

HOMEWORK #3: Basic Signal Waveforms (SOLUTIONS)

1. Expressing Functions in Terms of Singularity Functions

(a) Express the following functions of time using a linear combination of singularity functions.

$$\text{i. } v_1(t) = \begin{cases} 3 & t < 1 \\ -2 & 1 < t < 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$v_1(t) = 3[1 - u(t - 1)] + (-2)[u(t - 1) - u(t - 2)] = 3 + [-3 - 2]u(t - 1) + 2u(t - 2)$$

$$\boxed{v_1(t) = 3 - 5u(t - 1) + 2u(t - 2)} \quad \text{Alternatively, one can express } v_1(t) \text{ as follows}$$

$$\boxed{v_1(t) = 5u(1 - t) - 2u(2 - t)}$$

$$\text{ii. } x(t) = \begin{cases} t - 1 & 1 < t < 2 \\ 1 & 2 < t < 3 \\ -t + 4 & 3 < t < 4 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$x(t) = (t - 1)[u(t - 1) - u(t - 2)] + (1)[u(t - 2) - u(t - 3)] + (-t + 4)[u(t - 3) - u(t - 4)]$$

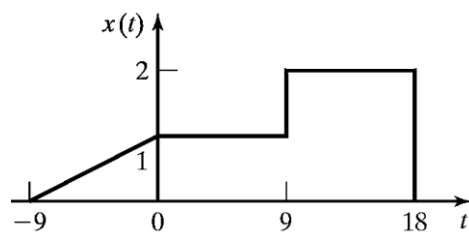
$$x(t) = (t - 1)u(t - 1) + [1 - (t - 1)]u(t - 2) + [-t + 4 - (1)]u(t - 3) + [t - 4]u(t - 4)$$

$$x(t) = (t - 1)u(t - 1) + [2 - t]u(t - 2) + [-t + 3]u(t - 3) + [t - 4]u(t - 4)$$

$$x(t) = (t - 1)u(t - 1) - [t - 2]u(t - 2) - [t - 3]u(t - 3) + [t - 4]u(t - 4)$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = r(t - 1) - r(t - 2) - r(t - 3) + r(t - 4)}$$

(b) Consider the plot of each of the following functions of time shown on the right. Express each as a linear combination of singularity functions. Simplify each expression as much as possible.



$$x(t) = f_1(t)[u(t + 9) - u(t)] + (1)[u(t) - u(t - 9)] + 2[u(t - 9) - u(t - 18)]$$

$$x(t) = f_1(t)u(t + 9) + [1 - f_1(t)]u(t) + [2 - 1]u(t - 9) - 2u(t - 18)$$

$$f_1(t) = f_1(t_1) + m_1(t - t_1) = f(0) + \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)(t - 0) \rightarrow \boxed{f_1(t) = 1 + \frac{1}{9}t}$$

$$x(t) = \left[1 + \frac{1}{9}t\right]u(t + 9) + \left[1 - 1 - \frac{1}{9}t\right]u(t) + u(t - 9) - 2u(t - 18)$$

$$x(t) = \left[1 + \frac{1}{9}t\right]u(t + 9) - \left[\frac{1}{9}t\right]u(t) + u(t - 9) - 2u(t - 18)$$

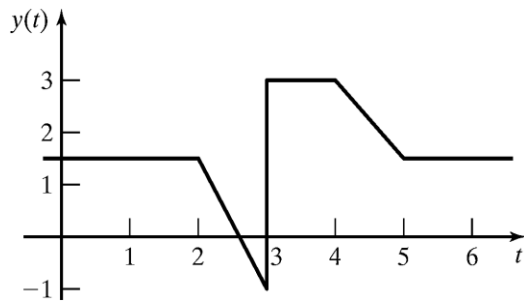
$$x(t) = u(t+9) + \frac{1}{9}tu(t+9) - \left[\frac{1}{9}t\right]u(t) + u(t-9) - 2u(t-18)$$

$$x(t) = u(t+9) + \frac{1}{9}(t+9-9)u(t+9) - \frac{1}{9}tu(t) + u(t-9) - 2u(t-18)$$

