MTHSC 208 (Differential Equations)
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HW 13
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For full credit, be sure to *show your work* on all of these problems!

(1) Find the Laplace transform of the following functions by explicitly computing $\int_0^\infty f(t)\, e^{-st}\, dt$.
   (a) $f(t) = 3$
   (b) $f(t) = e^{3t}$
   (c) $f(t) = \cos 2t$
   (d) $f(t) = te^{2t}$
   (e) $f(t) = e^{-3t} \sin 2t$

(2) Find the Laplace transform of the following functions by using a table of Laplace transforms
   (a) $f(t) = -2$
   (b) $f(t) = e^{-2t}$
   (c) $f(t) = \sin 3t$
   (d) $f(t) = te^{-3t}$
   (e) $f(t) = e^{2t} \cos 2t$

(3) Sketch each of the following piecewise defined functions, and compute their Laplace transforms.
   (a) $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \le t < 4 \\ 5, & t \ge 4 \end{cases}$ (b) $f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \le t < 3 \\ 3, & t \ge 3 \end{cases}$

(4) Engineers frequently use the *Heavyside function*, defined by

$$H(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

to emulate turning on a switch at a certain instance in time. Sketch the graph of the function $x(t) = e^{0.2t}$ and compute its Laplace transform, $X(s)$. On a different set of axes, sketch the graph of

$$y(t) = H(t-3)e^{0.2t}$$

and calculate its Laplace transform, $Y(s)$. How do $X(s)$ and $Y(s)$ differ? What do you think the Laplace transform of $H(t-c)e^{0.2t}$ is, where c is an arbitrary positive constant?