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Q 20 : The solution x(t), $t \ge 0$, to the differential equation $\ddot{x} = -k\dot{x}$, k > 0 with initial conditions x(0) = 1 and $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ is: $(GATE\ 2023, IN)$

Ans:

Differential equation	$\ddot{x} = -k\dot{x}$
Initial conditions	$x(0) = 1$ and $\dot{x}(0) = 0$
x(t)	?
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TABLE 0
PARAMETER TABLE

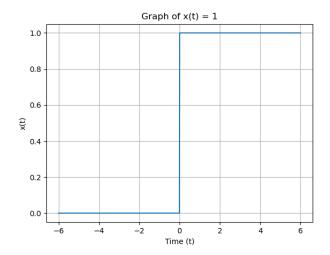


Fig. 0. Plot of
$$x(t)$$
 v/s t

$$\implies \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} = -k\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \tag{1}$$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides,

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dx^2}Ls^2X(s) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0)$$
 (2)

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dx}LsX(s) - x(0) \tag{3}$$

From Table (2), (3)

$$s^{2}X(s) - sx(0) - \dot{x}(0) = -k(sX(s) - x(0))$$
 (4)

$$s^{2}X(s) - s = -k(sX(s) - 1)$$
 (5)

$$sX(s)(s+k) = (s+k) \tag{6}$$

$$s \neq -k \tag{7}$$

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{s} \tag{8}$$

$$x(t) = u(t) \tag{9}$$

$$\implies x(t) = 1 \quad (t \ge 0) \tag{10}$$