## Problems

In each of Problems 1 through 4, sketch the graph of the given function on the interval  $t \ge 0$ .

**1.**  $g(t) = u_1(t) + 2u_3(t) - 6u_4(t)$ 

## In each of Problems 5 through 8:

a. Sketch the graph of the given function. b. Express f(t) in terms of the unit step function  $u_c(t)$ . 5.  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \le t < 3, \\ -2, & 3 \le t < 5, \\ 2, & 5 \le t < 7, \\ 1, & t \ge 7. \end{cases}$ 6.  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le t < 1, \\ -1, & 1 \le t < 2, \\ 1, & 2 \le t < 3, \\ -1, & 3 \le t < 4, \\ 0, & t \ge 4. \end{cases}$ 7.  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le t < 2, \\ e^{-(t-2)}, & t \ge 2. \end{cases}$ 8.  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \le t < 2, \\ 2, & 2 \le t < 5, \\ 7-t, & 5 \le t < 7, \\ 0, & t \ge 7. \end{cases}$ 

In each of Problems 9 through 12, find the Laplace transform of the given function.

9. 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 2\\ (t-2)^2, & t \ge 2 \end{cases}$$
  
10. 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < \pi\\ t-\pi, & \pi \le t < 2\pi\\ 0, & t \ge 2\pi \end{cases}$$

11. 
$$f(t) = u_1(t) + 2u_3(t) - 6u_4(t)$$
  
12.  $f(t) = (t-3)u_2(t) - (t-2)u_3(t)$ 

In each of Problems 13 through 16, find the inverse Laplace transform of the given function.

**13.** 
$$F(s) = \frac{3!}{(s-2)^4}$$
  
**14.**  $F(s) = \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2 + s - 2}$   
**15.**  $F(s) = \frac{2(s-1)e^{-2s}}{s^2 + s - 2}$ 

10. 
$$F(s) = \frac{e^{-s} + e^{-2s} - e^{-3s} - e^{-4s}}{e^{-s} + e^{-2s} - e^{-3s} - e^{-4s}}$$

17. Suppose that  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}{f(t)}$  exists for  $s > a \ge 0$ . **a.** Show that if *c* is a positive constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}{f(ct)} = \frac{1}{c}F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right), \quad s > ca.$$

**b.** Show that if *k* is a positive constant, then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(ks)\} = \frac{1}{k}f\left(\frac{t}{k}\right)$$

**c.** Show that if *a* and *b* are constants with a > 0, then

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(as+b)\} = \frac{1}{a}e^{-bt/a}f\left(\frac{t}{a}\right)$$

- **2.**  $g(t) = f(t \pi)u_{\pi}(t)$ , where  $f(t) = t^2$
- 3.  $g(t) = f(t-3)u_3(t)$ , where  $f(t) = \sin t$
- 4.  $g(t) = (t-1)u_1(t) 2(t-2)u_2(t) + (t-3)u_3(t)$

In each of Problems 18 through 20, use the results of Problem 17 find the inverse Laplace transform of the given function.

**18.** 
$$F(s) = \frac{2^{n+1}n!}{s^{n+1}}$$
  
**19.**  $F(s) = \frac{2s+1}{4s^2+4s+5}$ 

**20.** 
$$F(s) = \frac{1}{9s^2 - 12s + 3}$$

In each of Problems 21 through 23, find the Laplace transform of given function. In Problem 23, assume that term-by-term integrat of the infinite series is permissible.

**21.** 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le t < 1 \\ 0, & t \ge 1 \end{cases}$$
  
**22.** 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le t < 1 \\ 0, & 1 \le t < 2 \\ 1, & 2 \le t < 3 \\ 0, & t \ge 3 \end{cases}$$

23. 
$$f(t) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k u_k(t)$$
. See Figure 6.3.8.



**FIGURE 6.3.8** The function f(t) in Problem 23; a square wave.

**24.** Let *f* satisfy f(t + T) = f(t) for all  $t \ge 0$  and for so fixed positive number *T*; *f* is said to be **periodic with period** *T*  $0 \le t < \infty$ . Show that

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

In each of Problems 25 through 28, use the result of Problem 24 find the Laplace transform of the given function.

25. 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le t < 1, & f(t+2) = f(t), \\ 0, & 1 \le t < 2; \end{cases}$$

26. 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le t < 1, \\ -1, & 1 \le t < 2; \end{cases}$$
  $f(t+2) = f(t)$ 

See Figure 6.3.9.



**FIGURE 6.3.9** The function f(t) in Problem 26; a square wave.

**27.** f(t) = t,  $0 \le t < 1$ ; f(t+1) = f(t). See Figure 6.3.10.





**28.**  $f(t) = \sin t$ ,  $0 \le t < \pi$ ;  $f(t + \pi) = f(t)$ . See Figure 6.3.11.



**FIGURE 6.3.11** The function f(t) in Problem 28; a rectified sine wave.

**29.** a. If  $f(t) = 1 - u_1(t)$ , find  $\mathcal{L}{f(t)}$ . Sketch the graph of y = f(t). Compare with Problem 21.

**b.** Let  $g(t) = \int_0^t f(\xi) d\xi$ , where the function *f* is defined in part a Shotch the energy of  $y = g(\xi)$  and find  $f(g(\xi))$ . Use using

part a. Sketch the graph of y = g(t) and find  $\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$ . Use your expression for  $\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$  to find an explicit formula for g(t). *Hint:* See Problem 28 in Section 6.2.

**c.** Let  $h(t) = g(t) - u_1(t)g(t-1)$ , where g is defined in part b. Sketch the graph of y = h(t) and find  $\mathcal{L}{h(t)}$ . Use your expression for  $\mathcal{L}{h(t)}$  to find an explicit formula for h(t).

**30.** Consider the function p defined by

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \le t < 1, \\ 2-t, & 1 \le t < 2; \end{cases} \quad p(t+2) = p(t)$$

**a.** Sketch the graph of y = p(t).

b. Find L{p(t)} by noting that p is the periodic extension of the function h in Problem 29c; then use the result of Problem 24.
c. Find L{p(t)} by noting that

$$p(t) = \int_0^t f(t)dt,$$

where f is the function in Problem 26; then use Theorem 6.2.1.