ESE 531: Digital Signal Processing

Lecture 3: January 20, 2022 Discrete Time Signals and Systems, Pt 2



Lecture Outline

- Discrete Time Systems
- System Properties
- LTI Systems
- Difference Equations

Discrete-Time Systems



DEFINITION

A discrete-time system ${\mathcal H}$ is a transformation (a rule or formula) that maps a discrete-time input signal x into a discrete-time output signal y

$$y = \mathcal{H}\{x\}$$
 $x \longrightarrow \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow y$

- Systems manipulate the information in signals
- Examples
 - Speech recognition system that converts acoustic waves into text
 - Radar system transforms radar pulse into position and velocity
 - fMRI system transform frequency into images of brain activity
 - Moving average system smooths out the day-to-day variability in a stock price

System Properties

- Causality
 - y[n] only depends on x[m] for $m \le n$
- Linearity
 - Scaled sum of arbitrary inputs results in output that is a scaled sum of corresponding outputs
 - $Ax_1[n] + Bx_2[n] \rightarrow Ay_1[n] + By_2[n]$
- Memoryless
 - y[n] depends only on x[n]
- Time Invariance
 - Shifted input results in shifted output
 - $x[n-q] \rightarrow y[n-q]$
- BIBO Stability
 - A bounded input results in a bounded output (ie. max signal value exists for output if max)

Examples

- □ Causal? Linear? Time-invariant? Memoryless? BIBO Stable?
- □ Time Shift:

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

Accumulator:

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

□ Compressor (M>1):

$$y[n] = x[Mn]$$

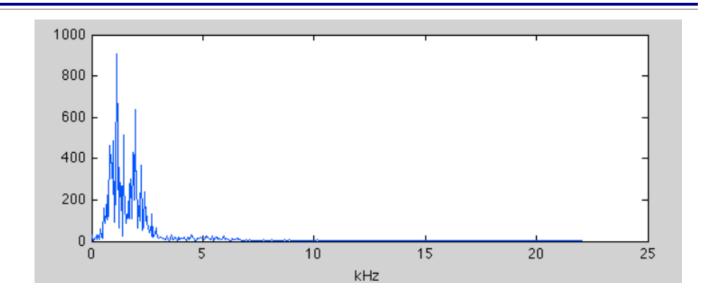
Non-Linear System Example



- Median Filter
 - $y[n] = MED\{x[n-k], ...x[n+k]\}$
 - Let k=1
 - $y[n]=MED\{x[n-1], x[n], x[n+1]\}$

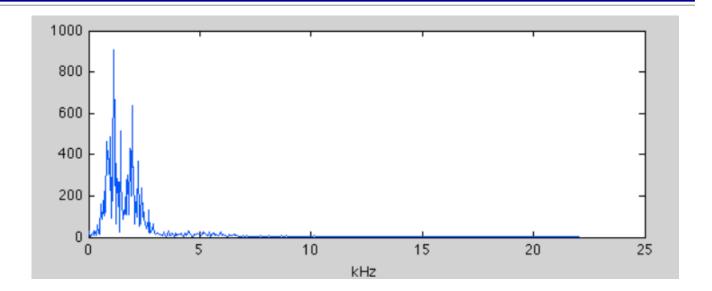
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Speech