$$x(t) = u(t+9) + \frac{1}{9}(t+9)u(t+9) - u(t+9) - \frac{1}{9}tu(t) + u(t-9) - 2u(t-18)$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{9}(t+9)u(t+9) - \frac{1}{9}tu(t) + u(t-9) - 2u(t-18)$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{9}r(t+9) - \frac{1}{9}r(t) + u(t-9) - 2u(t-18)$$



$$y(t) = 1.5[1 - u(t-2)] + f_1(t)[u(t-2) - u(t-3)] + 3[u(t-3) - u(t-4)] \\ + f_2(t)[u(t-4) - u(t-5)] + 1.5u(t-5)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 + [f_1(t) - 1.5]u(t-2) + [3 - f_1(t)]u(t-3) + [f_2(t) - 3]u(t-4) \\ + [1.5 - f_2(t)]u(t-5)$$

$$f_1(t) = f_1(t_1) + m_1(t - t_1) = f_1(3) + (-2.5)(t - 3) = -1 - 2.5t + 7.5 = 6.5 - 2.5t$$

$$f_2(t) = f_2(t_2) + m_2(t - t_2) = f_2(4) + (-1.5)(t - 4) = 3 - 1.5t + 6 = 9 - 1.5t$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 + [6.5 - 2.5t - 1.5]u(t-2) + [3 - 6.5 + 2.5t]u(t-3) + [9 - 1.5t - 3]u(t-4) \\ + [1.5 - 9 + 1.5t]u(t-5)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 + [5 - 2.5t]u(t-2) + [-3.5 + 2.5t]u(t-3) + [6 - 1.5t]u(t-4) \\ + [-7.5 + 1.5t]u(t-5)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 - [2.5t - 5]u(t-2) + [2.5t - 3.5]u(t-3) - [1.5t - 6]u(t-4) + [1.5t - 7.5]u(t-5)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 - [2.5(t - 2 + 2) - 5]u(t-2) + [2.5(t - 3 + 3) - 3.5]u(t-3) \\ - [1.5(t - 4 + 4) - 6]u(t-4) + [1.5(t - 5 + 5) - 7.5]u(t-5)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 - [2.5(t - 2) + 5 - 5]u(t-2) + [2.5(t - 3) + 7.5 - 3.5]u(t-3) \\ - [1.5(t - 4) + 6 - 6]u(t-4) + [1.5(t - 5) + 7.5 - 7.5]u(t-5)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 - [2.5(t - 2)]u(t-2) + [2.5(t - 3) + 4]u(t-3) - [1.5(t - 4)]u(t-4) \\ + [1.5(t - 5)]u(t-5)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 - 2.5r(t-2) + 2.5r(t-3) + 4u(t-3) - 1.5r(t-4) + 1.5r(t-5)$$

2. Sketching Waveforms Involving Singularity Functions

(a) Sketch each of the following functions by hand. Clearly label each sketches. Use MATLAB to plot $f_1(t)$ through $f_4(t)$ and use MATLAB's output to verify your hand sketches.

i. $\frac{d}{dt}x(t)$ (Q1(b)).

$$x'(t) = (1/9)r'(t+9) - (1/9)r'(t) + u'(t-9) - 2u'(t-18)$$

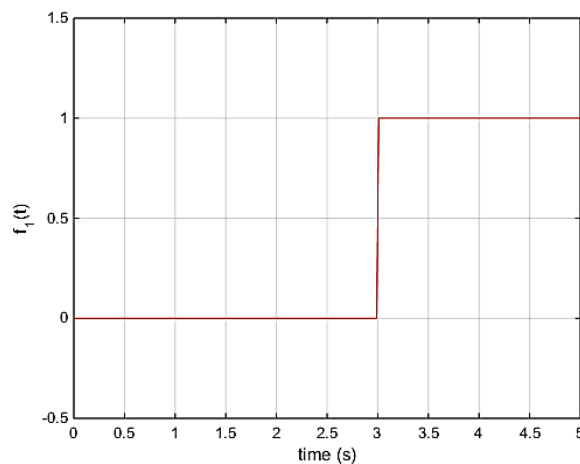
$$x'(t) = (1/9)u(t+9) - (1/9)u(t) + \delta(t-9) - 2\delta(t-18)$$

