

# 6.003: Signals and Systems

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**Today's handouts:** Single package containing

- Slides for Lecture 1
- Subject Information & Calendar

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**Text:** *Signals and Systems* – Oppenheim and Willsky

## 6.003: Homework

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Doing the homework is essential for understanding the content.

- where subject matter is/isn't learned
- equivalent to “practice” in sports or music

Weekly Homework Assignments

- Conventional Homework Problems plus
- **Engineering Design Problems** (Python/Matlab)

**Open Office Hours !**

- Stata Basement (32-044)
- Mondays and Tuesdays, afternoons and early evenings

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### Collaboration Policy

- **Discussion** of concepts in homework is encouraged
- **Sharing** of homework or code is not permitted and will be reported to the COD

### Firm Deadlines

- Homework must be submitted in recitation on due date
- Each student can submit one late homework assignment without penalty.
- Grades on other late assignments will be multiplied by 0.5 (unless excused by an Instructor, Dean, or Medical Official).

## 6.003 At-A-Glance

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Feb 2	L1: Signals and Systems		R1: Continuous & Discrete Systems	L2: Discrete-Time Systems	R2: Difference Equations
Feb 9	L3: Feedback, Cycles, and Modes	HW1 due	R3: Feedback, Cycles, and Modes	L4: CT Operator Representations	R4: CT Systems
Feb 16	<b>Presidents Day: Monday Schedule</b>	HW2 due	R5: CT Operator Representations	L5: Second-Order Systems	R6: Second-Order Systems
Feb 23	L6: Laplace and Z Transforms	HW3 due	R7: Laplace and Z Transforms	L7: Transform Properties	R8: Transform Properties
Mar 2	L8: Convolution; Impulse Response	EX4	<b>Exam 1</b> no recitation	L9: Frequency Response	R9: Convolution and Freq. Resp.
Mar 9	L10: Bode Diagrams	HW5 due	R10: Bode Diagrams	L11: DT Feedback and Control	R11: Feedback and Control
Mar 16	L12: CT Feedback and Control	HW6 due	R12: CT Feedback and Control	L13: CT Feedback and Control	R13: CT Feedback and Control
Mar 23	<b>Spring Week</b>				
Mar 30	L14: CT Fourier Series	HW7	R14: CT Fourier Series	L15: CT Fourier Series	R15: CT Fourier Series
Apr 6	L16: CT Fourier Transform	EX8 due	<b>Exam 2</b> no recitation	L17: CT Fourier Transform	R16: CT Fourier Transform
Apr 13	L18: DT Fourier Transform	HW9 due	R17: DT Fourier Transform	L19: DT Fourier Transform	R18: DT Fourier Transform
Apr 20	<b>Patriots Day Vacation</b>	HW10	R19: Fourier Transforms	L20: Fourier Relations	R20: Fourier Relations
Apr 27	L21: Sampling	EX11 due	<b>Exam 3</b> no recitation	L22: Sampling	R21: Sampling
May 4	L23: Modulation	HW12 due	R22: Modulation	L24: Modulation	R23: Modulation
May 11	L25: Applications of 6.003	EX13	R24: Review	Breakfast with Staff	Study Period
May 18	<b>Final Examination Period</b>				

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Weekly meetings with **class representatives**

- help staff understand student perspective
- learn about teaching

One representative from each section (4 total)

