

Today

- Step and ramp functions (continued)
- The Dirac Delta function and impulse force
- (Modeling with delta-function forcing)

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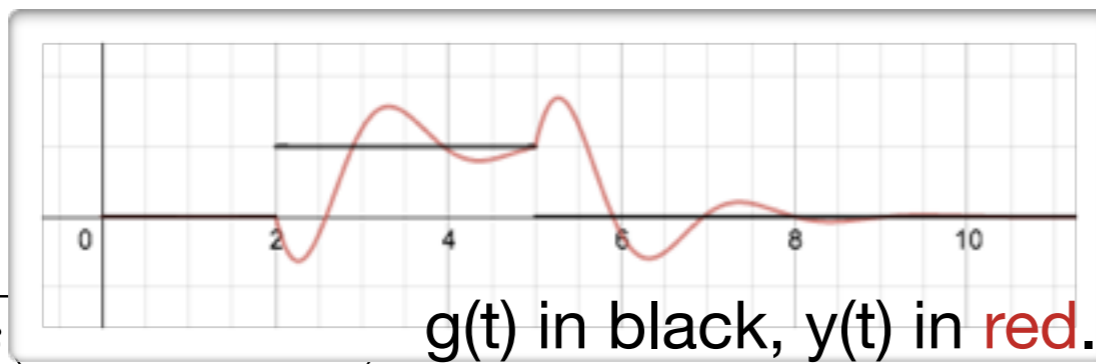
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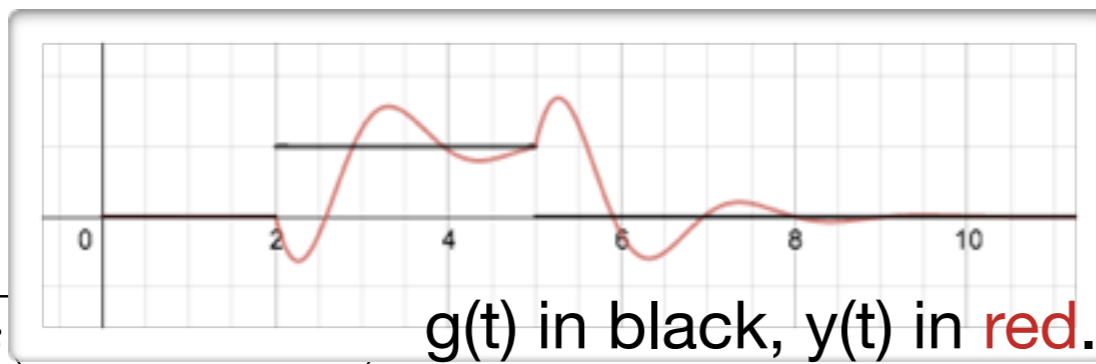
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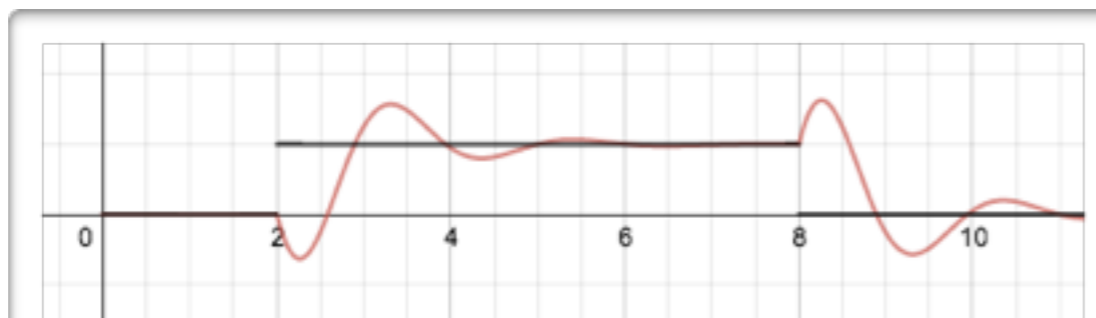
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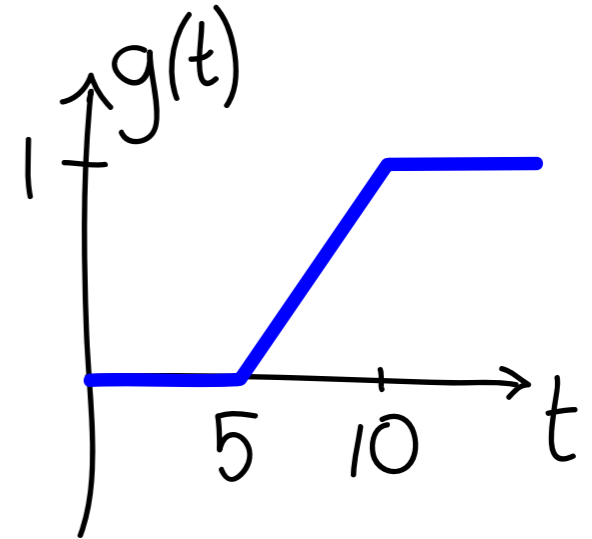
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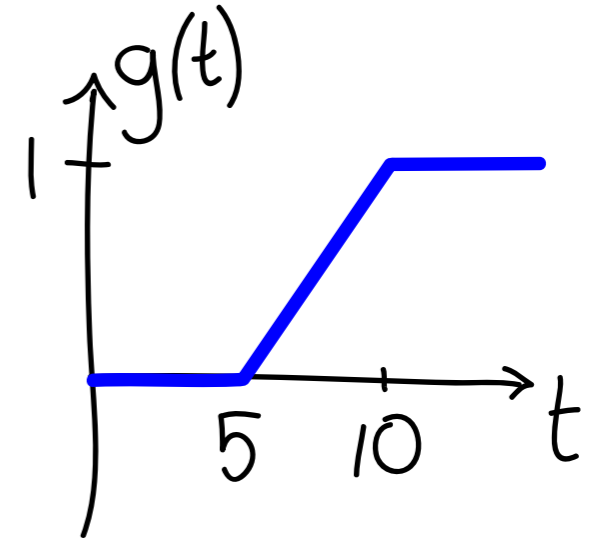


