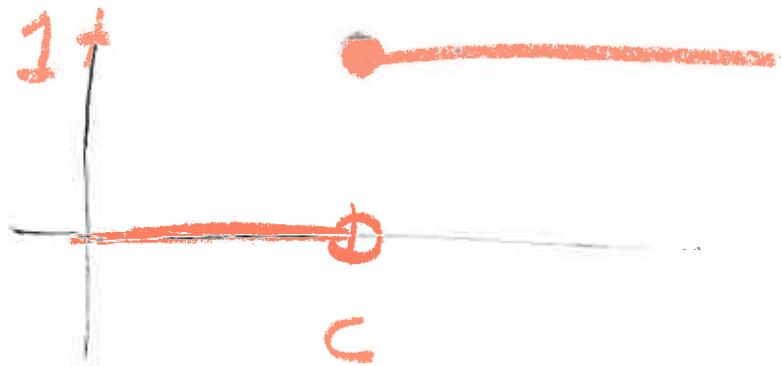
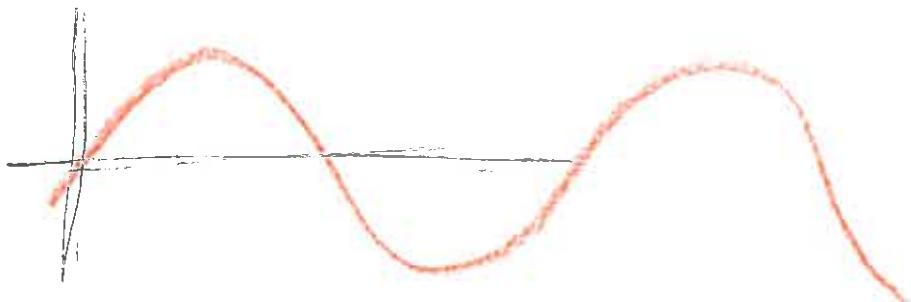


### 6.3: Step functions.

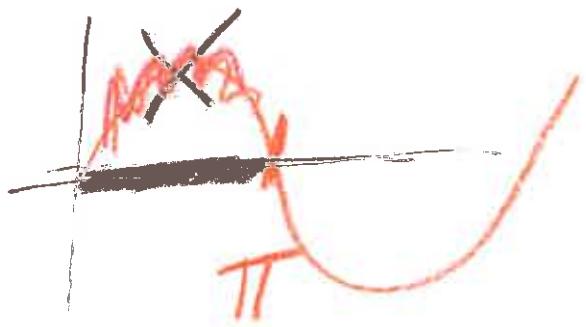
$$\text{Graph } u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < c \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$$



Graph  $g(t) = \sin(t)$ .



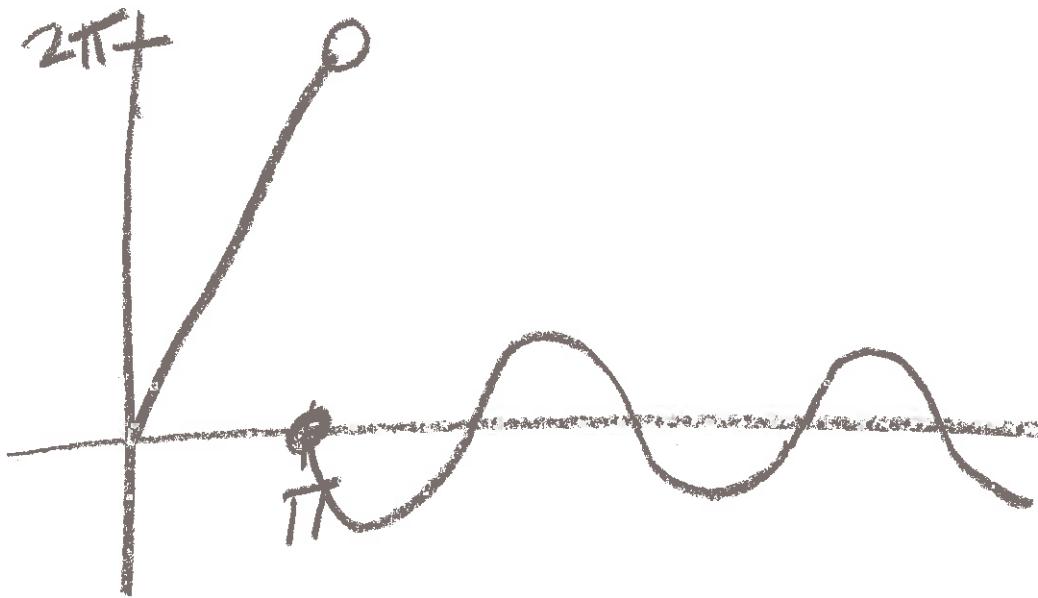
Graph  $h(t) = u_\pi(t) \sin(t)$ .



