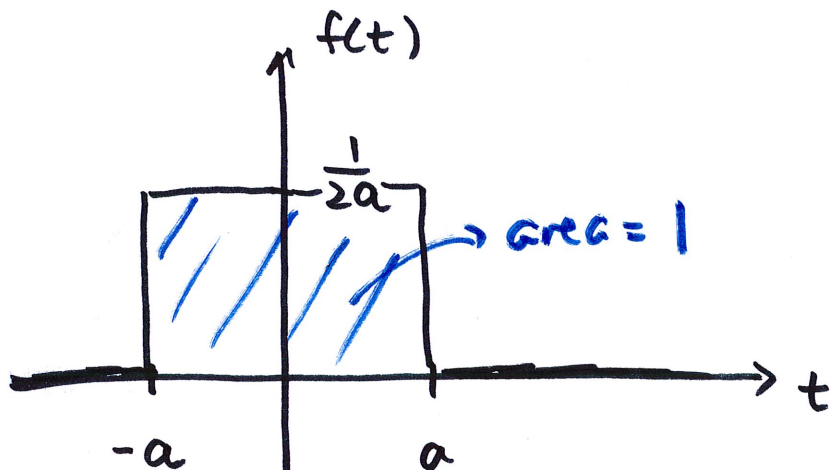


## 6.5 Impulse Functions

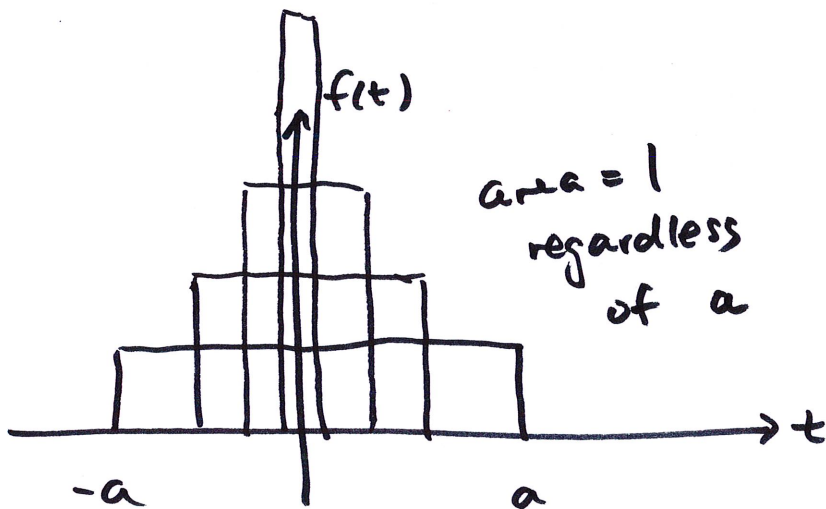
used to model very short-acting force

model from two step functions



$$f(t) = u_{-a}(t) \cdot \frac{1}{2a} - u_a(t) \cdot \frac{1}{2a}$$

turn into a impulse by  
letting  $a \rightarrow 0$

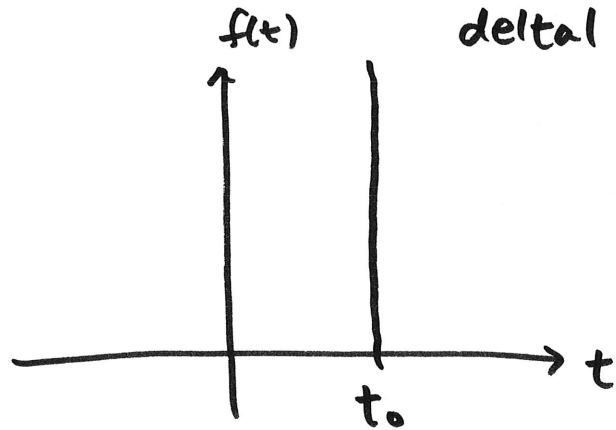


magnitude  $\rightarrow \infty$

eventually



define impulse function  $\delta(t-t_0) = 0 \quad t \neq t_0$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-t_0) dt = 1$$

this is also called the  
Dirac Delta Function

Laplace transform of  $\delta(t-t_0)$  ?

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

use  $\delta(t-t_0) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \left( U_{t_0-a}^{t_0+a}(t) \cdot \frac{1}{2a} - U_{t_0+a}^{t_0-a}(t) \cdot \frac{1}{2a} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-t_0)\} &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{L}\left\{ U_{t_0-a}^{t_0+a}(t) \cdot \frac{1}{2a} - U_{t_0+a}^{t_0-a}(t) \cdot \frac{1}{2a} \right\} \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \left[ e^{-(t_0-a)s} \frac{1}{2as} - e^{-(t_0+a)s} \frac{1}{2as} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} e^{-t_0 s} \left[ \frac{e^{as}}{2as} - \frac{e^{-as}}{2as} \right] \quad \frac{e^{as} - e^{-as}}{2} = \sinh(as)$$

$$= e^{-t_0 s} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh(as)}{as} = e^{-t_0 s} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cosh(as) \cdot \cancel{s}}{\cancel{s}}$$

$$= e^{-t_0 s}$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-t_0)\} = e^{-t_0 s}}$$

$$\text{note: } \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-0)\} = \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = 1$$

