

# Signals

# Fundamentals >> Signals

- Broad definition: Functions of independent variables.
  - Examples: music, velocity of some car, your cash, voltage or current in a circuit, your body temperature, your heart's blood pumping rate..
- Signals are functions of single independent variable, time  $t$ .

- Signals can be:
  - Discrete  $x[n]$ ,  $n$  is integer.
  - Continuous  $x(t)$ ,  $t$  is real.
- Signals can be represented in mathematical form:
  - $x(t) = e^t$ ,  $x[n] = n/2$
  - $y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & , t < 0 \\ t^2 & , t \geq 0 \end{cases}$
- Discrete signals can also be represented as sequences:
  - $\{y[n]\} = \{..., 1, 0, 1, 0, \underline{1}, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, ...\}$

# Fundamentals >> Systems

- System is a black box that transforms input signals to output signals.

- *Discrete-Time System*: Input and output signals are discrete.



- *Continuous-Time System*: Input and output signals are continuous.



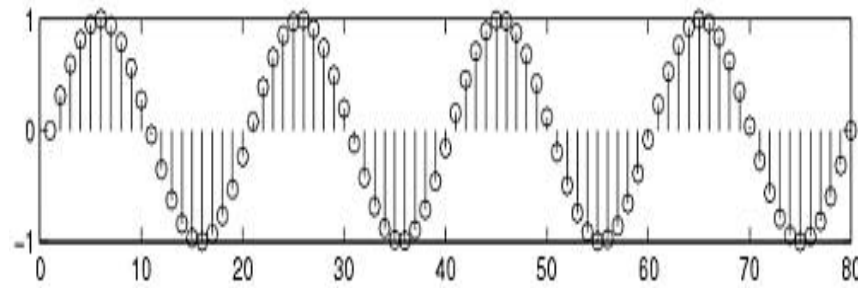
- Combination is also possible, e.g. analog-to-digital or digital-to-analog converters.

# Classification of signals

- Continuous time & Discrete time
- Deterministic & Random
- Periodic & Non periodic
- Causal & Non causal
- Even & Odd
- Energy & Power

# Deterministic signal

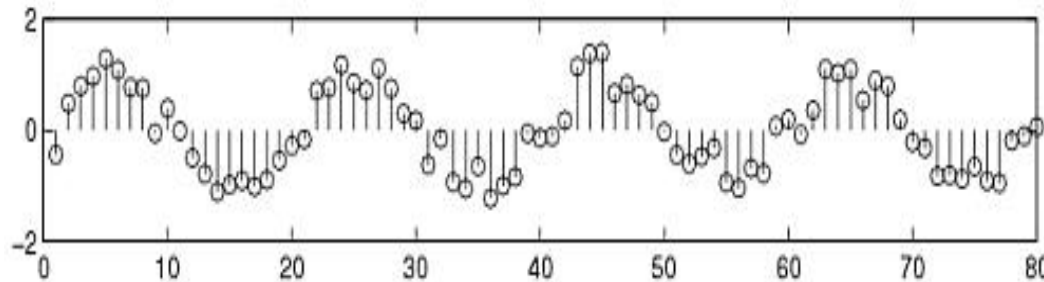
- A deterministic signal is a signal in which each value of the signal is fixed and can be determined by a mathematical expression
- Because of this the future values of the signal can be calculated from past values with complete confidence



Deterministic signal

# Random Signal

- A random signal has a lot of uncertainty about its behavior
- The future values of a random signal cannot be accurately predicted and can usually only be guessed based on the averages of sets of signals



Random signal

# Elementary Signals

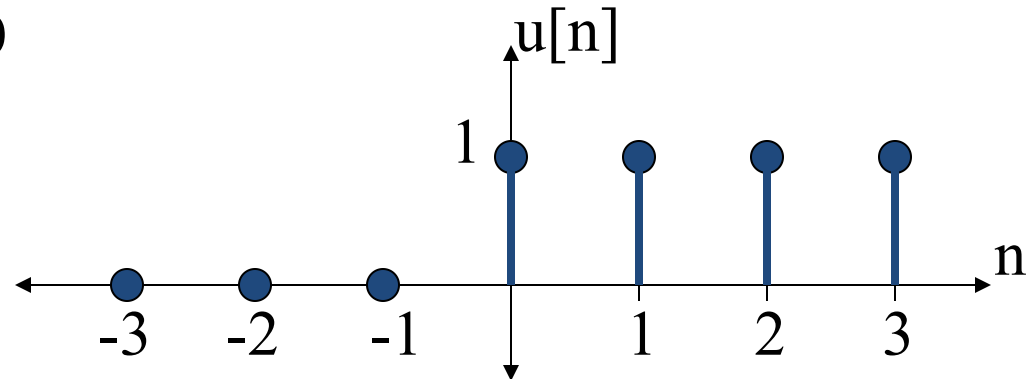
- Unit impulse or impulse signal
- Unit step or step signal
- Ramp
- Sinusoidal
- Exponential



# Unit Step

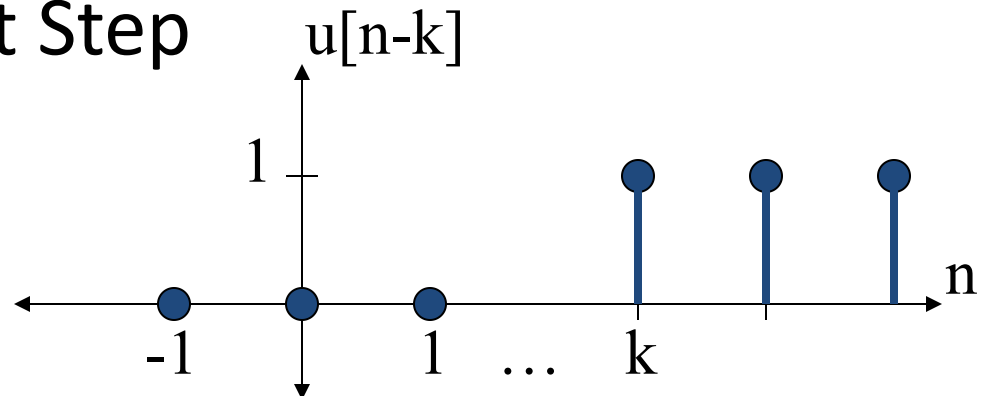
- Discrete Unit Step

$$- u[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & , n \geq 0 \\ 0 & , n < 0 \end{cases}$$



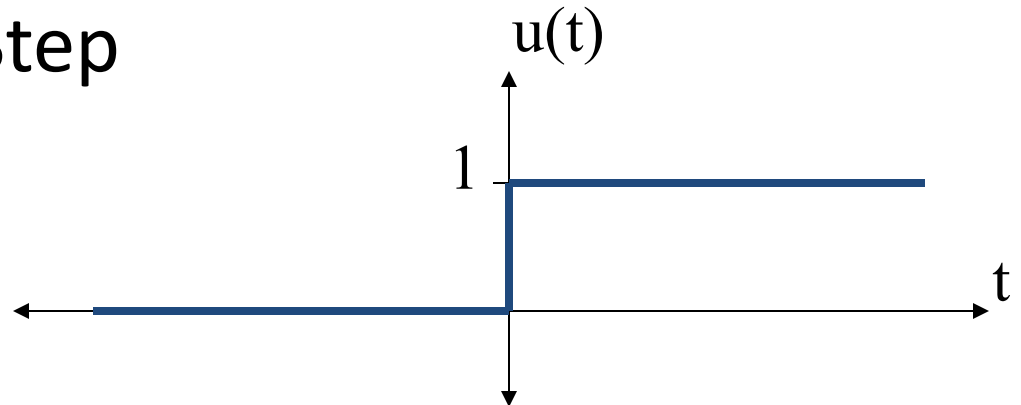
- Discrete Shifted Unit Step

$$- u[n-k] = \begin{cases} 1 & , n \geq k \\ 0 & , n < k \end{cases}$$



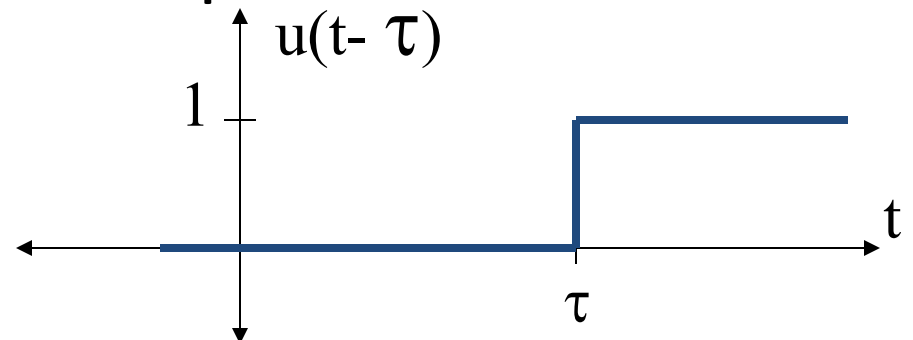
- Continuous Unit Step

$$- u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , t > 0 \\ 0 & , t < 0 \end{cases}$$



