

# 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 by the published 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
Sep 6	<b>Registration Day:</b> No Classes		R1: Continuous & Discrete Systems	L1: Signals and Systems
Sep 13	L2: Discrete-Time Systems	HW1 due	R3: Feedback, Cycles, and Modes	L3: Feedback, Cycles, and Modes
Sep 20	L4: CT Operator Representations	HW2 due	<b>Student Holiday:</b> No Recitation	L5: Laplace Transforms
Sep 27	L6: Z Transforms	HW3 due	R6: Z Transforms	L7: Transform Properties
Oct 4	L8: Convolution; Impulse Response	EX4	<b>Exam 1</b> No Recitation	L9: Frequency Response
Oct 11	<b>Columbus Day:</b> No Lecture	HW5 due	R9: Bode Diagrams	L10: Bode Diagrams
Oct 18	L11: DT Feedback and Control	HW6 due	R11: CT Feedback and Control	L12: CT Feedback and Control
Oct 25	L13: CT Feedback and Control	HW7	<b>Exam 2</b> No Recitation	L14: CT Fourier Series
Nov 1	L15: CT Fourier Series	EX8 due	R14: CT Fourier Series	L16: CT Fourier Transform
Nov 8	L17: CT Fourier Transform	HW9 due	R16: DT Fourier Transform	L18: DT Fourier Transform
Nov 15	L19: DT Fourier Transform	HW10	<b>Exam 3</b> No Recitation	L20: Fourier Relations
Nov 22	L21: Sampling	EX11 due	R18: Fourier Transforms	<b>Thanksgiving:</b> No Lecture
Nov 29	L22: Sampling	HW12 due	R19: Modulation	L23: Modulation
Dec 6	L24: Modulation	EX13	R21: Review	L25: Applications of 6.003
Dec 13	Breakfast with Staff	EX13	R22: Review	<b>Study Period:</b> No Lecture
Dec 20	<b>Final Examinations: No Classes</b>			

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Weekly meetings with **class representatives**

- help staff understand student perspective
- learn about teaching

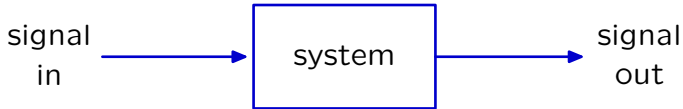
Tentatively meet on Thursday afternoon

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

# The Signals and Systems Abstraction

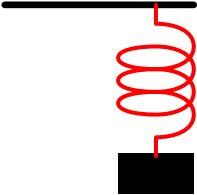
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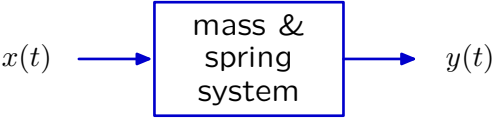
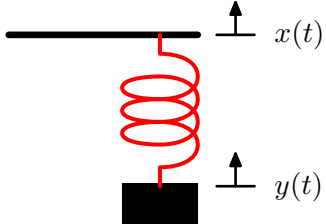
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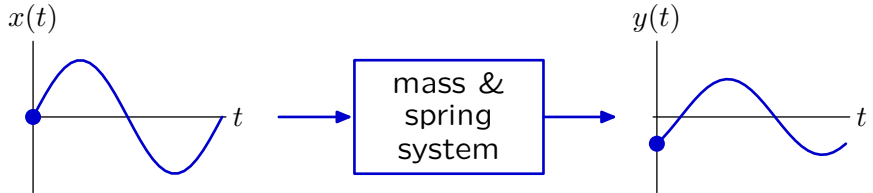
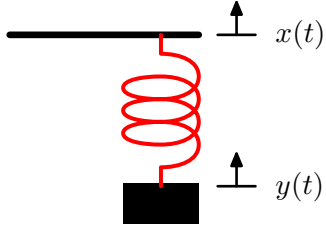
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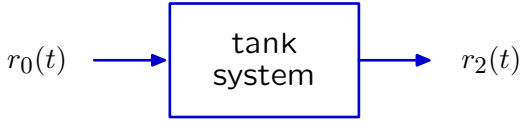
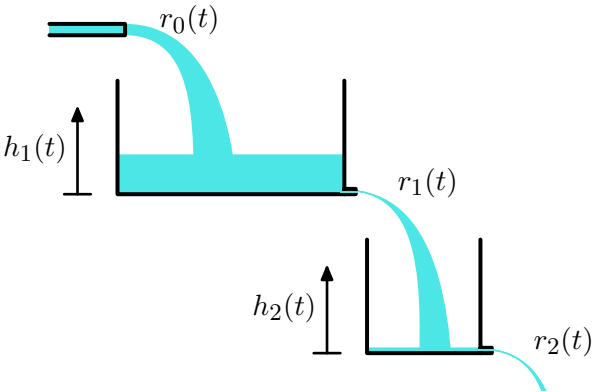


