

# Math 267, Section 202 : HW 5

Due Wednesday, February 13th.

1. Find the Fourier transform of the following functions:

$$(a) f(t) = \begin{cases} \cos(3t) & \text{if } -1 < t < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Hint: express } \cos(3t) \text{ in terms of complex exponentials.})$$

*Answer:* Note that  $\cos(3t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{3it} + e^{-3it})$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2}(e^{3it} + e^{-3it})e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 e^{3it} e^{-i\omega t} dt + \int_{-1}^1 e^{-3it} e^{-i\omega t} dt \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 e^{i(3-\omega)t} dt + \int_{-1}^1 e^{-i(3+\omega)t} dt \right\} \end{aligned}$$

There are three cases (due to the possibility of  $3 - \omega = 0$  or  $3 + \omega = 0$ , which may give zero denominators).

**Case :**  $\omega = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(3) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 dt + \int_{-1}^1 e^{-i6t} dt \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 2 + \left[ \frac{e^{-i6t}}{-i6} \right]_{-1}^1 \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 + \frac{1}{i6} [-e^{-i6} + e^{i6}] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 + \frac{1}{3} \sin 6 \right) \\ &= 1 + \frac{\sin 6}{6} \end{aligned}$$

**Case :**  $\omega = -3$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(-3) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 e^{i4t} dt + \int_{-1}^1 dt \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{e^{i6t}}{i6} \right]_{-1}^1 + 2 \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{i6} [e^{i6} + e^{-i6}] + 2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{3} \sin 6 + 2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\sin 6}{6} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Case:**  $\omega \neq 3, -3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{f}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 e^{i(3-\omega)t} dt + \int_{-1}^1 e^{-i(3+\omega)t} dt \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{e^{i(3-\omega)t}}{i(3-\omega)} \right]_{-1}^1 - \left[ \frac{e^{-i(3+\omega)t}}{i(3+\omega)} \right]_{-1}^1 \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{e^{i(3-\omega)}}{i(3-\omega)} - \frac{e^{-i(3-\omega)}}{i(3-\omega)} \right] - \left[ \frac{e^{-i(3+\omega)}}{i(3+\omega)} - \frac{e^{i(3+\omega)}}{i(3+\omega)} \right] \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{2}{3-\omega} \sin(3-\omega) + \frac{2}{3+\omega} \sin(3+\omega) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\widehat{f}(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{\sin 6}{6} & \text{if } \omega = 3 \\ \frac{\sin 6}{6} - 1 & \text{if } \omega = -3 \\ \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{2}{3-\omega} \sin(3-\omega) + \frac{2}{3+\omega} \sin(3+\omega) \right\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$


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**Remark:** Note that in fact, using the definition of  $\text{sinc} \omega$  we can rewrite

$$\widehat{f}(\omega) = \text{sinc}(3-\omega) + \text{sinc}(3+\omega)$$

(b)  $g(t) = e^{-5|t|} \sin(2t)$ . (Hint: express  $\sin(2t)$  in terms of complex exponentials.)