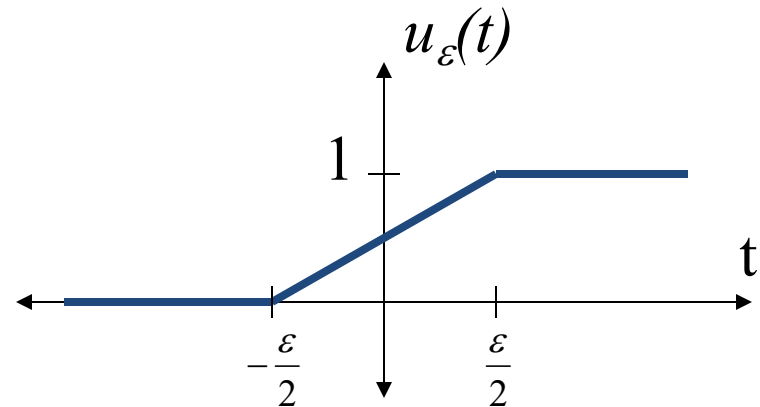
- Continuous Shifted Unit Step

$$- u(t-\tau) = \begin{cases} 1 & , t > \tau \\ 0 & , t < \tau \end{cases}$$



- Continuous Unit Step is discontinuous at  $t=0$ , so is not differentiable!
- Define delayed unit step:

$$u_{\varepsilon}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , t > \varepsilon / 2 \\ 0 & , t < -\varepsilon / 2 \\ \frac{t}{\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2} & , otherwise \end{cases}$$

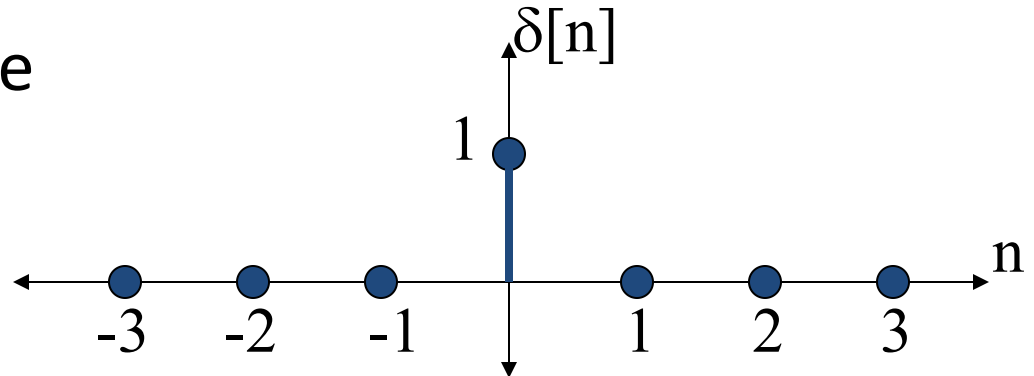


- $u_{\varepsilon}(t)$  is continuous and differentiable.
 
$$u(t) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} u_{\varepsilon}(t) \quad \frac{du_{\varepsilon}(t)}{dt} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} & , -\varepsilon / 2 < t < \varepsilon / 2 \\ 0 & , otherwise \end{cases}$$

# Unit Impulse

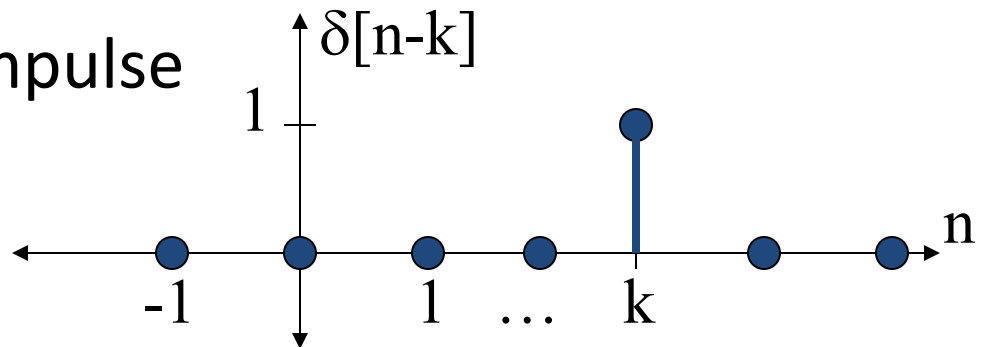
- Discrete Unit Impulse

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & , n = 0 \\ 0 & , n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



- Discrete Shifted Unit Impulse

$$\delta[n-k] = \begin{cases} 1 & , n = k \\ 0 & , n \neq k \end{cases}$$



- Properties of discrete Unit Impulse functions:

$$\delta[n] = u[n] - u[n-1]$$

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

$$r(t) = \int_0^t u(t) dt$$

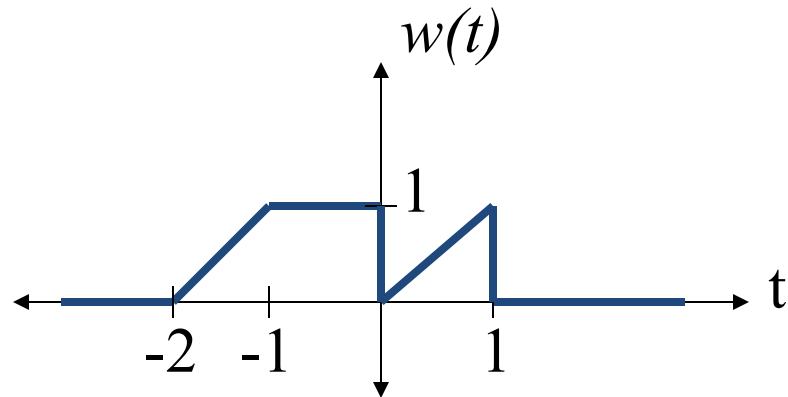
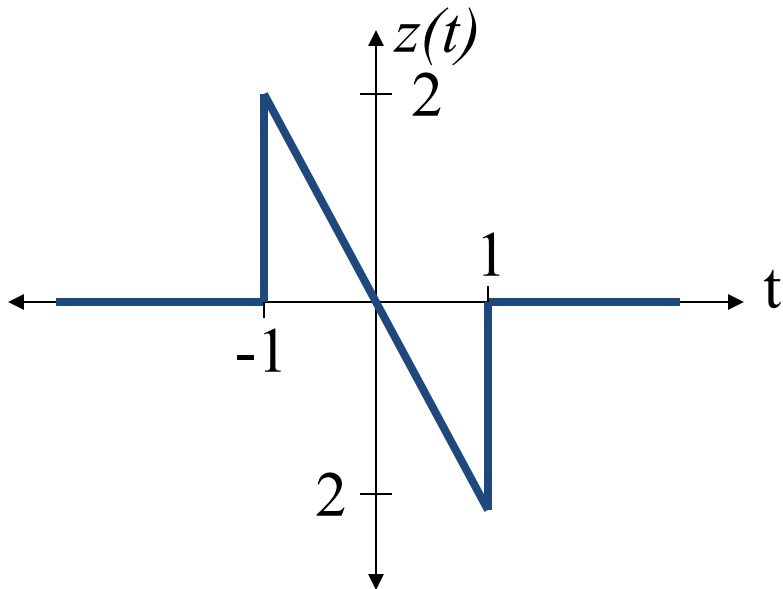
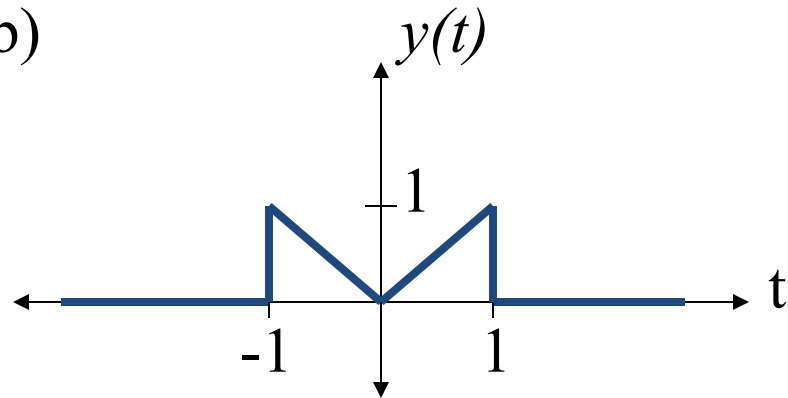
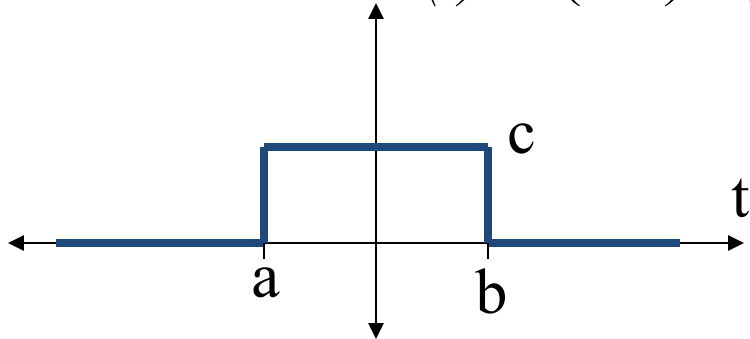
$$x[n]\delta[n] = x[0]\delta[n]$$

