

# Laplace Transform for ODEs

$$\text{IVP } y'' + ay' + by = r(t)$$

output                      input

$$y(0) = K_0 \quad y'(0) = K_1$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{(s+a)y(0) + y'(0)}{s^2 + as + b} + \frac{\mathcal{L}(r)}{s^2 + as + b}$$

We call  $\frac{1}{s^2 + as + b}$  the

transfer function.

If  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ , then

$$\frac{1}{Q(s)} = \frac{\mathcal{L}(r)}{\mathcal{L}(y)} = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{input})}{\mathcal{L}(\text{output})}$$

It only depends on  $a$  and  $b$ .  $\mathcal{O}$  (not  $r$ )

Example: Solve the ODE

$$y'' + 9y = e^{-t} \quad \begin{array}{l} y(0) = 0 \\ y'(0) = 0 \end{array}$$

Apply LT:

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 \mathcal{L}(y) + 9 \mathcal{L}(y) &= \mathcal{L}(e^{-t}) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(y) &= \frac{\mathcal{L}(e^{-t})}{s^2 + 9} \quad * \\ &= \frac{1}{s+1} = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2+9)} \end{aligned}$$

We just need to apply the inverse LT, but in order to use the tables (p.249-251 or website) we need to transform  $*$  in a form that we know.

## Partial fractions

$$\frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2+9)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2+9}$$

$$= \frac{A(s^2+9) + (Bs+C)(s+1)}{(s+1)(s^2+9)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = As^2 + 9A + Bs^2 + Bs + C$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (A+B)s^2 + (B+C)s + (9A+C)$$

$$\begin{cases} (A+B) = 0 \\ B+C = 0 \\ 9A+C = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} A &= 1/10 \\ B &= -1/10 \\ C &= 1/10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2+9)} &= \frac{1/10}{s+1} + \frac{-1/10s + 1/10}{s^2+9} \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{10} \frac{s}{s^2+3^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2+3^2} \end{aligned}$$

Applying the inverse LT

$$y = \frac{1}{10} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{10} \cos 3t + \frac{1}{30} \sin 3t$$

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Example  $y'' - y = 50t - 100$   
 $= 50(t - 2)$

$$y(2) = 1 \quad y'(2) = 1$$

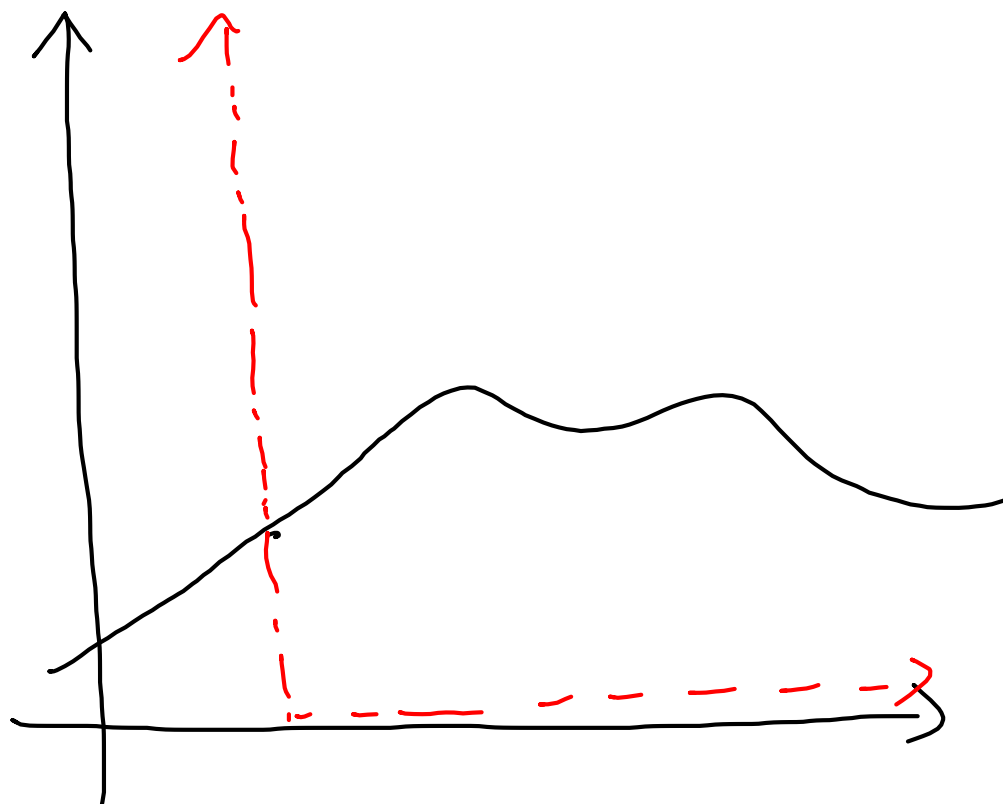
Cannot apply LT directly  
 because the formula for  
 derivatives require  $y(0)$  &  $y'(0)$ .

