

# **Topic 2 - Part 1: SYSTEMS IN THE TIME DOMAIN**

**Linear systems and circuit applications**

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# Introduction: what is a system?

- **Any transformation, any mapping of a signal into other signal:**

$$y(t) = F\{x(t)\}$$

$$y(t) = f(x(t), x(t-1), x(t+2)\dots)$$

- **even with feedback (autoregressive systems):**

$$y(t) = f(x(t), x(t-1), \dots, y(t-1), y(t-2))$$

# Introduction: what is a system?

## System definition

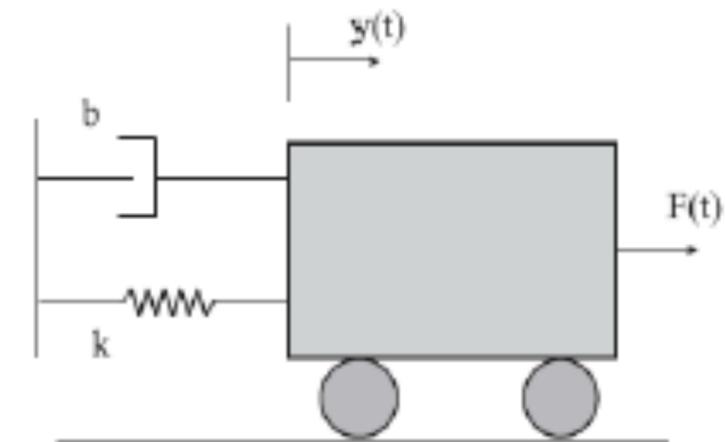
- A **system** can be viewed as a process in which input signals are transformed by the system or cause the system to respond in some way, resulting in other signals as outputs.



## Example: dynamical systems

- A simple dynamical system: a little car on a surface, tied to the wall by a spring.
- Law of forces:

$$M \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + b \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ky(t) = F(t)$$



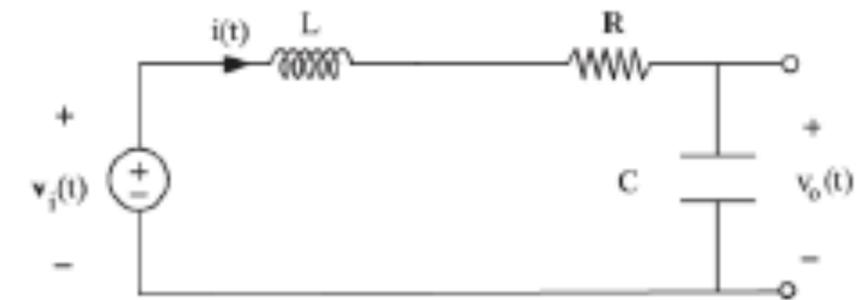
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## Example: a circuit system

- RLC circuit. The input is  $v_i(t)$ , an arbitrary signal.
- The output  $v_o(t)$  will be a transformation of the input.  
Is there an equation relating them?

$$LC \frac{d^2 v_o(t)}{dt^2} + RC \frac{dv_o(t)}{dt} + v_o(t) = v_i(t)$$

- It is a second order differential equation. Note the similarity with the mechanical system..
- The signal and systems tools can be used in many applications.



# Introduction: what is a system?

## Example: Integrator Systems

- We have an integrator system, which input is the signal  $x(t) = tu(t)$ . Therefore, for  $t < 0$ :

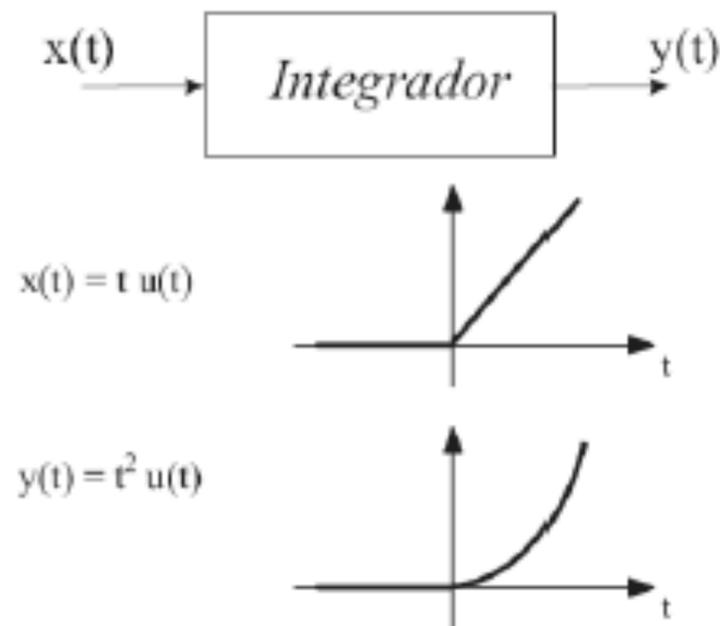
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^t 0 d\tau = 0$$

whereas for  $t \geq 0$ :