$$x[n]\delta[n-k] = x[k]\delta[n-k]$$

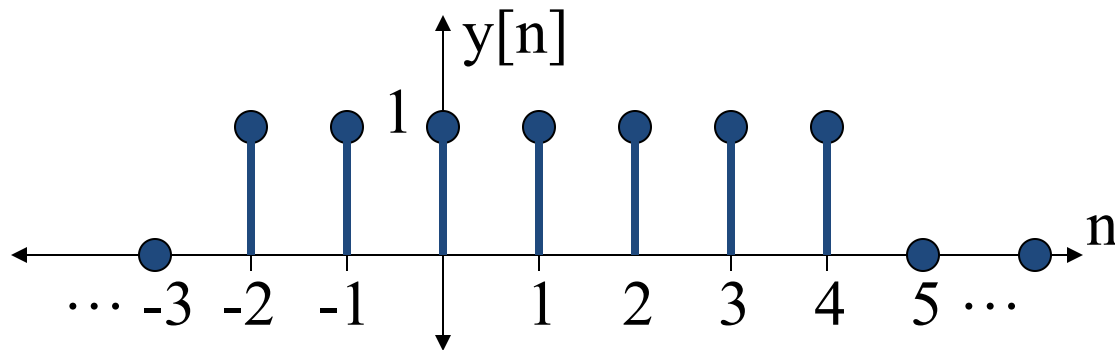
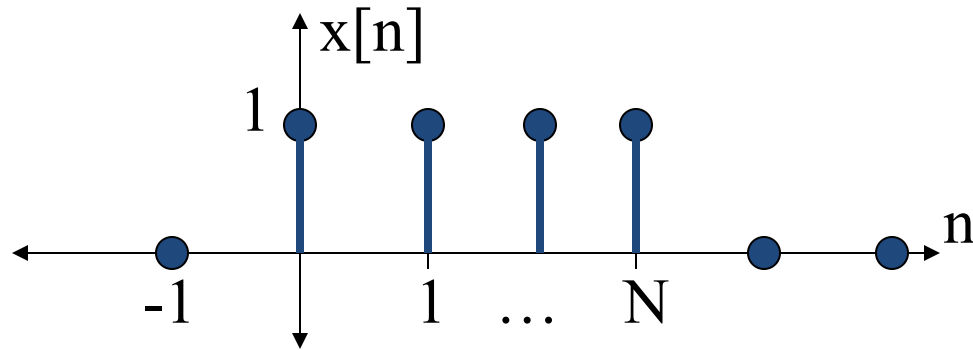
$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k]$$

# Write Signal Functions

$x(t) \quad u(t+a)-u(t-b)$



# Write Signal Functions



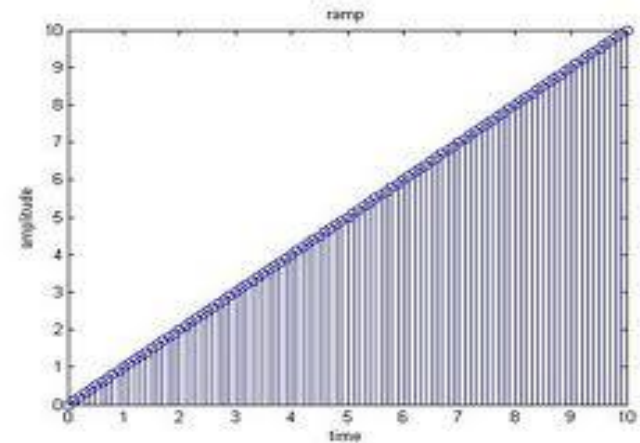
# Ramp signal

- Denoted as  $r(t)$  or  $r[n]$

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} t & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

- Defined as

$$r[n] = \begin{cases} n & n \geq 0 \\ 0 & n < 0 \end{cases}$$



- Otherwise,  $r(t) = tu(t)$  or  $r[n] = nu[n]$



# Sinusoidal signal

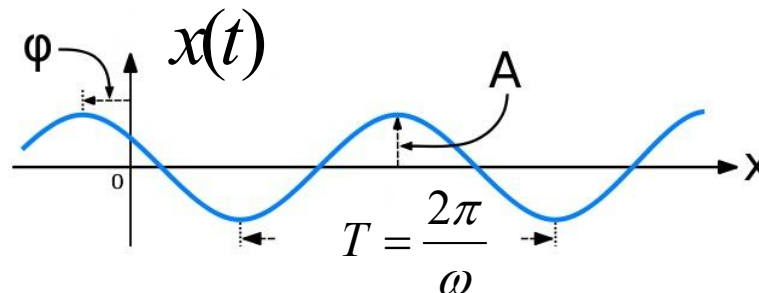
- General form is

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

where  $A$  = amplitude

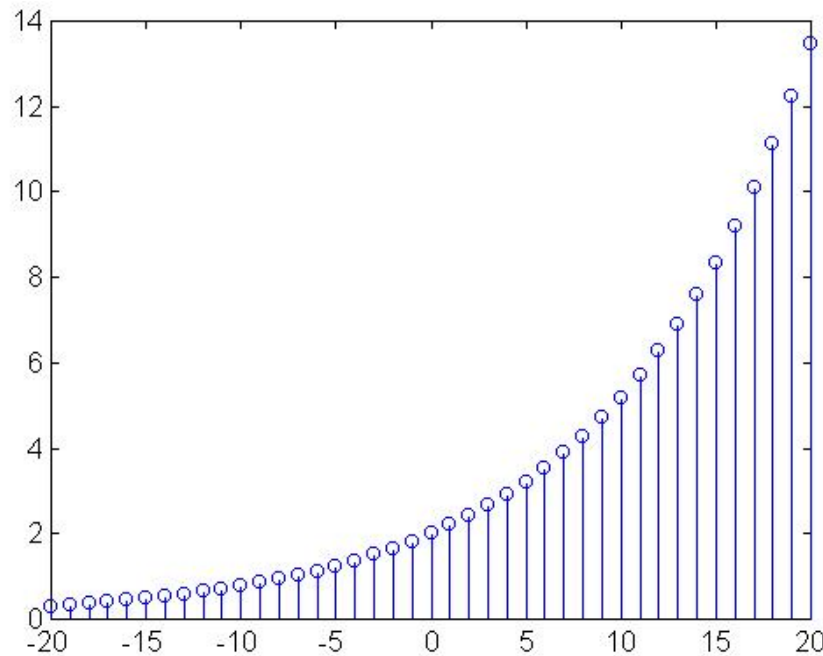
$\omega$  = angular frequency in radians