Strategy:  $\tilde{t} = t - 2$      $\tilde{y} = y(\tilde{t})$

Then the ODE becomes

$$\tilde{y}'' - \tilde{y} = 50(\tilde{t} - 2) = 50\tilde{t}$$

$$\tilde{y}(0) = 1 \quad \tilde{y}'(0) = 1$$



Apply the LT

$$\mathcal{L}(\tilde{y}) = \frac{s+1}{s^2-1} + \frac{50}{s^2(s^2-1)}$$

$$\left( \mathcal{L}(50\tilde{t}) = \frac{50}{s^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{s+1}}{(\cancel{s+1})(s-1)} + \frac{50}{s^2(s^2-1)} \quad \leftarrow$$

$$= \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{50}{s^2-1} - \frac{50}{s^2}$$

Apply inverse LT

$$= e^t + 50 \sinh \tilde{t} - 50 \tilde{t}$$

$$(7 \quad 15 \quad 2)$$

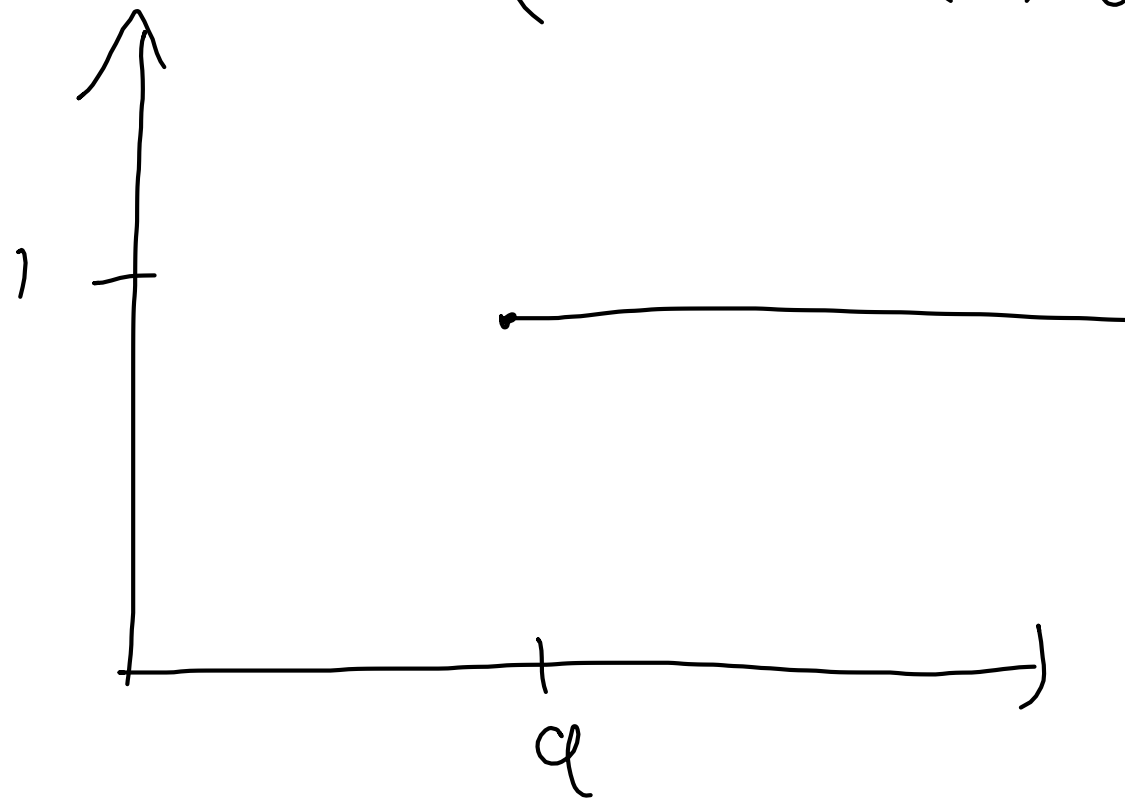
$$= \boxed{e^{t-2} + 50 \sinh(t-2) - 50(t-2)}$$



