

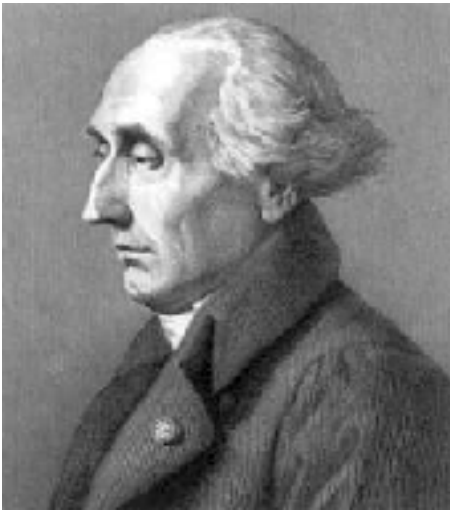
# Lecture 2: Linear Systems - Part 1

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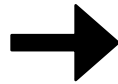
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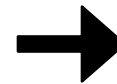
Linear time-invariant systems, Linear ODEs, and the power of decomposability



Joseph-Louis LaGrange  
1736 - 1813



Pierre-Simon LaPlace  
1749 - 1827



Joseph Fourier  
1768 - 1830

So, today we continue to stay with relatively **small-scale linear systems...**

	n = 1	n = 2 or 3	n >> 1	continuum
Linear	exponential growth and decay	second order reaction kinetics	electrical circuits	Diffusion
	single step conformational change	linear harmonic oscillators	molecular dynamics	Wave propagation
	fluorescence emission	simple feedback control	systems of coupled harmonic oscillators	quantum mechanics
	pseudo first order kinetics	sequences of conformational change	equilibrium thermodynamics	viscoelastic systems
Nonlinear	fixed points	anharmonic oscillators	systems of non-linear oscillators	Nonlinear wave propagation
	bifurcations, multi stability	relaxation oscillations	non-equilibrium thermodynamics	Reaction-diffusion in dissipative systems
	irreversible hysteresis	predator-prey models	protein structure/function	Turbulent/chaotic flows
	overdamped oscillators	van der Pol systems	neural networks	
		Chaotic systems	the cell	
			ecosystems	

So, for today, **linear systems analysis**...

The goals will be three-fold:

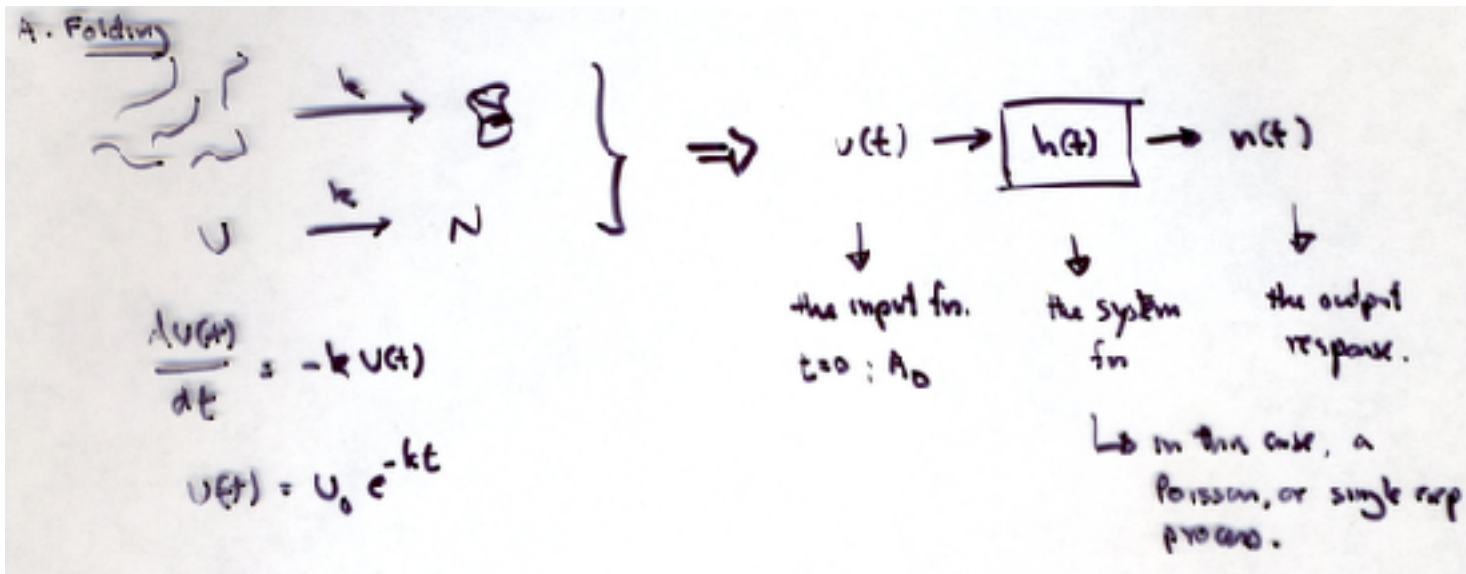
- (1) Understand the origins of simplicity in linear, time-invariant systems (the general regime of most modern engineering)
- (2) Understand the principle of decomposability of linear systems...using a simple model of a second order process
- (3) Learn a new way to solve differential equations that makes the concepts of linearity and decomposability more intuitive...

