

# Stability of LTI systems from impulse response

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Def<sup>n</sup>: [Bounded input Bounded output Stability notion] [BIBO Stability]

A system is BIBO stable if

"every" Bounded input produces a response (output)

which is bounded.

- Discrete system: BIBO stable iff  $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| < \infty$ .

Consider input  $x[n]$  which is bounded for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{i.e. } |x[n]| < B \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Then, we want that the output

$y[n]$  be also bounded.

Assume that impulse response is absolutely summable i.e.,

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| = D < \infty \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} D \text{ is of course} \\ +ve \end{array} \right)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |y[n]| &= \left| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[n-k] \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| |x[n-k]| \leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} B |h[k]| \\ &= BD < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|y[n]|$  is bounded for bounded input  $x[n]$

Thus,  $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| < \infty \Rightarrow$  System is BIBO Stable

But does system being BIBO stable imply ~~mean~~ that  $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| < \infty$ ?

Yes!

Suppose system is BIBO stable but its impulse response  $h[n]$  is not absolutely summable

Now, 
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[n-k]$$

Consider  $y[0] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[-k]$

Now choose  $x[k] = \begin{cases} -1 & h[k] < 0 \\ 1 & h[k] > 0. \end{cases}$   
 $|x[k]| \leq 1$ , hence input is bounded.

Then  $y[0] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[-k]$   
 $= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| = \infty$  ~~check is~~

~~not~~  
Thus  $y[n]$  is unbounded for a

Bounded input.

Contradiction to our supposition that system was BIBO Stable.

Thus BIBO stable  $\Rightarrow \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| < \infty$ .

and

Impulse response absolutely summable if and only if system is BIBO stable.

Continuous time case:

Assume input  $x(t)$  s.t

$$|x(t)| < B \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

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

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

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| |x(t-\tau)| d\tau$$

$$\leq B \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau$$

Then if impulse response is absolutely integrable we know that

we have BIBO stable system.

Does BIBO stable  $\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau < \infty$

yes!

Exercise: Choose  $x(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{t} & \text{if } h(t) < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } h(t) > 0. \end{cases}$

LTI Systems governed by Differential & difference equations.

LCCDE - Linear constant coefficient differential equation.

- Almost all systems involve some rate of change or recursive pattern. Such system's behaviour can be modelled using differential equations.

Our goal is to represent this differential equation into a black box that takes in some signal as input, churns it ~~and~~ according to LCCDE and produces output signal. Also

while we replace LCCDE by this new i/p - o/p representation we should also maintain the <sup>useful</sup> properties such as linearity, time-invariance which are useful in simplifying big block diagrams to one block.

First let us consider a basic system i.e. the differentiator.

$$x(t) \rightarrow \left[ \frac{dx}{dt} \right] \rightarrow y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$$

- Linear Time invariant.
- Memory. - Not stable  $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \Rightarrow \delta(t)$
- Causal? This is tricky. Depends on how you define it!

a)  $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t+h) - x(t)}{h}$  not Causal.

b)  $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t) - x(t-h)}{h}$  Causal.

c)  $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t+h) - x(t-h)}{2h}$   
~~no change of~~  
~~being~~ Causal.

If  $x(t)$  is continuously differentiable everywhere then all three definitions are equivalent and one can effectively ~~rephrase~~ stick to using (b) and  $\frac{d}{dt}$  in that case can be considered as Causal.

5. Invertible

No!

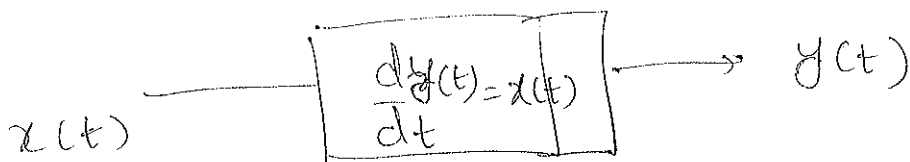
$$x(t) = \sin t \rightarrow y(t) = \cos t$$

$$x(t) = \sin t + 5 \rightarrow y(t) = \cos t$$

for output  $y(t) = \cos t$  we have many possible unequal inputs that could have been applied.

Not invertible.

Another basic system that is represented by an LCCDE is the integrator



here it is possible to see why

non-zero initial conditions lead to

this blackbox being not a linear system.

