

# • Step functions & Discontinuous Functions

• Turning things ON and OFF

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(t) \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{(external)} \\ \text{Forcing function} \end{matrix}$$

So far can deal this using  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{variation of parameters} \\ \text{undetermined coefficients} \end{array} \right.$

• Undetermined coefficients need  $g$  to have

form involving  $t^n, e^{at}, \cos at, \sin bt$

• Variation of parameters: need to find homogeneous solutions.

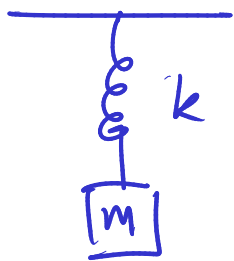
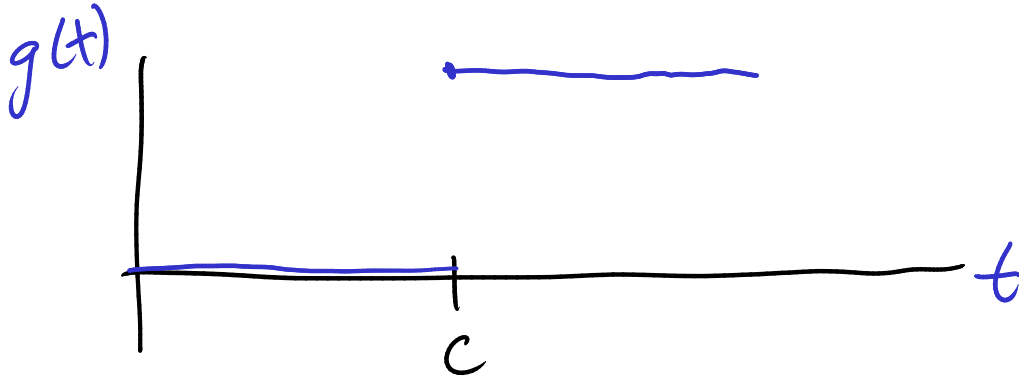
Need to do integrals like  $u_1 = \int \frac{-y_2 g(t)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dt$

Can be difficult to do this integral

• 3rd method: take Laplace transform of both sides  
solve for  $\mathcal{L}\{y\}$ , and take inverse Laplace transf.

Turning the forcing function on and off

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$$



damping  $\gamma$   $u = \text{displacement}$

$$mu'' + \gamma u' + ku = 0 \quad \text{when OFF}$$

$$mu'' + \gamma u' + ku = F \quad \text{when ON}$$

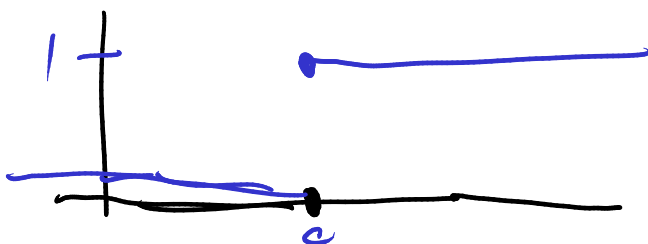
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Q: What is the dynamics like when the external force is turned ON?

Define a piecewise continuous function

$$u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$$

( $c \geq 0$  is a number)

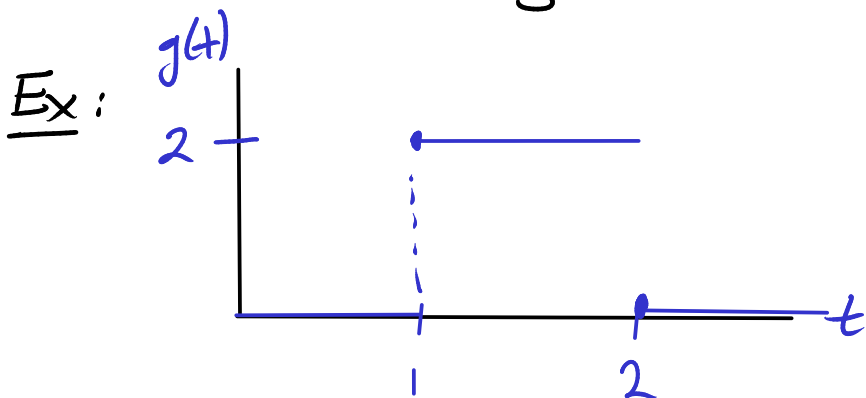


$$ay'' + by' + cy = u_c(t)$$

this sort of equation

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} u_c(t) e^{-st} dt \\
&= \int_0^c u_c(t) e^{-st} dt + \int_c^{\infty} u_c(t) e^{-st} dt \\
&= 0 + \int_c^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{-s} e^{-st} \right]_{t=c}^{t=B} \\
&= \lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{-s} (e^{-sB} - e^{-sc}) = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s} \quad (s > 0)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)\} = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s} \quad (s > 0) \quad \text{(line 12 in the table)}$$



