6.1 Using the Fourier transform analysis equation, find the Fourier transform X of each function x below.

(a) $x(t) = A\delta(t - t_0)$, where t_0 and A are real and complex constants, respectively;

(b) $x(t) = \text{rect}(t - t_0)$, where t_0 is a constant;

(c) $x(t) = e^{-4t}u(t-1)$;

(d) x(t) = 3[u(t) - u(t-2)]; and

(e) $x(t) = e^{-|t|}$.

Answer (d).

Let $X(\omega)$ denote the Fourier transform of x(t). From the Fourier transform analysis equation, we can write

$$X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 3[u(t) - u(t-2)]e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$= 3 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [u(t) - u(t-2)]e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$= 3 \int_{0}^{2} e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$= 3 \left[\frac{1}{-j\omega} e^{-j\omega t} \right]_{0}^{2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{-j\omega} \left[e^{-j\omega t} \right]_{0}^{2}$$

$$= \frac{j3}{\omega} \left[e^{-j2\omega} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{j3}{\omega} \left[e^{-j\omega} \right] \left[e^{-j\omega} - e^{j\omega} \right]$$

$$= \frac{j3}{\omega} e^{-j\omega} \left[-2j\sin\omega \right]$$

$$= \frac{6}{\omega} e^{-j\omega} \sin\omega$$

$$= 6e^{-j\omega} \sin\omega$$

$$= 6e^{-j\omega} \sin\omega$$

Answer (e).

Let $X(\omega)$ denote the Fourier transform of x(t). From the Fourier transform analysis equation, we have

$$\begin{split} X(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|t|} e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{0} e^{-|t|} e^{-j\omega t} dt + \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-|t|} e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{0} e^{t} e^{-j\omega t} dt + \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-t} e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{0} e^{(1-j\omega)t} dt + \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{(-1-j\omega)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{1-j\omega} \left[e^{(1-j\omega)t} \right]_{-\infty}^{0} - \frac{1}{1+j\omega} \left[e^{(-1-j\omega)t} \right]_{0}^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-j\omega} [1-0] - \frac{1}{1+j\omega} [0-1] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-j\omega} + \frac{1}{1+j\omega} \\ &= \frac{1+j\omega+1-j\omega}{(1+j\omega)(1-j\omega)} \\ &= \frac{2}{1+\omega^{2}}. \end{split}$$

- **6.2** Use a Fourier transform table and properties of the Fourier transform to find the Fourier transform X of each function x below.
 - (a) $x(t) = \cos(t-5)$;
 - (b) $x(t) = e^{-j\delta t}u(t+2);$
 - (c) $x(t) = [\cos t]u(t)$;
 - (d) x(t) = 6[u(t) u(t-3)];
 - (e) x(t) = 1/t;
 - (f) $x(t) = t \operatorname{rect}(2t)$;
 - (g) $x(t) = e^{-j3t} \sin(5t 2);$

 - (a) x(t) = c $\sin(3t 2)$; (b) $x(t) = \cos(5t 2)$; (i) $x(t) = e^{-j2t} \frac{1}{3t+1}$; (j) $x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{5t} e^{-\tau 1} u(\tau 1) d\tau$;
 - (k) $x(t) = (t+1)\sin(5t-3)$;
 - (1) $x(t) = (\sin 2\pi t)\delta(t \frac{\pi}{2});$

 - (m) $x(t) = e^{-jt} \frac{1}{3t-2}$; (n) $x(t) = e^{j5t} (\cos 2t) u(t)$; and (o) $x(t) = e^{-j2t} \operatorname{sgn}(-t-1)$.

Answer (c).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform *X* of

$$x(t) = [\cos t]u(t).$$

We begin by rewriting x(t) as

$$x(t) = v_1(t)v_2(t),$$

where

$$v_1(t) = \cos t$$
 and $v_2(t) = u(t)$.

