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Part A:

Continuous-Time Systems

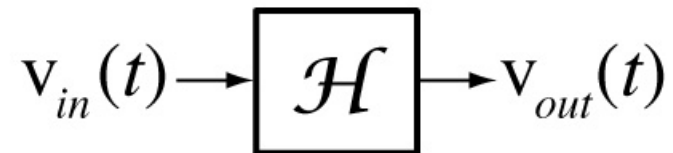
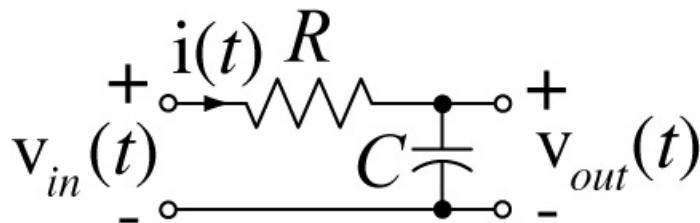
❖ System Representation

- System is a mathematical model of a process



- Useful to

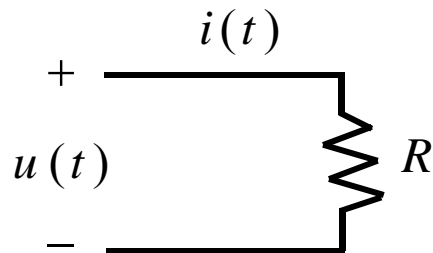
{	Analyze	Actual devices
	Model	
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❖ System Representation: Static / Dynamic

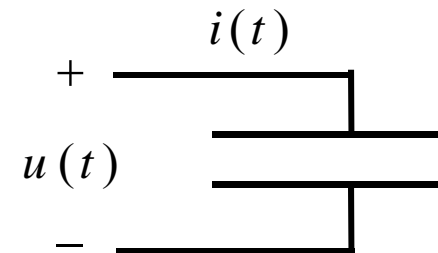
STATIC

- Can not store energy
- Can not remember its states
- System output depends on input at present time only
- Input/output equation represented by algebraic equations

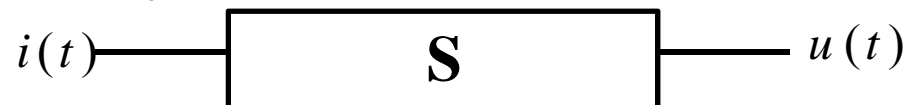


DYNAMIC

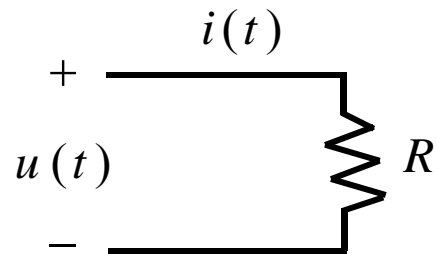
- Can store energy
- Can remember its states
- System output depends on inputs other than present time only
- Input/output equation represented by differential/difference equation



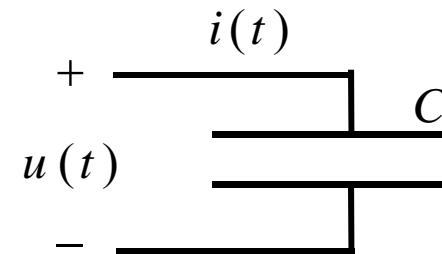
- Circuits excited by current $i(t)$



System Representation: Static / Dynamic, cont'



