

## 1. Linearity of a Function

A function  $f(x)$  is **defined** linear if

$$f(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2) = \alpha f(x_1) + \beta f(x_2)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are scalars.

Example of a linear function:

$$f(x) = 2x$$

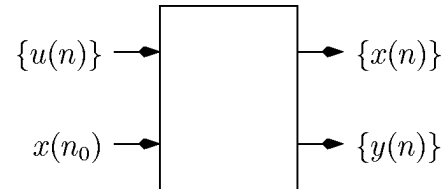
A nonlinear function:

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

What about

$$f(x) = 2x + 3?$$

System seen as consisting of two functions: future states and outputs:



1. Inputs:

$\{u(n)\}$ : input sequence

$x(n_0)$ : initial state

2. We want these to be linear:

$x(n)$ ,  $n > 0$ : future states

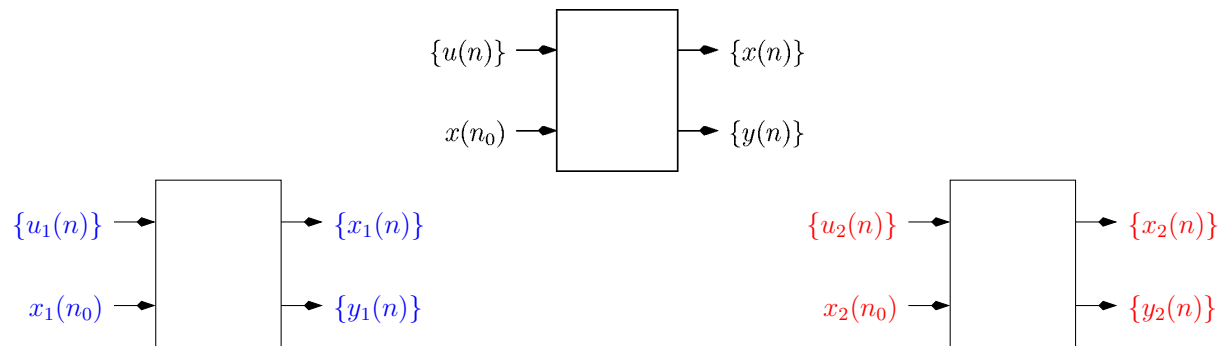
$y(n)$ ,  $n > 0$ : future outputs

Example (will show to be linear):

$$x(n+1) = Ax(n) + Bu(n)$$

$$y(n) = Cx(n) + Du(n)$$

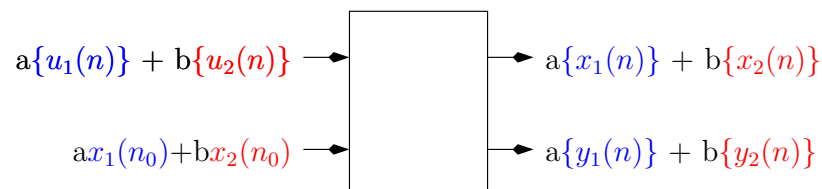
## 2. Definition of a Linear System



Definition of Linearity of a function  $f(x)$ :

$$f(ax_1 + bx_2) = af(x_1) + bf(x_2)$$

If the following is true, we call the **system** to be linear



### 3. Example of a Linear System

Is the following function linear?

$$x(n+1) = A(n)x(n) + B(n)u(n)$$

1. Assume initial state is  $x_1(n_0)$ , input is  $u_1(n)$ , calculate  $x_1(n_0+1)$ :

$$x_1(n_0+1) = A(n_0)x_1(n_0) + B(n_0)u_1(n_0)$$

2. Assume initial state is  $x_2(n_0)$ , input is  $u_2(n)$ , calculate  $x_2(n_0+1)$ :

$$x_2(n_0+1) = A(n_0)x_2(n_0) + B(n_0)u_2(n_0)$$

3. Apply linear combination of initial states

$$x(n_0) = \alpha x_1(n_0) + \beta x_2(n_0)$$

and same combination of inputs

$$u(n) = \alpha u_1(n) + \beta u_2(n)$$

Similarly,  $y(n) = C(n)x(n) + D(n)u(n)$  is also linear

4. Evaluate the next state

$$x(n_0+1) = A(n_0)(\alpha x_1(n_0) + \beta x_2(n_0)) + B(n_0)(\alpha u_1(n_0) + \beta u_2(n_0))$$

