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**Lecture 16**  
**Convolution (Continuous-Time)**  
**29-Oct-01**

**Info: Web-CT, Lab, HW**

- Calendar:
  - Quiz #3 is 19-Nov (Monday)
- Get NEW CHAPTERS (Ch 10 – 13)
  - PDF or Bookstore
- Prob Set #8 is due this week
- Lab #8 is due 31-Oct thru 6-Nov
  - Demo your DTMF decoder in Lab
- Quiz #2: Resolve any grade changes by Friday (2-Nov)

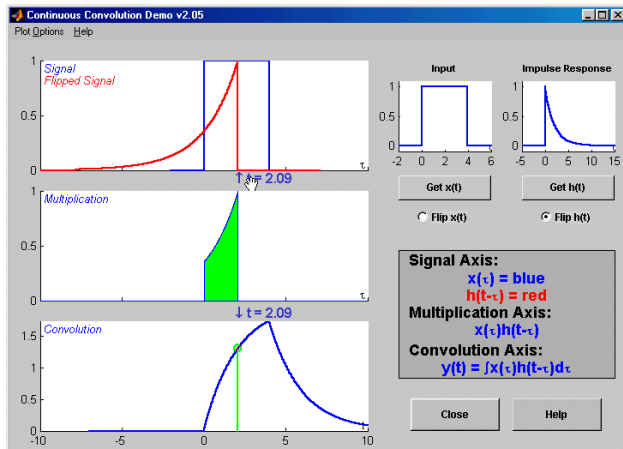
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**Lab #9 GUIs**

- Download 2 convolution demos



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**READING ASSIGNMENTS**

- This Lecture:
  - Chapter 10, pp. 1017-1045
- Other Reading:
  - Recitation: Ch. 10, all, pp. 1000-1045
  - Next Lecture: Start reading Chapter 11

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# LECTURE OBJECTIVES

- Review of C-T LTI systems
- **Evaluating convolutions**
  - **Examples**
  - **Impulses**
- LTI Systems
  - Stability and causality
  - Cascade and parallel connections

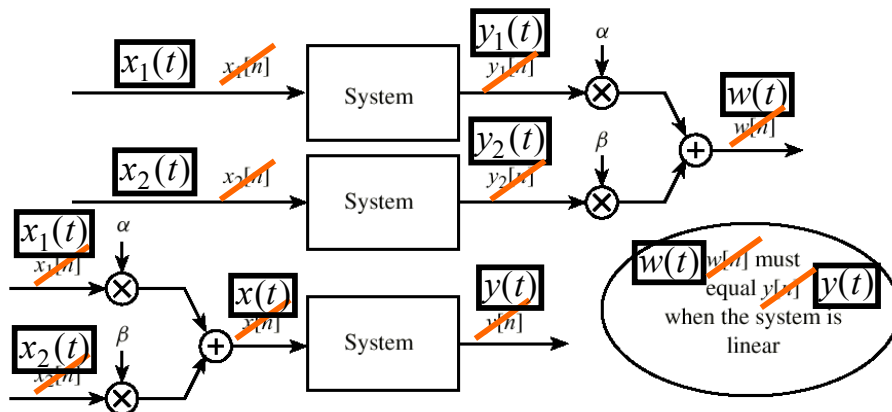
# Linear and Time-Invariant (LTI) Systems

- If a continuous-time system is both linear and time-invariant, then the output  $y(t)$  is related to the input  $x(t)$  by a **convolution integral**

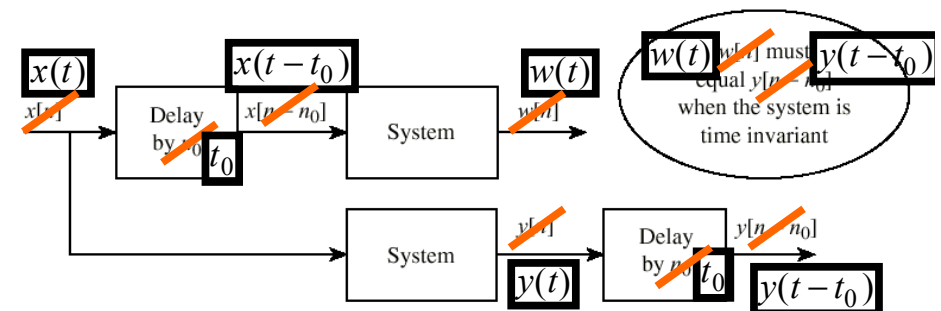
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau = x(t) * h(t)$$

system.