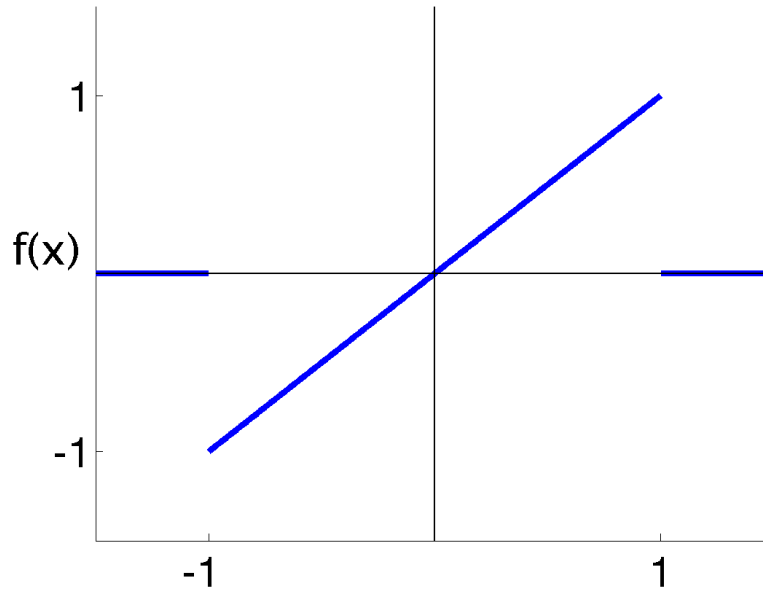
Answer: Note that  $\sin(2t) = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{2it} - e^{-2it})$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{g}(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2i} (e^{2it} - e^{-2it}) e^{-5|t|} e^{-i\omega t} dt \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{2i} (e^{2it} - e^{-2it}) e^{5t} e^{-i\omega t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2i} (e^{2it} - e^{-2it}) e^{-5t} e^{-i\omega t} dt \quad (|t| = -t \text{ for } t < 0, \text{ and } |t| = t \text{ for } t > 0) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{2i} (e^{2it} - e^{-2it}) e^{(5-i\omega)t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2i} (e^{2it} - e^{-2it}) e^{-(5+i\omega)t} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2i} \int_{-\infty}^0 (e^{(5-i(\omega-2))t} - e^{(5-i(\omega+2))t}) dt \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2i} \int_0^{\infty} (e^{-(5+i(\omega+2))t} - e^{-(5+i(\omega-2))t}) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2i} \left[ \frac{e^{(5-i(\omega-2))t}}{(5-i(\omega-2))} - \frac{e^{(5-i(\omega+2))t}}{(5-i(\omega+2))} \right]_{-\infty}^0 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2i} \left[ \frac{e^{-(5+i(\omega+2))t}}{-(5+i(\omega+2))} - \frac{e^{-(5+i(\omega-2))t}}{-(5+i(\omega-2))} \right]_0^{\infty}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{g}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{2i} \left[ \frac{1}{(5 - i(\omega - 2))} - \frac{1}{(5 - i(\omega + 2))} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2i} \left[ \frac{1}{(5 + i(\omega + 2))} - \frac{1}{(5 + i(\omega - 2))} \right]\end{aligned}$$

2. By calculating the integral of Fourier transform, find the Fourier transform of  $f(x)$ :



Hint: You may need to do integration by parts.

*Answer*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}[f(x)](\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-ix\omega} dx \\ &= 0 + \int_{-1}^1 x e^{-ix\omega} dx + 0\end{aligned}$$

If  $\omega = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{F}[f(x)](0) = \int_{-1}^1 x e^0 dx = 0$ .

If  $\omega \neq 0$ , then integrate by parts,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}[f(x)](\omega) &= x \frac{e^{-ix\omega}}{-i\omega} \Big|_{x=-1}^1 - \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot \frac{e^{-ix\omega}}{-i\omega} dx \\ &= x \frac{e^{-ix\omega}}{-i\omega} - \frac{e^{-ix\omega}}{(-i\omega)^2} \Big|_{x=-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{e^{-i\omega} - e^{+i\omega}}{-i\omega} + \frac{e^{-i\omega} + e^{+i\omega}}{-\omega^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{\omega} \sin(\omega) - \frac{2}{\omega^2} \cos(\omega)\end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose the Fourier transform of a signal is given by:

$$\widehat{g}(\omega) = \begin{cases} e^{-|\omega|} & \text{for } |\omega| < 4\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

By calculation the integral of Fourier inverse transform, find an explicit formula for  $g(t)$ . Sketch a plot of  $g(t)$ .

*Answer*

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{g}(\omega) e^{+i\omega t} d\omega \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-4\pi}^0 e^{+\omega} e^{+i\omega t} d\omega + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{4\pi} e^{-\omega} e^{+i\omega t} d\omega + 0 \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-4\pi(1+it)}}{1+it} + \frac{e^{4\pi(-1+it)} - 1}{-1+it} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+it} + \frac{1}{1-it} - e^{-4\pi} \left( \frac{e^{-4\pi it}}{1+it} + \frac{e^{4\pi it}}{1-it} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{1+t^2} - \frac{e^{-4\pi}}{1+t^2} (e^{4\pi it} + e^{-4\pi it}) - it \frac{e^{-4\pi}}{1+t^2} (e^{4\pi it} - e^{-4\pi it}) \\ &= \frac{2}{1+t^2} - \frac{e^{-4\pi}}{1+t^2} (2 \cos(4\pi t) - 2 \sin(4\pi t)) \end{aligned}$$

4. Use basic examples and properties of Fourier transform to find the Fourier transform of each signal. You are expected to answer these questions without calculating integrals.

$$(a) \quad g(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } -1 < t < 0 \\ -1 & \text{for } 0 < t < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(b)  $f(t) = e^{3t}$  for  $t < \pi$ , and  $f(t) = 0$  for  $t \geq \pi$ .