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau = \int_0^t \tau d\tau = \left[ \frac{\tau^2}{2} \right]_0^t = \frac{t^2}{2}$$

- The output can be expressed using the unit step signal:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} t^2 u(t)$$



# Some properties of a system

- In the following, we will describe some properties of a generic system:
- Memory
- Causality
- Stability
- Time invariance
- Linearity

# Memory

## Memory

- A system is said to be **memoryless** if its output, for each value of  $t$ , is dependent only on the input at that same time, that is,  $y(t) = f(x(t))$ .
  - A system is “with memory” in any other case.
  - Note that the memory can be *the past or the future*....

## Examples

- Memoryless systems:
  - $y(t) = (2x(t) - x^2(t))^2$ .
  - A resistor, in which  $y(t) = Rx(t)$ .
- Systems with memory:
  - A delay system,  $y(t) = x(t - 2)$ .
  - A capacitor  $v_C(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i_C(\tau) d\tau$ .

# Memory

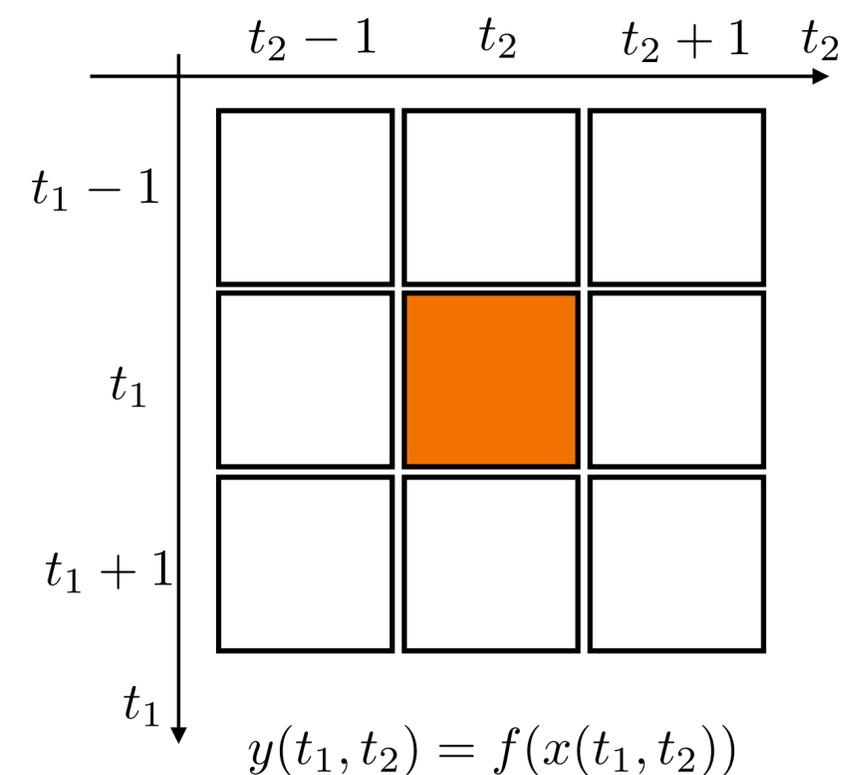
(\* ) Determine if each of the following systems are memoryless or with memory:

- 1  $y(t) = t \cdot x(t)$ .  **memoryless**
- 2  $y(t) = x(t + 4)$ .  **with memory**
- 3  $y(t) = \sum_{k=-3}^0 x(t - k)$ .  **with memory**
- 4  $y(t) = x(-t)$ .  **with memory**
- 5  $y(t) = \cos(3t)x(t)$ .  **memoryless**
- 6  $y(t) = x(t) + 0.5y(t - 2)$ .  **with memory**

- Note that the memory can be *the past or the future*....

