# Chapter 3. Analyzing Discrete-Time Systems in the Time Domain

#### **Chapter Objectives**

- ♦ Develop the notion of a *discrete-time* system.
- ♦ Learn simplifying assumptions made in the analysis of systems. Discuss the concepts of *linearity* and *time invariance*, and their significance.
- ♦ Explore the use of *differential equations* for representing discrete-time systems.
- ♦ Develop methods for solving differential equations to compute the output signal of a system in response to a specified input signal.
- ♦ Learn to represent a differential equation in the form of a block diagram that can be used as the basis for simulating a system.
- ♦ Discuss the significance of the *impulse response* as an alternative description form for linear and time-invariant systems.
- ♦ Learn how to compute the output signal for a linear and time-invariant system using *convolution*
- ♦ Learn the concepts of causality and stability as they relate to physically realizable and useable systems.

# **3.1 Introduction**

In general, a discrete-time system is a mathematical formula, method or algorithm that defines a cause-effect relationship between a set of discrete-time input signals and a set of discrete-time output signals.



Sys{....} represents the transformation that defines the system in the time domain.

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## 3.2.1 Linearity

**Conditions for linearity** 

 $x_1[n], x_2[n]$ : Any two input signals;  $\alpha_1$ : Arbitrary constant gain factor

Superposition principle (combine the two conditions into one)

$$Sys\{\alpha_1x_1[n] + \alpha_2x_2[n]\} = \alpha_1Sys\{x_1[n]\} + \alpha_2Sys\{x_2[n]\}$$

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If superposition works for the weighted sum of any two input signals, it also works for any arbitrary number of input signals.



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Example 3.1 Testing linearity of discrete-time systems

### **3.2.2 Time Invariance in Continuous-time Systems**

**Conditions for time-invariance** 

 $Sys{x[n]} = y[n]$  implies that  $Sys{x[n-k]} = y[n-k]$ 



#### **3.2.2** Time Invariance in Continuous-time Systems

time-invariance can be explained by the equivalence of the two system configurations



**DTLTI systems:** *discrete-time linear and time-invariant* system

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Example 3.2 Testing time invariance of discrete-time systems