

Section 7.6:

Impulses & Delta Functions

Warm up:

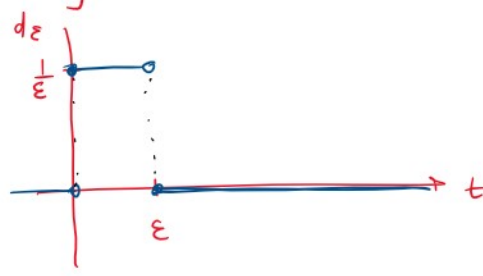
Plot the piecewise continuous function

$$d_\epsilon(t) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} [u(t) - u(t - \epsilon)]$$

when $0 < \epsilon < 1$

@ $t=0$
positive jump
 $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$

@ $t=\epsilon$
negative jump
 $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$

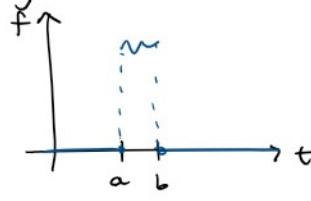


I. Delta Function:

Motivation:

- impulsive force - acts on a short time
- e.g: baseball bat striking a ball
- surge voltage

The effect depends on the impulse p of the function $f(t)$ over the interval $[a, b]$



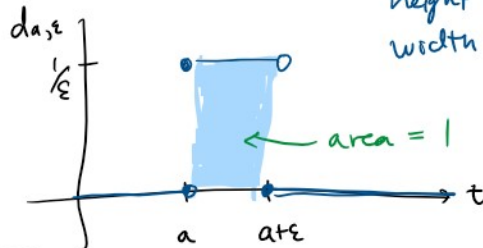
$$p = \int_a^b f(t) dt$$

Q: How do we represent this?

Def: The unit impulse $d_{a,\epsilon}(t)$ is defined

$$d_{a,\epsilon}(t) = \begin{cases} 1/\epsilon & \text{if } a \leq t < a + \epsilon \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

height $1/\epsilon$
width ϵ



impulse:

$$p = \int_a^{a+\epsilon} d_{a,\epsilon}(t) dt$$

$$= \int_a^{a+\epsilon} \frac{1}{\epsilon} dt = \left[\frac{t}{\epsilon} \right]_a^{a+\epsilon}$$

$$= \frac{a+\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{a}{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} = 1 = p$$

Q: What happens as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$?

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} d_{a,\epsilon}(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \begin{cases} 1/\epsilon & a \leq t < a + \epsilon \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} da, \epsilon(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\epsilon} & a \leq t < a + \epsilon \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

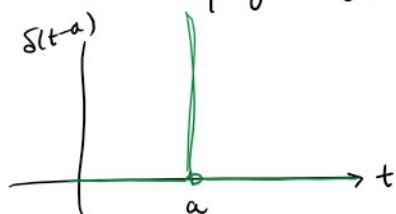
$$= \begin{cases} +\infty & t = a \\ 0 & t \neq a \end{cases} = \delta(t-a)$$

delta function

impulse: $p = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t-a) dt = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{\infty} da, \epsilon(t) dt$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} [1] = 1$$

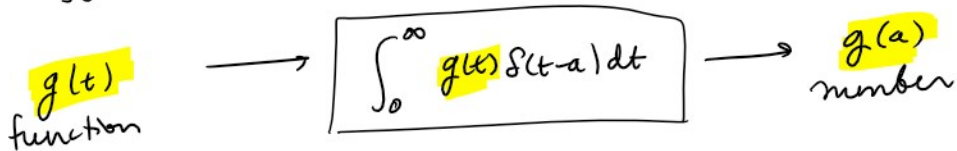
Def: The Dirac delta function is $\delta(t-a)$

$$\delta(t-a) = \begin{cases} +\infty & t = a \\ 0 & t \neq a \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t-a) dt = 1$$