Example  $y'' + y = \delta(t - \pi) \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0$

$$s^2 Y - sy(0) - y'(0) + Y = e^{-\pi s}$$

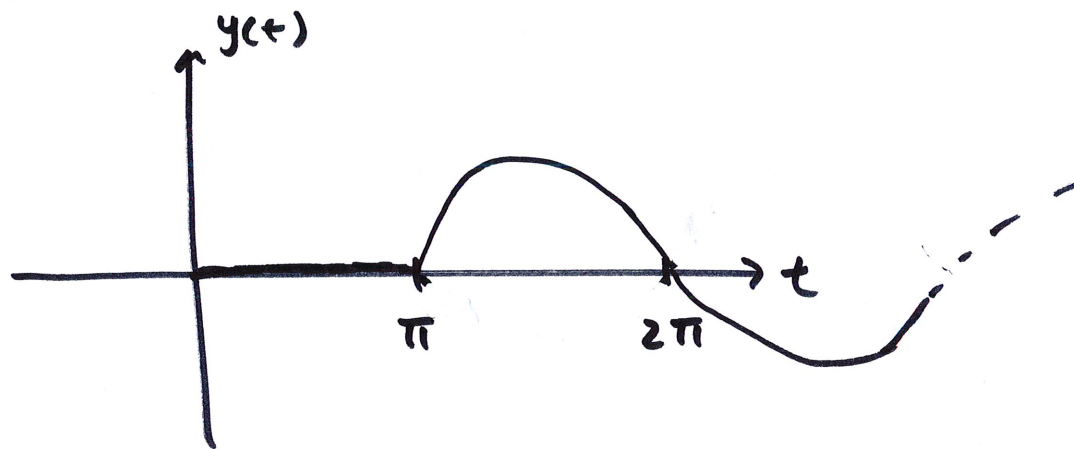
$$(s^2 + 1)Y = e^{-\pi s}$$

$$Y = e^{-\pi s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$y(t) = u_{\pi}(t) \cdot \sin(t - \pi)$$

no impulse here  
unit step

$$y(t) = -u_{\pi}(t) \sin(t)$$



example  $y'' + y = \delta(t - \pi) - \delta(t - 2\pi) \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$

$$s^2 Y - sy(0) - y'(0) + Y = e^{-\pi s} - e^{-2\pi s}$$

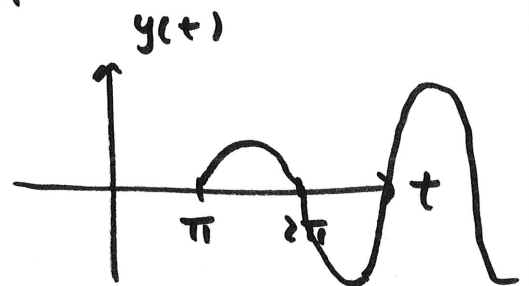
$$(s^2 + 1)Y = e^{-\pi s} - e^{-2\pi s}$$

$$Y = e^{-\pi s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} - e^{-2\pi s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$y(t) = U_{\pi}(t) \cdot \sin(t - \pi) - U_{2\pi}(t) \cdot \sin(t - 2\pi)$$

$$= -U_{\pi}(t) \cdot \sin(t) - U_{2\pi}(t) \cdot \sin(t)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < \pi \\ -\sin(t) & \pi \leq t < 2\pi \\ -2\sin(t) & t \geq 2\pi \end{cases}$$



$$y'' + y = \delta(t - \pi) + \delta(t - 2\pi) \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$

would stop it for  $t \geq 2\pi$

example  ~~$y'' + y = \delta(t - \pi)$~~

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = \delta(t - 5) + u_{10}(t) \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$s^2 Y - sy(0) - y'(0) + 3sY - 3y(0) + 2Y = e^{-5s} + e^{-10s} \cdot \frac{1}{s}$$

$$(s^2 + 3s + 2)Y = \frac{1}{2} + e^{-5s} + e^{-10s} \cdot \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} + e^{-5s} \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} + e^{-10s} \frac{1}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2} \right) + e^{-5s} \left( \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2} \right)$$

$$+ e^{-10s} \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{s+1} \right)$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} + u_5(t) \cdot [e^{-(t-5)} - e^{-2(t-5)}] \\ + u_{10}(t) \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2(t-10)} - e^{-(t-10)} \right]$$

presence of negative exponentials  $\Rightarrow$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , they go to zero  
 (because of damping)

constant offset of  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $t \geq 10$  is due to  $u_{10}(t)$   
 on right side (constant force activated  
 for  $t \geq 0$ )  
 (added mass)

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

