



# *Unconventional* Computing

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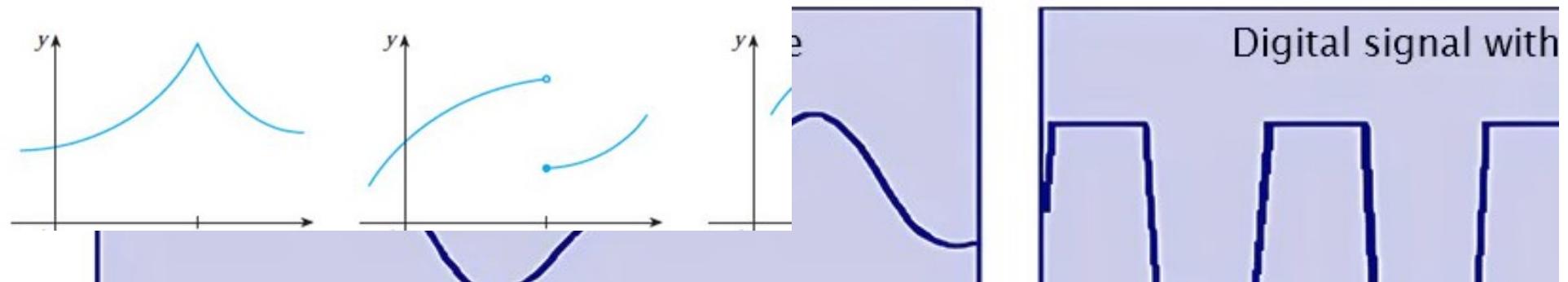
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# §3 Analog Computing

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- Derivative+Integral Recap
- (Differential) *Equations*
- Bush's Differential Analyzer
- Shannon's Mathematical Theory
- Zeno-Effect: no complexity

# §3 Discrete vs. Continuous



$$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g: [0;1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$f: \mathbb{N}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$$

continuous? differentiable?

**Theorem** (Brouwer):

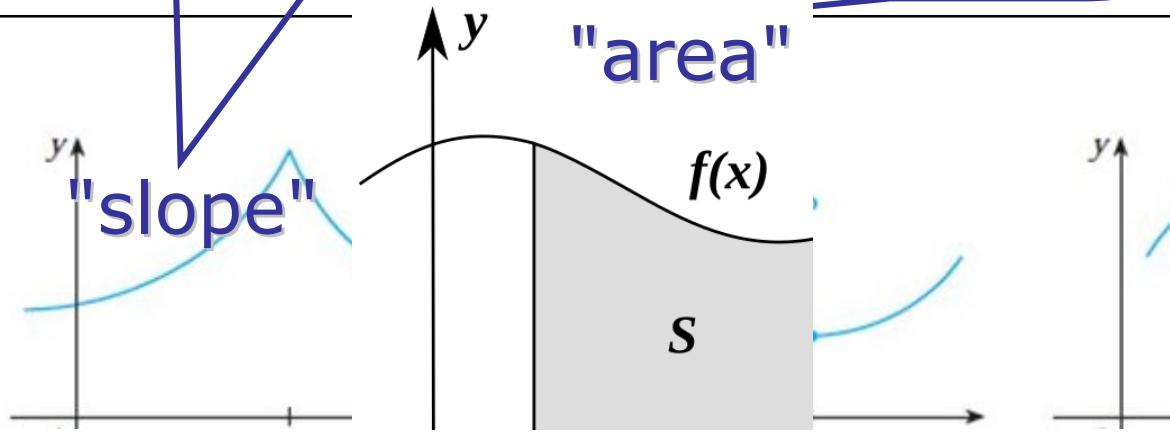
No non-empty open  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$   
is *homeomorphic* to any  
open  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^e$ , unless  $d=e$ .