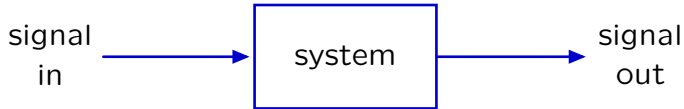
Tentatively meet on Thursday afternoon

Interested? ... Send email to **[freeman@mit.edu](mailto:freeman@mit.edu)**

# The Signals and Systems Abstraction

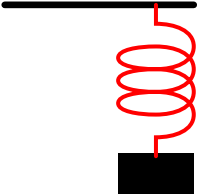
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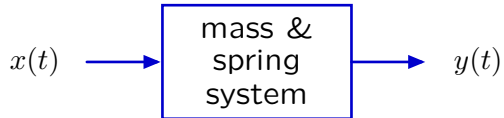
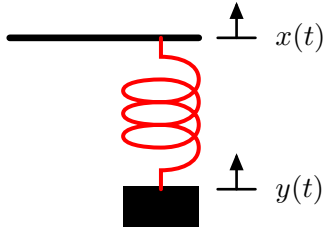
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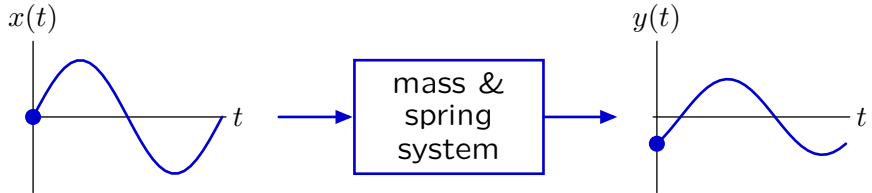
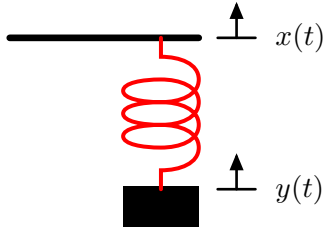
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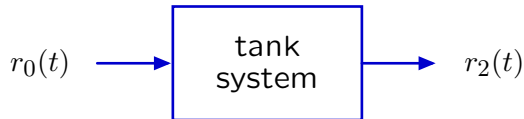
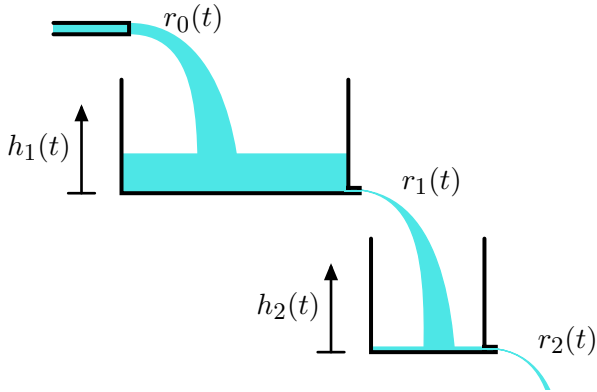
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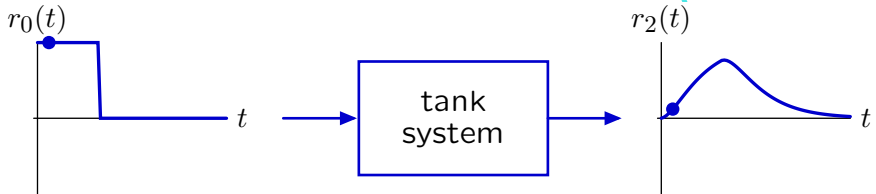
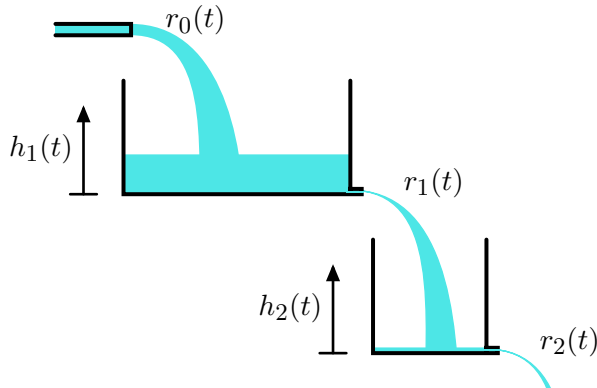