$\phi$  = phase angle in radians



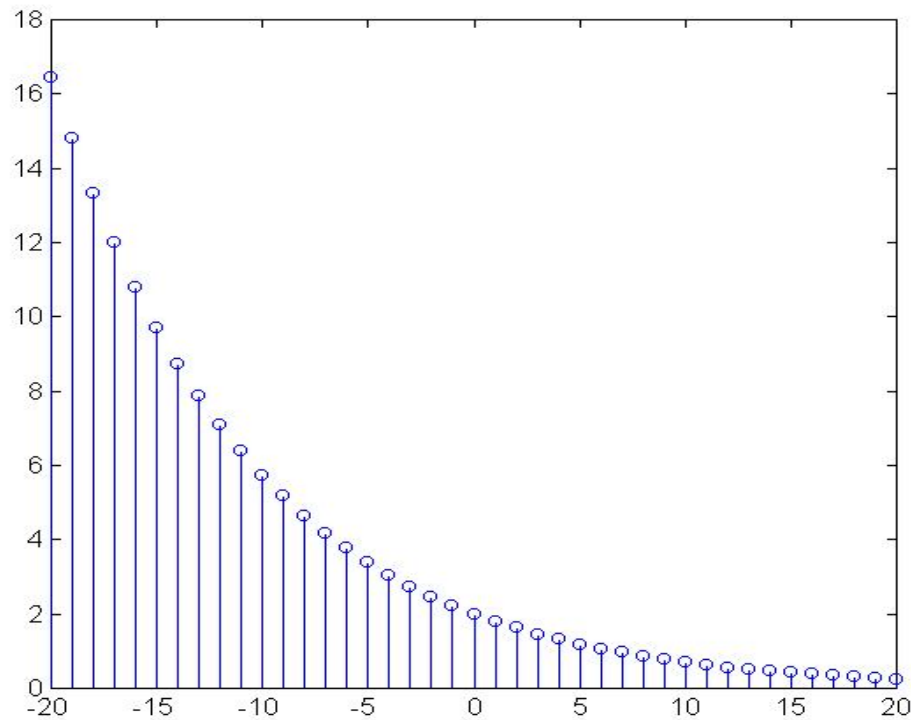
# Exponential signal $C * \alpha^n$

- If  $C$  and ' $\alpha$ ' are real then it will be real exponential  
 $x[n] = C * \alpha^n$  where  $\alpha > 1$       e.g.  $x[n] = 2 * 1.1^n$