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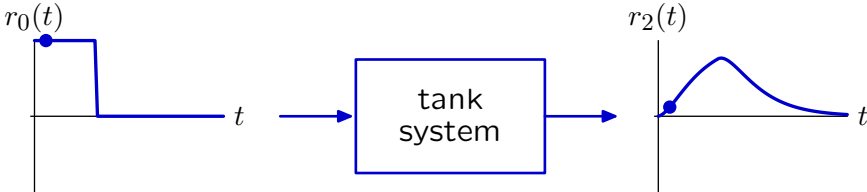
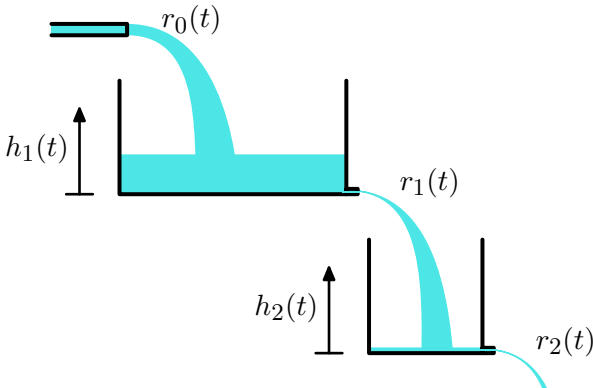
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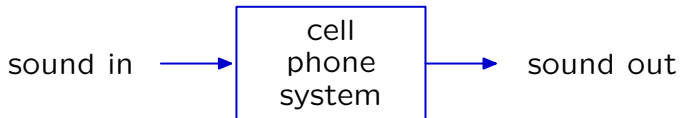
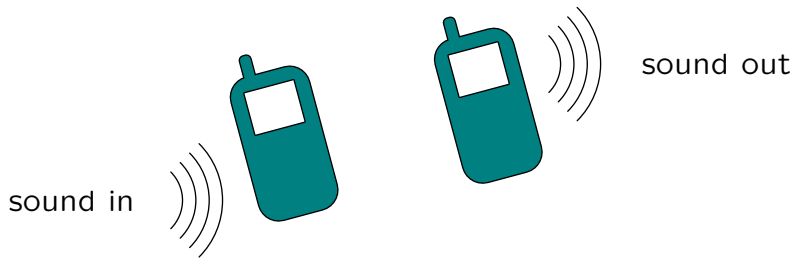