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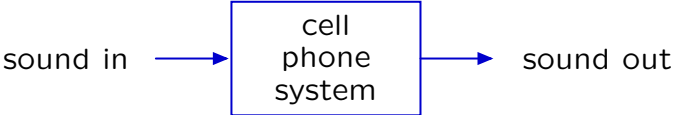
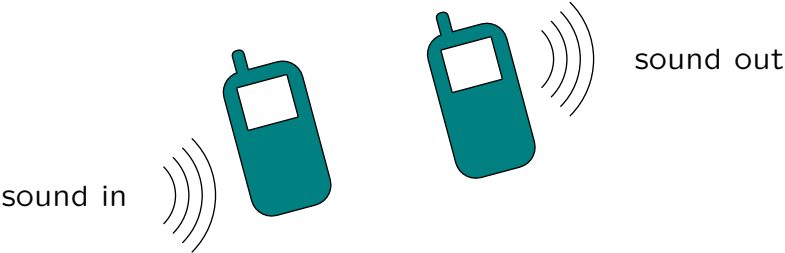


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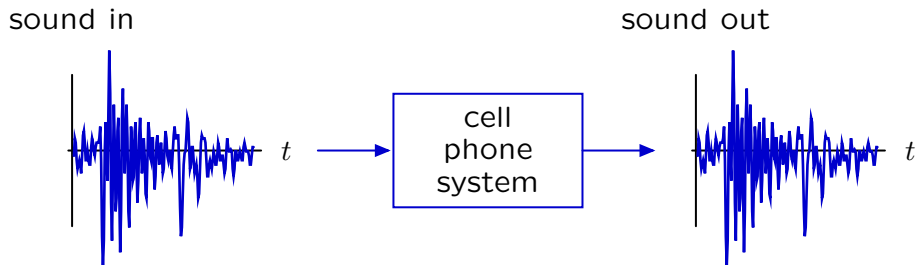
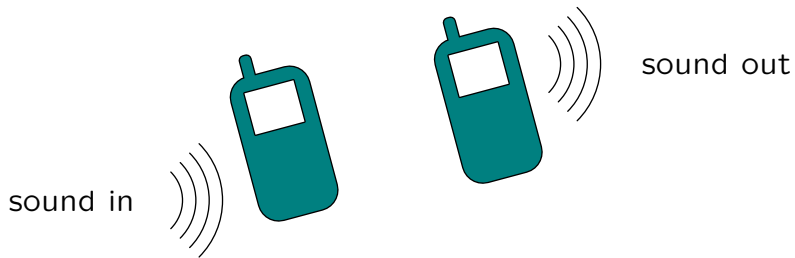
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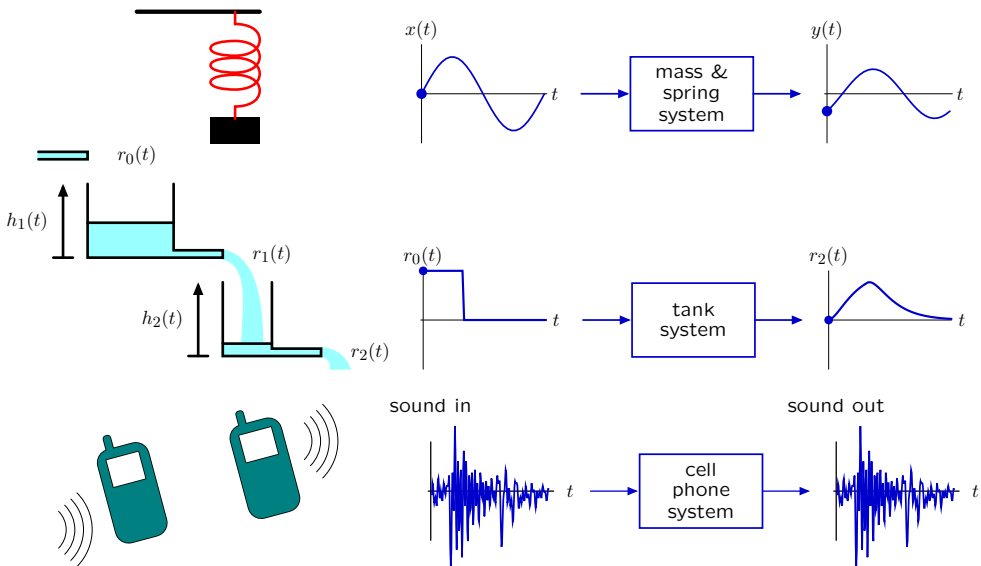
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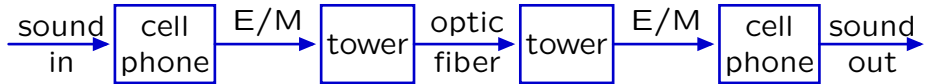
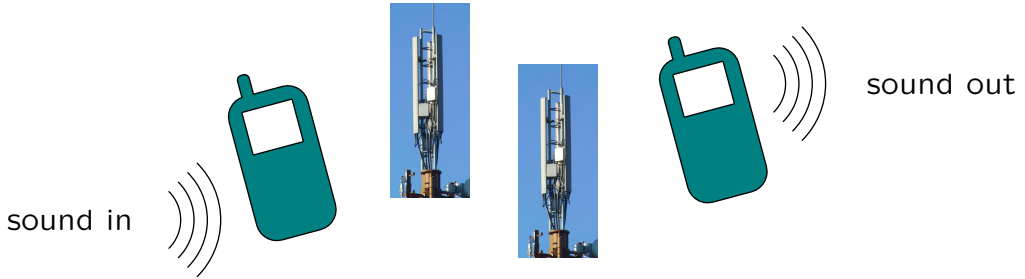
# Signals and Systems: Widely Applicable

