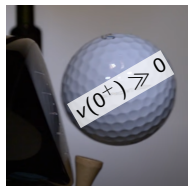
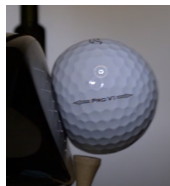
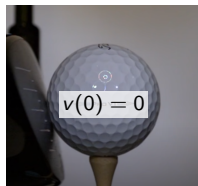


# Imagine hitting a golf ball



source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TA1s1oNpbk&t=80s>

The ball is initially at rest, then a large amount of energy/momentum is rapidly transferred from the golf club to the ball.

Neglecting air drag and the deformation of the ball, Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law tells us that

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = F_{club}(t), \quad v(t) = v(0) + \int_0^t \frac{F_{club}(t)}{m} dt$$

## Imagine hitting a golf ball

Suppose that  $v_0 = 0$  and that the club is in contact with the ball for  $t \in [0, \tau]$  with  $0 < \tau \ll 1$ .

Then a simple model is  $F_{club}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{C}{\tau} & 0 < t < \tau \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  with  $C = \text{const.}$

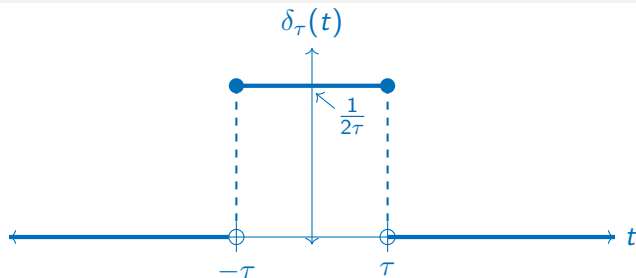
$$v(\tau) = \int_0^\tau \frac{C}{\tau} d\tau = C$$

To approximate a fast event, we take the limit as  $\tau \rightarrow 0^+$

$$v(0^+) = C$$

For fast events, we do not care about the dynamics of the forcing function just its integral.

# General Approximation: normalized step pulse ( $\delta_\tau$ )



Function:

$$\delta_\tau = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\tau} & |t| \leq \tau \\ 0 & |t| > \tau \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{u_{-\tau}(t) - u_\tau(t)}{2\tau}$$

Integral:

$$I(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_\tau(t) dt = \int_{-\tau}^{\tau} \frac{dt}{2\tau}$$

$$= 1$$

# Taking the limit $\tau \rightarrow 0$

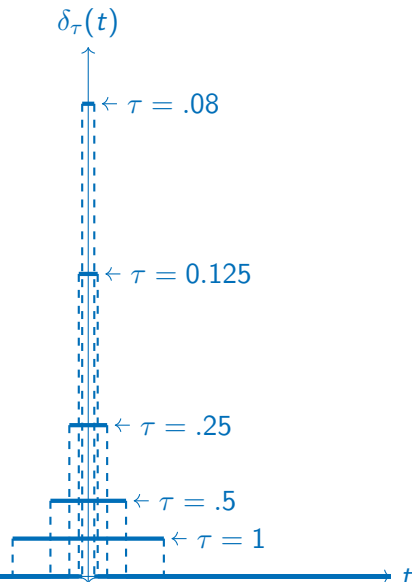
Function:

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \delta_{\tau}(t) = \begin{cases} \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\tau} & t = 0 \\ 0 & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} D.N.E. & t = 0 \\ 0 & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Integral:

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} I(\tau) = 1$$



# Delta Dirac Function: $\delta(t) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \delta_{\tau}(t)$

- **Note:**  $\delta(t)$  is not really well-defined in the conventional sense
  - It is a "generalized" function with the two following properties:

1.  $\delta(t) = 0$  for  $t \neq 0$

$\delta_{\tau}(0) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ , but functions cannot have a value of  $\infty$

2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$

- The delta function acts like an intense pulse, of unit strength.
  - This is also called an **impulse**:
    - An action that happens arbitrarily fast but with finite magnitude.
  - ex: accelerating a golf ball with a golf club

## Delta Dirac Function: $\delta(t) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \delta_{\tau}(t)$

**Theorem:** For differentiable functions  $f(t)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - c) f(t) dt = f(c)$$

Integrating with  $\delta(t - c)$  essentially "selects" the value of the integrand at  $t = c$ .

More generally,

$$\int_a^b \delta(t - c) f(t) dt = \begin{cases} f(c) & a \leq c \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Sketch of proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - c) f(t) dt &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \delta_{\tau}(t - c) \right) f(t) dt \\&= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_{\tau}(t - c) f(t) dt \\&= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\tau} \int_{c-\tau}^{c+\tau} f(t) dt \\&= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(c + \tau) - F(c - \tau)}{2\tau} = f(c)\end{aligned}$$

## Laplace transform of $\delta(t)$

Integrating with  $\delta(t - c)$  essentially "selects" the value of the integrand at  $t = c$

Assuming  $c \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - c)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \delta(t - c) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-st} \delta(t - c) dt = e^{-sc}\end{aligned}$$

Special case:  $c = 0$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - c)\} = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} e^{-sc} = 1$$



Solve:  $2y'' + y' + 2y = \delta(t)$  with  $y(0) = 0$   
 $y'(0) = 0$

$$2s^2 Y(s) + sY(s) + 2Y(s) = 1 \qquad Y(s) = \frac{1}{2s^2 + s + 2}$$

complete the square:  $ax^2 + bx + c = a(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 + c - \frac{b^2}{4a}$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{1}{2(s + \frac{1}{4})^2 + \frac{15}{8}} \times \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s + \frac{1}{4})^2 + \underbrace{\frac{15}{16}}_{\omega^2}} \times \frac{\omega}{\omega} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}}{\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}} \frac{1}{(s + \frac{1}{4})^2 + \frac{15}{16}} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}}{(s + \frac{1}{4})^2 + \frac{15}{16}} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} e^{-\frac{t}{4}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} t\right)$$

This is the **impulse response** of the system. That is, how the system responds to an impulse of forcing.

