

# Converting from $G(s)$ to state space

- Sometimes it is useful to reverse process described above, i.e.  
Given  $G(s)$ , find  $[A, B, C, D]$
- In fact, for a given  $G(s)$  there are infinitely many equivalent  $[A, B, C, D]$   
 $\Rightarrow$  many more dof in  $A(n^2)$ ,  $B(n)$ ,  $C(n)$   
than in polynomials  $r(s)$  ( $n+1$ ) and  $q(s)$  ( $m \leq n$ )
- One "canonical" conversion is easy to obtain where the coefs. of polys  $r(s)$  and  $q(s)$  appear as rows and/or cols of  $[A, B, C]$
- Known as "companion forms"

# Companion form (one possibility)

Given  $G(s) = \frac{q(s)}{r(s)} = \frac{\beta_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \dots + \beta_1 s + \beta_0}{s^n + \alpha_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 s + \alpha_0}$

Take

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ -\alpha_0 & -\alpha_1 & \dots & \dots & -\alpha_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = [\beta_0 \quad \beta_1 \quad \dots \quad \beta_{n-1}] \quad D = 0$$

(Note:  $A_1 = A^T$ ,  $B_1 = C^T$ ,  $C_1 = B^T$  works too!)

## Example

$$G(s) = \frac{3s^2 - 4s + 5}{s^3 + 2s^2 - s + 7}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -7 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = [5 \quad -4 \quad 3]$$

$$D = 0$$

One possible state space model  
for this TF

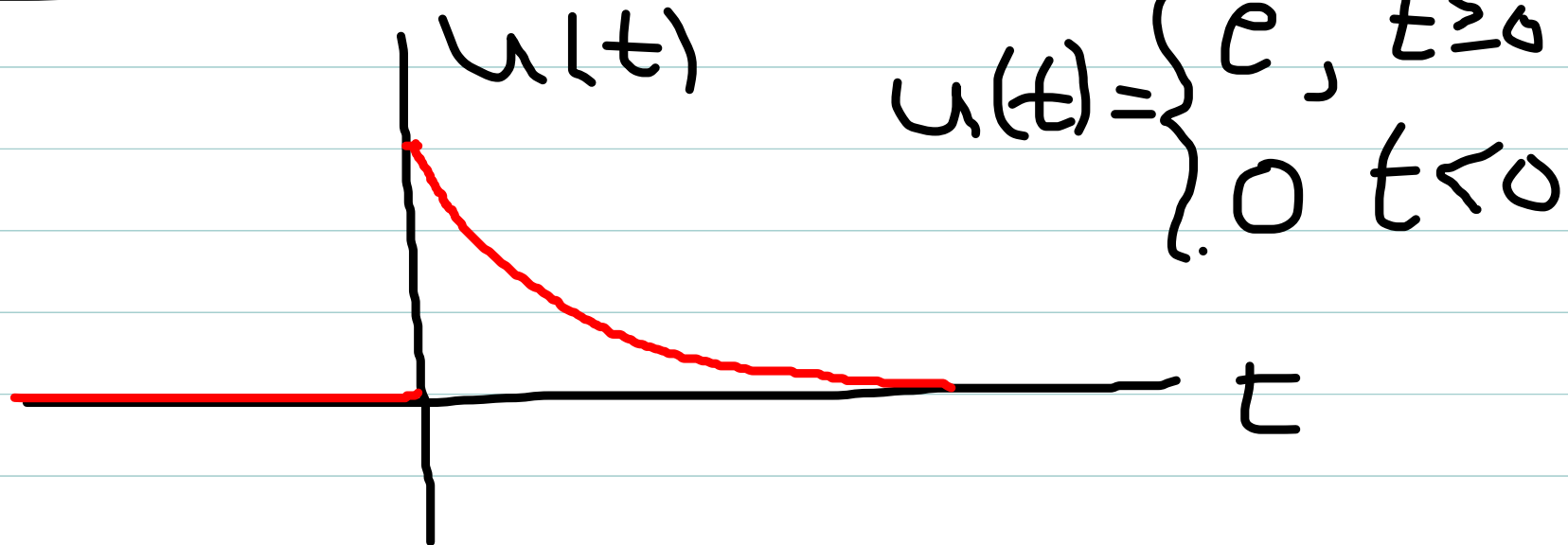
# Philosophical Question: What is $t=0$ ?

$\Rightarrow$  The instant we start acting on the system with external input.

