

Week 10 Summary:

• $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

* A has complex eigenvalues: $\lambda_{1,2} = a \pm bi$

$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + C_2 \vec{x}_2(t)$, where $\vec{x}_1(t) = e^{(a+bi)t} \vec{v} = e^{at} = e^{at} (\cos bt + i \sin bt) \vec{v}$


write $\vec{x}_1(t)$ as $\vec{u}(t) + i\vec{w}(t)$, and the general solution is

$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \vec{u}(t) + C_2 \vec{w}(t)$.

Phase portrait:

- $a > 0$ outward spirals
- $a < 0$ inward spirals
- $a = 0$ ellipses / circles


* A has repeated eigenvalues:

(i) Two eigenvectors: star point. 

$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_2$

(ii) One eigenvector: $\vec{x}_1(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}$.

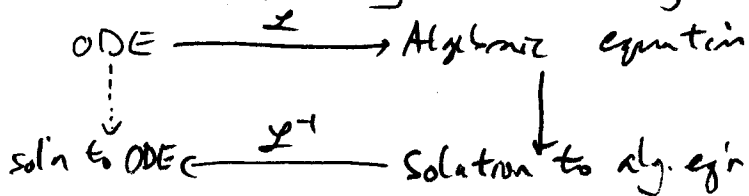
Guess: $\vec{x}_2(t) = t e^{\lambda t} \vec{u} + e^{\lambda t} \vec{w}$, solve for \vec{u} & \vec{w} .

Phase portrait: Degenerate node. 

• Laplace transforms: $\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt := F(s)$

* Turns derivatives into multiplication: $\mathcal{L}(y') = sY - y(0)$

* Useful especially when forcing term is discontinuous:



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More Laplace transform properties

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

$$(ii) \mathcal{L}\{t f(t)\}(s) = -F'(s)$$

$$(iii) \mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\}(s) = (-1)^n F^{(n)}(s).$$

Applications of these:

Example 1: $f(t) = e^{2t} \cos 3t$

Recall: $\mathcal{L}(\cos 3t) = \frac{s}{s^2+9}$

Using (i), $\mathcal{L}(e^{2t} \cos 3t) = \boxed{\frac{s-2}{(s-2)^2+9}} = F(s)$

Example 2: $f(t) = t^2 e^{3t}$ let $g(t) = e^{3t}$

Recall: $\mathcal{L}(e^{3t}) = \frac{1}{s-3} = G(s)$

Using (iii), $\mathcal{L}(t^2 e^{3t})(s) = (-1)^2 G''(s) = 1 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left(\frac{1}{s-3} \right) = \boxed{\frac{2}{(s-3)^3}}$

Back to using Laplace transforms to solve ODEs:

Example: $y' - 4y = \cos 2t, \quad y(0) = -2$

$$\mathcal{L}(y') - \mathcal{L}(4y) = \mathcal{L}(\cos 2t)$$

$$[sY - y(0)] - 4Y = \frac{s}{s^2+4}$$

$$sY + 2 - 4Y = \frac{s}{s^2+4} \Rightarrow (s-4)Y = \frac{s}{s^2+4} - \frac{2(s^2+4)}{s^2+4} = \frac{-2s^2+s-8}{s^2+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{-2s^2+s-8}{(s-4)(s^2+4)}$$

* The solution to this IVP is the unique function $y(t)$ that has Laplace transform $Y(s) = \frac{-2s^2+s-8}{(s-4)(s^2+4)}$

Now, we need to figure out how to "undo" the Laplace transform.

Let's revisit our example IVP: $y'' - y = e^{2t}$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$.

Recall that we computed $Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)}$.

To solve for $y(t)$, we must compute $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)}\right)$.

To do this, write $\frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s-2}$.

Use partial fraction decomposition:

$$\frac{A(s-2)}{(s+1)(s-2)} + \frac{B(s+1)}{(s-2)(s+1)} = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)} \Rightarrow \overbrace{(A+B)}^{=0} s + \overbrace{(B-2A)}^{=1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B=0 \\ B-2A=1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow A=-B \Rightarrow 3B=1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} B=1/3 \\ A=-1/3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)} = \frac{-1/3}{s+1} + \frac{1/3}{s-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)}\right) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{-1/3}{s+1}\right) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1/3}{s-2}\right) \\ = -\frac{1}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+1}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-2}\right) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3}e^{2t}}$$

Example: Compute $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+4s+13}\right)$.

Note: $s^2+4s+13$ doesn't factor.

Instead, put it in the form $\frac{1}{(s-b)^2+a^2}$, because

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

"Complete the square": $\frac{1}{(s^2+4s+4)+9} = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+3^2} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+3^2} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} \boxed{\frac{1}{3}e^{-2t} \sin 3t}$

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Example: Solve the IVP $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0$.

