

## Week #7 : Laplace - Step Functions, DE Solutions

### Goals:

- Laplace Transform Theory
- Transforms of Piecewise Functions
- Solutions to Differential Equations
- Spring/Mass with a Piecewise Forcing function

# Existence of Laplace Transforms

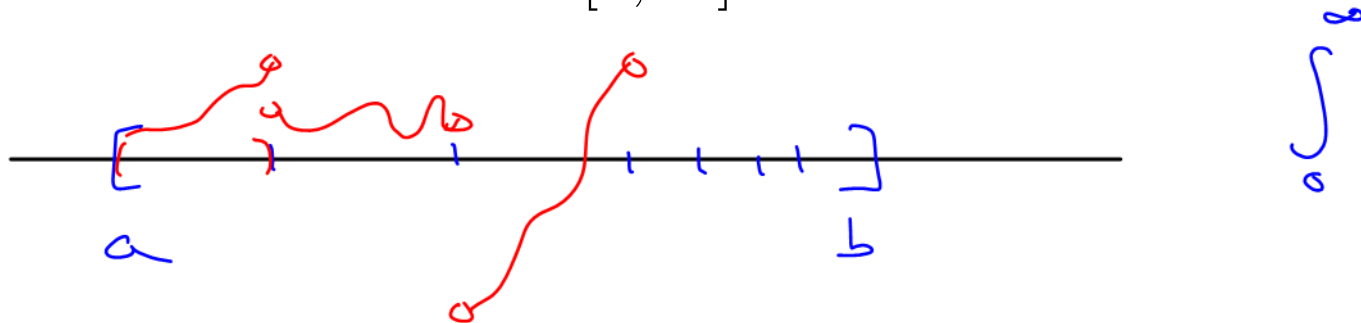
 $F(s)$ 

Before continuing our use of Laplace transforms for solving DEs, it is worth digressing through a quick investigation of which functions actually *have* a Laplace transform.

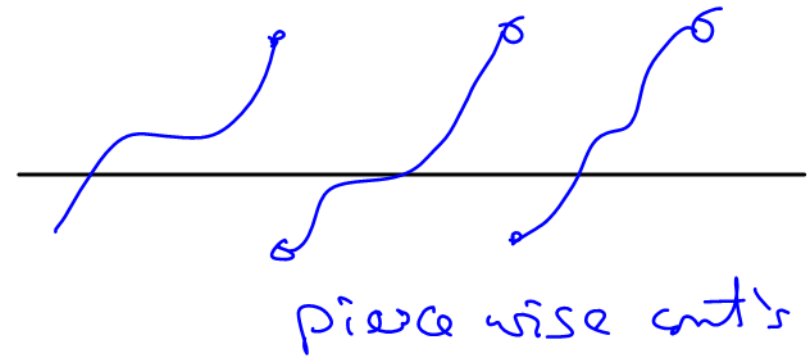
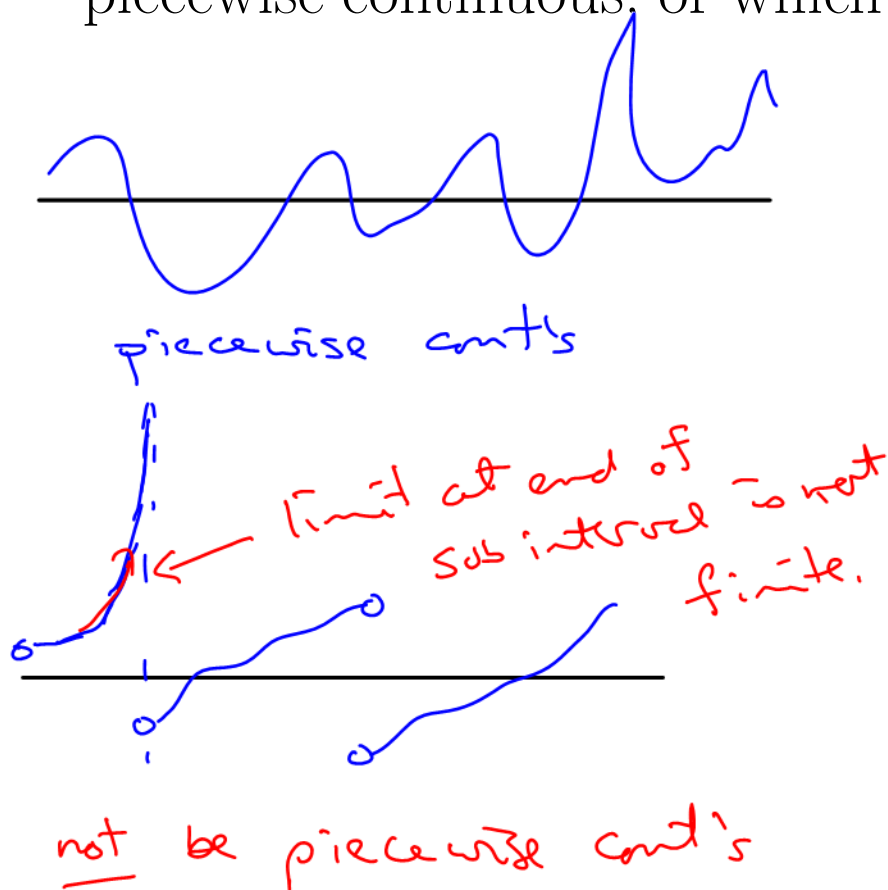
A function  $f$  is ***piecewise continuous*** on an interval  $t \in [a, b]$  if the interval can be partitioned by a finite number of points  $a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = b$  such that

- $f$  is continuous on each open subinterval  $(t_{i-1}, t_i)$ .
- $f$  approaches a finite limit as the endpoints of each subinterval are approached from within the subinterval.