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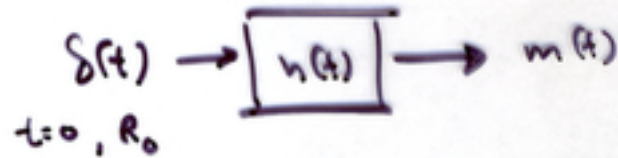
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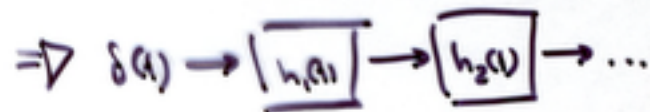
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$\Rightarrow$



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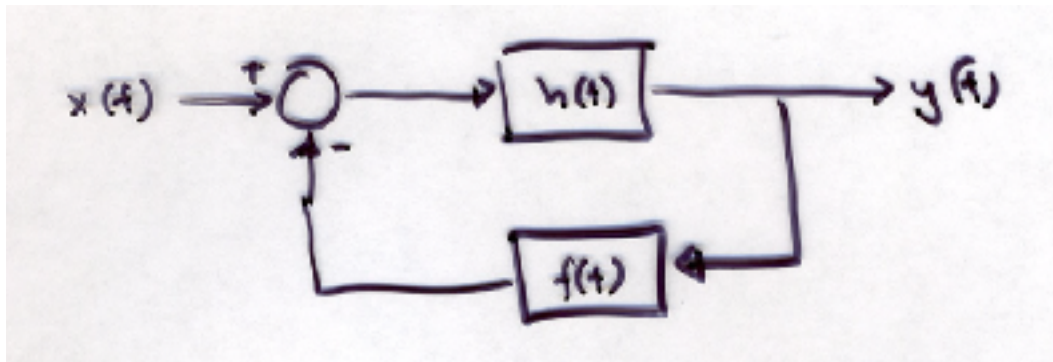
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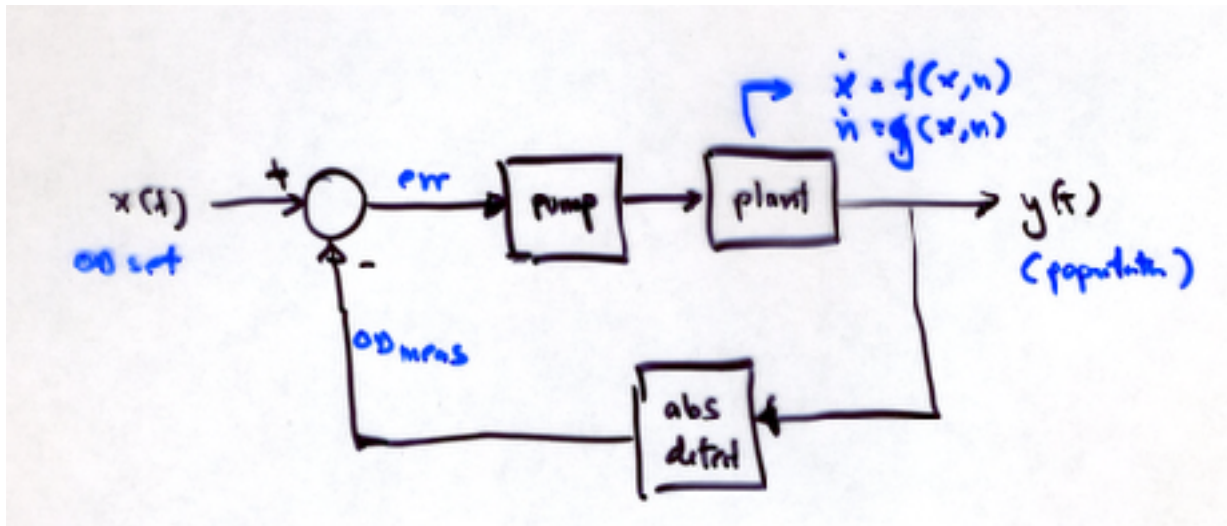
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...this is a basic **feedback control circuit**; a function of the output is fed back to the input to clamp output levels.

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...for example, a system for constant-density growth of micro-organisms (a so-called "turbidostat")



# Linear Systems Analysis

How can we understand/predict the behavior of these systems? Well, if the systems are linear and time invariant, there is a powerful theory

So...

- (1) definitions
- (2) properties of linearity and time invariance
- (3) convolution theorem
- (4) The Laplace transform method [for simplicity and intuition.]
- (5) Three examples:



first order



second order



simple feedback system.