Bijective pairing function

("Hilbert Hotel")  $\langle x,y \rangle :=$

$$:= x + (x+y) \cdot (x+y+1)/2$$

# §3 Derivative+Integral Recap



$g: \subseteq \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$g'(x)$ ,  $\frac{d}{dy} g(y)$ ,  $\dot{g}(t)$

$g: \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\partial_y g(x, y, z)$     $\partial_2 g(x_1, \dots, x_d)$

*Stieltjes Integral*

$\int_a^b f(t) dg(t)$

$= \int_a^b f(t) \cdot g'(t) dt$    when  $g'$  continuous

$\int_a^b f(t) dt$

$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$    anti-derivative

("Fundamental Theorem of Calculus")

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^n = n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$\ln'(t) = 1/t$$

$$\exp' = \exp,$$

$$\sin' = \cos,$$

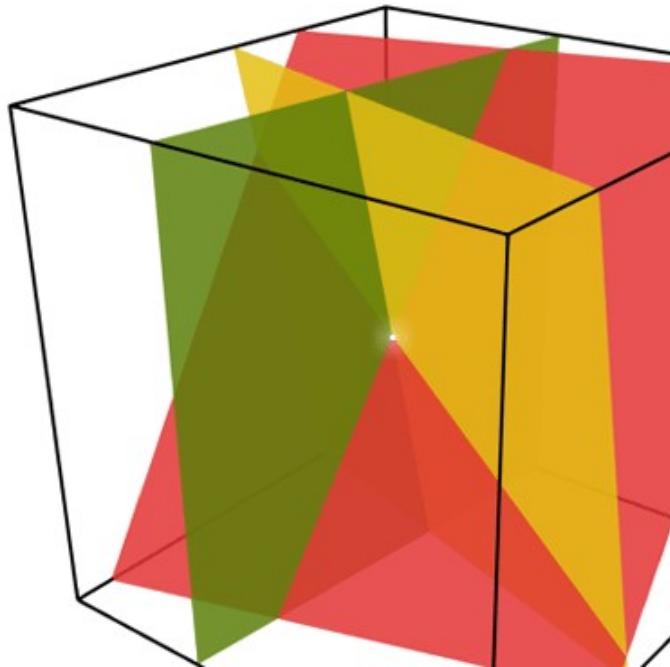
$$\cos' = -\sin$$

$$(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) =$$

$$f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

# §3 (*Function*) Equations



**e)**  $e(t+s) = e(t) \cdot e(s)$ ,  $e(0) = 1$

**a)**  $x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$

**b)**  $y^2 - 2 = 0$  ( $y > 0$ )

**c)**  $y^2 + 1 = 0$

$$x + y + z = 5$$

**d)**  $x + 2y + 4z = 7$

$$x + 3y + 9z = 4$$

**Questions:** i) Do/es the equation/s have a solution?

ii) In which mathematical "space" ?

$$e:(0;\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

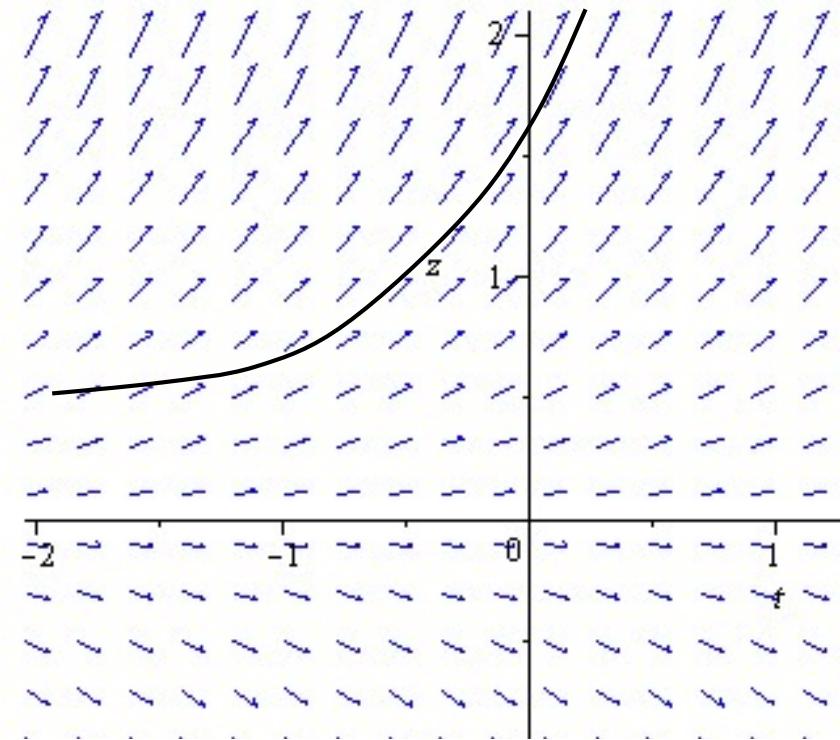
iii) Is the solution unique?