In other words,  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  except for a finite number of jump discontinuities. A function is piecewise continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  if  $f(t)$  is piecewise continuous on  $[0, N]$  for all  $N > 0$ .



**Problem.** Draw examples of functions which are continuous and piecewise continuous, or which have different kinds of discontinuities.



One of the requirements for a function having a Laplace transform is that it be piecewise continuous. Classify the graphs above based on this criteria.

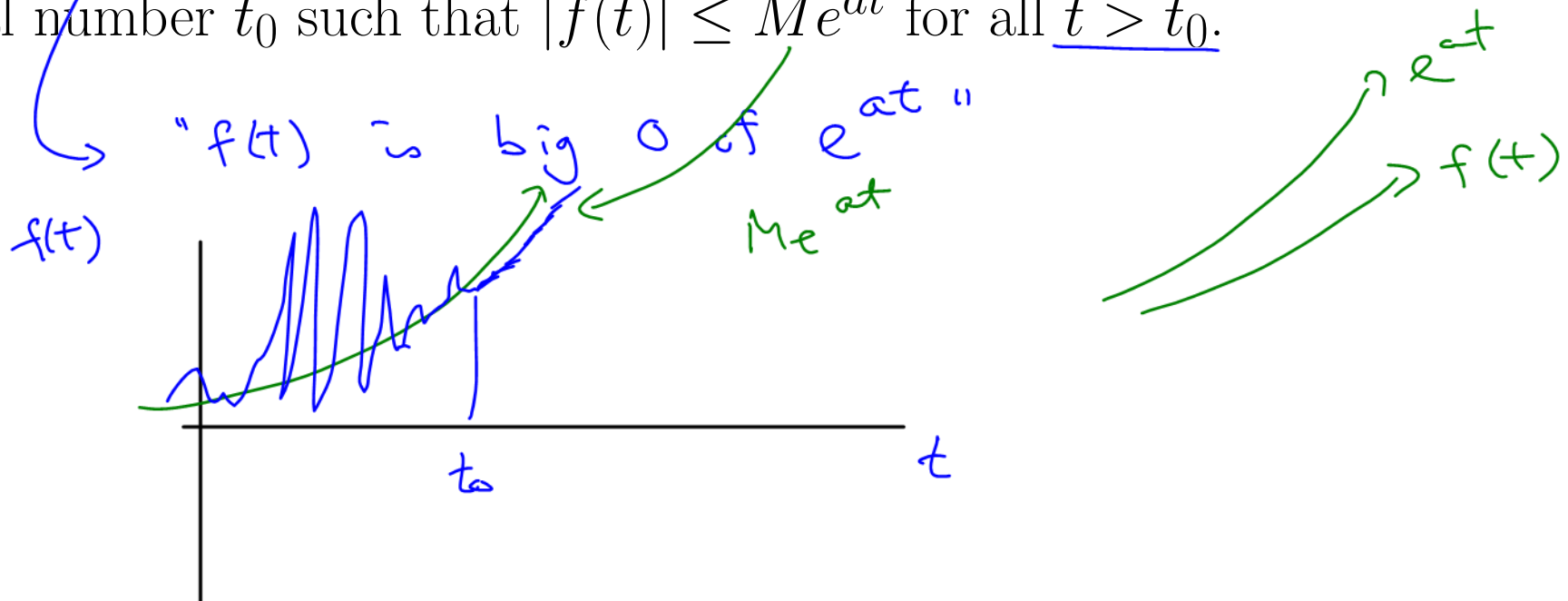
Another requirement of the Laplace transform is that the integral  $\int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$  converges for at least some values of  $s$ . To help determine this, we introduce a generally useful idea for comparing functions, "Big-O notation".

"OL"

"on the order of"

## Big-O notation

We write  $f(t) = O(e^{at})$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and say  $f$  is **of exponential order**  $a$  (as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ) if there exists a positive real number  $M$  and a real number  $t_0$  such that  $|f(t)| \leq Me^{at}$  for all  $t > t_0$ .



**Lemma.** Assume  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{at}}$  exists. Then

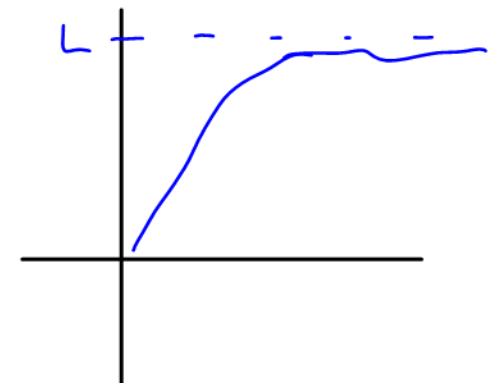
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{at}} < \infty \quad \text{finite}$$

if and only if  $f(t) = O(e^{at})$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

**Problem.** Show that bounded functions and polynomials are of exponential order  $a$  for all  $a > 0$ .

bounded  $f$ :  $f \leq L$  for all  $t$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(t)|}{e^{at}} \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L}{e^{at}} = 0 \quad \text{finite}$$



both bounded  
and poly'l  
f's are of  
exp'l order.

poly's:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{poly}'l}{e^{at}} = 0$$

↙  
l'Hopital

**Problem.** Show that  $e^{t^2}$  does **not** have exponential order.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{t^2}}{e^{at}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{(t^2 - at)} \rightarrow e^{\infty} \rightarrow \infty$$

$e^{t^2}$  not of exp'l order

**Problem.** Are all the functions we have seen so far in our DE solutions of exponential order?

Yes!

sin, cos: bounded ✓

poly's ✓

$e^{at}$  ✓

The final reveal: what kinds of functions have Laplace transforms?

