

# EE102

## Lecture 8

# EE102 Announcements

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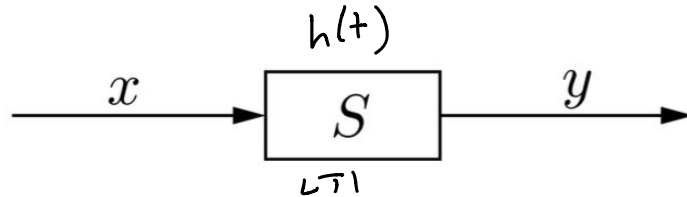
- Syllabus link is [tinyurl.com/ucla102](https://tinyurl.com/ucla102)
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- No lectures on Exam Days      4/29 Exam
- Pset 3 → due Tuesday 4/27

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# Convolution is what adds structure to the Black Box

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A system transforms an *input signal*,  $x(t)$ , into an output system,  $y(t)$ .



$$\underbrace{f(x, h)}_{\Sigma} \rightarrow y$$

Convolution

$$y = x \star h$$

# How to Compute Convolution: flip and drag

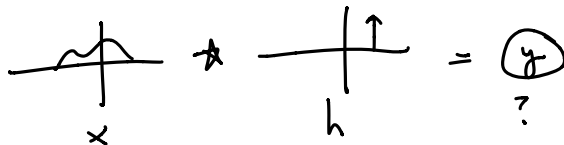
Today Lecture Goal: Learn how to plug and chug convolution AND  
Also cover convolution properties [+ prove properties]

To calculate  $y(t) = (x * h)(t)$ , =  $x \star h$  =  $x(t) \star h(t)$

- Flip (i.e., reverse in time) the impulse response. This changes  $h(\tau)$  to  $h(-\tau)$ .
- Begin to drag the reversed time response by some amount,  $t$ . This results in  $h(t - \tau)$ .
- For a given  $t$ , multiply  $h(t - \tau)$  pointwise by  $x(\tau)$ . This produces  $x(\tau)h(t - \tau)$ .
- Integrate this product over  $\tau$ . This produces  $y(t)$  at this particular time  $t$ .

This technique is referred to as the “flip-and-drag” technique.

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

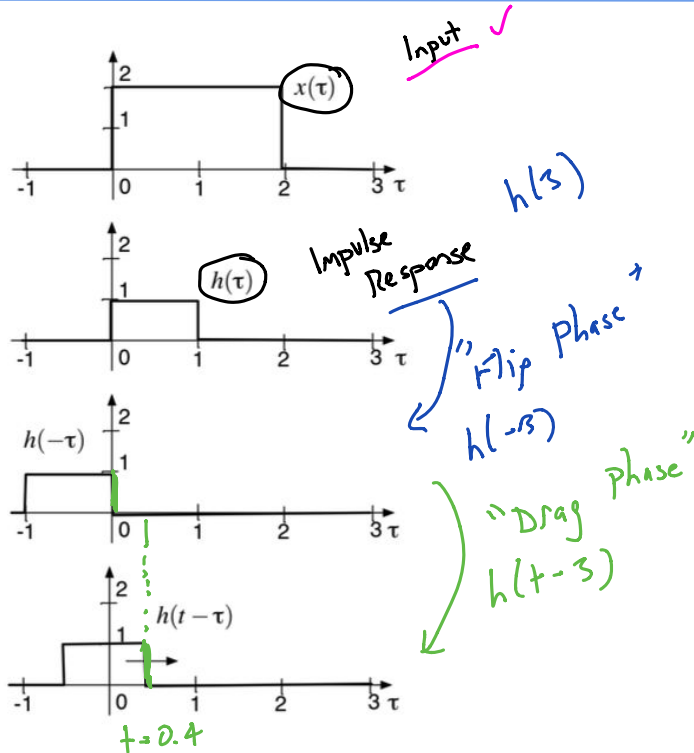


The diagram illustrates the flip-and-drag technique for convolution. It shows a signal  $x$  on the left, followed by a convolution symbol  $\star$ , then a signal  $h$  on the right. An arrow points from  $h$  to the right, indicating a time shift. The result is shown as a circled  $y$  with a question mark below it.

