

Lecture 29 (11/10/2021)

* Prayer

* Spiritual thought

* Impulse forcing:

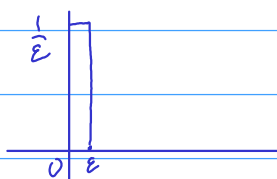
$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = \underbrace{F(t)}_{\text{external force}}$$

Let us describe the external forcing as follows: we push our finger down at time 0 with the "strength" 1:

$$\int_0^\epsilon F(t) dt = 1$$

impulse

Then release (no force): $F(t) = 0$ if $t > \epsilon$.



If ϵ is very small, then F has to be very large on the interval $(0, \epsilon)$.

To idealize F , we must allow f to have value ∞ .

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(t) dt = 1, \quad F(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{when } t=0 \\ 0 & \text{when } t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

This is not a normal function. It is known as a measure or distribution.

Notation: $F(t) = \delta(t)$: unit impulse function.

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\epsilon \underbrace{\delta(t)}_{\approx 1} e^{-st} dt \approx \int_0^\epsilon \delta(t) dt = 1$$

Unit impulse function at t_0 :

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-t_0)\} = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t-t_0) e^{-st} dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_0+\epsilon} \underbrace{\delta(t-t_0)}_{\approx 1} e^{-st} dt = e^{-t_0 s} \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^{t_0+\epsilon} \delta(t-t_0) dt}_{=1} = e^{-t_0 s}$$

Ex: $y'' + 2y' + 5y = \delta(t-1)$, $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$

Take Laplace transform: $s^2 Y + 2sY + 5Y = e^{-s} \rightarrow Y = \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2 + 2s + 5}$.

$$\leadsto Y = e^{-s} \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 2^2} = e^{-s} \mathcal{L}\{f\}$$

$$f(t) = e^{-t} \sin 2t \quad (\text{from the table})$$

Use the formula $\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}\{f\}$ where $c=1$.

$$Y = e^{-s} \mathcal{L}\{f\} = \mathcal{L}\{u_1(t)f(t-1)\}$$

Therefore,

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y\} = u_1(t)f(t-1) = u_1(t) e^{-t} \sin 2t.$$

Use Mathematica for illustration.