## Testing for Linearity



## Testing Time-Invariance



## Ideal Delay: $y(t) = x(t - t_d)$

- Linear

$$ax_1(t - t_d) + bx_2(t - t_d) = ay_1(t) + by_2(t)$$

- and Time-Invariant

$$w(t) = x((t - t_0) - t_d)$$

$$y(t - t_0) = x((t - t_0) - t_d)$$

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

- Linear

$$\int_{-\infty}^t [ax_1(\tau) + bx_2(\tau)] d\tau = ay_1(t) + by_2(t)$$

- And Time-Invariant

$$w(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau - t_0) d\tau \quad \text{let } \sigma = \tau - t_0$$

$$\Rightarrow w(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t-t_0} x(\sigma) d\sigma = y(t - t_0)$$

## Modulator: $y(t) = [A + x(t)] \cos \omega_c t$

- Not** linear--obvious because

$$[A + ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)] \neq$$

$$[A + ax_1(t)] + [A + bx_2(t)]$$

- Not** time-invariant

$$w(t) = [A + x(t - t_0)] \cos \omega_c t \neq y(t - t_0)$$

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## Convolution of Impulses, etc.

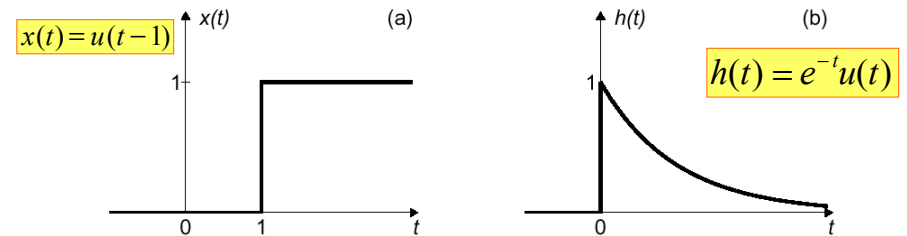
- Convolution of two impulses

$$\delta(t - t_1) * \delta(t - t_2) = \delta(t - t_1 - t_2)$$

- Convolution of step and shifted impulse

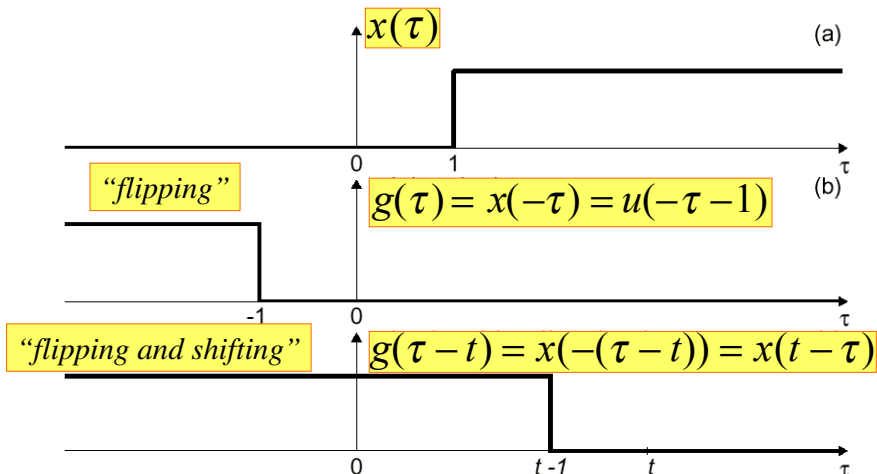
$$u(t) * \delta(t - t_0) = u(t - t_0)$$

## Evaluating a Convolution

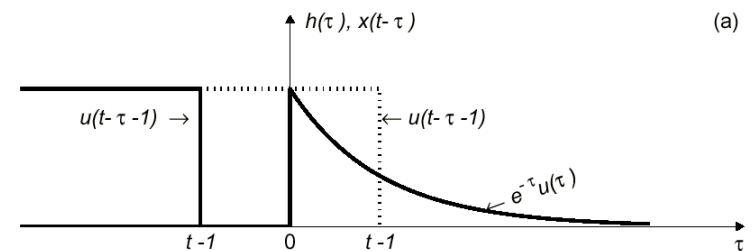


$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)x(t-\tau)d\tau = h(t) * x(t)$$