# How to Compute Convolution: flip and drag

$$y = x * h$$

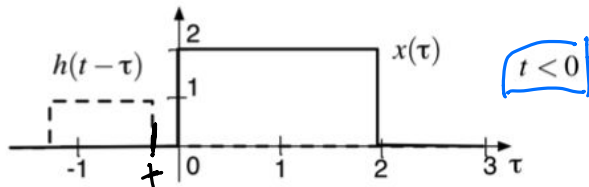
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau$$



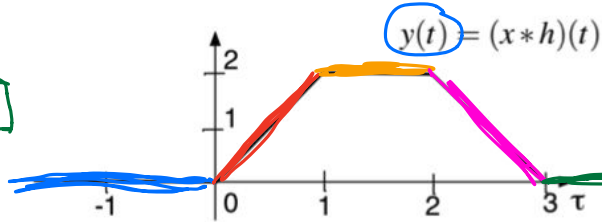
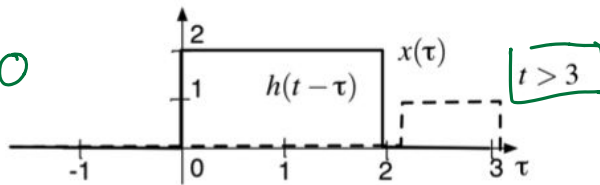
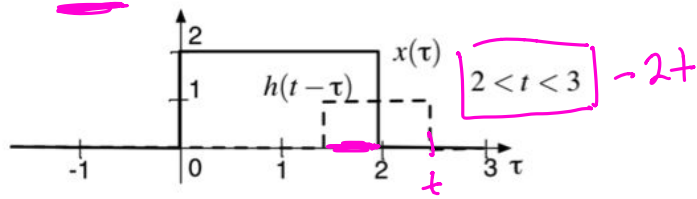
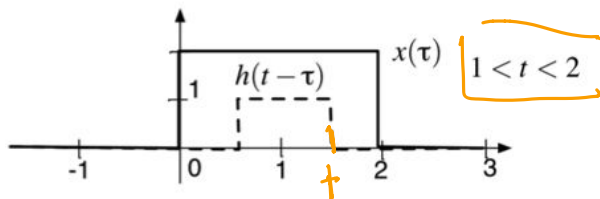
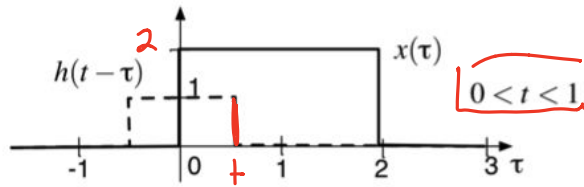
$$y(t) = \int x(\tau) h(t-\tau) d\tau$$

# How to Compute Convolution: flip and drag

$$x(\tau) h(t-\tau) = 0$$

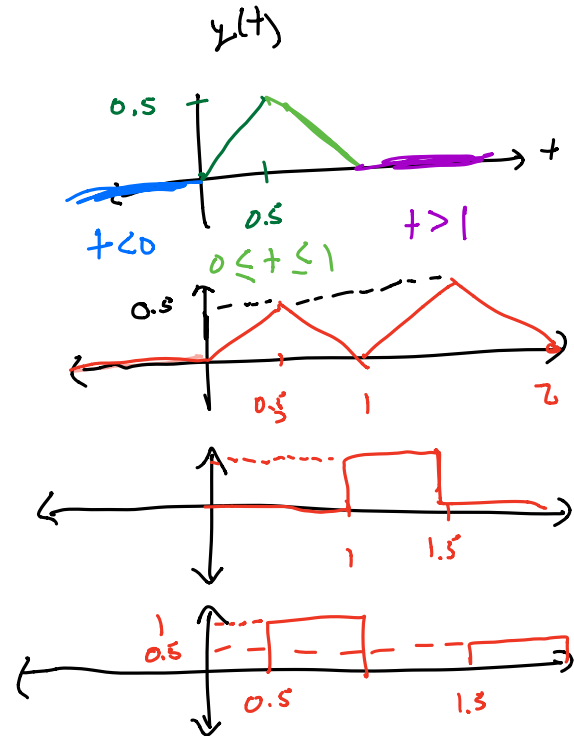


$$x(\tau) h(t-\tau) = 2\tau$$



Examples: Try these:

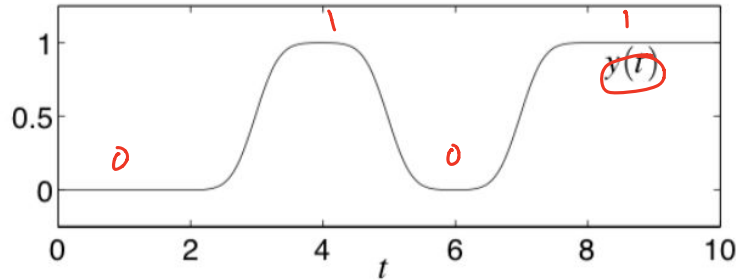
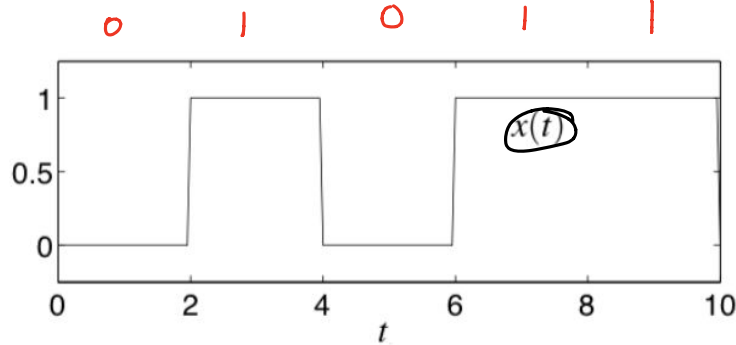
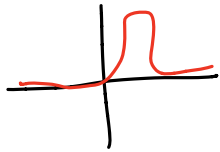
$h(t-3)$ ,  $h(t-0.5)$ ,  $h(t-1)$   
 $x(t)$



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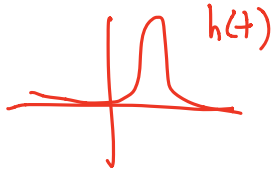
# Example: Noisy Communication

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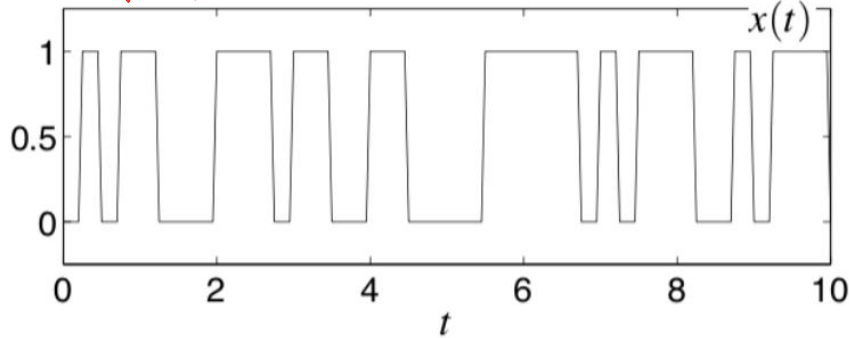




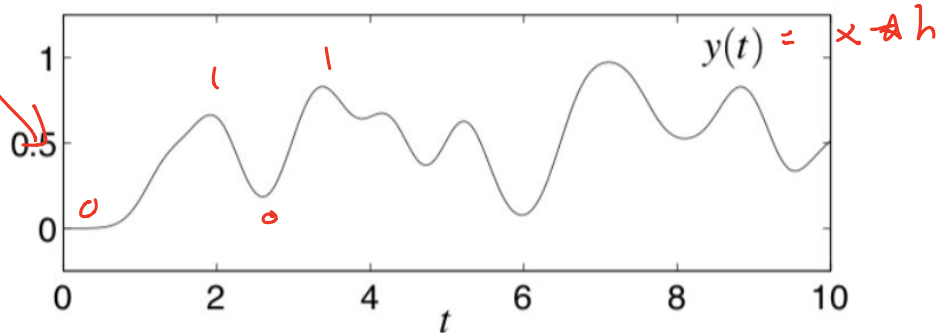
# Example Noisy Communication



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4 bits/sec



Frequency  
Analysis  
to come later  
in the class

# Causal Convolution

## Convolution for a causal system

*cp* | In a causal system,  $h(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ . (Why? Hint: what happens if  $h(t) \neq 0$  for some  $t < 0$ ?)

This means that  $h(t - \tau) = 0$  if  $\tau > t$ . Hence, there is no need to integrate if  $\tau$  exceeds  $t$ , since  $h(t - \tau) = 0$ . We can use this to simplify the convolution integral.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{y(t)} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau \end{aligned}$$

This equation tells us that only past and present values of  $x(\tau)$  contribute to  $y(t)$ .