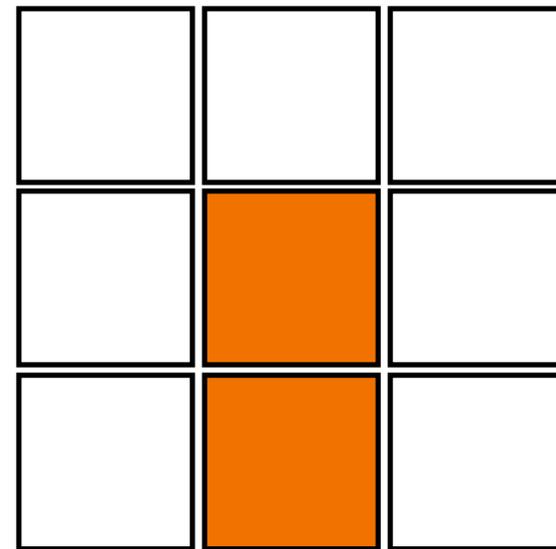
# Memory in a image or 2D signal

- **Bidimensional signal**



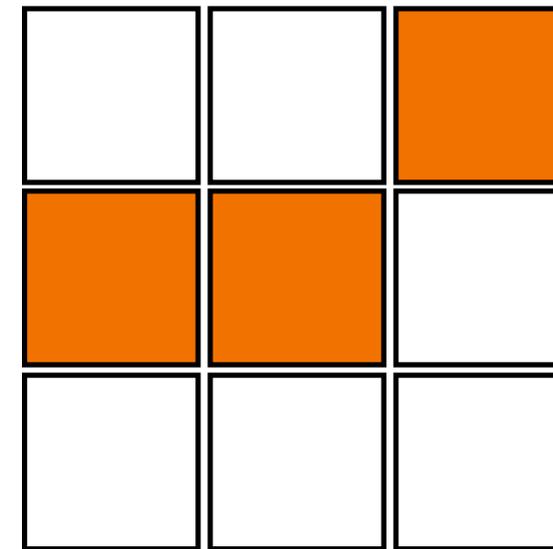
**memoryless**

$$y(t_1, t_2) = f(x(t_1, t_2), x(t_1 + 1, t_2))$$



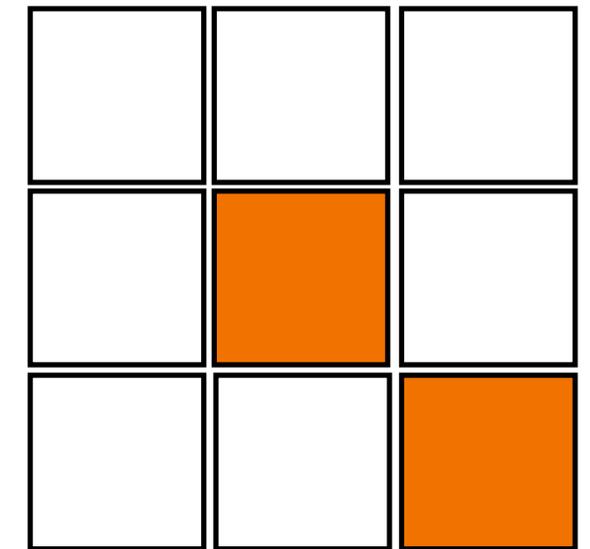
**with memory**

$$y(t_1, t_2) = f(x(t_1, t_2), x(t_1, t_2 - 1), x(t_1 - 1, t_2 + 1))$$



**with memory**

$$y(t_1, t_2) = f(x(t_1, t_2), x(t_1 + 1, t_2 + 1))$$



**with memory**

# Memory

$$y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \longrightarrow ?$$

# Causality

- and also outputs values in the past...

## Causality

- A system is **causal** if the output at any time depends only on values of the input at the present time (same time) and in the past. Such a system is often referred to as being *physically feasible* or *nonanticipative*.

- just to give an idea:

$$y(t) = f(x(t), x(t-1), x(t-2), \dots, y(t-1), y(t-2), \dots)$$

- we are talking of any mapping, any generic transformation,  $f(\dots)$  or  $f\{\dots\}$

- remember that “inputs” means also delayed version of the outputs

# Non-causal and anti-causal

- **Non-Causal:** the output depends on the past and future *jointly* (and can be also dependent on the present).
- **Anti-Causal:** the output depends on the future (and can be also dependent on the present).
- *in different books, there are different definitions...*

# Causal, Anti-Causal, Non-causal: examples

- **Causal system:**

$$y(t) = f(x(t), x(t - 1), x(t - 2))$$

- **Anti-causal system (depends on the future):**

$$y(t) = f(x(t + 2)) \quad y(t) = f(x(t), x(t + 1)) \quad y(t) = f(x(t), y(t + 5))$$

- **Non-causal system (depends on the future and the past):**

$$y(t) = f(x(t - 1), x(t + 3)) \quad y(t) = f(x(t), x(t - 5), x(t + 3))$$

# Causality: examples

- The system  $y(t) = x(t) - x(t - 1)$  is causal.
- The system  $y(t) = 2x(t + 3)$  is anticausal.
- The system  $y(t) = x(t - 1) - x(t + 3)$  is noncausal.