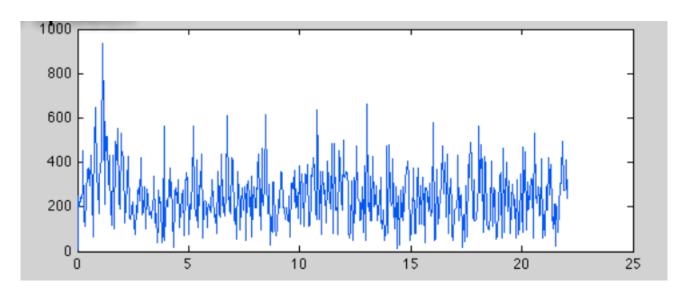


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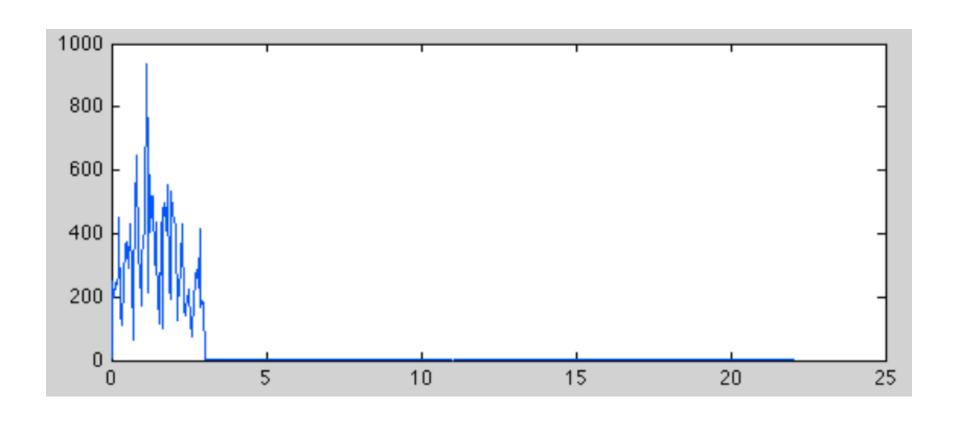
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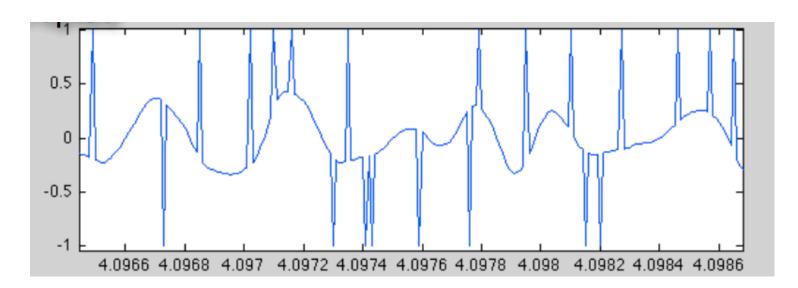


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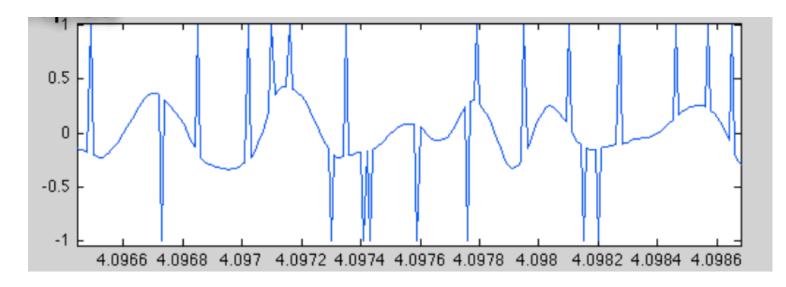
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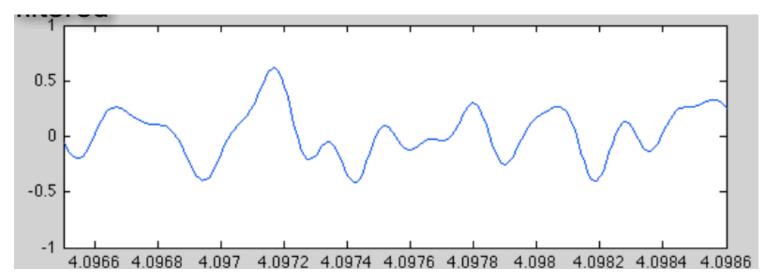


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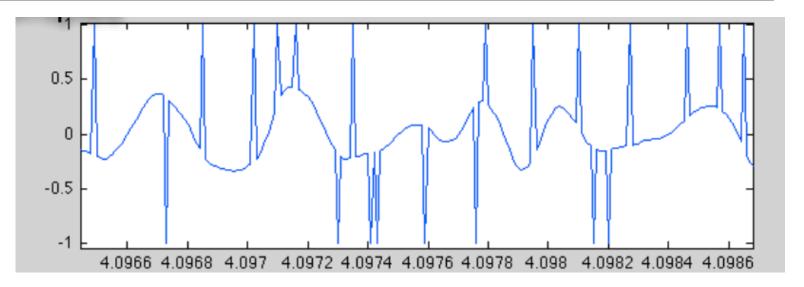


LP-Filtered Speech

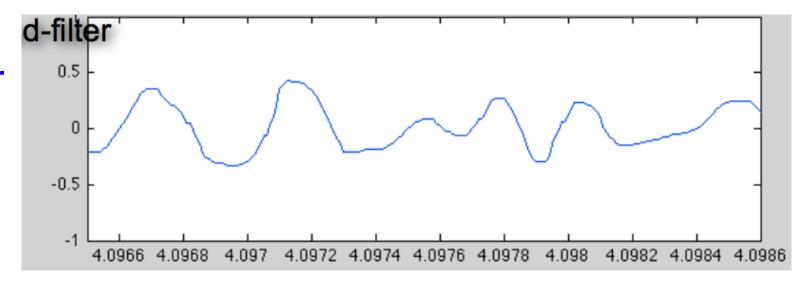


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LTI Systems



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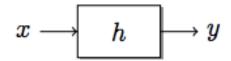
A system H is linear time-invariant (LTI) if it is both linear and time-invariant