NOTE: $\delta(t-a)$ is not really a "function", but it's a useful concept because it has the following property

$$\int_0^{\infty} g(t) \delta(t-a) dt = g(a)$$

← picks out the value of $g(t)$ at $t=a$



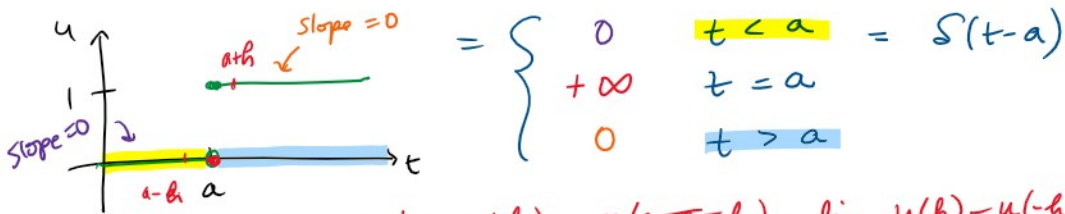
Q: What is $\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-a)\} = ?$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-a)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \delta(t-a) dt = \left[e^{-st} \right]_{t=a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-a)\} = e^{-as}$$

NOTE: We can also think of the Dirac delta function as the derivative of the unit step function

$$\frac{d}{dt}[u(t-a)] = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{cases} 0 & t < a \\ 1 & t \geq a \end{cases}$$



$$\text{when } t=a \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(a-a+h) - u(a-a-h)}{2h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(h) - u(-h)}{2h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 0}{2h} = +\infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-a)\} &= \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d}{dt}[u(t-a)]\right\} \quad \text{Transform of derivatives property} \\ &= s \mathcal{L}\{u(t-a)\} - u(0-a) \\ &= s \left[\frac{e^{-as}}{s}\right] = \boxed{e^{-as} = \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-a)\}} \end{aligned}$$

II. IVPs:

GOAL: Solve IVPs w/ forcing terms that are Dirac delta functions

Ex: $x'' + 4x = \delta(t-\pi)$ $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$
 @ $t=\pi$, there is an instantaneous force (impulse)

1. Take the L.T. of both sides

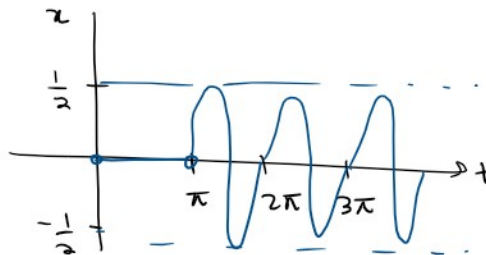
$$\begin{aligned} [s^2 X(s) - s \cdot 0 - 0] + 4[X(s)] &= e^{-\pi s} \\ (s^2 + 4)X(s) &= e^{-\pi s} \\ X(s) &= \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 4} \end{aligned}$$

2. Take the inverse L.T.

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 4}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-\pi s}}{2} \left(\frac{2}{s^2 + 4}\right)\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} u(t-\pi) \sin(2(t-\pi)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} u(t-\pi) \sin(2t - 2\pi) \quad \leftarrow \text{periodic w/ } P=\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) u(t-\pi)}$$

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



III. Duhamel's Principle:

Consider a physical system represented by

$$ax'' + bx' + cx = f(t)$$

$$x(0) = x'(0) = 0$$

$x(t)$ - output or response

$f(t)$ - input

1. Take the L.T. of both sides

$$a[s^2X(s) - 0 \cdot s - 0] + b[sX - 0] + cX = F(s)$$

$$(as^2 + bs + c)X(s) = F(s)$$

$$X(s) = \frac{F(s)}{as^2 + bs + c} = F(s) \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{as^2 + bs + c} \right)}_{W(s)}$$

$$X(s) = F(s)W(s)$$

$$W(s) = \frac{1}{as^2 + bs + c} \quad \text{transfer function of the system}$$

$$w(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{W(s)\} \quad \text{weight function}$$

2. Take the inverse L.T.

→ use convolution property

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)W(s)\} = (f * w)(t)$$

$$x(t) = \int_0^t w(\tau) f(t - \tau) d\tau$$

NOTE:
only if
 $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$

This is called Duhamel's Principle

Key step to solving the IVP is finding

$$w(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{W(s)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{1}{as^2 + bs + c} \right\}$$