## “Flipping and Shifting”



## Evaluating the Integral

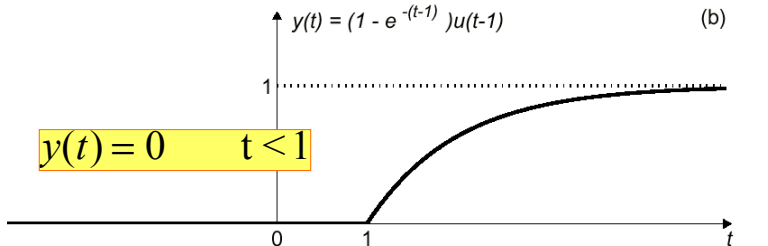


$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t-1 < 0 \\ \int_0^{t-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau & t-1 \geq 0 \\ 0 & \end{cases}$$

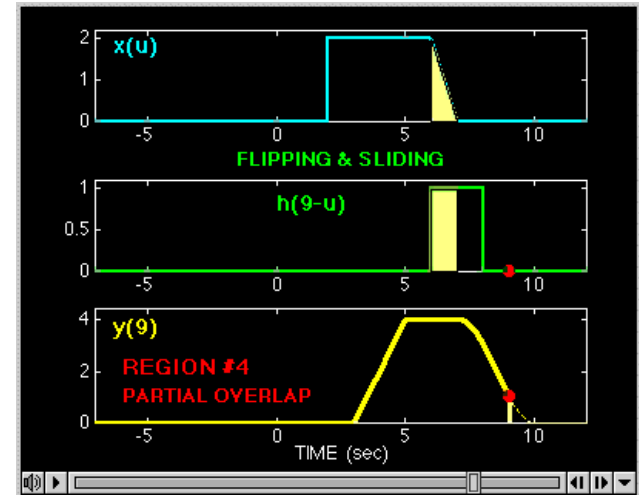
# Solution

$$y(t) = \int_0^{t-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau = -e^{-\tau} \Big|_0^{t-1}$$