$$u(t) = Ri(t)$$

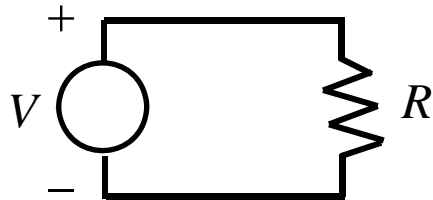


$$u(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^{+} i(t) dt$$

❖ System Classification: Lumped / Distributed

LUMPED PARAMETER SYSTEM

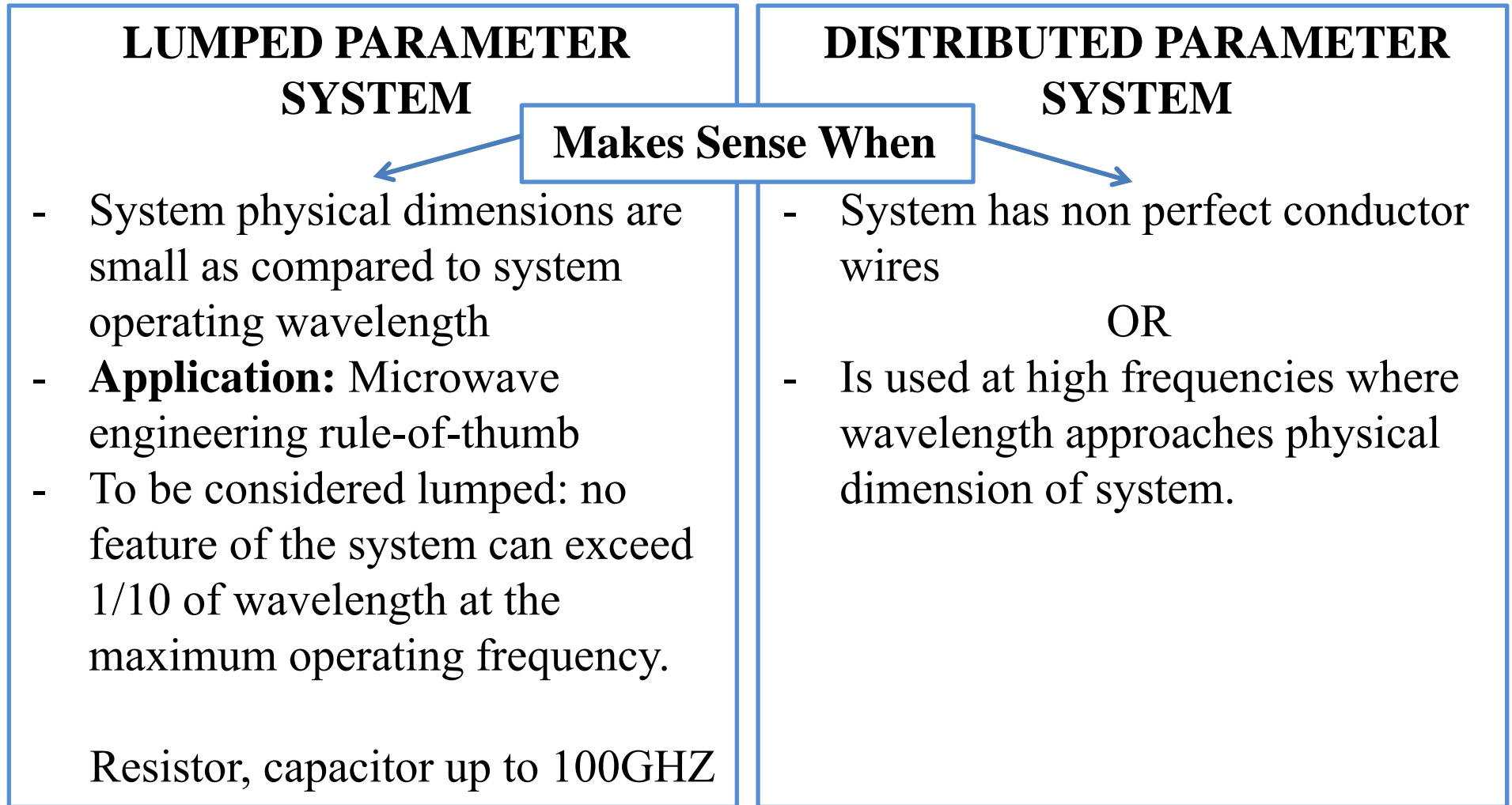
- Disturbance at any point in system propagates to every point instantaneously
- ➔ We can ignore the time it takes for signals to propagate around the system



DISTRIBUTED PARAMETER SYSTEM

- Disturbance at any point in system takes some time to propagate to other points of the system

System Classification: Lumped / Distributed, cont'

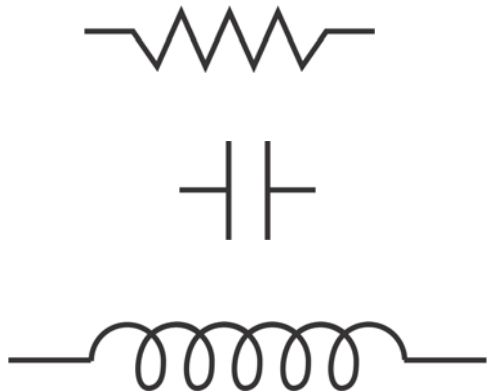


❖ System Classification: Active / Passive

PASSIVE

- Unable to deliver energy to outside world

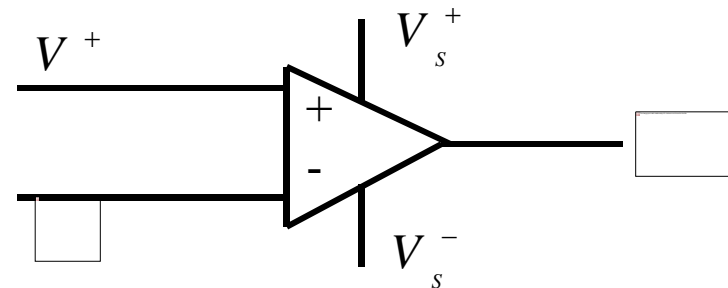
- **EXAMPLES:**



ACTIVE

- Can deliver energy to outside world

- **EXAMPLE:** (op amp)