The Signals and Systems approach has broad application: electrical, mechanical, optical, acoustic, biological, financial, ...



# Signals and Systems: Modular

The representation does not depend upon the physical substrate.



focuses on the flow of **information**, abstracts away everything else

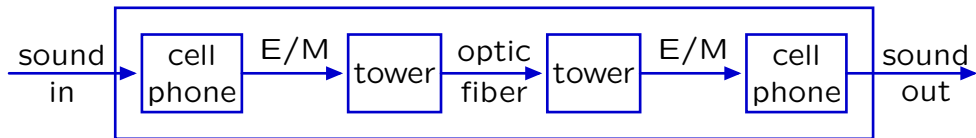


## Signals and Systems: Hierarchical

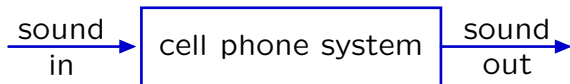
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Representations of component systems are easily combined.

Example: cascade of component systems



Composite system



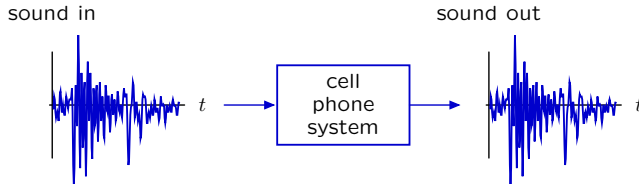
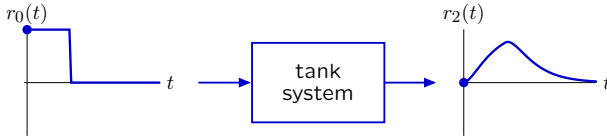
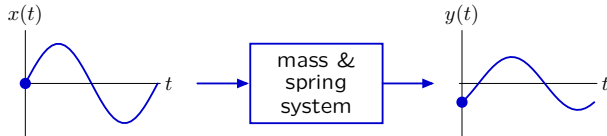
Component and composite systems have the same form, and are analyzed with same methods.

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Signals are mathematical functions.