# Properties of Convolution

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**Commutativity**

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

$$y = h \otimes x$$

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**Associativity**

$$(f * (g * h))(t) = ((f * g) * h)(t)$$

**Distributivity**

$$f * (g + h) = f * g + f * h$$

**Linearity**

$$h * (\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2) = \alpha(h * x_1) + \beta(h * x_2)$$

**Time-invariance**

$$x \rightarrow [f] \rightarrow y$$

# Commutativity

Qy Remember  $y = x \star h$ . Show that  $h \star x = x \star h$ .

$$x \star h = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(s) h(t-s) ds$$

RHS

$$\text{Set } s' = t-s \Rightarrow ds' = -ds$$

$$\text{When } s = -\infty \Rightarrow s' = +\infty$$

$$\text{When } s = \infty \Rightarrow s' = -\infty$$

$$= \int_{+\infty}^{-\infty} x(t-s') h(s') ds'$$

Commutativity of Multiplication

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(s') \star (t-s') ds' = h(t) \star x(t)$$

LHS

RHS

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(s) x(t-s) ds$$

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt =$$

$$-\int_b^a f(t) dt$$

BIBO stability



# System Stability

$$x \rightarrow \boxed{H(\cdot)} \rightarrow y$$

Stability: If  $|x(t)| \leq M_x < \infty$ , and  $y = H(x)$ , then  $H$  is a stable system, if  $|y(t)| \leq M_y < \infty$ .

Q: Prove whether  $h(t)$  is also bounded by some constant  $M_h$ .

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

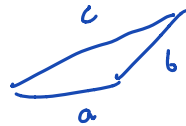
Commutativity  
of Conv.  $\downarrow$

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

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

$$\leq M_x \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau}_{< \infty} \leq M_y$$

Triangle inequality



$$|c| \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

$\therefore$  If a system is BIBO stable then  $h(t)$  is bounded

# Associativity

$$\underline{f \star (g \star h) = (f \star g) \star h}$$

$$\text{Set } \tau_2 = \tau_3 - \tau_1$$

$$// \quad f \star (g \star h) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau_1) \left[ (g \star h)(t - \tau_1) \right] d\tau_1$$

$$\tau_3 = \tau_1 + \tau_2$$

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$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (f \star g)(\tau_3) h(t - \tau_3) d\tau_3 = (f \star g) \star h.$$

QED

# Associativity and Commutativity

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$$\begin{aligned} f * g * h &= f * h * g \\ &= g * f * h \\ &\vdots \\ &= h * g * f \end{aligned}$$

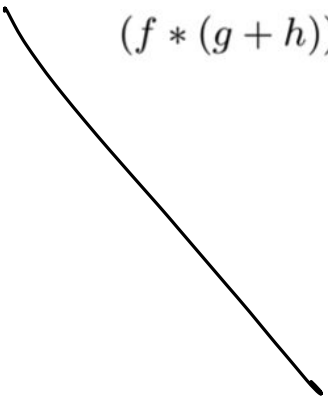
# Distributivity

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Convolution is distributive, meaning that:

$$f * (g + h) = f * g + f * h$$

To prove this, we write out the definition of convolution:


$$\begin{aligned}(f * (g + h))(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) [g(t - \tau) + h(t - \tau)] d\tau \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau \\&= (f * g)(t) + (f * h)(t)\end{aligned}$$



# CYU: Identity Element Proof

Here, we have something that looks like an “algebra of signals,” with addition like in ordinary algebra, and multiplication is replaced by convolution. In standard algebra, the multiplicative identity is 1. In signals, the convolution identity is the Dirac delta function,  $\delta(t)$ .

In particular, note that:

$$x(t) * \delta(t) = x(t)$$

CYU: Pls offer a proof

Hint: Use commutativity + sifting

Prove  $x(t) * \delta(t) = x(t)$

$$x(t) * \delta(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t-\tau) d\tau$$

:  $\{$  CYU.

$x(t)$  ✓

$\int$  is like  
the “ $\times$ ” of  
multiplication

# Delay via Convolution

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Convolution with the impulse can also be used to delay signals, i.e.,

$$\boxed{x(t) * \delta(t - t_d) = x(t - t_d)}$$

To prove this, note that:

$$x(t) * \delta(t - t_d) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t - t_d - \tau) d\tau$$

i.e.,  $x(\tau)$  is being multiplied by an impulse that occurs at  $\tau = t - t_d$ . From what we know about convolution, this extracts out the value of  $x(\tau)$  at  $t - t_d$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) * \delta(t - t_d) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t - t_d - \tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t - t_d) \delta(t - t_d - \tau) d\tau \\ &= x(t - t_d) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - t_d - \tau) d\tau \\ &= x(t - t_d) \end{aligned}$$

# Integration with Convolution

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Convolution can be used to implement integration. In particular, to integrate a signal  $x$  from  $-\infty$  to  $t$ , we integrate it with a unit step.

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) * u(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)u(t - \tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau)d\tau\end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that  $u(t - \tau)$  is zero for when  $\tau > t$ .