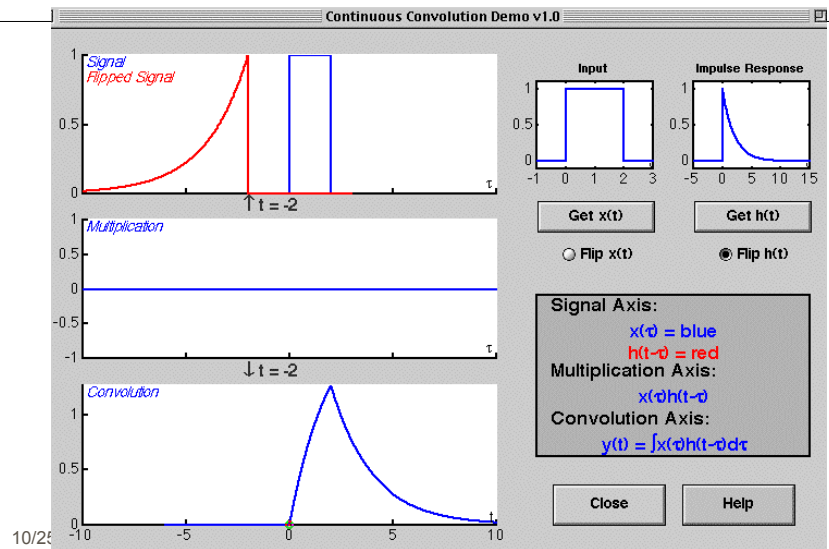
$$= 1 - e^{-(t-1)} \quad t \geq 1$$



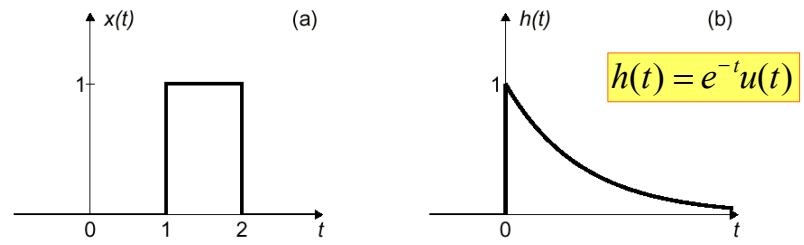
# Convolution Movie



# Convolution GUI

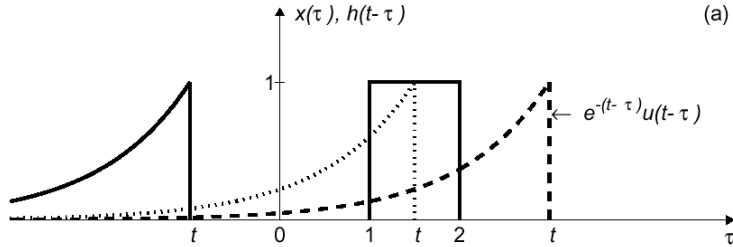


# Another Convolution Example



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

## Evaluating the Integral



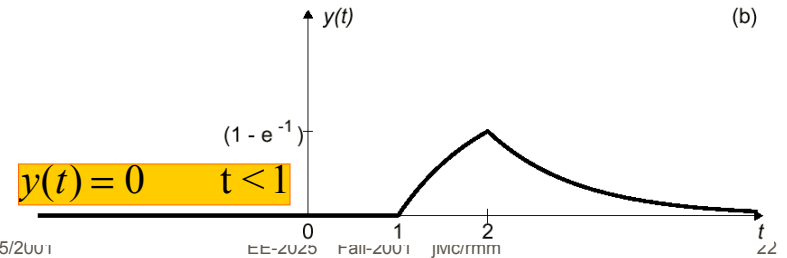
$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= 0 & t < 1 \\
 &= \int_1^t e^{-(t-\tau)} d\tau & 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\
 &= \int_1^2 e^{-(t-\tau)} d\tau & 2 \leq t
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= \int_1^t e^{-(t-\tau)} d\tau = e^{-(t-\tau)} \Big|_1^t = 1 - e^{-(t-1)} & 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\
 &= \int_1^2 e^{-(t-\tau)} d\tau = e^{-(t-\tau)} \Big|_1^2 = e^{-(t-2)} - e^{-(t-1)} & 2 \leq t
 \end{aligned}$$



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## Convolution is Commutative

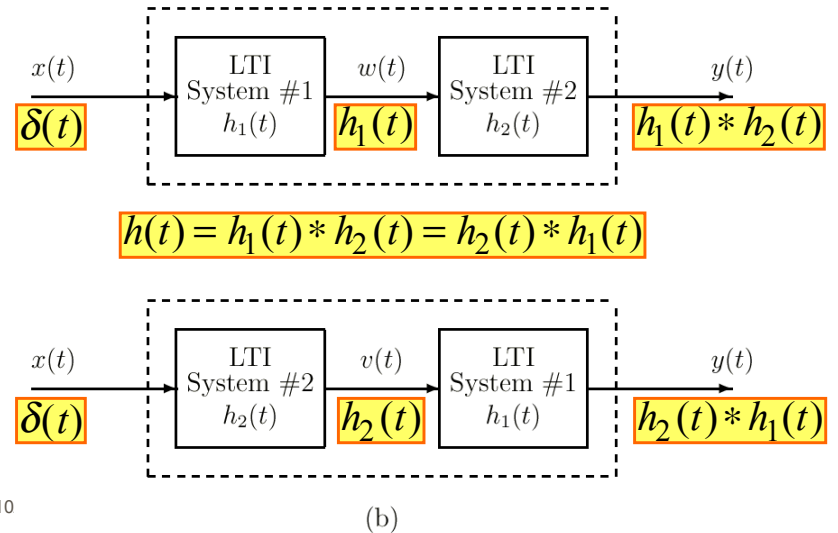
$$\begin{aligned}
 h(t) * x(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) x(t-\tau) d\tau \\
 &\quad \text{let } \sigma = t - \tau \text{ and } d\sigma = -d\tau \\
 h(t) * x(t) &= - \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} h(t-\sigma) x(\sigma) d\sigma \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t-\sigma) x(\sigma) d\sigma = x(t) * h(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Cascade of LTI Systems



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## Stability

- A system is stable if every bounded input produces a bounded output.
- A continuous-time *LTI system* is stable if and only if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt < \infty$$

## Causal Systems

- A system is causal if and only if  $y(t_0)$  depends only on  $x(\tau)$  for  $\tau \leq t_0$ .
- An LTI system is causal if and only if

$$h(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0$$

## Convolution is Linear

- Substitute  $x(t) = ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [ax_1(\tau) + bx_2(\tau)]h(t - \tau)d\tau \\ &= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_2(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau \\ &= ay_1(t) + by_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

*Therefore, convolution is linear.*

## Convolution is Time-Invariant

- Substitute  $x(t - t_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} w(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)x((t - \tau) - t_0)d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)x((t - t_0) - \tau)d\tau \\ &= y(t - t_0) \end{aligned}$$