



# Week 10

- 4.3 Solving More Initial Value Problems
- 4.4 Step Functions





#### Theorem

- $\mathcal{L}[f''](s) = s^2 \mathcal{L}[f](s) sf(0) f'(0).$
- $\mathcal{L}[f'''](s) = s^3 \mathcal{L}[f](s) s^2 f(0) s f'(0) f''(0).$
- $\mathcal{L}[f^{(n)}](s) = s^n \mathcal{L}[f](s) s^{n-1} f(0) s^{n-2} f'(0) \dots s f^{(n-2)}(0) f^{(n-1)}(0).$



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Taking the Laplace Transform of the ODE gives

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In our table of Laplace Transforms, we find that  $\mathcal{L}\left[e^{-t}\right] = \frac{1}{s+1}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}\left[te^{-t}\right] = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$  and  $\mathcal{L}\left[t^2e^{-t}\right] = \frac{2}{(s+1)^3}$ .



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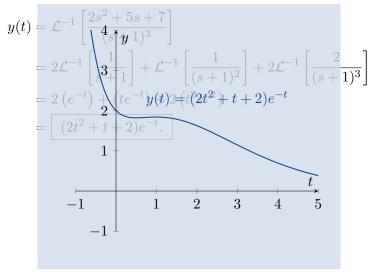
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# Step Functions

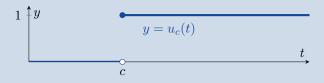


#### Definition

The unit step function  $u_c: [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ 1 & t \ge c \end{cases}$$

for  $c \geq 0$ .





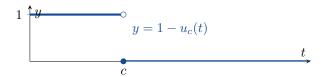
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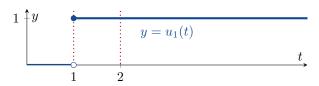
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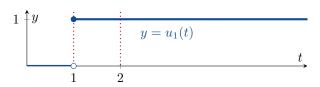
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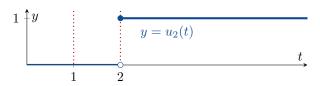
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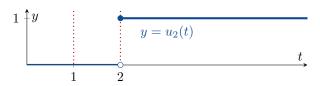
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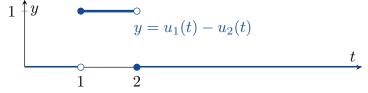
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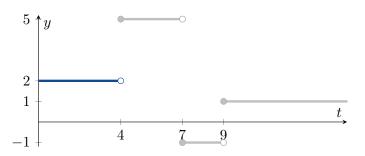
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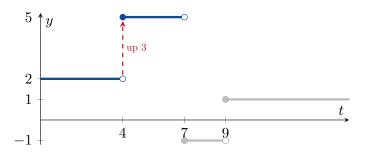
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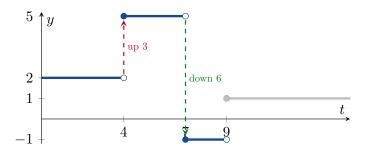
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At t=4, the function jumps from 2 to 5 (it goes "up 3"). So  $f(t)=2 + 3u_4(t) + (\text{something}).$ 

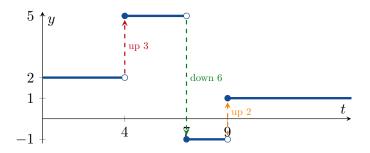




Then it goes "down 6" when t = 7. So

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Finally it goes "up 2" when t = 9. Therefore

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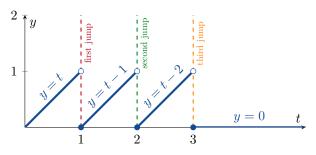
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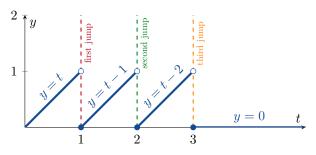
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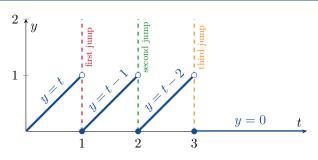




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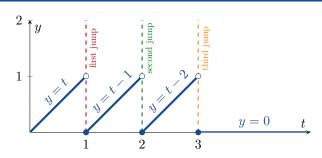
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At each "jump" we calculate

