

Week 6 Summary

- Method of undetermined coefficients

used to solve linear inhomogeneous 2<sup>nd</sup> order ODEs with constant coefficients.

Big idea: Given  $y_p(t)$  to have the same form as the forcing term  $f(t)$ . Then  $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$

$f(t)$	$y_p(t)$
$e^{rt}$	$ae^{rt}$
$\cos wt$ or $\sin wt$	$a \cos wt + b \sin wt$
$n^{\text{th}}$ deg polynomial	$n^{\text{th}}$ degree polynomial
$e^{rt} \cos wt$ or $e^{rt} \sin wt$	$e^{rt}(a \cos wt + b \sin wt)$
linear combin. of above $f^{\text{ns}}$	linear combin. of above $f^{\text{ns}}$

- Harmonic motion:  $x'' + 2c x' + \omega_0^2 x = f(t)$ .

\* Simple harmonic motion ( $c = f(t) = 0$ ):

$$x(t) = a \cos \omega_0 t + b \sin \omega_0 t \quad \text{or} \quad A \cos(\omega_0 t - \phi)$$

\* With damping ( $c \neq 0$ ). Roots  $r_{1,2} = -c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - \omega_0^2}$

case 1:  $c > \omega_0$  overdamped  $x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$

case 2:  $c = \omega_0$  critically damped  $x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 t e^{r_1 t}$

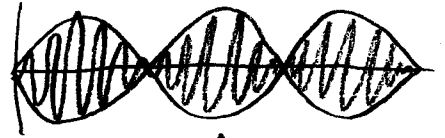
case 3:  $c < \omega_0$  underdamped  $x(t) = e^{-ct} (a \cos \omega_0 t + b \sin \omega_0 t)$

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\* Forced harmonic motion ( $f(t) \neq 0$ ).

e.g.,  $x'' + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos \omega t$

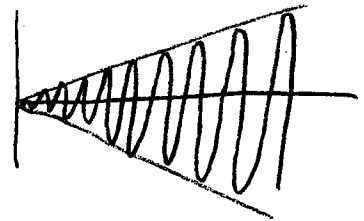
example IVP



Case 1:  $\omega \neq \omega_0$ .  $x(t) = \frac{A}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} (\cos \omega t - \cos \omega_0 t) = \frac{A}{2\delta\omega} \sin \delta t \sin \bar{\omega} t$

Case 2:  $\omega = \omega_0$   $x(t) = C_1 \cos \omega_0 t + C_2 \sin \omega_0 t + \frac{A}{2\omega_0} t \sin \omega_0 t$

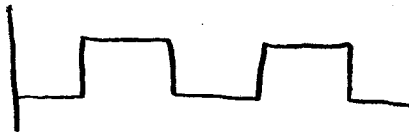
Example IVP



This week: Laplace transforms

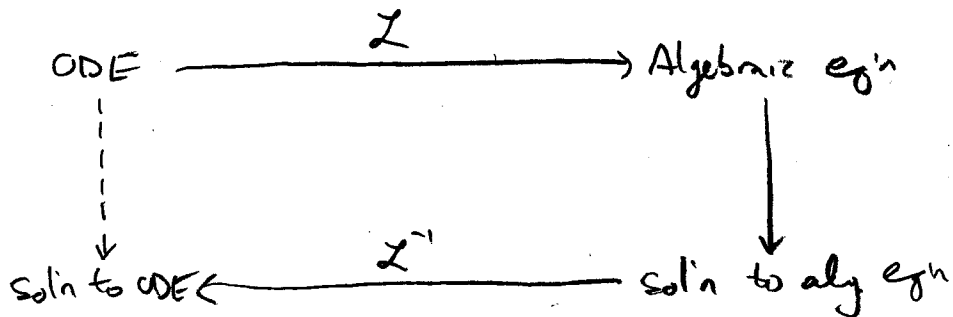
- used to solve linear ODE's
- Useful when forcing term is discontinuous

e.g., step function



Think: Force being turned on/off.

Big idea:



The Laplace transform is an operator: inputs a function, spits out a function.

Def: Suppose  $f(t)$  is defined for  $0 < t < \infty$ . The Laplace transform of  $f$  is the function  $\mathcal{L}(f)$ , where

$$\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \quad s > 0$$

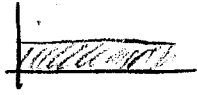
Often, we denote  $\mathcal{L}(f)$  by  $F$ , i.e.  $f \longmapsto F$ .


