

# Diff Eq - § 29 - DE with discontinuous forcing functions

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Ex:  $y''(t) + y(t) = r(t), t \geq 0$  ;  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2$ , where

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 0 & t \geq 1 \end{cases} = [1 - u_1(t)]t$$



Solution:  $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{r(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{[1 - u_1(t)]t\} = \mathcal{L}\{t\} - \mathcal{L}\{u_1(t)t\} =$

$$= \mathcal{L}\{t\} - \mathcal{L}\{u_1(t)[(t-1) + 1]\} = \frac{1}{s^2} - e^{-s} \mathcal{L}\{t\} - \mathcal{L}\{u_1(t)\} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s}$$

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

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

From an example in lecture 31:  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1 + s^2(s+2)}{s^2(s^2+1)}\right\} = t + \cos t + \sin t$

Now notice that  $\frac{1}{s^2(s^2+1)} = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2+1}$  and hence

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

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-s} \frac{1}{s^2(s^2+1)}\right\} = u_1(t) f(t-1) = u_1(t) [(t-1) - \sin(t-1)]$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{1}{s(s^2+1)} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2+1}, \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s^2+1)}\right\} = 1 - \cos t \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-s} \frac{1}{s(s^2+1)}\right\} = u_1(t) [1 - \cos(t-1)]$$

$$y(t) = t + \cos t + \sin t + u_1(t) [-(t-1) + \sin(t-1) - 1 + \cos(t-1)]$$

$$y(t) = t + \cos t + \sin t + u_1(t) [-t + \sin(t-1) + \cos(t-1)]$$

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} t + \cos t + \sin t & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ \cos t + \sin t + \cos(t-1) + \sin(t-1) & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Notice that this function is continuous at  $t=1$  (as is the derivative  $y'(t)$ ). But the second derivative is discontinuous.

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Ex:  $2y'' + y' + 2y = g(t)$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$  where



$$g(t) = u_5(t) - u_{20}(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 5 \leq t < 20 \\ 0, & 0 \leq t < 5 \text{ and } t \geq 20. \end{cases}$$

Sol:  $2s^2 Y(s) - 2s y(0) - 2y'(0) + sY(s) - y(0) + 2Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} e^{-5s} - \frac{1}{s} e^{-20s}$

$$Y(s) = \frac{e^{-5s} - e^{-20s}}{s(2s^2 + s + 2)}$$

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

$$A = 1/2, B = -1, C = -1/2$$

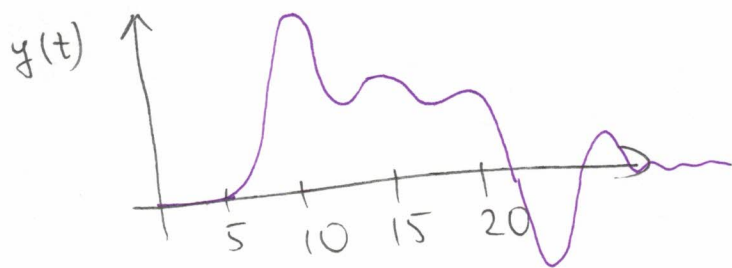
$$\frac{1}{s(2s^2 + s + 2)} = \frac{1/2}{s} - \frac{s + 1/2}{2s^2 + s + 2} = \frac{1/2}{s} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{s + 1/4}{(s + 1/4)^2 + (\sqrt{15}/4)^2} + \frac{1/4}{(s + 1/4)^2 + (\sqrt{15}/4)^2} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(2s^2 + s + 2)s} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ e^{-t/4} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}t\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} e^{-t/4} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}t\right) \right\}$$

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ (e^{-5s} - e^{-20s}) \frac{1}{s(2s^2 + s + 2)} \right\} =$$

$$= u_5(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{-(t-5)/4} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}(t-5)\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} e^{-(t-5)/4} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}(t-5)\right) \right] \right\}$$

$$- u_{20}(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{-(t-20)/4} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}(t-20)\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} e^{-(t-20)/4} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}(t-20)\right) \right] \right\}$$



Again  $y(t), y'(t)$  are continuous, but  $y''(t)$  is discontinuous at  $t=5, t=20$ .