

**Problem 22) a)**  $F_L(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_L(x) \exp(-i2\pi sx) dx$

$$= -\int_{-L}^0 [1 + (x/L)] \exp(-i2\pi sx) dx + \int_0^L [1 - (x/L)] \exp(-i2\pi sx) dx$$

Change of variable:  
 $x \rightarrow -x$

$$\rightarrow = -\int_0^L [1 - (x/L)] \exp(+i2\pi sx) dx + \int_0^L [1 - (x/L)] \exp(-i2\pi sx) dx$$

$$= -2i \int_0^L [1 - (x/L)] \sin(2\pi sx) dx$$

Integration by parts

$$\rightarrow = 2i \left. \frac{[1-(x/L)] \cos(2\pi sx)}{2\pi s} \right|_0^L + 2i \int_0^L \frac{(1/L) \cos(2\pi sx)}{2\pi s} dx$$

$$= -\frac{2i}{2\pi s} + 2i \left. \frac{\sin(2\pi sx)}{(2\pi s)^2 L} \right|_0^L = \frac{1}{i\pi s} - \frac{\sin(2\pi sL)}{i2(\pi s)^2 L} = \frac{1 - \text{sinc}(2sL)}{i\pi s}.$$

b)  $\text{Lim}_{L \rightarrow \infty} f_L(x) = \text{Sgn}(x).$

c) Considering that  $\text{sinc}(2sL) \rightarrow 0$  when  $L \rightarrow \infty$ , we find:  $\text{Lim}_{L \rightarrow \infty} F_L(s) = 1/(i\pi s).$

**Note:** When  $s = 0$ , the limit of  $\text{sinc}(2sL) = \text{sinc}(0) = 1$ , independent of  $L$ . Consequently  $\text{Lim}_{L \rightarrow \infty} F_L(0) = 0.$

d) 
$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s) \exp(i2\pi xs) ds = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(i2\pi xs)}{i\pi s} ds.$$

Contours of integration in the complex plane are shown in the diagrams below. On the large semi-circle, the exponent of  $\exp(i2\pi xZ)$  must acquire a negative real part in order to satisfy Jordan's lemma. Thus, when  $x$  is positive (negative), the integration must be carried out in the upper (lower) half-plane. In each case, the contribution of the large semi-circle to the integral vanishes, and the integral over the real-axis becomes equal to that over the small semi-circle, taken counterclockwise when  $x > 0$ , and clockwise when  $x < 0$ .

$$f(x) = \int_{\text{small semi-circle}} \frac{\exp(i2\pi xZ)}{i\pi Z} dZ = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pm\pi} \frac{\exp[i2\pi x\epsilon \exp(i\theta)]}{i\pi\epsilon \exp(i\theta)} i\epsilon \exp(i\theta) d\theta = \begin{cases} +\pi/\pi, & x > 0; \\ -\pi/\pi, & x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Clearly then  $f(x) = \text{Sgn}(x)$ , as expected.