Solve:  $2y'' + y' + 2y = \delta(t - 5)$  with  $y(0) = 0$   
 $y'(0) = 0$

$$Y(s) = e^{-5s} \cdot \frac{1}{2s^2 + s + 2}$$

by the convolution theorem

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \delta(t - 5) * \underbrace{\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} e^{-\frac{t}{4}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} t\right)}_{f(t)} \\ &= \int_0^t f(t - \tau) \delta(\tau - 5) d\tau \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & t < 5 \\ f(t - 5) & t \geq 5 \end{cases} \\ &= u_5(t) f(t - 5) \end{aligned}$$

Solve:  $2y'' + y' + 2y = g(t)$  with  $y(0) = 0$   
 $y'(0) = 0$

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

by the convolution theorem

$$y(t) = g(t) * \underbrace{\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} e^{-\frac{t}{4}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} t\right)}_{f(t)}$$
$$= \int_0^t f(t - \tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

Take-home message: we can get the solution for any forcing function  $g(t)$  by convolving with  $f(t)$  the **impulse response function**.

# Inhomogeneous IVPs via Laplace transforms

Consider the constant coefficient 2<sup>nd</sup> order DE:

$$\begin{aligned} ay'' + by' + cy &= g(t) \\ y(0) &= y_0 \\ y'(0) &= v_0 \end{aligned}$$

Take LT

$$(as^2 + bs + c)Y(s) - (as + b)y_0 - av_0 = G(s)$$

Solve for  $Y(s)$ :

$$Y(s) = \underbrace{\frac{(as + b)y_0 + av_0}{as^2 + bs + c}}_{Y_h} + \underbrace{\frac{G(s)}{as^2 + bs + c}}_{Y_p}$$

effects of initial conditions  
(Homogeneous Part)

effects of forcing function  
(Particular Part)

# Inhomogeneous IVPs via Laplace transforms

$$\begin{aligned} ay'' + by' + cy &= g(t) \\ y(0) &= y_0 \\ y'(0) &= y'_0 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad Y(s) = \underbrace{\frac{(as + b)y_0 + ay'_0}{as^2 + bs + c}}_{Y_h(s)} + \underbrace{\frac{G(s)}{as^2 + bs + c}}_{Y_p(s)}$$

1. Break up  $Y_h(s)$  using partial frac. decomp. & invert  $Y_h(s) \rightarrow y_h(t)$ .
2. Define the **Transfer Function**:

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{as^2 + bs + c}$$

3. Invert  $F(s) \rightarrow f(t)$ . The function  $f(t)$  is called the **impulse response** function.
4. From the convolution theorem with  $Y_p(s) = F(s)G(s)$

$$y_p(t) = f * g$$

5. Finally

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$$

ex:  $y'' + 4y = t^3$ ,  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ .

Find an appropriate impulse response function and express the ODE's solution as a convolution integral.

$$s^2 Y(s) - s + 4Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{t^3\}$$

$$Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{t^3\} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$\text{Transfer Function: } F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}\{\sin(2t)\}$$

$$\text{Impulse Response: } f(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) * t^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin(2(t - \tau)) \tau^3 d\tau \end{aligned}$$

ex:  $y'' + 4y = t^4, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0.$

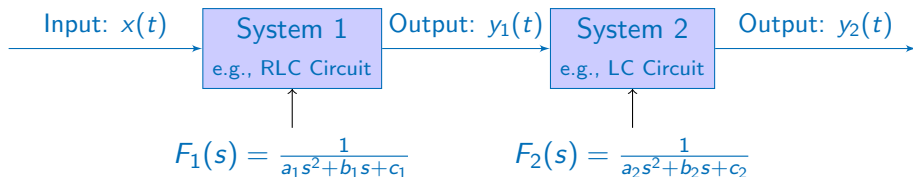
Express the ODE's solution in terms of a convolution integral.

$$s^2 Y(s) - s + 4Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{t^4\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= (s + \mathcal{L}\{t^4\}) \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} \\ &= \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \mathcal{L}\{t^4\} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + 4}\right\} + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) * t^4 \\ &= \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin(2(t - \tau)) \tau^4 d\tau \end{aligned}$$

# Application: Linear Time Invariant Systems



$$y_1(t) = x(t) * f_1(t)$$

$$y_2(t) = y_1(t) * f_2(t)$$

$$= x(t) * f_1(t) * f_2(t)$$

$$= x(t) * (f_1(t) * f_2(t))$$

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = \text{Impulse response for total system}$$