

## MINI-LAB 07

We use Laplace transforms to investigate how (electrical) circuits response to perturbations.

### 1 Heaviside functions, $t$ -shifting

**Definition.** The *Heaviside (step) function*  $u(t - a)$  is defined as

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

The Laplace transform is

$$\mathcal{L}[u(t - a)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u(t - a) dt = \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \left[ -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} \right]_{t=a}^{t \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}$$

**Theorem.** (*Frequency-shifting*) If  $F = \mathcal{L}(f)$ , then the frequency-shifted function  $F(s - a)$  is the Laplace transform of  $\tilde{f}(t) = e^{at} f(t - a)$

$$\mathcal{L}(\tilde{f})(s) = \mathcal{L}(e^{at} f(t - a))(s) = F(s - a).$$

**Theorem.** (*Time-shifting*) If  $F = \mathcal{L}(f)$ , then the time-shifted function  $\tilde{f}(t) = f(t - a)u(t - a)$  has Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}(\tilde{f})(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t - a)u(t - a))(s) = e^{-as} F(s).$$

## 2 Circuit response to perturbations

### 2.1 Switch circuit on over time interval

A perturbation of amplitude  $V_0$  applied for time interval  $t \in [a, b]$  (e.g., voltage for electrical circuits) is

$$v(t) = V_0[u(t - a) - u(t - b)].$$

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In[2] := v[t_, V0_, a_, b_] := V0 (UnitStep[t-a]-UnitStep[t-b]);
vplt=Plot[v[t, 1, 1, 2], {t, 0, 3}, Axes->False, Frame->True, FrameLabel->{"t", "v(t)"}];
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In[3] :=
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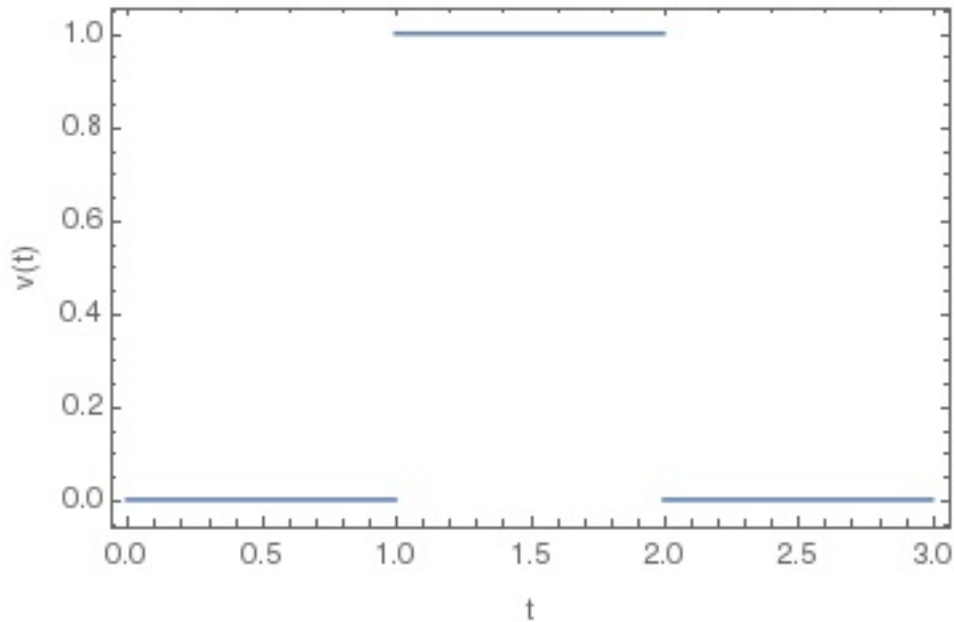


Figure 1. Single rectangular wave

### 2.1.1 R – C (resistance-storage) circuit

- Model

$$Ry(t) + \frac{q(t)}{K} = Ry(t) + \frac{1}{K} \int_0^t y(\tau) d\tau = v(t) = V_0[u(t-a) - u(t-b)]$$

