

You have **FIVE** problems to hand-in. Hand in written solutions for grading at the BEGINNING of the lecture on the due date. Illegible, disorganized or partial solutions will receive no credit.

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**Note:** throughout the assignment, the function  $u(t)$  denotes **the unit step function**:

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

Also, in the following problems, feel free to use properties of Fourier Transform / Fourier Inversion and standard examples, e.g. Fourier transforms of  $e^{-at}u(t)$  (for  $a > 0$ ) and  $\text{rect}(t)$ .

1. (Scaling, time-shift, duality, differentiation)

(a) Find Fourier transform of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t + 1, & -1 \leq t \leq -1/2; \\ -t, & -1/2 \leq t \leq 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(**Hint:** This is similar to one of class examples about differentiation rule for Fourier transform.)

(b) Find Fourier transform of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t + 2, & -2 \leq t \leq -1; \\ -t, & -1 \leq t \leq 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(**Hint:** Use (a) and scaling property of Fourier transform.)

(c) Let  $f(t) = e^{-|t|}$ .

i. Find  $\hat{f}(\omega)$ . (**Hint:** this is a class example. You can use the result for  $e^{-t}u(t)$  and apply properties of Fourier transform: here time-reversal property is relevant.)

ii. Use part (i) and the duality property to find the Fourier transform  $\hat{g}(\omega)$  of the function

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + t^2}$$

2. (Differentiation in frequency)

(a) Prove the following:

$$\text{if } g(t) = tf(t) \text{ then } \hat{g}(\omega) = i \frac{d}{d\omega} \hat{f}(\omega)$$

(**Hint:** differentiate the definition (I mean, the integral) of  $\hat{f}(\omega)$  with respect to  $\omega$ : i.e.

$$\frac{d}{d\omega} \hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{d}{d\omega} e^{-it\omega} dt. )$$

(b) Use (a) to show

$$\text{if } \hat{g}(\omega) = \frac{d}{d\omega} \hat{f}(\omega), \text{ then } g(t) = -itf(t)$$

(Here, use the fact that if  $\hat{f}_1(\omega) = \hat{f}_2(\omega)$  then  $f_1(t) = f_2(t)$ . In other words, the Fourier transform  $\hat{f}(\omega)$  determine the original function  $f(t)$ .)

- (c) Using the frequency differentiation property in part (a), compute the Fourier transform of:
- (i)  $f(t) = t \operatorname{rect}(t)$
- (ii)  $g(t) = t^2 e^{-3t} u(t)$  (**Hint:** you can apply the frequency differentiation property twice.)
- (d) [Fourier inversion] For a real nonzero constant  $a$ , find the function  $g(t)$  if

$$\widehat{g}(\omega) = \frac{1}{(i\omega + a)^2}$$

(**Hint:** You can use (b). Can you express  $\widehat{g}(\omega)$  as a  $\omega$ -derivative of certain function? )

3. (**RLC circuit**) Consider the ODE for RLC circuit:

$$LCy''(t) + RCy'(t) + y(t) = x(t)$$

- (a) Let  $R = 4$ ,  $L = 3$ ,  $C = 1$  and  $\widehat{x}(\omega) = 1$ . Find  $y(t)$  using Fourier transform method.
- (b) Let  $R = 2$ ,  $L = 1$ ,  $C = 1$  and  $\widehat{x}(\omega) = 1$ . Find  $y(t)$  using Fourier transform method. (**Hint:** You may want to use **Problem 2 (d)**.)
- (c) Let  $R = 4$ ,  $L = 3$ ,  $C = 1$  and  $x(t) = u(t)e^{-2t}$ . (Note  $u(t)$  is defined in the beginning of the HW). Find  $y(t)$  using Fourier transform method.

4. (**Fourier Inversion**) In the following use properties of Fourier transform/inversion.

- (a)  $\widehat{f}(\omega) = \operatorname{sinc}(\omega + 1)$ .
- (b) Suppose that a function  $\delta(t)$  satisfies  $\widehat{\delta}(\omega) = 1$  and suppose  $\frac{d}{dt}u(t) = \delta(t)$ , where  $u(t)$  is the unit step function defined in the beginning of the assignment. Express the inverse Fourier transform of

$$\widehat{h}(\omega) = \sin(\omega)$$

using  $\delta(t)$  as well as its time-shift and scaling. (**Hint:** Find the relation to sinc function. Then, try to use properties of Fourier transform. You may have to express a rectangular function using the function  $u(t)$ . For example,  $\operatorname{rect}(t) = u(t + 1/2) - u(t - 1/2)$ . We will learn on Monday, what such function  $\delta(t)$  is.)

- (c) Use the same function  $\delta(t)$  as in part (b) to express the inverse Fourier transform of

$$\widehat{g}(\omega) = \sin(5\omega + \pi/6).$$

(**Hint:** Use (b).)

5. (**Convolution**) We will work out a couple of examples in class on Monday.

Consider the functions

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} -2, & -2 \leq t < 0 \\ 1, & 0 \leq t < 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 \leq t < 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and  $h(t) = (f * g)(t)$

- (a) Find  $h(t)$  and draw an accurate graph of this function on the interval  $-4 \leq t \leq 5$ . **Hint:** You should obtain a collection of straight line segments.
- (b) Find  $\widehat{h}(\omega)$ . **Hint:** Use the convolution property,  $\widehat{(f * g)}(\omega) = \widehat{f}(\omega)\widehat{g}(\omega)$ .
- (c) Compute the integral

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(\omega) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) e^{i\frac{3\omega}{2}} d\omega$$

(**Hint:** First, realize  $\operatorname{sinc}(\omega/2)$  as Fourier transform of a function. Then, see what this integral means: it is the inverse Fourier transform of a certain function. At what  $t$ ? Then, use a property of convolution. )

6. **(NOT TO HAND IN)**

Recall that the convolution of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  is the function  $f * g$  defined by

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s)g(t-s)ds$$

and that  $\widehat{(f * g)}(\omega) = \widehat{f}(\omega)\widehat{g}(\omega)$ . Justify the following properties of the convolution:

- (a)  $f * g = g * f$
- (b) For constants  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , we have  $(A_1f_1 + A_2f_2) * g = A_1(f_1 * g) + A_2(f_2 * g)$
- (c)  $(f_1 * f_2) * f_3 = f_1 * (f_2 * f_3)$

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