

ODEs 6-7

- Multiplication and how it relates distributions and to the Laplace transform

Goal: Formula (using convolution) for the solution to $\mathcal{L}[y] = g(t)$ based on the impulse response, (relative to $\mathcal{L}[y] = \delta(t)$)

Recall: A distribution (like $\delta(t-c)$) is really a special type of linear operator



$D: \{\text{Test functions}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

like $D_{\delta_c} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-c) g(t) dt = [g] \rightarrow g(c)$

§ Operations on distributions

1) Addition

$$(D_1 + D_2)[g] = D_1[g] + D_2[g]$$

Eg: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\delta(t-a) + \delta(t-b)) g(t) dt = g(a) + g(b)$

2) Multiplication?

$$(\text{Distribution}) \times (\text{function}) \rightarrow (\text{Distribution}) \quad \leftarrow \text{This is okay}$$

Eg: $\delta(t-c) \times g(t) \rightarrow \delta(t-c)g(t)$

$$D_{\delta_c} g [g] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-c) g(t) g(t) dt = g(c)g(c)$$

More generally:

D any distribution

$$D \cdot g(t) [g] = D[g \cdot g] \quad \text{- Well defined.}$$

What about

(Distribution) \times (Distribution) \rightarrow (Distribution)?

This does not work!

Eg: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-a) \cdot \delta(t-c) g(t) dt = f(c) ?$
 This would be bad

$D_1: \{\text{test functions}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ & $D_2: \{\text{test functions}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

3) Differentiation first an example

Eg: Calculate $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_c(t) = ?$



Define this using integration by parts (assume $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = 0$)

define as a distribution

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_c(t) g(t) dt = u_c(t) g(t) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_c(t) \frac{d}{dt} g(t) dt$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_c(t) \frac{d}{dt} g(t) dt = \int_c^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} g(t) dt$$

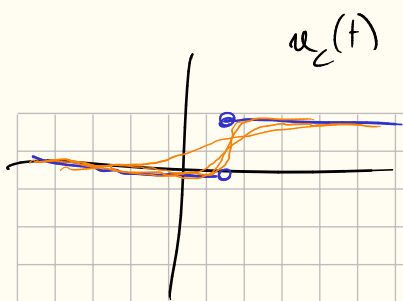
$$= -g(t) \Big|_c^{\infty} = g(c)$$

As a distribution $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_c(t)$ is

$$g(t) \mapsto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_c(t) g(t) dt = g(c)$$

$$D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_c(t)} [g] \mapsto g(c)$$

d.e. $D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_c(t)} [g] = D_g(g)$ OK: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_c(t) = \delta(t-c)$



More generally:

The derivative of any distribution

$$D_\rho [f] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(t) f(t) dt \quad \text{can be defined by}$$

$$D_{\frac{d}{dt}} [f] = D_\rho \left[-\frac{d}{dt} f \right] \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{just integration} \\ \text{by parts} \end{array} \right).$$

§ Impulse response

If we have a linear differential operator $\mathcal{L}[y]$

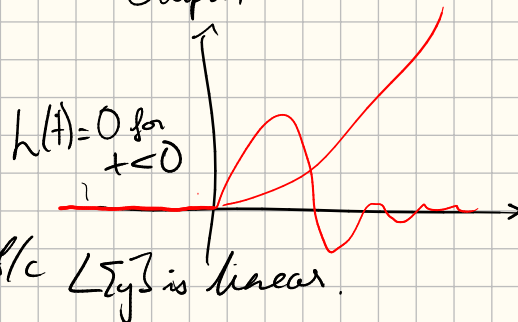
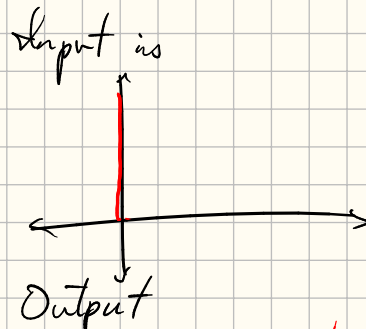
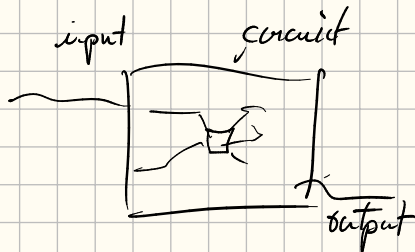
Eg: $\mathcal{L}[y] = ay'' + by' + cy$

Def: then the function $h(t)$ which solves the IVP

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = \delta(t) \quad y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0, \text{ etc.}$$

is called the impulse response of the ODE

Eg:



∵ $\mathcal{L}[y]$ is linear.

We can recover the solution to $\mathcal{L}[y] = g(t)$ from $h(t)$.

Multiplication and Laplace Transforms

$$\text{if } \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = G(s)$$

Then what is

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)G(s)\} = \cancel{f(t)g(t)} \quad ?$$

This is especially useful since

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

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

Therefore

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} \cdot \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

Def: The convolution product of $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ is

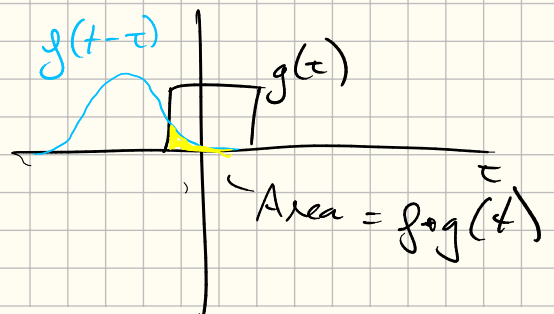
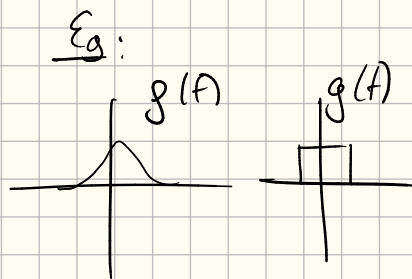
$$f * g(t) = \int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau) d\tau$$

It satisfies some nice properties:

$$\text{eg: } f * g = g * f$$

$$f * (ag_1 + bg_2) = af * g_1 + bf * g_2$$

etc.