Collect the terms

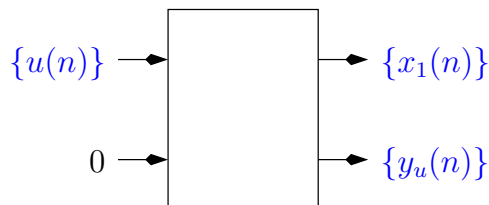
$$= \alpha(A(n_0)x_1(n_0) + B(n_0)u_1(n_0)) + \beta(A(n_0)x_2(n_0) + B(n_0)u_2(n_0))$$

Substitute

$$= \alpha x_1(n_0+1) + \beta x_2(n_0+1)$$

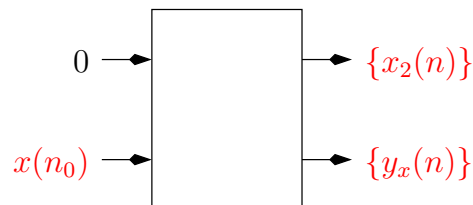
5. Same linear combination as inputs and initial states. Hence linear at  $n_0$ .
6. Can apply the same procedure for all future inputs. Hence linear.

### 4. $y = y_u + y_x$

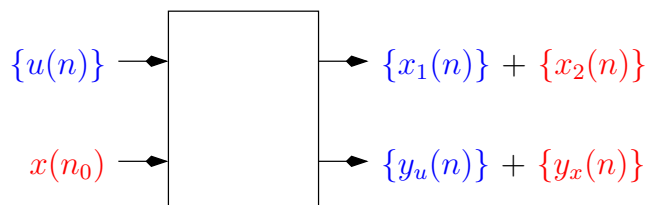


$y_u$ : Due to **only input**

If  $u$  is doubled, both  $x$  and  $y$  double



$y_x$ : Due to **only initial state**



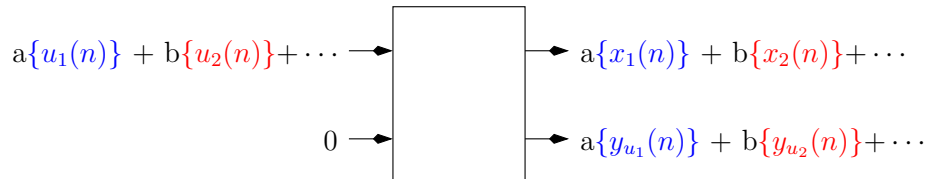
- Output ( $y$ ) = output due to input ( $y_u$ ) + output due to initial state ( $y_x$ )

## 5. How to Achieve Linearity from Input Alone?

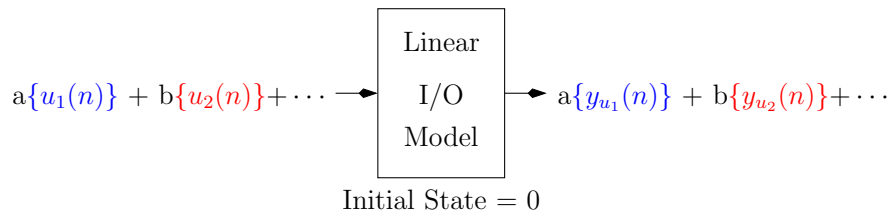
Carry out input excitations with zero initial state:



Linear from input only - for example, if we double the input, the output will double - does not happen if the initial value is not zero.