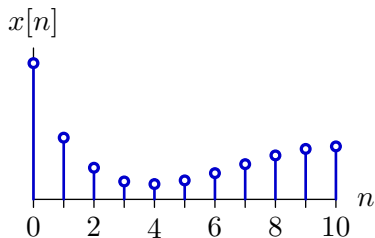
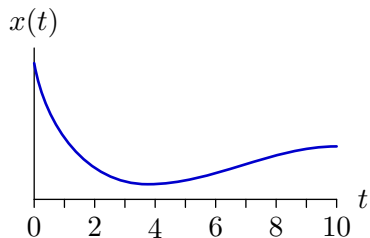
- independent variable = time
- dependent variable = voltage, flow rate, sound pressure



## Signals and Systems

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continuous “time” (CT) and discrete “time” (DT)



Many physical systems operate in continuous time.

- mass and spring
- leaky tank

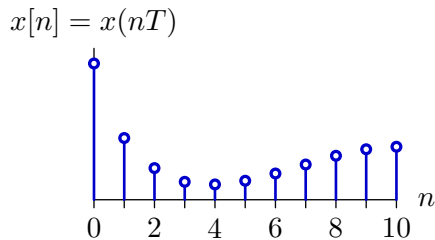
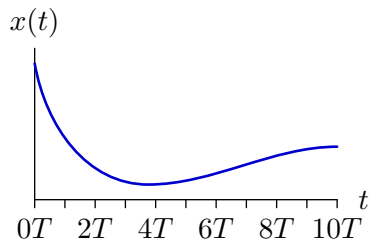
Digital computations are done in discrete time.

- state machines: given the current input and current state, what is the next output and next state.

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Sampling: converting CT signals to DT



$T =$  sampling interval

Important for computational manipulation of physical data.

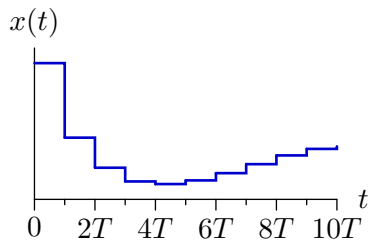
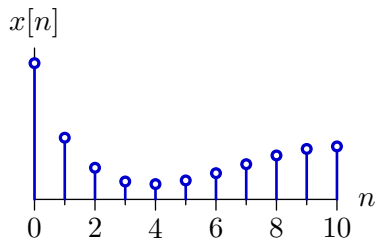
- digital representations of audio signals (e.g., MP3)
- digital representations of pictures (e.g., JPEG)

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Reconstruction: converting DT signals to CT

zero-order hold



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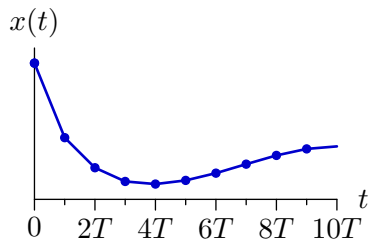
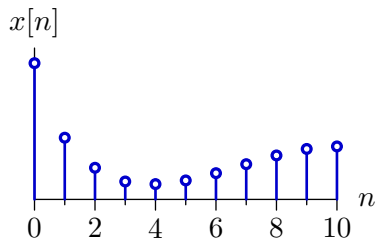
commonly used in audio output devices such as CD players

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piecewise linear

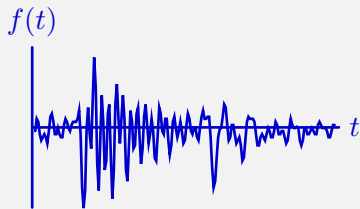


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commonly used in rendering images

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Computer generated speech (by Robert Donovan)