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of each of the above equations yields

$$X(\omega) = rac{1}{2\pi}V_1(\omega) * V_2(\omega),$$
 $V_1(\omega) = \pi[\delta(\omega-1) + \delta(\omega+1)], \quad ext{and}$ $V_2(\omega) = \pi\delta(\omega) + rac{1}{i\omega}.$

Combining the above results, we obtain

$$\begin{split} X(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} V_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}) * V_2(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} V_1(\lambda) V_2(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \lambda) d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \pi \left[\delta(\lambda - 1) + \delta(\lambda + 1) \right] \left[\pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \lambda) + \frac{1}{j(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \lambda)} \right] d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \pi \left[\pi \delta(\lambda - 1) \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \lambda) + \delta(\lambda - 1) \frac{1}{j(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \lambda)} + \pi \delta(\lambda + 1) \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \lambda) + \delta(\lambda + 1) \frac{1}{j(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \lambda)} \right] d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1) + \frac{1}{j(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1)} + \pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1) + \frac{1}{j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1) + \pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1) - \frac{j}{\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1} - \frac{j}{\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1) + \pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1) + \frac{-j(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1) - j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1)}{\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - 1} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1) + \pi \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1) - \frac{j2\boldsymbol{\omega}}{\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - 1} \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1) + \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1) \right] - \frac{j\boldsymbol{\omega}}{\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - 1}. \end{split}$$

Answer (d).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform *X* of

$$x(t) = 6[u(t) - u(t-3)].$$

We begin by rewriting x(t) as

$$x(t) = 6v_3(t),$$

where

$$v_3(t) = v_2(t/3),$$

 $v_2(t) = v_1(t - \frac{1}{2}),$ and
 $v_1(t) = \text{rect}(t).$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of each of the above equations yields

$$X(\omega) = 6V_3(\omega),$$

 $V_3(\omega) = 3V_2(3\omega),$
 $V_2(\omega) = e^{-j\omega/2}V_1(\omega),$ and
 $V_1(\omega) = \mathrm{sinc}\,\omega/2.$

Combining the above results, we have

$$X(\omega) = 6V_3(\omega)$$

$$= 6(3)V_2(3\omega)$$

$$= 18V_2(3\omega)$$

$$= 18e^{-j3\omega/2}V_1(3\omega)$$

$$= 18e^{-j3\omega/2}\operatorname{sinc}\frac{3\omega}{2}.$$

Alternatively, we can restate this result in a slightly different form (i.e., in terms of complex exponentials) as follows:

$$\begin{split} X(\omega) &= 18e^{-j3\omega/2} \operatorname{sinc} \frac{3\omega}{2} \\ &= 18e^{-j3\omega/2} \frac{2}{3\omega} \left[\frac{1}{2j} \left[e^{j3\omega/2} - e^{-j3\omega/2} \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{6}{i\omega} [1 - e^{-j3\omega}]. \end{split}$$

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION. We have

$$\begin{split} X(\omega) &= 6\left(\mathcal{F}\{u(t)\} - \mathcal{F}\{u(t-3)\}\right) \\ &= 6\left(\pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega} - e^{-j3\omega}(\pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega})\right) \\ &= 6\left(\pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega} - \pi\delta(\omega)e^{-j3\omega} - \frac{1}{j\omega}e^{-j3\omega}\right) \\ &= 6\left(\pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega} - \pi\delta(\omega) - \frac{1}{j\omega}e^{-j3\omega}\right) \\ &= \frac{6}{j\omega}(1 - e^{-j3\omega}) \\ &= \frac{6}{j\omega}e^{-j3\omega/2}(e^{j3\omega/2} - e^{-j3\omega/2}) \\ &= \frac{6}{j\omega}e^{-j3\omega/2}(2j)\sin3\omega/2 \\ &= \frac{12}{\omega}e^{-j3\omega/2}\sin3\omega/2 \\ &= \frac{3\omega}{2}\frac{12}{\omega}e^{-j3\omega/2}(\frac{3\omega}{2})^{-1}\sin3\omega/2 \\ &= 18e^{-j3\omega/2}\sin3\omega/2. \end{split}$$

Answer (e).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform *X* of

$$x(t) = 1/t$$
.

From a table of Fourier transforms, we have

$$\operatorname{sgn} t \stackrel{\text{CTFT}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{2}{j\omega}$$
.

From this transform pair, we can use the duality property of the Fourier transform to deduce

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{2}{jt}\right\} = 2\pi \operatorname{sgn}(-\omega)$$
$$= -2\pi \operatorname{sgn}\omega.$$

Using this result and the linearity property of the Fourier transform, we can write

$$X(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{1/t\}$$

$$= \frac{j}{2}\mathcal{F}\{\frac{2}{ji}\}$$

$$= \frac{j}{2}[-2\pi\operatorname{sgn}\omega]$$

$$= -j\pi\operatorname{sgn}\omega.$$

Answer (f).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform *X* of

$$x(t) = t \operatorname{rect}(2t)$$
.

We begin by rewriting x(t) as

$$x(t) = tv_2(t),$$

where

$$v_2(t) = v_1(2t)$$
 and $v_1(t) = \text{rect}(t)$.

