

# Today

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- The Dirac delta function
- Modelling with delta-function forcing (tanks, springs)

# Some facts about the Delta “function”

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- $\int_a^b \delta(t) dt = 1 \quad a < 0, b > 0 \quad \text{and} = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$

- $$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(t)\delta(t) dt &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\tau} \int_{-\tau}^{\tau} f(t) dt \\ &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(\tau) - F(-\tau)}{2\tau} && F'(t) = f(t) \\ &= F'(0) = f(0) \end{aligned}$$

- $\int_a^b f(t)\delta(t) dt = f(0) \quad a < 0, b > 0 \quad \text{and} = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$

- $\delta(t - c) = \text{shift of } \delta(t) \text{ by } c$

- $\int_a^b f(t)\delta(t - c) dt = \int_{a+c}^{b+c} f(u + c)\delta(u) du = f(c) \quad \text{provided } a < c < b.$

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Laplace transform of delta function:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - c)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \delta(t - c) dt \\ &= \int_{-c}^{\infty} e^{-s(u+c)} \delta(u) du = e^{-sc} \text{ for } c > 0\end{aligned}$$

Relationship of delta function to other functions:

$$\frac{d}{dt}|t - c| = 2u_c(t) - 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}u_c(t) = \delta(t - c)$$

# Delta-function forcing

- Water with  $c_{in} = 2$  g/L of sugar enters a tank at a rate of  $r = 1$  L/min. The initially sugar-free tank holds  $V = 5$  L and the contents are well-mixed. Water drains from the tank at a rate  $r$ . At  $t_{cube} = 3$  min, a sugar cube of mass  $m_{cube} = 3$  g is dropped into the tank.
  - Sketch the mass of salt in the tank as a function of time (from intuition).
  - Write down an ODE for the mass of sugar in the tank as a function of time.

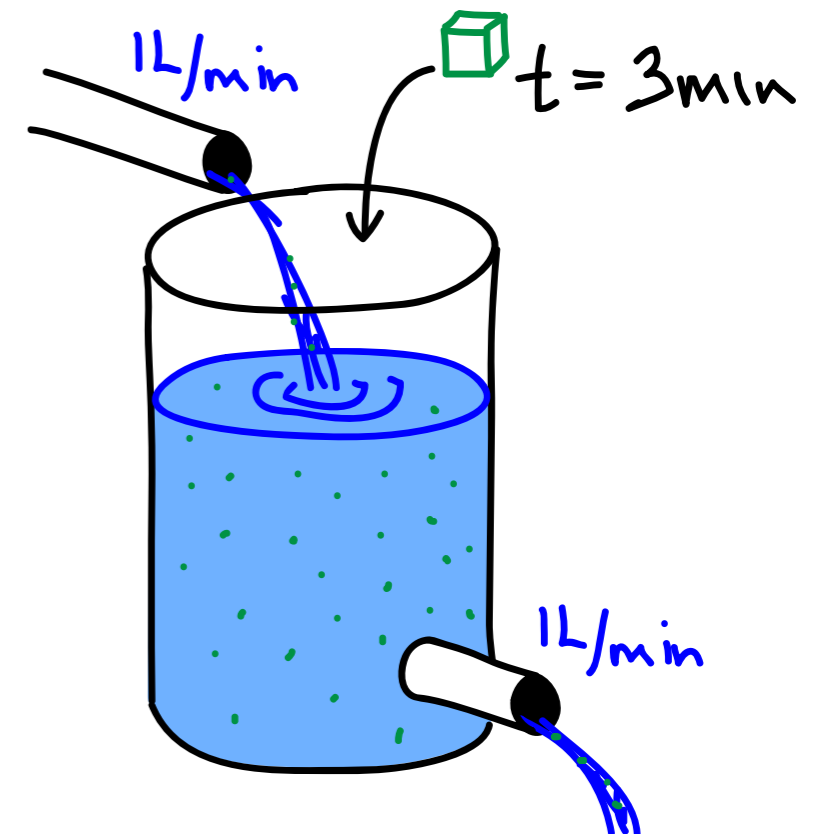
$$m' = r c_{in} - \frac{r}{V} m + m_{cube} \delta(t - t_{cube})$$

$$m' = 2 - \frac{1}{5} m + 3 \delta(t - 3)$$

- Solve the ODE.

$$m(t) = 10(1 - e^{-t/5}) + 3u_3(t)e^{-(t-3)/5}$$

- Sketch the solution to the ODE. How would it differ if  $t_{cube} = 10$  min?