(c)  $h(t) = e^{3t}$  for  $0 < t < \pi$ , and  $h(t) = 0$  otherwise.

*Answer*

(a) Recognize  $g(t)$  is a sum of rectangles, then use time-shifting property.

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \text{rect}\left(t + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \text{rect}\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ \widehat{g}(\omega) &= e^{i\omega \frac{1}{2}} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) - e^{-i\omega \frac{1}{2}} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $e^{-3t}u(t)$ , a basic example, nonzero for  $t > 0$

$e^{-3(-t)}u(-t)$ , reflection, nonzero for  $t < 0$

$e^{-3(-(t-\pi))}u(-(t-\pi))$ , shift to the right, nonzero for  $t < \pi$

$$f(t) = e^{3\pi} \left( e^{-3(-(t-\pi))}u(-(t-\pi)) \right)$$

In brackets is a shift and scaled basic example, with  $\phi_0 = -\pi$  and  $\lambda_0 = -1$ .

$$\widehat{f}(\omega) = e^{3\pi} \left( e^{-\pi\omega} \frac{1}{|-1|} \mathcal{F} [e^{-3t}u(t)] \left( \frac{\omega}{-1} \right) \right) = e^{3\pi} e^{-\pi\omega} \frac{1}{3+i(-\omega)}$$

(c) We'll take a slightly different approach. First,

$$h(t) = e^{3t} (u(\pi - t) - u(-t)),$$

since  $u(\pi - t) = 1$  for  $\pi > t$  and  $u(-t) = 1$  for  $0 > t$ . Now expand, rewrite so the variable only shows up as it does in the argument of the Heaviside functions:

$$h(t) = e^{3t}u(\pi - t) - e^{3t}u(-t) = e^{3\pi}e^{-3(\pi-t)}u(\pi - t) - e^{-3(-t)}u(-t)$$

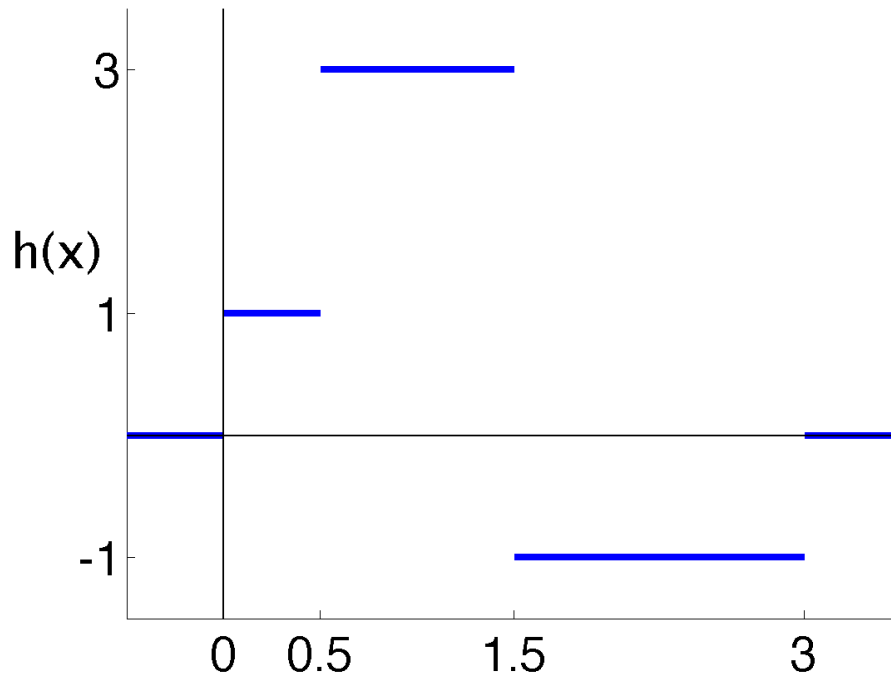
$$\hat{h}(\omega) = e^{3\pi}e^{-\pi\omega}\frac{1}{3+i(-\omega)} - \frac{1}{3+i(-\omega)}$$

5. Consider  $h(x)$  given by the plot below.

(a) Write  $h(x)$  as a sum of  $\text{rect}(\lambda_0(x - \phi_0))$ , for various  $\lambda_0$  and  $\phi_0$ .

*Note:* there is more than one way to do this.