$\frac{d}{dt}y(t)$ (Q1(b))

$$y'(t) = (1.5)' - 2.5r'(t-2) + 2.5r'(t-3) + 4u'(t-3) - 1.5r'(t-4) + 1.5r'(t-5)$$

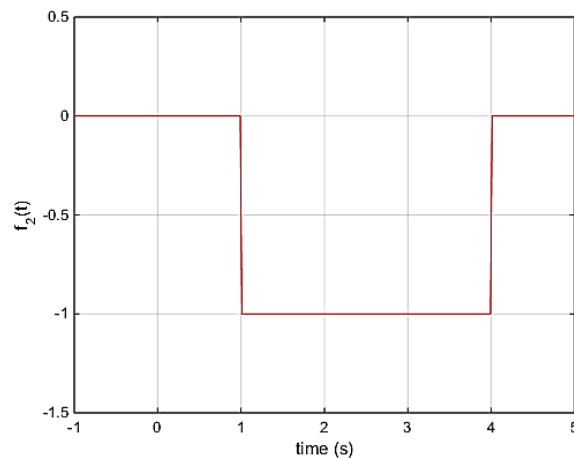
$$y'(t) = -2.5u(t-2) + 2.5u(t-3) + 4\delta(t-3) - 1.5u(t-4) + 1.5u(t-5)$$

ii. $f_1(t) = u(2t-6)$ — Transition occurs at $2t_0 - 6 = 0 \rightarrow t_0 = 3s$.
Note, $u(2t-6) = u(t-3)$

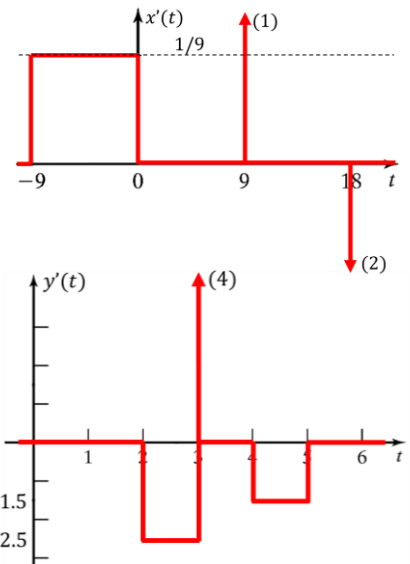


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clear all;
clc;
close all;
t = -2:0.01:5;
f1 = heaviside(2*t-6);
plot(t,f1,'r');
axis([0, 5, -0.5, 1.5]);
xlabel('time (s)');
ylabel('f_1(t)');
grid on;
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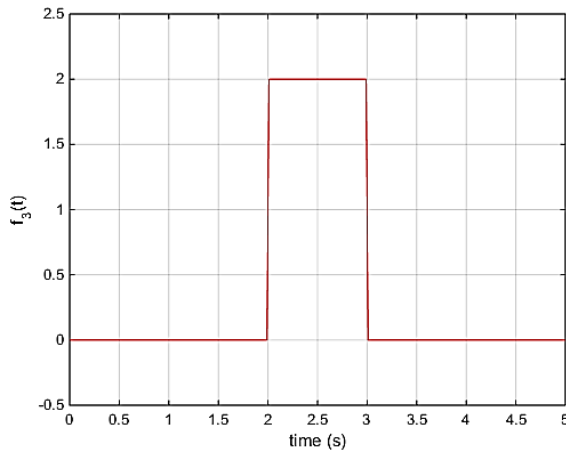
iii. $f_2(t) = u(t-4) - u(t-1)$ — Note, $f_2(t)$ can be expressed as $f_2(t) = -[u(t-1) - u(t-4)]$



