



Lecture 5 Linear Time-invariant Systems and z-Transform

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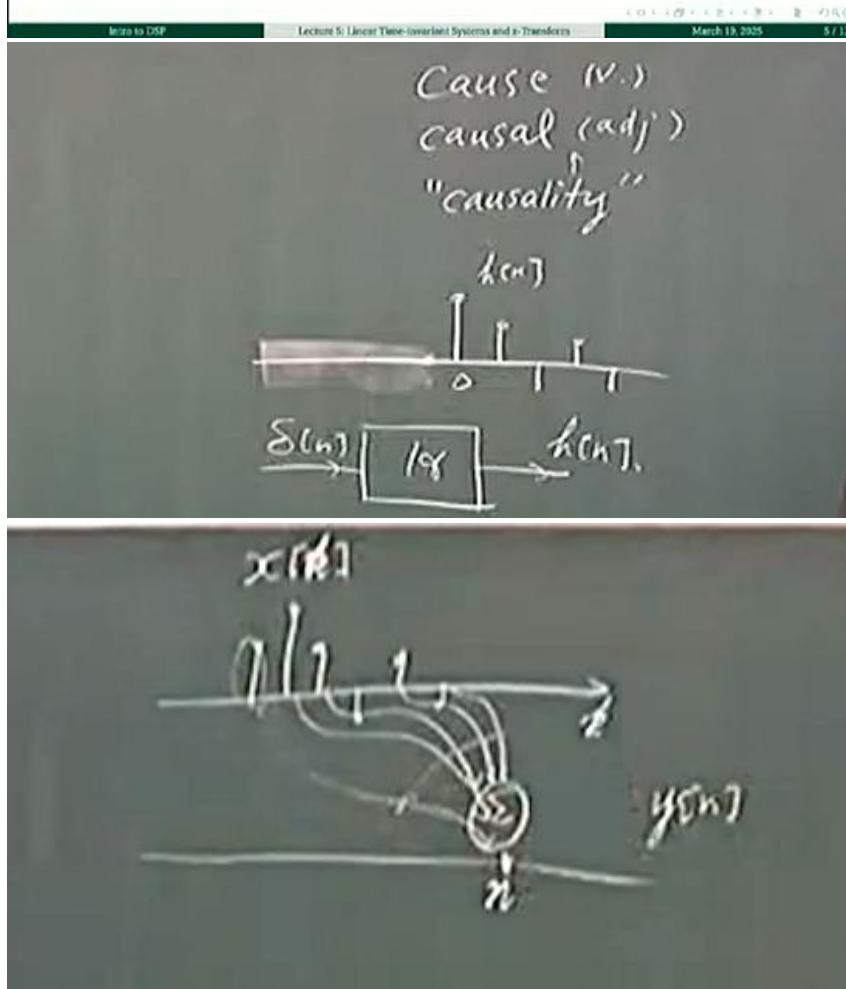
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Causal systems

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.



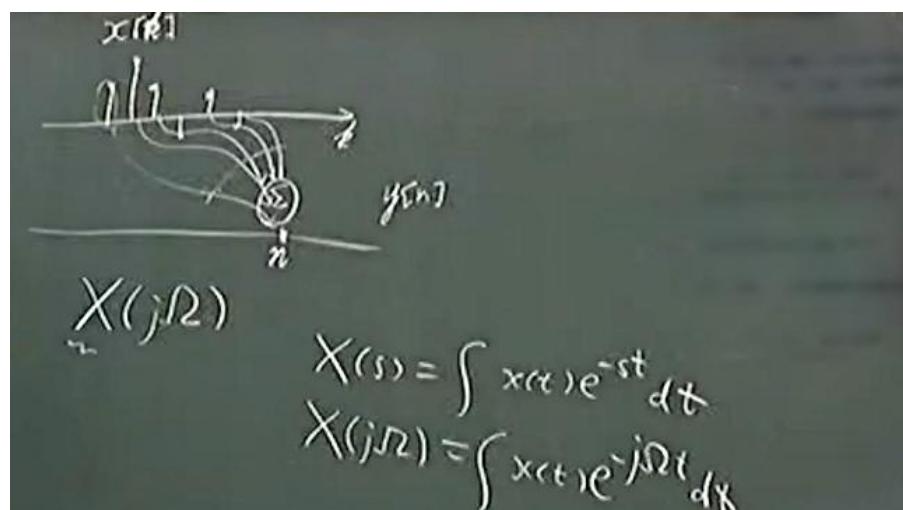
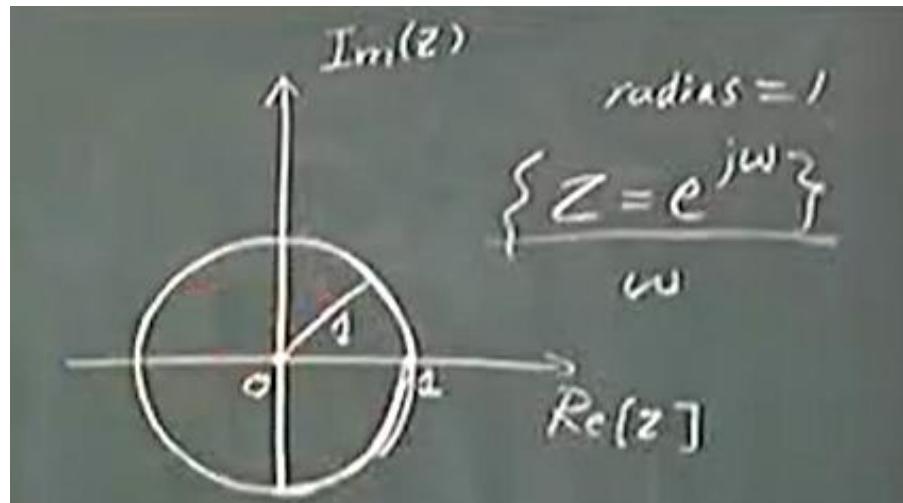
A remark about the notation