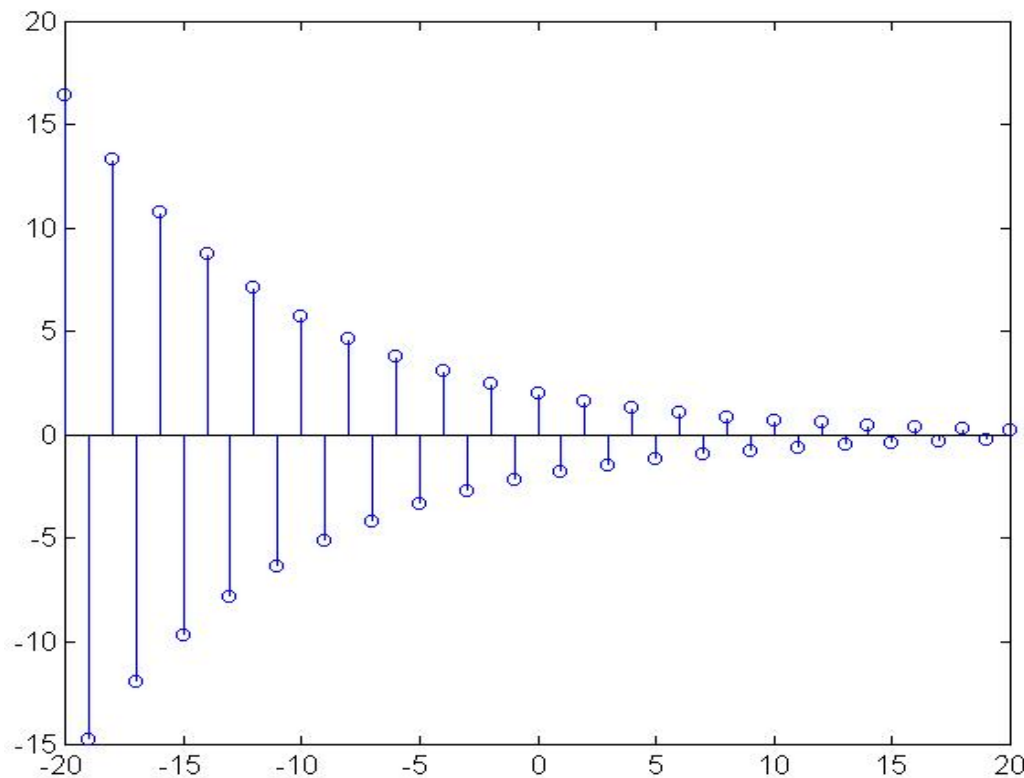
# Real exponential signal - examples

$$x[n] = C * \alpha^n \text{ where } 0 < \alpha < 1 \quad x[n] = 2 * 0.9^n$$



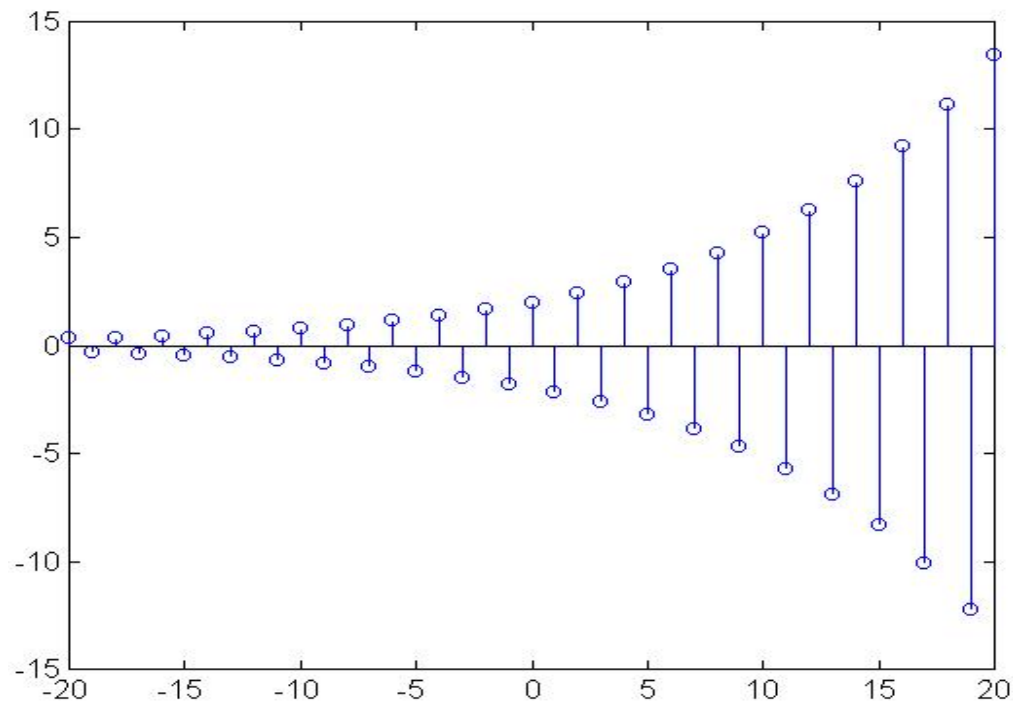
# Real exponential signal - examples

$$x[n] = C * \alpha^n \text{ where } -1 < \alpha < 0 \quad x[n] = 2 * (-0.9)^n$$



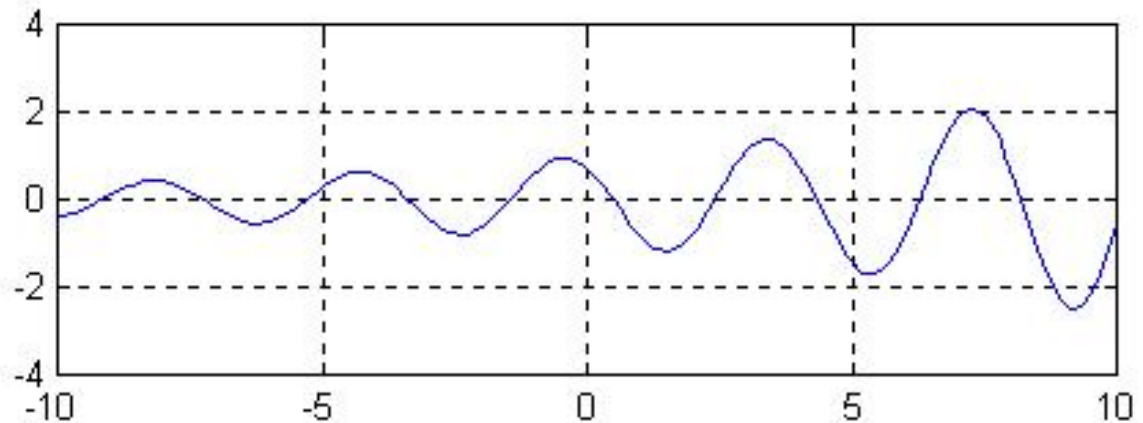
# Real exponential signal - examples

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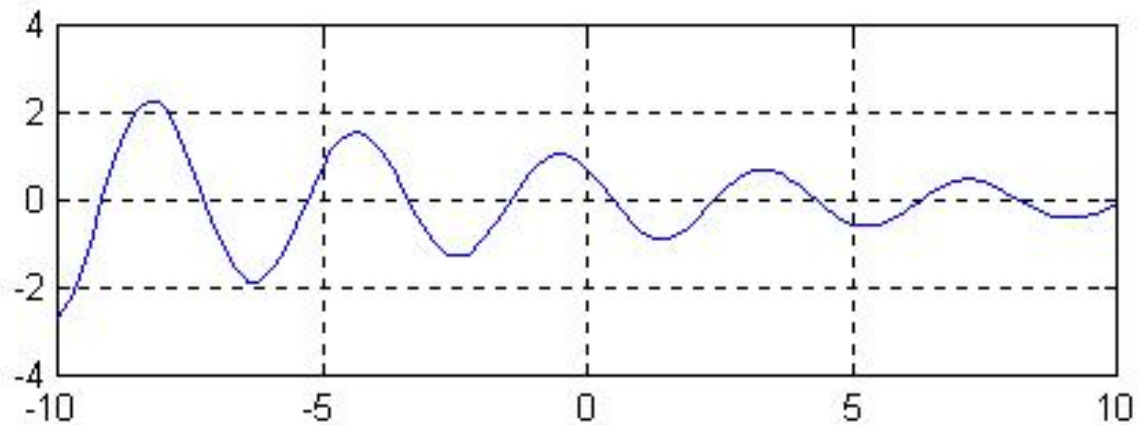


# Growing & Decaying Sinusoidal Signals

$r > 0$



$r < 0$



# Relationship between real sinusoids and complex exponentials

- A real sinusoid can be considered as the real part of a complex exponential

$$A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) = \operatorname{Re} \left[ A e^{j(\omega_0 t + \phi)} \right] = \operatorname{Re} \left[ A e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega_0 t} \right]$$

$A e^{j\phi}$  is called the phasor of the sinusoid, which contains the amplitude and initial phase of the signal

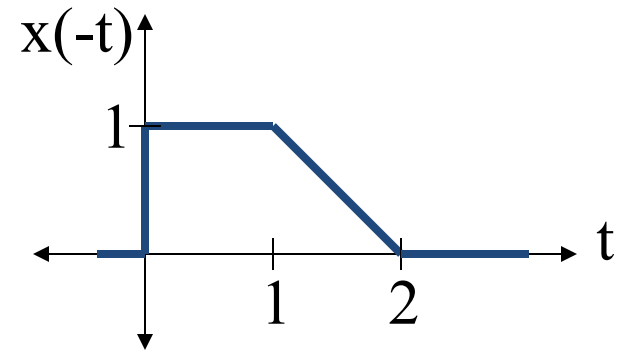
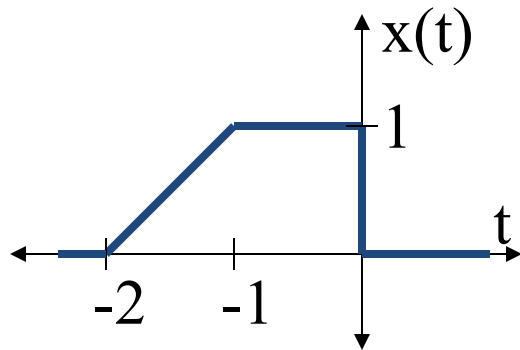
# Transformations of Time Variable

- Three possible ***time*** transformations:
  - *Time Flip (or reverse)*:  $x(-t)$ ,  $x[-n]$ 
    - Flips the signal over the vertical axis.
  - *Time Shift*:  $x(t+a)$ ,  $x[n+a]$ 
    - On horizontal axis, shifts to the right when  $a < 0$ , shifts to the left when  $a > 0$ .
  - *Time Scale*:  $x(at)$ ,  $x[an]$  for  $a > 0$ .
    - On horizontal axis, scales the signal length down when  $a > 1$ , scales it up when  $a < 1$ .

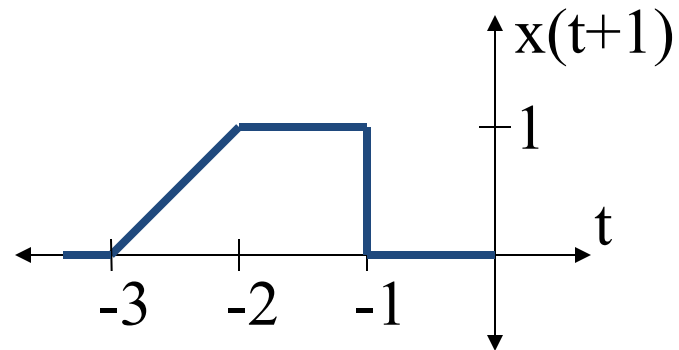
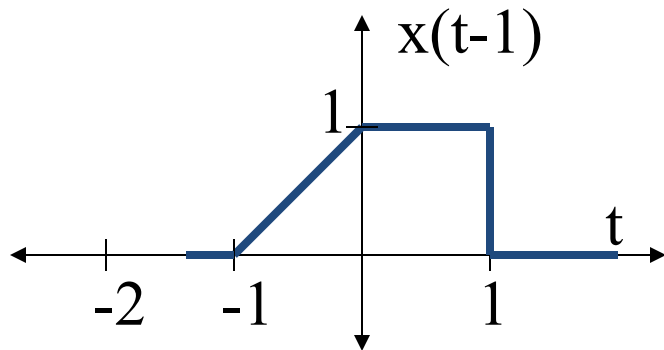


# Transformations of Time Variable (cont'd)

- Time-flip example:

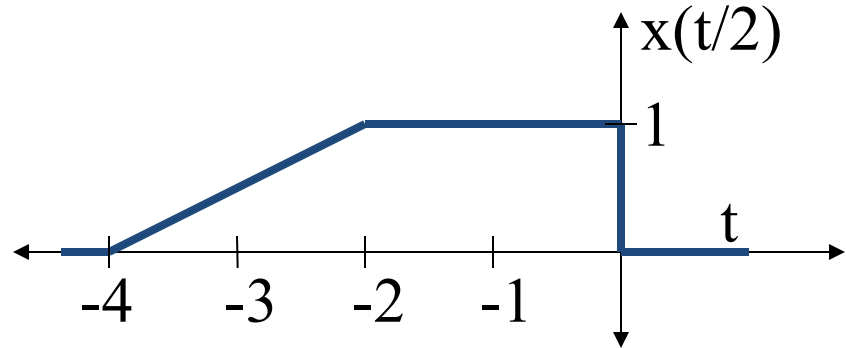
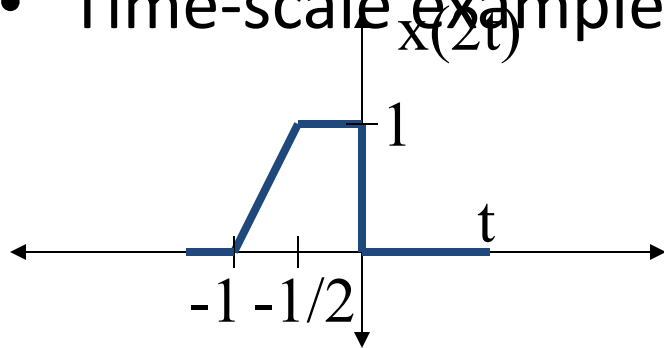


- Time-shift example:

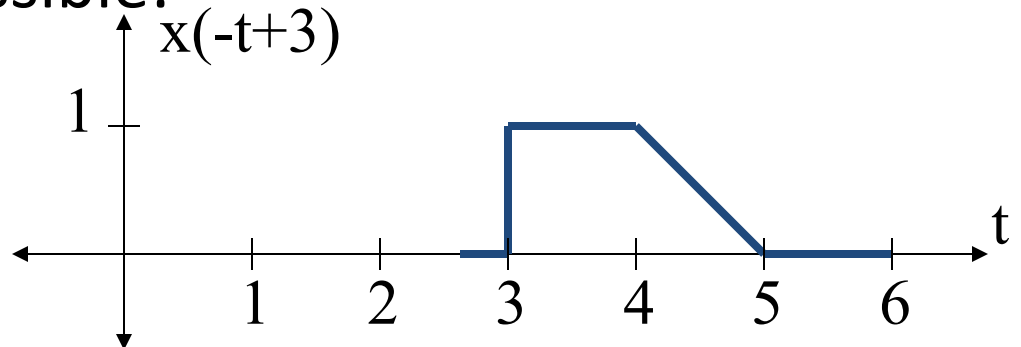
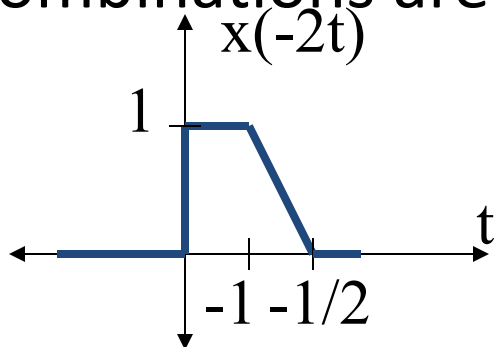


# Transformations of Time Variable (cont'd)

- Time-scale example:

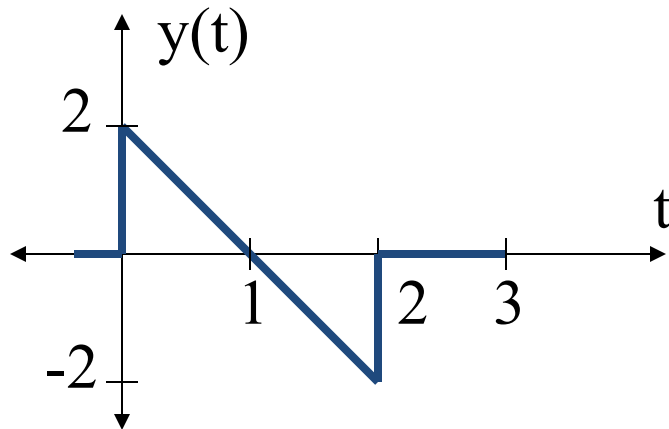


- Combinations are possible:



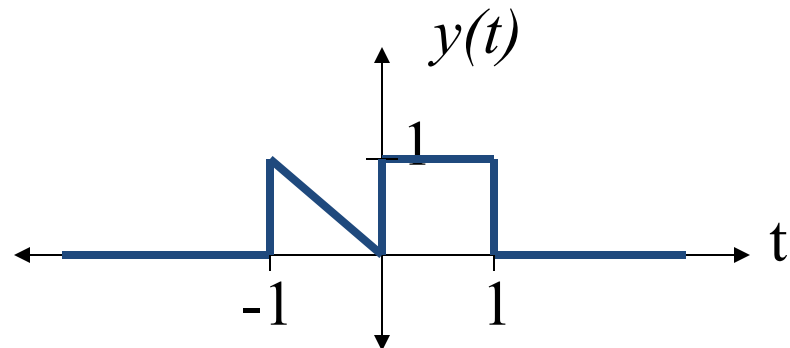
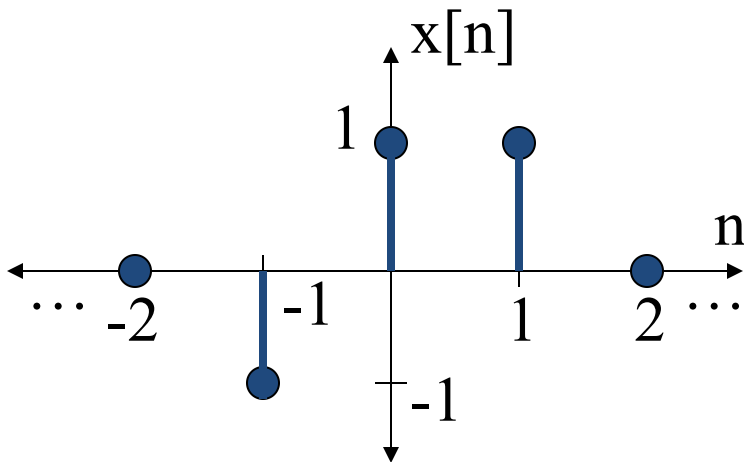
# Transformations of Time Variable (cont'd)

- Be careful when combining the transformations.
  - e.g.  $x(-t+3) = x_1(t-3)$  where  $x_1(t) = x(-t)$  or  
 $x(-t+3) = x_2(-t)$  where  $x_2(t) = x(t-3)$
- Given  $y(t)$  below, find  $y(-3t+6)$  in different orders:  
flip/shift/scale flip/scale/shift, **shift/flip/scale**.



# Even and Odd Signals

- $x[n]$  is even, if  $x[n]=x[-n]$
- $x[n]$  is odd, if  $x[-n]=-x[n]$
- Any signal  $x[n]$  can be divided into two parts:
  - $\text{Ev}\{x[n]\} = (x[n]+x[-n])/2$
  - $\text{Od}\{x[n]\} = (x[n]-x[-n])/2$
- The arguments above are also valid for continuous signals.
- Exercise: Divide the following signals into even and odd parts:



# Periodic and Non Periodic signal

- A periodic signal  $x(t)$  is a function that satisfies the condition,

$$\underline{x(t) = x(t+T)} \text{ for all } t$$

- $T$  that satisfied the above equation is called fundamental period of  $x(t)$
- The reciprocal of fundamental period is called fundamental frequency  $f = 1/T$

# Periodic and Non Periodic signal

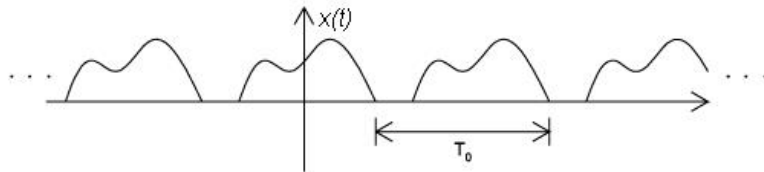
- The frequency  $f$  is measured in hertz (Hz) or cycles per second
- The angular frequency is measured in radians per second

$$\omega = 2\pi / T$$

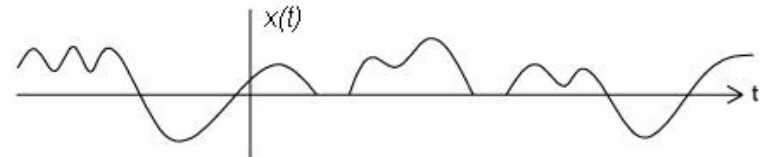
- Any signal  $x(t)$  for which there is no value of  $T$  to satisfy the previous slide equation is called aperiodic or non periodic signal

# Periodic and Non Periodic signal - examples

**Periodic Signal with period  $T_0$**



**Non periodic signal**



# Periodicity for combination signals

- Let  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  be periodic signals with fundamental periods  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively.
- Under what conditions is the sum  
$$x(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$$
 periodic ?
- If periodic, What will be the fundamental period of  $x(t)$ ?