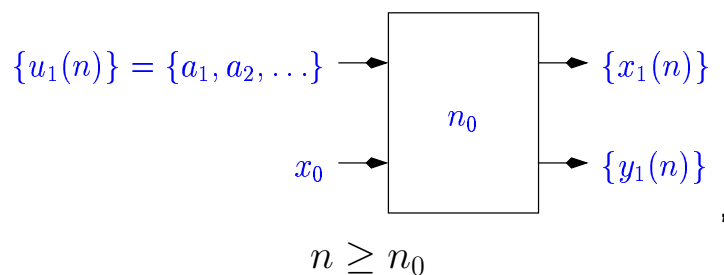


Can drop the initial state information as the system is input/output linear.

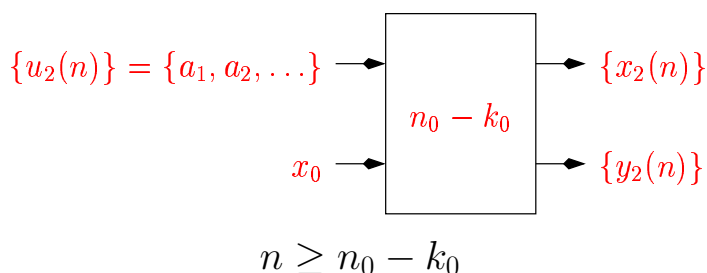


## 6. Time Invariant System

Apply input  $u$  to a system at initial state  $n = n_0$



Identical input sequence and initial state at  $n = n_0 - k_0$ :



Given

$$\{u_2(n)\} = \{u_1(n - k)\}$$

Are the following satisfied?

$$\{x_2(n)\} = \{x_1(n - k)\}$$

$$\{y_2(n)\} = \{y_1(n - k)\}$$

If so, system is *time invariant*. Examples:

$$y(n) = nu(n)$$

is **not** time invariant, while

$$x(n + 1) = Ax(n) + Bu(n)$$

$$y(n) = Cx(n) + Du(n)$$

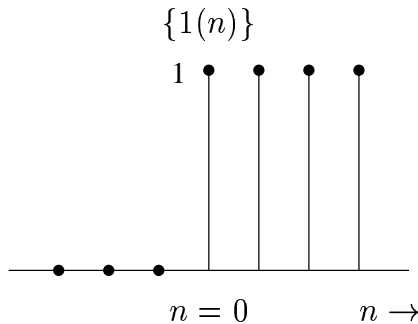
is.

## 7. Basic Discrete Signals

A unit step sequence is defined as  $\{1(n)\} = \{\dots, 1(-2), 1(-1), 1(0), 1(1), \dots\}$ :

$$1(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \geq 0 \\ 0 & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\{1(n)\} = \{\dots, 0, 0, 1, 1, \dots\}$$

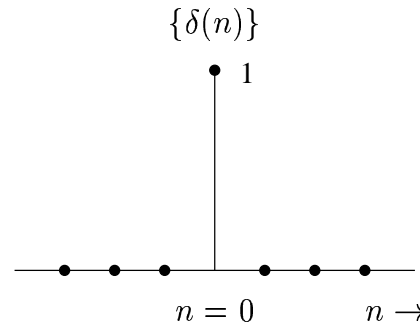


- Takes a value of 1 from the time the argument becomes zero.

Unit impulse sequence or unit sample sequence is defined as  $\{\delta(n)\} = \{\dots, \delta(-2), \delta(-1), \delta(0), \delta(1), \dots\}$

$$\delta(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 0 & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\{\delta(n)\} = \{\dots, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots\}$$



- Takes a value of 1 at the time the argument becomes zero.