Recall:  $\int_0^{\infty} f(t) dt := \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T f(t) dt$ .

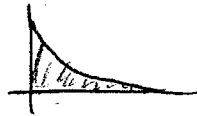
Example: Compute  $\mathcal{L}(f)$ , where  $f(t) = e^{at}$ .

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{at} e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt$$

3 cases:

(i)  $s = a$ :  $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} 1 dt = \infty$  (undefined) 

(ii)  $s < a$ :  $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{|s-a|t} dt = \infty$  (undefined) 

(iii)  $s > a$ :  $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T e^{-(s-a)t} dt$    

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left. \frac{e^{-(s-a)t}}{-(s-a)} \right|_0^{\infty} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{-e^{-(s-a)T}}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s-a} \right) = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{L}(e^{at})(s) = F(s) = \frac{1}{s-a}$  for  $s > a$ .

Note: Sometimes the domain is restricted.

eg,  $f$  has domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$

$F$  has domain  $(a, \infty)$ .

Recall: Integration by parts

let's rederive it:  $(uv)' = u dv + du v$

$$u dv = (uv)' - du v$$

$$\boxed{\int u dv = uv - \int v du}$$

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Example: let  $f(t) = t$ . Compute  $\mathcal{L}(f)$

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} dt$$

$$\text{let } u = t \\ du = dt$$

$$v = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \\ \text{let } dv = e^{-st} dt$$

$$\int \underbrace{t}_u \underbrace{e^{-st}}_{dv} dt = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{s} t e^{-st}}_{uv} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{s} \int e^{-st} dt}_{-\int v du} = -\frac{t e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-st} dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T t e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{t e^{-st}}{s} - \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \right) \Big|_0^T = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{T e^{-sT}}{s} - \frac{e^{-sT}}{s^2} \right) - \left( 0 - \frac{e^0}{s^2} \right) = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

Other common functions:

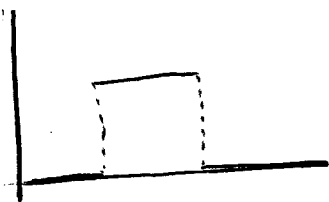
$$\mathcal{L}(t^n)(s) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

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

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

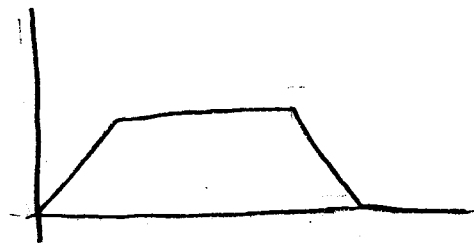
We can also compute the Laplace transform of piecewise continuous & piecewise differentiable functions.

e.g.,



step function.

piecewise continuous



continuous

piecewise differentiable.

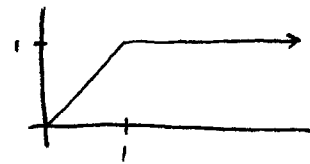
Ex: let  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 0 & t > 1 \end{cases}$



Compute  $\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \int_0^1 e^{-st} dt$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{-\frac{e^{-s}}{s} + \frac{1}{s}}$$

Ex: let  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 1 & 1 < t < \infty \end{cases}$



We must break the integral into 2 parts.

$$\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \underbrace{\int_0^1 t e^{-st} dt}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\int_1^{\infty} e^{-st} dt}_{I_2}$$

$$I_1 = -\frac{e^{-s}}{s} - \left( \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2} \right)$$

$$I_2 = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left. -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} \right|_{t=1}^T = \frac{e^{-s}}{s}$$

$$F(s) = \left( -\frac{e^{-s}}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2} \right) + \left( \frac{e^{-s}}{s} \right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2}}$$

### Properties of the Laplace transform:

- $\mathcal{L}$  is linear
- $\mathcal{L}$  turns derivatives into multiplication.

(and we'll see a few others as well).

(ii) Linearity:  $\mathcal{L}(a f(t) + b g(t))(s) = a \mathcal{L}(f(t)) + b \mathcal{L}(g(t))$

i.e., you can break apart sums & pull apart constants.

(6) ( $\mathcal{L}$  is a "linear operator").

