

### 6.3: Step functions.

$$\text{Graph } u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Graph } g(t) = \sin(t).$$

$$\text{Graph } h(t) = u_\pi(t)\sin(t).$$

$$\text{Graph } f(t) = 2t + u_\pi(t)[\sin(t) - 2t] = \begin{cases} & t < \pi \\ & t \geq \pi \end{cases}$$

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t < 4 \\ \ln(t) & t \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

implies  $h(t) =$

$$\text{Example: } f(t) = \begin{cases} f_1, & \text{if } t < 4; \\ f_2, & \text{if } 4 \leq t < 5; \\ f_3, & \text{if } 5 \leq t < 10; \\ f_4, & \text{if } t \geq 10; \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$f(t) = f_1(t) + u_4(t)[f_2(t) - f_1(t)] + u_5(t)[f_3(t) - f_2(t)] \\ + u_{10}(t)[f_4(t) - f_3(t)]$$

Partial check:

$$\text{If } t = 3: f(3) = f_1(3) + 0[f_2(3) - f_1(3)] \\ + 0[f_3(3) - f_2(3)] + 0[f_4(3) - f_3(3)] = f_1(3)$$

$$\text{If } t = 9: f(9) = f_1(9) + 1[f_2(9) - f_1(9)] \\ + 1[f_3(9) - f_2(9)] + 0[f_4(9) - f_3(9)] = f_3(9)$$


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Examples:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < 2 \\ t^2 & t \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{implies } f(t) =$$

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} t^2 & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & t \geq 3 \end{cases} \quad \text{implies } g(t) =$$

$$j(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t < 5 \\ 2 & 5 \leq t \leq 8 \\ e^t & t \geq 8 \end{cases} \quad \text{implies}$$

$$j(t) =$$

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Let  $g(t) = f(t+c)$ . Then  $g(t-c) = f(t-c+c) = f(t)$ .  
Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t)) &= \mathcal{L}(u_c(t)g(t-c)) = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(g(t)) \\ &= e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t+c)).\end{aligned}$$


or equivalently

$$\mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t)) = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t+c)).$$

In other words, replacing  $t-c$  with  $t$  is equivalent to replacing  $t$  with  $t+c$

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Find the Laplace transform of the following:

a.)  $\mathcal{L}(u_3(t)(t^2-2t+1)) =$  \_\_\_\_\_ 

b.)  $\mathcal{L}(u_4(t)(e^{-8t})) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

c.)  $\mathcal{L}(u_2(t)(t^2e^{3t})) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Find the LaPlace transform of

d.)  $g(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 3 \\ e^{t-3} & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$

e.)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 3 \\ 5 & 3 \leq t < 4 \\ t - 5 & t \geq 4 \end{cases}$

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Let  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))$ .

Then  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s)) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{L}(f(t))) = f(t)$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-cs}F(s))$   
 $= \mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t))) = u_c(t)f(t - c)$

where  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s))$

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Find the inverse LaPlace transform of the following:


a.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-8s}\frac{1}{s-3}) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

b.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(e^{-4s} \frac{1}{s^2-3}\right) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

c.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(e^{-s} \frac{5}{(s-3)^4}\right) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

d.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{e^{-s}}{4s}\right) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

e.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-s}) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

f.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(e^{-s} \frac{1}{(s-3)^2+4}\right) =$  \_\_\_\_\_ 

g.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(e^{-s} \frac{2s-5}{s^2+6s+13}\right) =$  \_\_\_\_\_ 