Consider an input starting at  $t_0$

$$\text{then } \int_{-\infty}^t dy(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \Rightarrow y(t) - y(t_0) = \int_{t_0}^t x(\tau) d\tau$$
$$\Rightarrow y(t) = y(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t x(\tau) d\tau$$

This is not a linear system.

~~Since~~.

Let us consider  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$   
(two arbitrary signals)

Then response of this blackbox with non-zero initial condition to these inputs

is

$$y_1(t) = y(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t x_1(\tau) d\tau$$

$$y_2(t) = y(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t x_2(\tau) d\tau$$

[note that initial condition  $y(t_0)$  of blackbox is same in both cases] (as we are not considering different blackboxes)

Response for  $x_3(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} y_3(t) &= y(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t (x_1(\tau) + x_2(\tau)) d\tau \\ &= y(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t x_1(\tau) d\tau + \int_{t_0}^t x_2(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\neq y_1(t) + y_2(t)$$

Exercise: Verify that it is also not time invariant!



But, if we choose initial condition from whenever the input first became non-zero (time instant)

We get  $y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t x(\tau) d\tau$  which is

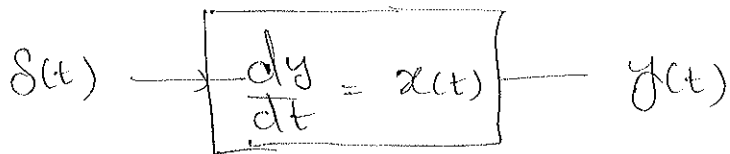
linear and time invariant.

Thus this ~~assumption~~ <sup>assumption</sup> of initial conditions being zero or initial rest assumption is crucial in simplifying the differential equation into an LTI input output system.

### Impulse Response:

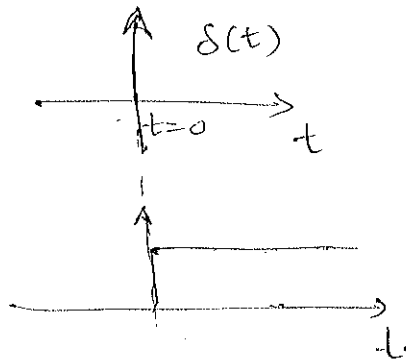
Just as we saw previously it is possible to replace LCCDE by its impulse response. We need to solve differential equation for ~~its~~ input Dirac impulse as input.

For example consider the integrator again



Then the impulse response of the integrator is

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(t) = u(t) \quad \text{Unit Step.}$$



One can say that at  $t=0^-$

$$y(t) = 0 \text{ and at } t=0^+$$

$y(t)$  jumped to 1

$$\text{i.e. } y(0^+) = 1$$

Then one can solve  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$  for  $t > 0$

with initial condition  $y(0^+) = 1$ .

This example, although, a very simple example outlines a procedure to compute impulse response for LCCDE.

(i) Assume zero initial conditions.  
(~~for~~ for  $t < 0$ ).

(ii) Compute what happens <sup>time</sup> <sub>at the instance</sub> right after application of impulse at  $t = 0$ .

i.e., compute the changed initial state right at  $t = 0^+$ .

(iii) Solve homogenous differential equation with this changed initial state as new set of initial conditions.

Let us use these steps on a more complicated example now.

Consider  $\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 2y(t) = x(t)$  with  $y(0^-) = 0$ .

also, ~~also~~  $y(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ .

Consider ~~of~~  $x(t) = \delta(t)$

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 2y(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy(\tau)}{d\tau} d\tau + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(\tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\tau) d\tau = 1$$

we are interested in what happens at

$$t = 0^+, \quad \text{we know } y(0^-) = 0 \text{ and } y(t) = 0, t < 0$$

then:

$$\int_{0^-}^{0^+} dy(\tau) + 2 \times 0 = 1$$

$$y(0^+) - y(0^-) = 1$$

$$\text{but } y(0^-) = 0 \Rightarrow y(0^+) = 1$$

Now solve.  $\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 0$  for  $y(0^+) = 1$   
for  $t > 0$ .

$$\text{we get, } h(t) = y(t) = e^{-2t} y(0^+) = e^{-2t} u(t) \quad \text{for } t > 0$$

and for  $t < 0, h(t) = 0$ .

