

Section 7.5: Piecewise Continuous Input Functions

Announcements:

Online HW + A7 due Tues Aug 3  
 Midterm 2 grades posted  
 Final Exam Friday Aug 6 8am-10am  
 Evening Thurs Aug 5 6pm-8pm

Warm up:

Recall the unit step function is defined as:

$$u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ 1 & t \geq a \end{cases} \quad \text{Sec 7.1} \quad \mathcal{L}\{u(t-a)\} = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}$$

What is  $\mathcal{L}\{u(t-3)\} = ? = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s}$

- (a)  $\frac{3e^{-s}}{s}$  (b)  $e^{-3s}$  (c)  $\frac{e^{-3s}}{s}$  (d)  $\frac{3}{s}$  (e)  $\frac{e^{3s}}{s}$

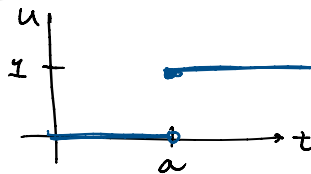
We've solving ODEs using L.T.  
 $ax'' + bx' + cx = f(t)$

One advantage of the L.T. is we can solve ODEs when  $f(t)$  is piecewise continuous

I. Piecewise Continuous Functions

unit step function:

$$u(t-a) = u_a(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ 1 & t \geq a \end{cases}$$



"flipping a switch @  $t=a$ "

$$\mathcal{L}\{u(t-a)\} = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}$$

We can also think of it as

$$\mathcal{L}\{u(t-a)(1)\} = e^{-as} \mathcal{L}\{1\} = e^{-as} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$$

Thm: (Translation on the t-axis)

$$\mathcal{L}\{u(t-a)f(t-a)\} = e^{-as} F(s)$$

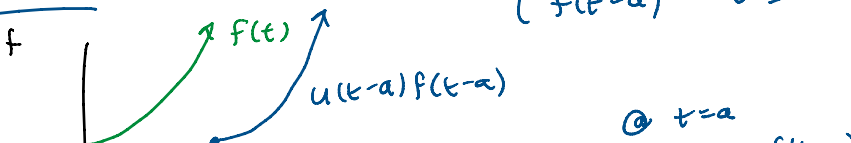
and conversely

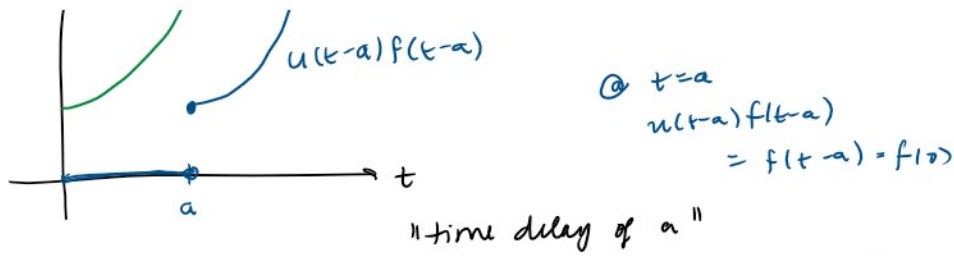
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{as} F(s)\} = u(t-a)f(t-a)$$

t	s
translate by -a	multiply by $e^{-as}$

NOTE:

$$u(t-a)f(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ f(t-a) & t \geq a \end{cases}$$





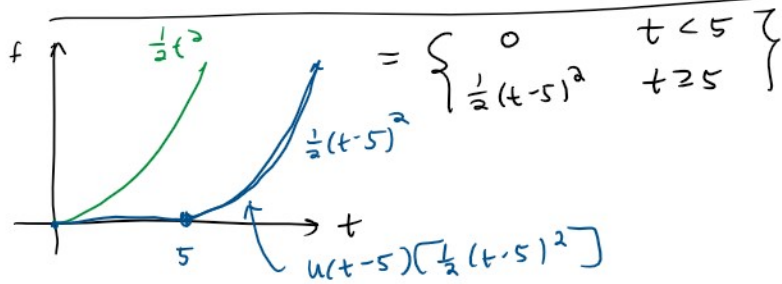
Ex: Find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-5s}}{s^3} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-5s} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{s^3} \right)}_{F(s)} \right\}$

Then  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^3} \right\} = u(t-5) f(t-5)$

$F(s) = \frac{1}{s^3}$  then  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^3} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^3} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} t^2$