## Unit step Function (6.3)

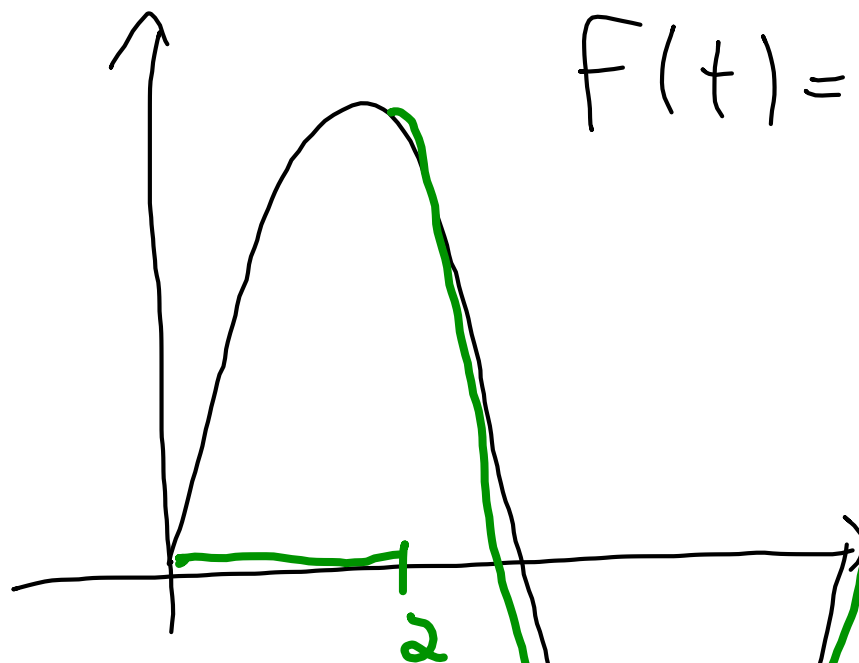
Definition: The unit step function or Heaviside function is

$$u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < a \\ 1 & \text{if } t > a \end{cases}$$



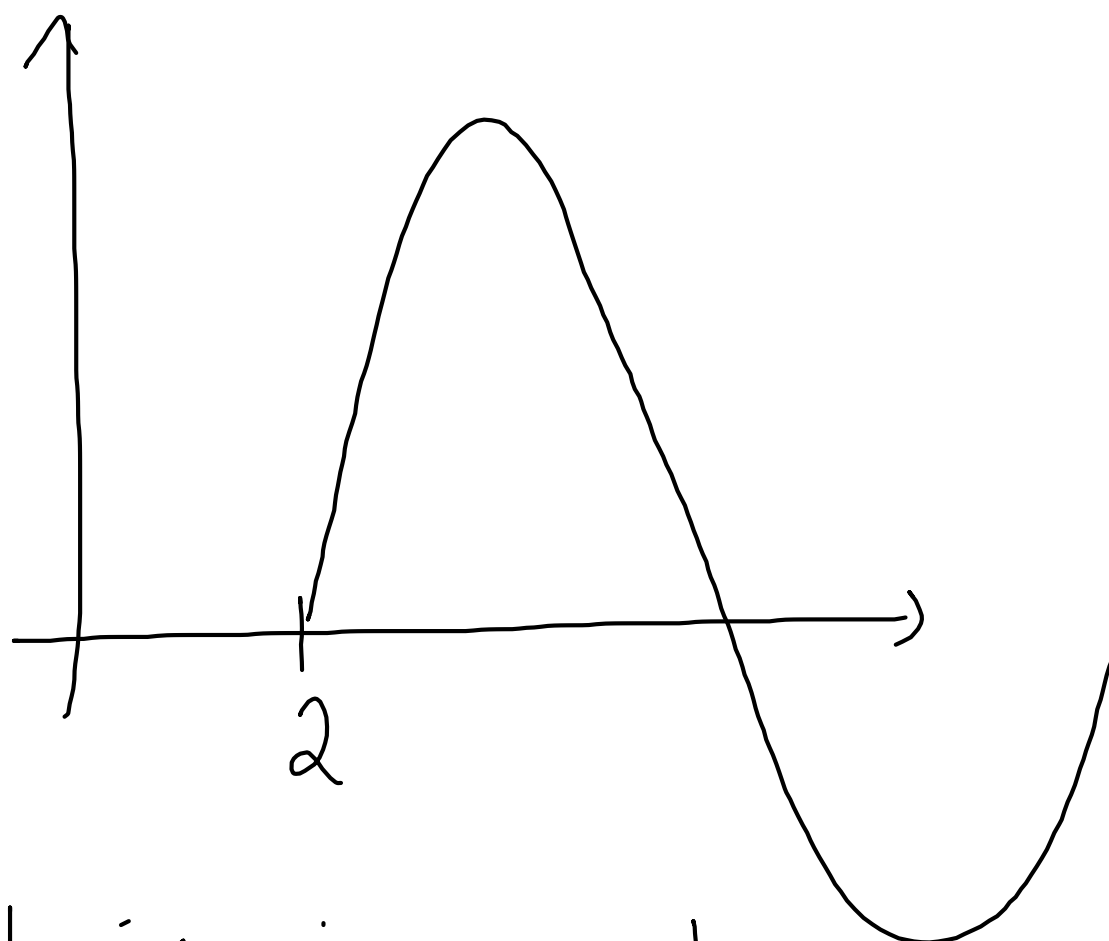
Intuitively, it represents situations in which the involved functions can be switched "on" or "off".

