

The transfer function

$$m\ddot{y} + \gamma\dot{y} + ky = f(t)$$

$$y(0) = 0 \quad \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

$$(ms^2 + \gamma s + k)Y(s) = F(s)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{ms^2 + \gamma s + k} \cdot F(s)$$

The Laplace transform of the solution $Y(s)$ is the Laplace transform of the forcing function $F(s)$ times $\frac{1}{ms^2 + \gamma s + k}$ (this part comes from the DE)

$$Y(s) = G(s)F(s) \quad G(s) = \frac{1}{ms^2 + \gamma s + k}$$

In control theory, signal processing, and engineering

$F(s)$ is called the **input**

$Y(s)$ is called the **output** or system response

$G(s)$ is called the **transfer function**

$g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\}$ is called the **impulse response**

Convolution Theorem

The solution to $m\ddot{y} + r\dot{y} + ky = f(t)$

$$y(0) = 0 \quad \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

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

$\int_0^t g(t-\tau) f(\tau) d\tau$ is called the convolution of g and f .

Example

$$\ddot{y} + 25y = \cos t$$

$$y(0) = 0 \quad \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

$$G = \frac{1}{(s^2 + 25)}$$

$$g = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 + 25}\right\} = \frac{\sin 5t}{5}$$

$$y(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\sin 5(t-\tau) \cos \tau}{5} d\tau$$

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Special Case $F(t) = e^{-t}$

$$y(t) = \int_0^t \sin 5(t-\tau) e^{-\tau} d\tau$$

Convolution theorem in words

The response (of a linear time invariant system, i.e. a DTE modelling a physical system) is the convolution of the input and the impulse response.

† I want you to be able to write down the convolution integral. We won't worry about evaluating the integral.

Full Example

$$\ddot{y} - 25y = e^t$$

(with integration)

$$y(0) = 0 \quad \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 - 25} = \frac{\frac{1}{10}}{s-5} - \frac{\frac{1}{10}}{s+5}$$

$$g(t) = \frac{e^{5t}}{10} - \frac{e^{-5t}}{10}$$

$$y(t) = g(t) * e^t = \int_0^t \frac{e^{5(t-\tau)} - e^{-5(t-\tau)}}{10} e^\tau d\tau$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \left[\int_0^t e^{5(t-\tau)} e^\tau d\tau - \int_0^t e^{-5(t-\tau)} e^\tau d\tau \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \left[e^{5t} \int_0^t e^{-4\tau} d\tau - e^{-5t} \int_0^t e^{6\tau} d\tau \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \left[e^{5t} \cdot \frac{e^{-4\tau}}{-4} \Big|_0^t - e^{-5t} \frac{e^{6\tau}}{6} \Big|_0^t \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \left[e^{5t} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{e^{-4t}}{4} \right) - e^{-5t} \left(\frac{e^{6t}}{6} - \frac{1}{6} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{e^{5t}}{40} - \frac{e^t}{40} + \frac{e^{-5t}}{60} - \frac{e^t}{60}$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{e^t}{24} + \frac{e^{5t}}{40} + \frac{e^{-5t}}{60}$$

Question

① What is the impulse response of the system

$$\ddot{y} + 4\dot{y} + 5y$$

② Use the impulse response to write the solution to

$$\ddot{y} + 4\dot{y} + 5y = f(t)$$

$$y(0) = 0 \quad \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

Answer

The transfer function is $G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 5}$
 $= \frac{1}{(s+2)^2 + 1}$

so the impulse response is

$$g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = e^{-2t} \sin t$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y(t) = \int_0^t e^{-2(t-\tau)} \sin(t-\tau) f(\tau) d\tau$$

Remark - If $f(t)$ is a measured input, rather than a formula, $\textcircled{2}$ can be evaluated numerically.

If $f(t)$ is given by a formula, then $\textcircled{2}$ gives the same answer as the other methods we know.

Two Homework Problems on Convolution

Express the solution as a convolution integral:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y'' + \omega^2 y = 2e^{-t} \cos \omega t$$
$$y(0) = 0 \quad y'(0) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y'' + 2y' + 2y = \sin t$$
$$y(0) = 0 \quad y'(0) = 0$$

Answers

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\sin \omega(t-\tau)}{\omega} e^{-\tau} \cos \omega \tau \, d\tau$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y(t) = \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)} \sin(t-\tau) \sin \tau \, d\tau$$

The Dirac-delta function

Question Does the impulse response satisfy a DE?

or

$g(t)$ is the system response to what input?

Example

$\ddot{y} + 25y \iff$ system (e.g. mass-spring)

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 25} = \text{transfer function}$$

$$g(t) = \frac{\sin 5t}{5} = \text{impulse response}$$

$$\ddot{g} + 25g = F(t) \quad g(0) = 0 \quad \dot{g}(0) = 0$$

What is $F(t)$?