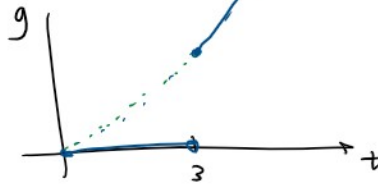
$f(t-5) = \frac{1}{2} (t-5)^2$

$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-5s}}{s^3} \right\} = u(t-5) \left[ \frac{1}{2} (t-5)^2 \right]$



Ex: Find  $\mathcal{L} \{ g(t) \}$  where

$g(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 3 \\ t^2 & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$



$g(t) = t^2 u(t-3)$

Want to use  $\mathcal{L} \{ f(t-3) u(t-3) \} = e^{-3s} F(s)$

Need to write  $t^2$  in the form  $f(t-3)$

$f(t-3) = t^2$

Let  $z = t-3$

$t = z+3$

$f(z) = t^2 = (z+3)^2 = z^2 + 6z + 9$

$f(t-3) = ((t-3)+3)^2 = t^2$

Another example

$g(t) = t u(t-3)$   
 $= f(t-3) u(t-3)$   
 $= (t-3+3) u(t-3)$

$f(t) = t+3$

$f(t-3) = t$

$$f(t-3) = ((t-3)+3)^2 = t^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^2 u(t-3)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t-3)u(t-3)\} \\ = e^{-3s} F(s)$$

$$\rightarrow f(t) = t^2 + 6t + 9 \quad F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{t^2 + 6t + 9\} \\ = \frac{2!}{s^3} + 6\left(\frac{1!}{s^2}\right) + 9\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$$

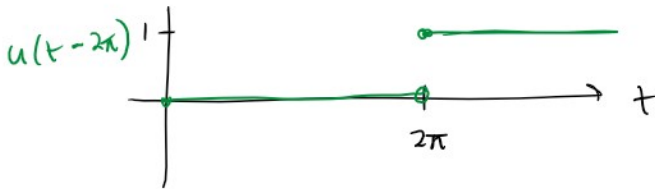
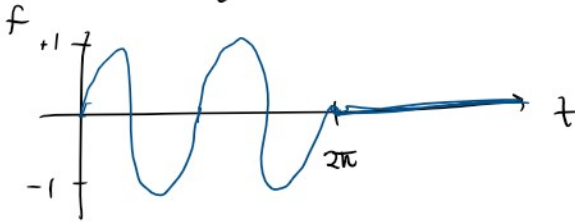
$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{t^2 u(t-3)\} = e^{-3s} \left[ \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{6}{s^2} + \frac{9}{s} \right]}$$

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

$$g(t) = (t-3)u(t-3) + 3u(t-3)$$

Ex: Find the L.T. of

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



Want the opposite of this  $w(t-2\pi)$



$$w(t-2\pi) = \begin{cases} 1 & t < 2\pi \\ 0 & t \geq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

$$f(t) = \sin(at)w(t-2\pi)$$

$$\text{Let: } \boxed{w(t-2\pi) = 1 - u(t-2\pi)}$$

$$= 1 - \begin{cases} 0 & t < 2\pi \\ 1 & t \geq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1-0 & t < 2\pi \\ 1-1 & t \geq 2\pi \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & t < 2\pi \\ 0 & t \geq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

So we can write

$$f(t) = \sin(at) [1 - u(t-2\pi)]$$

$$= \sin(at) - \underbrace{\sin(at)u(t-2\pi)}_{f(t-2\pi)u(t-2\pi)}$$

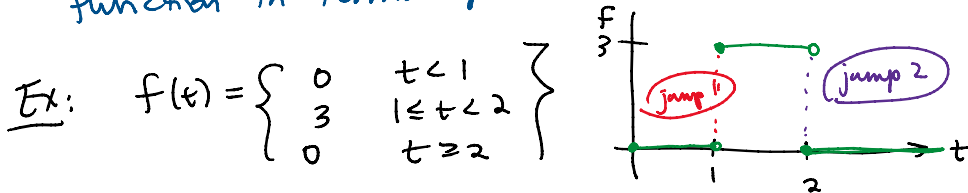
but  $\sin(at)$  has period  $\pi$

$f(t-2\pi)u(t-2\pi)$   
 but  $\sin(2t)$  has period  $\pi$   
 $\sin(2t) = \sin(2t-4\pi)$