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clear all;
clc;
close all;
t = -1:0.01:5;
f2 = heaviside(t-4)-heaviside(t-1);
plot(t,f2,'r');
axis([-1, 5, -1.5, 0.5]);
xlabel('time (s)');
ylabel('f_2(t)');
grid on;
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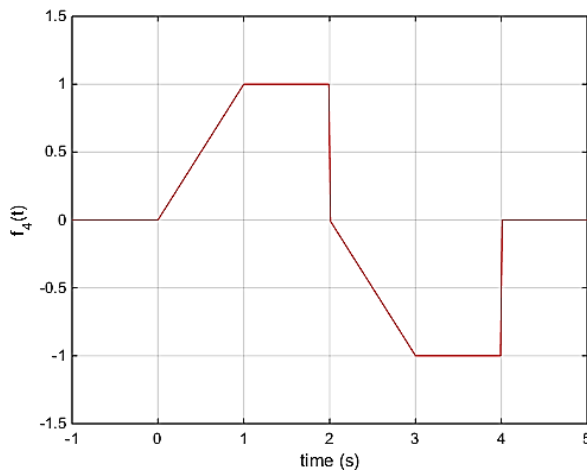


- iv. $f_3(t) = 2u(t-2)u(3-t)$ – Note, $u(t-2)$ transitions at $t_0 = 2$ and is “on” for $t > t_0$ while $u(3-t)$ transitions at $t_0 = 3$ and is “on” for $t < t_0$. The scaled product $2u(t-2)u(3-t)$ is therefore equivalent to $2[u(t-2) - u(t-3)]$.



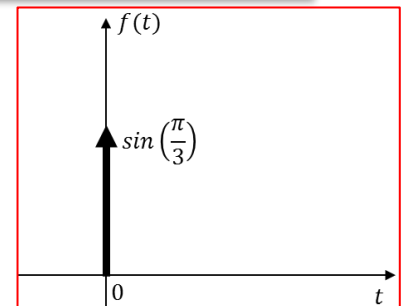
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clear all;
clc;
close all;
t = 0:0.01:5;
f3 = 2*heaviside(t-2).*heaviside(3-t);
plot(t,f3,'r');
axis([0, 5, -0.5, 2.5]);
xlabel('time (s)');
ylabel('f_3(t)');
grid on;
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- v. $f_4(t) = r(t) - r(t-1) - u(t-2) - r(t-2) + r(t-3) + u(t-4)$



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clear all;
clc;
close all;
t = -1:0.01:5;
fa = t.*heaviside(t);
fb = (t-1).*heaviside(t-1);
fc = heaviside(t-2);
fd = (t-2).*heaviside(t-2);
fe = (t-3).*heaviside(t-3);
ff = heaviside(t-4);
f4 = fa - fb - fc - fd + fe + ff;
plot(t,f4,'r');
xlabel('time (s)');
ylabel('f_4(t)');
axis([-1, 5, -1.5, 1.5]);
grid on;
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- vi. $f_5(t) = \frac{\sin(t+\frac{\pi}{3})}{t^2+1} \delta(t) - f_5(t) = \frac{\sin(0+\frac{\pi}{3})}{(0)^2+1} \delta(t) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \delta(t)$. So $f_5(t) = 0$ everywhere except at $t = 0$ where there exists an impulse of weight/strength/area of $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$.



- vii. $f_6(t) = [e^{2t^2} - e^{-2t^2}][\delta(t+1) - \delta(t-1)]$

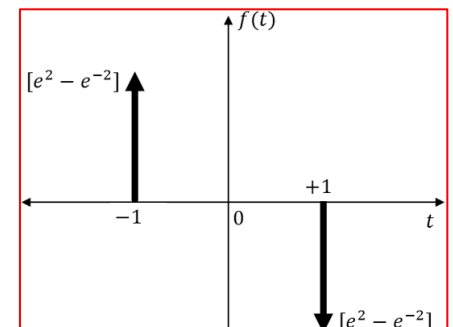
$$f_6(t) = [e^{2t^2} - e^{-2t^2}][\delta(t+1) - \delta(t-1)]$$

$$f_6(t) = [e^{2t^2} - e^{-2t^2}]\delta(t+1) + [e^{-2t^2} - e^{2t^2}]\delta(t-1)$$