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

$$t < \pi, f(t) = 2t + 0 = 2t$$

$$t \geq \pi, f(t) = 2t + (-1)[\sin(t) - 2t]$$



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

implies  $h(t) = t + u_4(t)[\ln(t) - t]$

~~check:~~  
 $2 = h(2) = 2 + u_4(2)[\ln(2) - 2] = 2 \quad \checkmark$

~~$\ln(5)$~~   $= h(5) = 5 + u_4(5)[\ln(5) - 5] = 5 + \ln(5) - 5$   
 $= \underline{\ln(5)} \quad \checkmark$

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

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:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < 2 \\ t^2 & t \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{implies} \quad f(t) = 0 + u_2(t)[t^2 - 0] \\ = u_2(t) \cdot t^2$$

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} t^2 & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 0 & t \geq 3 \end{cases} \quad \text{implies} \quad g(t) = t^2 + u_3(t)[0 - t^2]$$

$$= t^2 - u_3(t)t^2$$

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

$$j(t) = t + u_5(t)[2-t] + u_8(t)[e^t - 2]$$


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$$\text{Formula 13: } \mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t-c)) = e^{-cs}F(s) = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t))$$

Let  $\boxed{g(t) = f(t+c)}$

$$\underline{g(t-c)} = f(t-c+c) = \underline{f(t)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u_c(t) \cdot f(t)) = \mathcal{L}(u_c(t) \cdot g(t-c))$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e^{-cs}G(s) \quad \text{by formula 13} \\ &\stackrel{\uparrow \text{ formula 13}}{=} e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(g(t)) \end{aligned}$$

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

formula 13'

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

Formula 13:  $\boxed{\mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t-c)) = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t))}$

Substitution applied only to  $f$ , not  $u_c(t)$

*Let  $x = t - c \Rightarrow t = x + c$*

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

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

*t - world*      or equivalently      *s-world*

*Formula 13'*       $\boxed{\mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t)) = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t + c))}$

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.)  $\mathcal{L}(u_3(t)(t^2 - 2t + 1)) = \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$

Since taking LaPlace transform ( $t \rightarrow s$ )

use 13':  $\mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t)) = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t+c))$

$$\mathcal{L}(u_3(t)(t^2 - 2t + 1)) = e^{-3s}\mathcal{L}(f(t+3))$$

where  $f(t) = t^2 - 2t + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(t+3) &= (t+3)^2 - 2(t+3) + 1 \\ &= t^2 + 6t + 9 - 2t - 6 + 1 = t^2 + 4t + 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u_3(t) \cdot (t^2 - 2t + 1))$$

$$= e^{-3s} \mathcal{L}(f(t+3))$$

$$= e^{-3s} \mathcal{L}((t+3)^2 - 2(t+3) + 1)$$

$$= e^{-3s} [\mathcal{L}(t^2 + 4t + 4)]$$

$$= e^{-3s} [\mathcal{L}(t^2) + 4\mathcal{L}(t) + 4\mathcal{L}(1)]$$

$$= e^{-3s} \left[ \frac{2!}{s^3} + \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

$$= e^{-3s} \left[ \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s} \right]$$

b.)  $\mathcal{L}(u_4(t)(e^{-8t})) = \underline{\hspace{10cm}} \text{last week}$

c.)  $\mathcal{L}(u_2(t)(t^2 e^{3t})) = \underline{\hspace{10cm}} \text{See answers}$

Find the LaPlace transform of

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

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

$f(t) = 0 + u_3(5-t) + u_4(t-5)$   
 $= 5u_3(t) + u_4(t)(t-10)$

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Formula 13:  $\mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t-c)) = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t)).$

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.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-8s} \frac{1}{s-3}) = \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$

b.)  $\mathcal{L}(u_4(t)(e^{-8t})) = \frac{\text{Last week}}{e^{-2s} L((t+2)^2 e^{3(t+2)})}$

Find the LaPlace transform of

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

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

$$e^{-2s} L((t^2 + 4t + 4)e^{3t}) e^6$$

constant

$$= e^{-2s} e^6 [L(t^2 e^{3t}) + 4L(te^{3t}) + 4L(e^{3t})]$$

Formula 13:  $\mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t-c)) = e^{-cs}\mathcal{L}(f(t)).$

Let  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t)) \rightarrow = e^{-2s+6} \left[ \frac{2}{(s-3)^3} + \frac{4}{(s-3)^2} + \frac{4}{s-3} \right]$

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

Thus  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-cs}F(s))$   $L(e^{-as}f(t)) \Rightarrow s \rightarrow s-a$  in  $\mathcal{L}(f)$

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

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

Find the inverse LaPlace transform of the following:

a.)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(e^{-8s} \frac{1}{s-3}) = \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$