



Lecture 8

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Theorem

- 1 $\mathcal{L}[f'](s) = s\mathcal{L}[f](s) - f(0).$
- 2 $\mathcal{L}[f''](s) = s^2\mathcal{L}[f](s) - sf(0) - f'(0).$
- 3 $\mathcal{L}[f'''](s) = s^3\mathcal{L}[f](s) - s^2f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0).$
- 4 $\mathcal{L}[f^{(n)}](s) = s^n\mathcal{L}[f](s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - \dots - sf^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0).$

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Taking the Laplace Transform of the ODE gives

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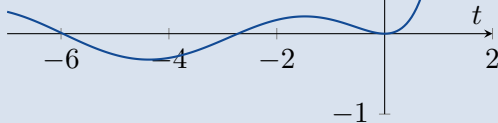
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In our table of Laplace Transforms, we find that $\mathcal{L}[e^{-t}] = \frac{1}{s+1}$, $\mathcal{L}[te^{-t}] = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$ and $\mathcal{L}[t^2e^{-t}] = \frac{2}{(s+1)^3}$.

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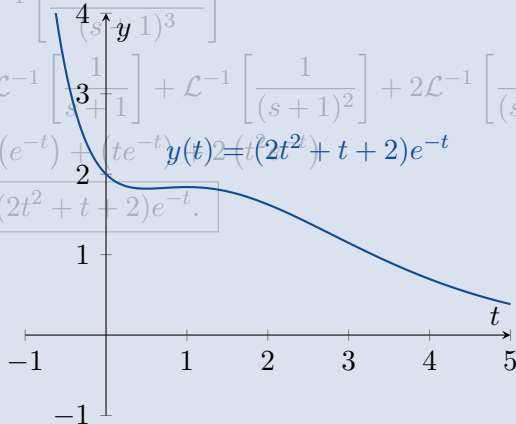
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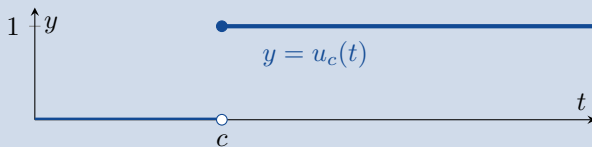


Definition

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

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

for $c \geq 0$.



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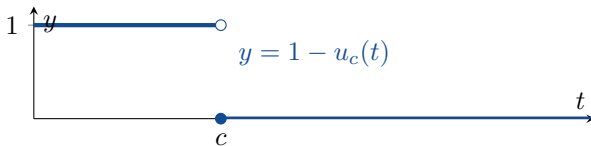
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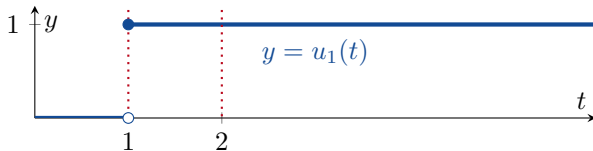
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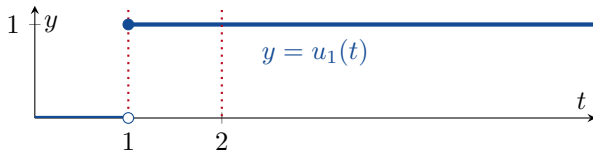
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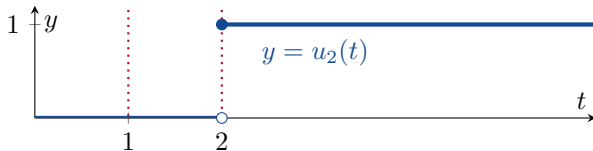
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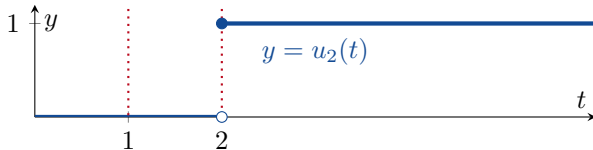
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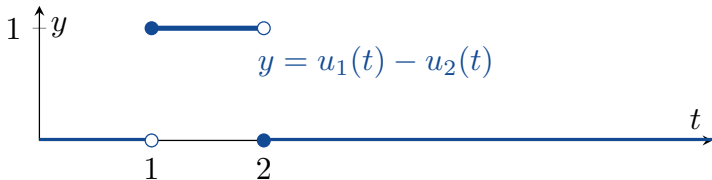