...so the theory of LTI systems.

## Part 1: Linear Time-Invariant Systems

A theme will be to understand the “simplicity” of linear, time-invariant systems. What does “linearity” and “time-invariance” mean exactly?

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$$x(t) = \sum_k a_k x_k(t) = a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t) + \dots$$

output will be:

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This is superposition ... the output is a weighted sum of responses to independent inputs.

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These two properties underlie the concept of the convolution  $\bullet$  integral ...

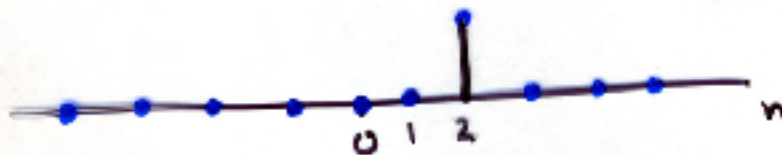
we will take this in steps ...

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In discrete time ...

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq 0 \\ 1 & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

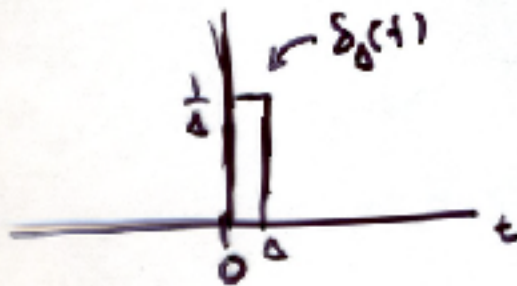


$$\Rightarrow \delta(n-2)$$

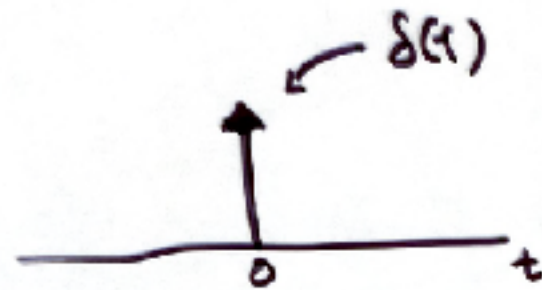
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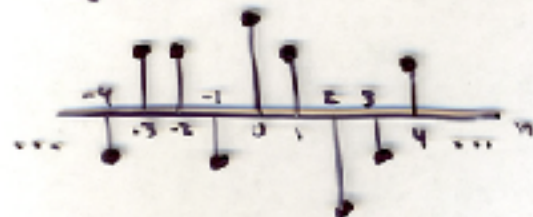


$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \delta_{\Delta}(t)$$



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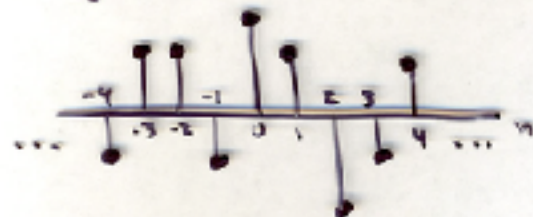
Again to start, in discrete time ...



$$x(n) = \dots + x(-3) \delta(n+3) + x(-2) \delta(n+2) \\ + x(-1) \delta(n+1) + x(0) \delta(n) \\ + x(1) \delta(n-1) + \dots$$

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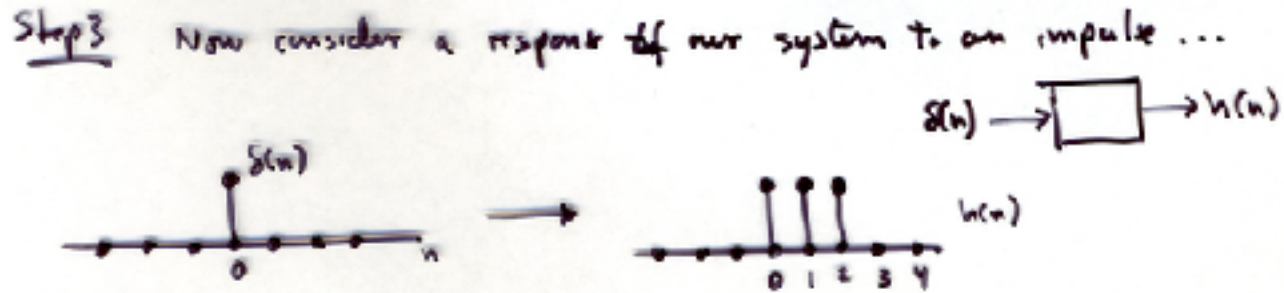
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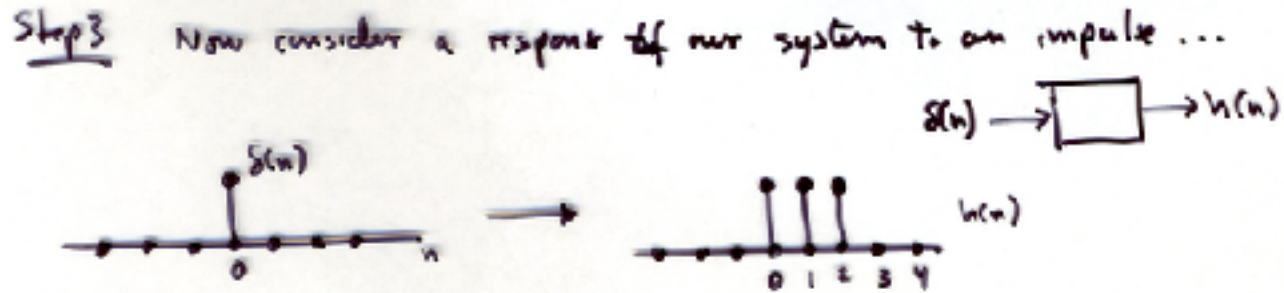
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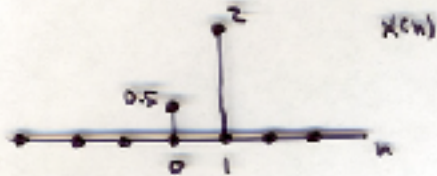
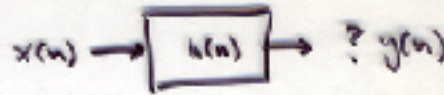