❖ System Classification: With Memory / Without Memory

WITHOUT MEMORY

- Output at any time depends only output at same time

$$y(t) = R x(t)$$

WITH MEMORY

- Output at any time may depend on previous, present, and/or past values of the input.

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$$

❖ System Classification: Causal / Non Causal

CAUSAL

- Output at time t_0 depends only on present and/or past value of input.

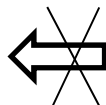
$$y(t) = x(t) + x(t - 2)$$

NON CAUSAL

- Output at time t_0 depends on future values of input

$$y(t) = x(t + 1)$$

NOTE: Memoryless \Rightarrow causal



❖ System Classification: Stable

- Definition: A system is said to be stable if any bounded input $x(t)$ leads to a bounded output $y(t)$

EXAMPLE: $y_1(t) = x(t + 1)$
 $y_2(t) = tx(t)$

❖ System Classification: Feedback

- **Definition:** A system in which output signal is fed-back and added to system



❖ Continuous-Time Systems Building Blocks



Impulse response to system S



- **Ideal Delay**



- Mathematical Definition

$$y(t) = x(t - T_d)$$

- System impulse response

$$x(t) = \delta(t) \Rightarrow y(t) = h(t)$$
$$=$$

- **Integrator**



- Mathematical Definition

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

- System impulse response

$$x(t) = \delta(t)$$
$$\Rightarrow h(t) =$$

EXAMPLE: Integrator Output

- Assume: $x(t) = e^{-0.8t} u(t)$
- Find $y(t) = S \{x(t)\}$

- **Differentiator**



- Mathematical Definition:

$$y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$$

EXAMPLE: Differentiator Output

$$x(t) = e^{-0.8t}u(t) \quad \text{Find: } y(t) = S \{x(t)\}$$

❖ Linearity

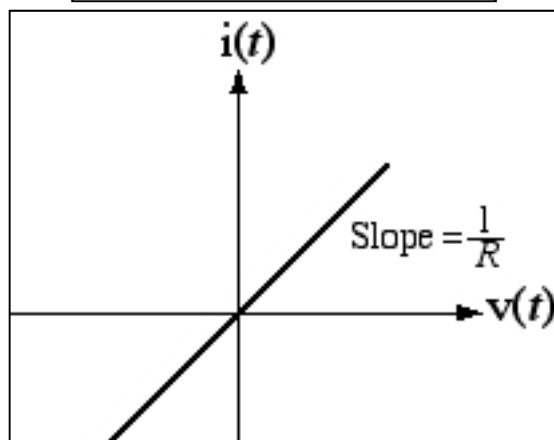


- **Definition:** A system is linear iff for inputs $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ and any constants α and β we have

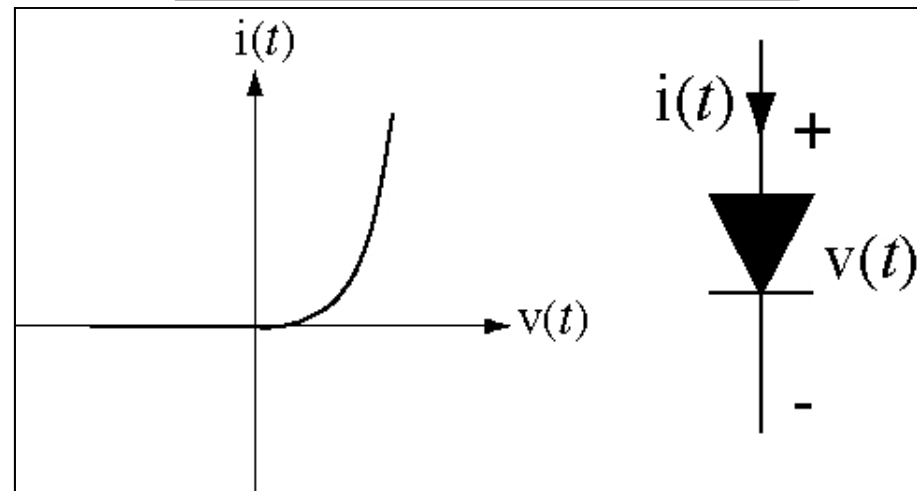
$$S \{ \alpha x_1(t) + \beta x_2(t) \} = \alpha S \{ x_1(t) \} + \beta S \{ x_2(t) \}$$