Old method: $y(t) = e^{rt}$, $e^{rt}(r^2 - 2r - 3) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (r-3)(r+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-t}$$

Use initial conditions: $y(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 1$ and $y'(t) = 3C_1 e^{3t} - C_2 e^{-t}$

$$y'(0) = 3C_1 - C_2 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = 1 \\ 3C_1 - C_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{1}{4}, C_2 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \boxed{y(t) = \frac{1}{4} e^{3t} + \frac{3}{4} e^{-t}}$$

New method: $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0$.

$$\mathcal{L}(y'') - 2\mathcal{L}(y') - 3\mathcal{L}(y) = 0.$$

$$[s^2 Y - s y(0) - y'(0)] - 2[sY - y(0)] - 3Y = 0$$

$$[s^2 Y - s - 0] - 2[sY - 1] - 3Y = 0 \Rightarrow (s^2 - 2s - 3)Y = s - 2$$

$$Y = \frac{s-2}{s^2 - 2s - 3} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{B}{s+1} = \frac{s-2}{s^2 - 2s - 3}$$

$$\frac{A}{s-3} \frac{(s+1)}{(s+1)} + \frac{B}{s+1} \frac{(s-3)}{(s-3)} = \frac{(A+B)s + (A-3B)}{(s+1)(s-3)} = \frac{s-2}{(s+1)(s-3)}$$

$$\begin{cases} A+B = 1 \\ A-3B = -2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} A = \frac{1}{4} \\ B = \frac{3}{4} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1/4}{s-3} + \frac{3/4}{s+1}$$

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1/4}{s-3}\right) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{3/4}{s+1}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-3}\right) + \frac{3}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+1}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y(t) = \frac{1}{4} e^{3t} + \frac{3}{4} e^{-t}}$$

Summary/analysis: Consider $ay'' + by' + cy = f(t)$, $y(0) = y_0$, $y'(0) = y_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(ay'' + by' + cy) &= a\mathcal{L}(y'') + b\mathcal{L}(y') + c\mathcal{L}(y) \\ &= a(s^2Y - sy(0) - y'(0)) + b(sY - y(0)) + cY \\ &= (as^2 + bs + c)Y - y_0(as + b) - ay_1 = F(s). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } Y(s) = \underbrace{\frac{F(s)}{as^2 + bs + c}}_{\text{"state-free" sol'n}} + \underbrace{\frac{y_0(as + b) + ay_1}{as^2 + bs + c}}_{\text{"input-free" sol'n}}$$

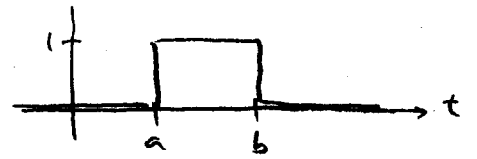
i.e., $Y(s) = Y_s(s) + Y_i(s)$, where

$Y_s(s)$ doesn't depend on the initial conditions, and

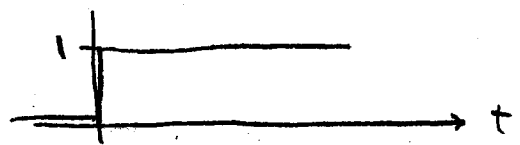
$Y_i(s)$ doesn't depend on the forcing term $f(t)$.

Discontinuous Forcing terms

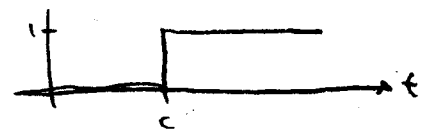
• Interval function: $H_{ab}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ 1 & a \leq t < b \\ 0 & a \leq t < \infty \end{cases}$



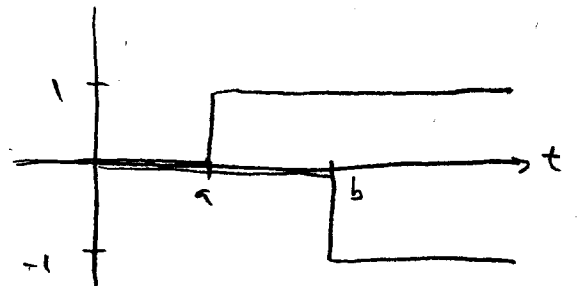
• Heaviside function: $H(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$



• Shifted Heaviside function: $H_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$
 $= H(t - c)$



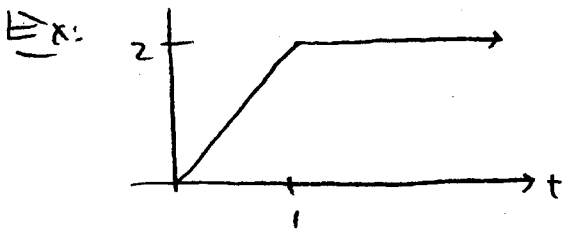
Note: $H_{ab}(t) = H_a(t) - H_b(t) = H(t - a) - H(t - b)$



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* Many piecewise continuous functions can be represented using Heavyside functions.