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of each of the above equations, we obtain

$$V_1(\omega) = \operatorname{sinc} \omega/2,$$

 $V_2(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}V_1(\frac{\omega}{2}),$ and $X(\omega) = j\frac{d}{d\omega}V_2(\omega).$

Combining the above results, we have

$$\begin{split} X(\omega) &= j \frac{d}{d\omega} V_2(\omega) \\ &= j \frac{d}{d\omega} \left[\frac{1}{2} V_1(\frac{\omega}{2}) \right] \\ &= \frac{j}{2} \frac{d}{d\omega} V_1(\frac{\omega}{2}) \\ &= \frac{j}{2} \frac{d}{d\omega} \operatorname{sinc} \frac{\omega}{4} \\ &= \frac{j}{2} \left[\frac{\frac{\omega}{4} \left(\frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\omega}{4} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\omega}{4}}{\omega^2 / 16} \right] \\ &= \frac{j}{2} \left[\frac{16 \left(\frac{\omega}{16} \cos \frac{\omega}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\omega}{4} \right)}{\omega^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{j}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\omega} \cos \frac{\omega}{4} - \frac{4}{\omega^2} \sin \frac{\omega}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{j}{2\omega} \cos \frac{\omega}{4} - \frac{j2}{\omega^2} \sin \frac{\omega}{4}. \end{split}$$

Answer (g).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform *X* of

$$x(t) = e^{-j3t} \sin(5t - 2).$$

We begin by rewriting x(t) as

$$x(t) = e^{-j3t}v_3(t),$$

where

$$v_3(t) = v_2(5t),$$

 $v_2(t) = v_1(t-2),$ and
 $v_1(t) = \sin t.$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of each of the above equations yields

$$\begin{split} V_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= \frac{\pi}{j} \left[\delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 1) - \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 1) \right], \\ V_2(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= e^{-j2\boldsymbol{\omega}} V_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}), \\ V_3(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= \frac{1}{5} V_2(\frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}}{5}), \quad \text{and} \\ X(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= V_3(\boldsymbol{\omega} + 3). \end{split}$$

Combining the above results, we obtain

$$\begin{split} X(\omega) &= V_3(\omega + 3) \\ &= \frac{1}{5}V_2(\frac{\omega + 3}{5}) \\ &= \frac{1}{5}e^{-j2(\omega + 3)/5}V_1(\frac{\omega + 3}{5}) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{j5}e^{-j2(\omega + 3)/5}\left[\delta(\frac{\omega + 3}{5} - 1) - \delta(\frac{\omega + 3}{5} + 1)\right] \\ &= -\frac{j\pi}{5}e^{-j2}\delta(\frac{\omega - 2}{5}) + \frac{j\pi}{5}e^{j2}\delta(\frac{\omega + 8}{5}) \\ &= -j\pi e^{-j2}\delta(\omega - 2) + j\pi e^{j2}\delta(\omega + 8). \end{split}$$

(In the above simplification, we used the fact that $\delta(at)=rac{1}{|a|}\delta(t)$.)

6.5 For each function y given below, find the Fourier transform Y of y (in terms of the Fourier transform X of x).

(a)
$$y(t) = x(at - b)$$
, where a and b are constants and $a \neq 0$;

(b)
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{2t} x(\tau) d\tau$$
;
(c) $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} x^2(\tau) d\tau$;

(c)
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} x^{2}(\tau) d\tau$$

(d)
$$y(t) = \mathcal{D}(x * x)(t)$$
, where \mathcal{D} denotes the derivative operator;

(e)
$$y(t) = tx(2t-1)$$
;

(f)
$$y(t) = e^{j2t}x(t-1)$$
;

(f)
$$y(t) = e^{j2t}x(t-1);$$

(g) $y(t) = (te^{-j5t}x(t))^*;$

(h)
$$y(t) = (\mathcal{D}x) * x_1(t)$$
, where $x_1(t) = e^{-jt}x(t)$ and \mathcal{D} denotes the derivative operator;

(i)
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{3t} x^*(\tau - 1) d\tau$$
;

(j)
$$y(t) = [\cos(3t - 1)]x(t)$$
;

(k)
$$y(t) = \left| \frac{d}{dt} x(t) \right| \sin(t-2)$$
:

(1)
$$y(t) = tx(t) \sin 3t$$
; and

(k)
$$y(t) = [cos(3t-1)]x(t)$$
,
(k) $y(t) = [\frac{1}{dt}x(t)]\sin(t-2)$;
(l) $y(t) = tx(t)\sin 3t$; and
(m) $y(t) = e^{j7t}[x*x(t-1)]$.

