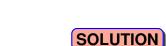
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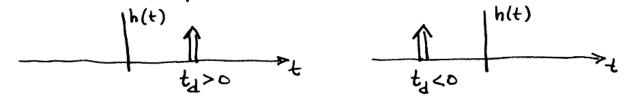
EXERCISE 9.13: The impulse response of the ideal delay system is $h(t) = \delta(t - t_d)$. For what values of t_d will the delay system be causal?

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An LTI system is causal if h(t)=0 for t<0. Here are two plots of $h(t)=\delta(t-t_d)$



Thus we need to be causal.