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ex: } \mathcal{L}(6t^4 - 2\sin 3t + 4\cos 5t) \\ &= 5\mathcal{L}(t^4) - 2\mathcal{L}(\sin 3t) + 4\mathcal{L}(\cos 5t) \\ &= 6 \cdot \frac{4!}{s^5} - 2 \cdot \frac{3}{s^2+9} - 4 \frac{s}{s^2+25}\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Turns derivatives into multiplication

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

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Proof: } \mathcal{L}(y')(s) &= \int_0^\infty y'(t)e^{-st} dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left[ e^{-st} y(t) + \overbrace{s \int_0^T y(t)e^{-st} dt}^{s\mathcal{L}(y)(s)} \right] \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} e^{-sT} y(t) \Big|_0^T + s\mathcal{L}(y)(s) \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{e^{-sT} y(t) - y(0)}_{\substack{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as long} \\ \text{as } |y(t)| \leq Ce^{at}}} + s\mathcal{L}(y)(s) = \boxed{s\mathcal{L}(y)(s) - y(0)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \mathcal{L}(y'')(s) = s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y''')(s) = s^3 Y(s) - s^2 y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y^{(4)})(s) = s^4 Y(s) - s^3 y(0) - s^2 y'(0) - sy''(0)$$

⋮  
etc.

$$\text{Proof: } \mathcal{L}(y'') = s\mathcal{L}(y')(s) - y'(0)$$

$$= s(sY(s) - y(0)) - y'(0) = s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)$$

and so on, inductively.  $\square$

Application: Consider  $y'' - y = e^{2t}$   $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$ .

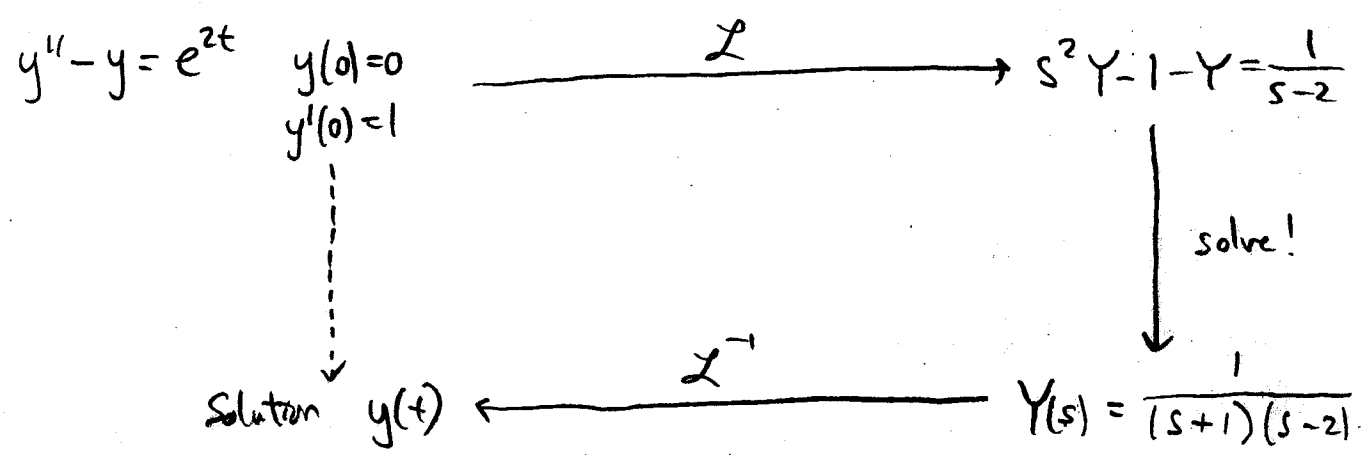
$$\mathcal{L}(y'') - \mathcal{L}(y) = \mathcal{L}(e^{2t})$$

$$[s^2 Y(s) - \cancel{s y(0)} - \cancel{y'(0)}] - [Y(s)] = \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$s^2 Y - 1 - Y = \frac{1}{s-2} \Rightarrow (s^2 - 1) Y = \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{s-2}{s-2} = \frac{s-1}{s-2}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)}$$

\* The solution to the IVP (above) is the function whose Laplace transform is  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)}$ .  
(we'll show how to do this later).



More Laplace transform facts

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

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

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

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Applications of this:

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

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

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

Ex 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),  $\mathcal{L}(t^2 e^{3t}|(s)) = (-1)^2 F''(s) = 1 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left( \frac{1}{s-3} \right) = \frac{2}{(s-3)^3}$

Back to using Laplace transforms to solve ODEs.