Ex. :  $f(t) = \sin t$



$$g(t) = f(t) (u - 2)$$

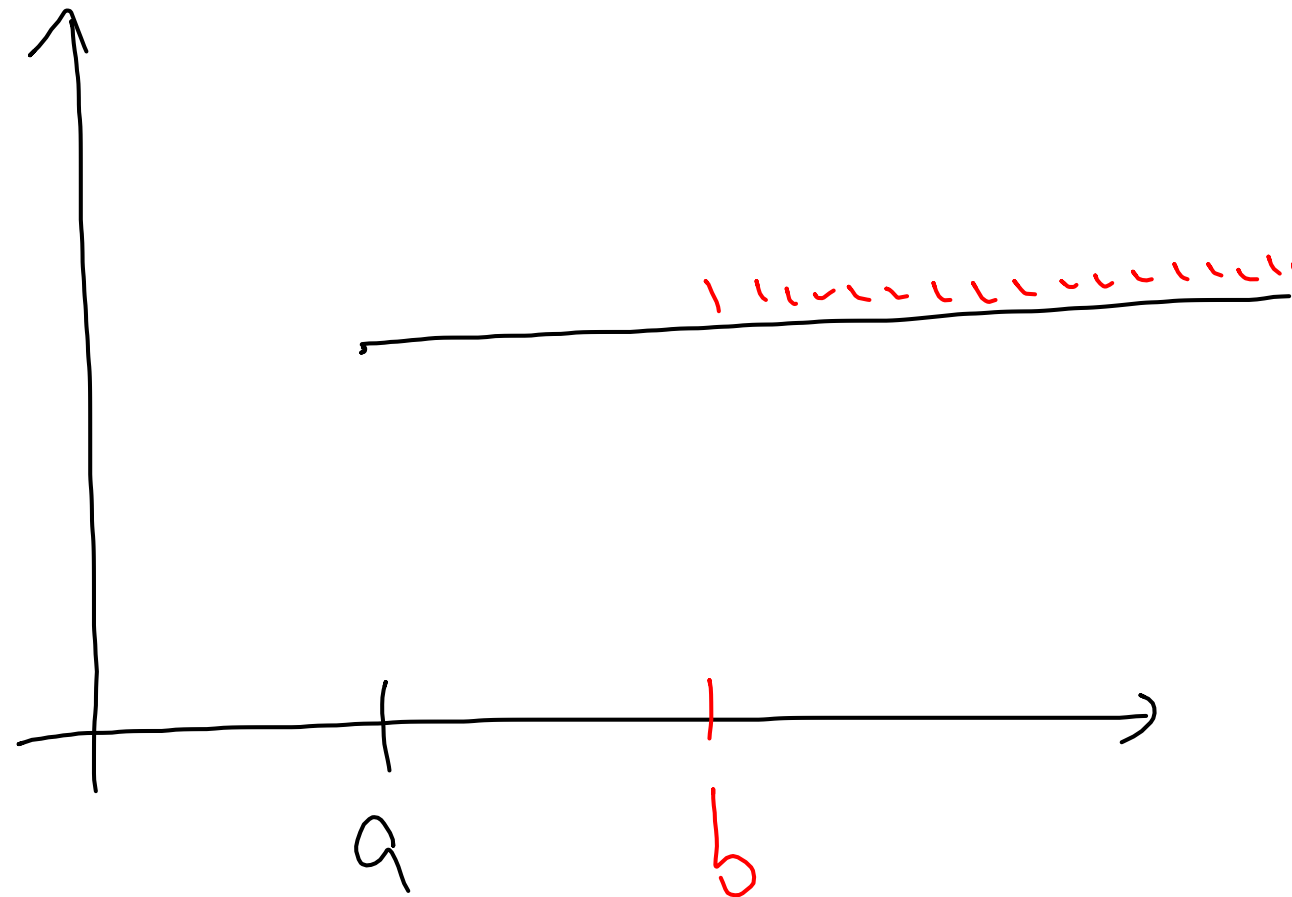
$$h(t) = f(t-2)(u-2)$$



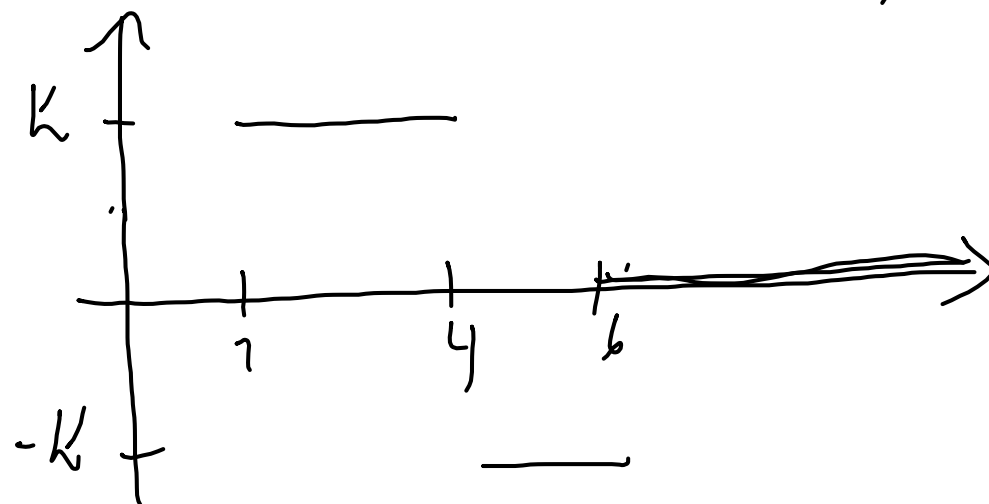
It is important to note

$$u(t-a) - u(t-b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in (a, b) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

