



## Lecture5 Linear Time-invariant Systems and z-Transform

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Causality

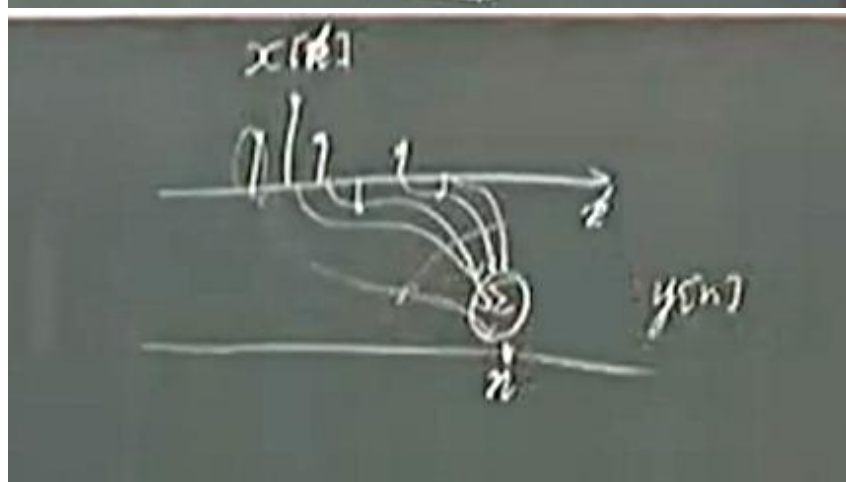
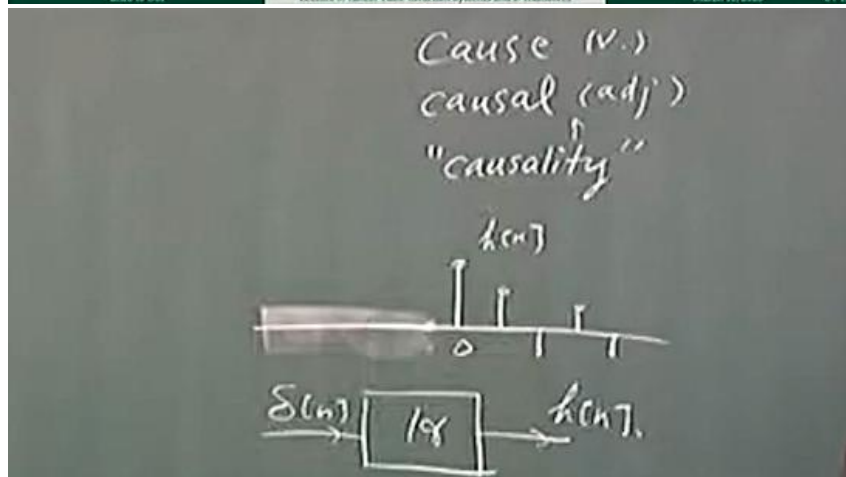
**Definition:** A system is called *causal* if  $h[n] = 0$  for all  $n < 0$ .

In this course, we are mostly interested in systems that are causal. We will learn how to analyze a causal system, as well as how to design a causal system that meets certain performance specifications.

**Note:** If an LTI system is causal, then we have

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

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### Examples of a causal LTI system

We can specify an important class of causal LTI systems by *difference equations*. An example would be

$$y[n] = y[n-1] + y[n-2] + x[n]$$

implemented iteratively in time, perhaps using a while loop, assuming that  $y[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0$ .

**Exercise:** Is this system linear, time-invariant, and causal?

More generally, we will study all *linear constant-coefficient difference equations* (LCCDEs) in the next lecture.

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### Z-transform

**Definition:** For any given sequence  $\{p[n], n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , one can attempt to evaluate the following expression

$$P(z) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} p[n]z^{-n} \quad (2)$$

on the complex plane  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $P(z)$  is called the *z-transform* of  $p[n]$  which is well-defined over the region where Eq. (2) converges.

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### A remark about the notation

When the DTFT of a signal exists, it is equal to the signal's z-transform evaluated on the unit circle ( $z = e^{j\omega}$ ); that is,