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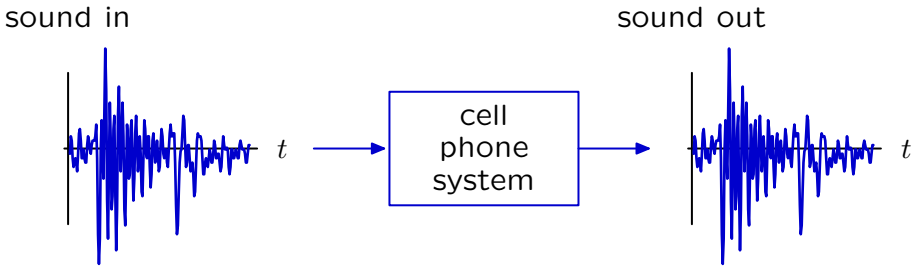
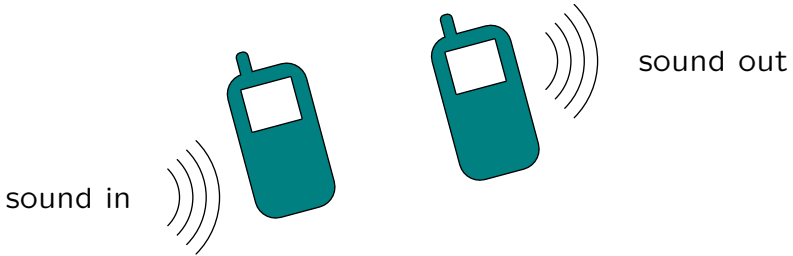


## Example: Cell Phone System

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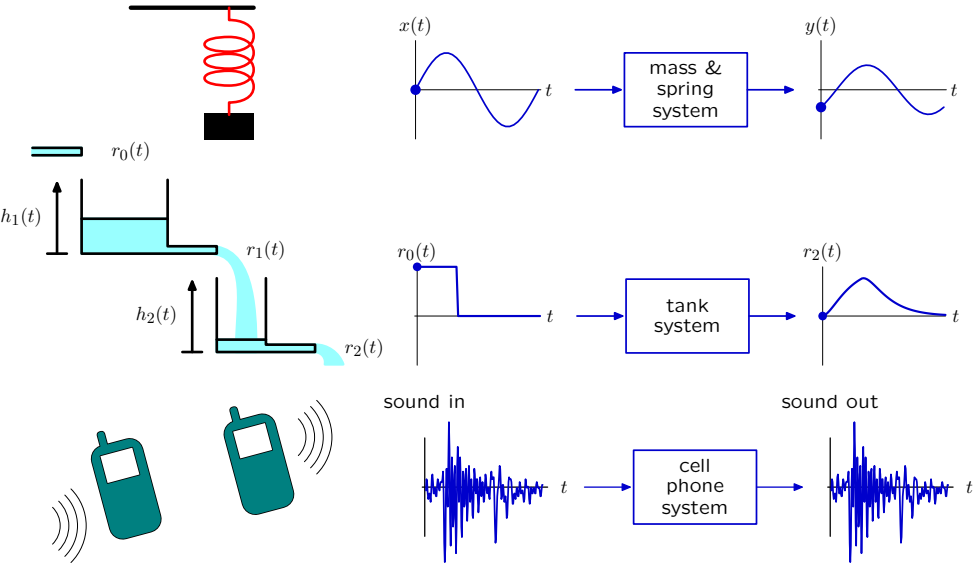


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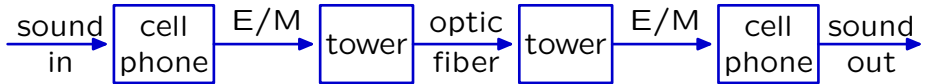
# Signals and Systems: Widely Applicable

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

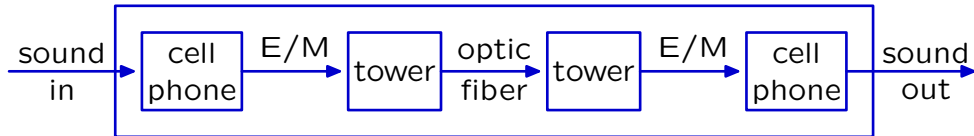


## Signals and Systems: Hierarchical

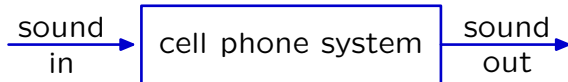
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Representations of component systems are easily combined.