*continuous*

# §3 Differential Equations

f)  $f'(t) = f(t)$

$f(0) = 1$



2D vector field  $v(t,y) = (1, y)$

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$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

*differentiable*

## §3 Differential Equations, Examples

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f)  $f'(t) = f(t)$        $f(0) = 1$

g)  $g'(t) = t^k$        $(t > 0), g(1) = 0$        $k = 3, 2, 1, 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots$

h)  $h'(t) = y(t)$        $(t > 0), h(0) = 0$

u)  $u''(t) = -u(t)$ ,  $u(0) = 0$ ,  $u'(0) = 1$

v)  $u'(t) = v(t)$ ,  $v'(t) = -u(t)$ ,  $u(0) = 0$ ,  $v(0) = 1$

w)  $w'(t) = \sqrt{w(t)}$ ,  $w(0) = 0$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} w(t) &:= 0 && \text{for } t \leq C, \\ &:= (t-C)^2/4 && \text{for } t \geq C \end{aligned}}$$

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- Questions:**
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  - ii) In which mathematical "space"?  $g, h, u, v, w : (0; \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
  - iii) Is the solution unique? *continuously differentiable*

## §3 Differential Equations, QUIZ

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**Verify** that the following are indeed solutions:

$$f(t) := \exp(t), \quad g(t) := (t^{k+1} - 1)/(k+1), \quad h(t) := \int^t y(s) \, ds,$$

$$u(t) := A \cdot \sin(t) + B \cdot \cos(t),$$

$$v(t) := A \cdot \cos(t) - B \cdot \sin(t)$$

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# §3 *Differential Equations, Classified*

**f)**  $f'(t) = f(t)$        $f(0) = 1$       1<sup>st</sup> order, linear, homogen.

$$\mathbf{g}) \quad g'(t) = t^k \quad (t > 0), \quad g(1) = 0 \quad k = 3, 2, 1, 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots$$

**h)**  $h'(t) = y(t)$        $(t > 0), h(0) = 0$       1<sup>st</sup> ord. lin. *inhomog*

**u)**  $u''(t) = -u(t)$  ,  $u(0) = 0$  ,  $u'(0) = 1$     2<sup>nd</sup> ord.lin.homog.

v)  $u'(t)=v(t)$ ,  $v'(t)=-u(t)$ ,  $u(0)=0$ ,  $v(0)=1$     1<sup>st</sup> ord. system

w)  $w'(t) = \sqrt{w(t)}$  ,  $w(0)=0$       1<sup>st</sup> order, non-lin., homog.

**x)**  $x'(t) = y(t) \cdot x(t)$ ,  $x(0)=1$  linear non-const. coefficient

y)  $y'(t)=2$ ,  $y(0)=0$        $x,y$  system, non-lin., autonomous

**z)**  $z''(t) - z(t) = 0$ ,  $z(0)=0$       1<sup>st</sup> order non-lin., *implicit*

**explicit:**  $z'(t) = \dots$

## §3 Algebraic Differential Equations

$$(*) \quad u_k'(t) = \sum_{i,j=0..n} c_{ijk} \cdot u_i(t) \cdot u_j'(t) \quad \text{for } u_0(t) := t, \quad c_{ijk} \in \mathbb{R}$$

**1<sup>st</sup> order system polynom. inhomog. with const. coeff.s**

**Non-example:**  $z'(t) = \exp(z(t))$

**u)**  $u''(t) = -u(t)$  ,  $u(0) = 0$  ,  $u'(0) = 1$     **2<sup>nd</sup> ord.lin.homog.**

**v)**  $u'(t)=v(t)$  ,  $v'(t)=-u(t)$ ,  $u(0)=0$ ,  $v(0)=1$     **1<sup>st</sup> ord. system**

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**Fact** (Hölder/Hilbert): Analytic continuations of Riemann  $\zeta$  function and  $\Gamma$  function satisfy *no* equation of form (\*).