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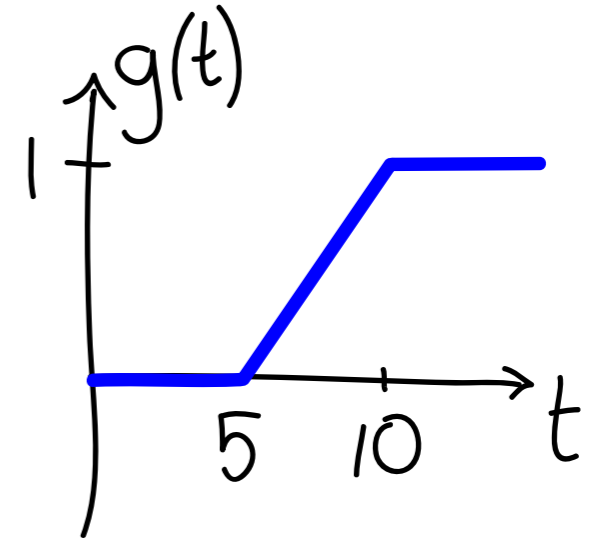
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Two methods:

1. Build from left to right, adding/subtracting what you need to make the next section:

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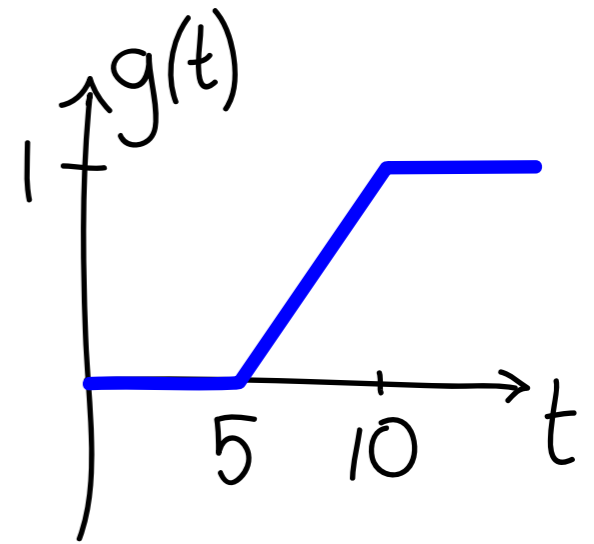
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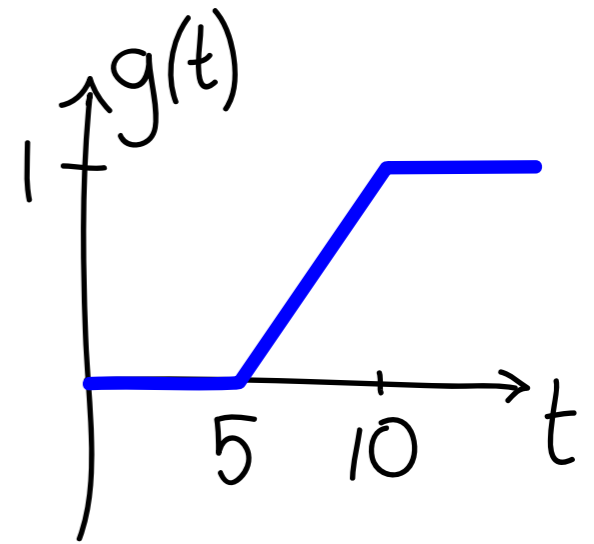