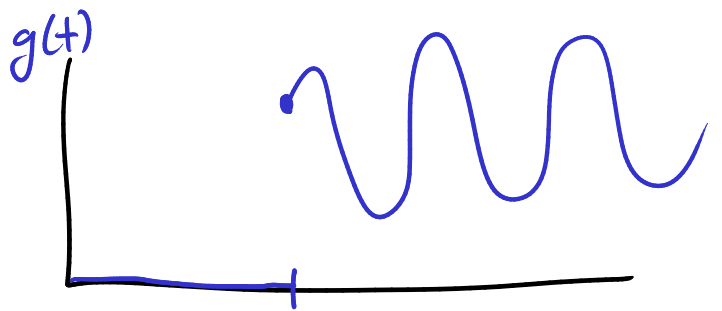
$$g(t) = 2u_1(t) - 2u_2(t)$$

turn on a 2  
at  $t=1$

turn on  
a -2 at  $t=2$

$$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = 2 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} - 2 \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} = \frac{2}{s} (e^{-s} - e^{-2s})$$

What about a function like



$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ f(t-c) & t \geq c \end{cases} = u_c(t) f(t-c)$$

$u_c(t)$  is called the unit step function (Heaviside step func.)

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) f(t-c)\} = \int_0^{\infty} u_c(t) f(t-c) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_c^{\infty} f(t-c) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-s(u+c)} du$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} u = t - c \\ t = u + c \\ dt = du \end{array}}$$

$$= e^{-sc} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-su} du$$

$$= e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

line 13  
in table

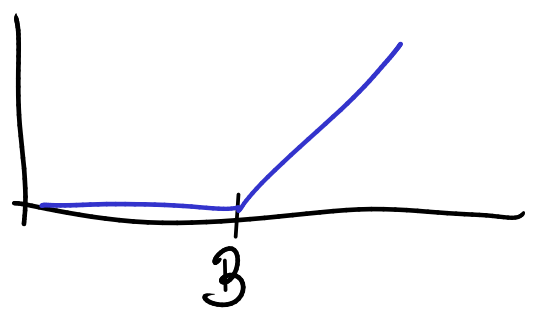
Conversely if  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs} F(s)$$

$$u_c(t) f(t-c) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-cs} F(s)\}$$

$$\text{Find } \mathcal{L}\{u_3(t)(t-3)\}$$

$$= e^{-3s} F(s)$$



where  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{t\}$

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

$$f(t) = t$$

$$u_3(t)f(t-3) = u_3(t)(t-3)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_3(t)(t-3)\} = e^{-3s} / s^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_\pi(t) \sin t\}$$

$$f(t) = \sin(t + \pi) = -\sin t$$

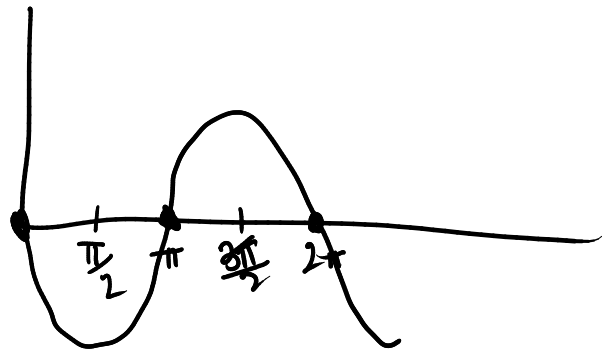
$$\mathcal{L}\{u_\pi(t) f(t - \pi)\}$$

$$f(t - \pi) = \sin t$$

$$= e^{-\pi s} F(s)$$

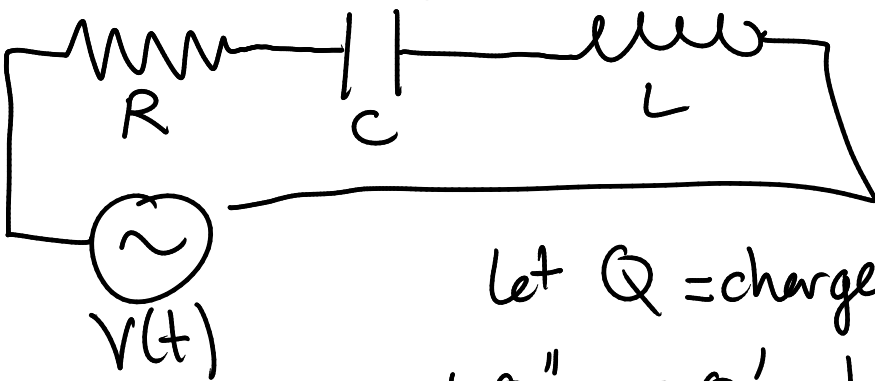
$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{-\sin t\}$$