# §3 Bush's Differential Analyzer

1890 ~ 1974

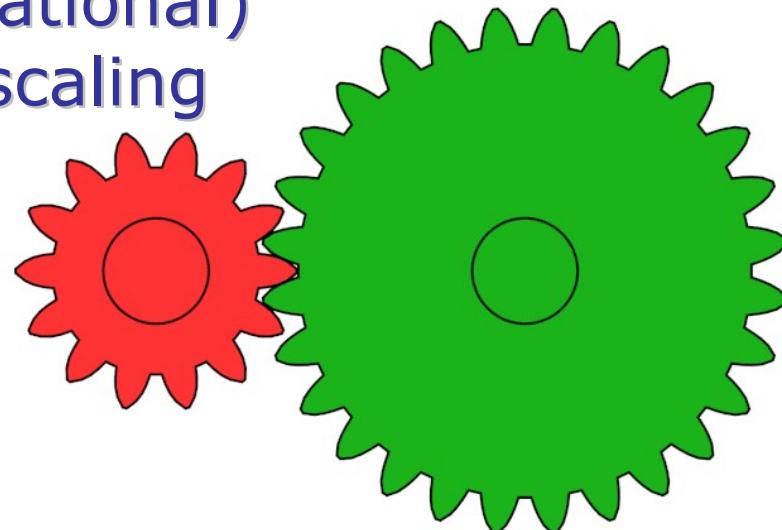


rods connected,  
rods turning back/forth  
at angles  $u(t), v(t), \dots$

one driving:  
 $u_0(t) \equiv t$

# §3 Three Analog Primitives

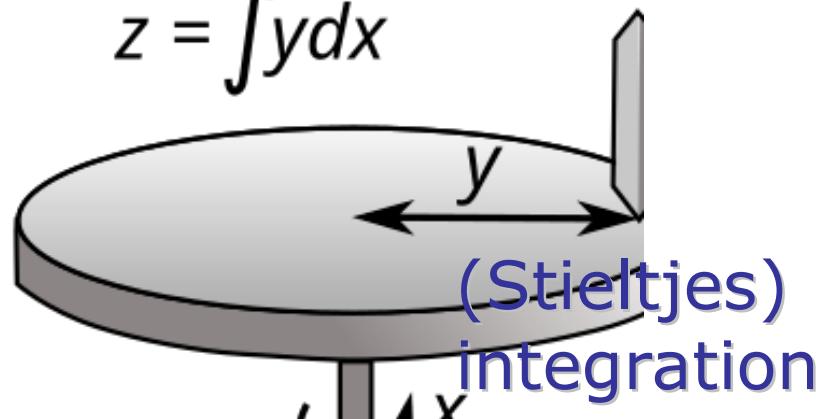
(rational)  
scaling



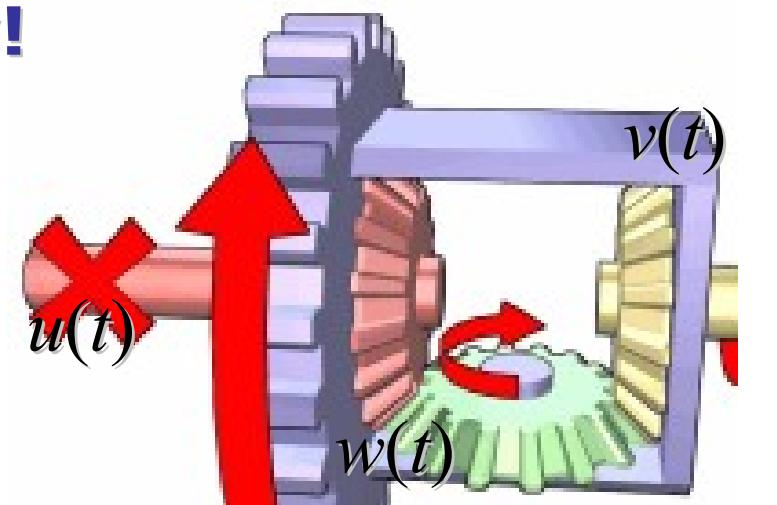