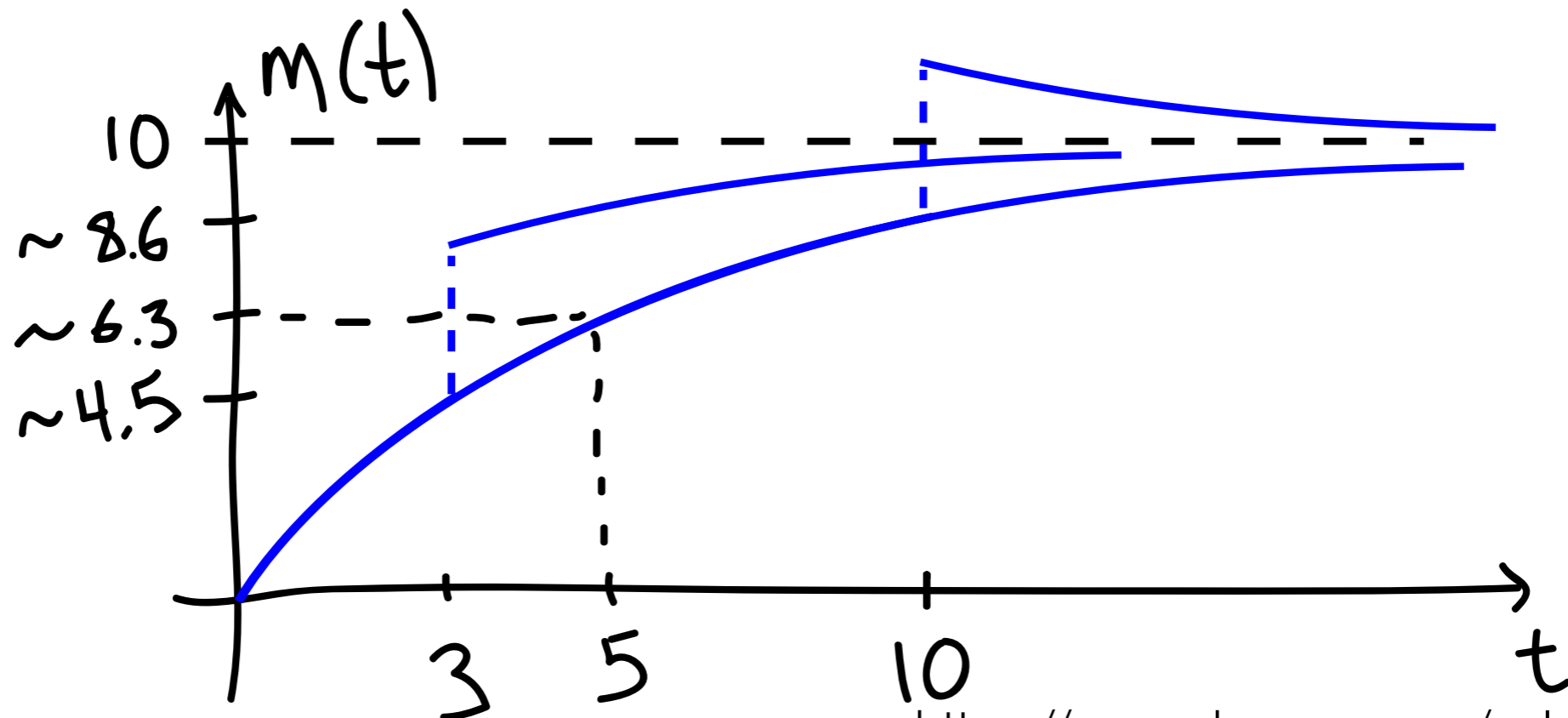
- Note:  $\delta(t)$  has units of 1/time.

# Delta-function forcing

- Sketch the solution to the ODE.

$$m(t) = 10(1 - e^{-t/5}) + 3u_3(t)e^{-(t-3)/5}$$
$$= \begin{cases} 10(1 - e^{-t/5}) & \text{for } t < 3, \\ 10 - (10 - 3e^{3/5})e^{-t/5} & \text{for } t \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

- How would it differ if  $t_{\text{cube}}=10$  min?