# Causality: examples

- 1  $y(t) = x(-t)$ .  **Non-causal (...anti-causal...)**
- 2  $y(t) = x(t) \cdot \cos(t + 1)$ .  **Causal**
- 3  $y(t) = Ax(t)$ .  **Causal**
- 4  $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t+2} x(\tau) d\tau$ .  **Non-causal**

# Causality: examples

$$y(t) = x(at)$$



**Non-causal**

$$\forall a \quad \text{with } a \neq 1$$

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# Causality: examples

$$y(t) = x(t - b)$$

$$b \geq 0$$

**Causal**

$$b < 0$$

**Anti-causal**

# Causal systems and memoryless systems

- Every memoryless system is causal

# Stability

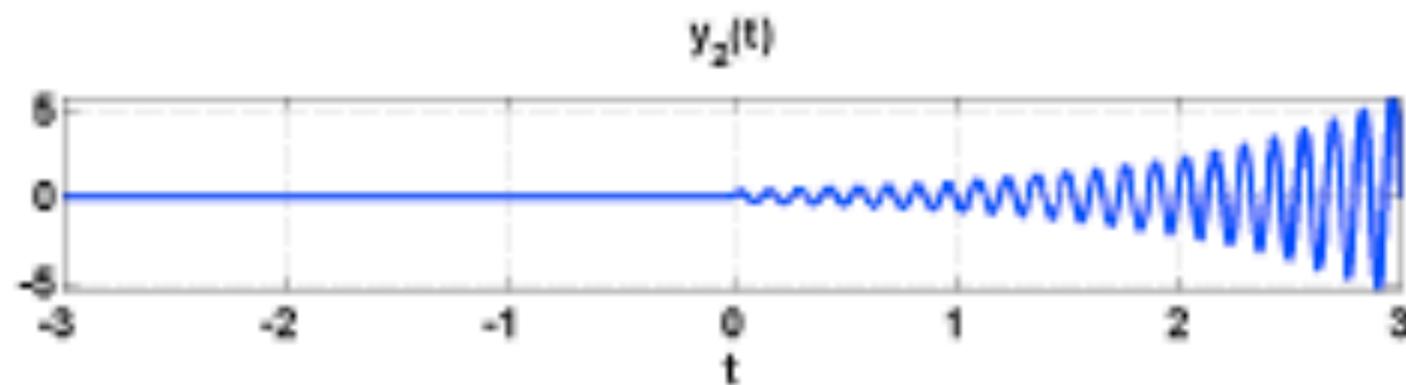
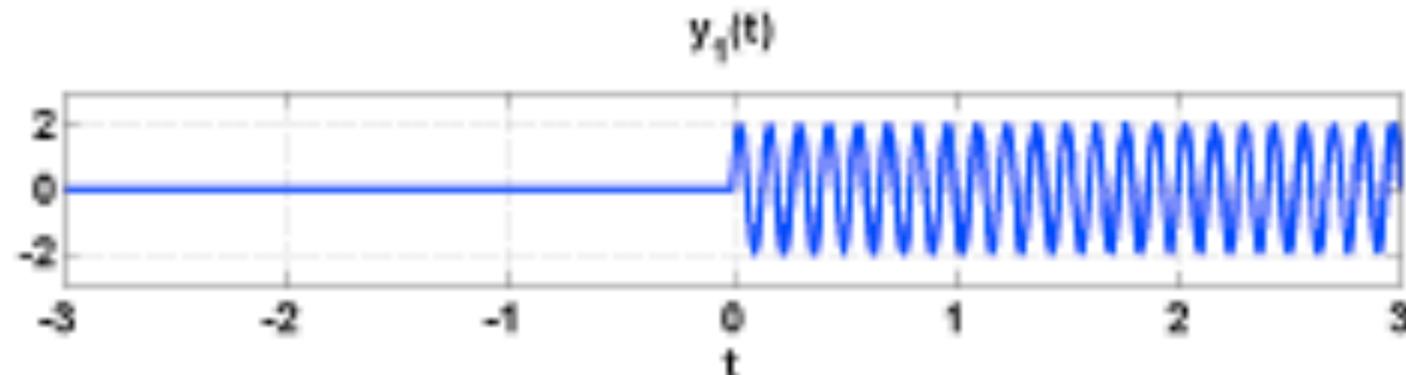
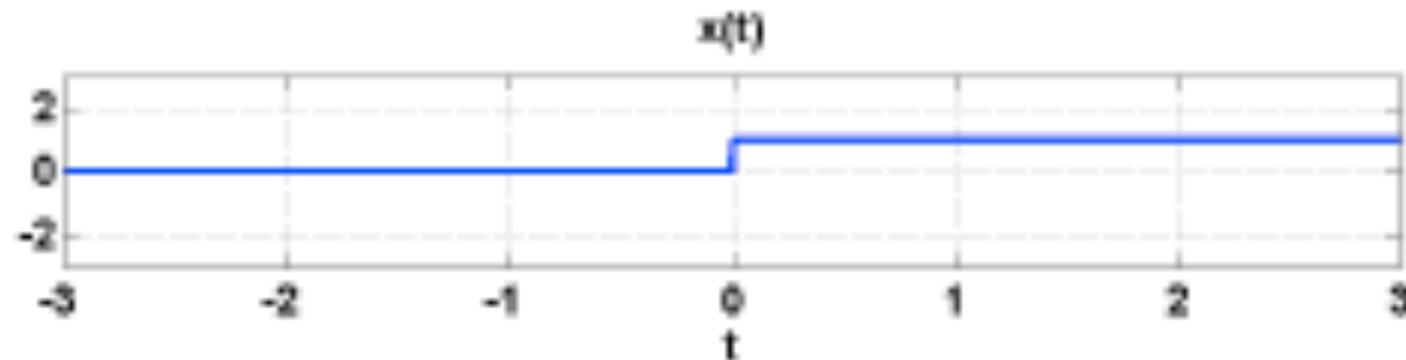
## Stability