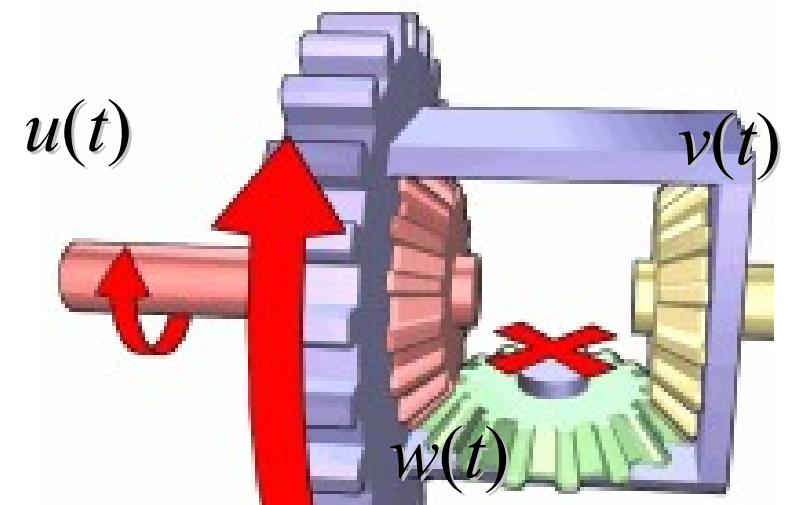
$$28 \cdot u(t) = 14 \cdot v(t)$$

**no multiply!**

$$z = \int y dx$$

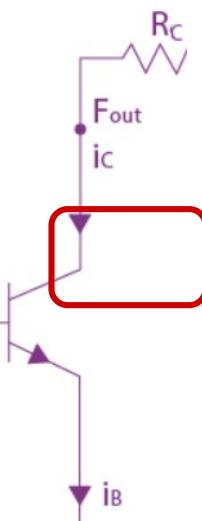


$$w(t) = (u(t) + v(t))/2$$

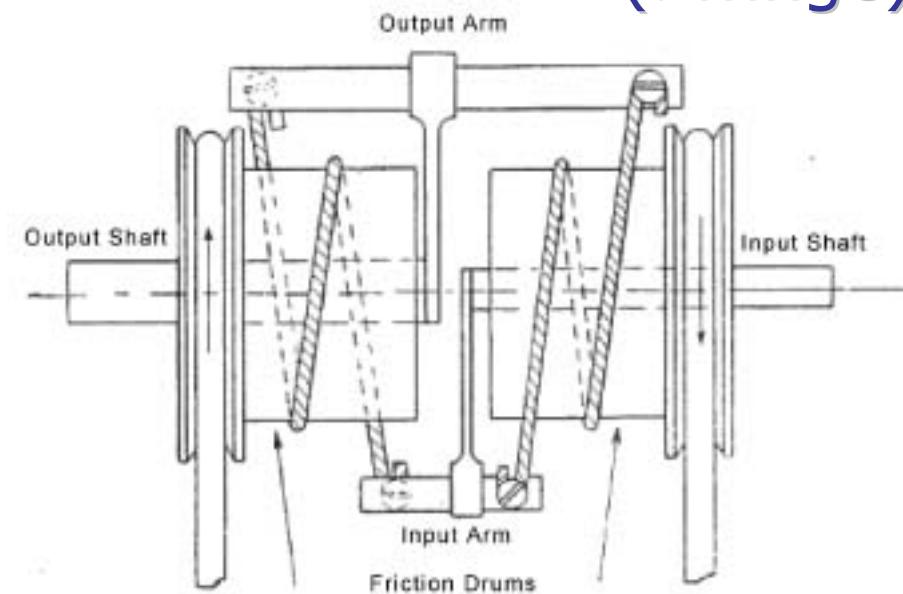
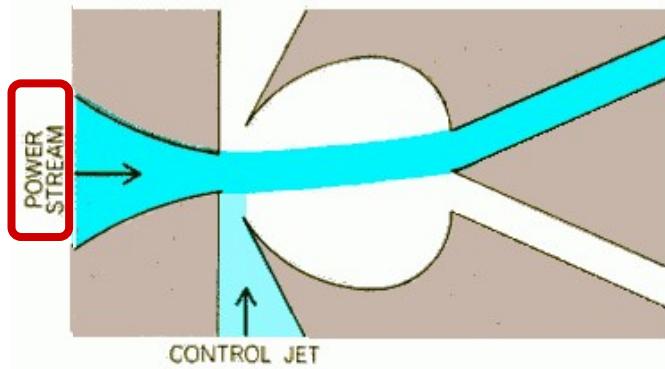
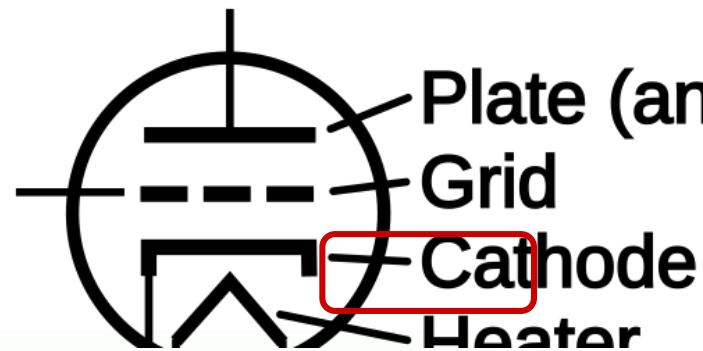


