

Laplace transform — focus of next HW set, and introduction to be given in Thursday lecture.

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt$$

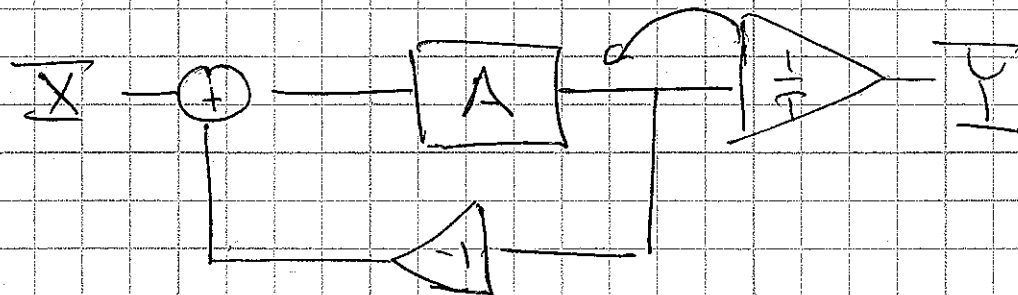
Laplace Transform  $\nearrow$   $X(s)$   
 $\nwarrow$   $x(t)$  signal in time (CT)

Why are we interested?

- (a) Can relate to CT systems and A operator
- (b) Can use it to solve diff eqns
- (c) need to understand so we can do next HW set

Example:

Suppose we have system:



We can find  $Y$  in terms of  $\bar{X}$

$$Y = \frac{1}{\tau} A [\bar{X} - Y]$$

or

$$\left[1 + \frac{1}{\tau} A\right] Y = \frac{1}{\tau} A \bar{X}$$

$$Y = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau} A \bar{X}}{1 + \frac{1}{\tau} A}$$

$$\frac{Y}{\bar{X}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau} A}{1 + \frac{1}{\tau} A}$$

Differential equation

Start with  $\frac{1}{A} Y \neq \frac{Y}{\tau} = \frac{X}{\tau}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{\tau} = \frac{X}{\tau}$$

This is the ~~relax~~ relaxation time model  
we talked about in class a few weeks ago.

# Use Laplace transform

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy}{dt} e^{-st} dt + \frac{1}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-st} dt$$

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                ?                                 $Y(s)$                                  $X(s)$

Use integration by parts

$$\int_a^b u dv = uv \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b v du$$

$$u = e^{-st} \quad du = -s e^{-st} dt$$

$$dv = \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right) dt \quad v = y$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-st} \frac{dy}{dt} dt = y(t) e^{-st} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y (-s e^{-st}) dt$$

$$\text{if } y(t) e^{-st} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 0, \text{ then}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-st} \frac{dy}{dt} dt = s \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y e^{-st} dt = s Y(s)$$

So

$$s Y(s) \neq Y(s) = \frac{X(s)}{s}$$

$$\left(s + \frac{1}{\tau}\right) Y(s) = \frac{X(s)}{\tau}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau}}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} X(s)$$

Compare with operator version

$$\begin{aligned} Y(A) &= \frac{\frac{1}{\tau} A}{1 + \frac{1}{\tau} A} X \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\tau}}{\frac{1}{A} + \frac{1}{\tau}} X \end{aligned}$$

Interesting...

$$s \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{A}$$

Provides connection between operator algebra and transform!

⇒ Can use operator methods we already know to work ~~the~~ Laplace transforms

⇒ Different ways to work and think about problems!

To use Laplace transforms, we need to get familiar with some specific examples.

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

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

independent of  $s$ . Cool.

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$$x(t) = \delta(t-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-1) e^{-st} dt \\ &= e^{-s} \end{aligned}$$

Hmmm... an offset in  $t$  looks like it contributes  $e^{-s}$  somehow...