$$= \sin(2t) - \sin(2(t-2\pi))u(t-2\pi)$$

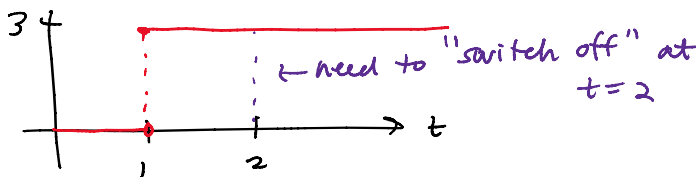
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} &= \mathcal{L}\{\sin(2t)\} - \mathcal{L}\{\sin(2(t-2\pi))u(t-2\pi)\} \\ &= \frac{2}{s^2+4} - e^{-2\pi s} \mathcal{L}\{\sin(2t)\} \\ &= \frac{2}{s^2+4} - e^{-2\pi s} \left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2(1-e^{-2\pi s})}{s^2+4}} \end{aligned}$$

★ Claim: We can write any piecewise continuous function in terms of unit step functions.



Two jumps  $\rightarrow$  want to write  $f(t)$  in terms of  $u(t-1)$  and  $u(t-2)$

jump 1 is represented by  $3u(t-1) = 3 \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1 \\ 1 & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$



To find jump 2

$$\begin{aligned} 3u(t-1) - f(t) &= \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1 \\ 3 & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 3 & t \geq 2 \end{cases} - \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1 \\ 3 & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 0 & t \geq 2 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0-0 & t < 1 \\ 3-3 & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 3-0 & t \geq 2 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1 \\ 0 & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 3 & t \geq 2 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & t < 2 \\ 3 & t \geq 2 \end{cases} = 3u(t-2) \end{aligned}$$

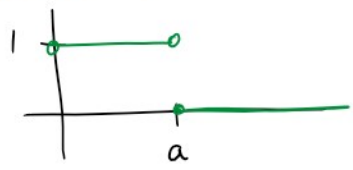
$$3u(t-1) - 3u(t-2) = f(t)$$

Then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = 3\mathcal{L}\{u(t-1)\} - 3\mathcal{L}\{u(t-2)\}$$

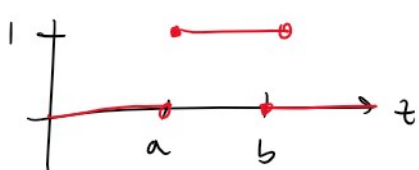
$$= \frac{3e^{-s}}{s} - \frac{3e^{-2s}}{s} = \frac{3}{s} [e^{-s} - e^{-2s}]$$

NOTE: In the last two examples, we have derived 2 useful piecewise fns



$$w(t-a) = \begin{cases} 1 & t < a \\ 0 & t \geq a \end{cases}$$

$$w(t-a) = 1 - u(t-a)$$



$$v(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ 1 & a \leq t < b \\ 0 & t \geq b \end{cases}$$

$$v(t) = u(t-a) - u(t-b)$$

From this we can write out any piecewise continuous function in terms of  $u(t-a)$

Ex:  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < t < a \\ 2 & a \leq t < b \\ 3 & t \geq b \end{cases}$

$$= 1 \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < t < a \\ 0 & a \leq t < b \\ 0 & t \geq b \end{cases} + 2 \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < t < a \\ 1 & a \leq t < b \\ 0 & t \geq b \end{cases} + 3 \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < t < a \\ 0 & a \leq t < b \\ 1 & t \geq b \end{cases}$$

$w(t-a) = 1 - u(t-a)$        $v(t) = u(t-a) - u(t-b)$        $u(t-b)$

$$= 1[1 - u(t-a)] + 2[u(t-a) - u(t-b)] + 3u(t-b)$$

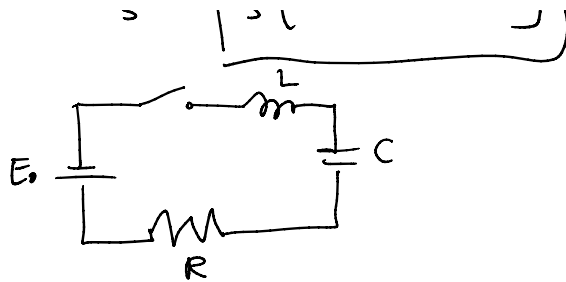
$$f(t) = 1 + u(t-a) + u(t-b)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{1\} + \mathcal{L}\{u(t-a)\} + \mathcal{L}\{u(t-b)\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} + \frac{e^{-as}}{s} + \frac{e^{-bs}}{s} = \frac{1}{s} [1 + e^{-as} + e^{-bs}]$$