Example: cascade of component systems



Composite system



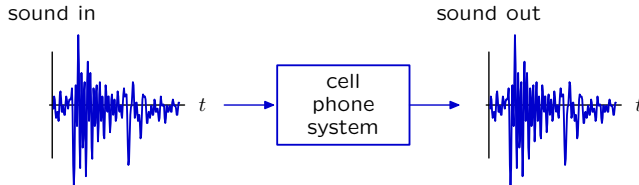
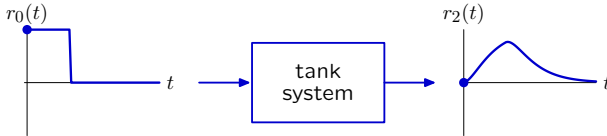
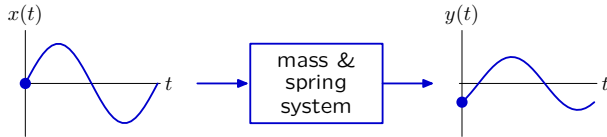
Component and composite systems have the same form, and are analyzed with same methods.

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Signals are mathematical functions.

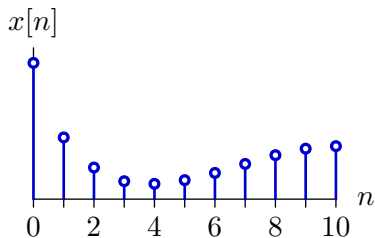
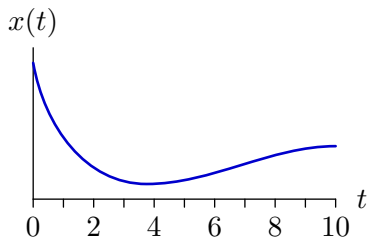
- independent variable = time
- dependent variable = voltage, flow rate, sound pressure



# Signals and Systems

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



Signals from physical systems often functions of **continuous** time.

- mass and spring
- leaky tank

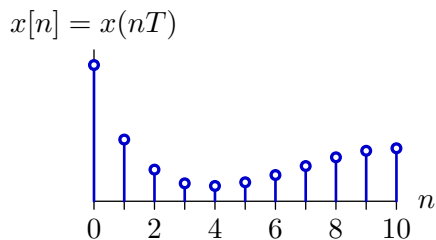
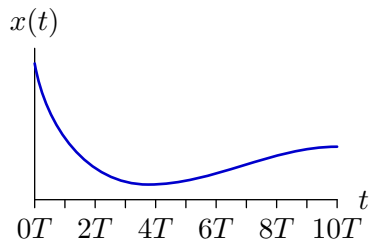
Signals from computation systems often functions of **discrete** time.

- 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.

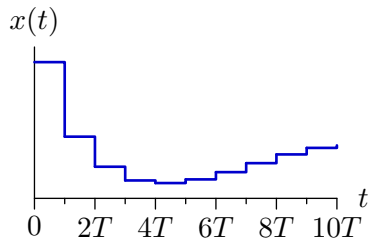
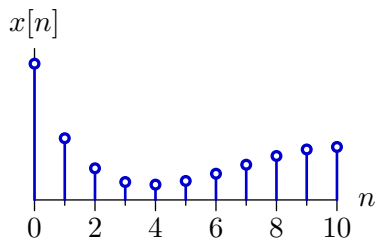
- digital representations of audio signals (e.g., MP3)
- digital representations of images (e.g., JPEG)