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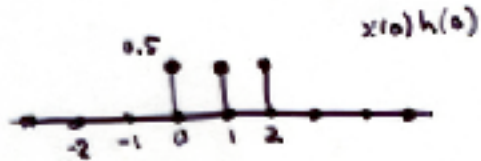
What then will be there system response to some arbitrary function?

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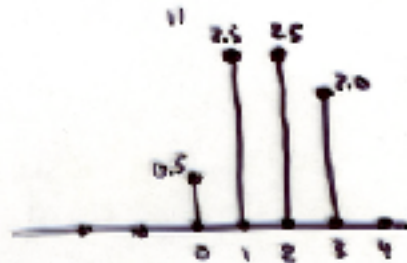
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$y(n]$



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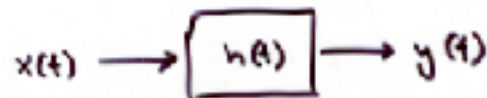
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In continuous time ...



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

$$y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$$

The convolution integral.

The definition of the convolution operator...and the power of LTI systems....you can completely characterize them by their response to the simplest input...the impulse response!

Now...a simple graphical way of understanding convolution...the sliding of two functions across each other...

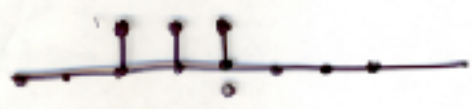
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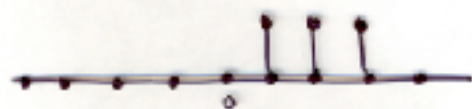
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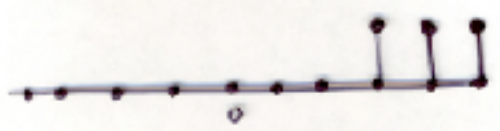
$h(2-k)$

→ 2.5



$h(3-k)$

→ 2.0



$h(n-k)$ ,  $n > 3$

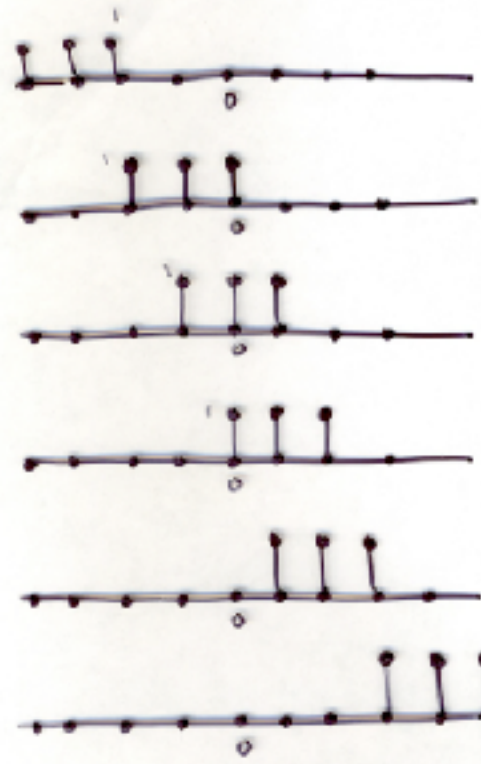
→ 0

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this is  $y(n)$ !