In[28] := tmodel = R y[t] + 1/K Integrate[y[tau],{tau,0,t}] == v[t,V0,a,b]

$$\frac{\int_0^t y(\tau) d\tau}{K} + Ry(t) = V_0(\theta(t-a) - \theta(t-b))$$

In[29] :=

- Laplace transform

$$RY(s) + \frac{Y(s)}{sK} = \frac{V_0}{s}[e^{-as} - e^{-bs}]$$

In[29] := smodel = Simplify[LaplaceTransform[tmodel,t,s],a>0 && b>0] /.  
LaplaceTransform[y[t], t, s] -> Y[s]

$$\frac{V_0(e^{-bs} - e^{-as}) + Y(s) \left(\frac{1}{K} + Rs\right)}{s} = 0$$

In[30] :=

- Solution in frequency space

$$I(s) = \frac{V_0/R}{s + (RK)^{-1}}[e^{-as} - e^{-bs}] = F(s)[e^{-as} - e^{-bs}]$$

In[32] := sol[s\_] = Simplify[Y[s] /. Solve[smodel,Y[s]][[1,1]]]

$$\frac{KV_0(e^{-as} - e^{-bs})}{KR s + 1}$$

In[33] := InputForm[sol[s]]

$$((E^{-(a*s)} - E^{-(b*s)}) * K * V_0) / (1 + K * R * s)$$

In[34] :=

- Response function in time

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F)(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} e^{-t/(RC)}$$

In[34] := F[s\_] = (K\*V0)/(1 + K\*R\*s)

$$\frac{KV_0}{KR s + 1}$$

In[35] := f[t\_] = InverseLaplaceTransform[F[s], s, t]

$$\frac{V_0 e^{-\frac{t}{KR}}}{R}$$

In[36] :=

- Response to single rectangular wave from frequency shifting

$$i(t) = f(t-a)u(t-a) - f(t-b)u(t-b)$$

In[42] := y[t\_, V0\_, R\_, K\_, a\_, b\_] = f[t-a] UnitStep[t-a] - f[t-b] UnitStep[t-b]

$$\frac{V_0 \theta(t-a) e^{-\frac{t-a}{KR}}}{R} - \frac{V_0 \theta(t-b) e^{-\frac{t-b}{KR}}}{R}$$

In[43] := yi[t\_, V0\_, R\_, K\_, a\_, b\_] = InverseLaplaceTransform[sol[s], s, t]

$$\frac{V_0 e^{-\frac{t}{KR}} \left( \theta(t-a) e^{\frac{a}{KR}} - \theta(t-b) e^{\frac{b}{KR}} \right)}{R}$$

In[44] := params = {V0->1, R->1, K->1, a->1, b->2};  
 solplt = Plot[{y[t, V0, R, K, a, b], yi[t, V0, R, K, a, b]} /. params, {t, 0, 4}, Axes->False,  
 Frame->True, FrameLabel->{"t", "v(t)"}];  
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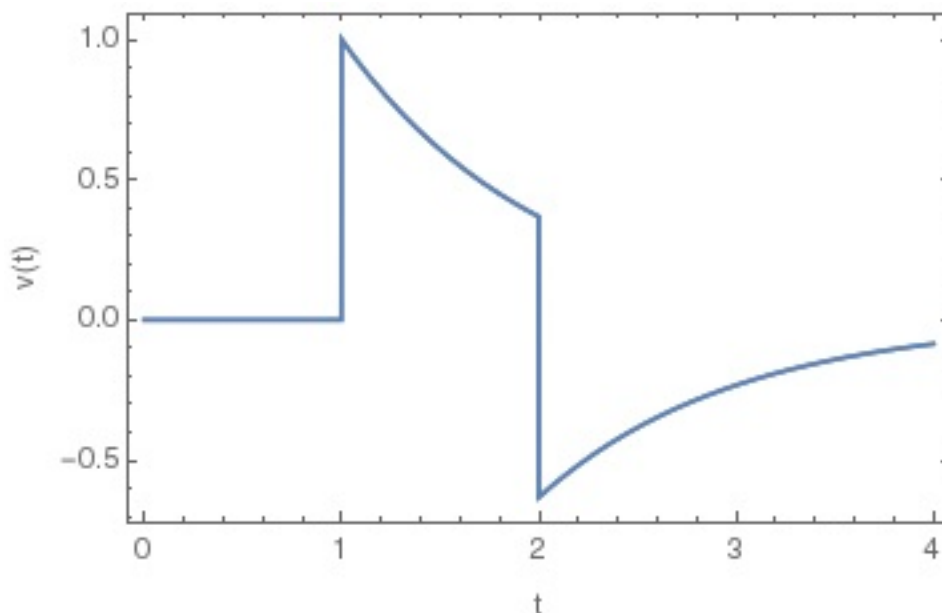


Figure 2. Circuit response to single rectangular wave