- A system is said to be **stable** when bounded inputs leads to bounded outputs, for any time,  $t$ . Mathematically, this property is expressed as (BIBO):

$$|x(t)| < K_x < \infty \Rightarrow |y(t)| < K_y < \infty \quad \forall t \quad !!!$$

- A system is unstable whenever we are able to find a *specific* bounded input that leads to an unbounded output. Finding one such example enable us to conclude that the given system is unstable.

# Stability



The corresponding system that produces these outputs is:

→ **Stable**

→ **Unstable**

# Stability: examples

- 1  $y(t) = [x(t)]^2$ .  **Stable**
- 2 Derivative system:  $y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$ .  **Stable**
- 3 Integrator system:  $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$ .  **Unstable**
- 4  $y(t) = t \cdot x(t)$ .  **Unstable**
- 5  $y(t) = x(-t)$   **Stable**
- 6  $y(t) = x(t - 2) + 3x(t + 2)$ .  **Stable**
- 7  $y(t) = \text{Impar}(x(t))$ .  **Stable**
- 8  $y(t) = e^{x(t)}$ .  **Stable**

# Stability: examples

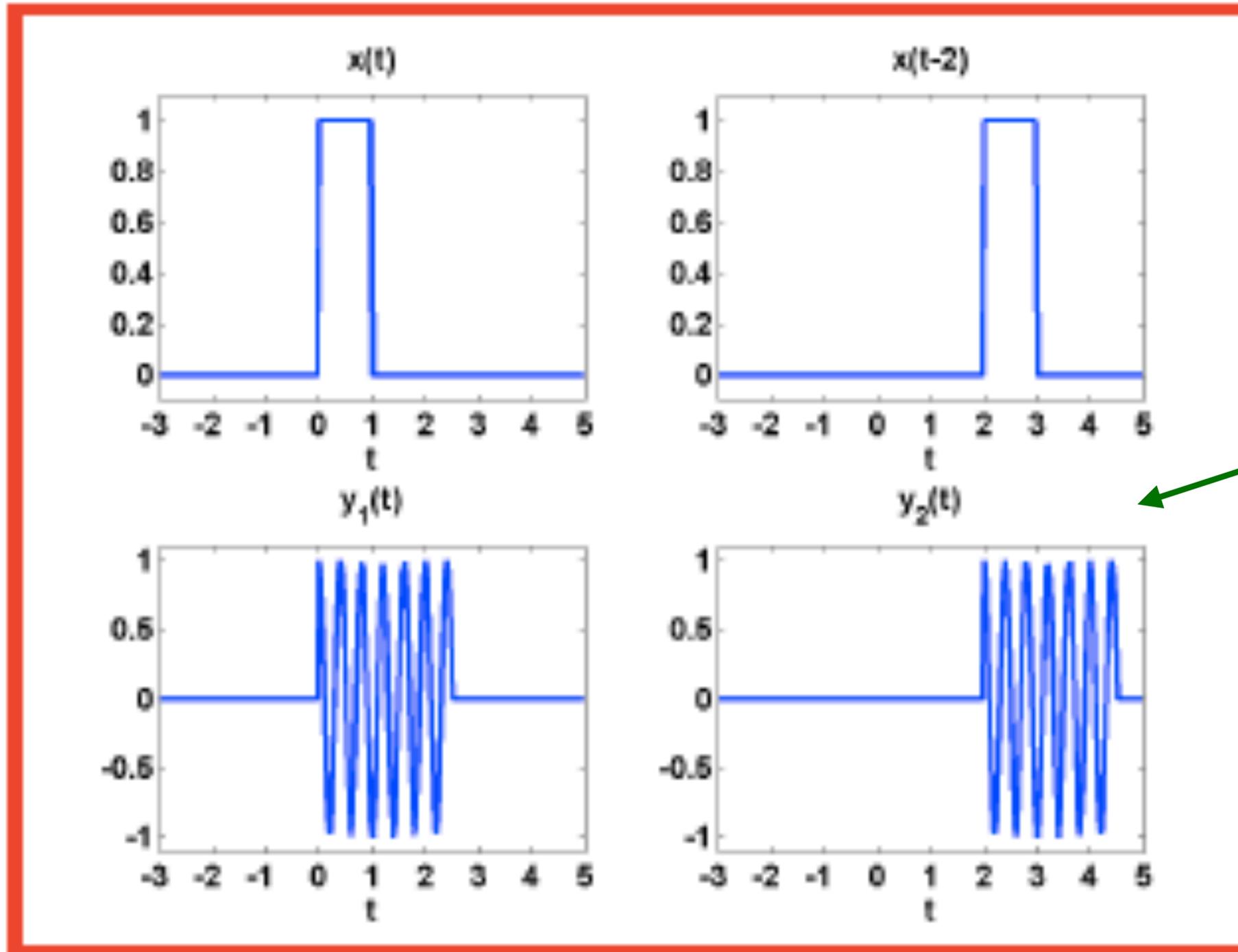
$$y(t) = \frac{1}{x(t) + 1} \longrightarrow \text{Unstable}$$