## 8. Arbitrary Sequence Using $\delta$

$$\{u(n)\} = \{\dots, u(-2), u(-1), u(0), u(1), u(2), \dots\}$$

Split them into individual components:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \dots + \{\dots, 0, 0, u(-2), 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots\} + \{\dots, 0, 0, 0, u(-1), 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots\} \\ &+ \{\dots, 0, 0, 0, 0, u(0), 0, 0, 0, \dots\} + \{\dots, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, u(1), 0, 0, \dots\} \\ &+ \{\dots, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, u(2), 0, \dots\} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

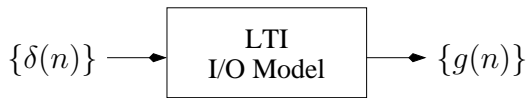
Split each into a scalar and an impulse

$$\begin{aligned} &= \dots + u(-2)\{\delta(n+2)\} + u(-1)\{\delta(n+1)\} \\ &+ u(0)\{\delta(n)\} + u(1)\{\delta(n-1)\} + u(2)\{\delta(n-2)\} + \dots \\ \{u(n)\} &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(k)\{\delta(n-k)\} = \{u(n)\} * \{\delta(n)\} \end{aligned}$$

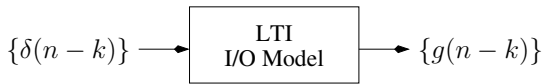
Can show that by comparing the two sides term by term,

$$u(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(k)\delta(n-k) = u(n) * \delta(n)$$

## 9. Impulse Response Models for LTI Systems



Shift the input. As time invariant, output will also be shifted:



$$\{u(n)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(k)\{\delta(n - k)\}$$

$$\{y(n)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(k)\{g(n - k)\}$$

$$\{g(n)\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\{u(n)\} = \{4, 5, 6\}$$

Determine output sequence  $\{y(n)\}$ .

$g, u$  start at  $n = 0$ .

They are zero for  $n < 0$ .

$$y(0) = u(0)g(0) = 4$$

$$y(1) = u(0)g(1) + u(1)g(0) = 13$$

$$y(2) = u(0)g(2) + u(1)g(1) + u(2)g(0) = 28$$

$$y(3) = u(1)g(2) + u(2)g(1) = 27$$

$$y(4) = u(2)g(2) = 18$$

All other terms that don't appear above are zero.

- Impulse response **has all information** about LTI system
- Given impulse response, can determine output due to any **arbitrary input**

## 10. Step Response and Relation with Impulse Response

The unit step response of an LTI system at zero initial state  $\{s(n)\}$  is the output when  $\{u(n)\} = \{1(n)\}$ :

$$\{s(n)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 1(k)\{g(n - k)\}$$

Apply the meaning of  $1(k)$ :

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \{g(n - k)\}$$

- This shows that the step response is the sum of impulse response.

- We can also get impulse response from step response.

$$\{\delta(n)\} = \{1(n)\} - \{1(n - 1)\}$$

Using linearity and time invariance properties,

$$\{h(n)\} = \{s(n)\} - \{s(n - 1)\}$$

Can show that

$$\begin{aligned} \{y(n)\} &= [\{u(n)\} - \{u(n - 1)\}] * \{s(n)\} \\ &= \{\Delta u(n)\} * \{s(n)\} \end{aligned}$$

## 11. Causality of LTI Systems

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- If output depends only on past inputs, called **causal**
- If output depends on future inputs, not causal
- For LTI causal systems,  $g(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$

## 12. Output of Causal Systems

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- Impulse response  $g(n)$  is causal:  $g(n) = 0$  for negative  $n$
- Let  $u(n) = 0$  for negative  $n$

$$\{y(n)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(k)\{g(n-k)\}$$

Comparing term by term (done in the text)

$$\begin{aligned} y(n) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(k)g(n-k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u(k)g(n-k) \quad (u(k) = 0 \quad \forall k < 0) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n u(k)g(n-k) \quad (g(k) = 0 \quad \forall k < 0) - h \text{ is causal} \end{aligned}$$

