

**Goal:** Create a module to calculate the force at each time stamp.

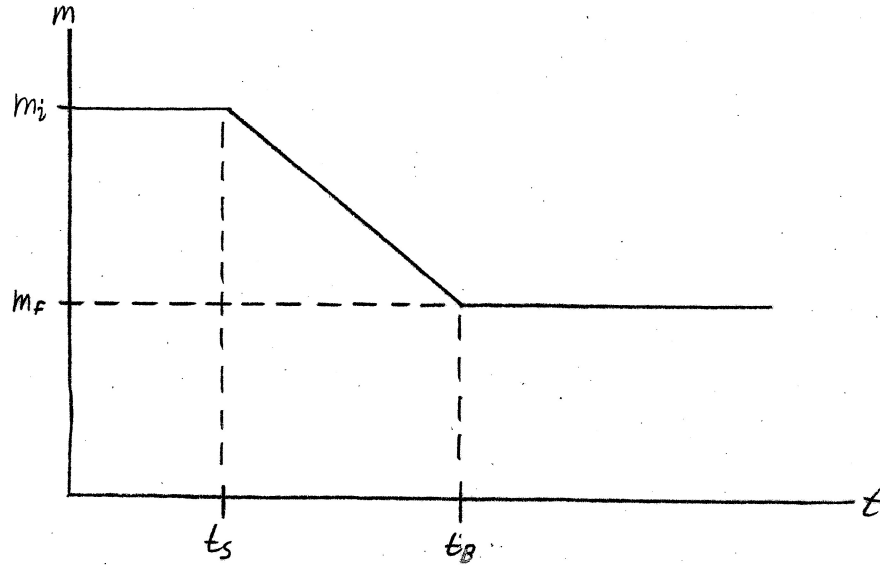
Remember the relationship between force, mass, and acceleration:

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

Of course, the mass is also changing with time. The equation should really be written like this:

$$\vec{F}(t) = m(t)\vec{a}(t)$$

Here, each variable is a function of time. The acceleration at each point in time is already known. You will have to figure out a way to calculate mass. Here is how the mass will vary with time:



where  $m_i$  is the initial mass,  $m_f$  is the final/burnout mass,  $t_S$  is the burn start time, and  $t_B$  is the burnout time. By inspection:

- for values of  $t < t_S$ ,  $m(t) = m_i$
- for values of  $t > t_B$ ,  $m(t) = m_f$
- for values of  $t_S \leq t \leq t_B$ ,  $m(t) = \frac{m_f - m_i}{t_B - t_S} (t - t_B) + m_i$ 
  - found using the point-slope formula

Some additional notes:

- $m_i$  and  $m_f$  will be given by the user
- $t_S$  will be inferred from when the acceleration values begin to change rapidly. For right now, you can make this an optional parameter with a default value of 1.
- $t_B$  will not be given by the user. The user will give the rocket's burn time ( $B$ ). Thus, finding  $t_B$  is easy:  $t_B = t_S + B$

You now have everything you need to create the module. Remember, the function should look something like this:

$$\text{func}=(t, \vec{a}, m_i, m_f, B, t_S = 1)$$

- $t$  is a numpy array:  $[t]$
- $\vec{a}$  is a nested numpy array:  $[[a_x], [a_y], [a_z]]$
- $m_i, m_f, B$ , and  $t_S$  are all scalar floats