Many real systems are non-linear because the relationship between excitation amplitude and response amplitude is non-linear

V-I Diagram for a Linear Resistor



V-I Diagram for a Diode



Linearity, cont'



EXAMPLES:

$$y_1(t) = 2x(t)$$

$$y_2(t) = 2x(t) + 1$$

$$y_3(t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T}^t x(\tau) d\tau$$

$$y_4(t) = |x(t)|$$

$$y_5(t) = x^2(t)$$

$$y_6(t) = \cos(x(t)), \quad x(t) \text{ finite}$$

❖ Invertibility



Definition: A system is invertible if knowledge of the output $y(t)$ allows to uniquely determine the input $x(t)$.

EXAMPLES:

$$y_1(t) = \sin(x(t))$$

$$y_2(t) = |x(t)|$$

❖ Time-Invariance



Definition: A system is time-invariant if a shift in the input $x(t)$ produces the same shift in the output $y(t)$

LTI System Definition: When the system is linear AND time-invariant it is called **LTI**

EXAMPLES:

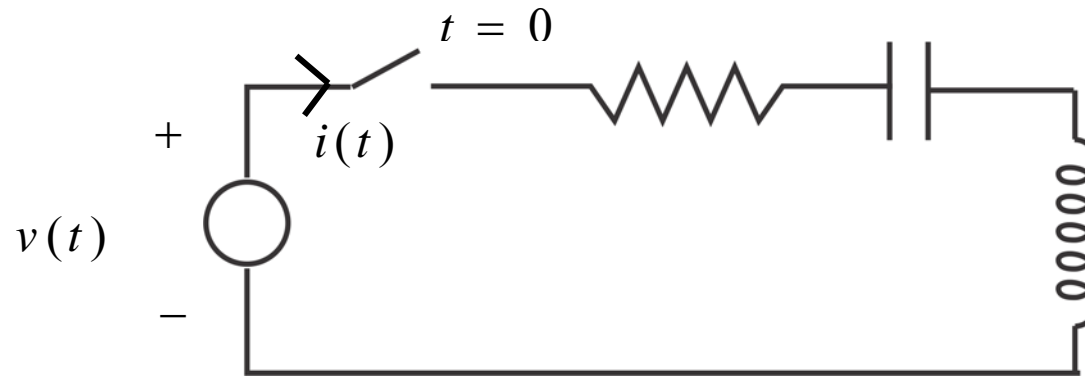
$$y_1(t) = 2x(t)$$

$$y_2(t) = x(2t)$$

$$y_3(t) = x(t - D)$$

❖ Representation of Systems by Differential Equations

- Introduction



Assume: No initial energy stored in inductor or capacitor (at $t=0$, current in inductor and voltage in capacitor are equal to 0)

$$v(t) = Ri(t) + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t) dt$$

Input: $i(t)$

Output: $v(t)$

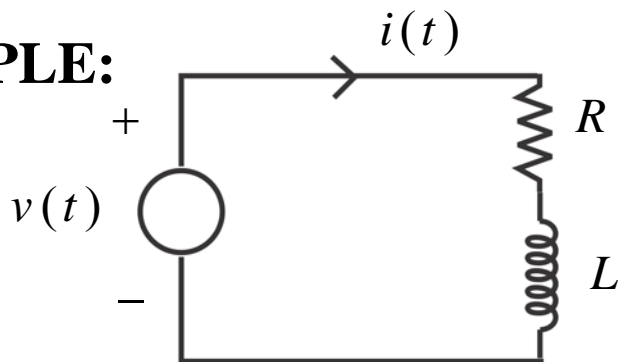
$$\frac{dv(t)}{dt} = R \frac{di(t)}{dt} + L \frac{d^2 i(t)}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{C} i(t)$$

Representation of Systems by Differential Equations, cont'

- Most continuous-time dynamic systems represented by ODEs
- Order of differential equation = number of elements which can store energy

$$a_0 y(t) + a_1 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \dots + a_N \frac{d^N y(t)}{dt^N} = b_0 x(t) + b_1 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \dots + b_M \frac{d^M x(t)}{dt^M}$$
$$t \geq 0$$