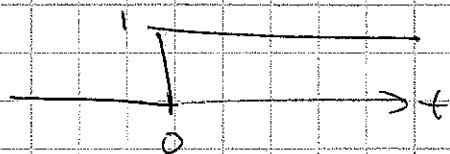
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$$x(t) = \delta(t+1) \text{ as a check...}$$

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t+1) e^{-st} dt = e^s$$

$$\text{ok so } \delta(t-T) \leftrightarrow e^{-sT}$$

$$x(t) = u(t)$$



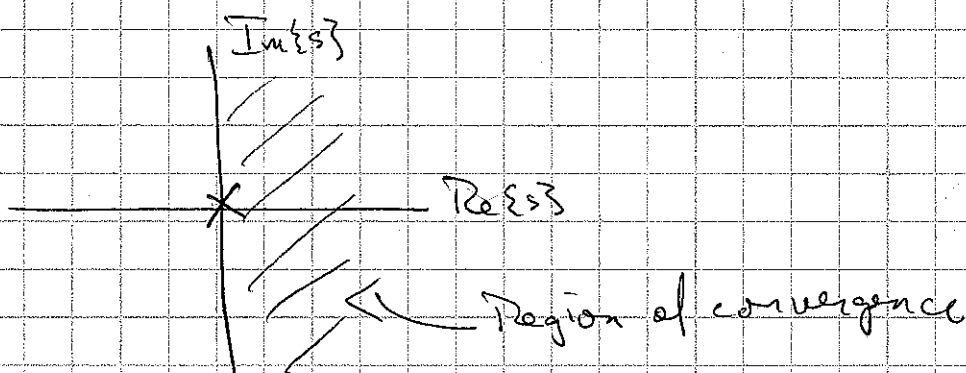
$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \quad \left( = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} \Big|_0^{\infty} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s}$$

Hmmm... we get a pole. Wonder if that is important?

Does integral converge for  $s=1$  ... yes  
for  $s=-1$  -- no



$$x(t) = -u(-t)$$



$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -u(-t) e^{-st} dt$$

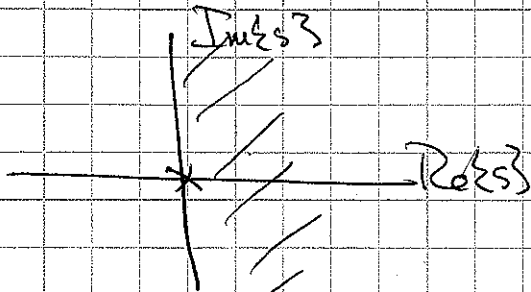
$$= -\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_{-\infty}^0 = \frac{1}{s} \quad \text{if } e^{-st} = 0$$

Hmmm... same Laplace transform, but different ROC

Think about it

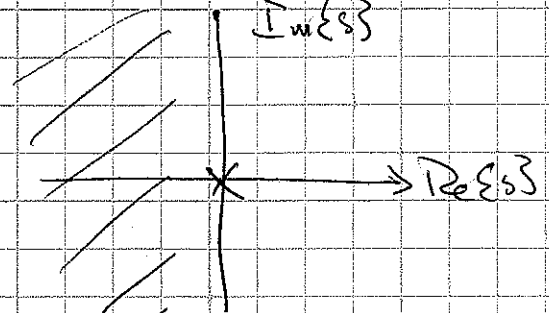
$$x(t) = u(t)$$

$$\underline{X}(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$



$$x(t) = -u(-t)$$

$$\underline{X}(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$



ROC  
= Region of  
convergence

OK... seems to make sense...

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Try  $x(t) = t u(t)$

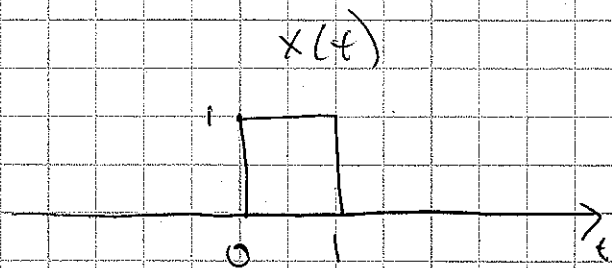
$$\underline{X}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{st} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} dt$$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{d}{ds} \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

Expect region of convergence to be  $\text{Re}\{s\} > 0$   
as before

## More complicated examples



Two approaches possible... (at least)

Integral: 
$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^1 e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^1 = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-s} + \frac{1}{s} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s} \end{aligned}$$

Superposition:

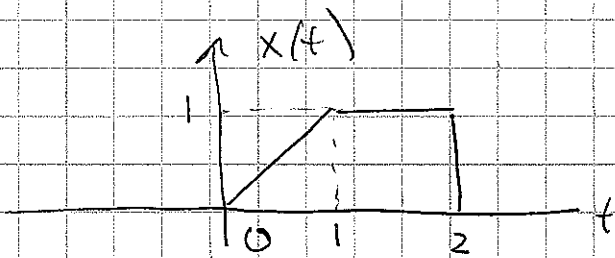
$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= u(t) - u(t-1) \\ &\quad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ X(s) &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s} e^{-s} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{1}{s} \leftrightarrow$  step

$e^{-s} \leftrightarrow$  delay



## Another example



Think superposition:

Ramp up at  $t=0$  + Ramp down at  $t=1$  + step down at  $t=2$

$$\bar{X}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-s} - \frac{1}{s} e^{-2s}$$

Work out the algebra to check.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{X}(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t e^{-st} dt + \int_1^2 e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \int_0^1 e^{-st} dt = \left. \frac{e^{-st}}{s} \right|_0^1 \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{e^{-st}}{s} \Big|_0^1 \right) = \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s} \\ &= \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{e^{-s}}{s} - 1 \right) = \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s}\end{aligned}$$

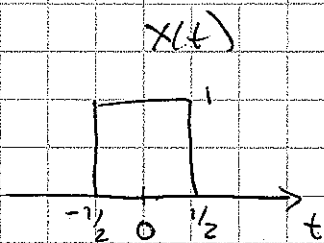
$$= - \left( \frac{e^{-s} - 1}{s^2} \right) - \frac{1}{s} e^{-s} + \frac{1}{s} e^{-s} - \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}$$

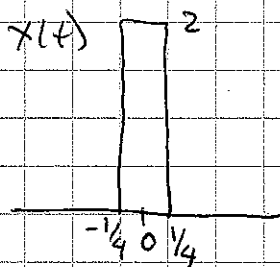
OK - math seems to give the same answer. Wow!  
it works (applause... standing ovation)

# Thinking about impulse functions

From class



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

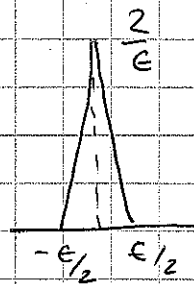
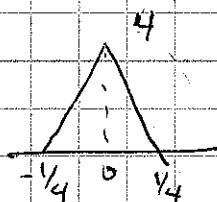
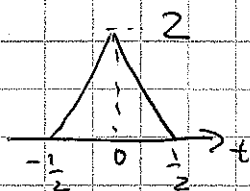


$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) dt = 1$$

If we want to keep area constant, but make the signal shorter in duration, then the amplitude gets bigger.

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left( \text{graph of a rectangular pulse with height } \frac{1}{\epsilon} \text{ and width } \epsilon \right)$$

Other definitions are possible...

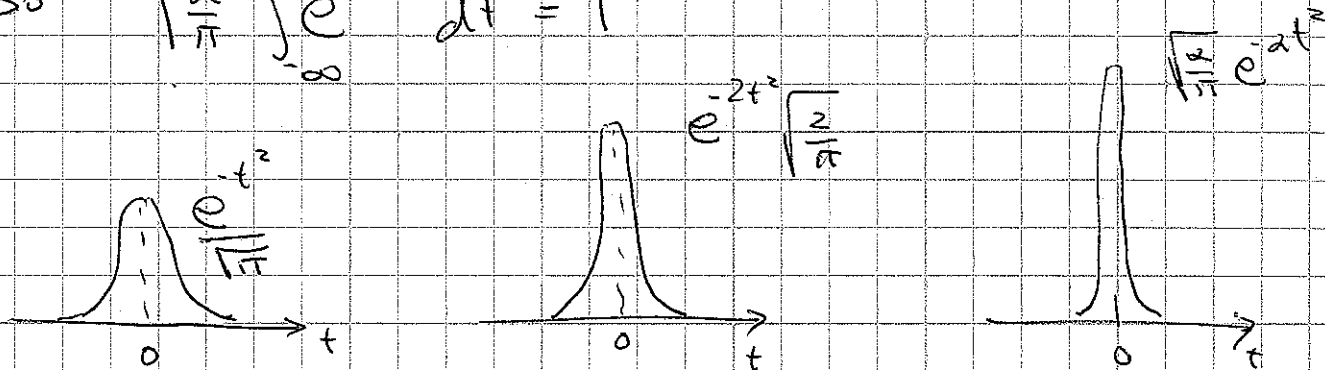


$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) dt = 1$$

Also possible to use smooth function

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t^2} dt = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