$\Rightarrow$  In control Theory, we assume these inputs are completely "off" for  $t < 0$ .

$\Rightarrow u(t), \dot{u}(t), \ddot{u}(t), \text{etc}$  all zero for  $t < 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Discontinuities exist when  $u(0) \neq 0$



$$u(t) = \begin{cases} e^{pt}, & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(t) = e^{pt} \mathbb{I}(t)$$

Where

$$\mathbb{I}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

"Unit step function"

(Very important!)

Now, Laplace is concerned about behavior of functions only for  $t \geq 0$ .

For all intents and purposes, functions in Laplace are considered 0 for  $t < 0$

# Implication

Formally:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-p}\right\} = e^{pt} \mathbb{1}(t) \\ = \begin{cases} e^{pt}, & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{1}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \neq 0 \\ \infty & t = 0 \text{ (???)} \end{cases}$$

Theoretical problems in integrals when discontinuities or singularities at one of the end points.

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

$0 \rightarrow$  possible problem here

Resolve these by taking lower limit at  $t = 0^-$   
(the instant before  $t = 0$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  integral "sees" effect of singularities <sup>at</sup>  $t = 0$ .





Starting the integral at  $0^-$  instead of  $0$

- Avoids singularities at endpoints
- Causes transform to "see" singularities and discontinuities at  $t=0$ , so their effects will be reflected in the solutions for  $y(t)$ .

Hence:

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

Implications:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\dot{y}(t)\} = sY(s) - y(0^-)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\ddot{y}(t)\} = s^2 Y(s) - \dot{y}(0^-) - sy(0^-)$$

etc.

$$\mathcal{L}\{\dot{u}(t)\} = sU(s) - u(0^-)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\ddot{u}(t)\} = s^2 U(s) - \dot{u}(0^-) - su(0^-)$$

etc.

Assumed ICs  
for  $y(t)$ : just before  
 $t=0$

Always = 0 in our  
analysis!

Thus:

$$Y(s) = \left[ \frac{q(s)}{r(s)} \right] U(s) + \left[ \frac{C(s) - \cancel{b(s)}}{r(s)} \right] \phi$$
$$= \left[ \frac{q(s)}{r(s)} \right] U(s) + \left[ \frac{C(s)}{r(s)} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  IC polynomial  $b(s)$  for input vanishes

$\Rightarrow$  specific to controls convention for  $u(t)$

$\Rightarrow$  Not a common assumption in regular math classes.

$\Rightarrow$  In controls, want to know effect of discontinuities

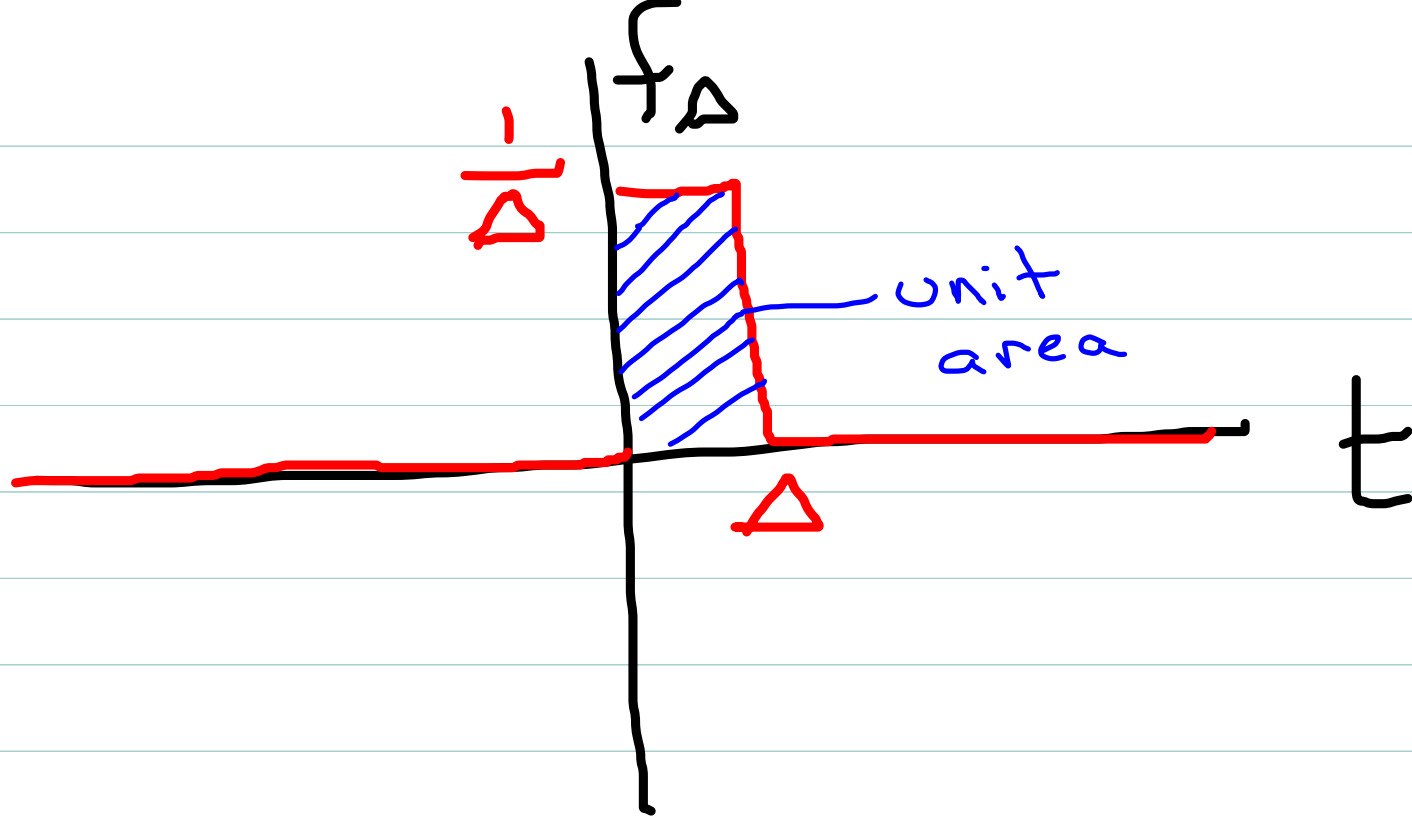
## Common, discontinuous "test functions"

