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Assignment 3

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Exercise 2. 1 Fourier Transform

The Fourier Transform is defined as

$$\mathcal{F}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t}dt$$

i).

Plug in the definition of f(x)

$$f(x) = \Pi_{a,b}(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 & a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right., \quad a,b \in \mathbb{R}$$

The Fourier transform is then calculated as

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{F}(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{a} 0 \cdot e^{-i\omega t} dt + \int_{a}^{b} e^{-i\omega t} dt + \int_{b}^{\infty} 0 \cdot e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{a}^{b} e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{-i\omega} \bigg|_{a}^{b} = \frac{e^{-i\omega b} - e^{-i\omega a}}{-i\omega} \end{split}$$