Dlogan "Convolution is multiplication in the frequency domain"

Thm (Convolution theorem)

$$\text{If } \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s), \quad \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = G(s),$$

$$H(s) = F(s) \cdot G(s),$$

$$h(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{H(s)\} \quad \text{then}$$

$$h(t) = \int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau = f * g(t).$$

$$\text{P.P.} \quad F(s)G(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s\xi} f(\xi) d\xi \cdot \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s\tau} g(\tau) d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s\tau} g(\tau) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s\xi} f(\xi) d\xi d\tau$$

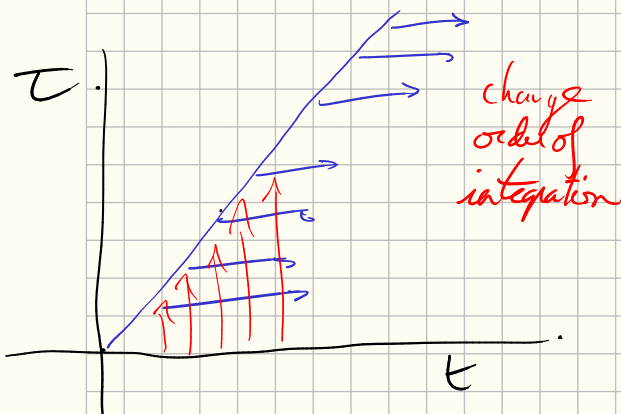
$$= \int_0^{\infty} g(\tau) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(\tau+\xi)} f(\xi) d\xi d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} g(\tau) \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-\tau) dt d\tau$$

$t = \xi + \tau$
 $d\xi = dt$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^t e^{-st} g(\tau) f(t-\tau) d\tau dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f * g(t) dt \quad \square$$



Eg: Calculate the impulse response of

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = y'' + 2y' + 2y, \text{ i.e. solve the IVP}$$

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = \delta(t), \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$

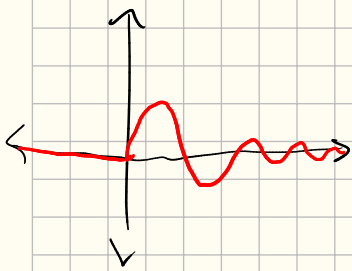
$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\}$$

$$s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 2sY(s) - 2y(0) + 2Y(s) = 1$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 2)Y(s) = 1$$

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

$$y(t) = e^{-t} \sin(t) \cdot u_0(t)$$



Now we can solve $\mathcal{L}\{y\} = G(s)$

Eg: $y'' + 2y' + 2y = g(t) \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' + 2y' + 2y\} = \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} \quad G(s) = \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 2)Y(s) = G(s)$$

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

If $G(s)$ were a nice function, we might be able to do

partial fraction decomp. & use a table to solve for $y(t)$.

But the RHS is multiplication in the frequency domain: use the convolution theorem:

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

$$= \mathcal{L}\{\text{impulse response}\} \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = h * g(t) = \int_0^t h(t-\tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

since $h(t) = e^{-t} \sin(t)$,

$$y(t) = \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)} \sin(t-\tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

We didn't use anything about $g(t)$ (other than that $G(s)$ exists, i.e. $g(t) \in O(e^{ct})$).

More generally:

if $\mathcal{L}\{y\} = a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_0 y$ is a general linear constant coefficient differential operator

then impulse response $h(t)$ solves

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \delta(t) \quad y(0) = y'(0) = \dots = y^{(n-1)}(0) = 0$$

$$a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_0 y = g(t) \quad \text{becomes}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_0 y\} = G(s)$$

$$(a_n s^n + \dots + a_1 s + a_0) Y(s) = G(s)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{a_n s^n + \dots + a_0} G(s) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{if } g(t) = \delta(t), G(s) = 1 \\ = \frac{1}{a_n s^n + \dots + a_0} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\{\text{impulse response}\} \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

Therefore

$$y(t) = \int_0^t h(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau \quad \text{solves}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = g(t) \quad y(0) = \dots = y^{(n-1)}(0) = 0.$$

Remarks:

1) Sometimes the integrals are difficult to solve

2) We can solve more general IVPs

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = g(t) \quad y(0) = y_0 \quad y'(0) = y'_0, \dots \quad y^{(n-1)}(0) = y_0^{(n-1)}$$

By finding

$y_h(t)$ solving

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0 \quad y(0) = y_0, \text{ etc.} \quad \text{then the solution is}$$

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + \int_0^t h(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau \quad \text{since}$$

$$y^{(k)}(0) = y_0^{(k)} + 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = 0 + \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t h(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau\right\} = g(t).$$

3) This is a second "general method" of solving inhomogeneous linear ODEs. Whether to use this or variation of parameters depends on the situation.

4) The convolution with the impulse response is like a

inverse matrix to the differential operator.

Observe: We solved

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = g(t)$$

$$\text{assuming } y(0) = \dots = y^{(n-1)}(0) = 0$$

by writing

$$y(t) = \int_0^t h(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau \quad \text{so if}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\mathcal{L}g] := \int_0^t h(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau \quad \text{then}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\mathcal{L}g]] = g(t)$$
