

6.3: Step functions.

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

Graph $u_c(t)$:

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

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:

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

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

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

Examples:

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

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

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

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

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

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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 $t+c$

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

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

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

Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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