Ex: Apply Duhamel's Principle to write an integral formula for the soln to the IVP:

$$x'' + 6x' + 10x = f(t)$$

$$x(0) = x'(0) = 0$$

1. Take L.T.

$$(s^2X - 0 \cdot s - 0) + 6[sX - 0] + 10(X) = F(s)$$

$$(s^2 + 6s + 10)X(s) = F(s)$$

$$(s^2 X - 0s - 0) + 6(sX - 0) + 10(X) = F(s)$$

$$(s^2 + 6s + 10) X(s) = F(s)$$

$$X(s) = F(s)W(s)$$

$$W(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 6s + 10}$$

transfer fun

Weight fun $w(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 6s + 10} \right\}$

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

2. Inverse L.T.

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ F(s)W(s) \} = (f * w)(t)$$

$$x(t) = \int_0^t e^{-3z} \sin(z) f(t-z) dz$$

★ Summary (Delta Funs)

- Dirac delta function

$$\delta(t-a) = \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{if } t=a \\ 0 & \text{if } t \neq a \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t-a) dt = 1$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} g(t) \delta(t-a) dt = g(a)$$

$$\mathcal{L} \{ \delta(t-a) \} = e^{-as}$$

• Duhamel's Principle

$$x(t) = \int_0^t w(z) f(t-z) dz$$

where $w(t)$ weight function
 $W(s)$ transfer function

We have 6 major Thms for Laplace Transforms

Q: When should we use which Thm?

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ \cdot \}$$

when to use

Examples

Transform of Integrals

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ \underline{F(s)} \} = \int^t f(\tau) d\tau$$

s in the denominator

$$\left[\text{can also use partial fractions } \frac{1}{s(s-3)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s-3} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{s(s-3)}$$

Transform of Integrals

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{F(s)}{s} \right\} = \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$$

s in the denominator

can also use partial fractions $\frac{1}{s(s-3)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s-3}$

$$\frac{s(s-3)}{s(s^2+a^2)}$$

Translation on the s-axis

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

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

often use when doing partial fractions

$$\frac{1}{(s-a)^2 + b^2} = \frac{1}{b} e^{at} \sin(bt)$$

$$\frac{1}{(s-a)^n} = e^{at} \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

Convolution Property

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ F(s)G(s) \} = (f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau) d\tau$$

Duhamel's principle partial fractions

can often be replaced by partial fractions

$$\left(\frac{1}{s^2+b^2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{s^2+b^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{s^2+b^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)} = \left(\frac{1}{s^2+a^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{s^2+b^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{As+B}{s^2+a^2} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+b^2}$$

Differentiation of Transforms

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ s F(s) \} = -\frac{1}{t} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ F'(s) \}$$

use when $F'(s)$ is nicer than $F(s)$
 $F(s)$ has a \ln term

$$\ln \left(\frac{s-2}{s+2} \right)$$

Translation on the t-axis

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

whenever e^{-as} appears

often $f(t)$ has $u(t-a)$ term
 $S(t-a)$ term

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

$$(1 - e^{-as}) G(s)$$

expand

$$G(s) - e^{-as} G(s)$$

apply

Ex: Convolution

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-3)^2} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{s-3} \right)}_{F(s)} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{s-3} \right)}_{G(s)} \right\}$$

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ F(s) \} = e^{3t}$$

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

$$\text{convolution} = (f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^t e^{3\tau} e^{3(t-\tau)} d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^t e^{3\tau + 3t - 3\tau} d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^t e^{3\tau + 3t - 3\tau} d\tau \\
 &= e^{3t} \int_0^t d\tau = e^{3t} [\tau]_0^t \\
 &= e^{3t} (t - 0) = \boxed{te^{3t} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-3)^2} \right\}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f\} = \int_0^t$$

Translation on t -axis:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-as} F(s) \right\} = u(t-a) f(t-a) \quad \leftarrow a > 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \underbrace{\left(\frac{s+3}{s^2+1} \right)}_{F(s)} \right\} = u(t-2) f(t-2)$$

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

$$= u(t+2) f(t+2)$$

assume $a > 0$

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

$$\text{linearity} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right\} + 3 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right\}$$

$$= \cos(t) + 3 \sin(t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \cdot \right\} = u(t-2) f(t-2)$$

$$= u(t-2) \left[\cos(t-2) + 3 \sin(t-2) \right]$$

Translation on t -axis

$$\mathcal{L} \left\{ e^{at} f(t) \right\} = F(s-a)$$

on s -axis

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