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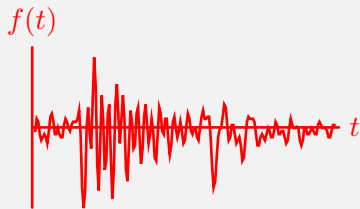
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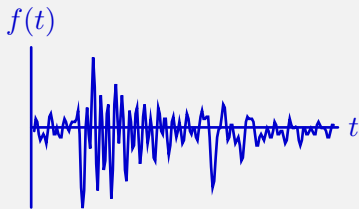
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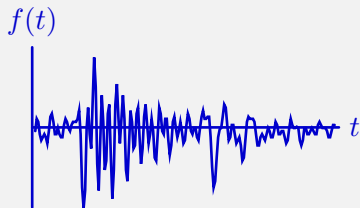
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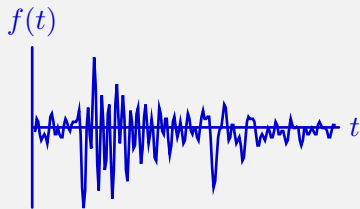
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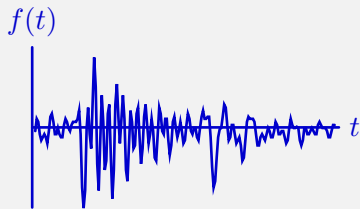
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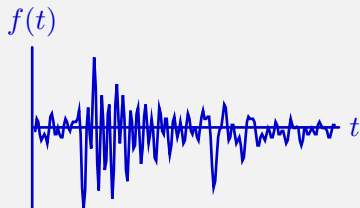
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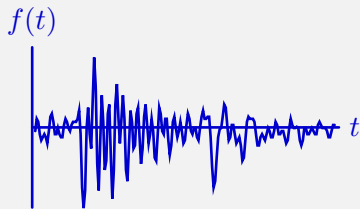
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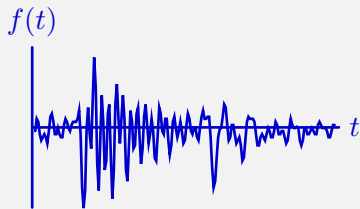
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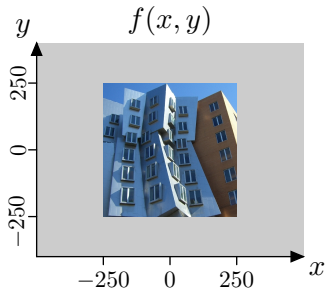
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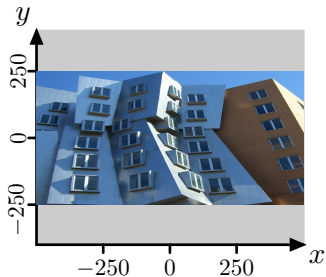
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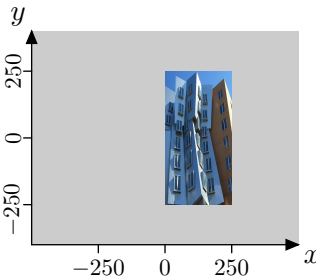
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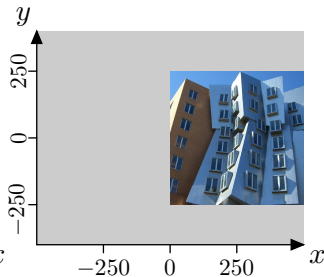
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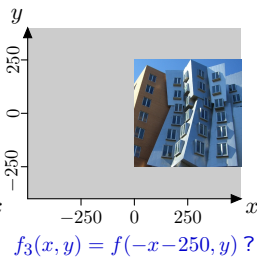
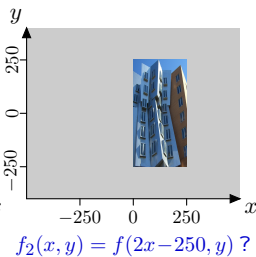
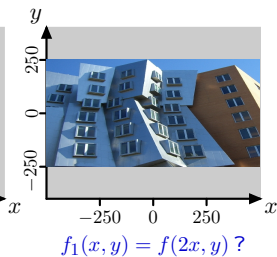
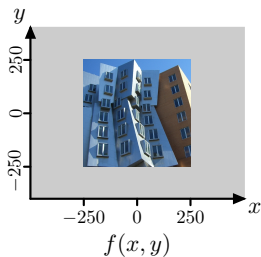
$f_2(x, y) = f(2x - 250, y) ?$