$$\text{Thus, } h(t) = e^{-2t} u(t)$$

Now ~~we~~ we can <sup>now</sup> replace (1) by a black box

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

which computes output for any input.

for instance if  $x(t) = e^{3t} u(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{then } y(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t e^{3\tau} u(\tau) e^{-2(t-\tau)} u(t-\tau) d\tau \\
 &= e^{-2t} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{(3\tau+2\tau)} u(\tau) u(t-\tau) d\tau \\
 &= e^{-2t} \int_0^t e^{5\tau} d\tau \quad \text{for } t > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^{-2t} \left\{ \left[ \frac{e^{5\tau}}{5} \right]_0^t - \frac{1}{5} \right\} u(t)$$

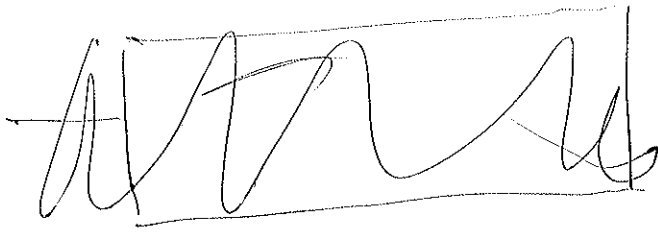
$$= \frac{1}{5} \left[ \frac{e^{3t}}{5} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{5} \right] u(t)$$

Taking insights from this example let us consider a general LCDE given

by.

$$\left[ \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k}{dt^k} y(t) = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l \frac{d^l}{dt^l} x(t) \right] \rightarrow y(t)$$

Now what can be done is that we can break this system into a cascade of two systems. (This breaking down is possible only if we assume zero initial conditions.)



Consider first an operator which consists of linear combination of

$$\frac{d}{dt}, \frac{d^2}{dt^2}, \dots, \frac{d^k}{dt^k}$$

That is,  
Consider

$$\begin{aligned} A\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) &= a_0 + a_1 \frac{d}{dt} + \\ &+ \dots + a_N \frac{d^N}{dt^N} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } A\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w(t) &= a_0 w(t) + \\ &a_1 \frac{dw}{dt} + \dots + a_N \frac{d^N w(t)}{dt^N} \end{aligned}$$

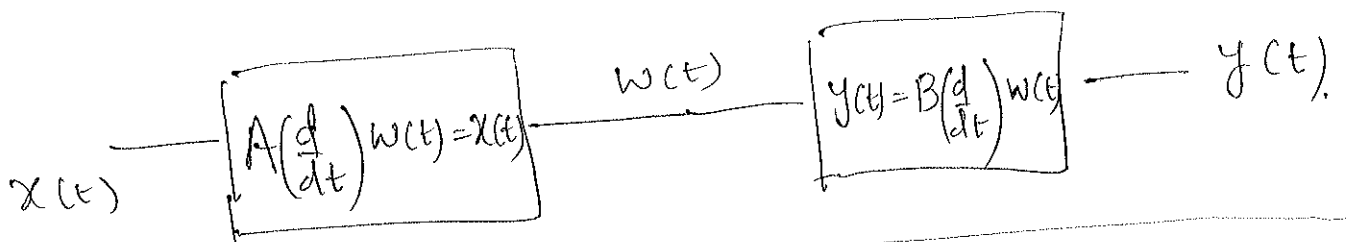
Similarly we can have.

$$B\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k}{dt^k}$$

Now consider  $(*)$  again. In our new notation.

$$x(t) \rightarrow \left[ A\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) y(t) = B\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) x(t) \right] \rightarrow y(t)$$

Now; we can break this into two systems as follows.



Informally  
In Laplace domain

$$X(s) = A(s) W(s)$$

$$Y(s) = B(s) W(s)$$

Thus  $Y(s) = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)} X(s)$

$$A(s) Y(s) = B(s) X(s)$$

Now just consider first block

$$x(t) \rightarrow \left[ \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k}{dt^k} w(t) = x(t) \right] \rightarrow w(t)$$

Consider its impulse response.