**(binary) averaging**

# §3 Torque Amplifier



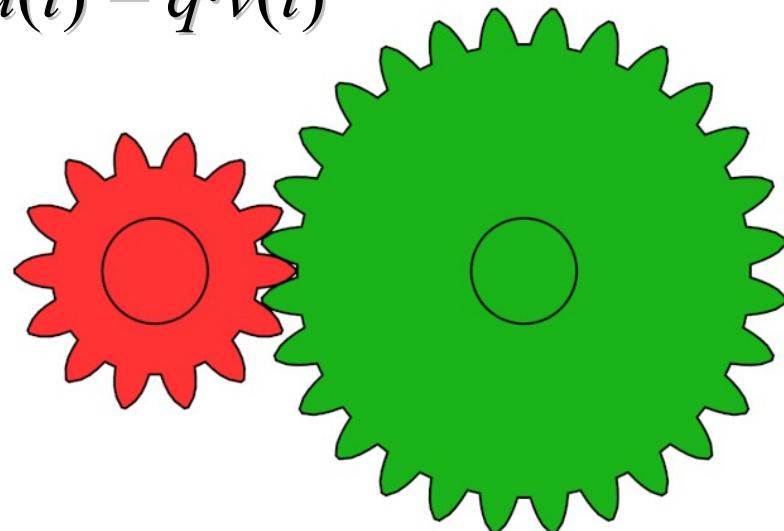
Capstan  
( $\neq$ winge)