$f_3(x, y) = f(-x - 250, y) ?$



# Check Yourself



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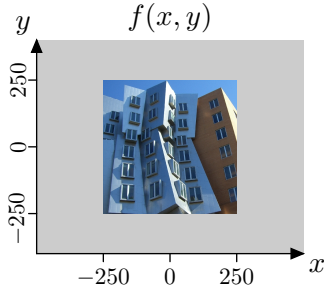
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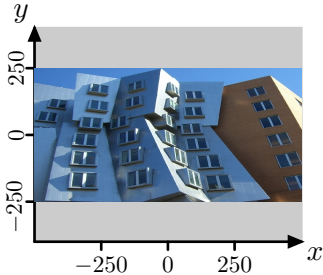
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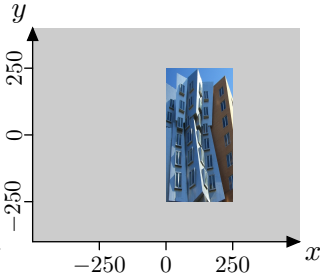
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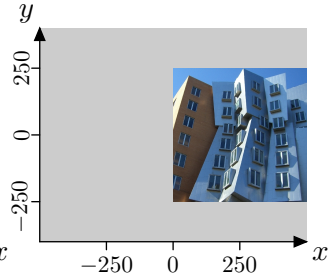
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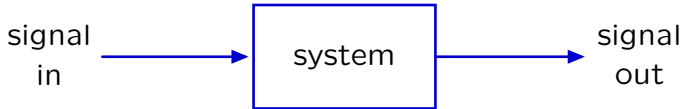


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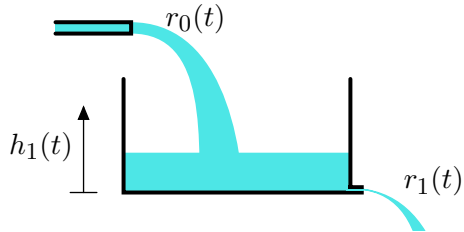
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## Example System: Leaky Tank

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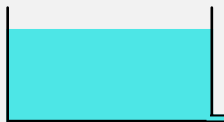
Formulate a mathematical description of this system.



What determines the leak rate?

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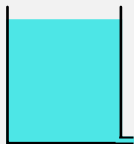
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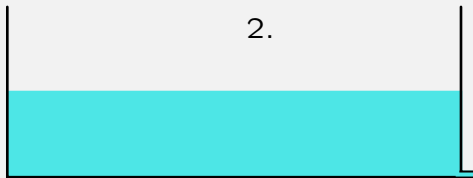
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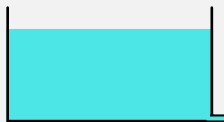
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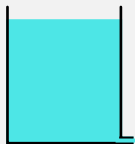
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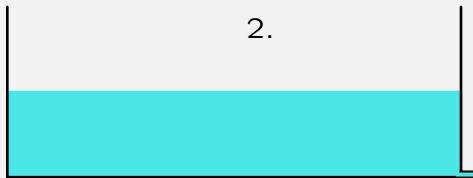
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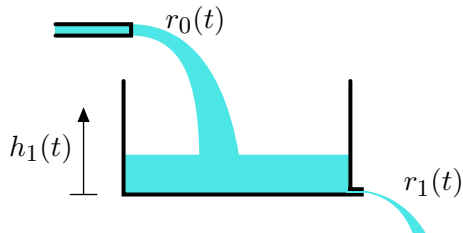


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## Example System: Leaky Tank

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Formulate a mathematical description of this system.