EXAMPLE:



$$\begin{cases} v(t) = Ri(t) + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} \\ i(0) = I_o \end{cases}$$

Representation of Systems by Differential Equations, cont'

$$y(t) + a_1 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \dots + a_N \frac{d^N y(t)}{dt^N} = b_0 x(t) + b_1 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \dots + b_M \frac{d^M x(t)}{dt^M}$$

With

- N initial conditions $\left. \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} \right|_{t=0}$ for $k = 0, \dots, N - 1$;

- $x(t) = 0 \quad t < 0$

Leads to general solution: $y(t) = y_p(t) + y_h(t)$

Particular solution due to
input $x(t)$

Homogeneous solution due only
to initial conditions when input
signal $x(t) = 0$

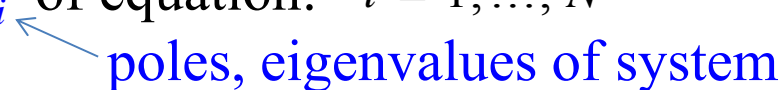
Note: When initial conditions = 0, $y(t)$ only depends on the input $x(t)$ → system is LTI
When initial conditions $\neq 0$, when checking for linearity, only input gets changed
while initial conditions remain the same → system is nonlinear

❖ How to Solve Differential Equations / Part 1: Homogeneous Equation (homogeneous solution)

Assume $x(t) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) + a_1 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \dots + a_N \frac{d^N y(t)}{dt^N} = 0$$

$$\text{with i.c. } y(0), \left. \frac{d}{dt} y(t) \right|_{t=0}, \dots, \left. \frac{d^{N-1}}{dt^{N-1}} y(t) \right|_{t=0}$$

1. Form characteristic equation $a_0 + a_1 s + \dots + a_N s^N = 0$
2. Solve for roots s_i of equation: $i = 1, \dots, N$


poles, eigenvalues of system
3. For distinct roots

Solution of homogeneous equation is given by:

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t} + \dots + c_N e^{s_N t}$$

Homogeneous Equation, cont'

Example: Assume $a_0 y(t) + a_1 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \dots + a_2 \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} = 0$

↳ Characteristic Equation: $a_0 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2 = 0$

Special cases: * Multiple roots: 2 equal and real roots: $s_1 = s_2 = s$

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{st} + c_2 t e^{st}$$

* Complex conjugate roots: $s_1 = a + jb, s_2 = s_1^*$

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t} = e^{at} (a_1 \cos bt + a_2 \sin bt)$$

$$\text{where } a_1 = c_1 + c_2 \quad a_2 = (c_1 - c_2) j$$

❖ How to Solve Differential Equations/ Part 2: Non Homogeneous Equation (particular solution)

$$y(t) + a_1 \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + \dots + a_N \frac{d^N y(t)}{dt^N} = b_0 x(t) + \dots + b_M \frac{d^M x(t)}{dt^M}$$

- Expression depends on specific input $x(t)$

input $x(t)$	$y_p(t)$
A	B
$A e^{at}$	$B e^{at}$
$A \cos(at + \theta)$	$B_1 \cos(at) + B_2 \sin(at)$
$A t^n$	$\sum_{k=0}^n B_k t^k$

Constraints: if any term of $y_p(t)$ appears in $y_h(t)$, the specific common term in $y_p(t)$ gets multiplied by the smallest integral power of t large enough so that none of the resulting terms in $y_p(t)$ appear in $y_h(t)$

Any unknown constant identified by replacing expression in differential equation

How to Solve Differential Equations, cont'

$$y(t) + a_1 \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + \dots + a_N \frac{d^N y(t)}{dt^N} = b_0 x(t) + \dots + b_M \frac{d^M x(t)}{dt^M}$$

Overall procedure to solve the differential equation:

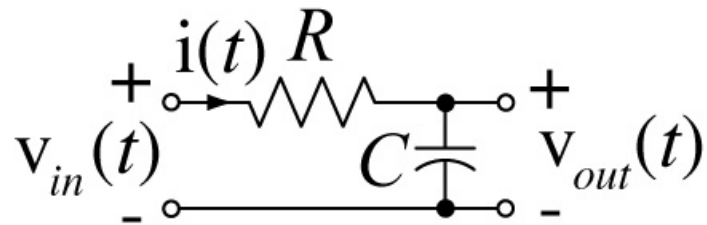
- 1) Compute homogeneous solution $y_h(t)$ [assume RHS=0]
- 2) Identify particular solution $y_p(t)$ due to specific input $x(t)$. Identify unknown constants (if any) by replacing $y_p(t)$ in differential equation
- 3) Form overall solution as $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$
- 4) Identify unknown constants present in $y(t)$ by using initial conditions.