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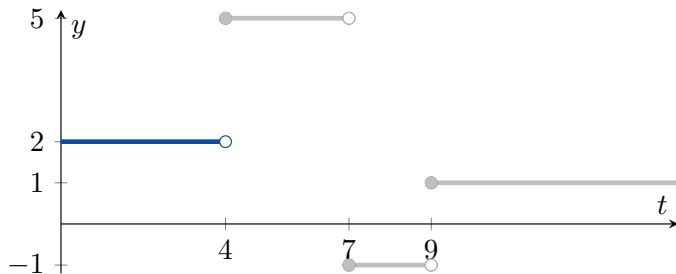
Example

Write the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 \leq t < 4 \\ 5 & 4 \leq t < 7 \\ -1 & 7 \leq t < 9 \\ 1 & 9 \leq t \end{cases}$$

in terms of the unit step function.

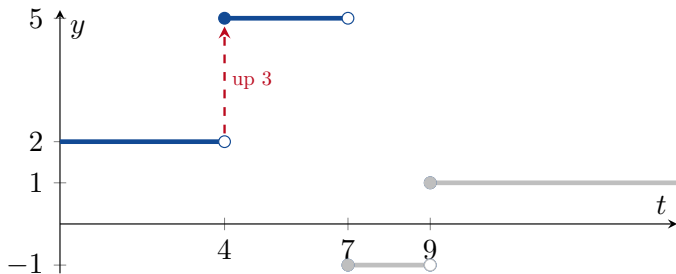
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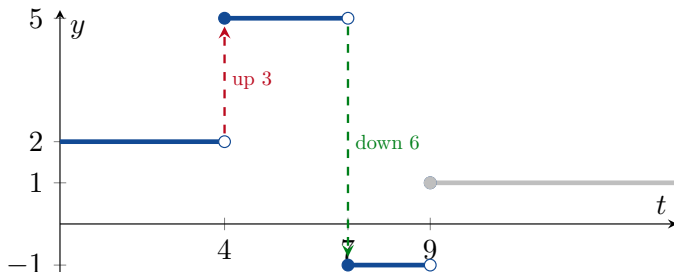
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At $t = 4$, the function jumps from 2 to 5 (it goes “up 3”). So

$$f(t) = 2 + 3u_4(t) + (\text{something}).$$

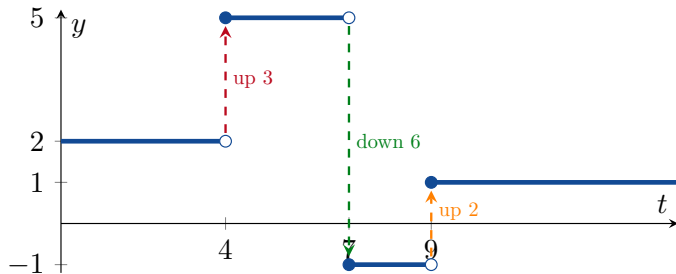
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Then it goes “down 6” when $t = 7$. So

$$f(t) = 2 + 3u_4(t) - 6u_7(t) + (\text{something}).$$

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Finally it goes “up 2” when $t = 9$. Therefore

$$f(t) = 2 + 3u_4(t) - 6u_7(t) + 2u_9(t).$$

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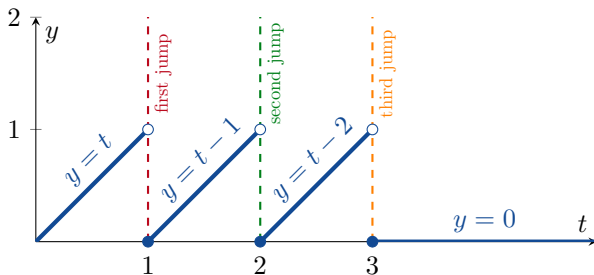
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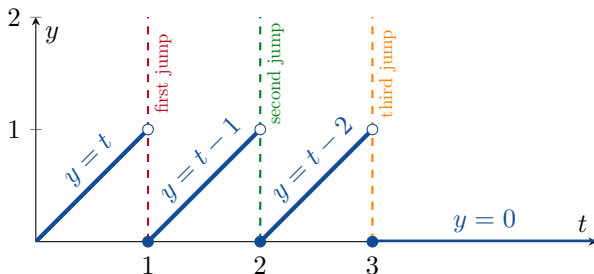
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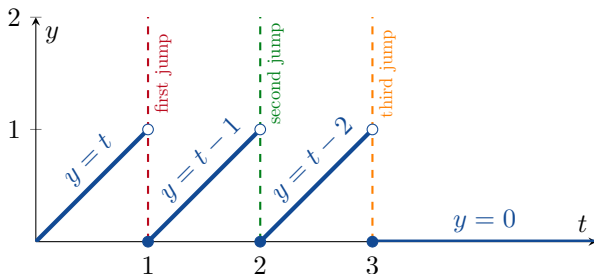
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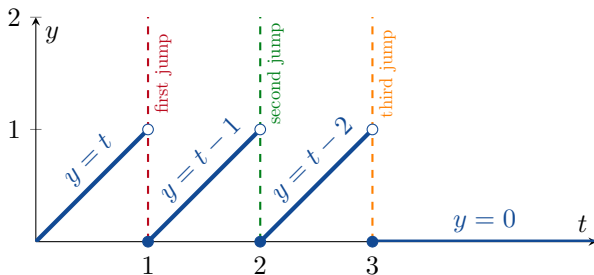
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At each “jump” we calculate

