n_0] \\y_1[n - n_0] &= (n - n_0)x_1[n - n_0].\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$y_1[n - n_0] \neq y_2[n]$$

The system is NOT time-invariant.

## Linearity

Linear systems possess the important property of **superposition**.

For any system, consider two arbitrary inputs and their respective outputs:

$$x_1(t) \rightarrow y_1(t)$$

$$x_2(t) \rightarrow y_2(t),$$

the system is linear if

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

for any two complex constants  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ .

## Linear discrete-time signals

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

The systems

$$y[n] = (x[n])^2,$$
$$y[n] = \exp(x[n]),$$

are not linear.

The system

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n - 3] + 4x[n - 8]$$

is linear.