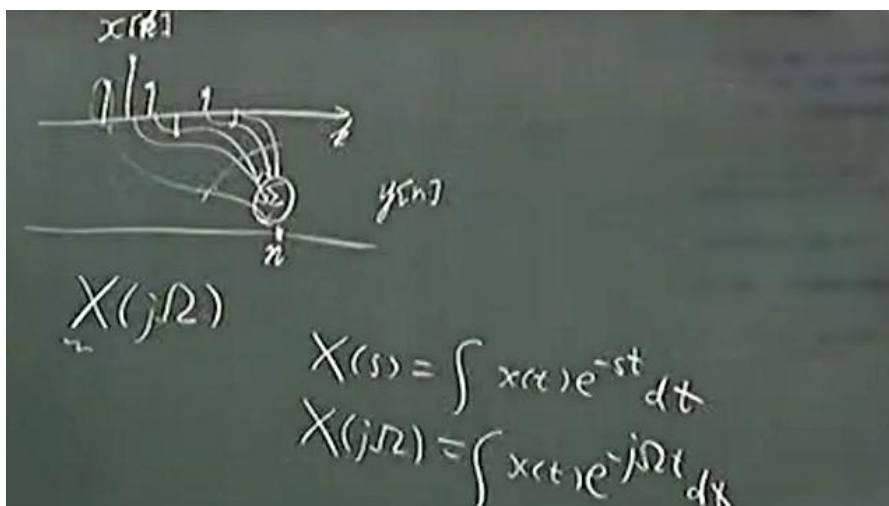
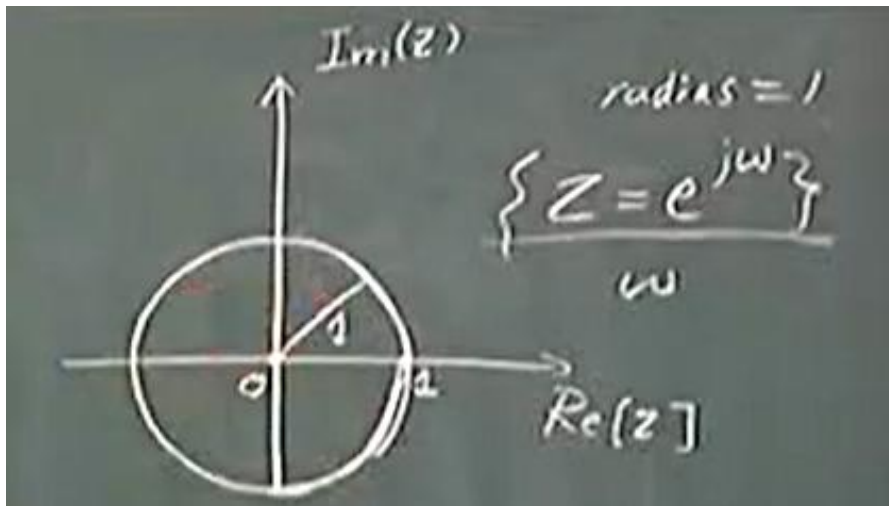
$$\text{DTFT}\{x[n]\} \equiv \sum_n x[n] e^{-j\omega n} = \left( \sum_n x[n] z^{-n} \right) \Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}}.$$

This explains why the text book denotes DTFT as  $X(e^{j\omega})$ , so we have unified notation for z-transform and Fourier transform.

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The Fourier transform of the impulse response is called the frequency response

**(Convolution theorem):** If  $y[n] = (h * x)[n]$  where  $h[n]$  denotes the impulse response of an LTI system, then  $Y(z) = H(z)X(z)$ .

Here,  $H(z)$  is called the *system function*, and  $H(e^{j\omega})$  is called the *frequency response* of the system if it exists.

**Meanings:** When we write  $Y(e^{j\omega}) = H(e^{j\omega})X(e^{j\omega})$ ,  $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  means the gain a signal will receive at frequency  $\omega$ , and  $\angle H(e^{j\omega})$  means the phase shift that the system will introduce, as a function of  $\omega$ . They are called the *magnitude response* and the *phase response*, respectively.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Block diagram: } x[n] \rightarrow [H] \rightarrow y[n] \\
 & \text{Fourier Transform: } \mathcal{F} \downarrow \\
 & X(e^{j\omega}) \xrightarrow{H} Y(e^{j\omega}) = H(e^{j\omega})X(e^{j\omega}) \\
 & \text{Inverse Fourier Transform: } \mathcal{F}^{-1} \downarrow \\
 & y[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} H(e^{j\omega})X(e^{j\omega})e^{j\omega n} d\omega
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Example: Numerical differentiation

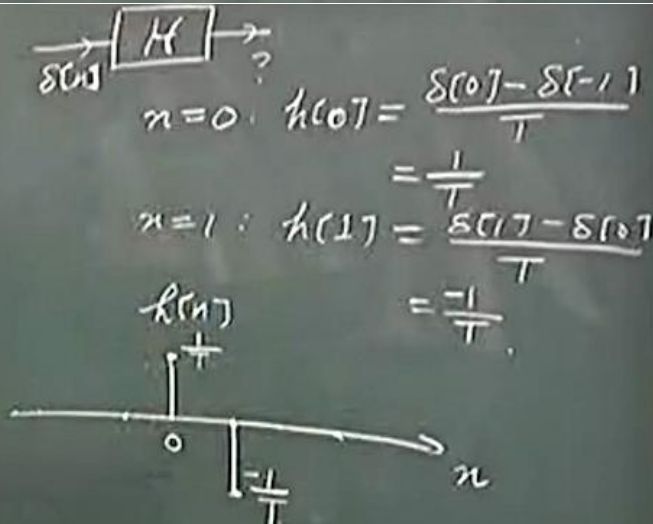
Assume that a discrete-time system is defined by the following equation:

$$y[n] = \frac{x[n] - x[n-1]}{T},$$

where  $T$  denotes the sampling period for A/D and D/A conversion. Is the system causal? Draw a sketch of the system's impulse response. Does the frequency response exist? If so, sketch out its magnitude response and phase response.