- LTI system can be completely characterized by its impulse response
- □ Then the output for an arbitrary input is a sum of weighted, delay impulse responses

$$x \longrightarrow h \longrightarrow y \qquad y[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n-m] x[m]$$

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$$

Convolution

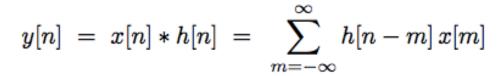


Convolution formula:

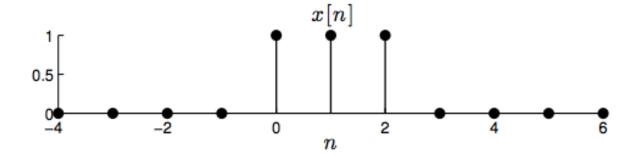
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- Convolution method:
 - 1) Time reverse the impulse response and shift it *n* time steps to the right
 - 2) Compute the inner product between the shifted impulse response and the input vector
 - \blacksquare Repeat for evey n

Convolution Example



Convolve a unit pulse with itself



Convolution is Commutative

Convolution is commutative:

$$x * h = h * x$$

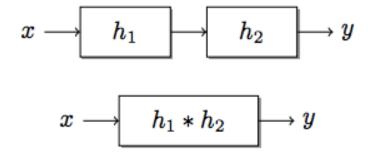
□ These block diagrams are equivalent



□ Implication: pick either *h* or *x* to flip and shift when convolving

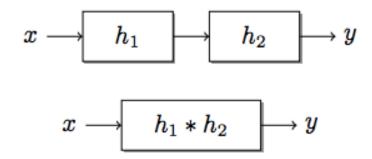
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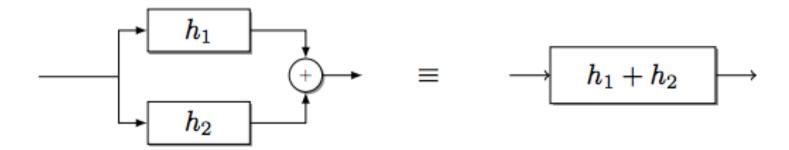


Proof by picture

$$\delta \longrightarrow h_1 \longrightarrow h_1 \longrightarrow h_2 \longrightarrow h_1 * h_2$$

LTI Systems in Parallel

□ Impulse response of the parallel connection of two LTI systems:



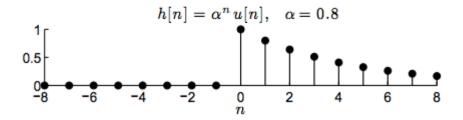
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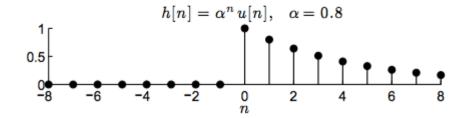
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□ To prove, note that the convolution does not look into the future if the impulse response is causal

$$y[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n-m] x[m]$$
 $h[n-m] = 0$ when $m > n$;

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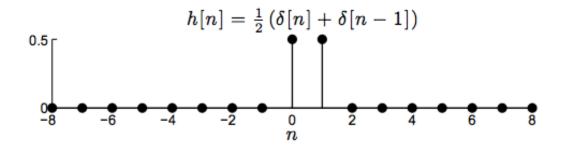
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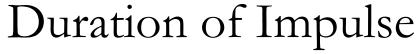
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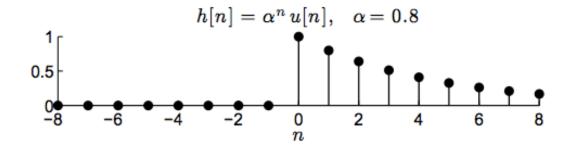
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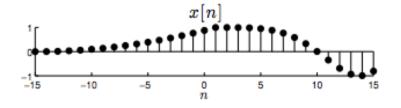
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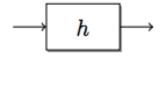
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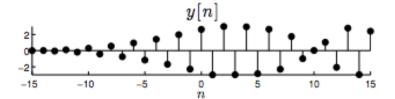
$$||x||_{\infty} < \infty$$
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Where

$$||x||_{\infty} = \max |x[n]|$$







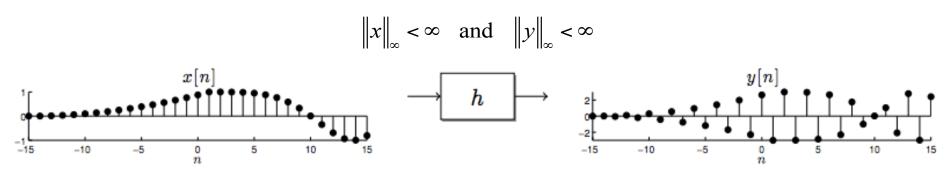
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- Compute a bound on |y[n]| using the convolution of x and b and the bounds A and B