# Periodicity for combination signals

- $x_1(t) = x_1(t+T_1) = x_1(t+mT_1)$ ,  $m = +ve$  integer
- $x_2(t) = x_2(t+T_2) = x_2(t+kT_2)$ ,  $k = +ve$  integer

$$x(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$$

- $x(t) = x_1(t+mT_1) + x_2(t+kT_2)$
- $x(t)$  is periodic with period  $T$
- $x(t) = x(t+T) = x_1(t+T) + x_2(t+T)$

- $mT_1 = kT_2 = T \rightarrow \frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{k}{m}$

# Important Points

- Sum of two periodic signals is periodic only if the ratio ( $T_1 / T_2$ ) is a rational number or ratio of two integers
- The fundamental period is the LCM of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$
- If  $T_1/T_2$  is irrational no, then  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  do not have common period and hence  $x(t)$  is not periodic

Are these signals are periodic ? If so,  
find its fundamental period

- $x(t) = 3u(t) + 2\sin(2t)$
- Aperiodic

$$x(t) = 2 \cos (10t + 1) - \sin (4t-1)$$

$$- T_1/T_2 = 2/5$$

# Periodicity in discrete signals

- Condition:  $x[n] = x[n+N]$
- $X[n] = A \sin(\omega_0 n + \theta)$
- $X[n+N] = A \sin[\omega_0(n+N) + \theta] = A \sin [\omega_0 n + \omega_0 N + \theta]$
- So,  $\omega_0 N = 2\pi * m$  where  $m = \text{integer}$

$$N = 2\pi \left[ \frac{m}{\omega_0} \right]$$

Are these signals are periodic ? If so,  
find its fundamental period

- $X[n] = 12 \cos(20n)$ 
  - Aperiodic

$$x[n] = e^{j\frac{3\pi}{5}\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

– When  $m = 3$ , then  $N$  will be an integer = 10

# Power and Energy of Signals

- Energy: accumulation of absolute of the signal

$$E_{\infty} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

$$E_{\infty} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^N |x[n]|^2 = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2$$

- Power: average of absolute of the signal

$$P_{\infty} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^2 dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_{\infty}}{2T}$$

$$P_{\infty} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^N |x[n]|^2 = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_{\infty}}{2N+1}$$



# Power and Energy of Signals (cont'd)

- *Energy* signal iff  $0 < E < \infty$ , and so  $P = 0$ .
  - e.g: 
$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ e^{-t}, & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$
- *Power* signal iff  $0 < P < \infty$ , and so  $E = \infty$ .
  - e.g:  $\{x[n]\} = \{\dots -1, 1, \underline{-1}, 1, -1, 1 \dots\}$
- Neither energy nor power, when both  $E$  and  $P$  are infinite.
  - e.g:  $x(t) = t$

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# Is these energy or power signal ?

- $X(t) = e^{-at} u(t)$ , where  $a > 0$  Energy signal
- $x(t) = u(t)$  Power signal
- $X(t) = tu(t)$  Neither energy nor Power signal
- $X(t) = \sin^2 \omega_0 t$  Power signal
- $X[n] = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n u[n]$  Energy signal
- Signal  $\rightarrow$  not periodic , may be energy signal
- Signal  $\rightarrow$  periodic, may be power signal

# SYSTEMS

# Introduction to systems

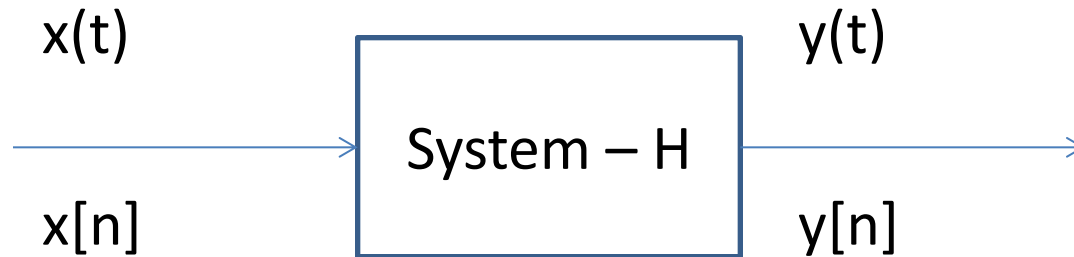
- A system is a physical device that generates a response or output signal for an input signal



- Example:
  - Speaker recognition system
  - Communication system
  - Aircraft landing system etc.,

A system is formally defined as an entity that manipulates one or more signal to accomplish a function there by yielding new signals

# System representation



- $H$  denotes the action of the system
- $y(t) = H \{ x(t) \}$
- $y[n] = H \{ x[n] \}$

# Classification – based on independent variable

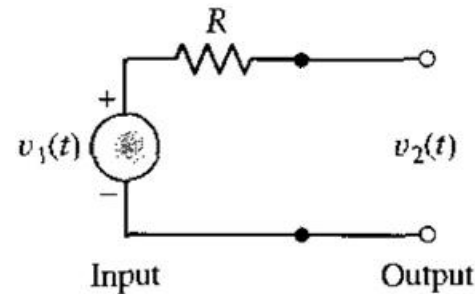
- Continuous time(CT) system
  - A CT system is one which operates on a CT signal and produces CT output signal
- Discrete time (DT) system
  - A DT system is one which operates on DT signal and produces DT output signal
- Mixed system
  - A mixed system is one which operates on CT / DT signal and produces DT / CT signal respectively

# Classification – based on character

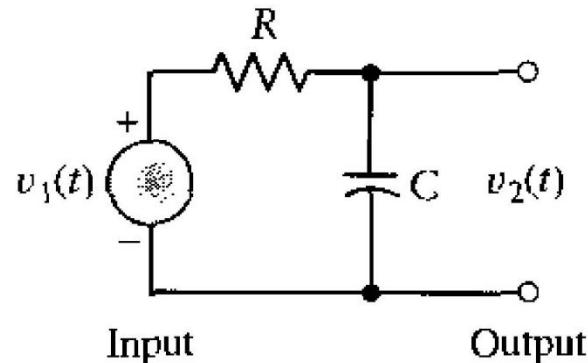
- Memory
  - Static & dynamic
- Causality
  - Causal & non causal
- Linearity
  - Linear & non linear
- Time variance
  - Time variant & time invariant
- Stability
  - Stable & unstable

# Memory – static & dynamic

- Static or memory less
  - Output at any instant depends on the input at that instant but not on the past or future values of input



- Dynamic or memory
  - Output signal depends on past or future values of the input





# Example

- $y(t) = x(t+1) + 5$ 
  - Dynamic
- $y[n] = x[n] + x[n-1]$ 
  - Dynamic
- $y(t) = x(t) \sin(2t)$ 
  - Static
- $y[n] = u[n]$ 
  - Static

# Causality

- Causal system or anticipative system
  - System output at any time depends on present and /or past inputs not future inputs
- Non Causal system
  - System output at any time depends on future inputs