(b) Use properties of Fourier transform to compute  $\hat{h}(\omega)$ .



*Answer*

(a) The easiest answer is,

$$h(x) = \text{rect}\left(2\left(x - \frac{1}{4}\right)\right) + 3 \text{rect}(x - 1) - \text{rect}\left(\frac{2}{3}\left(x - \frac{9}{4}\right)\right)$$

(b) Don't forget the factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$  from  $\mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(x)](\omega) = \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)$ .

$$\hat{h}(\omega) = e^{-i\frac{\omega}{4}}\frac{1}{2}\text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega}{4}\right) + 3e^{-i\omega}\text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) - e^{-i\frac{9\omega}{4}}\frac{3}{2}\text{sinc}(3\omega)$$

6. (This exercise is optional and NOT to be graded. It is intended to give you a better understanding of the relation between Fourier series and Fourier transform.) For  $L > 0$ , let  $\omega_k = k\frac{\pi}{L}$ , for  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \dots$ , and let  $\Delta\omega = \frac{\pi}{L}$ .

(a) Show that the Fourier series of a  $2L$ -periodic function  $f(t)$  can be written as

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(\omega_k) e^{i\omega_k t} \Delta\omega,$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and

$$\tilde{f}(\omega_k) = \int_{-L}^L f(t) e^{-i\omega_k t} dt.$$

*Answer:* Note that the Fourier series of a  $2L$ -periodic function  $f(t)$  is

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ik\frac{\pi}{L}t}$$

where

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) e^{-ik\frac{\pi}{L}t} dt.$$

First, using  $\omega_k = k\frac{\pi}{L}$ , we can write

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{i\omega_k t}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} c_k &= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) e^{-i\omega_k t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\pi}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) e^{-i\omega_k t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta\omega \int_{-L}^L f(t) e^{-i\omega_k t} dt \quad (\text{using the definition of } \Delta\omega) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ \int_{-L}^L f(t) e^{-i\omega_k t} dt \right\} \Delta\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \tilde{f}(\omega_k) \Delta\omega \quad (\text{using the definition of } \tilde{f}(\omega_k)) \end{aligned}$$

Back to the Fourier series, we get

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(\omega_k) e^{i\omega_k t} \Delta\omega$$

as desired.

- (b) Use the notation of (a). Assume  $L > 1$ . Let  $g(t)$  be the  $2L$ -periodic function given by

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -1/2 < t < 1/2, \\ 0 & \text{if } -L < t \leq -1/2, \\ 0 & \text{if } 1/2 \leq t < L. \end{cases}$$

Compute  $\tilde{g}(\omega_k) = \int_{-L}^L g(t)e^{-i\omega_k t} dt$ , for all integer  $k$ .

*Answer*

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{g}(\omega_k) &= \int_{-L}^L g(t)e^{-i\omega_k t} dt \\ &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{-i\omega_k t} dt.\end{aligned}$$

*Now, two cases:*

**Case:**  $\omega_k = k\pi/L = 0$ , i.e.  $k = 0$ :

$$\tilde{g}(\omega_k) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} dt = 1.$$

**Case:**  $\omega_k = k\pi/L \neq 0$ , i.e.  $k \neq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{g}(\omega_k) &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{-i\omega_k t} dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-i\omega_k t}}{-i\omega_k} \right]_{-1/2}^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{e^{-i\omega_k/2}}{-i\omega_k} - \frac{e^{i\omega_k/2}}{-i\omega_k} \\ &= \frac{1}{i\omega_k} [e^{i\omega_k/2} - e^{-i\omega_k/2}] \quad (\text{rearranged}) \\ &= \frac{1}{i\omega_k} 2i \sin\left(\frac{\omega_k}{2}\right) \quad (\text{notice that } 2i \sin \theta = e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta} \text{ )} \\ &= \frac{2}{\omega_k} \sin\left(\frac{\omega_k}{2}\right).\end{aligned}$$

*Thus,*

$$\tilde{g}(\omega_k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega_k = 0 \\ \frac{2}{\omega_k} \sin\left(\frac{\omega_k}{2}\right) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*(Notice that the last function is exactly  $\text{sinc}(\omega_k/2)$ . )*

(c) For the function  $g(t)$  in (b), do the following.

