



HÁSKÓLINN Í REYKJAVÍK
REYKJAVÍK UNIVERSITY

Quick Introduction to Simulink

By:

Arash Sheikhlar

What is Simulink:

Simulink is a MATLAB-based graphical programming environment for: **Modeling, Simulating, and Analyzing** dynamical systems.

Usage:

- Designing Model-Based Control Systems
- Automation
- Digital Signal Processing

“Example isn't another way to teach, it is the only way to teach.” - Albert Einstein

As a simple example of dynamic systems:

Assume that we have a system with the following equation:

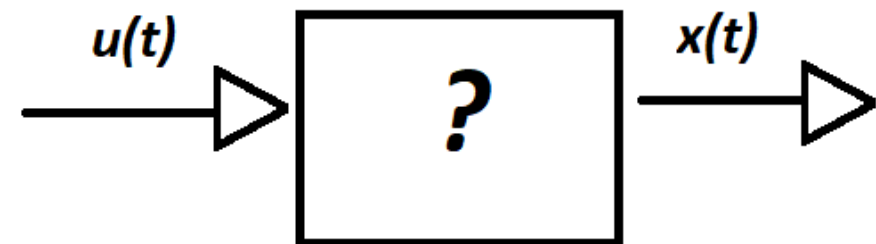
$$\dot{x}(t) + 10x(t) = u(t)$$

$u(t)$: input

$x(t)$: output

$\dot{x}(t)$: dx/dt

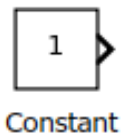
$x(0) = -10$, initial value of $x(t)$



$$\dot{x}(t) + 10x(t) = u(t)$$

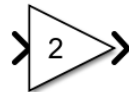
$u(t)$: input
 $x(t)$: output
 $\dot{x}(t)$: dx/dt
 $x(0) = -10$, initial value of $x(t)$

Inputs: We can give the system several types of signals as the input:



Connections: Connect the elements by drawing lines!

Add block: Add signals via “Sum” block: 

Gains: Give weight to the signals/connections by “gain”s: 

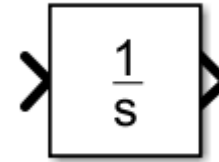
Scopes: How to observe the signals in time:  
Scope Display

Simout: How to save data: 
To Workspace

Integrator

The most **integral** element of building dynamic models:

Why???



| | Time domain | s domain |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Time-domain integration | $\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$ | $\frac{1}{s} F(s)$ |

When you have initial values, put it into the integral block.

MATLAB function

Don't forget to use MATLAB function when the Simulink does not provide you the desired block/function (or even when you don't find it)

This block contains one/multiple input(s) and one/multiple output(s). Write the code and generate your outputs.



MATLAB Function

The Simulink block diagram, the input and the output will be something like this:

