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Lect.6,7 Analysis of Discrete Linear Time-Invariant Systems.



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Difference Equations and Impulse Responses

Format of Difference Equation

A causal (The system is called causal because the current output depends only on the current input and past inputs and outputs, not on the future), linear time-invariant (The system is called Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) because it is linear and constant with time) system can be described by a difference equation having the following general form

$$\begin{aligned} & y(n) + a_1y(n - 1) + \dots + a_Ny(n - N) \\ & = b_0x(n) + b_1x(n - 1) + \dots + b_Mx(n - M), \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where a_1, \dots, a_N and b_0, b_1, \dots, b_M are the coefficients of the difference equation. Equation (1) can further be written as

$$\begin{aligned} y(n) &= -a_1y(n - 1) - \dots - a_Ny(n - N) \\ &+ b_0x(n) + b_1x(n - 1) + \dots + b_Mx(n - M) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Or

$$y(n) = -\sum_{i=1}^N a_iy(n - i) + \sum_{j=0}^M b_jx(n - j). \tag{3}$$

Notice that $y(n)$ is the current output, which depends on the past output samples $y(n - 1), \dots, y(n - N)$, the current input sample $x(n)$, and the past input samples, $x(n - 1), \dots, x(n - N)$.

We will examine the specific difference equations in the following examples.

Example

Given the following difference equation:

$$y(n) = 0.25y(n - 1) + x(n),$$

Identify the nonzero system coefficients.

Solution:

Comparison with Equation (2) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} b_0 &= 1 \\ -a_1 &= 0.25, \end{aligned}$$

System Representation Using Its Impulse Response:

A linear time-invariant system can be completely described by its unit-impulse response, which is defined as the system response due to the impulse input $\delta(n)$ with zero initial conditions, depicted in Figure (1).

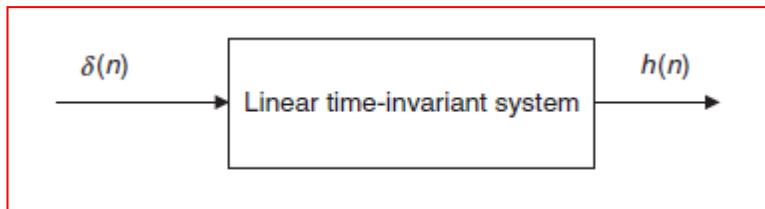


Figure (1): Unit-impulse response of the linear time-invariant system.

With the obtained unit-impulse response $h(n)$, we can represent the linear time-invariant system in Figure (2).

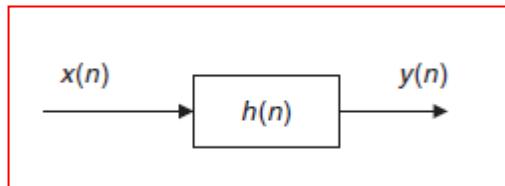
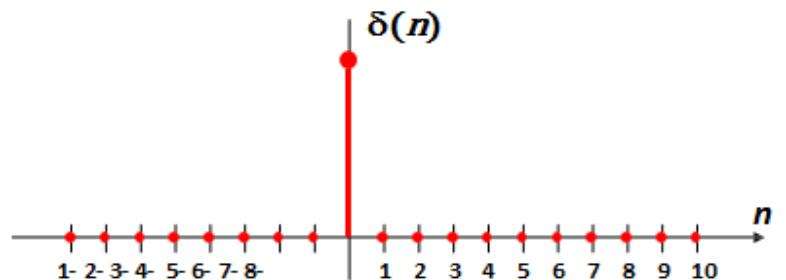


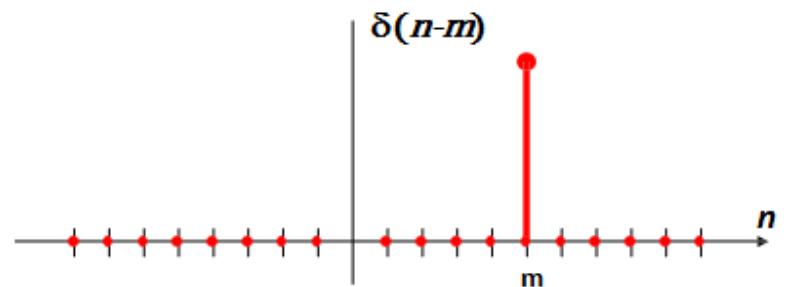
Figure (2): Representation of a linear time-invariant system using the impulse response.

□ delta function or unit-impulse (sample) sequence $\delta(n)$

$$\delta(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 0 & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

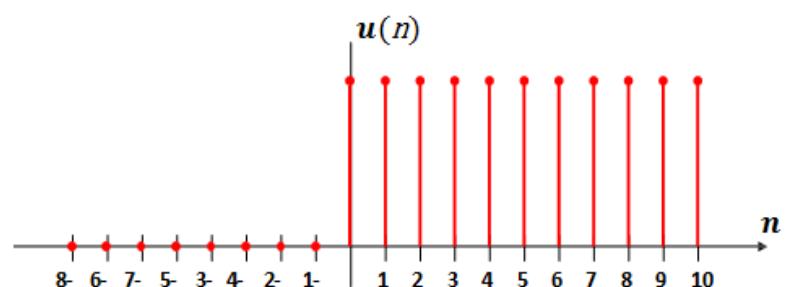


$$\delta(n-m) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

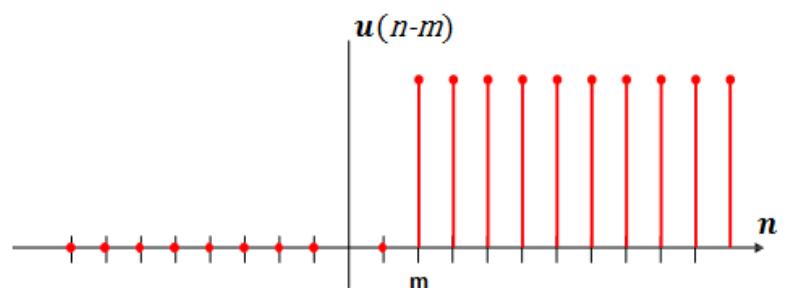


□ unit-step sequence $U(n)$

$$u(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \geq 0 \\ 0 & n < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$u(n-m) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \geq m \\ 0 & n < m \end{cases}$$