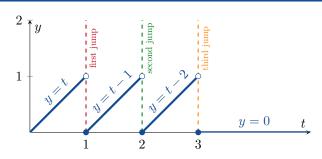
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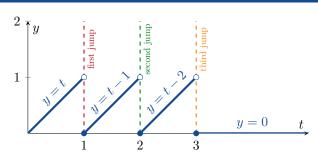
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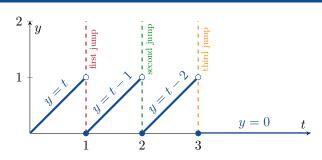
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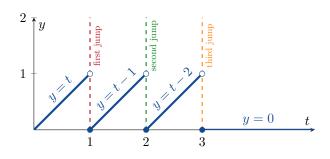
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Hence

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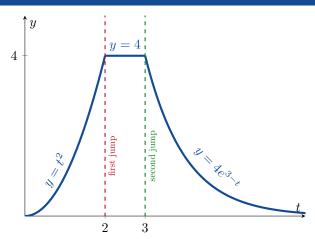
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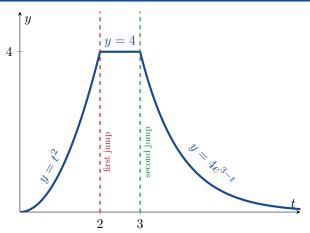
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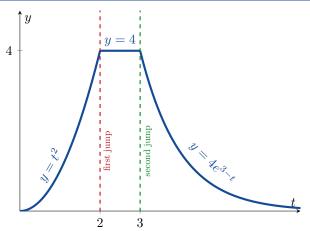






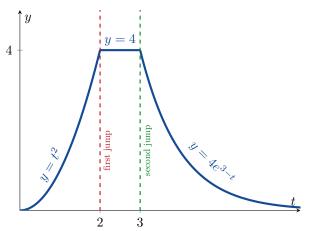
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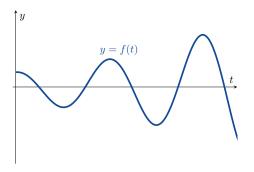
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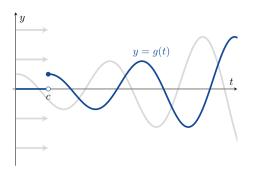
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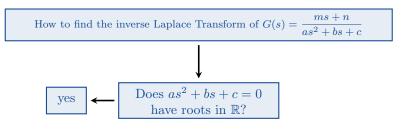


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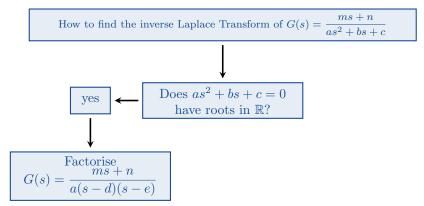


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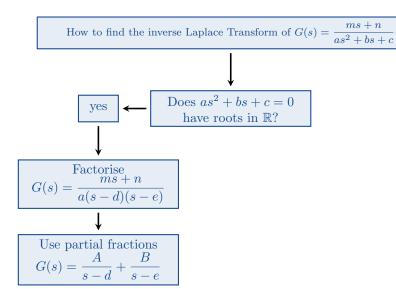




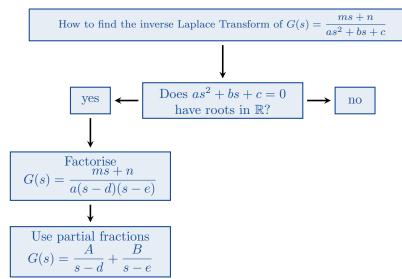




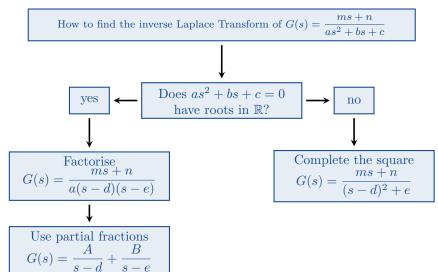




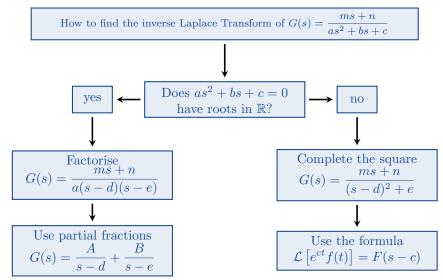














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