Its easy to see what $F(s)$ is.

$$s^2 G(s) + 25G(s) = F(s)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{F(s)}{s^2 + 25}$$

$$\text{so } F(s) = 1$$

What function $f(t)$ has Laplace transform = 1?

Not Use Ful Answer - there is no such function?

Top Hat function comes close

$$h_{\epsilon}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\epsilon} & t \leq \epsilon \\ 0 & \epsilon < t \end{cases}$$



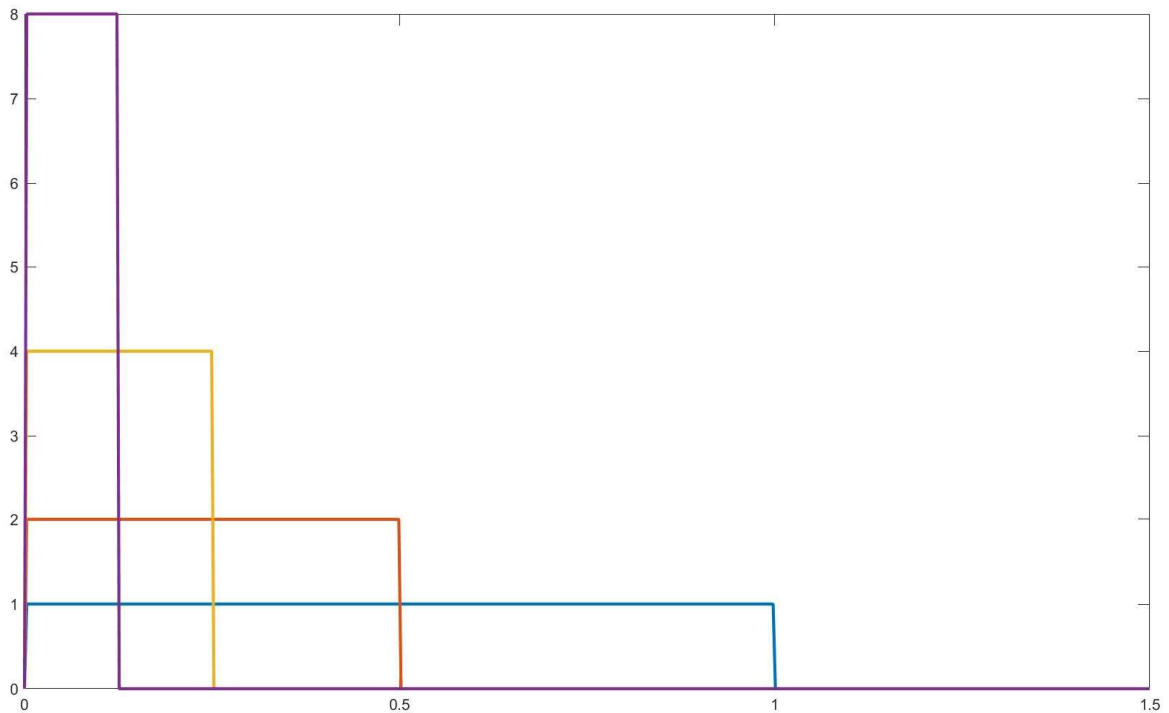
$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} h_{\epsilon}(t) dt &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^{\epsilon} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^{\epsilon} \right) = \frac{1 - e^{-\epsilon s}}{\epsilon s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{h_{\epsilon}(t)\} = H_{\epsilon}(s) = \frac{1 - e^{-\epsilon s}}{\epsilon s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} H_{\epsilon}(s) &= \frac{0}{0} = \frac{\frac{d}{d\epsilon} (1 - e^{-\epsilon s})}{\frac{d}{d\epsilon} \epsilon s} \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cancel{s} e^{-\epsilon s}}{\cancel{s}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} H_\epsilon(s) = 1$$

What about $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} h_\epsilon(t)$?



$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} h_\epsilon(t) = \delta_0(t)$$