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Reconstruction: converting DT signals to CT

zero-order hold



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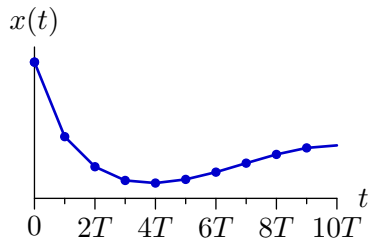
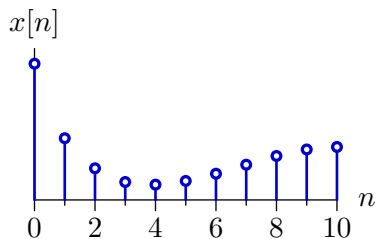
commonly used in audio output devices such as CD players

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piecewise linear

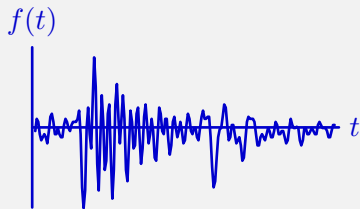


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commonly used in rendering images

## Check Yourself

Computer generated speech (by Robert Donovan)



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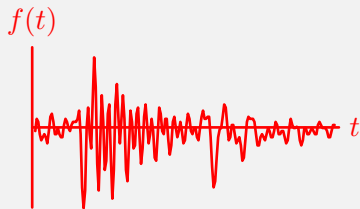
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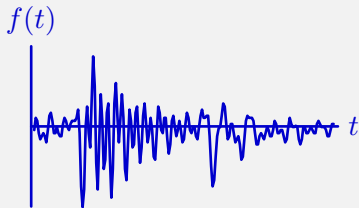
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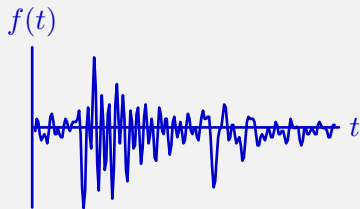
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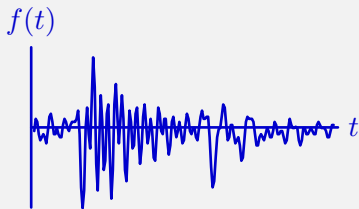
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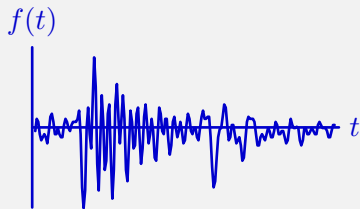
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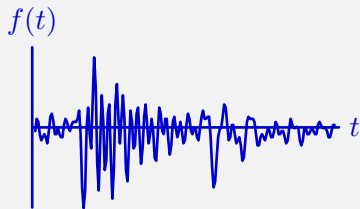
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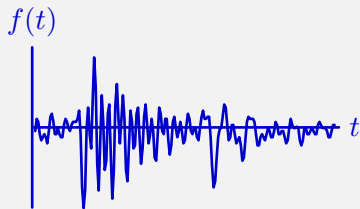
