

**Laplace Transform:
 Unit Step Functions and Periodic Functions**

Compute the following:

1. $\mathcal{L}\{(t-1)u_1(t)\}$

2. $\mathcal{L}\{tu_2(t)\}$

3. $\mathcal{L}\{\cos(2t)u_\pi(t)\}$

4. $\mathcal{L}\{(t-1)^3 e^{t-1} u_1(t)\}$

5. $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-2s}}{s^3}\right\}$

6. $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2+1}\right\}$

7. $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-s}}{s(s+1)}\right\}$

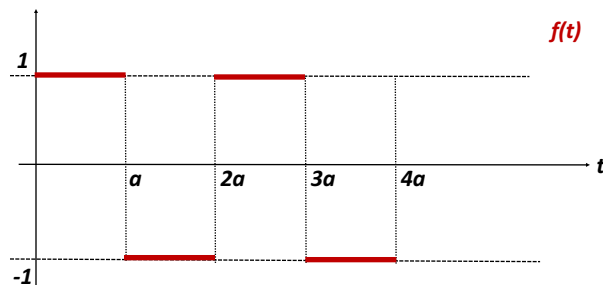
8. $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2+4}\right\}$

Express the following functions in terms of unit step functions and compute their Laplace transforms:

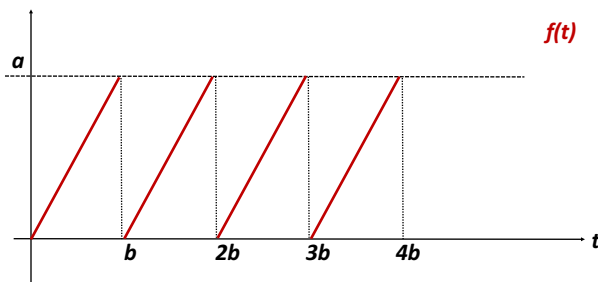
9. $f(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & , 0 \leq t < 3 \\ -2 & , t \geq 3. \end{cases}$

10. $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & , 0 \leq t < 1 \\ t^2 & , t \geq 1. \end{cases}$

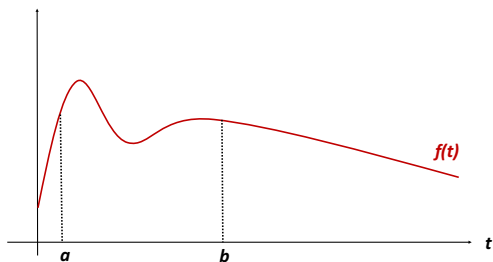
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13. Consider the function $f(t)$, for $t \in [0, \infty)$, graphed below, and points $a, b \in [0, \infty)$.



Match each of the following graphs (obtained by various translations and “turning off” of the graph of f) with the expressions below:

1. $f(t)(1 - u_b(t))$

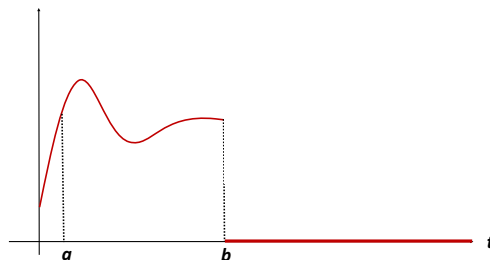
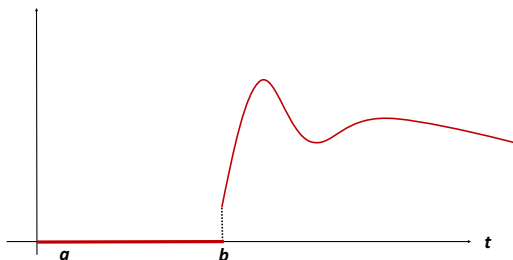
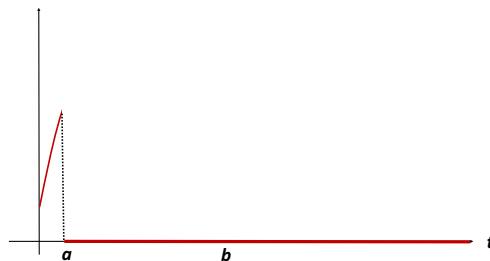
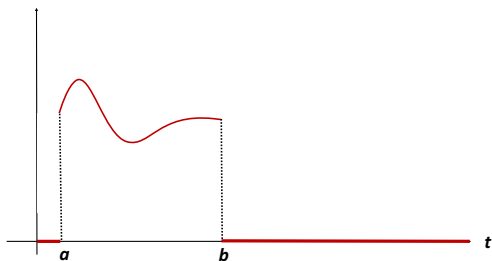
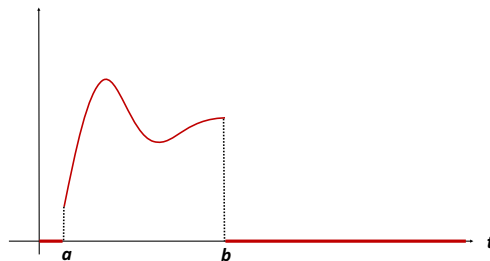
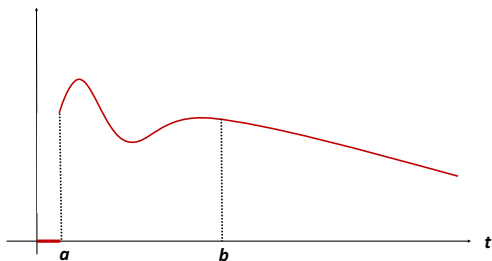
2. $f(t)(u_a(t) - u_b(t))$

3. $f(t)(1 - u_a(t))$

4. $f(t)u_a(t)$

5. $f(t - a)(u_a(t) - u_b(t))$

6. $f(t - b)u_b(t)$



Laplace transforms of some basic functions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{1\} &= \frac{1}{s}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\sin(at)\} &= \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\sinh(at)\} &= \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}; \quad s > |a| \\ \mathcal{L}\{t^n\} &= \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\cos(at)\} &= \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}; \quad s > 0 & \mathcal{L}\{\cosh(at)\} &= \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}; \quad s > |a| \\ \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} &= \frac{1}{s - a}; \quad s > a & \mathcal{L}\{u_a(t)\} &= \frac{e^{-as}}{s}; \quad s > 0; \quad a > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Inverse Laplace transforms of some basic functions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} &= 1 & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}\right\} &= \frac{1}{a} \sin(at) & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 - a^2}\right\} &= \frac{1}{a} \sinh(at) \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^n}\right\} &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} t^{n-1} & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right\} &= \cos(at) & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}\right\} &= \cosh(at) \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s - a}\right\} &= e^{at} & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-as}}{s}\right\} &= u_a(t) \end{aligned}$$

Properties of the Laplace and Inverse Laplace transform

Translation Theorem I:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} &= F(s - a) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}|_{s \rightarrow s-a} \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s - a)\} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)|_{s \rightarrow s-a}\} = e^{at} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = e^{at} f(t) \end{aligned}$$

Translation Theorem II:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{f(t - a)u_a(t)\} &= e^{-as}F(s) = e^{-as} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-as}F(s)\} &= f(t - a)u_a(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}|_{t \rightarrow t-a} u_a(t) \end{aligned}$$

Derivatives of Laplace Transforms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\} &= (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s) \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F^{(n)}(s)\} &= (-1)^n t^n f(t) \end{aligned}$$

Laplace Transform of Periodic Functions:

If $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$, of exponential order, and periodic with period T :

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

Laplace Transforms of Derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{y'\} &= sY(s) - y(0) \\ \mathcal{L}\{y''\} &= s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) \\ \mathcal{L}\{y'''\} &= s^3Y(s) - s^2y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0) \\ &\vdots \\ \mathcal{L}\{y^{(n)}(t)\} &= s^n Y(s) - s^{n-1}y(0) - s^{n-2}y'(0) - \dots - sy^{(n-2)}(0) - y^{(n-1)}(0) \end{aligned}$$