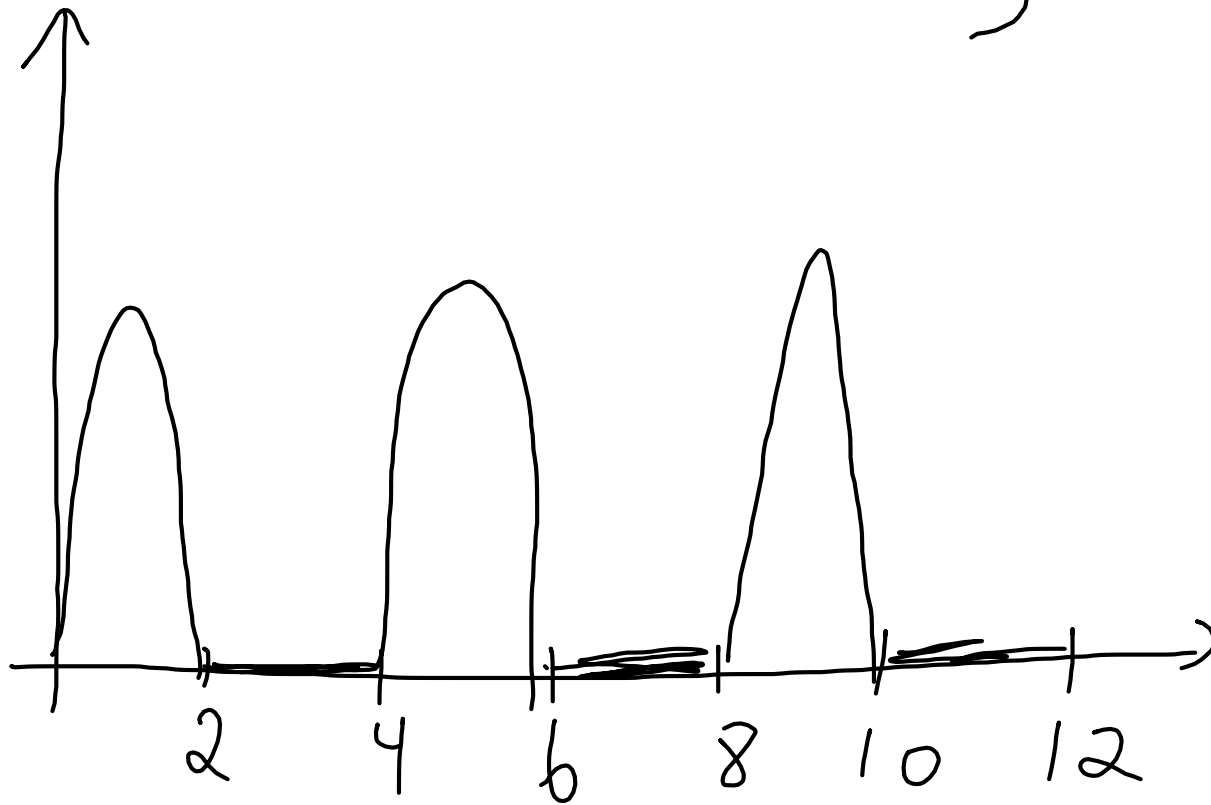
$b > a$



$$k[u(t-1) - 2u(t-4) + u(t-6)]$$



$$4 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi t\right) \left[ \overset{117}{u(t)} - u(t-2) + u(t-4) \right]$$



## Second shifting theorem

The shifted function

$$\tilde{f}(t) = f(t-a)u(t-a)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < a \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} f(t-a) & \text{if } t > a \end{cases}$$

has LT

$$e^{-as} \mathcal{L}(f(t))(s)$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(F(t)u(t-a)) \\ = e^{-as} \mathcal{L}(F(t+a))(s).\end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the transform of

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} t^2/6 & \text{if } 0 < t < \frac{1}{2} \\ \sin 3t & \text{if } t > \frac{\pi}{6} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{t^2}{6} \left( \underbrace{u(t) - u(t - 1/2)}_{\begin{cases} 1 & 0 < t < 1/2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}} \right)$$

$$+ \sin 3t \cdot u(t - \pi/6)$$

Applying LT and using  
2<sup>nd</sup> shifting theorem

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{t^2}{6}\right) - \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{t^2}{6} u(t - 1/2)\right) \\ + \mathcal{L}\left(\sin 3t u(t - \pi/6)\right)$$



$$= \frac{1}{3s^3} - e^{-1/2s} \mathcal{L} \left( \frac{(t + 1/2)^2}{6} \right)$$