Example:

Given the linear time-invariant system

$$y(n) = 0.5x(n) + 0.25x(n - 1) \text{ with an initial condition } x(-1) = 0,$$

- Determine the unit-impulse response $h(n)$.
- Draw the system block diagram.
- Write the output using the obtained impulse response.

Solution:

- According to Figure 1, let $x(n) = \delta(n)$, then

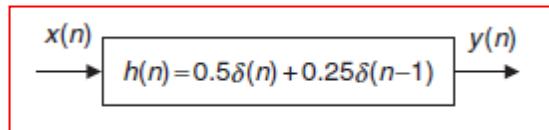
$$h(n) = y(n) = 0.5x(n) + 0.25x(n - 1) = 0.5\delta(n) + 0.25\delta(n - 1).$$

Thus, for this particular linear system, we have

$$h(n) = \begin{cases} 0.5 & n = 0 \\ 0.25 & n = 1 \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

note
unit response is $h(n)$
unit sequence is $\delta(n)$

- The block diagram of the linear time-invariant system is shown as



- The system output can be rewritten as

$$y(n) = h(0)x(n) + h(1)x(n - 1).$$

In general, we can express the output sequence of a linear time-invariant system from its impulse response and inputs as

$$y(n) = \dots + h(-1)x(n+1) + h(0)x(n) + h(1)x(n-1) + h(2)x(n-2) + \dots \quad (3)$$

Equation (3) is called the **digital convolution sum**, which will be explored in a later section. We can verify Equation (3) by substituting the impulse sequence $x(n) = \delta(n)$ to get the impulse response

$$h(n) = \dots + h(-1)\delta(n+1) + h(0)\delta(n) + h(1)\delta(n-1) + h(2)\delta(n-2) + \dots,$$

Example:

Given the difference equation

$$y(n) = 0.25y(n-1) + x(n) \text{ for } n \geq 0 \text{ and } y(-1) = 0,$$

- a) Determine the unit-impulse response $h(n)$.
- b) Draw the system block diagram.
- c) Write the output using the obtained impulse response.
- d) For a step input $x(n) = u(n)$, verify and compare the output responses for the first three output samples using the difference equation and digital convolution sum (Equation 3).

Solution:

- a) Let $x(n) = \delta(n)$, then

$$h(n) = 0.25h(n-1) + \delta(n).$$

To solve for $h(n)$, we evaluate

$$h(0) = 0.25h(-1) + \delta(0) = 0.25 \times 0 + 1 = 1$$

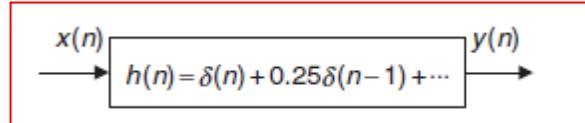
$$h(1) = 0.25h(0) + \delta(1) = 0.25 \times 1 + 0 = 0.25$$

$$h(2) = 0.25h(1) + \delta(2) = 0.25 \times 0.25 + 0 = 0.0625$$

With the calculated results, we can predict the impulse response as

$$h(n) = \delta(n) + 0.25\delta(n-1) + 0.0625\delta(n-2) + \dots$$

- b) The system block diagram is given in Figure below.



c) The output sequence is a sum of infinite terms expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}y(n) &= h(0)x(n) + h(1)x(n-1) + h(2)x(n-2) + \dots \\&= x(n) + 0.25x(n-1) + 0.0625x(n-2) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

d) From the difference equation and using the zero-initial condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned}y(n) &= 0.25y(n-1) + x(n) \text{ for } n \geq 0 \text{ and } y(-1) = 0 \\n = 0, y(0) &= 0.25y(-1) + x(0) = u(0) = 1 \\n = 1, y(1) &= 0.25y(0) + x(1) = 0.25 \times u(0) + u(1) = 1.25 \\n = 2, y(2) &= 0.25y(1) + x(2) = 0.25 \times 1.25 + u(2) = 1.3125 \\&\dots\end{aligned}$$

Applying the convolution sum in Equation (3) yields

$$\begin{aligned}y(n) &= x(n) + 0.25x(n-1) + 0.0625x(n-2) + \dots \\n = 0, y(0) &= x(0) + 0.25x(-1) + 0.0625x(-2) + \dots \\&= u(0) + 0.25 \times u(-1) + 0.125 \times u(-2) + \dots = 1 \\n = 1, y(1) &= x(1) + 0.25x(0) + 0.0625x(-1) + \dots \\&= u(1) + 0.25 \times u(0) + 0.125 \times u(-1) + \dots = 1.25 \\n = 2, y(2) &= x(2) + 0.25x(1) + 0.0625x(0) + \dots \\&= u(2) + 0.25 \times u(1) + 0.0625 \times u(0) + \dots = 1.3125\end{aligned}$$