# Time invariance

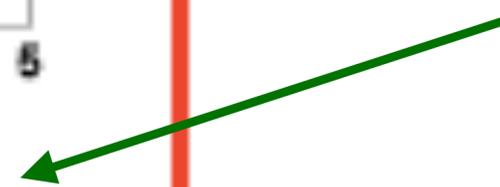
## Time Invariance (I)

- A system is time invariant if the behavior and characteristics of the system are fixed over time.
- A system is time invariant if a time shift in the input signal results in an identical time shift in the output signal.
- The system is said to be *time variant* otherwise.

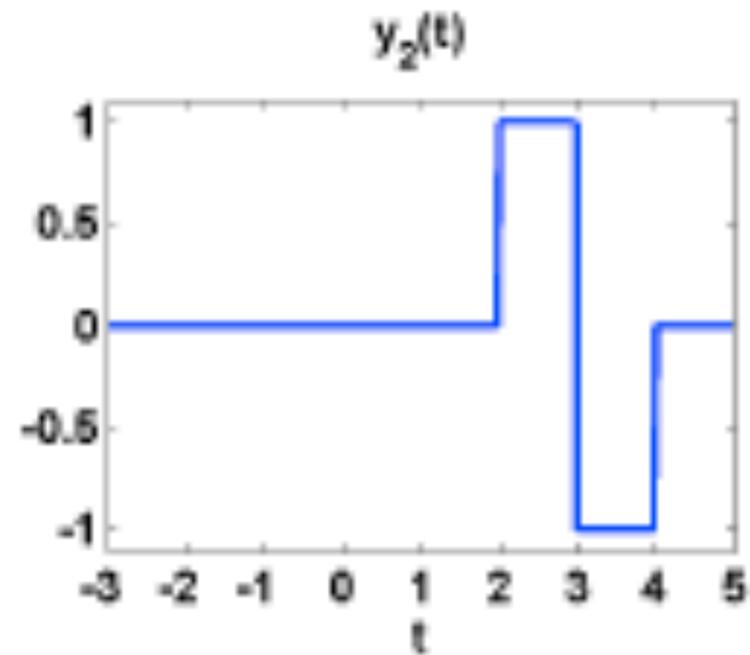
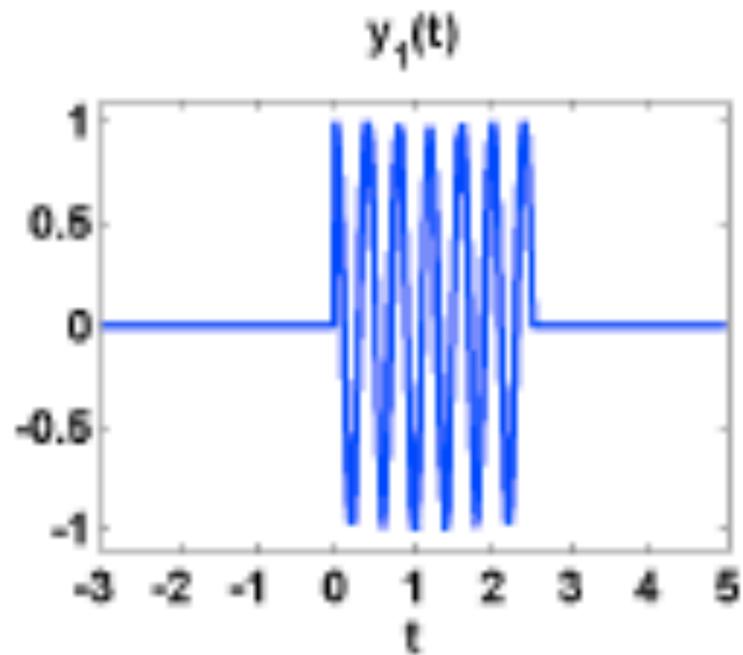
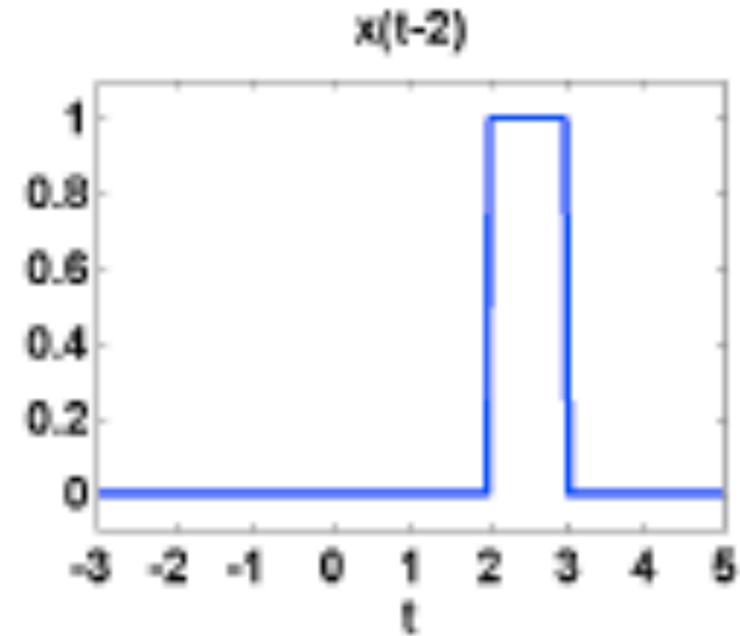
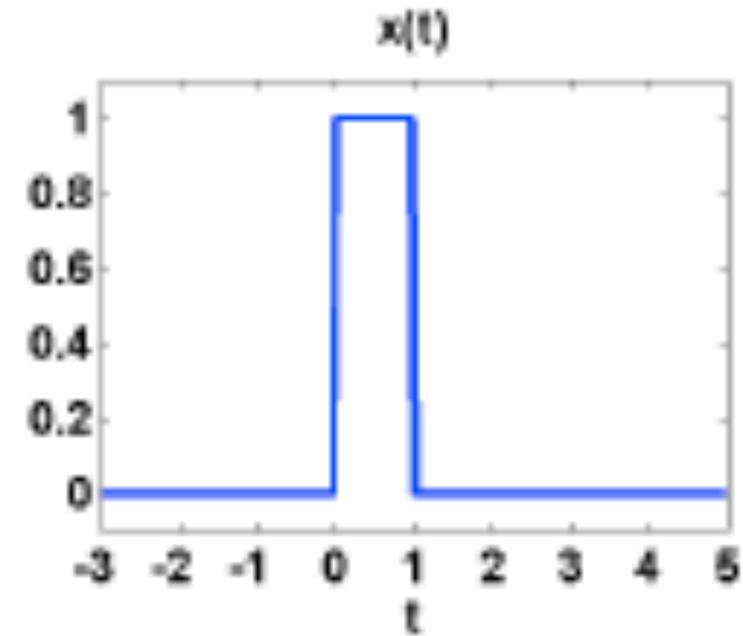
# Time invariance



Output of a time invariant



# Time invariance



**Output of a  
Time variant system**



# Time invariance: method

- 1 Let be  $x_1(t)$  an arbitrary input, and let be  $y_1(t)$  the output for this particular input.
- 2 The output is shifted by a given  $t_0$ ,  $y_1(t - t_0)$ .
- 3 Then, consider a second input,  $x_2(t)$ , which is obtained by shifting  $x_1(t)$  in time,  $x_2(t) = x_1(t - t_0)$ . The corresponding output is  $y_2(t)$ .
- 4 We have to compare both outputs  $y_2(t) \stackrel{?}{=} y_1(t - t_0)$ , if the equality holds, then the system is time invariant.