**Proposition.** *If  $f$  is*

- piecewise continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  and
- of exponential order  $a$ ,

*then the Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s)$  exists for  $s$   $> a$ .*



The proof is based the comparison test for improper integrals.

# Laplace Transform of Piecewise Functions

In our earlier DE solution techniques, we could not directly solve non-homogeneous DEs that involved piecewise functions. Laplace transforms will give us a method for handling piecewise functions.

$$y'' + ay' + by = \underbrace{\begin{matrix} \sin(at) & \cos(at) \\ e^{bt} & \text{poly} \end{matrix}}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \sin(t) & 0 < t < 1 \\ \vdots & \end{cases}$$



**Problem.** Use the definition to determine the Laplace transform of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 < t \leq 5, \\ 0 & 5 < t \leq 10, \\ e^{4t} & 10 < t. \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow f_1 = 0 \text{ for } t \geq 5 \\ \rightarrow f_2 \end{array}$$

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

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f_1 dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot f_2 dt$$

$$= \int_0^5 e^{-st} \cdot 2 dt$$

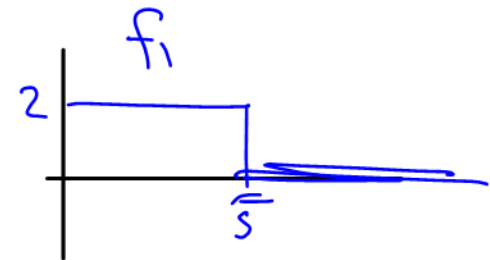
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f<sub>1</sub> = 2 on t = 0...5

$$+ \int_{10}^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot e^{4t} dt$$

$$= 2 \cdot \left. \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_0^5 + \left. \frac{e^{-st+4t}}{(-s+4)} \right|_{10}^{\infty}$$

← shortcut improper



$$= \frac{2}{-s} (e^{-st}) \Big|_0^5 + \frac{1}{-s+4} e^{-st+4t} \Big|_{t=10}^{\infty}$$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 < t \leq 5, \\ 0 & 5 < t \leq 10, \\ e^{4t} & 10 < t. \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{2}{-s} (e^{-5s} - 1) + \frac{1}{-s+4} (0 - e^{-s \cdot 10 + 4 \cdot 10})$$

$$= \frac{2}{s} - \frac{2e^{-5s}}{s} + \frac{1}{s-4} e^{-10s} \cdot e^{40}$$

$\leftarrow e^{-s} \sim s$  are indicators of  $f(t)$  being piecewise.

Similar to previous

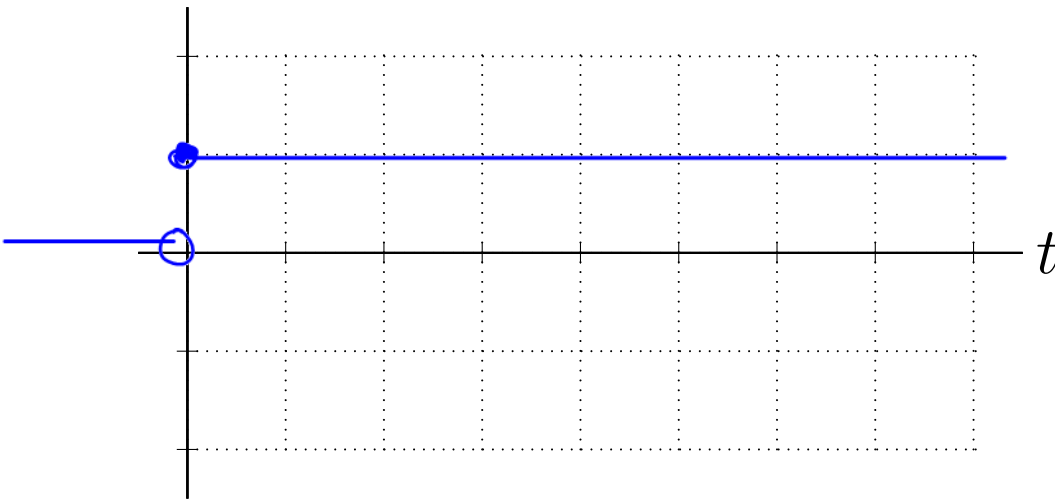
$$\mathcal{L}(e^{4t})$$

We would like avoid having to use the Laplace definition integral if there is an easier alternative. A new notation tool will help to simplify the transform process.