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k w(t)}{dt^k} = \delta(t)$$

Assume  $w(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ .

$$\text{Thus. } \left. \frac{d^{N-1} w(t)}{dt^{N-1}} \right|_{t=0^-} = \dots = \left. \frac{dw(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^-} = w(0^-) = 0$$

We are interested in what happens to ~~the~~ these initial conditions after application of impulse  $\delta(t) := \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ \infty, & t = 0 \\ 0, & t > 0. \end{cases}$

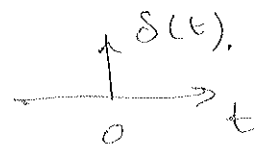
$$\text{and } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\tau) d\tau = 1$$

Integrating

$$\int_{-\infty}^t \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k w(\tau)}{d\tau^k} d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau$$

We split into intervals  $(-\infty, 0^-)$ ,  $(0^-, 0^+)$ ,  $(0^+, \infty)$   
for  $t < 0$  we have.  $\int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau = 0$

Thus  $w(t) \equiv 0$  for  $t < 0$   
is soln.





Now in  $(0^-, 0^+)$

$$\int_{0^-}^{0^+} \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k w(z)}{dz^k} dz = \int_{0^-}^{0^+} f(z) dz = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^N a_k \int_{0^-}^{0^+} \frac{d^k w(z)}{dz^k} dz + \underbrace{\int_{0^-}^{0^+} w(z) dz}_{\substack{0 \\ \text{encloses zero} \\ \text{mean} \\ \text{area.}}} = 1.$$

~~$$\frac{d w(0^+)}{dt}$$~~

$$\sum_{k=1}^N a_k \frac{d^{k-1} w(0^+)}{dt^{k-1}} - \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N a_k \frac{d^{k-1} w(0^-)}{dt^{k-1}}}_{\substack{= \\ 0}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \frac{d^{k-1} w(0^+)}{dt^{k-1}} = 1$$

Now in particular, we can choose

$$w(0^+) = 1, \text{ and } \frac{dw(0^+)}{dt} = \frac{d^2 w(0^+)}{dt^2} = \dots = \frac{d^{N-1} w(0^+)}{dt^{N-1}} = 0.$$

So that 
$$\sum_{k=1}^N a_k \frac{d^{k-1} w(0^+)}{dt^{k-1}} = 1$$

and solve

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k w(t)}{dt^k} = \textcircled{a} \quad \text{with initial conditions.}$$

$$w(0^+) = 1, \quad \dot{w}(0^+) = \ddot{w}(0^+) = \dots = w^{(n-1)}(0^+) = 0$$

to obtain impulse response

$$h_1(t) \text{ of } \textcircled{a}. \quad \sum_{k=0}^M a_k \frac{d^k w(t)}{dt^k} = x(t)$$

Then, impulse response

$h(t)$  of  $\textcircled{a}$  is

$$h(t) = B \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) h_1(t) = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l \frac{d^l h_1(t)}{dt^l}$$

$\textcircled{a}$  —

$$x(t) \text{ — } \left[ \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l \frac{d^l x(t)}{dt^l} \right] \text{ — } y(t)$$

~~$S(t)$~~

gives.

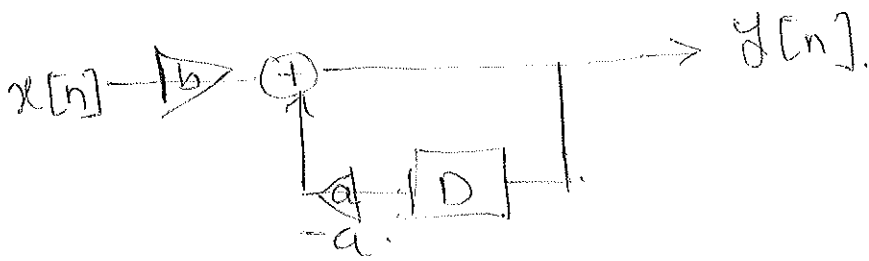
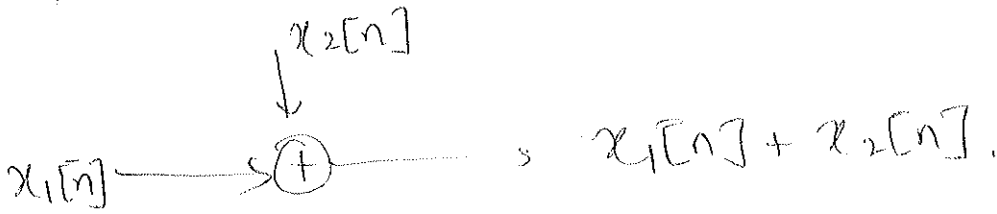
~~$h(t)$~~   $h(t)$

Thus for any  $x(t)$

we get.