❖ How to Solve Differential Equations - Examples

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + \frac{dy(t)}{dt} = 2t; \quad y(0) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} y(t) \right|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^3 y(t)}{dt^3} - y(t) = \sin(t); \quad y(0) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} y(t) \right|_{t=0} = \left. \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} \right|_{t=0} = 0$$

❖ How to Solve Differential Equations – Circuit Example 1

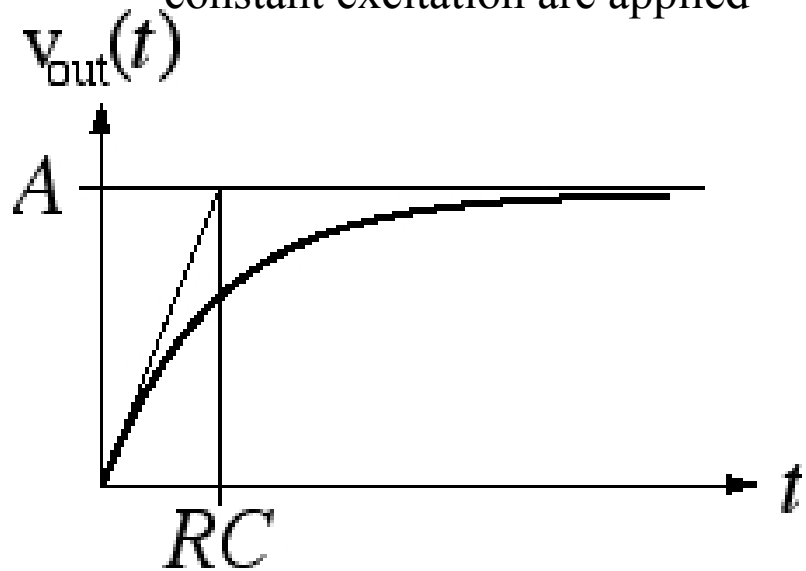


Assume $R=1\Omega$, $C=1F$

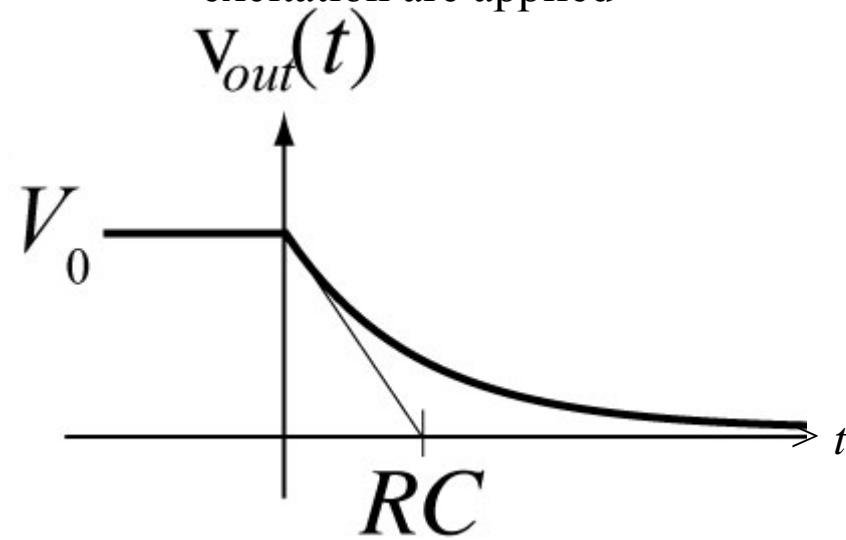
Input voltage $v_{in}(t)=Au(t)$

Initial voltage $v_{out}(0)=V_0$

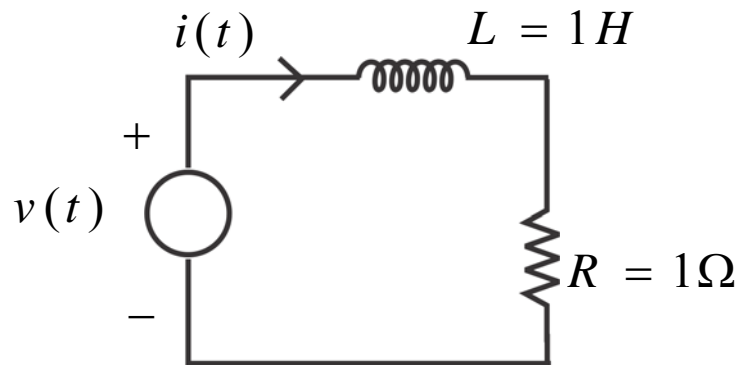
When no initial voltage and constant excitation are applied



