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Use Laplace transforms to solve the differential equation

$$y'' + y = \begin{cases} 1 & t < \pi \\ 0 & t > \pi \end{cases}, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Let $Y = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$. Then $\mathcal{L}\{y'\} = sY$ and $\mathcal{L}\{y''\} = s^2Y$.

The right hand side

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

So the transformed equation is

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

with solution $Y = (1 - e^{-\pi s}) \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 1)}$

Now $\frac{1}{s(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{C}{s^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$
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usual method

so $y = 1 - \cos t - u(t - \pi) [1 - \cos(t - \pi)]$

sufficient answer,
but some
simplification
is possible,
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$$y = 1 - \cos t - u(t - \pi) [1 + \cos t]$$

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 - \cos t & t < \pi \\ -2 \cos t & t > \pi \end{cases}$$