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Variety of Systems

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Linear System

Systems that satisfy both homogeneity and additivity are considered to be linear system.

Homogeneity (scalar rule) means that as the strength of input signal is increased (scaled), then the strength of output signal will be also increased (scaled) with same amount.

$$\alpha \cdot x(t)$$
 Linear System $\alpha \cdot y(t)$

Additivity denotes that the output of system can be computed as sum of the responses resulting from each input signal acting alone.

Taking these two rules together is called the principle of superposition. Therefore, the linear system can be presented as;

$$\alpha \cdot x_1(t) + \beta \cdot x_2(t) \hspace{0.2in} \longrightarrow \hspace{0.2in} \text{Linear System} \hspace{0.2in} \longrightarrow \hspace{0.2in} \alpha \cdot y_1(t) + \beta \cdot y_2(t)$$

If input signal can be decomposed as a weighted sum of basis signals, the output of linear system is;

$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} c_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i(t) \longrightarrow \text{Linear System} \qquad \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} c_i \cdot \mathbf{y}_i(t)$$

Examples

Determine if it is linear.

1)
$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}x(t)$$

sol>

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ax_1(t) + bx_2(t) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} ax_1(t) + \frac{1}{2} bx_2(t)$$

$$= a\frac{1}{2} x_1(t) + b\frac{1}{2} x_2(t)$$

$$= ay_1(t) + by_2(t)$$

∴ linear system

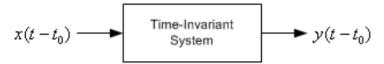
2)
$$y(t) = e^{x(t)}$$

 $sol >$
 $y(t) = e^{[ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)]}$
 $= e^{ax_1(t)} \times e^{bx_2(t)}$
 $\neq ay_1(t) + by_2(t)$

∴ non-linear system

Time-Invariant System

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



Examples

Determine Time-Invariant.

1)
$$y(t) = \cos x(t)$$

sol>

Let
$$x_2(t) = x_1(t - t_0)$$

$$y_2(t) = \cos x_2(t)$$

$$=\cos x_1(t-t_0)$$

$$y_1(t-t_0) = \cos x_1(t-t_0)$$

 y_1 and y_2 are same, ... Time - Invariant

2)
$$y(t) = x(t) \cdot \cos t$$

sol>

Let
$$x_2(t) = x_1(t - t_0)$$

$$y_2(t) = x_2(t) \cdot \cos t$$

$$= x_1(t-t_0) \cdot \cos t$$

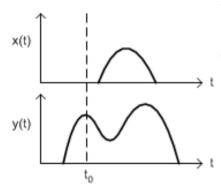
$$y_1(t-t_0)=x_1(t-t_0)\cdot\cos(t-t_0)$$

 y_1 and y_2 are not same, \therefore Not Time - Invariant

Causal System

A system is causal if the output at any time depends on values of the input at only the present and past times. In other words, the causal system does not anticipate future values of input.

For example, the output $y(t_0)$ depends on input x(t) for $t \le t_0$.



This is an example of non-causal system, because the output responds ahead at $t = t_0$ before input is defined.

A causal system is characterized by an impulse response h(t) that is zeros for t < 0.

Non-Causal System

Examples

1)
$$y(t) = x(t-2)$$

Causal, because $t \ge t-2$

2)
$$y(t) = x(t+1)$$

Non-Causal, because $t \ngeq t+1$

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