# Properties of Convolution

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Given these properties of convolution, there are now a few properties we can derive regarding convolution.

- **Linearity:** Convolution is **linear**, since for all signals  $x_1, x_2$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$h * (\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2) = \alpha(h * x_1) + \beta(h * x_2)$$

- **Time-invariance:** if  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$ , then if we delay the input by  $T$ , i.e., the new input is  $x(t - T)$ , then the output is  $y(t - T)$ . How would you prove this?

# Additional Properties of Convolution

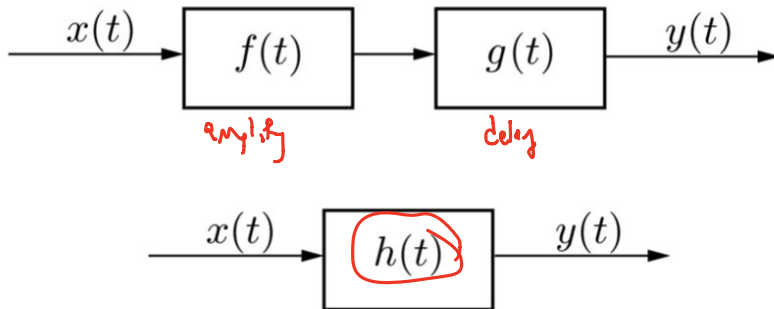
- **Cascade (composition):** Due to the associativity of convolution, the cascade connection of two convolution systems,

$$y = (x * f) * g$$

is equivalent to a single system

$$y = x * h$$

where  $h = f * g$ . That is, the following two block diagrams are equivalent:



# Additional Properties of Convolution

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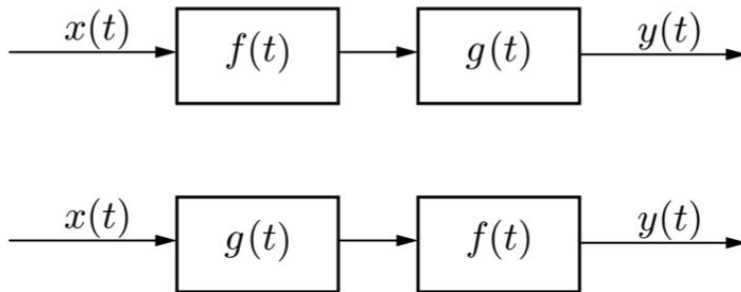
- **Swapping (composition II):** If

$$y = (x * f) * g$$

then, due to the commutivity of convolution, this is equivalent to

$$y = (x * g) * f$$

This means that you can swap the order of convolutions, as illustrated in the block diagram below:



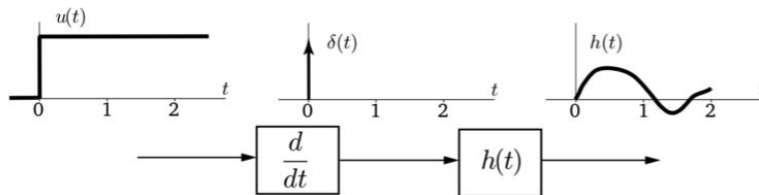
Many operations can be written as convolutions (integration, delays, differentiation, etc.) and these operations all commute.

# Additional Properties of Convolution

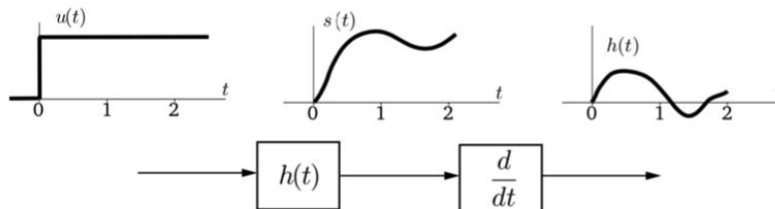
Due to commutivity, we can now find the impulse response by differentiating the step response, i.e.,

$$h(t) = \frac{ds(t)}{dt}$$

This is illustrated below.



is equivalent to



# CYU: Check if a System is Linear

Adapted from Pset #3 qst 1b

Nonlinear

①  $y(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} x(t)^2 \right)$

②  $y(t) = x(t) \frac{d}{dt} x(t)$

③ Homogeneity

$ax(t) \rightarrow \text{cloud} \rightarrow ay(t)$

$y_a(t) = ax(t) \frac{d}{dt} (ax(t)) = a^2 \left[ x(t) \frac{d}{dt} x(t) \right]$

$= a^2 y(t) \neq ay(t)$

$x \rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{x}} \rightarrow a^2 y$