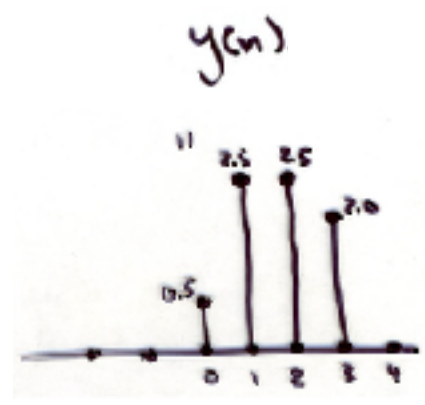
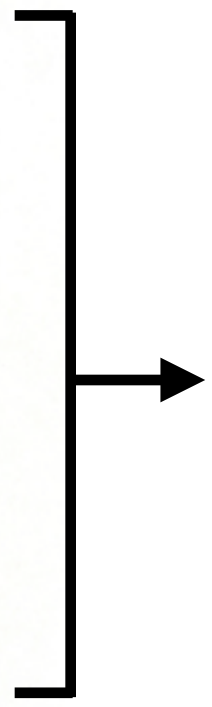
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A differential equation is an equation with derivatives in it.  
In the general case:

$$g\left[f(t), \frac{df}{dt}, \frac{d^2f}{dt^2}, \dots, \frac{d^nf}{dt^n}; t\right] = h(t)$$

to refresh...as nicely explained in the mathematics course yesterday

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But... the simplest case is a linear, 1<sup>st</sup> order, homogeneous one:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

① the equation is of the form:

$$a_0 y + a_1 y' + a_2 y'' + \dots + a_n y^{(n)} = b$$

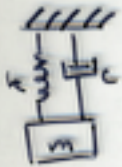
② A first derivative is the highest order derivative in the eqn.

③ All terms contain a  $y$  or a derivative of it.

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This equation has real physical meaning:



Newton's law says:  $\sum F = ma$   
 $= m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$

$$-kx - c \frac{dx}{dt} = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

...so this is a second order, linear, homogeneous equation...the equation of motion for a **harmonic oscillator**

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One way to solve it is to make two new variables:

$$y_1 = x \quad y_2 = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Then,

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = -\alpha \frac{dx}{dt} - \beta x$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = -\alpha y_2 - \beta y_1$$

Note that our second order system just got reduced to **two first order** differential systems!!



The solution to the **linear, first-order, homogeneous** differential equation...

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -kA$$

$$\frac{1}{A} dA = -k dt$$

→ separate variables

$$\int_{A_0}^A \frac{1}{A} dA = \int_0^t -k dt$$

→ integrate both sides according to initial conditions and variable range.

$$\ln A \Big|_{A_0}^A = -k t \Big|_0^t$$

$$\ln A - \ln A_0 = -kt$$

→ basic algebra  
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$$\ln \left[ \frac{A}{A_0} \right] = -kt$$

$$A = A_0 e^{-kt}$$

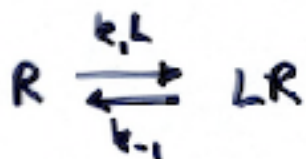
the initial conditions....

$$A(0) = A_0$$

This is the analytic solution.

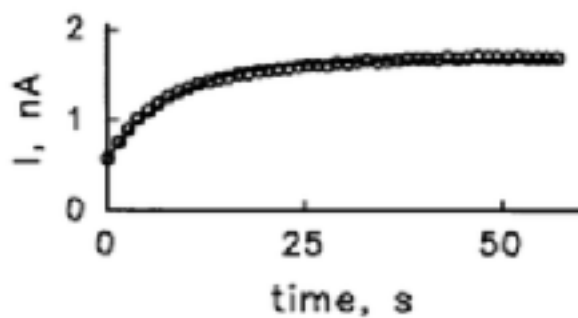
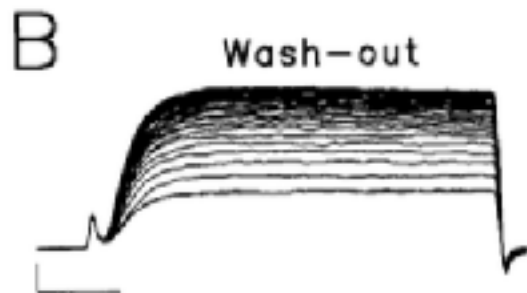
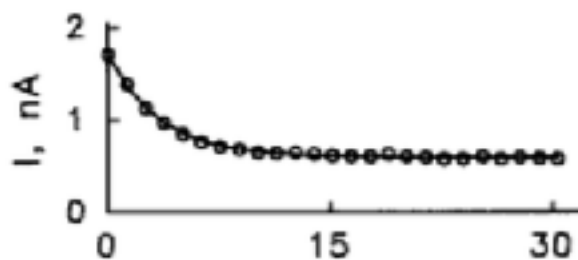
again...as explained in the mathematics course yesterday

For example, both binding and dissociation reactions for bimolecular interaction at the pseudo-first order limit is well described by a first-order process...