### 13. Recursive Solution to Discrete State Space Equation

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$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \quad y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k), \quad \{u(k)\} = \{u(0), u(1), u(2), \dots\}$$

$$x(1) = Ax(0) + Bu(0)$$

$$x(2) = Ax(1) + Bu(1) = A[Ax(0) + Bu(0)] + Bu(1) = A^2x(0) + ABu(0) + Bu(1)$$

$$x(3) = Ax(2) + Bu(2) = A^3x(0) + A^2Bu(0) + ABu(1) + Bu(2)$$

$$x(k) = A^kx(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A^{k-(i+1)}Bu(i), \quad A^0 = I$$

$$y(k) = \underbrace{CA^kx(0)}_{\text{state response } y_x} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} CA^{k-(i+1)}Bu(i) + Du(k)}_{\text{input response } y_u}$$

In input-output setting, we get

$$y(k) = y_x + y_u = y_x + \sum_{i=0}^k u(i)g(k-i) = y_x + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u(i)g(k-i) + u(k)g(0)$$

Comparing terms, we get,

$$g(k) = CA^{k-1}B, \quad k > 0, \quad g(0) = D$$

Usually, however,  $D$  and hence  $g(0)$ , are zero.

### 14. Convolution is Commutative

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$$u(n) * g(n) = g(n) * u(n)$$

$$u(n) * g(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(k)g(n-k)$$

with  $r = n - k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} u(n-r)g(r) \\ &= \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} g(r)u(n-r) \\ &= g(n) * u(n) \end{aligned}$$

- Output of an LTI system with input  $u(n)$  and unit impulse response  $g(n)$  = output with input  $g(n)$  and unit impulse response  $u(n)$
- This property does not hold even if one of the sequences is either nonlinear or time varying or both

## 15. Convolution is Associative

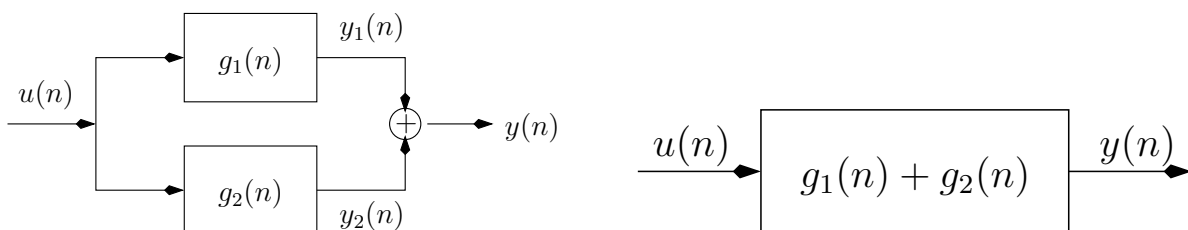
$$\begin{aligned}
 u(n) * (g_1(n) * g_2(n)) &= (u(n) * g_1(n)) * g_2(n) \\
 L.H.S. &= u(n) * \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(n-k)g_2(k) \\
 &= \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} u(r) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(n-k-r)g_2(k) \\
 R.H.S. &= \left( \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} u(r)g_1(n-r) \right) * g_2(n) \\
 &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} u(r)g_1(n-r-k)g_2(k) = L.H.S.
 \end{aligned}$$

As a result of this relation, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(n) * (g_1(n) * g_2(n)) &= (u(n) * g_1(n)) * g_2(n) \\
 &= u(n) * g_1(n) * g_2(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

## 16. Convolution Distributes over Addition

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(n) * (g_1(n) + g_2(n)) &= u(n) * g_1(n) + u(n) * g_2(n) \\
 L.H.S. &= \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} u(n-r)(g_1(r) + g_2(r)) \\
 &= \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} u(n-r)g_1(r) + \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} u(n-r)g_2(r) \\
 &= u(n) * g_1(n) + u(n) * g_2(n)
 \end{aligned}$$



- Similar relations hold true for causal systems as well.