$$\text{jump} = \left(\begin{matrix} \text{function} \\ \text{on right} \end{matrix} \right) - \left(\begin{matrix} \text{function} \\ \text{on left} \end{matrix} \right).$$

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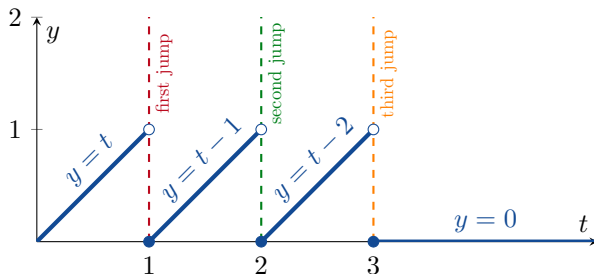
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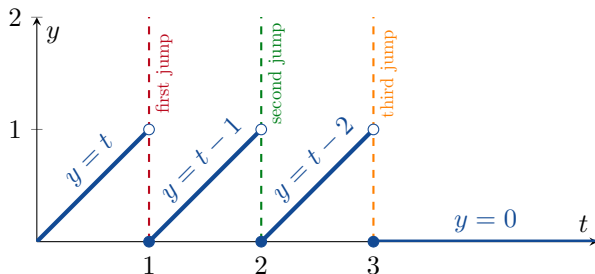
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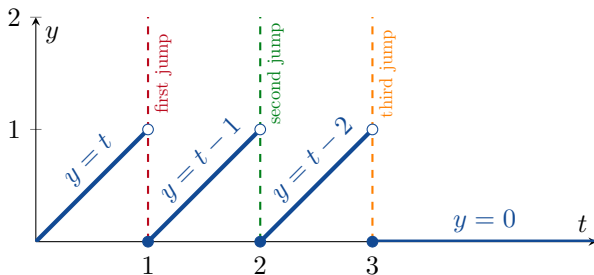
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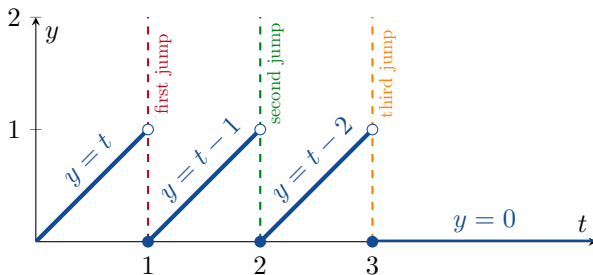
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Hence

$$f(t) = t - u_1(t) - u_2(t) + (2 - t)u_3(t).$$

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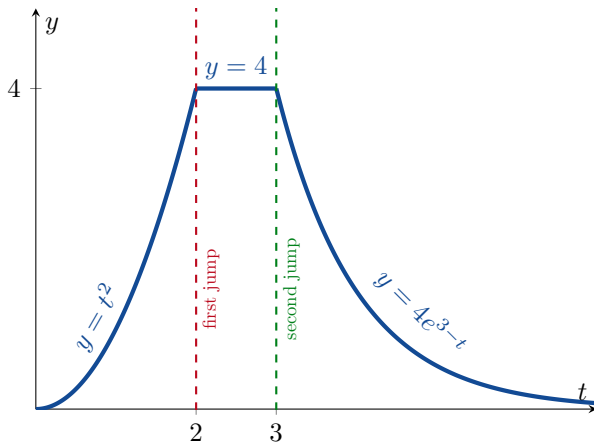
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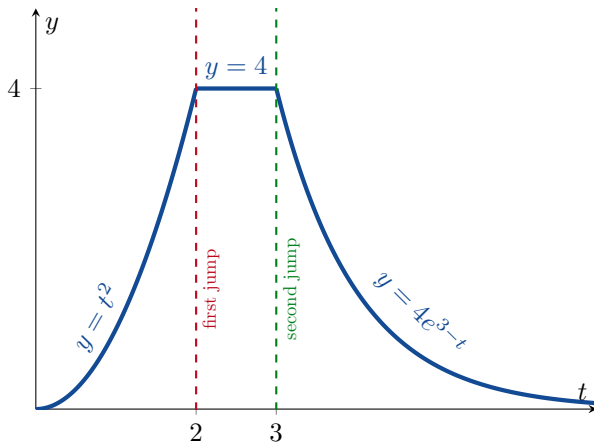
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t^2 & 0 \leq t < 2 \\ 4 & 2 \leq t < 3 \\ 4e^{t-3} & 3 \leq t \end{cases}$$