When initial voltage V_0 and no excitation are applied



❖ How to Solve Differential Equations – Circuit Example 2



Initial current in induction: I_0
 $v(t) = Bu(t)$

Find the expression for the current $i(t)$ when

a) $B = 1$ $I_0 = 1$

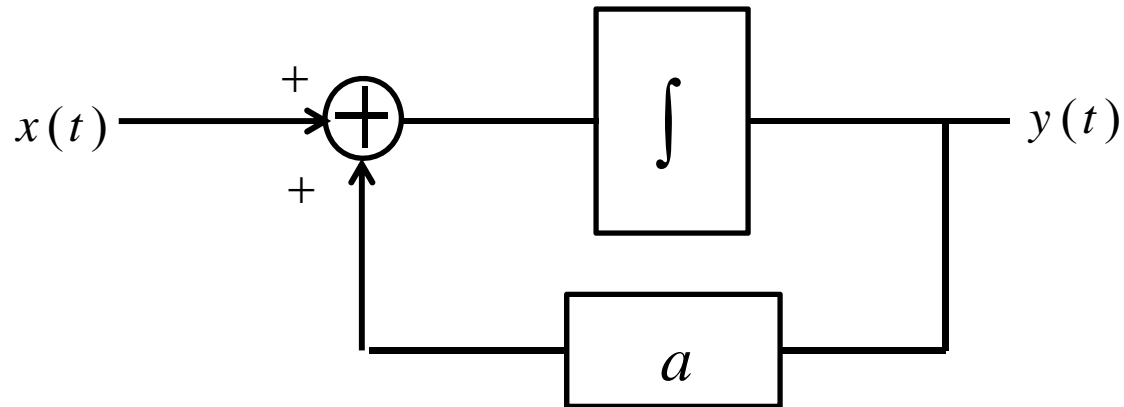
b) $B = 2$ $I_0 = 0$

❖ Example

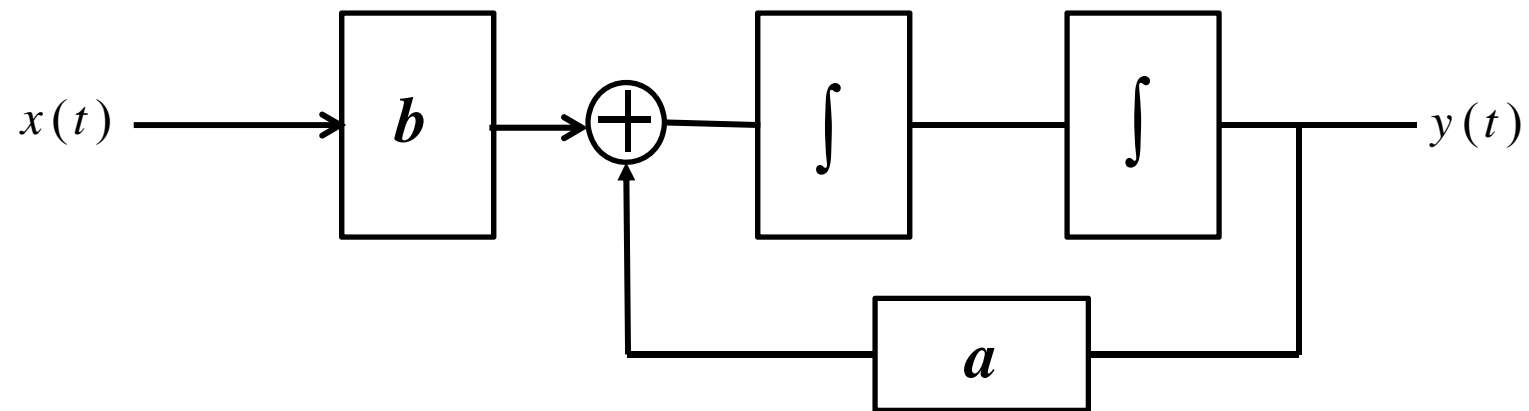
Compute the impulse response of the causal system described by:

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ay(t) = x(t)$$

❖ Representing Systems: From Block Diagram to Differential Equations



Representing Systems, cont'