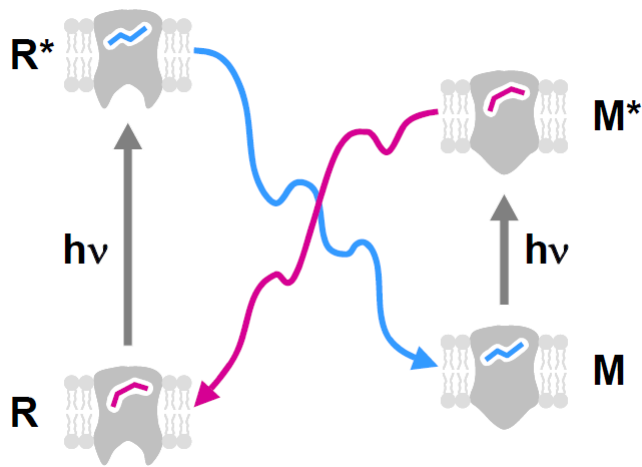


$$R(t) = R_0 e^{-k_{app} t} \quad \text{where } k_{app} = k_1 L_0$$

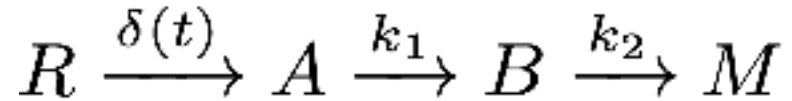
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...the solutions:

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{-k_2 t}$$

$$B(t) = \frac{A_0 k_1}{k_2 - k_1} \left[ e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-k_2 t} \right]$$

...as demonstrated in the mathematics course yesterday

The solution to the **linear, first-order, inhomogeneous** differential equation...

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = -k_2 B + k_1 A, \quad \text{where } A = A_0 e^{-k_1 t}$$
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$$B(t) = \underbrace{B_p(t)}_{\substack{\text{the particular} \\ \text{solution}}} + \underbrace{B_h(t)}_{\substack{\text{the homogeneous solution} \\ \frac{dB}{dt} = -k_2 B}}$$

Now,  $B_p(t)$  is going to look like the input, so...

$$B_p(t) = C A_0 e^{-k_1 t} \quad \text{All we need to figure out is what's } C.$$

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bunch of algebra, using initial conditions...

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## Laplace transforms...

An approach to solving such equations that leads to **some important intuition** about linear systems...

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Given any continuously differentiable function  $f(t)$ , we define the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ :

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

So... this is a transformation of  $f(t)$  so that:

$$f(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} F(s)$$
$$\xleftarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}}$$

Why should we do this transformation?



## Laplace transforms...

Good reasons for the  $\mathcal{L}$ :

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- ① Solving differential equations can be much easier, and often with just lookup tables.
- ② Initial conditions are carried in the process of the solution.
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In our case, set:

$$u = t$$

$$dv = e^{-st} dt$$

then:

$$\int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} dt = -\frac{t}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= 0 - \left( \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

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again, integrate by parts:  $u = e^{-st}$   
 $dv = \frac{df}{dt} dt$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{df}{dt} e^{-st} dt = f(t) e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f(t) (-s e^{-st}) dt$$

$$= -f(0) + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= -f(0) + s F(s)$$

So ...

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$\frac{df}{dt}$	$sF(s) - f(0)$



## The Laplace Transform Method...

and... w/o proof

(4)

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$a_1 f_1(t) + a_2 f_2(t)$	$a_1 F_1(s) + a_2 F_2(s)$

## The Laplace Transform Method...

Ok... using all this, we go back to our differential equation:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -kA, \quad A(0) = A_0$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dA}{dt}\right\} = \mathcal{L}\{-kA\}$$

$$sA(s) - A(0) = -kA(s)$$

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The transform solution.

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Note that we didn't integrate anything! We just did algebra.

In Laplace transform space ( $F(s)$ ), differentiation and integration become just a matter of doing algebra and finding the inverse transform...

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What about the more complicated inhomogeneous first order equation?

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The solution to the **linear, first-order, inhomogeneous** differential equation...  
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bunch of algebra, using initial conditions...

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**A Short Table of Laplace Transforms**

	$y = f(t), t > 0$ $[y = f(t) = 0, t < 0]$	$Y = L(y) = F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} f(t) dt$	
L1	1	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\text{Re } p > 0$
→ L2	$e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{p+a}$	$\text{Re } (p+a) > 0$
L3	$\sin at$	$\frac{a}{p^2+a^2}$	$\text{Re } p >  \text{Im } a $
L4	$\cos at$	$\frac{p}{p^2+a^2}$	$\text{Re } p >  \text{Im } a $
L5	$t^k, k > -1$	$\frac{k!}{p^{k+1}}$ or $\frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{p^{k+1}}$	$\text{Re } p > 0$
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→ L7	$\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{b-a}$	$\frac{1}{(p+a)(p+b)}$	$\text{Re } (p+a) > 0$ and
L8	$\frac{ae^{-at} - be^{-bt}}{a-b}$	$\frac{p}{(p+a)(p+b)}$	$\text{Re } (p+b) > 0$

Lookup inverse transforms...