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



Answer:  $-e^{-\pi s} / (s^2 + 1)$

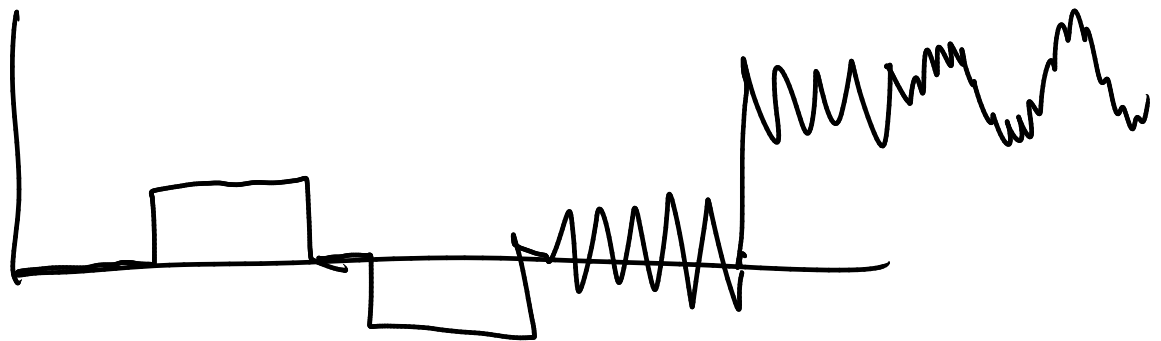
Now we can do lots of situations



Let  $Q$  = charge in capacitor:

$$LQ'' + RQ' + \frac{1}{C}Q = V(t)$$

Turning

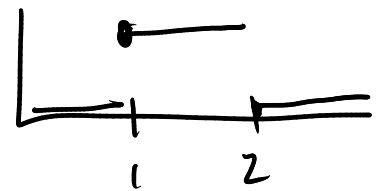


Eq.  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = f(t)$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1, t \geq 2 \\ 1 & 1 \leq t < 2 \end{cases}$$

$$y(0) = 0 \quad y'(0) = 0$$

Introduce  $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$



$$\mathcal{L}\{y'(t)\} = sY(s) - y(0) = sY(s) \quad f(t) = u_1(t) - u_2(t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''(t)\} = s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) = s^2Y(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = (e^{-s} - e^{-2s})/s$$

$$s^2Y(s) + 2sY(s) + 2Y(s) = \frac{e^{-s} - e^{-2s}}{s}$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 2)Y(s) = (e^{-s} - e^{-2s})/s$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{e^{-s} - e^{-2s}}{s(s^2 + 2s + 2)}$$

we have the Laplace transform of the solution:

Need to take  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ : let's call  $H(s) = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 2s + 2)}$

$$Y(s) = e^{-s}H(s) - e^{-2s}H(s) \quad \text{look at line 13}$$

Suppose  $h(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{H(s)\}$  then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-s}H(s)\} = u_1(t)h(t-1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-2s}H(s)\} = u_2(t)h(t-2)$$

$$y(t) = u_1(t)h(t-1) - u_2(t)h(t-2)$$

The solution is also defined piecewise, just like the forcing function.

All we need to do now is find  $h(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s^2 + 2s + 2)}\right\}$

$$\frac{1}{s(s^2 + 2s + 2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs + C}{(s^2 + 2s + 2)}$$

$$1 = A(s^2 + 2s + 2) + (Bs + C)s$$

plug in  $s=0$ :  $1 = A \cdot 2 + 0 \quad A = 1/2$

$$1 = As^2 + 2As + 2A + Bs^2 + Cs$$

$$As^2 + Bs^2 = 0$$

$$A + B = 0$$

$$B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2As + Cs = 0$$

$$2A + C = 0, C = -1$$

$$H(s) = \boxed{\frac{1/2}{s}} + \frac{-\frac{1}{2}s - 1}{s^2 + 2s + 2}$$

$\frac{1}{2}$  ↓

Complete the square in  $s^2 + 2s + 2$

$$(s+1)^2 + 1 = s^2 + 2s + 2$$

Like lines 9 and 10 in table

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \sin bt\} = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos bt\} = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$$

Going to match when  $a = -1$   $b = 1$

Need write

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

$$\beta s + \beta + \alpha = -\frac{1}{2}s - 1 \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{-\frac{1}{2}s - 1}{(s+1)^2 + 1^2} \right\} = \alpha (e^{-t} \sin t) + \beta (e^{-t} \cos t)$$



$$= -\frac{1}{2} e^{-t} (\cos t + \sin t)$$

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} (\cos t + \sin t)$$

$$y(t) = u_1(t) h(t-1) - u_2(t) h(t-2)$$