The ***Heaviside step function*** or ***unit step function*** is defined

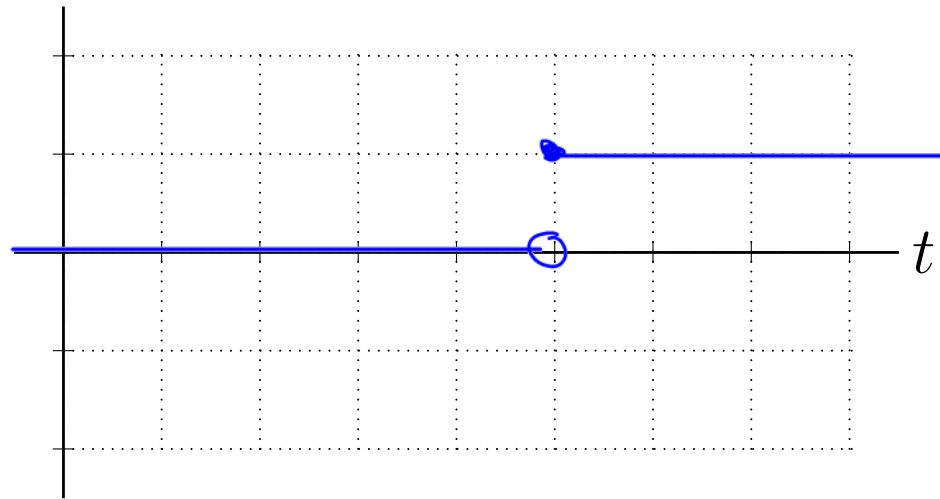
$$\text{by } u(t) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t < 0, & \text{off} \\ 1 & \text{for } t \geq 0. & \text{on} \end{cases}$$

**Problem.** Sketch the graph of  $u(t)$ .



$$u(t) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t < 0, \\ 1 & \text{for } t \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

**Problem.** Sketch the graph of  $u(\underline{t - 5})$ .



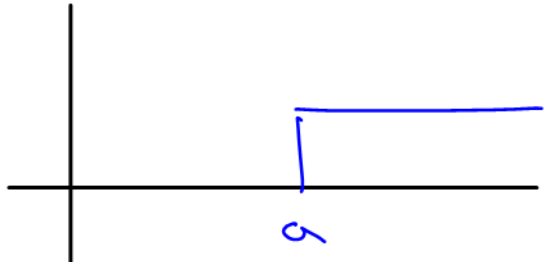
shift graph right by 5

# Laplace Transform Using Step Functions

**Problem.** For  $a > 0$ , compute the Laplace transform of

$$u(t - a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t < a, \\ 1 & \text{for } t \geq a. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(u(t-a)) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u(t-a) dt \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} \cdot 1 dt \quad \left( u=0 \text{ for } t < a \right) \\ &= \left. \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right|_a^{\infty} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \infty = t \\ a = t \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left( 0 - \frac{e^{-s \cdot a}}{-s} \right) = \frac{1}{s} e^{-as} \end{aligned}$$


  
 $\mathcal{L}\{1\} \downarrow$  step function

## Laplace Transform of Step Functions

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

An alternate (and more directly useful form) is

$$\mathcal{L}(u_a(t)f(t)) = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}(f(t+a))$$



Notation:  $u(t-a)$   
 $= u_a(t)$

$$\mathcal{L}(u_a(t)f(t)) = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}(f(t+a))$$

t's replaced by t+a  
no t's to replace

**Problem.** Find  $\mathcal{L}(u_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{u_2 \cdot 1\} &= e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}\{1\} \\ &= e^{-2s} \cdot \frac{1}{s}\end{aligned}$$

**Problem.** Find  $\mathcal{L}(u_\pi)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{u_\pi\} &= e^{-\pi s} \cdot \mathcal{L}\{1\} \\ &= e^{-\pi s} \cdot \frac{1}{s}\end{aligned}$$

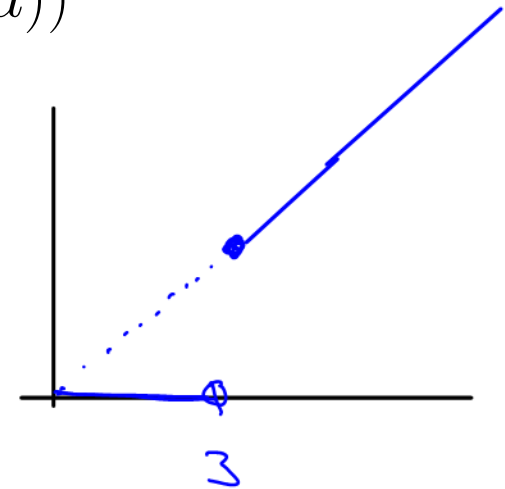
$$\mathcal{L}(u_a(t)f(t)) = e^{-as}\mathcal{L}(f(t+a))$$

**Problem.** Find  $\mathcal{L}(tu_3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(u_3 t) &= e^{-3s} \mathcal{L}\{t+3\} \\ &= e^{-3s} \left( \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{3}{s} \right) \end{aligned}$$

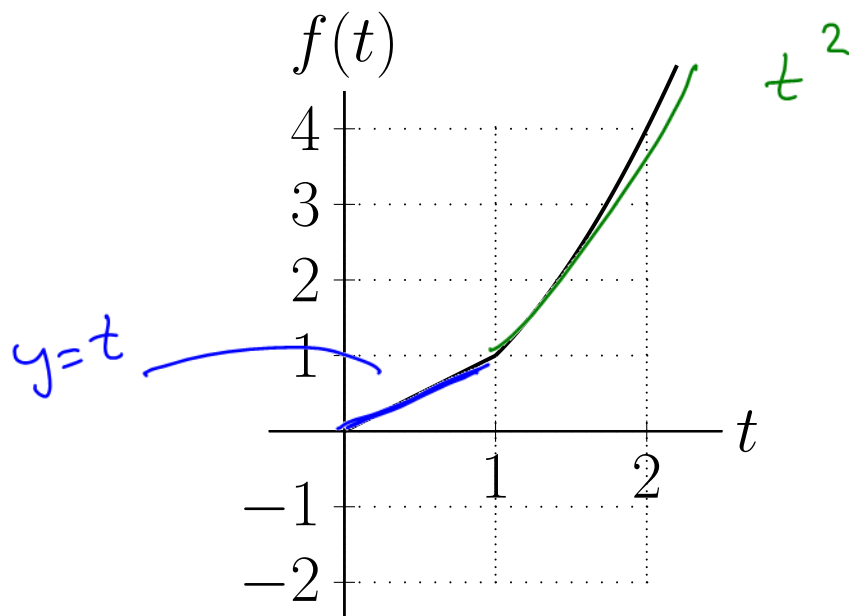
replace  $t$ 's by  $t+3$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{3\} &= \frac{3}{s} \\ \mathcal{L}(t^1) &= \frac{1!}{s^{1+1}} \end{aligned}$$