Block diagram:  $\delta[n] \rightarrow [H] \rightarrow ?$

$$n=0: h[0] = \frac{\delta[0] - \delta[-1]}{T} = \frac{1}{T}$$
$$n=1: h[1] = \frac{\delta[1] - \delta[0]}{T} = -\frac{1}{T}$$





$$\begin{aligned}
 H(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_n h[n] e^{-j\omega n} \\
 &= h[0] e^{-j\omega 0} + h[1] e^{-j\omega 1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} 1 - \frac{1}{T} e^{-j\omega} \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} (1 - e^{-j\omega})
 \end{aligned}$$

Block diagram: Input  $x[n]$  enters a block  $H$ , output  $y[n]$ .

Discrete-time Fourier Transform (DTFT) pairs:

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Discrete-time plot of  $h[n]$  vs  $n$ :

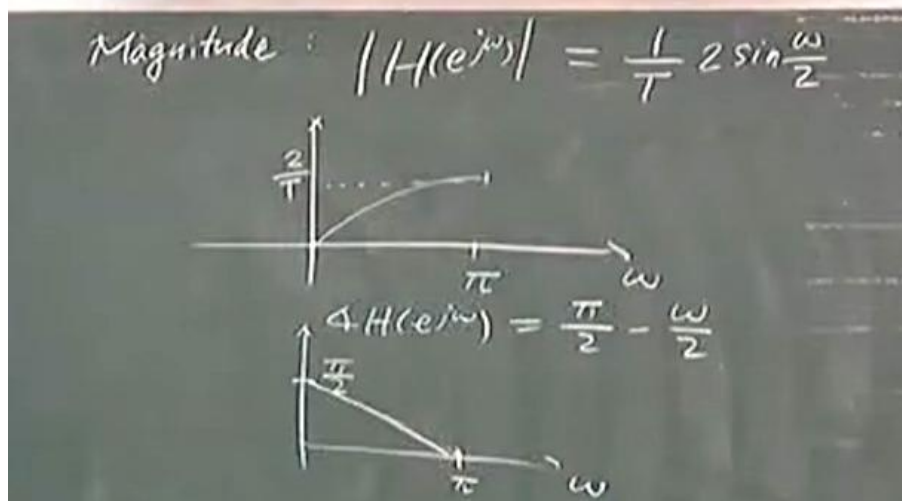
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$$\begin{aligned}
 y[n] &= \frac{x[n] - x[n-1]}{T} \\
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 Y(z) &= \frac{1}{T} (X(z) - z^{-1} X(z)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} (1 - z^{-1}) X(z) \\
 H(z) &= \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{T} \equiv H(z) X(z) \\
 H(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1 - e^{-j\omega}}{T}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 H(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{T} 1 - \frac{1}{T} e^{-j\omega} \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} (1 - \cos \omega + j \sin \omega) \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} 2 \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \left( \sin \frac{\omega}{2} + j \cos \frac{\omega}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} 2 \sin \frac{\omega}{2} e^{j(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega}{2})} \quad \text{where } \frac{\omega}{2} \in \mathbb{R}
 \end{aligned}$$





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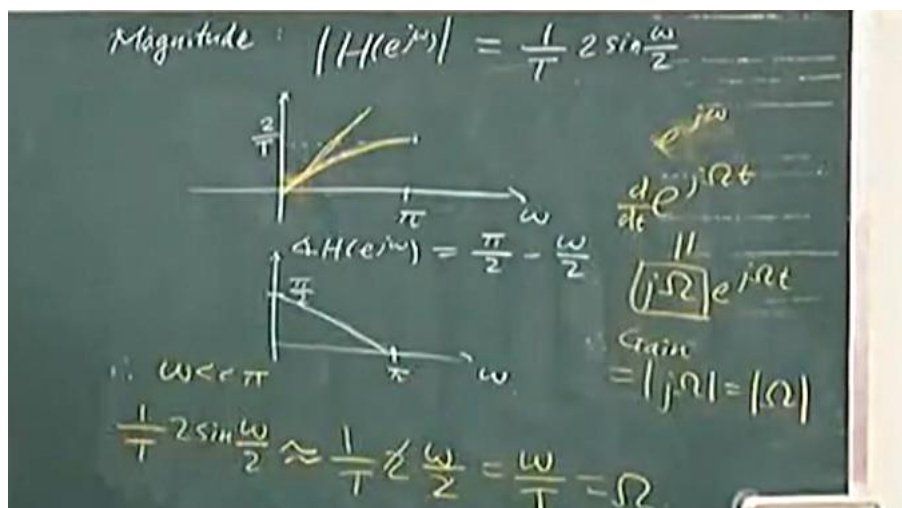
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$$\in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y[n] = \frac{x[n] - x[n-1]}{T}$$

$$= \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$





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**Thank you for listening**

1. The next lecture will be about *difference equations* 差分方程, and solving them using z-transform.
2. You can find Prof. Liu on Instagram and Threads ( ID='lineartimeinvariant' )

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