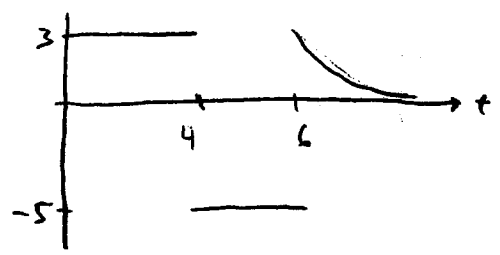
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 2t & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 2 & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= 2t H_{0,1}(t) + 2 H_1(t) \\ &= 2t [H(t) - H(t-1)] + 2 H(t-1) \\ &= 2t H(t) - 2(t-1) H(t-1). \end{aligned}$$

Goal: Use the Heavyside function to write discontinuous functions, so we can take their Laplace transforms easily.

Example: $f(t) = \begin{cases} 3 & 0 \leq t < 4 \\ -5 & 4 \leq t < 6 \\ e^{7-t} & 6 \leq t < \infty \end{cases}$



$$\begin{aligned} F(t) &= 3 H_{0,4}(t) - 5 H_{4,6}(t) + e^{7-t} H_6(t) \\ &= 3 [H(t) - H(t-4)] - 5 [H(t-4) - H(t-6)] + e^{7-t} [H(t-6)] \\ &= 3 H(t) - 8 H(t-4) + 5 H(t-6) + e^{7-t} H(t-6) \end{aligned}$$

We'll soon see how to quickly take the Laplace transform of this.

Note: $\mathcal{L}\{H_{a,b}(t)\}(s) = \int_a^b e^{-st} dt = \frac{e^{-as} - e^{-bs}}{s}$.

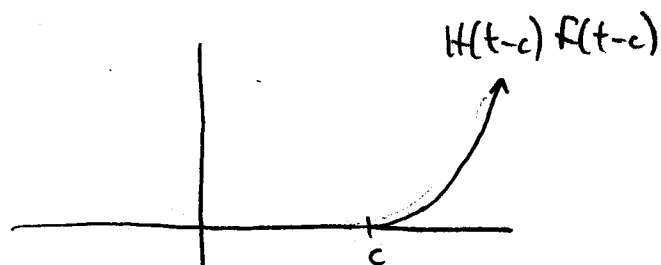
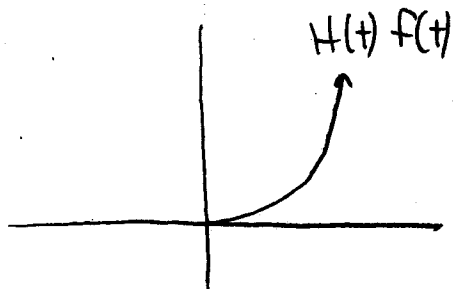
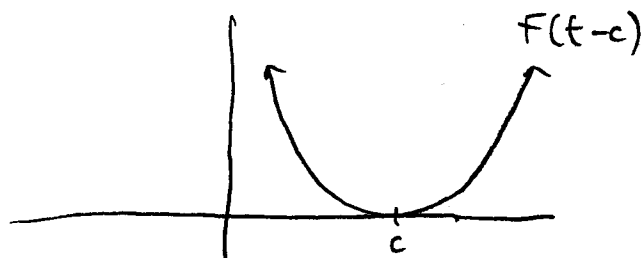
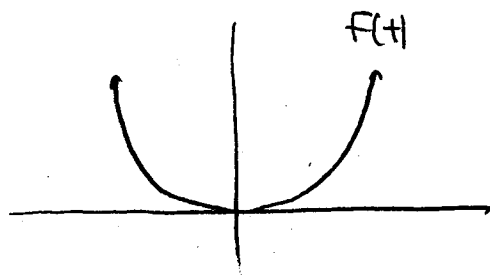
Recall that $\mathcal{L}\{e^{ct} f(t)\}(s) = F(s-c)$.

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

What does this mean?

Suppose $f(t) = t^2$

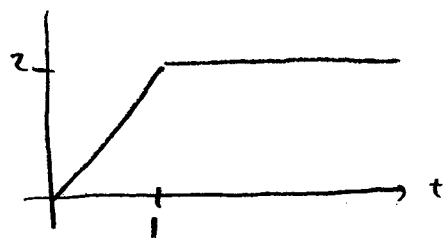
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Thus, $H(t-c)f(t-c)$ truncates $f(t)$ at $t=0$, then shifts it by c .
Since $f(t)$ is defined for only $t \geq 0$, we don't want $f(t-c)$ to be defined for $t < c$, so we use $H(t-c)f(t-c)$.

Example: Find the Laplace transform of $g(t) = \begin{cases} 2t & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 2 & 1 \leq t < \infty \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= 2t H_0(t) + 2H_1(t) \\ &= 2t [H(t) - H(t-1)] + 2[H(t-1)] \\ &= 2t H(t) + (2-2t)H(t-1) \\ &= 2t H(t) - 2(t-1)H(t-1) \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathcal{L}\{g\} = 2\mathcal{L}\{tH(t)\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{(t-1)H(t-1)\} = \frac{2}{s^2} - \frac{2}{s^2}e^{-s}$$