**Problem.** Here is a more complicated function made up of  $f = t$  and  $f = t^2$ .



Write the function in piecewise form, and again using step functions.

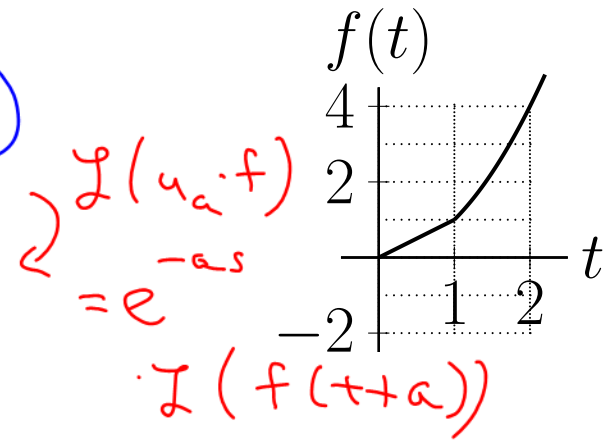
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ t^2 & 1 < t \end{cases}$$

$\downarrow$   $t$  "on" at  $t=0$        $\downarrow$   $t$  "on" at  $t=1$   
 $= t(u_0 - u_1) + t^2 \cdot u_1$   
 $t > 1, t \cdot (1-1)$   
 $= t \cdot 0$   
 $\text{write w/ u's}$

$y = ?$

**Problem.** Find  $\mathcal{L}(t(u_0 - u_1) + t^2 u_1)$ .

$$= \mathcal{I}(t \cdot u_0) - \mathcal{I}(t \cdot u_1) + \mathcal{I}(t^2 \cdot u_1)$$



$$= \cancel{e^{-0s}} \cdot \mathcal{I}(t+0) - e^{-1s} \mathcal{I}(t+1) + e^{-1s} \mathcal{I}((t+1)^2)$$

↓ expand

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

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} - e^{-s} \left( \frac{1}{s^2} + \cancel{\frac{1}{s}} \right) + e^{-s} \left( \frac{2}{s^3} + \cancel{2} \frac{1}{s^2} + \cancel{\frac{1}{s}} \right)$$

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

# Inverse Laplace Transform of Step Functions

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ \underbrace{e^{-as}}_{\substack{\text{a fact in table}}} F(s) \} = f(t-a)u_a$$

$t$ 's replaced by  $t-a$

**Problem.** Find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2} \right\}$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} \right\}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$f(t)$$

$$= u_2(t) [t-2]$$

$\uparrow$

step "on" at

$$t=2$$

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

**Problem.** Find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-3s}}{s - 4} \right\}$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-3s} \frac{1}{s - 4} \right\}$$

$$\uparrow$$
$$\mathcal{L}(e^{4t})$$

$$= u_{\underset{3}{3}}(t) \cdot e^{4(t - \underset{3}{3})}$$

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

**Problem.** Which of the following equals  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 4} \right\}$ ?

1.  $\frac{1}{s} \cos(\pi t) u_\pi$

2.  $\frac{1}{\pi s} \cos(\pi(t - \pi)) u_\pi$

3.  $\frac{1}{2} \sin(2(t - \pi)) u_\pi$

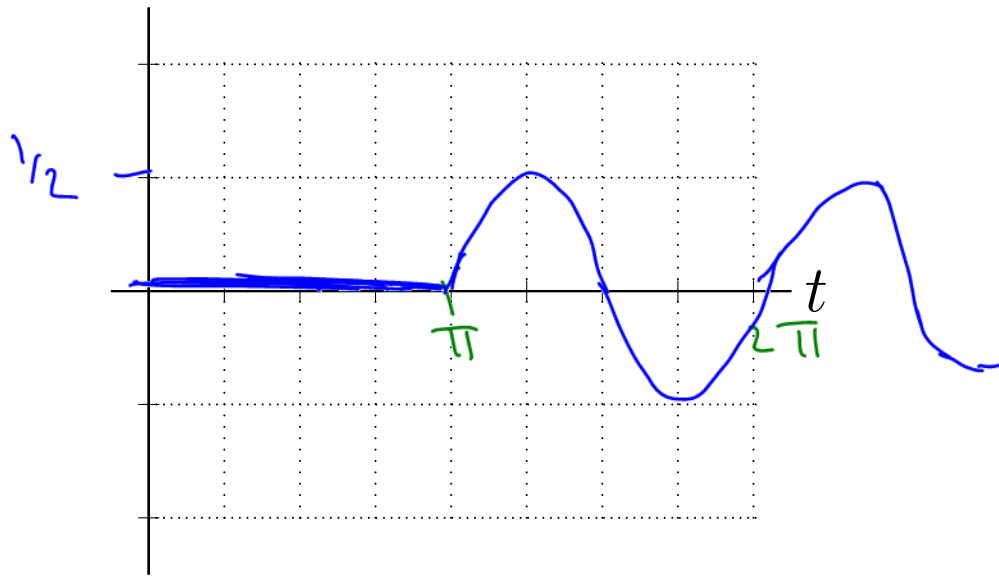
4.  $\frac{1}{\pi} \sin(2(t - \pi)) u_\pi$