in terms of the unit step function.

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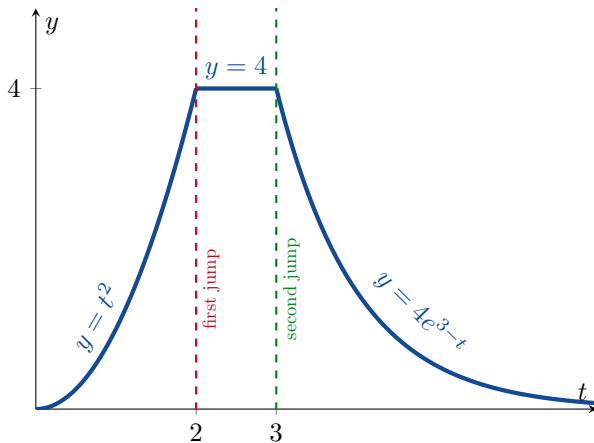


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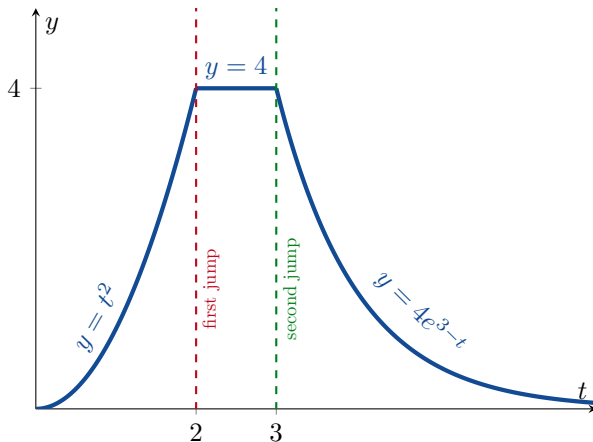
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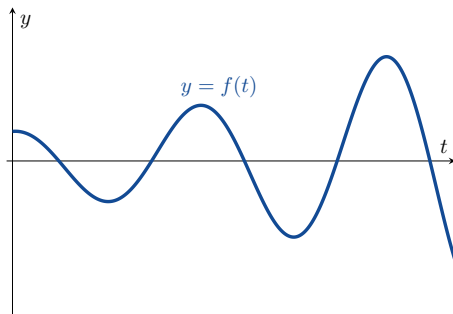
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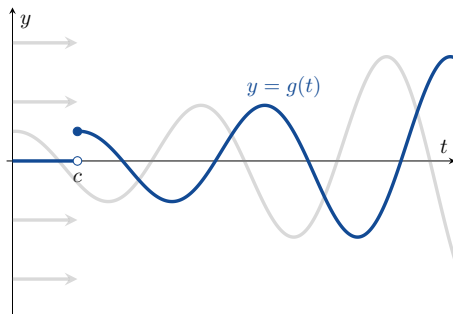
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$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ f(t - c) & t \geq c. \end{cases}$$

We can write $g(t) = u_c(t)f(t - c)$.

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Theorem

$$\mathcal{L}[u_c(t)f(t - c)](s) = e^{-cs}F(s)$$

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Example

Find the Laplace Transform of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ t - 1 & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ t - 2 & 2 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & 3 \leq t. \end{cases}$$

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Example

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$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin t & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \sin t + \cos(t - \frac{\pi}{4}) & \frac{\pi}{4} \leq t. \end{cases}$$



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$$\mathcal{L}[e^{ct}f(t)] = F(s - c)$$



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I leave this example for you to finish.

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Next Time

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