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

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

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

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

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

Example:  $y'' + 3y' + 5y = t + e^{-t}$   $y(0) = -1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ .

$$\mathcal{L}(y'') + 3\mathcal{L}(y') + 5\mathcal{L}(y) = \mathcal{L}(t) + \mathcal{L}(e^{-t})$$

$$[s^2Y - sy(0) - y'(0)] + 3[sY - y(0)] + 5Y = \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$s^2Y + s + 3sY + 3 + 5Y = \frac{s^2+1}{s^2(s^2+1)} + \frac{s^2}{s^2(s^2+1)}$$



$$(s^2 + 3s + 5)Y + (s + 3) = \frac{2s^2 + 1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$$

$$(s^2 + 3s + 5)Y = \frac{2s^2 + 1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} - \frac{s^2(s^2 + 1)(s + 3)}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$$

$$(s^2 + 3s + 5)Y = \frac{(2s^2 + 1) - (s^5 + 3s^4 + s^3 + 3s^2)}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{-s^5 - 3s^4 - s^3 - s^2 + 1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 3s + 5)}$$

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

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

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.

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

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

$$A = -B \Rightarrow 3B = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} B = 1/3 \\ A = -1/3 \end{matrix}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{1}{(s^2+4s+4)+9} = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+3^2} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{3}{(s+2)^2+3^2}$$

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

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

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

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

$$y(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(t) = 3C_1 e^{3t} - C_2 e^{-t}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$[s^2 Y - s - 0] - 2[s Y - 1] - 3Y = 0$$

$$(s^2 - 2s - 3)Y = s - 2$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(ay'' + by' + cy) &= a \mathcal{L}(y'') + b \mathcal{L}(y') + c \mathcal{L}(y) \\ &= a(s^2 Y - s y(0) - y'(0)) + b(s Y - y(0)) + c Y \\ &= (a s^2 + b s + c) Y - y_0(a s + b) - a y_1 \\ &= F(s) \end{aligned}$$

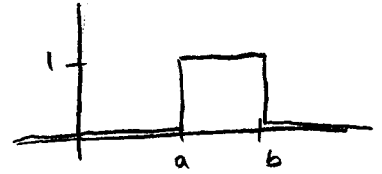
$$\text{Thus } Y(s) = \underbrace{\frac{F(s)}{a s^2 + b s + c}}_{\text{state-free sol'n}} + \underbrace{\frac{y_0(a s + b) + a y_1}{a s^2 + b s + c}}_{\text{input-free sol'n}}$$

$$Y(s) = Y_s(s) + Y_i(s)$$

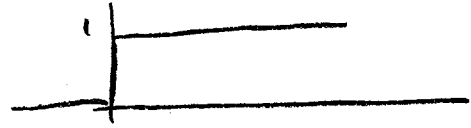
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## Discontinuous forcing terms

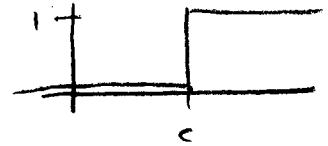
• Interval Function:  $H_{ab}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ 1 & a \leq t < b \\ 0 & a \leq t < \infty \end{cases}$



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

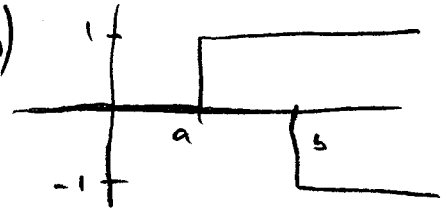


• Shifted Heaviside function:  $H_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$

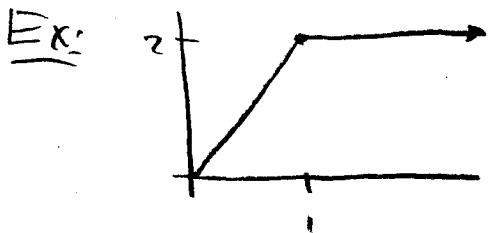


$$= H(t-c)$$

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



\* Many piecewise continuous functions can be represented using Heaviside functions.



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

$$F(t) = 2t H_{0,1}(t) + 2H_1(t)$$

$$= 2t [H(t) - H(t-1)] + 2H(t-1)$$

$$= 2t H(t) - 2(t-1)H(t-1).$$