# Time invariance: examples

①  $y(t) = \cos [x(t)].$   $\longrightarrow$  **time invariant**

②  $y(t) = t + x(t).$   $\longrightarrow$  **time variant**

③  $y(t) = tx(t).$   $\longrightarrow$  **time variant**

$\longrightarrow$  ④  $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{2t} x(\tau) d\tau.$   $\longrightarrow$  **time variant**

⑤  $y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}.$   $\longrightarrow$  **time invariant**

$\longrightarrow$   $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$   $\longrightarrow$  **time invariant**

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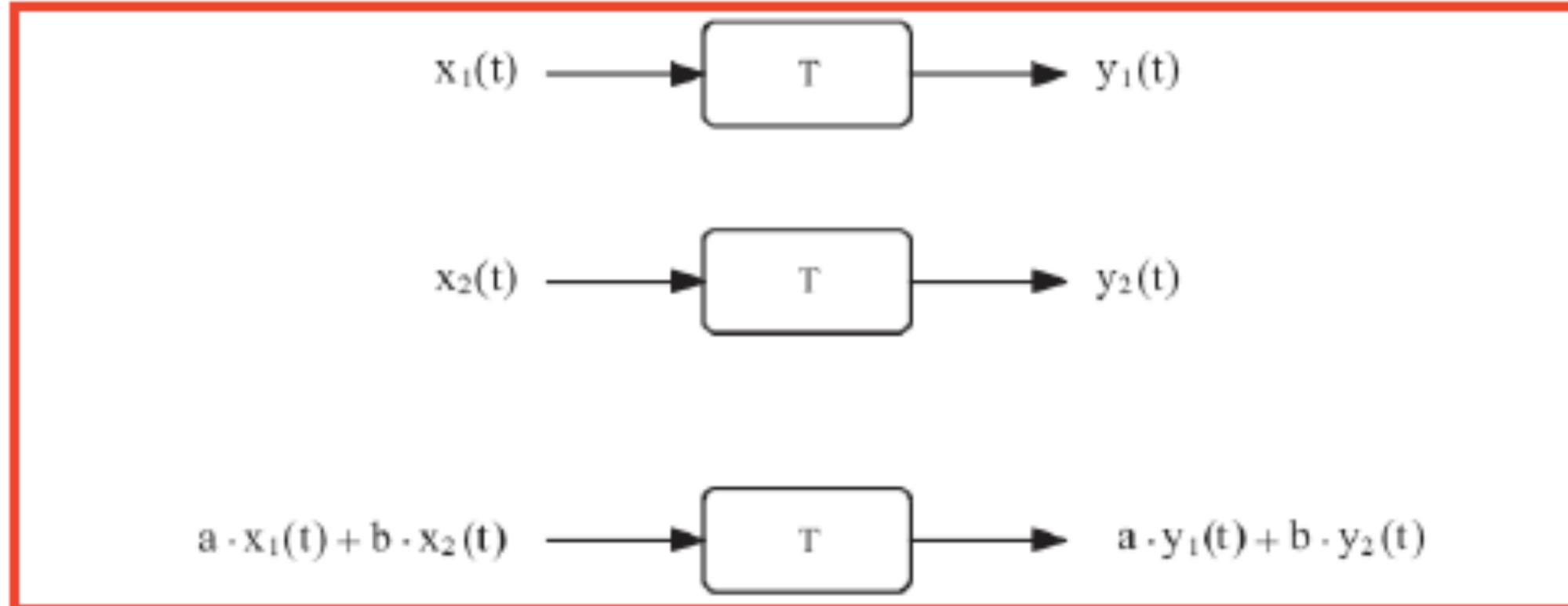
# Linearity

## Linearity

- A system is said to be **linear** when it possesses the property of superposition. The property of superposition has two properties: *additivity* and *scaling* or *homogeneity*:
  - 1 Additivity: the response to  $x_1(t) + x_2(t)$  is  $y_1(t) + y_2(t)$ .
  - 2 Scaling: the response to  $ax_1(t)$  is  $ay_1(t)$  (where  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ).
- The two properties can be combined. A system is linear when the response to  $ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)$  is  $ay_1(t) + by_2(t)$ .

# Linearity

- Note, as a consequence, we can show that for a linear system an input which is zero for all time results in an output which is zero for all time.



# Linearity: examples

①  $y(t) = t \cdot x(t)$ .  **linear**

②  $y(t) = x^2(t)$ .  **non-linear**

 ③  $y(t) = 2x(t) + 3$   **non-linear**

# Important properties

Comments on system properties

Study these properties at home

- Every memoryless system is causal
- The output of a linear system for a zero input is a zero output.
- If a system is time invariant, periodic inputs lead to periodic outputs.

# Homeworks

- Study the properties of both systems:

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & : \quad t < 0 \\ x(t) + x(t-2) & : \quad t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & : \quad x(t) < 0 \\ x(t) + x(t-2) & : \quad x(t) \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

# Summary: what we saw so far

- **what is a system**
- **properties of a system**

# Summary: what will see...

- We will focus on: **LINEAR TIME INVARIANT (LTI) SYSTEMS**
- **LTI systems in time**
- **LTI systems in transformed domain (frequency domain etc.)**

**Questions?**