- i. Let  $L = 1$ . Sketch the graph of  $\tilde{g}(\omega_k)$  for  $-6\pi < \omega_k < 6\pi$ . For the values  $\omega_k$ , use the  $\omega$ -axis (i.e. the horizontal axis with  $\omega$  variable)
- ii. Let  $L = 2$ . Sketch the graph of  $\tilde{g}(\omega_k)$  for  $-6\pi < \omega_k < 6\pi$ . Use the  $\omega$ -axis for the values  $\omega_k$ .
- iii. Let  $L = 4$ . Sketch the graph of  $\tilde{g}(\omega_k)$  for  $-6\pi < \omega_k < 6\pi$ . Use the  $\omega$ -axis for the values  $\omega_k$ .

*Answer* We skip this part.

7. **(This exercise will NOT be graded. This is an optional exercise for how to use properties of Fourier transform)** In this problem, it is useful to recall that the Fourier transform of the function

$$\text{rect}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -\frac{1}{2} < t < \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

is the function  $\text{sinc}(\frac{\omega}{2})$ , i.e.  $\widehat{\text{rect}}(\omega) = \text{sinc}(\frac{\omega}{2})$  where the function sinc is defined as

$$\text{sinc}(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega = 0, \\ \frac{\sin(\omega)}{\omega} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(See the online notes "Fourier Transform" page 2, Example 2.)

(a) Find the Fourier transform of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t} & \text{if } 0 < t < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(Hint: just directly compute the integral for the Fourier transform.)

*Answer*

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{-t} e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{-(1+i\omega)t} dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-(1+i\omega)t}}{-(1+i\omega)} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{1+i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

(b) Without calculating integrals directly, **but only using** the properties of the Fourier transform and the result of (a),

i. find  $\widehat{g}_1(\omega)$  where  $g_1(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t+4} & \text{if } 4 < t < 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

*Answer: Note that  $g_1(t) = f(t-4)$  since*

$$f(t-4) = \begin{cases} e^{-(t-4)} & \text{if } 0 < t-4 < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} e^{-t+4} & \text{if } 4 < t < 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \text{Thus, by the time-shift property of Fourier series}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{g}_1(\omega) &= e^{-i4\omega} \widehat{f}(\omega) \\ &= \frac{e^{-i4\omega}}{1+i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

ii. find  $\widehat{g}_2(\omega)$  where  $g_2(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t} & \text{if } 4 < t < 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

*Answer: Note that  $g_2(t) = e^{-4}g_1(t)$ . Thus, (by linearity of Fourier transform),  $\widehat{g}_2(\omega) = e^{-4}\widehat{g}_1(\omega)$ , therefore,*

$$\widehat{g}_2(\omega) = \frac{e^{-4-i4\omega}}{1+i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1 \right]$$

(Hint: consider the time-shifting property of the Fourier transform.)

(c) Use above (including the results about  $\text{rect}(t)$ ) and **linearity and time-shifting property** of Fourier transform, to find Fourier transform of the following functions, i.e. **without** calculating integrals directly.



$$\text{i. } h_1(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < t < 1, \\ -2 & \text{if } 3 < t < 4, \\ e^{-t+4} & \text{if } 4 < t < 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Answer* Note that  $h_1(t) = \text{rect}(t - 1/2) - 2\text{rect}(t - 7/2) + g_1(t)$ .

Let us use the notation  $\mathcal{F}[f(t)](\omega)$  (or  $\mathcal{F}[f](\omega)$ ) for the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ . So, by notation  $\hat{f}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)](\omega)$ . Thus,

$$\mathcal{F}[h_1(t)](\omega) = \mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(t - 1/2)](\omega) - 2\mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(t - 7/2)](\omega) + \mathcal{F}[g_1(t)](\omega)$$

by the linearity of the Fourier transform.

Now, use the time-shift property of Fourier transform, so see

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[h_1(t)](\omega) &= e^{-i\frac{1}{2}\omega}\mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(t)](\omega) - 2e^{-i\frac{7}{2}\omega}\mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(t)](\omega) + \mathcal{F}[g_1(t)](\omega) \\ &= e^{-i\frac{1}{2}\omega}\text{sinc}(\omega/2) - 2e^{-i\frac{7}{2}\omega}\text{sinc}(\omega/2) + e^{-i4\omega}\frac{1}{1+i\omega}\left[-e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1\right] \\ &= \underline{\left(e^{-i\frac{1}{2}\omega} - 2e^{-i\frac{7}{2}\omega}\right)\text{sinc}(\omega/2) + e^{-i4\omega}\frac{1}{1+i\omega}\left[-e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1\right]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ii. } h_2(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } -1 < t < 0, \\ 3 & \text{if } 1 < t < 2, \\ e^{-t} & \text{if } 4 < t < 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Answer* Note that  $h_2(t) = -\text{rect}(t + 1/2) + 3\text{rect}(t - 3/2) + g_2(t)$ .