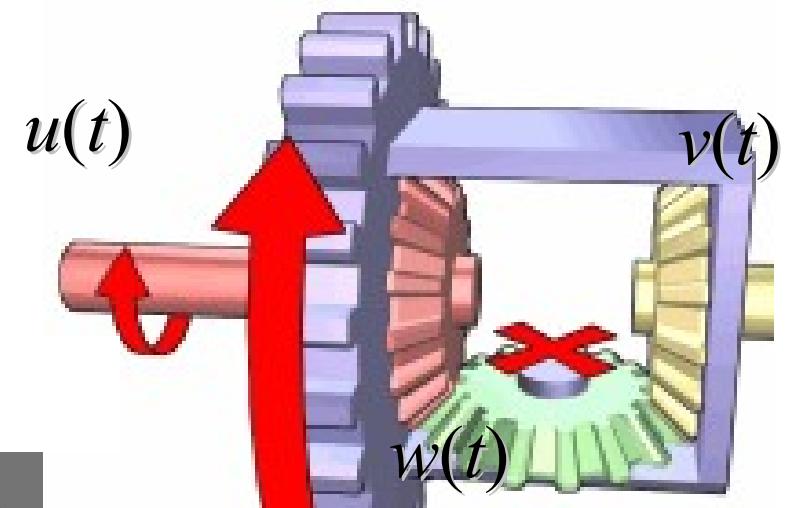
# §3 Math of Analog Computing

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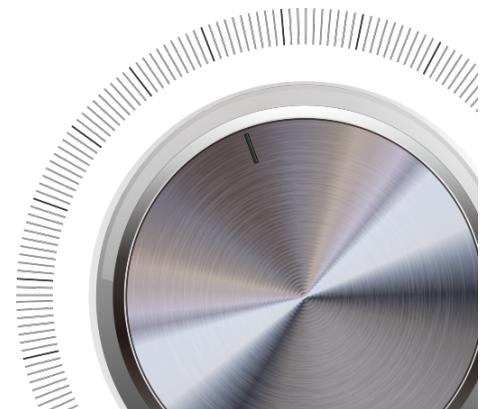
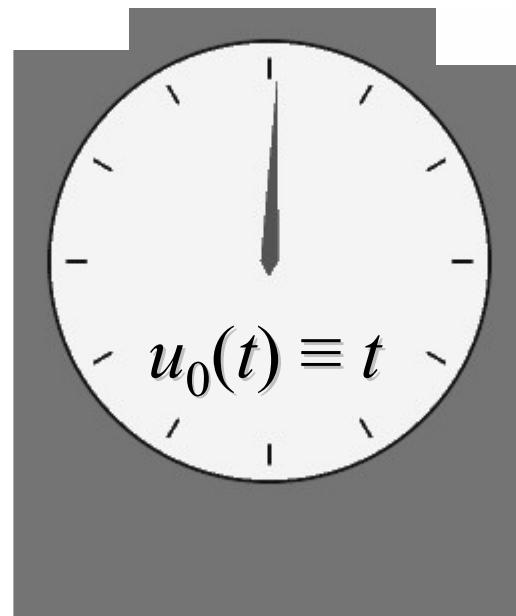
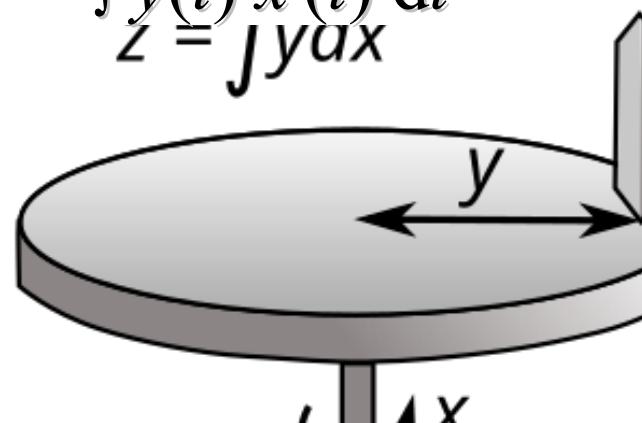
$$u(t) = q \cdot v(t)$$



$$w(t) = (u(t) + v(t))/2$$



$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= \int y(t) \, dx(t) \\ &= \int y(t) \cdot x'(t) \, dt \end{aligned}$$



$$c(t) \equiv c$$

# §3 Shannon: **GPAC** = **DAEs**

**Definition:** Let **GPAC** denote the least class of functions  $u=u(t)$  containing **a)** and **a')** and closed under **b, b', c**).

**a)**  $u_0(t) \equiv t$

$$q \in \mathbb{Q}$$

**a')**  $c(t) \equiv c$  ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

**b)**  $v(t) \rightarrow u(t) = q \cdot v(t)$

**b')**  $u(t), v(t) \rightarrow w(t) = (u(t) + v(t))/2$

**c)**  $x(t), y(t) \rightarrow z(t) = \int y(t) \cdot x'(t) dt$

**Theorem:** **a)** If  $u_1(t), \dots, u_n(t)$  are generated by [some configuration of] the Differential Analyzer, then it holds

(\*)  $u_k'(t) = \sum_{i,j=0..n} c_{ijk} \cdot u_i(t) \cdot u_j'(t)$  for some  $c_{ijk} \in \mathbb{R}$

**b)** If  $u_1(t), \dots, u_n(t)$  satisfy (\*) for some  $c_{ijk} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then they can be generated by the Differential Analyzer.