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

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2} \right\} = \sin(kt)$$

**Problem.** Sketch the graph of  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 4} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2(t - \pi)) u_\pi$

$\swarrow$  *freq*  $\rightarrow$  *period*  $= \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$   
 $\uparrow$   
*"on" at*  $t = \pi$



$f(t)$

**Problem.** Find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-2s}}{(s-1)(s-2)} \right\}$

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

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

↓ need part frac

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

$$1 = A(s-2) + B(s-1)$$

$$s=2$$

$$1 = B(2-1)$$

$$\boxed{B=1}$$

$$s=1$$

$$1 = A(1-2)$$


$$\boxed{A=-1}$$

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

$$= -\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \frac{1}{s-1} \right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \frac{1}{s-2} \right\} = -u_2 e^{1(t-2)} + u_2 e^{2(t-2)}$$

## Tips for Inverse Laplace With Step/Piecewise Functions

- Separate/group all terms by their  $e^{-as}$  factor.
- Complete any partial fractions **leaving the  $e^{-as}$  out front** of the term.
  - The  $e^{-as}$  only affects final inverse step.
  - Partial fraction decomposition only works for polynomial numerators.


$$\frac{10(e^{-10s})}{(s-1)(s-2)} \neq \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s-2}$$
$$\checkmark = \left( \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s-2} \right) \cdot e^{-10s}$$



The reason Laplace transforms can be helpful in solving differential equations is because there is a (relatively simple) transform rule for derivatives of functions.

**Proposition** (Differentiation). *If  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $f'(t)$  is piecewise continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ , and both functions are of exponential order  $a$ , then for  $s > a$ , we have*

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

*s multiplier*  $\mathcal{L}$  of orig'l

*initial condition*

**Problem.** Confirm the transform table entry for  $\mathcal{L}\{\cos(kt)\}$  with the help of the transform derivative rule and the transform of  $\sin(kt)$ .

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(kt)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(kt)\} = \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{k} \sin(kt)\right\}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1}{k} (\sin(kt))'\right\} = \frac{1}{k} \left[ s \mathcal{L}\{\sin(kt)\} - \sin(0) \right]$$

  
 $\mathcal{L}$  for deriv

$$= \frac{1}{k} s \left[ \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2} - 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$$

We can generalize this rule to the transform of higher derivatives of a function.

**Theorem** (General Differentiation). *If  $f(t), f'(t), \dots, f^{(n-1)}(t)$  are continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $f^{(n)}(t)$  is piecewise continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ , and all of these functions are of exponential order  $a$ , then for  $s > a$ , we have*

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\}(s) = s^n \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0).$$

Can be proven using integration by parts  $n$  times.

$n^{\text{th}}$  deriv

$s^n \cdot \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s)$   
 $s^n \cdot \text{Transform of orig'l } f$

Series of initial cond's

$s$  power decr  $\rightarrow$   $f$  deriv incr

Most commonly in this course, we will need specifically the transform of the second derivative of a function.

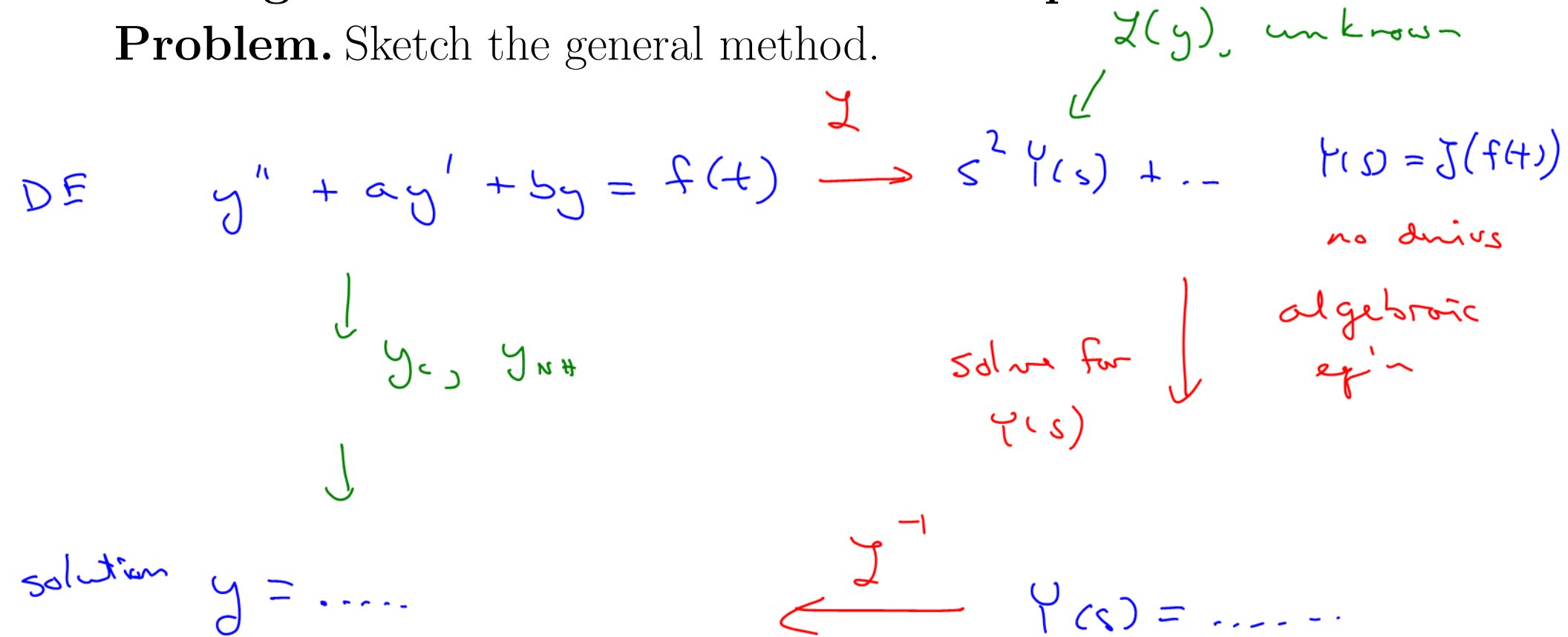
**Corollary** (Second Differentiation). *If  $f(t)$  and  $f'(t)$  are continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $f''(t)$  is piecewise continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ , and all of these functions are of exponential order  $a$ , then for  $s > a$ , we have*