$$u(t) = \mathbb{1}(t) \quad (\text{unit step}) \quad \mathcal{L}\{\mathbb{1}(t)\} = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \cos(\omega t) \mathbb{1}(t) \\ &= \begin{cases} \cos(\omega t) & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u(t) &= f_{\Delta}(t) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Delta} & 0 \leq t \leq \Delta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

"Unit pulse function"



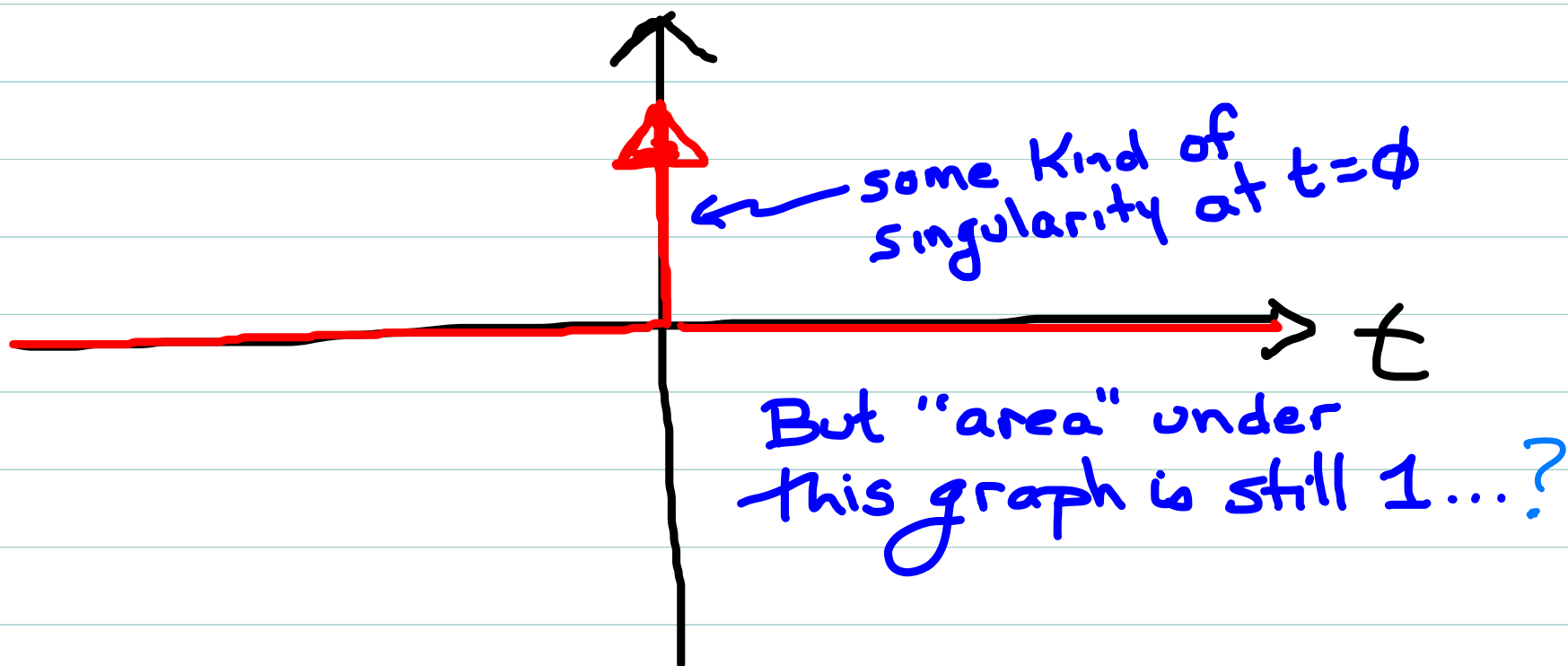
Note: for any  $\Delta > 0$

$$\int_{0^-}^{\infty} f_{\Delta}(t) dt = \int_{0^-}^{\Delta} \left(\frac{1}{\Delta}\right) dt \\ = 1$$

What is  $\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} f_{\Delta}(t)$ ?

$$= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Delta} & \phi \leq t \leq \Delta \\ \phi & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \infty & t = \phi \\ \phi & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Define:

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

"Ideal impulse": Models delivering a unit of input energy over negligibly small time.  
(Sharp "Kick")

Alternate names:

"delta function"

"impulse function"

"Dirac delta"

Note: Not really a meaningful function at all!

More formally, belongs to a class of mathematical objects called

"distributions" or "generalized functions"

Suppose  $\delta(t)$  appears in an integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) h(t) dt, \quad h(t) \text{ arbitrary f'n}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} f_{\Delta}(t) \right] h(t) dt$$

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$$= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{0^-}^{\Delta} h(t) dt \right\}$$

$$\cong \left( \frac{1}{\Delta} \right) (\Delta h(0))$$

$$= h(0)$$

Note: with  $h(t) = 1$   
for all  $t$ , we get

$$\int_{0^-}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$



## Defining Property of $\delta(t)$

$$\int_a^b \delta(t) h(t) dt = \begin{cases} h(\phi) & \text{if } \phi \in (a, b) \\ \phi & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

"Sifting property"

⇒  $\delta(t)$  is defined by what it does in an integral

Not as an ordinary function