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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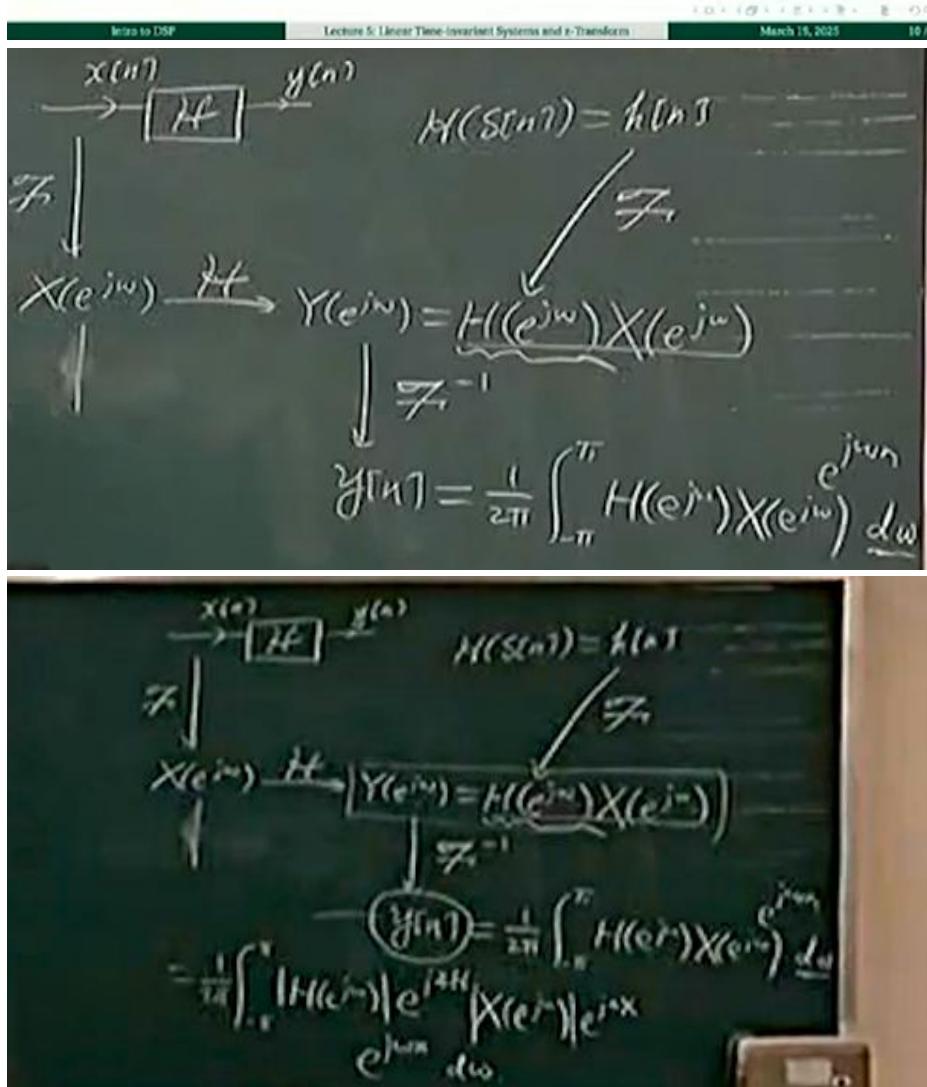


The Fourier transform of the impulse response is called the frequency response

(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 ω , and $\angle H(e^{j\omega})$ means the phase shift that the system will introduce, as a function of ω . They are called the *magnitude response* and the *phase response*, respectively.