$$\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}(s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0).$$

→  
f deriv incr

# Solving Initial Value Problems with Laplace Transforms

**Problem.** Sketch the general method.



**Problem.** Find the Laplace transform of the entire DE

$$\mathcal{L}(x' + x) = \mathcal{L}(\cos(2t)), x(0) = 0 \quad \mathcal{L}(x(t)) = X(s)$$

$$\underbrace{[sX(s) - x(0)]}_{\mathcal{L}(x')} + X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 2^2}$$

$$sX(s) + X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

**Problem.** Note the form of the equation now: are there any derivatives left?

No!

**Problem.** Solve for  $X(s)$ .

$$sX(s) + X(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+4}$$

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

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

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**Problem.** Put  $X(s)$  in a form so that you can find its inverse transform.  $\rightarrow$  partial fractions

$$\frac{s}{(s^2+4)(s+1)} = \frac{As+B}{s^2+4} + \frac{C}{s+1}$$

$$s = (As+B)(s+1) + C(s^2+4)$$

$$s = -1$$

$$-1 = C(1+4)$$

$$\boxed{C = -1/5}$$

equate  $s^2$

$$0 = A + C$$

$$A = -C \quad \boxed{A = 1/5}$$

const coeff's

$$0 = B + 4C$$

$$B = -4C \quad \boxed{B = 4/5}$$

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



**Problem.** Find  $x(t)$  by taking the inverse transform.

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

$\downarrow$   $\checkmark$   $\frac{2}{s^2+2^2}$   $\checkmark$   $\frac{1}{s-a}$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{5} \cos(2t) + \frac{2}{5} \sin(2t) - \frac{1}{5} e^{-t}$$

particular sol'n  
 s/c we used initial condition  $x(0) = 0$

**Problem.** Confirm that the function you found is a solution to the differential equation  $x' + x = \cos(2t)$ .

proposed sol'n

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{5} \cos(2t) + \frac{2}{5} \sin(2t) - \frac{1}{5} e^{-t}$$

↓ need  $x'$

$$x' = -\frac{2}{5} \sin(2t) + \frac{4}{5} \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{5} e^{-t}$$

Sub into LHS of eq'n:

$$\underbrace{\left( -\frac{2}{5} \sin(2t) + \frac{4}{5} \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{5} e^{-t} \right)}_{x'} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{5} \cos(2t) + \frac{2}{5} \sin(2t) - \frac{1}{5} e^{-t} \right)}_x$$

$$= \cos(2t) = \text{RHS of DE} \quad \checkmark$$

**Problem.** Solve  $y'' + y = \sin(2t)$ ,  $y(0) = 2$ , and  $y'(0) = 1$ .

$\mathcal{L}$  of whole DE:

$$\mathcal{L}(y(t)) = Y(s)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} s^2 Y(s) - s(2) - 1 \\ s^2 \mathcal{L}(y) - s y'(0) - y'(0) \end{array} \right] + Y(s) = \frac{2}{s^2+4}$$

Solve for  $Y(s)$

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

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

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

$$y'' + y = \sin(2t), \quad y(0) = 2, \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

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

↓ part frac

$$\frac{2}{(s^2+4)(s^2+1)} = \frac{As+B}{s^2+4} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+1}$$

$$2 = (As+B)(s^2+1) + (Cs+D)(s^2+4)$$

$$s=0$$

$$2 = B + 4D \quad (1)$$

$$(1) - (3)$$

$$2 = 3D$$

$$\boxed{D = \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$s^3:$$

$$0 = A + C \quad (2)$$

$$(3) \rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{B = -D - \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$s^2:$$

$$0 = B + D \quad (3)$$

$$s:$$

$$0 = A + 4C \quad (4)$$

$$(2) - (4)$$

$$0 = -3C$$

$$\boxed{C = 0}$$

$$(4)$$

$$\boxed{A = 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y(s) &= \overset{\substack{B \\ \downarrow}}{-\frac{2}{3}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{s^2+4} + \overset{\substack{D \\ \downarrow}}{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{1}{s^2+1} + \frac{2s+1}{s^2+1} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{3} \frac{2}{s^2+4} + 2 \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{5}{3} \frac{1}{s^2+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{I}^{-1} \downarrow$