# Delta-function forcing

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- A hammer hits a mass-spring system imparting an impulse of  $I_0 = 2 \text{ N s}$  at  $t = 5 \text{ s}$ . The mass of the block is  $m = 1 \text{ kg}$ . The drag coefficient is  $\gamma = 2 \text{ kg/s}$  and the spring constant is  $k = 10 \text{ kg/s}^2$ . The mass is initially at  $y(0) = 2 \text{ m}$  with velocity  $y'(0) = 0 \text{ m/s}$ .
- Write down an equation for the position of the mass.

(A)  $y'' + 2y' + 10y = 2 u_0(t)$

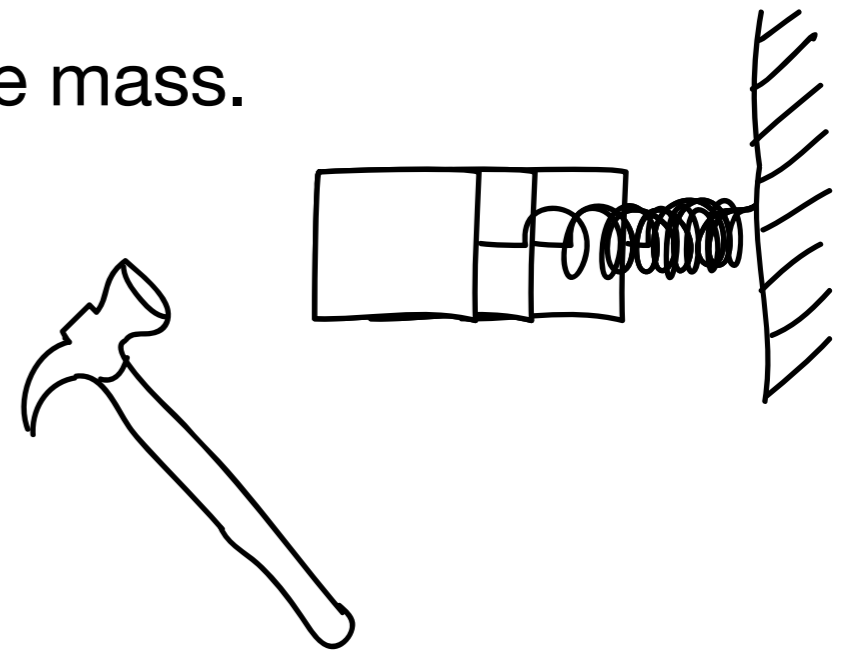
(B)  $y'' + 2y' + 10y = 2 u_5(t)$

(C)  $y'' + 2y' + 10y = 2 \delta(t)$

★ (D)  $y'' + 2y' + 10y = 2 \delta(t - 5)$

$$s^2 Y - 2s + 2sY - 4 + 10Y = 2e^{-5s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2(e^{-5s} + s + 2)}{s^2 + 2s + 10}$$



# Delta-function forcing

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- Inverting  $Y(s)$ ... (go through this on your own)

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{2(e^{-5s} + s + 2)}{s^2 + 2s + 10} = \frac{2e^{-5s}}{s^2 + 2s + 10} + 2\frac{s + 2}{s^2 + 2s + 10} \\ &= \frac{2e^{-5s}}{s^2 + 2s + 10} + 2\frac{s + 2}{(s + 1)^2 + 9} \\ &= \frac{2e^{-5s}}{s^2 + 2s + 10} + 2\frac{s + 1}{(s + 1)^2 + 9} + \frac{2}{(s + 1)^2 + 9} \\ &= \frac{2e^{-5s}}{s^2 + 2s + 10} + 2\frac{s + 1}{(s + 1)^2 + 9} + \frac{2}{3}\frac{3}{(s + 1)^2 + 9} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\frac{3e^{-5s}}{(s + 1)^2 + 9} + 2\frac{s + 1}{(s + 1)^2 + 9} + \frac{2}{3}\frac{3}{(s + 1)^2 + 9} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{2}{3}u_5(t)e^{-(t-5)}\sin(3(t-5)) + 2e^{-t}\cos(3t) + \frac{2}{3}e^{-t}\sin(3t)$$

particular solution from  $\delta$  forcing

homogeneous part