

Solution to ECE Test #2 Su05

Unless stated otherwise, in system equations, x is always the excitation and y is always the response.

1. A DT system is described by the equation $y[n] = |x[n+1]|$. Answer these questions about its properties.

Homogeneous? No. If the excitation is multiplied by a negative constant, the response is multiplied by the magnitude of that constant.

Stable? Yes. If the excitation is bounded then its magnitude is also bounded.

Time Invariant? Yes. Shifting the excitation in time shifts the response by the same amount.

Causal? No. The response depends on future values of the excitation.

Invertible? No. Positive and negative excitations of the same magnitude yield the same positive response. Therefore when observing a positive response it is impossible to know whether it came from a positive or negative excitation.

2. A DT system is described by the equation $y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} x[m]$. Answer these questions about its properties.

Homogeneous? Yes. Multiplying the excitation by any constant multiplies the response by the same constant.

Stable? No. A constant bounded excitation produces an unbounded response.

Causal? Yes. The present response depends only on past excitations.

Invertible? Yes. Taking a backward difference of both sides yields an equation which allows direct calculation of the excitation, given the response.

$$y[n] - y[n-1] = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} x[m] - \sum_{m=0}^{n-1-1} x[m] = x[n-1]$$

3. A CT system is described by the equation $y(t) = 3 + x(t)$. Answer these questions about its properties.

Homogeneous? No. Multiplying the excitation by a constant does not multiply the response by the same constant.

Time Invariant? Yes. Shifting the excitation in time shifts the response by the same amount.

Causal? Yes. The response depends only on the excitation at the same time (and a constant).

Invertible? Yes. $x(t) = y(t) - 3$.

4. A CT system is described by the equation $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t+2} x(\tau) d\tau$. Answer these questions about its properties.

Homogeneous? Yes. Multiplication of the excitation by any constant multiplies the response by the same constant.

Stable? No. A constant bounded excitation produces an unbounded response.

Causal? No. The response at time t depends on the excitation at times greater than t , up to $t + 2$.

5. A CT system is described by the equation $y(t) = t x(t)$. Answer these questions about its properties.

Homogeneous? Yes. Multiplication of the excitation by any constant multiplies the response by the same constant.

Stable? No. A constant bounded excitation produces an unbounded response because the excitation is multiplied by t and t is unbounded.

Time Invariant? No. The response to $x_1(t) = g(t)$ is $y_1(t) = t g(t)$. The response to $x_2(t) = g(t - t_0)$ is $y_2(t) = t g(t - t_0)$ and $y_1(t - t_0) = (t - t_0) g(t - t_0) \neq y_2(t)$.

6. If $x[n] = (0.8)^n u[n] * u[n]$, what is the numerical value of $x[3]$?

$$x[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (0.8)^m u[m] * u[n - m] = \sum_{m=0}^n (0.8)^m$$

$$x[3] = \sum_{m=0}^3 (0.8)^m = (0.8)^0 + (0.8)^1 + (0.8)^2 + (0.8)^3 = 2.952$$

or, alternately, using $\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} r^n = \begin{cases} 1 & , r = 1 \\ \frac{1 - r^N}{1 - r} & , r \neq 1 \end{cases}$

$$x[n] = \frac{1 - (0.8)^{n+1}}{1 - 0.8} = 5[1 - (0.8)^{n+1}] \Rightarrow x[3] = 5[1 - (0.8)^4] = 2.952$$

7. If $x(t) = 5 \text{tri}(t/4) * [-2\delta(t + 3)]$, what is the numerical value of $x(-5)$?

Using $x(t) * A\delta(t - t_0) = Ax(t - t_0)$,

$$x(t) = -10 \operatorname{tri}((t + 3)/4) \Rightarrow x(-5) = -10 \operatorname{tri}((-5 + 3)/4)$$

$$x(-5) = -10 \operatorname{tri}(-1/2) = -5$$

8. Find the impulse response $h(t)$ of the CT system described by $y'(t) + \beta y(t) = x(t)$. For what values of β is this system stable?

Solution form is $e^{\lambda t}$. Characteristic equation is $\lambda + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\beta$. Homogeneous solution is $y_h(t) = K_h e^{-\beta t}$. Since y is differentiated more than x , the impulse response cannot contain an impulse. Integrating from 0^- to 0^+ ,

$$h(0^+) - h(0^-) + \beta \int_{0^-}^{0^+} h(t) dt = u(0^+) - u(0^-)$$

$$K_h - 0 + 0 = 1 - 0 \Rightarrow K_h = 1$$

Therefore $h(t) = e^{-\beta t} u(t)$.

For stability this impulse response must be absolutely integrable.

$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{-\beta t} u(t)| dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\beta t} dt = \frac{1}{\beta}$ if $\beta > 0$. If $\beta \leq 0$ the integral does not converge and the system is unstable.

9. For each impulse response indicate whether the LTI system it describes is stable or unstable.

(a) $h[n] = u[n]$ Unstable. Not absolutely summable.

(b) $h[n] = \sin(2\pi n / 6) u[n]$ Unstable. Not absolutely summable.

(c) $h(t) = \text{ramp}(t)$ Unstable. Not absolutely integrable.

(d) $h(t) = \text{comb}(t) e^{-t/10} u(t)$ Stable.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\text{comb}(t) e^{-t/10} u(t)| dt = \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-k) e^{-t/10} dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t-k) e^{-t/10} dt$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\text{comb}(t) e^{-t/10} u(t)| dt = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-k/10} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{e^{1/10}} \right)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (0.9048)^k = \frac{1}{1 - 0.9048} = 10.5083$$

(e) $h(t) = [\text{comb}(t) - \text{comb}(t - 1/2)] u(t)$ Unstable. Integral of absolute value is the sum of the strengths of infinitely many unit impulses.