$$f_6(t) = [e^{2(-1)^2} - e^{-2(-1)^2}]\delta(t+1) + [e^{-2(1)^2} - e^{2(1)^2}]\delta(t-1)$$

$$f_6(t) = [e^2 - e^{-2}]\delta(t+1) + [e^{-2} - e^2]\delta(t-1)$$

So $f_6(t) = 0$ everywhere except at $t = +1$ and $t = -1$ where there exists an impulse. The impulse at $t = -1$ has weight/strength/area of $[e^2 - e^{-2}]$ while the impulse at $t = +1$ has weight/strength/area of $-[e^2 - e^{-2}]$.



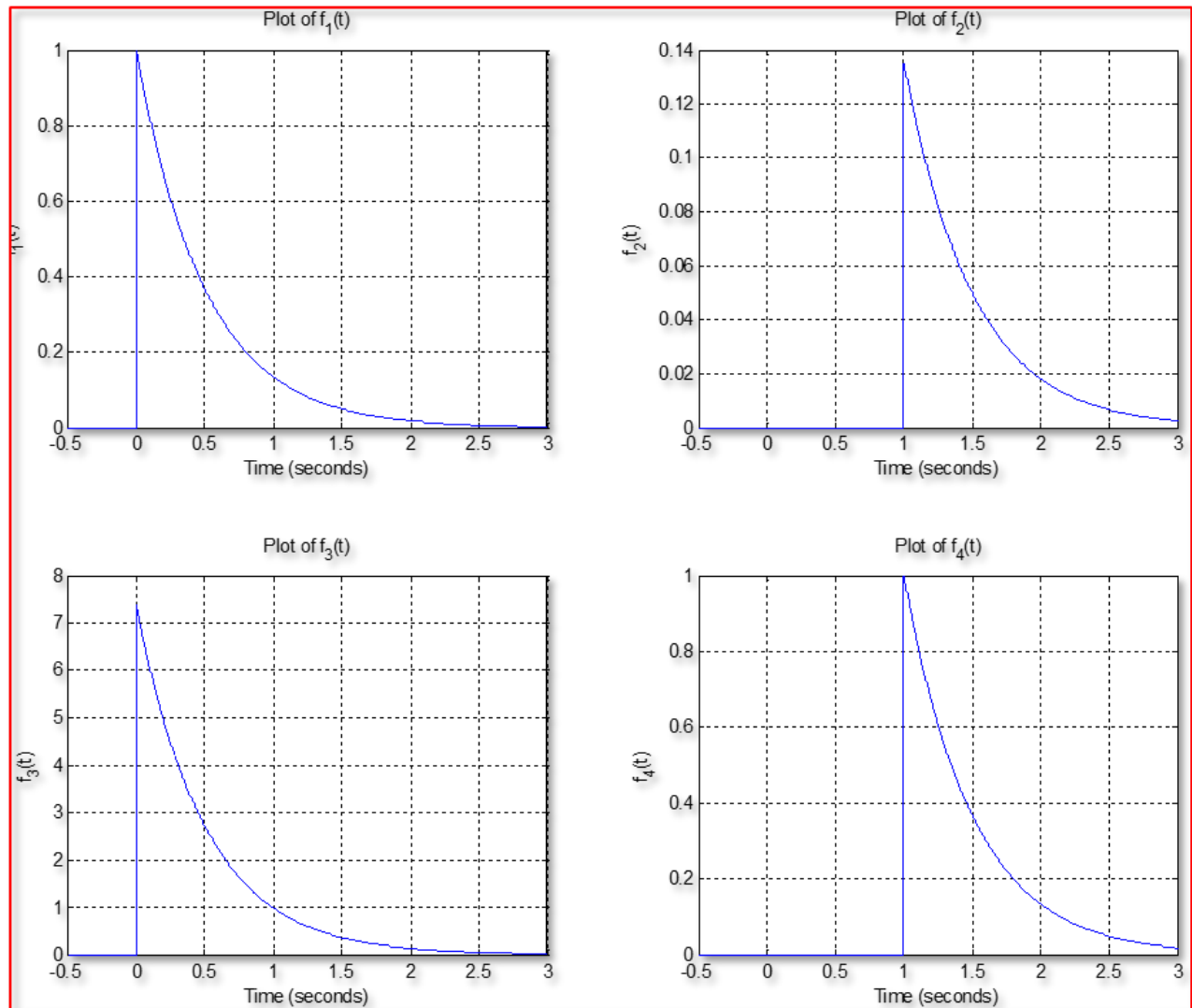
(b) Sketch each of the following “similar” time functions. Clearly label each sketch. Note the similarities and differences among the four waveforms.