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Much simpler approach...

### Part 3: Back to decomposability of linear systems...

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In keeping with our process-centric view, this of a first order system as a "process" that converts an input into an output.

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$H(t)$  is sometimes called "a transfer function". It relates the output to the input by ~~this~~ this equation:

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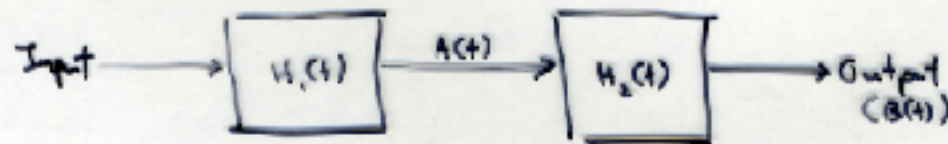
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Thus, outputs are predictable from just convolutions of the impulse response with the input function...



Lets check our understanding....

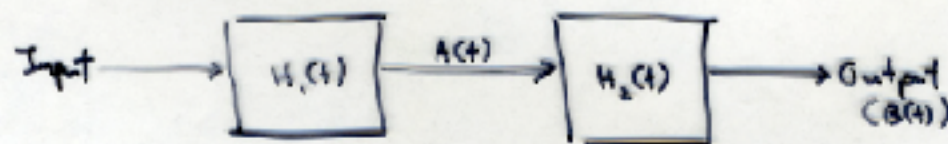
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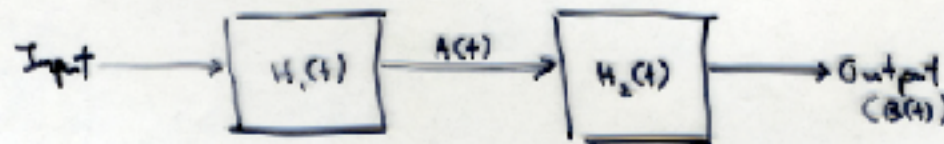
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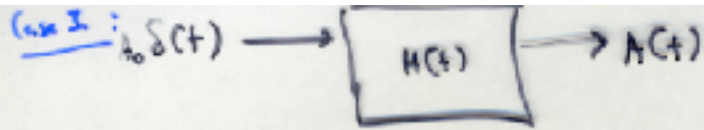
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Let's use this to study our two cases...a first order system (single exponential) and our second order system (a double exponential)...



$$H(t) = e^{-kt}$$

$$\delta(t) = (\text{the impulse function})$$

We said that:

$$A(t) = H(t) * \delta(t) A_0$$

In Laplace transforms:

$$A(s) = H(s) \cdot \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} A_0 \quad ; \quad \text{Now } \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = 1$$

So...

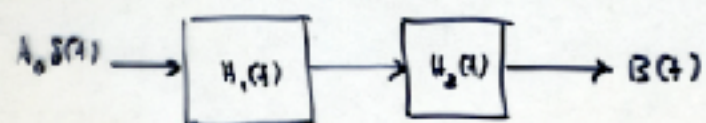
$$A(s) = \frac{A_0}{s+k}$$

And...

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{-kt}$$

So, the first order system can be thought of as a system driven by an impulse stimulus...

Case III:



$$B(t) = H_1(t) * H_2(t) * \delta(t) A_0$$

$$B(s) = H_1(s) \cdot H_2(s) \cdot A_0$$

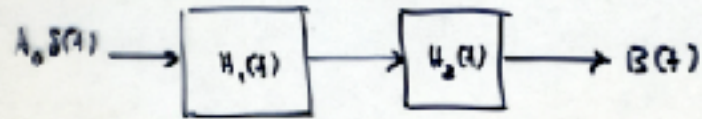
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Do you see:

- ⊙ that the first half of the block diagram is just a homogeneous first order differential eqn?
- ⊙ that the second half is just the inhomogeneous first order differential eqn?

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -k_1 A$$

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = -k_2 B + k_1 A$$

So, a second order system is a series of two first order systems....a basic property of linearity!

This reduction of a high-order system to a combination of first-order systems is a fundamental property of linear systems...

Is this general for any order equation? YES...