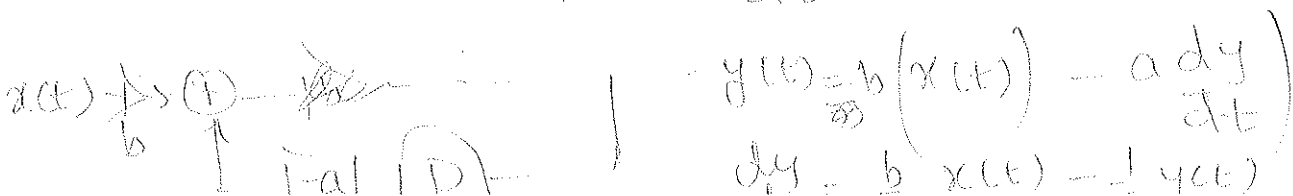
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h(t-\tau) x(\tau) d\tau$$

Block diagrams:



$$y[n] = b x[n] - a y[n-1]$$

(Continuous time case)



$$y(t) = b x(t) - a \frac{dy(t)}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = b x(t) - y(t)$$

Impulse response of non-recursive equation.

$$h[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{b_n}{a_0}, & 0 \leq n \leq M \\ 0 & n < 0. \end{cases}$$

FIR system (Finite Impulse response)

Example:  $y[n] - \frac{1}{2} y[n-1] = x[n]$ .

$$\Rightarrow y[n] = x[n] + \frac{1}{2} y[n-1].$$

Impulse response with ~~zero~~ initial rest.

i.e.  $y[-1] = 0$

and  $x[n] = \delta[n]$ .

$$h[0] = y[0] = x[0] + 0 = 1$$

$$h[1] = y[1] = x[1] + \frac{1}{2} y[0] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$h[2] = y[2] = x[2] + \frac{1}{2} y[1] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\vdots$$
$$h[n] = y[n] = \dots = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n.$$

$$h[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n].$$

(IIR) - Infinite Impulse response.

Again we need to specify initial conditions to get one input-output relationship which is LTI & Causal.

That happens when one chooses initial rest conditions

In discrete time case things are slightly easier to analyse, because

rearranging  $\text{---} \textcircled{*}$  leads to.

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{a_0} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k] - \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y[n-k] \right\}$$

(Recursive equation)

Thus at  $n=0$  we immediately

see need to specify

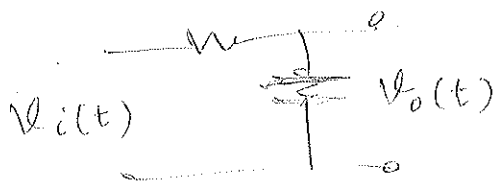
$y[-N], y[-N+1], \dots, y[-1]$   
to know  $y[0]$ .

(Special case <sup>when</sup>  $N=0$ )

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M \left( \frac{b_k}{a_0} \right) x[n-k]$$

Non-recursive equation. (No need of past outputs)

Example



let  $u_o(0^-) = 2V$

If  $u_i(t) = x_0 \Rightarrow u_o(t) = 2V$

~~$u_i(t) = x_0 \Rightarrow u_o(t) = 2V$~~

$u_i(t) = 2x_0 \Rightarrow u_o(t) = 2V \neq 4V.$

not-linear

In discrete time case we have.

linear constant coefficient difference equations.

$$\sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k y[n-k]$$

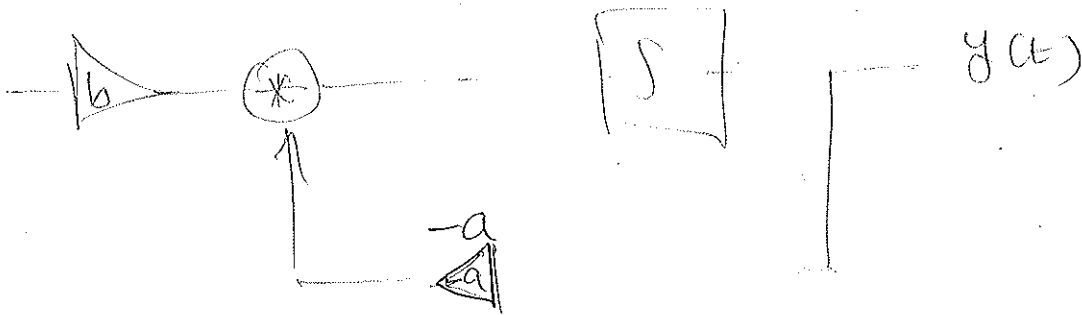
Again we have a particular solution and solution to homogenous eq.