❖ Representing Systems: From Differential Equations to Block Diagrams

$$1) \quad \frac{d}{dt} y(t) - ay(t) = x(t)$$

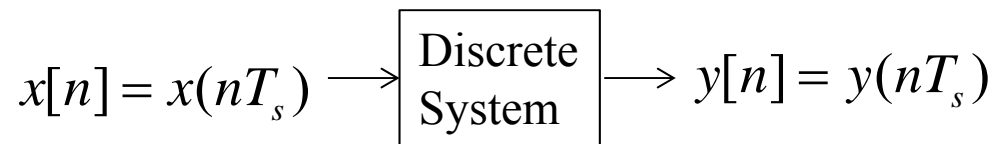
$$2) \quad \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt} - ay(t) = bx(t)$$

Part B:

Discrete-Time Systems

❖ Basic Discrete-Time System Characteristics

- Events occur at sample points in time but not between them.
- Discrete-time example: **digital computer** → Significant events occur at the end of each clock cycle.
- Similar block diagram configurations as for continuous system structures
- Discrete-time systems can be described by **difference** (not differential) **equations**.



$$y[n] = 0.8y[n-1] + x[n]$$

❖ Solving Difference Equations

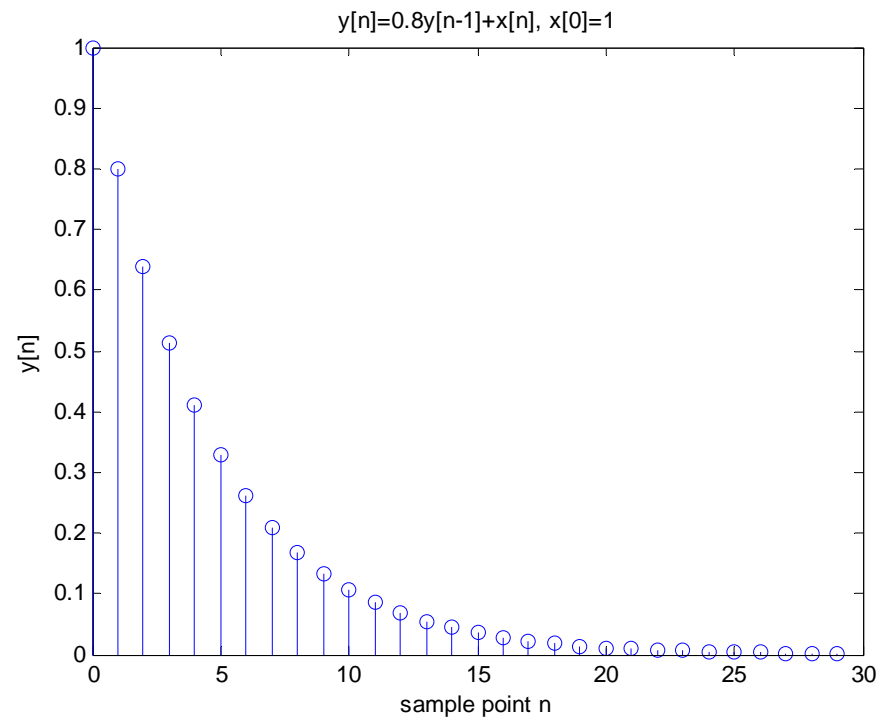
Example :

$$y[n] = 0.8y[n-1] + x[n],$$

$$x[0] = 1, x[n] = 0, n > 0$$

- Solving can be done recursively using a computer

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y[1] = 1;  
for k=2:N  
    y[k] = 0.8 * y[k-1];  
end  
stem(0:N-1,y)
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❖ Discrete-Time System Properties

Mostly derived in the same fashion as for continuous systems

Example: - Discrete system is linear if:

$$S \{ ax_1[n] + bx_2[n] \} = aS \{ x_1[n] \} + bS \{ x_2[n] \}$$

- LTI Discrete system is stable if:

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |h[k]| < \infty$$

Appendix

❖ Differential Equations - Homogeneous Equation case

$$y(t) + a_1 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \dots + a_N \frac{d^N y(t)}{dt^N} = 0$$

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poles, eigenvalues of system
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Solution of homogeneous equation is given by:

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t} + \dots + c_N e^{s_N t}$$

Why ?



A few words on the characteristics of the solution:

Assume 1st order differential equation:

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ay(t) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy(t)}{dt} = -ay(t)$$

$y(t)$ and $y'(t)$ must have same functional form
→ which is only possible when $y(t) = e^{Kt}$

More details about differential equations in Web Appendix D [Roberts Textbook]