$\delta_0(t)$ is not a "real" function

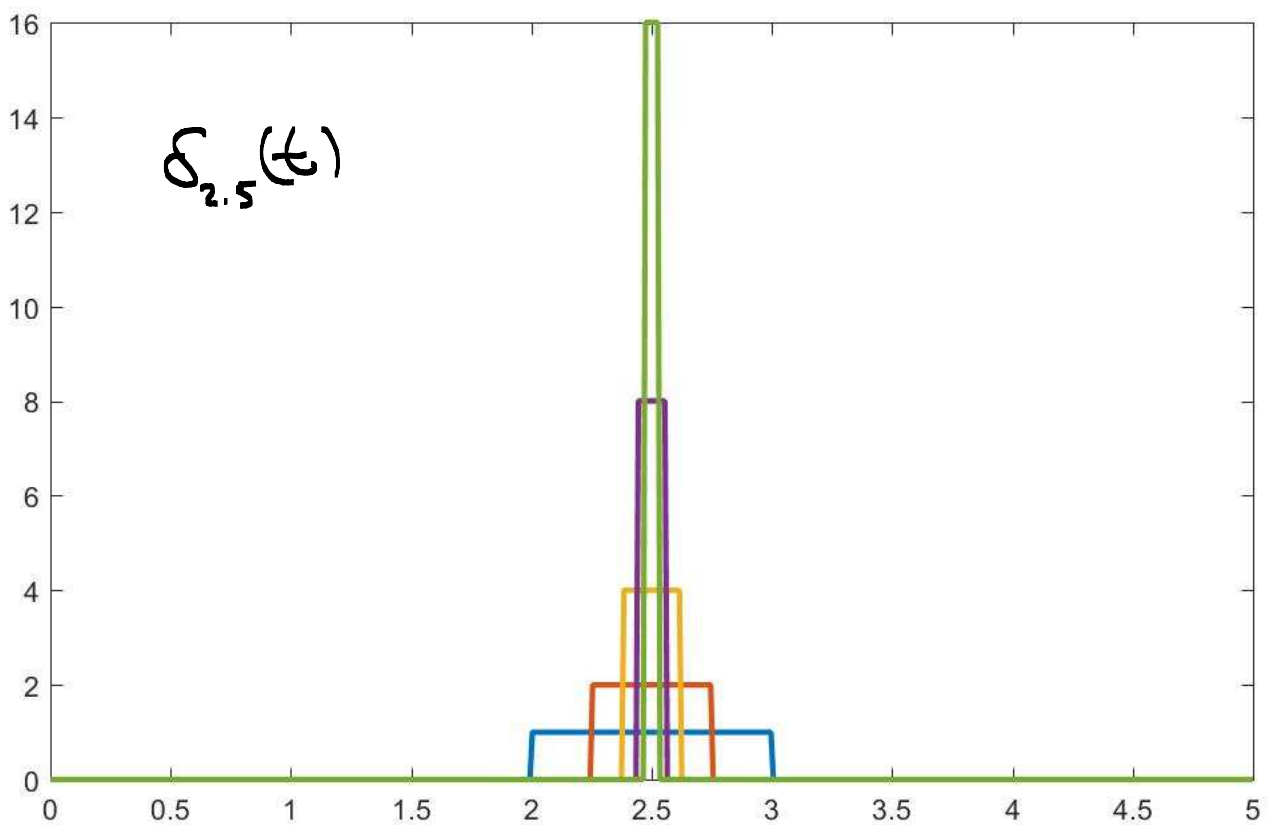
$$\delta_0(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \neq 0 \\ \int_0^a \delta_0(t) dt = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\delta_c(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} h_{\epsilon/2}(t-c)$$

$$\delta_c(t) = \delta_0(t-c)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta_c(t)\} = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}\{\delta_0(t)\}$$

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You can stop here!'. I am including some info below but won't test you on it.

The (Dirac) delta function was introduced by Paul Dirac to model a point mass.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dirac_delta_function

It was "anticipated" by Fourier in conjunction with the Fourier transform which is similar to the Laplace Transform.

Interpretation of the delta

Physical - A force that is applied during a time interval so short that that your equipment can't resolve it, but delivers a unit impulse, i.e. $\int \delta(t) dt = 1$

Mathematical Definition of the delta

Fact - Suppose two functions f_1 and f_2 satisfy $\int f_1(t) g(t) dt = \int f_2(t) g(t) dt$ for every continuous function $g(t)$. Then $f_1(t) = f_2(t)$.

So we can identify a "generalized" function with how it integrates against conventional continuous functions.

The delta function is defined by

$$\int \delta_a(t) g(t) dt = g(a)$$

for every continuous function $g(t)$.

It can also be defined as the "derivative" of the Heaviside function.

$$\frac{d}{dt} u_a(t) = \delta_a(t)$$

Convolution and Laplace Transform

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

equivalently, [because Laplace transform is invertible]

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

Proof

$$F(s)G(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st}f(t)dt \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s\tau}g(\tau)d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(t+\tau)}f(t)g(\tau)dt d\tau$$

Change Variable in dt integral

$$w = t + \tau$$

$$dw = dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{-sw}f(w-\tau)g(\tau)dw d\tau$$

Change the order of integration

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^t e^{-sw}f(w-\tau)g(\tau)dt dw$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sw} \left[\int_0^t f(w-\tau)g(\tau)dt \right] dw$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(w-\tau)g(\tau)dt\right\}$$

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Proof

$$m s^2 Y + \gamma s Y + k Y = F(s)$$

$$(m s^2 + \gamma s + k) Y = F(s)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{m s^2 + \gamma s + k} F(s)$$

$$Y(s) = G(s) F(s)$$

$$\text{So} \quad y(t) = \int_0^t g(t-\tau) f(\tau) d\tau$$