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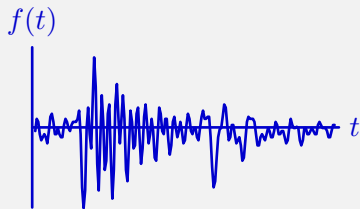
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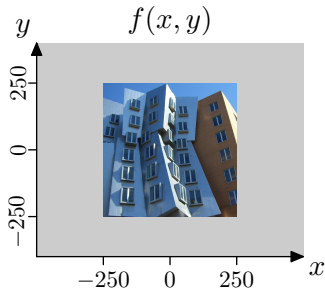
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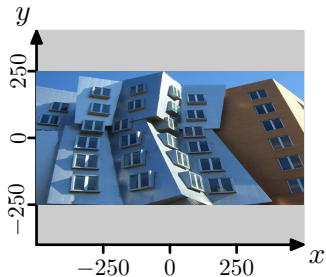
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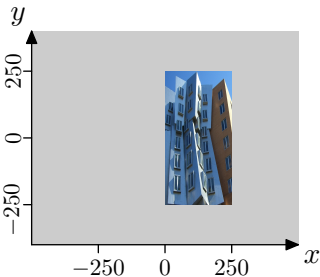
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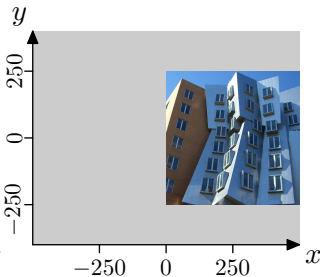
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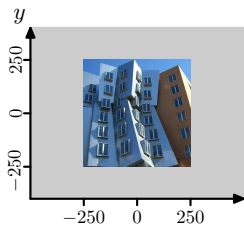
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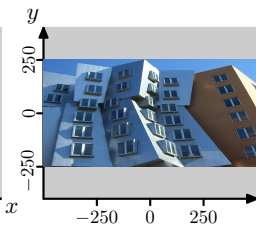
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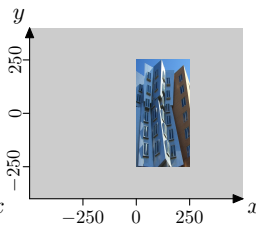
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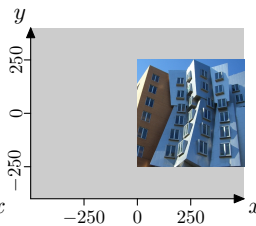
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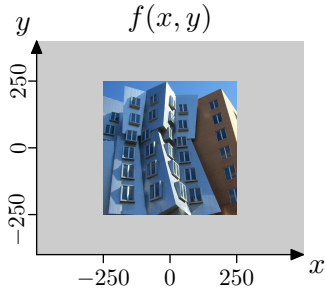
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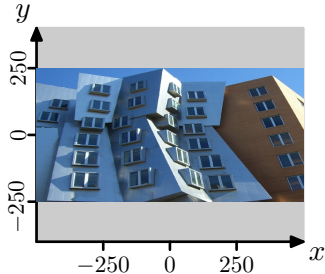
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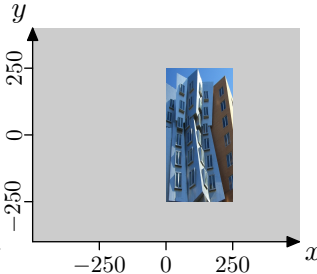
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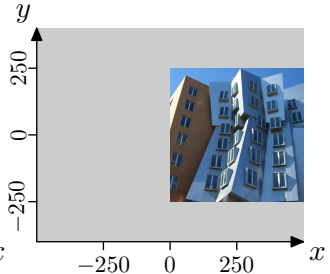
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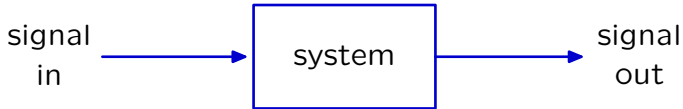