# Example

- $y(t) = x(t) + x(t-1)$ 
  - Causal system

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{2t} x(t) dt$$

$$t = 0, y(0) = \int_{-\infty}^0 x(t) dt = P(0) - P(-\infty)$$

- $y[n] = x[n+3] + x^2[n]$ 
  - non causal system

$$t = 1, y(1) = \int_{-\infty}^2 x(t) dt = P(2) - P(-\infty)$$

Non causal system

# Linearity

- $x_1(t) \rightarrow y_1(t)$
- $x_2(t) \rightarrow y_2(t)$
- $x_1(t) + x_2(t) \rightarrow y_1(t) + y_2(t)$  also
- Should satisfy scaling property (i.e)
- $a_1 x_1(t) \rightarrow a_1 y_1(t)$
- $a_2 x_2(t) \rightarrow a_2 y_2(t)$
- $a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t) \rightarrow a_1 y_1(t) + a_2 y_2(t)$

# Linearity (*continued*)

- System is said to be linear if, the weighted sum of several inputs produces the weight sum of outputs
- If not, the system is non linear

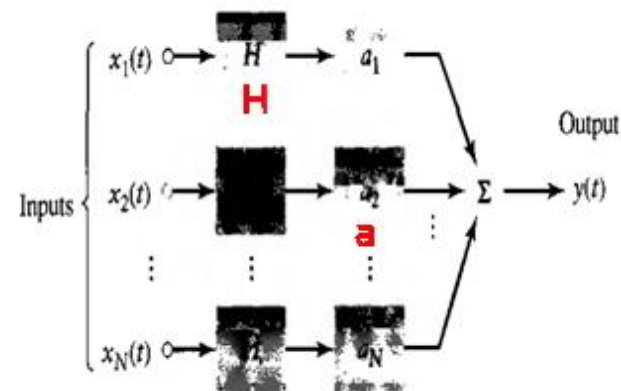
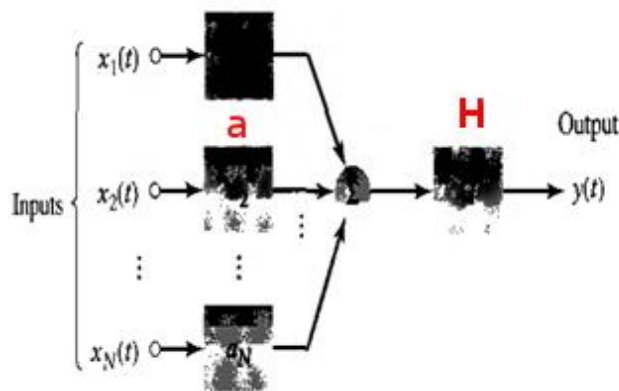
$$H\{ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)\} = aH\{x_1(t)\} + bH\{x_2(t)\}$$

$$H\{ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]\} = aH\{x_1[n]\} + bH\{x_2[n]\}$$

# Linearity (*continued*)

$$H\{a_1x_1(t) + a_2x_2(t)\} = a_1H\{x_1(t)\} + a_2H\{x_2(t)\}$$

$$H\{a_1x_1[n] + a_2x_2[n]\} = a_1H\{x_1[n]\} + a_2H\{x_2[n]\}$$



# Testing the linearity

- Step 1:
  - $y_1(t) = H \{ x_1(t) \}; \quad y_2(t) = H \{ x_2(t) \}$
  - Find weighted sum
  - $y_3(t) = a_1 y_1(t) + a_2 y_2(t)$
  - $y_3(t) = a_1 H \{ x_1(t) \} + a_2 H \{ x_2(t) \}$
- Step 2
  - For the linear combination of i/p  $[a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t)]$ , find the o/p for weighted sum
  - $y_4(t) = H \{ a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t) \}$   
linear
- If  $y_3 = y_4$ , system is

# Example

$$y(t) = \{2x(t)\}^2 \quad y_1(t) = 4x_1^2(t) \quad y_2(t) = 4x_2^2(t)$$

$$y_3(t) = a_1 y_1(t) + a_2 y_2(t)$$

$$y_3(t) = 4a_1 x_1^2(t) + 4a_2 x_2^2(t)$$

$$y_4(t) = H\{a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t)\} \quad y_4(t) = 4\{a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t)\}^2$$

$$y_4(t) = 4a_1 x_1^2(t) + 4a_2 x_2^2(t) + 8a_1 a_2 x_1(t) x_2(t)$$

$$y_3(t) \neq y_4(t)$$

Non Linear



# Example

$$y(t) = x(t^2) \quad y_1(t) = x_1(t^2) \quad y_2(t) = x_2(t^2)$$

$$y_3(t) = a_1 y_1(t) + a_2 y_2(t)$$

$$y_3(t) = a_1 x_1(t^2) + a_2 x_2(t^2)$$

$$y_4(t) = H\{a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t)\}$$

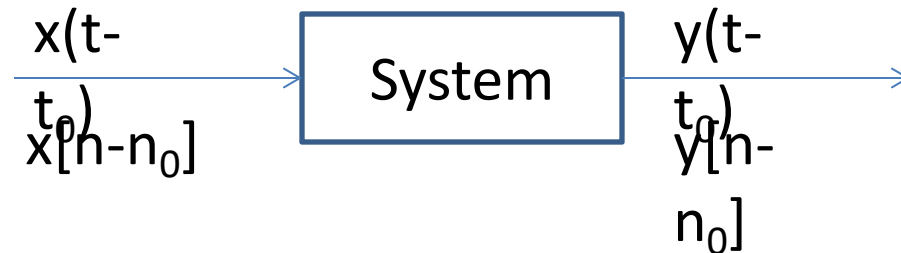
$$y_4(t) = a_1 x_1(t^2) + a_2 x_2(t^2)$$

$$y_3(t) = y_4(t)$$

Linear

# Time invariant & time variant system

- A system is said to be time invariant if its input and output characteristics do not change with time



- If i/p is delayed by  $t_0$  second, then o/p is also delayed by  $t_0$  second  $\rightarrow$  time invariant system

# Testing time variance

- $x(t)$  = input and  $x(t-t_0)$  delayed input
- $y(t) = H \{ x(t) \}$  be the output for the input  $x(t)$
- $y(t, t_0) = H \{ x(t-t_0) \} = y(t) |_{x(t)=x(t-t_0)}$
- $y(t-t_0) = y(t) |_{t=t-t_0}$
- $y(t, t_0) = y(t-t_0) \Rightarrow$  time invariant system

# Example

## Time variant system

- $y(t) = t x(t)$
- $y(t, t_0) = H\{ x(t-t_0) \}$   
 $= y(t) |_{x(t)=x(t-t_0)}$
- $y(t, t_0) = t x(t-t_0)$
- $y(t-t_0) = y(t) |_{t=t-t_0}$
- $y(t-t_0) = (t-t_0) x(t-t_0)$
- $y(t, t_0) \neq y(t-t_0)$

## Time Invariant system

- $y(t) = e^{x(t)}$
- $y(t, t_0) = e^{x(t-t_0)}$
- $y(t-t_0) = y(t) |_{t=t-t_0}$
- $y(t-t_0) = e^{x(t-t_0)}$
- $y(t, t_0) = y(t-t_0)$

# Stable & Unstable CT system

- A CT system is said to be stable system, if the **bounded input** to the system produces **bounded output**
- if  $x(t)$  is bounded,  $y(t)$  should also be bounded for the system to be stable

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt < \infty$$

# Example

$$h(t) = e^{4t} u(t-3)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt = \int_3^{\infty} e^{4t} dt$$

$$= \left[ \frac{e^{4t}}{4} \right]_3^{\infty} = \frac{1}{4} [\infty - e^{12}] = \infty$$

Unstable system

$$x(t) = e^{-2|t|}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt = \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{2t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [e^{2t}]_{-\infty}^0 - \frac{1}{2} [e^{-2t}]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1 + 1] = 1 < \infty$$

Stable system

# Stable & Unstable DT system

- A DT system is said to be stable if bounded input produces bounded output (i.e.)  
**absolutely summable**

$$x[n] \leq M_x < \infty \quad y[n] \leq M_x < \infty$$

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| < \infty$$

# Example

$$h[n] = nu[n]$$

$$y[n] = \sum_0^{\infty} n$$

$$= 1 + 2 + \dots + \infty$$

$$= \infty$$

Unstable system

$$h[n] = 2^n u[-n-1]$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{-1}^{-\infty} 2^n \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Changing} \\ n = -n \end{array}$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{-\infty}^{-1} 2^{-n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \right\} = 1 < \infty$$