### III. RLC circuit:

Let  $i(t)$  be the current through the circuit



Then:

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(z) dz = e(t)$$

this is called an integrodifferential equation

We can solve this using L.T.

switch closed until  $t=1$  switch opened

Ex:  $\frac{di}{dt} + 110i + 1000 \int_0^t i(z) dz = 90[1 - u(t-1)]$

$$i(0) = 0$$

Recall:  $\mathcal{L} \left\{ \int_0^t i(z) dz \right\} = \frac{I(s)}{s}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \left\{ 90[1 - u(t-1)] \right\} &= \mathcal{L} \left\{ 90 \right\} - 90 \mathcal{L} \left\{ u(t-1) \right\} \\ &= \frac{90}{s} - 90 \frac{e^{-s}}{s} = \frac{90}{s} [1 - e^{-s}] \end{aligned}$$

1. Take the L.T. of both sides

$$s \left[ \frac{sI - 0}{s} \right] + \frac{110sI}{s} + \frac{1000I}{s} = \frac{90}{s} [1 - e^{-s}]$$

$$\left[ \frac{s^2 + 110s + 1000}{s} \right] I = \frac{90}{s} [1 - e^{-s}]$$

$$(s+10)(s+100) I(s) = 90 [1 - e^{-s}]$$

$$I(s) = \frac{90 [1 - e^{-s}]}{(s+10)(s+100)}$$

Expand:

$$I(s) = \underbrace{\frac{90}{(s+10)(s+100)}}_{g(s)} - e^{-s} \left( \underbrace{\frac{90}{(s+10)(s+100)}}_{g(s)} \right)$$

$$I(s) = g(s) - e^{-s} g(s)$$

$$i(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ I(s) \} = g(t) - g(t-1)u(t-1)$$

Need to find  $g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ G(s) \}$

$$g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{90}{(s+10)(s+100)} \right\}$$

Partial fractions

$$\frac{90}{(s+10)(s+100)} = \frac{A}{s+10} + \frac{B}{s+100}$$

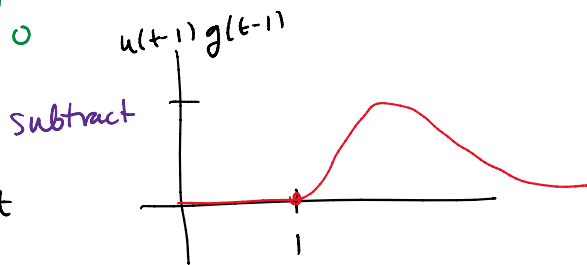
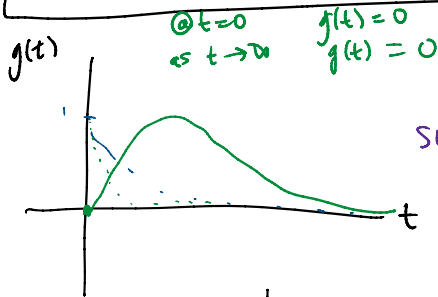
$$\dots \quad A = 1, \quad B = -1$$

$$g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s+10} \right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s+100} \right\}$$

$$g(t) = e^{-10t} - e^{-100t}$$

$$i(t) = g(t) - u(t-1)g(t-1)$$

$$i(t) = \left[ e^{-10t} - e^{-100t} \right] - u(t-1) \left[ e^{-10(t-1)} - e^{-100(t-1)} \right]$$



### ★ Summary:

• Thm: (Translation on  $t$ -axis)

$$\mathcal{L} \{ u(t-a)f(t-a) \} = e^{-as} F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ e^{-as} F(s) \} = f(t-a)u(t-a)$$

$$\bullet \quad w(t-a) = 1 - u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 1 & t < a \\ 0 & t \geq a \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet \quad v(t) = u(t-a) - u(t-b) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < a \\ 1 & a \leq t < b \\ 0 & t \geq b \end{cases}$$

- $v(t) = u(t-a) - u(t-b) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < a \\ 1 & a \leq t < b \\ 0 & t \geq b \end{cases}$

- any piecewise continuous function can be written in terms of unit step functions.