Say we have:

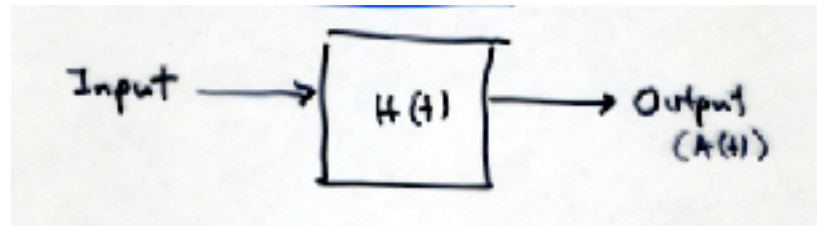
$$\frac{d^n u}{dx^n} = f(t, u) \quad (n^{\text{th}} \text{ order})$$

we can decompose this into a system of  $n$  first order eqns:

Definition of $y_i$	1 <sup>st</sup> order Eqn for $y_i$
$y_1 = u$	$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2$
$y_2 = \frac{du}{dt}$	$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = y_3$
$y_3 = \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2}$	$\frac{dy_3}{dt} = y_4$
...	
$y_n = \frac{d^{n-1} u}{dt^{n-1}}$	$\frac{dy_n}{dt} = f(t, u)$

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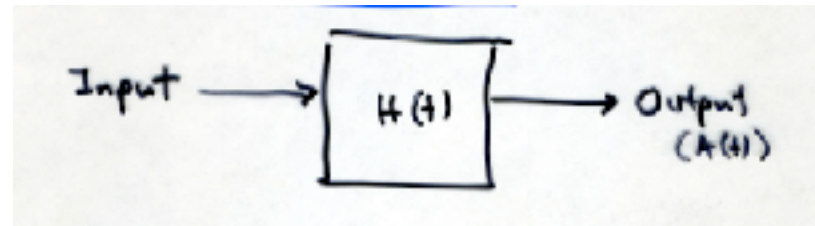


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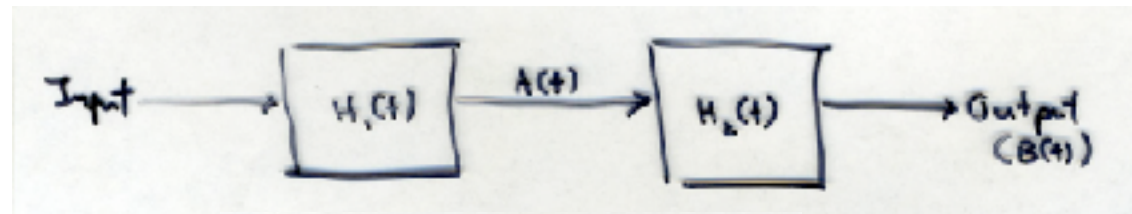
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- (2) Higher order systems can always be broken down into a serial process of linked first order systems....

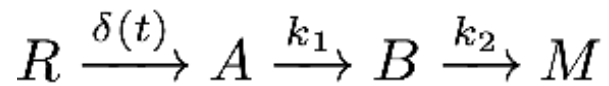


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Next time...a full analysis of **n = 2 linear systems**...and graphical tools

	n = 1	n = 2 or 3	n >> 1	continuum
Linear	exponential growth and decay	second order reaction kinetics	electrical circuits	Diffusion
	single step conformational change	linear harmonic oscillators	molecular dynamics	Wave propagation
	fluorescence emission	simple feedback control	systems of coupled harmonic oscillators	quantum mechanics
	pseudo first order kinetics	sequences of conformational change	equilibrium thermodynamics	viscoelastic systems
Nonlinear	fixed points	anharmonic oscillators	systems of non-linear oscillators	Nonlinear wave propagation
	bifurcations, multi stability	relaxation oscillations	non-equilibrium thermodynamics	Reaction-diffusion in dissipative systems
	irreversible hysteresis	predator-prey models	protein structure/function	Turbulent/chaotic flows
	overdamped oscillators	van der Pol systems	neural networks	
		Chaotic systems	the cell	
			ecosystems	

Next, the obvious **mathematical model**....



$$\frac{dB}{dt} = -k_2 B + k_1 A, \quad \text{where } A = A_0 e^{-k_1 t}$$
$$B(0) = 0$$

How do we solve this differential equation? Well here is one way....

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$$B(0) = 0$$

We make a proposal....

The solution is going to be a sum of the homogeneous solution and the particular solution to the specific input.

$$B(t) = \underbrace{B_p(t)}_{\text{the particular solution}} + \underbrace{B_h(t)}_{\text{the homogeneous solution } \frac{dB}{dt} = -k_2 B}$$

The idea is to think of this system as having two parts to its solution....one that looks like its “natural” response (the homogeneous solution) and one that looks like the input into it (the particular solution). Let’s look at the particular solution first...

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$$B_p(t) = C A_0 e^{-k_1 t} \quad \text{All we need to figure out is what's } C.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dB_p}{dt} + k_2 B_p &= k_1 A \\ &= k_1 A_0 e^{-k_1 t} \end{aligned}$$

$$-k_1 C A_0 e^{-k_1 t} + k_2 C A_0 e^{-k_1 t} = k_1 A_0 e^{-k_1 t}$$

$$-k_1 C + k_2 C = k_1$$

$$C = \frac{k_1}{k_2 - k_1}$$

So...

$$B_p(t) = \frac{k_1 A_0}{k_2 - k_1} e^{-k_1 t}$$

The particular solution

And now for the "homogeneous solution"...

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$$B(t) = B_p(t) + B_h(t)$$
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The final solution