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k y[n-k] = 0$$

and sum of the solutions gives us a solution  $y[n] = y_p[n] + y_h[n].$

One can also use integrator

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

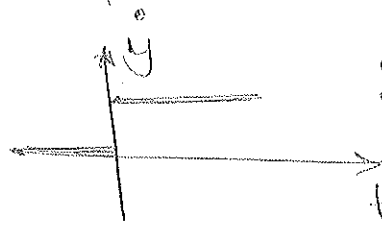
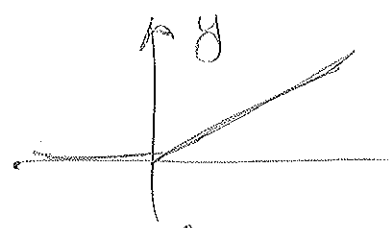
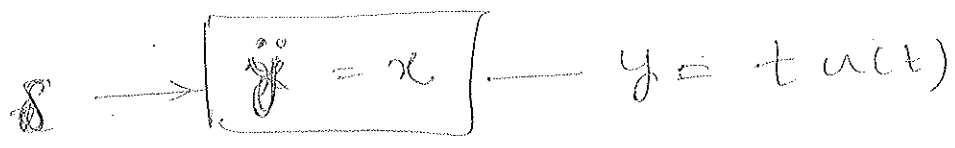


$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t (-ay(\tau) + bx(\tau)) d\tau$$

Unit doublets.

$$y(t) = \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2}$$

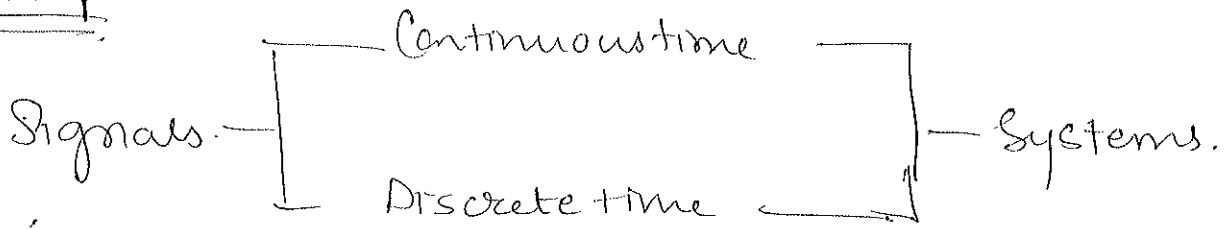
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Suddenly imparting same velocity



## Recap



eg: - (i) Dirac-delta, unit impulse.

(ii) Unit step

(iii) Sinusoidal / exponential signals.

- Any signal can be represented ~~by~~  
in terms of unit impulses / Dirac impulses

- For LTI systems, impulse response characterizes it entirely.

- Convolution operation.

- System properties —

- Causality
- Stability
- Invertibility
- Linearity
- Time-invariance

- Simplification of Block diagrams possible  
for LTI systems —

- additivity
- Associativity
- Commutativity

— Convolution Properties

- LCCDE systems are LTI if assumed to be at rest initially (zero-initial conditions)

- Can compute impulse response to LCCDE by specifying initial conditions at  $t=0^+$  & solving homogeneous eqn.

# ~~Summary in Discrete domain~~

Some more special signals (generalized functions)

$$\text{Unit doublet: } u_{-1}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \delta(t)$$

$$u_{-2}(t) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \delta(t) = \frac{d}{dt} u_{-1}(t)$$

⋮

$$u_{-k}(t) = \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \delta(t) \dots$$

$$u_{-1}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau = u(t)$$

$$u_{-2}(t) = u(t) * u(t) = t u(t)$$

⋮

$$u_{-k}(t) = \frac{t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} u(t)$$