Let us use the notation  $\mathcal{F}[f(t)](\omega)$  (or  $\mathcal{F}[f](\omega)$ ) for the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ . So, by notation  $\hat{f}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)](\omega)$ . Thus,

$$\mathcal{F}[h_2(t)](\omega) = -\mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(t + 1/2)](\omega) + 3\mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(t - 3/2)](\omega) + \mathcal{F}[g_2(t)](\omega)$$

by the linearity of the Fourier transform.

Now, use the time-shift property of Fourier transform, so see

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[h_2(t)](\omega) &= -e^{+i\frac{1}{2}\omega}\mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(t)](\omega) + 3e^{-i\frac{3}{2}\omega}\mathcal{F}[\text{rect}(t)](\omega) + \mathcal{F}[g_2(t)](\omega) \\ &= -e^{+i\frac{1}{2}\omega}\text{sinc}(\omega/2) + 3e^{-i\frac{3}{2}\omega}\text{sinc}(\omega/2) + e^{-4-i4\omega}\frac{1}{1+i\omega}\left[-e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1\right] \\ &= \underline{\left(-e^{+i\frac{1}{2}\omega} + 3e^{-i\frac{3}{2}\omega}\right)\text{sinc}(\omega/2) + e^{-4-i4\omega}\frac{1}{1+i\omega}\left[-e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1\right]} \end{aligned}$$

8. **(This problem will NOT be graded.)** Sketch the graph of the following functions. Then find their Fourier transforms using appropriate properties of Fourier transform together with your answer to Problem 7(a), **without** directly calculating the integral for the Fourier transform.

$$\text{(a) } f(t) = \begin{cases} e^t & \text{if } -1 < t < 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Answer* Rename the function in 1 (a) as  $f_1(t)$ . Then, the function  $f(t)$  (in the current problem)

$$f(t) = f_1(-t).$$

Then,

$$\widehat{f}(\omega) = \widehat{f}_1(-\omega) \text{ (using 2 (a))}$$

Now, using 1 (a)

$$\widehat{f}_1(-\omega) = \frac{1}{1+i(-\omega)} \left[ -e^{-(1+i(-\omega))} + 1 \right]$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{1+i(-\omega)} \left[ -e^{-(1+i(-\omega))} + 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1-i\omega)} + 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \begin{cases} e^t, & -1 < t < 0 \\ e^{-t}, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ h(t) &= \begin{cases} -e^t, & -1 < t < 0 \\ e^{-t}, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ s(t) &= \begin{cases} e^{-t-1}, & -1 < t < 0 \\ e^{-t}, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Answer Let (for notation)

$$f_1(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t} & \text{if } 0 < t < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and let

$$f_2(t) = \begin{cases} e^t & \text{if } -1 < t < 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note by (a) and 1 (a), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}_1(\omega) &= \frac{1}{1+i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1 \right] \\ \widehat{f}_2(\omega) &= \frac{1}{1-i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1-i\omega)} + 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Then, using this notation, we see that  $g(t) = f_2(t) + f_1(t)$ ,  $h(t) = -f_2(t) + f_1(t)$ , and  $s(t) = f_1(t+1) + f_1(t)$ .

Thus, using the linearity of Fourier transform and time-shift property,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{g}(\omega) &= \widehat{f}_2(\omega) + \widehat{f}_1(\omega) \\ \widehat{h}(\omega) &= -\widehat{f}_2(\omega) + \widehat{f}_1(\omega) \\ \widehat{s}(\omega) &= e^{i\omega} \widehat{f}_1(\omega) + \widehat{f}_1(\omega) \quad (\text{used time-shift by } -1) \\ &= (e^{i\omega} + 1) \widehat{f}_1(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{g}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{1-i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1-i\omega)} + 1 \right] + \frac{1}{1+i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1 \right] \\ \widehat{h}(\omega) &= -\frac{1}{1-i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1-i\omega)} + 1 \right] + \frac{1}{1+i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1 \right] \\ \widehat{s}(\omega) &= (e^{i\omega} + 1) \frac{1}{1+i\omega} \left[ -e^{-(1+i\omega)} + 1 \right]\end{aligned}$$