$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{3} \sin(2t) + 2 \cos(t) + \frac{5}{3} \sin(t)$$

particular solution.

$$\underline{y''} + y = \sin(2t), \quad y(0) = 2, \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

**Problem.** Confirm your solution is correct.

$$y = -\frac{1}{3} \sin(2t) + \underbrace{2 \cos(t) + \frac{5}{3} \sin(t)}_{y_c}$$

Need  $y', y''$

$$y' = -\frac{2}{3} \cos(2t) - 2 \sin(t) + \frac{5}{3} \cos(t)$$

$\downarrow \frac{d}{dt}$

$$y'' = +\frac{4}{3} \sin(2t) - 2 \cos(t) - \frac{5}{3} \sin(t)$$

$$LHS = \underbrace{\left[ \frac{4}{3} \sin(2t) - 2 \cos(t) - \frac{5}{3} \sin(t) \right]}_{y''} + \underbrace{\left[ -\frac{1}{3} \sin(2t) + 2 \cos(t) + \frac{5}{3} \sin(t) \right]}_y$$

$$= 1 \sin(2t) = RHS \quad \checkmark$$

**Problem.** Solve  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = -8e^{-t}$ ,  $y(0) = 2$ , and  $y'(0) = 12$ .

$2^{\text{nd}}$  order

non-homog's

[could use  $y_h$  &  $y_p$ ]

$\mathcal{L}$  of DE

$$\underbrace{[s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0)]}_{\mathcal{L}(y'')} - 2 \underbrace{[s Y(s) - y(0)]}_{\mathcal{L}(y')} + 5 Y(s) = -8 \frac{1}{s+1}$$

Gather  $Y(s)$  terms

$$Y(s) [s^2 - 2s + 5] - s \cdot 2 - 12 - 2(-2) = -8 \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$Y(s) [s^2 - 2s + 5] = \frac{-8}{s+1} + 2s + 8$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{-8}{(s+1)(s^2 - 2s + 5)} + \frac{2s + 8}{(s^2 - 2s + 5)}$$

$$y'' - 2y' + 5y = -8e^{-t}, y(0) = 2, \text{ and } y'(0) = 12.$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{-8}{(s+1)(s^2-2s+5)} + \frac{2s+8}{(s^2-2s+5)}$$

$$\frac{-8}{(s+1)(s^2-2s+5)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2-2s+5}$$

$$-8 = A(s^2-2s+5) + (Bs+C)(s+1)$$

$$s=-1 \quad -8 = A(1+2+5) \quad \boxed{A=-1}$$

$$s^2 \text{ coeff} \quad 0 = A+B \quad \boxed{B=1}$$

$$\text{const} \quad -8 = 5A+C \quad \boxed{C=-8-5A=-3}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{-1}{s+1} + \frac{s}{s^2-2s+5} - 3 \frac{1}{s^2-2s+5} + \frac{2s+8}{s^2-2s+5}$$

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



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

Good find  $\mathcal{J}^{-1}(Y(s))$

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

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

(2)

$$Y(s) = \frac{-1}{s+1} + 3 \frac{(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+2^2} + \frac{8}{2} \frac{1}{(s-1)^2+2^2}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\mathcal{J}^{-1}$

$\downarrow$

$$y(t) = -e^{-t} + 3 e^t \cos(2t) + 4 e^t \sin(2t)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \mathcal{J}^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+2^2}\right)$$

$$= \cos(2t)$$

$$\mathcal{J}^{-1}(F(s-a))$$

$$= e^{at} \mathcal{J}^{-1}(F(s))$$

$$y'' - 2y' + 5y = -8e^{-t}, y(0) = 2, \text{ and } y'(0) = 12.$$

**Problem.** Confirm your solution is correct.

$$y(t) = -e^{-t} + 3e^t \cos(2t) + 4e^t \sin(2t) \quad \downarrow d/dt$$

Need  $y', y''$  for LHS:

$$y' = e^{-t} + 3e^t \cos(2t) - 6e^t \sin(2t) + 4e^t \sin(2t) + 8e^t \cos(2t)$$

$$= e^{-t} + 11e^t \cos(2t) - 2e^t \sin(2t) \quad \downarrow d/dt$$

$$y'' = -e^{-t} + 11e^t \cos(2t) - 22e^t \sin(2t) - 2e^t \sin(2t) - 4e^t \cos(2t)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{-24} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{=7}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS: } & (-e^{-t} + 7e^t \cos(2t) - 24e^t \sin(2t)) \\ & -2(e^{-t} + 11e^t \cos(2t) - 2e^t \sin(2t)) \\ & +5(-e^{-t} + 3e^t \cos(2t) + 4e^t \sin(2t)) \\ & = -8e^{-t} = \text{RHS} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{-t} \text{ : } -1 -2 -5 = -8e^{-t}$$

$$e^t \cos(2t) : 7 - 22 + 15 = 0$$

$$e^t \sin(2t) : -24 + 4 + 20 = 0$$

**Problem.** Describe the scenario for a spring/mass system defined by the differential equation

$$my'' + cy' + ky = \begin{cases} 10t & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 0 & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Can this system be solved in a straightforward way using our earlier solution techniques?

Predict the motion for the spring/mass using the values given, if the mass starts at equilibrium at  $t = 0$ .

$$y'' + 4y' + 20y = \begin{cases} 10t & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$y'' + 4y' + 20y = \begin{cases} 10t & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$y'' + 4y' + 20y = \begin{cases} 10t & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

# Animation

**Problem.** Compare and contrast between our methods so far for solving higher-order differential equations.