i. $f_1(t) = e^{-2t}u(t)$

iii. $f_3(t) = e^{-2(t-1)}u(t)$

ii. $f_2(t) = e^{-2t}u(t-1)$

iv. $f_4(t) = e^{-2(t-1)}u(t-1)$



3. Evaluating Derivative and Integral Expressions Involving Singularity Functions

(a) Apply the sifting property of the Dirac Delta/Impulse to evaluate each of the following integrals.

i. $\int_{-3}^2 \cos(t) \delta(t) dt$

$$\int_{-3}^2 \cos(t) \delta(t) dt = \int_{0^-}^{0^+} \cos(0) \delta(t) dt = \cos(0) \int_{0^-}^{0^+} \delta(t) dt = \cos(0) 1 = \boxed{1}$$

ii. $\int_{-3}^2 t^2 \delta(t-1) dt$

$$\int_{-3}^2 t^2 \delta(t-1) dt = \int_{1^-}^{1^+} (1)^2 \delta(t-1) dt = (1)^2 \int_{1^-}^{1^+} \delta(t-1) dt = (1)^2 1 = \boxed{1}$$

iii. $\int_{-3}^1 \ln(t) \delta(t-2) dt$

$$\int_{-3}^1 \ln(t) \delta(t-2) dt = 0 \text{ since the limits do not include the location of the impulse at } t = 2.$$

iv. $\int_{-3}^{5^+} \sin(t) \delta(t-5) dt$

$$\int_{-3}^{5^+} \sin(t) \delta(t-5) dt = \int_{5^-}^{5^+} \sin(5) \delta(t-5) dt = \sin(5) \int_{5^-}^{5^+} \delta(t-5) dt = \sin(5)(1) = \boxed{\sin(5)}$$

v. $\int_{-3^+}^{4^-} e^{-5t} \delta(t-4) dt$

$$\int_{-3^+}^{4^-} e^{-5t} \delta(t-4) dt = 0 \text{ since the limits do not include the location of the impulse at } t = 4.$$

vi. $\int_{-3^-}^{3^+} e^{t^2} \delta(t+3) dt$

$$\int_{-3^-}^{3^+} e^{t^2} \delta(t+3) dt = \int_{-3^-}^{-3^+} e^{(-3)^2} \delta(t+3) dt = e^9 \int_{-3^-}^{-3^+} \delta(t+3) dt = (e^9)(1) = \boxed{e^9}$$

(b) Evaluate the following expressions involving time derivatives and singularity functions.

i. $f_1(t) = [u(t+1)u(t-1)]'$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [u(t-1)u(t+1)] = \delta(t-1)u(t+1) + u(t-1)\delta(t+1) = \delta(t-1)1 + 0\delta(t+1) = \underline{\delta(t-1)}$$

ii. $f_2(t) = [r(t-6)u(t-2)]'$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [r(t-6)u(t-2)] = u(t-6)u(t-2) + r(t-6)\delta(t-2) = u(t-6)1 + 0\delta(t-2) = \underline{u(t-6)}$$

iii. $f_3(t) = \left[\sin(4t) u\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right) \right]'$

$$f_3(t) = \sin'(4t) u\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right) + \sin(4t) u'\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$$

$$f_3(t) = 4 \cos(4t) u\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right) + \sin(4t) \delta\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$$

$$f_3(t) = 4 \cos(4t) u\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right) + \sin\left(4\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)\right) \delta\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$$

$$\boxed{f_3(t) = 4 \cos(4t) u\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right) + \delta\left(t - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)}$$