$$+ e^{-\pi/6s} \mathcal{L} \left( \sin 3(t + \pi/6) \right)$$

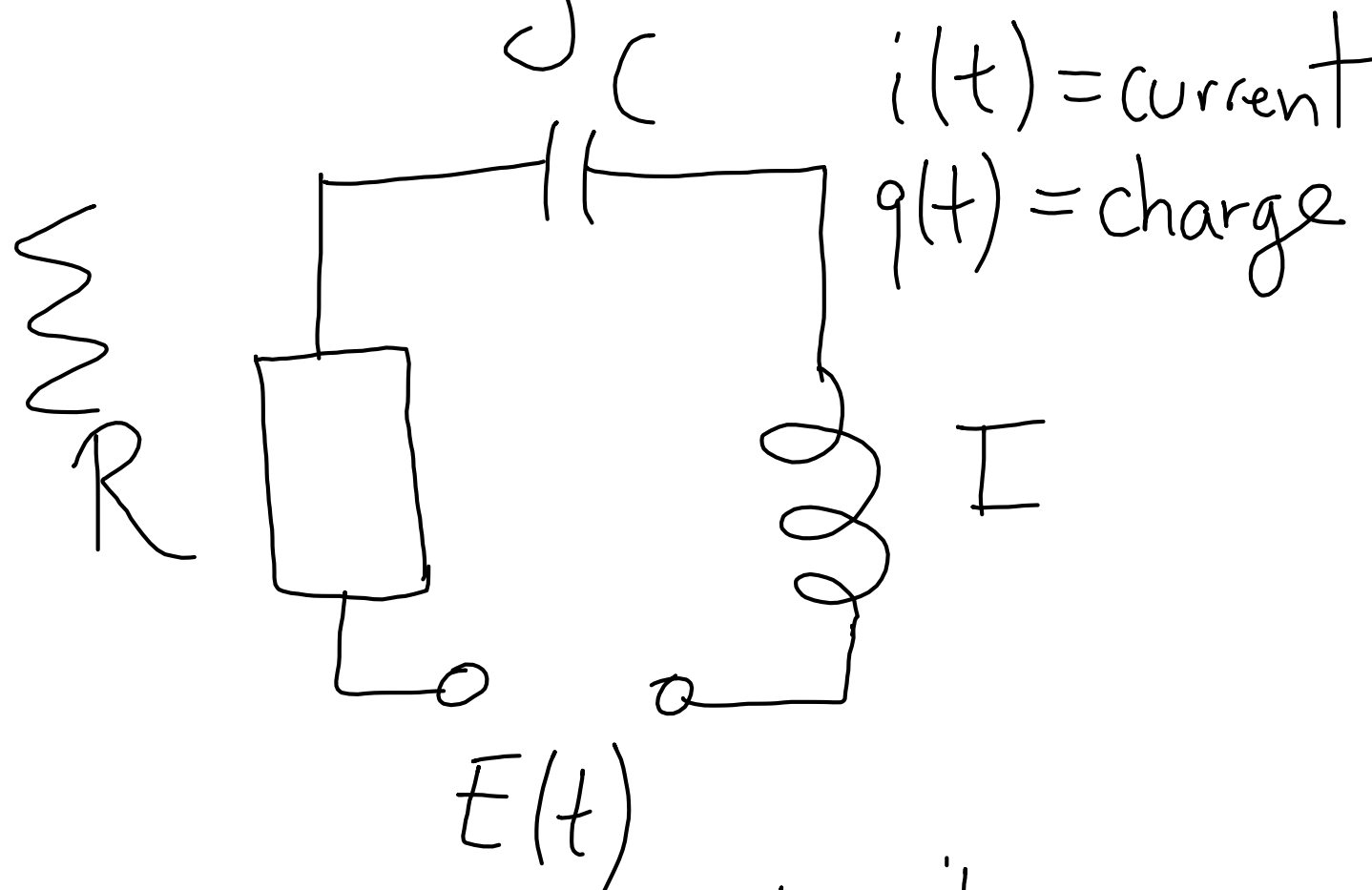
$$= \frac{1}{3s^3} - e^{-1/2s} \mathcal{L} \left( \frac{t^2}{6} + \frac{t}{6} + \frac{1}{24} \right)$$

$$+ e^{-\pi/6s} \mathcal{L} (\cos 3t) \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \sin(x + \pi/2) \\ = \cos x \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3s^3} - e^{-1/2s} \left( \frac{1}{3s^3} + \frac{1}{6s^2} + \frac{1}{24s} \right)$$

$$+ e^{-\pi/6s} \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + 9} \right)$$

# Modelling circuits



		Unit	
$R$	resistor	$\Omega$	ohms
$I$	inductor	$H$	henrys
$C$	capacitor	$F$	farads

Each induces a voltage  
drop



$$RI$$



$$L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$



$$q(t)/C$$

$$i(t) = \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$$

# Kirchoff's Voltage law

$$L i'(t) + R i(t) + \frac{q(i)}{C} = E(t)$$

$$L i'(t) + R i(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(\alpha) d\alpha = E(t)$$

Taking derivatives

$$L i''(t) + R i'(t) + \frac{1}{C} i(t) = E(t)$$