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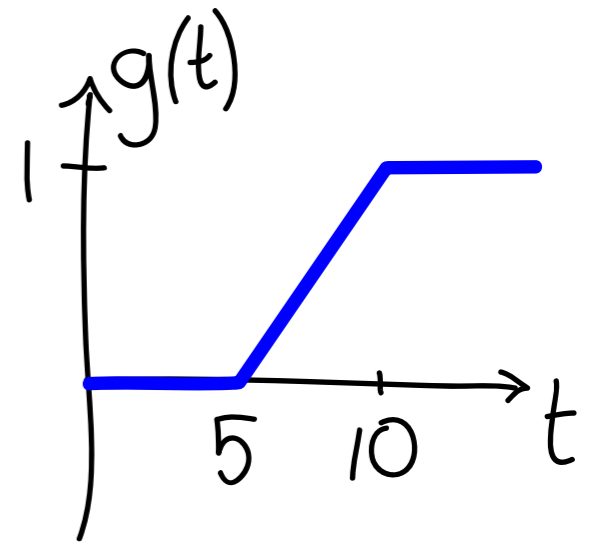
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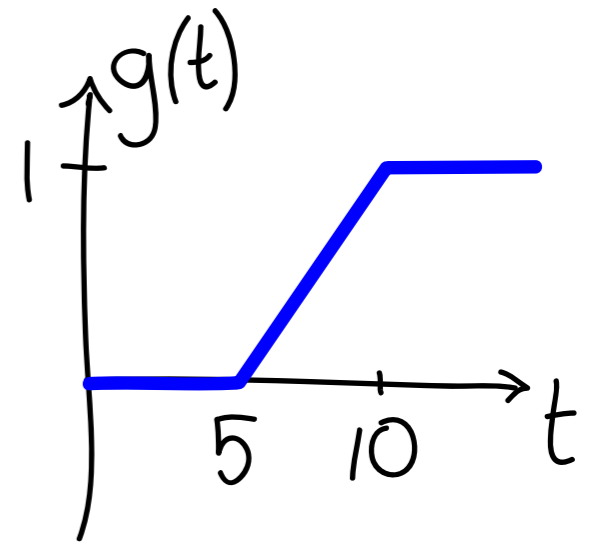
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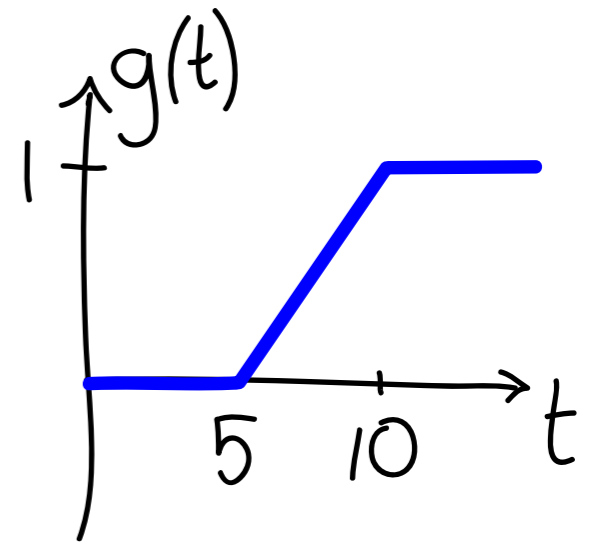
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- Suppose a mass is sitting at position x and a force $g(t)$ acts on it:

$$mx'' = g(t)$$

- To find $x(t)$, integrate up:

$$\int_a^b mx'' dt = \int_a^b g(t) dt$$

$$mx' \Big|_a^b = \int_a^b g(t) dt$$

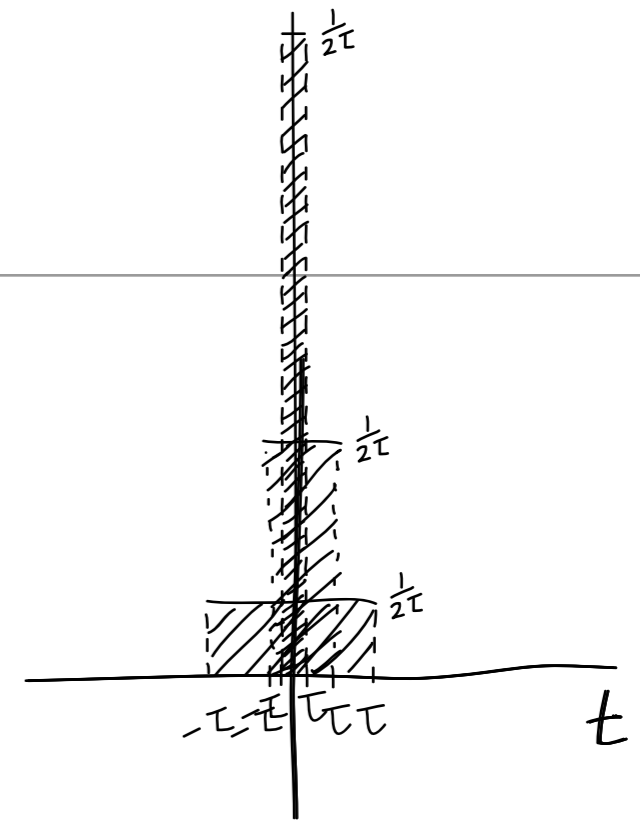
$$mv(b) - mv(a) = \int_a^b g(t) dt$$

- $\int_a^b g(t) dt$ is the change in momentum of the mass - called **impulse**.
- If the force is large and sudden (say a hammer hitting the mass), maybe we just need to get this integral correct and the details don't matter.

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• Let's assume
$$g(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{I_0}{2\tau} & -\tau < t < \tau \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= (u_{-\tau}(t) - u_{\tau}(t)) \frac{I_0}{2\tau}$$



impulse = Δ momentum =
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) dt = \int_{-\tau}^{\tau} \frac{I_0}{2\tau} dt = I_0$$

- For general purposes (any property that might change quickly, not just momentum), we define the Dirac Delta “function” as follows:

$$d_{\tau}(t) = (u_{-\tau}(t) - u_{\tau}(t)) \frac{1}{2\tau}$$

$$g(t) = I_0 d_{\tau}(t)$$

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} d_{\tau}(t) = \begin{cases} \text{“}\infty\text{”} & \text{for } t = 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } t \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

- I_0 can be replaced by any type of quantity
- e.g. m_0 mass added to tank suddenly
- units of $\delta(t)$: 1 / time

Some facts about the Delta “function”

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

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$\delta(t - c)$ = shift of $\delta(t)$ 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:

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

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