

Properties of Fourier Transform:

Here are the properties of Fourier Transform:

Linearity Property:

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega)$$

$$\& y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} Y(\omega)$$

Then linearity property states that

$$ax(t) + by(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} aX(\omega) + bY(\omega)$$

Time Shifting Property:

$$\left| \text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega) \right.$$

Then Time shifting property states that

$$x(t - t_0) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} e^{-j\omega t_0} X(\omega)$$

Frequency Shifting Property:

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega)$$

Then frequency shifting property states that

$$e^{j\omega_0 t} \cdot x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega - \omega_0)$$

Time Reversal Property:

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega)$$

Then Time reversal property states that

$$x(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(-\omega)$$

Time Scaling Property:

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega)$$

Then Time scaling property states that

$$x(at) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$$

Differentiation and Integration Properties

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega)$$

Then Differentiation property states that

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} j\omega \cdot X(\omega)$$

$$\frac{d^n x(t)}{dt^n} \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} (j\omega)^n \cdot X(\omega)$$

and integration property states that

$$\int x(t) dt \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} \frac{1}{j\omega} X(\omega)$$

$$\int \int \int \dots \int x(t) dt \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} \frac{1}{(j\omega)^n} X(\omega)$$

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Multiplication and Convolution Properties:

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega)$$

$$\& y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} Y(\omega)$$

Then multiplication property states that

$$x(t) \cdot y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} X(\omega) * Y(\omega)$$

and convolution property states that

$$x(t) * y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T}} \frac{1}{2\pi} X(\omega) \cdot Y(\omega)$$

Problem

Find the Fourier transform of the signal $x(t)$

$$x(t) = e^{-a|t|} \quad a > 0$$

Sol: Signal $x(t)$ can be rewritten as

$$x(t) = e^{-a|t|} = \begin{cases} e^{-at} & t > 0 \\ e^{at} & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} X(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{at} e^{-j\omega t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{(a-j\omega)t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(a+j\omega)t} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a-j\omega} + \frac{1}{a+j\omega} = \frac{2a}{a^2 + \omega^2}$$

Hence, we get

$$e^{-a|t|} \leftrightarrow \frac{2a}{a^2 + \omega^2}$$