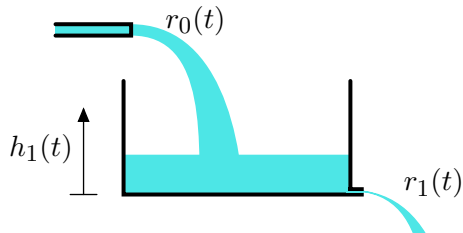
Assume linear leaking:  $r_1(t) \propto h_1(t)$

What determines the height  $h_1(t)$ ?

## Example System: Leaky Tank

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Formulate a mathematical description of this system.



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Assume water is conserved:  $\frac{dh_1(t)}{dt} \propto r_0(t) - r_1(t)$

Solve:  $\frac{dr_1(t)}{dt} \propto r_0(t) - r_1(t)$



## Check Yourself

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What are the dimensions of constant of proportionality  $C$ ?

$$\frac{dr_1(t)}{dt} = C(r_0(t) - r_1(t))$$

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What are the dimensions of constant of proportionality  $C$ ?  
**inverse time** (to match dimensions of  $dt$ )

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## Analysis of the Leaky Tank

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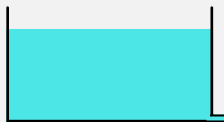
Call the constant of proportionality  $1/\tau$ .

Then  $\tau$  is called the **time constant** of the system.

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## Check Yourself

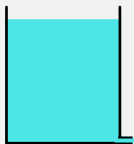
Which of the following tanks has the largest time constant  $\tau$ ?



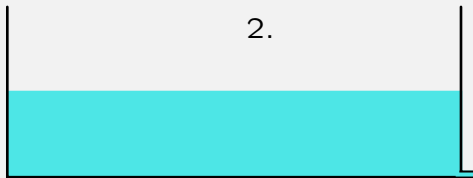
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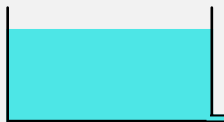
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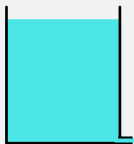
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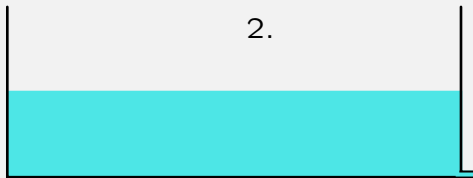
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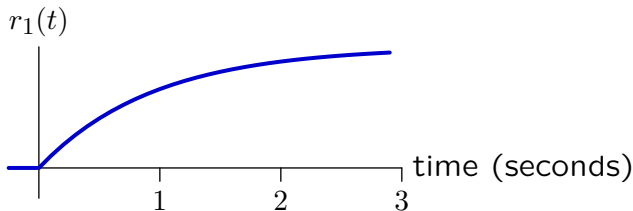
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Then  $\tau$  is called the **time constant** of the system.

$$\frac{dr_1(t)}{dt} = \frac{r_0(t)}{\tau} - \frac{r_1(t)}{\tau}$$

Assume that the tank is initially empty, and then water enters at a constant rate  $r_0(t) = 1$ . Determine the output rate  $r_1(t)$ .



Explain the shape of this curve mathematically.

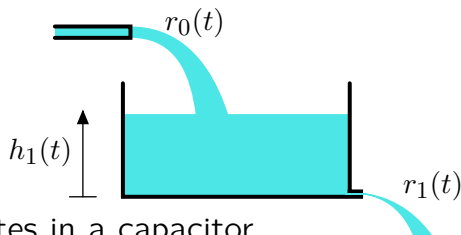
Explain the shape of this curve physically.

## Leaky Tanks and Capacitors

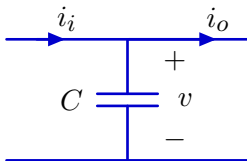
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Although derived for a leaky tank, this sort of model can be used to represent a variety of physical systems.

Water accumulates in a leaky tank.



Charge accumulates in a capacitor.



$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{i_i - i_o}{C} \propto i_i - i_o$$

analogous to

$$\frac{dh}{dt} \propto r_0 - r_1$$