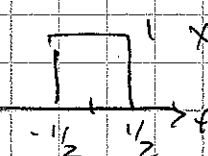
So  $\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t^2} dt = 1$



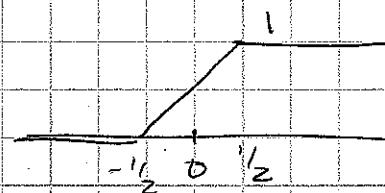
$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\pi}} e^{-\alpha t^2} \right)$$

$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(t') dt'$$

Also get smoothed versions by doing integrals of approximate  $\delta(t)$  functions; can then take limit

Start with 

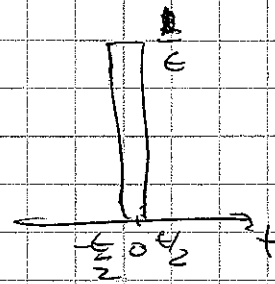
$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(t') dt' = \begin{cases} 0 & t < -1/2 \\ t + 1/2 & -1/2 < t < 1/2 \\ 1 & t > 1/2 \end{cases}$$



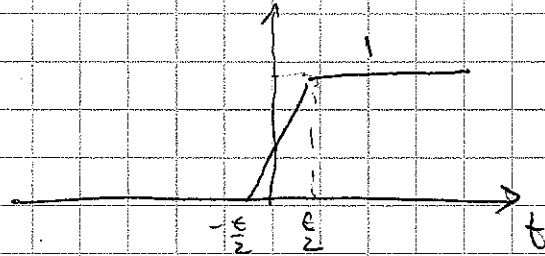
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Suppose then

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ \frac{A}{\epsilon} & -\frac{\epsilon}{2} < t < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ 0 & t > \frac{\epsilon}{2} \end{cases}$$



$$u(t) \approx \int_{-\infty}^t x(t) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & t < -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ \frac{t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}}{\epsilon} & -\frac{\epsilon}{2} < t < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ 1 & \frac{\epsilon}{2} < t \end{cases}$$



get  $u(t)$  from limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$



$$\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \frac{x(t')}{T} dt' = \frac{1}{T}$$

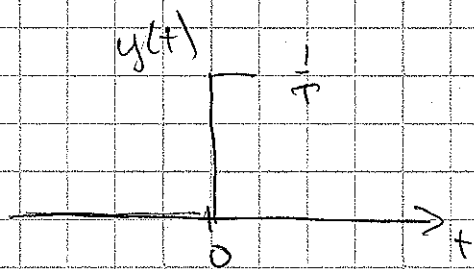
get

$$\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{T} dt' = \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \frac{x(t')}{T} dt'$$

$$y(\epsilon) - y(-\epsilon) + \frac{\epsilon}{2T} [y(\epsilon) + y(-\epsilon)] \approx \frac{1}{T}$$

↑ "big"     ↑ 0     ↑ very small     ↑ 0     ↑ "big"

so  $y(\epsilon) \approx \frac{1}{T}$



expect a step near  $t=0$

From there, we can solve a boundary condition problem.

for  $t > 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{T} = 0$$

$$y(t) = A e^{-t/T}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{1}{T} e^{-t/T} & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$a_1 = u(t) \frac{1}{T} e^{-t/T}$$

Choose  $y(0^+) = \frac{1}{T} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{T}$



# Thinking about differential eqns

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{\tau} = \frac{x}{\tau}$$

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

what do we expect for  $y(t)$  near  $t=0$  ?

Does  $y(t)$  go like  $\delta(t)$  ?