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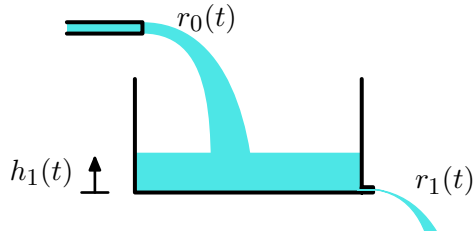
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## Example System: Leaky Tank

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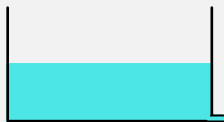
Formulate a mathematical description of this system.



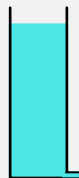
What determines the leak rate?

## Check Yourself

The holes in each of the following tanks have equal size.  
Which tank has the largest leak rate  $r_1(t)$ ?



1.



2.



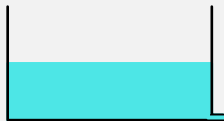
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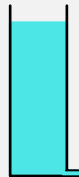
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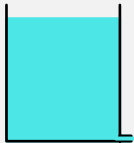
The holes in each of the following tanks have equal size.  
Which tank has the largest leak rate  $r_1(t)$ ? 2



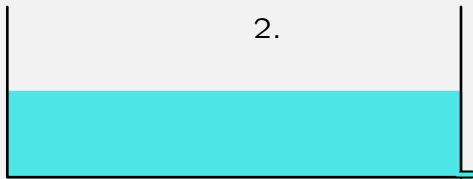
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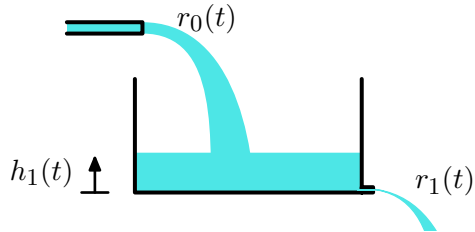


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## Example System: Leaky Tank

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Formulate a mathematical description of this system.



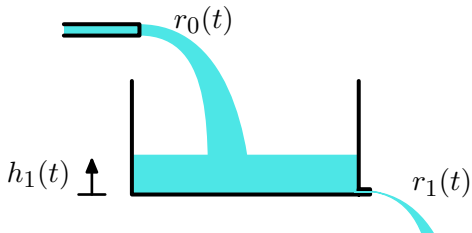
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What determines the height  $h_1(t)$ ?

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

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



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**inverse time** (to match dimensions of  $dt$ )

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## Analysis of the Leaky Tank

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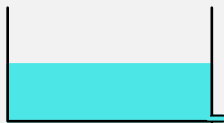
Call the constant of proportionality  $1/\tau$ .

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

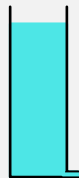
$$\frac{dr_1(t)}{dt} = \frac{r_0(t)}{\tau} - \frac{r_1(t)}{\tau}$$

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Which tank has the largest time constant  $\tau$ ?



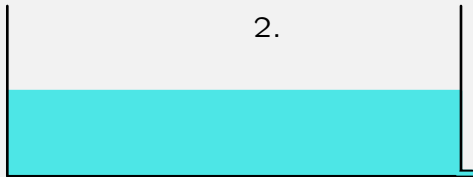
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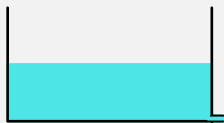
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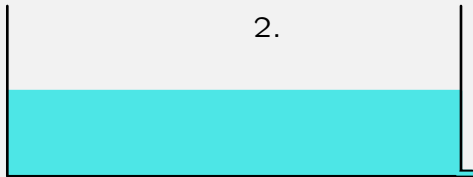
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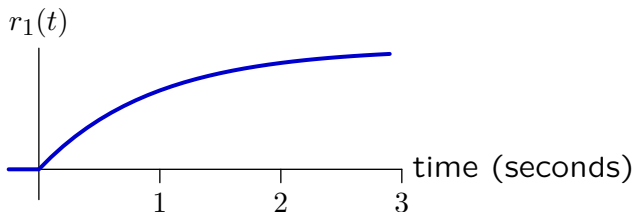
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$$\frac{dr_1(t)}{dt} = \frac{r_0(t)}{\tau} - \frac{r_1(t)}{\tau}$$

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.

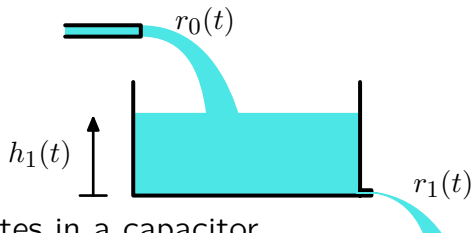
Explain the shape of this curve physically.

## Leaky Tanks and Capacitors

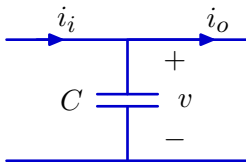
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Although derived for a leaky tank, this sort of model can be used to represent a variety of physical systems.

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

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