Now we can compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} &= \int_{0^-}^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= [e^{-st}]_{t=\phi} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = 1$$

and by linearity:

$$\mathcal{L}\{c\delta(t)\} = c \quad \text{for any constant } c.$$

Now recall

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{I}(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & t=0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

which looks like  $\frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{I}(t) = \delta(t)$ .  
Is this formally true?

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$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{I}(t)\right\} = s \mathcal{L}\{\mathbb{I}(t)\} - \mathbb{I}(0) \rightarrow 0$$

$$= 1 = \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} \quad \text{YES}$$

## Recap: Unit Impulse

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} f_{\Delta}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \neq 0 \\ \infty & t = 0 \end{cases}$$

"sifting property":

$$\int_a^b \delta(t) h(t) dt = \begin{cases} h(0) & \text{if } 0 \in [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Laplace Transform:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = 1$$

Useful property:

$$\frac{d}{dt} 1(t) = \delta(t)$$

# Impulse Response

The impulse response of a system is the output  $y(t)$  when  $u(t) = \delta(t)$  and all ICs on  $y(t)$  are zero.

$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s) + \frac{[c(s) - b(s)]}{r(s)}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(t) = \delta(t) \Rightarrow b(s) = \emptyset \text{ and } U(s) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{all ICs on } y(t) \text{ zero} \Rightarrow c(s) = \emptyset$$

So:

$$Y(s) = G(s)$$

and thus

$$y(t) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\{G(s)\} \triangleq g(t)$$

The impulse response  $g(t)$  is the inverse transform of the transfer function  $G(s)$

Conversely, Knowledge (or measurement) of  $g(t)$  tells us what the transfer function is, and hence the governing diff'l eq'ns.

$\Rightarrow$  Foundation of "system identification" theory.