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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: Input $\xrightarrow{\text{SUS}} \boxed{H} \xrightarrow{\text{?}}$

$n=0: h(0) = \frac{\delta(0) - \delta(-1)}{T} = \frac{1}{T}$

$n=1: h(1) = \frac{\delta(1) - \delta(0)}{T} = \frac{-1}{T}$

$n=2: h(2) = \frac{\delta(2) - \delta(1)}{T} = \frac{1}{T}$

$n=3: h(3) = \frac{\delta(3) - \delta(2)}{T} = \frac{-1}{T}$

Graph of $h(n)$ vs n :



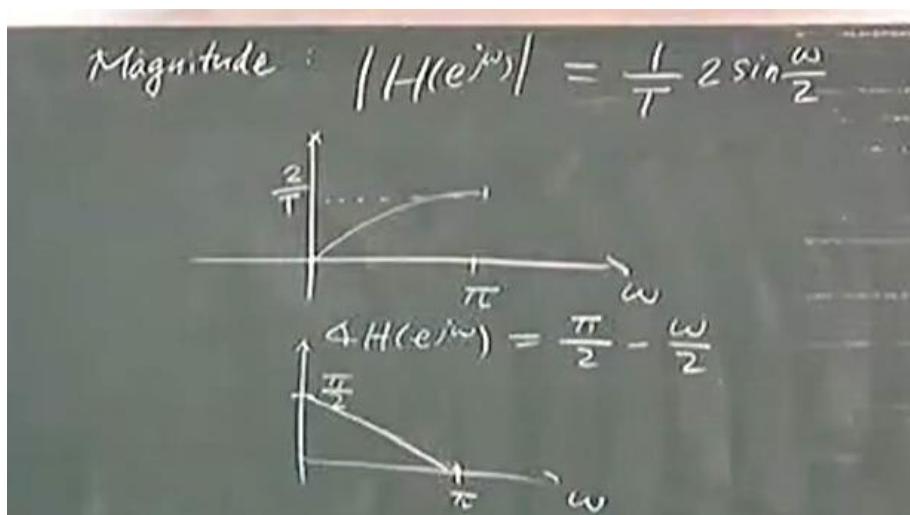


$$\begin{aligned}
 H(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_n h[n] e^{-j\omega n} & \xrightarrow{\text{sum}} H[n] \xrightarrow{?} \\
 &= h[0] e^{-j\omega 0} + h[1] e^{-j\omega 1} & n=0: h[0] = \frac{\delta[0] - \delta[-1]}{T} \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} (1 - \frac{1}{T} e^{-j\omega}) & = \frac{1}{T} \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} (1 - e^{-j\omega}) & n=1: h[1] = \frac{\delta[1] - \delta[0]}{T} \\
 & & = \frac{-1}{T} \\
 & & \begin{array}{c} h[n] \\ \uparrow \\ \circ \\ \downarrow \\ -\frac{1}{T} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} n \\ \nearrow \searrow \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

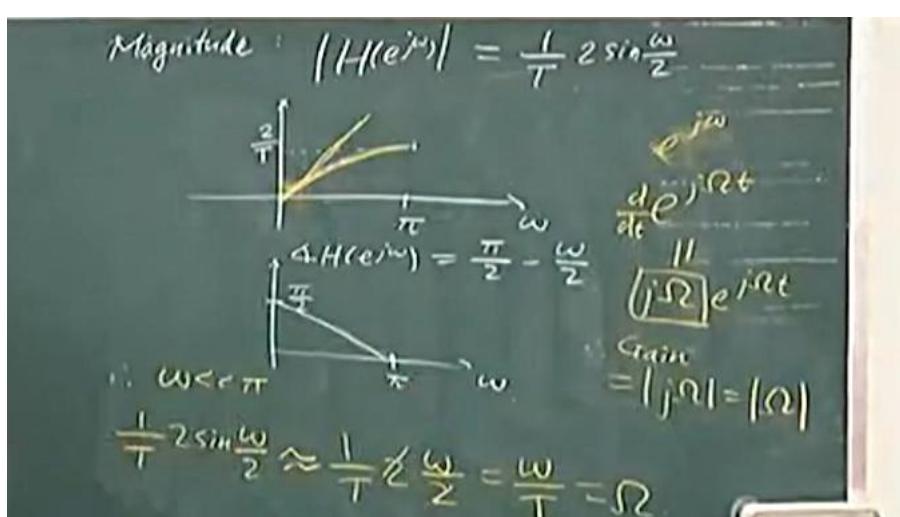
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Sol 2} \quad y[n] &= \frac{x[n] - x[n-1]}{T} \\
 & \mid z \\
 Y(z) &= \frac{1}{T} (X(z) - z^{-1} X(z)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} (1 - z^{-1}) X(z) \\
 H(z) &= \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \stackrel{\cong}{=} H(z) X(z) \\
 H(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-j\omega}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 &= \frac{1}{T} (1 - e^{-j\omega}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} (1 - \underbrace{\cos \omega}_{\in \mathbb{R}} + j \underbrace{\sin \omega}_{\in \mathbb{R}})
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 &= \frac{1}{T} 2 \sin \frac{\omega}{2} e^{j\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega}{2}\right)} \\
 y(t) &= \frac{x(t) - x(t-\tau)}{\tau} \\
 &= \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \\
 \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} &= \frac{dx}{dt}
 \end{aligned}$$





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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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