Does  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  go like  $\delta(t)$  ?

if so, then  $\frac{dy}{dt} \approx \frac{\delta(t)}{\tau}$  small  $t$

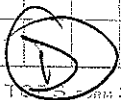
$$y(t) \approx \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{\delta(t')}{\tau} dt'$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{\tau} u(t) \quad \text{small } t$$

$$\int_{-e}^e \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{\tau} dt' = \int_{-e}^e \frac{x}{\tau} dt'$$

$$\int_{-e}^e \frac{dy}{dt} dt' = \int_{y(-e)}^{y(e)} dy = y(e) - y(-e)$$

$$\int_{-e}^e \frac{y}{\tau} dt' \approx \frac{e}{2} \frac{1}{\tau} (y(e) + y(-e))$$



Another try

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{T} = \frac{x}{T} \quad x(t) = u(t)$$

Try same argument

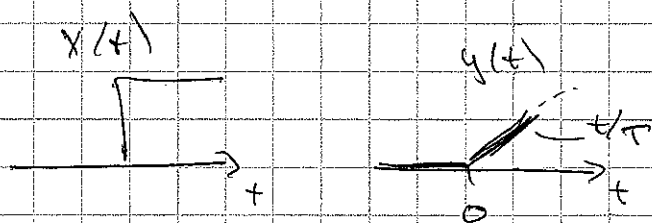
small near 0 if  $y(0) = 0$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)_{\text{near } t=0} + \frac{y}{T} = \frac{u(t)}{T}$$

$$y(t) \approx \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{u(t')}{T} dt'$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^t dt' = \frac{t}{T}$$

small  $t$   
 $t \rightarrow 0$



What happens later on?

$$y(t) = y_{\text{hom}} + y_{\text{inhom}}$$

$\uparrow$   $\quad$   $\searrow$   $y=1$

$$A e^{-t/T}$$

$$y(0) = 0 = A + 1 \Rightarrow A = -1$$

$$y(t) = 1 - e^{-t/T} \rightarrow t/T \text{ small } t$$

for  $t > 0$

$$y(t) = u(t) [1 - e^{-t/T}]$$





## General solution

Start with

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{\tau} = \frac{x}{\tau}$$

Then use math trick

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-t/\tau} \frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{t/\tau} y \right) &= e^{-t/\tau} \left( e^{t/\tau} \frac{dy}{dt} + e^{t/\tau} \frac{y}{\tau} \right) \\ &= \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{\tau} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$e^{-t/\tau} \frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{t/\tau} y \right) = \frac{x}{\tau}$$

or

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{t/\tau} y \right) = e^{t/\tau} \frac{x}{\tau}$$

Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^t \frac{d}{dt'} \left( e^{t'/\tau} y \right) dt' = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{t'/\tau} \frac{x}{\tau} dt'$$

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$$e^{t/\tau} y(t) - e^{-\infty/\tau} y(-\infty) = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{t'/\tau} \frac{x(t')}{\tau} dt'$$

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{e^{-(t-t')/\tau}}{\tau} x(t') dt'$$

Check... let  $x(t) = \delta(t)$

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{e^{-(t-t')/\tau}}{\tau} \delta(t') dt'$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-t/\tau}}{\tau} & t > 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y(t) = u(t) \frac{e^{-t/\tau}}{\tau} \quad \text{same as we get before}$$

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$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h(t-t') x(t') dt'$$

$$h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h(t-t') \delta(t') dt'$$

OK, suppose now that we put in  $\frac{d}{dt} \delta(t)$

$$? = \int_{-\infty}^t h(t-t') \frac{d}{dt'} \delta(t') dt'$$

$$\int_a^b u dv = uv \Big|_a^b - \int u du$$

$$u(t') = h(t-t') \quad du = \frac{dh}{dt'} dt'$$

$$dv = \frac{d}{dt'} \delta(t') \quad v = \delta(t')$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^t h(t-t') \frac{d}{dt'} \delta(t') dt' = h(t-t') \delta(t') \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{dh(t-t')}{dt'} \delta(t') dt'$$

$$= \cancel{\int_{-\infty}^t \frac{dh(t-t')}{dt'} \delta(t') dt'} + \frac{dh}{dt}$$