Answer (a).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform Y of

$$y(t) = x(at - b)$$
, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \neq 0$.

We rewrite y(t) as

$$y(t) = v_1(at)$$

where

$$v_1(t) = x(t-b)$$
.

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of the above equations yields

$$Y(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \frac{1}{|a|} V_1(\frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}}{a})$$
 and

$$V_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = e^{-j\boldsymbol{\omega}b}X(\boldsymbol{\omega}).$$

Combining these equations, we obtain

$$\begin{split} Y(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= \frac{1}{|a|} V_1(\frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}}{a}) \\ &= \frac{1}{|a|} e^{-j(\boldsymbol{\omega}/a)b} X(\boldsymbol{\omega}/a) \\ &= \frac{1}{|a|} e^{-jb\boldsymbol{\omega}/a} X(\boldsymbol{\omega}/a). \end{split}$$

Answer (b).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform Y of

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{2t} x(\tau) d\tau.$$

We rewrite y(t) as

$$y(t) = v_1(2t)$$

where

$$v_1(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau.$$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of the above equations yields

$$Y(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathcal{F}\{v_1(2t)\}\$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}V_1(\frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}}{2}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$V_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathcal{F}\left\{\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau)d\tau\right\}\$$

$$= \frac{1}{i\omega}X(\boldsymbol{\omega}) + \pi X(0)\delta(\boldsymbol{\omega}).$$

Combining the above equations, we obtain

$$\begin{split} Y(\omega) &= \frac{1}{2}V_1(\frac{\omega}{2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{j(\omega/2)}X(\frac{\omega}{2}) + \pi X(0)\delta(\frac{\omega}{2})\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{i\omega}X(\frac{\omega}{2}) + \frac{\pi}{2}X(0)\delta(\frac{\omega}{2}). \end{split}$$

Answer (c).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform Y of

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} x^2(\tau) d\tau.$$

We rewrite y(t) as

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} v_1(\tau) d\tau$$

where

$$v_1(t) = x^2(t).$$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of each of the above equations yields

$$V_1(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi}X(\omega)*X(\omega),$$
 and $Y(\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega}V_1(\omega) + \pi V_1(0)\delta(\omega).$

Combining the above results, we have

$$Y(\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega} \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\lambda) X(\omega - \lambda) d\lambda \right] + \pi \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\lambda) X(-\lambda) d\lambda \right] \delta(\omega)$$
$$= \frac{1}{j2\pi\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\lambda) X(\omega - \lambda) d\lambda + \frac{1}{2} \delta(\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\lambda) X(-\lambda) d\lambda.$$

Answer (d).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform Y of

 $y(t) = \mathcal{D}(x * x)(t)$, where \mathcal{D} denotes the derivative operator.

We rewrite y(t) as

$$y(t) = \frac{d}{dt}v_1(t)$$

where

$$v_1(t) = x(t) * x(t).$$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of these equations yields

$$Y(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{d}{dt}v_1(t)\right\}$$

$$= j\boldsymbol{\omega}V_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \text{ and }$$

$$V_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathcal{F}\left\{x(t) * x(t)\right\}$$

$$= X^2(\boldsymbol{\omega}).$$

Combining these equations, we obtain

$$Y(\omega) = j\omega V_1(\omega)$$

= $j\omega X^2(\omega)$.

Answer (e).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform Y of

$$y(t) = tx(2t - 1).$$

We rewrite y(t) as

$$y(t) = tv_1(t),$$

where

$$v_1(t) = v_2(2t)$$
 and $v_2(t) = x(t-1)$.

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of the above equations yields

$$Y(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{tv_1(t)\}\$$

$$= j\frac{d}{d\omega}V_1(\omega),\$$

$$V_1(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{v_2(2t)\}\$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}V_2(\frac{\omega}{2}), \text{ and }\$$

$$V_2(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{x(t-1)\}\$$

$$= e^{-j\omega}X(\omega).$$

Combining these equations, we obtain

$$Y(\omega) = j \frac{d}{d\omega} V_1(\omega)$$

$$= j \frac{d}{d\omega} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) V_2(\frac{\omega}{2}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{j}{2} \left[\frac{d}{d\omega} e^{-j\omega/2} X(\frac{\omega}{2}) \right].$$

ALTERNATE SOLUTION. In what follows, we use the prime symbol to denote derivative (i.e., f' denotes the derivative of f). We can rewrite y(t) as

$$y(t) = tv_1(t),$$

where

$$v_1(t) = v_2(2t)$$
, and $v_2(t) = x(t-1)$.