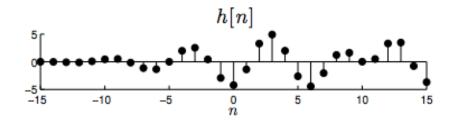
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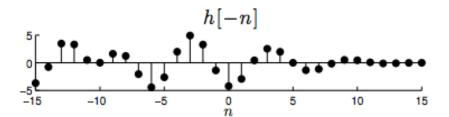
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BIBO Stability - Necessary Condition

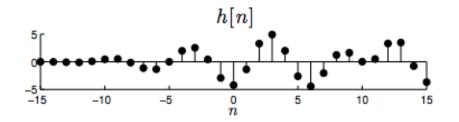
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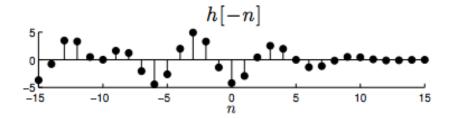
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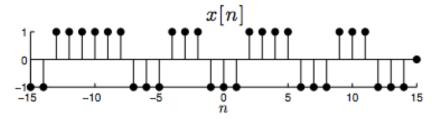




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$$y[0] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[0-m] x[m] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[-m] \operatorname{sgn}(h[-m])$$
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□ Thus y is not bounded while x is bounded, so the system is not BIBO stable

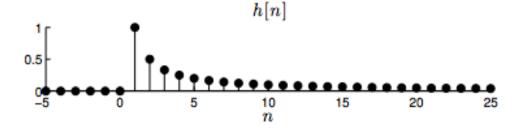
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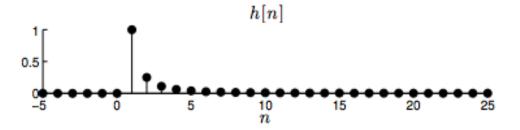
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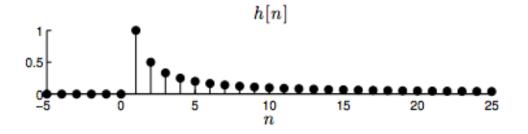
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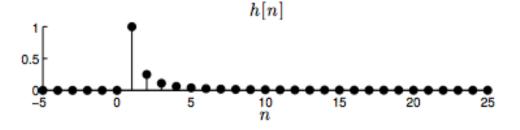
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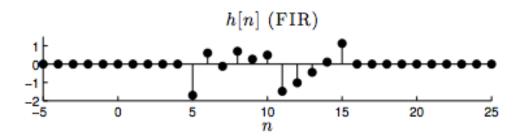
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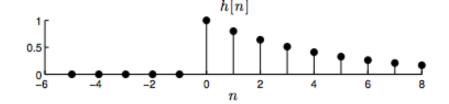
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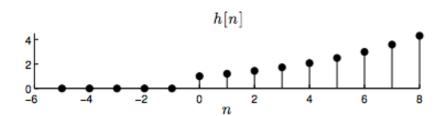
For $|\alpha| < 1$

$$\|h\|_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha|^n = \frac{1}{1-|\alpha|} < \infty \; \Rightarrow \; \mathsf{BIBO}$$



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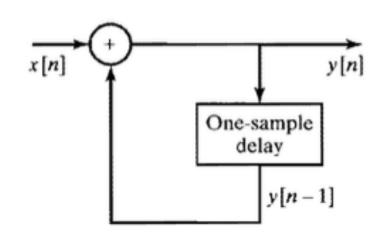
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Example: Difference Equation

Moving Average System

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M_1 + M_2 + 1} \sum_{k=-M_1}^{M_2} x[n-k]$$

□ Causal?

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□ Let M_1 =0 (i.e. system is causal)

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M_2 + 1} \sum_{k=0}^{M_2} x[n - k]$$

Big Ideas

- □ LTI Systems are a special class of systems with significant signal processing applications
 - Can be characterized by the impulse response
- □ LTI System Properties
 - Causality and stability can be determined from impulse response
- Difference equations suggest implementation of systems
 - Give insight into complexity of system

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- □ Enroll in Piazza site:
 - piazza.com/upenn/spring2022/ese531
- Complete Diagnostic Quiz by midnight
 - Solutions posted after due date
- □ HW 0: Brush up on background and Matlab tutorial
- HW 1 out now
- First recitation posted after lecture
 - Basic Matlab usage