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of the above equations, we obtain

$$Y(\omega)=jV_1'(\omega),$$
 $V_1(\omega)=rac{1}{2}V_2(\omega/2), ext{ and }$ $V_2(\omega)=e^{-j\omega}X(\omega).$

In anticipation of what is to come, we compute the quantities:

$$V_1'(\omega) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) V_2'(\omega/2) = \frac{1}{4} V_2'(\omega/2) \text{ and}$$

$$V_2'(\omega) = -je^{-j\omega} X(\omega) + X'(\omega)e^{-j\omega}.$$

Combining the above equations, we have

$$\begin{split} Y(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= jV_1'(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ &= j\frac{1}{4}V_2'(\boldsymbol{\omega}/2) \\ &= \frac{j}{4}\left[-je^{-j\boldsymbol{\omega}/2}X(\boldsymbol{\omega}/2) + e^{-j\boldsymbol{\omega}/2}X'(\boldsymbol{\omega}/2)\right]. \end{split}$$

Answer (f).

We are asked to find the Fourier transform *Y* of

$$y(t) = e^{j2t}x(t-1).$$

We begin by rewriting y(t) as

$$y(t) = e^{j2t} v_1(t)$$

where

$$v_1(t) = x(t-1).$$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of the above equations yields

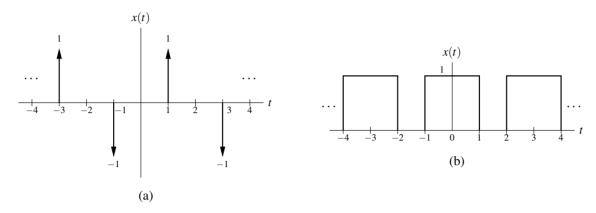
$$V_1(\omega) = e^{-j\omega}X(\omega)$$
 and $Y(\omega) = V_1(\omega - 2)$.

Combining the above results, we have

$$Y(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = V_1(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 2)$$

= $e^{-j(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 2)}X(\boldsymbol{\omega} - 2)$.

6.6 Find the Fourier transform *X* of each periodic function *x* shown below.



Answer (a).

The frequency ω_0 is given by $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{\pi}{2}$. Consider the period of x(t) for $-2 \le t < 2$. Let us denote this single period as $x_T(t)$. We have

$$x_T(t) = -\delta(t+1) + \delta(t-1).$$

Taking the Fourier transform of $x_T(t)$, we obtain

$$X_T(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{\delta(t-1) - \delta(t+1)\}$$

$$= \mathcal{F}\{\delta(t-1)\} - \mathcal{F}\{\delta(t+1)\}$$

$$= e^{-j\omega} - e^{j\omega}$$

$$= -[e^{j\omega} - e^{-j\omega}]$$

$$= -2j\sin\omega.$$

Using the formula for the Fourier transform of a periodic signal, we obtain

$$\begin{split} X(\omega) &= \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \omega_0 X_T(k\omega_0) \delta(\omega - k\omega_0) \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\pi}{2} [-2j\sin k\frac{\pi}{2}] \delta(\omega - k\frac{\pi}{2}) \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} -j\pi(\sin \frac{k\pi}{2}) \delta(\omega - \frac{k\pi}{2}). \end{split}$$

6.9 For each function x given below, compute the frequency spectrum of x, and find and plot the corresponding magnitude and phase spectra.

(a) $x(t) = e^{-at}u(t)$, where a is a positive real constant; and

(b)
$$x(t) = \operatorname{sinc} \frac{t-1}{200}$$
.

Answer (a).

Taking the Fourier transform of x(t), we obtain

$$X(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{e^{-at}u(t)\}\$$
$$= \frac{1}{a+j\omega}.$$

Computing the magnitude spectrum, we obtain

$$|X(\omega)| = \left| \frac{1}{a + j\omega} \right|$$
$$= \frac{|1|}{|a + j\omega|}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + \omega^2}}.$$

Computing the phase spectrum, we obtain

$$\arg X(\omega) = \arg \left[\frac{1}{a + j\omega} \right]$$

$$= \arg 1 - \arg(a + j\omega)$$

$$= 0 - \arg(a + j\omega)$$

$$= -\arg(a + j\omega)$$

$$= -\arctan \frac{\omega}{a}.$$

The magnitude and phase spectra are plotted below for a = 1.

