

Exercise 6.107

L Answer (a).

We are given the T -periodic function x , where

$$x(t) = \frac{A}{T}t \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T).$$

Let x_T denote a function equal to x on the interval $[0, T)$ and zero elsewhere. Let X_T denote the Fourier transform of x_T . Recalling the formula for the Fourier transform of a T -periodic function (expressed in terms of the Fourier transform of a single period of the function), we have

$$X(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2\pi}{T} X_T\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}k\right) \delta\left(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{T}k\right).$$

formula for FT of periodic function

we need to find X_T

From the Fourier-transform analysis equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} X_T(\omega) &= \int_0^T x_T(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_0^T \frac{A}{T} t e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \frac{A}{T} \int_0^T t e^{-j\omega t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

FT analysis equation

substitute x_T

pull constant out of integral

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To compute the integral in the preceding equation, there are two cases to consider: $\omega = 0$ and $\omega \neq 0$.

First, consider the case that $\omega \neq 0$. From (F.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X_T(\omega) &= \frac{A}{T} \left[\frac{1}{(-j\omega)^2} e^{-j\omega t} (-j\omega t - 1) \right] \Big|_0^T \\ &= \frac{A}{T} \left(\frac{1}{\omega^2} \right) [e^{-j\omega T} (j\omega T + 1)] \Big|_0^T \\ &= \frac{A}{T\omega^2} [e^{-j\omega T} (j\omega T + 1) - 1]. \end{aligned}$$

integrate ② $\omega \neq 0$

pull out factor

evaluate at T and 0

Evaluating X_T at $\frac{2\pi}{T}k$ (where $k \neq 0$), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X_T\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}k\right) &= \frac{A}{T(2\pi k/T)^2} [e^{-j2\pi k} (j2\pi k + 1) - 1] \\ &= \frac{AT}{4\pi^2 k^2} (j2\pi k) \\ &= \frac{jAT}{2\pi k} \quad \text{for } k \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

$e^{-j2\pi} = 1$

simplify

Now, consider the case that $\omega = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} X_T(\omega) &= \frac{A}{T} \int_0^T t dt \\ &= \frac{A}{T} \left[\frac{1}{2} t^2 \right] \Big|_0^T \\ &= \frac{A}{T} \left(\frac{1}{2} T^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{AT}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

integrate ② $\omega = 0$

actually integrate

evaluate at T and 0

simplify

Evaluating X_T at $\frac{2\pi}{T}k$ (where $k = 0$), we have

$$X_T\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}k\right) = \frac{AT}{2} \quad \text{for } k = 0.$$

Combining the above results, we have

↑ for $k \neq 0$ and $k = 0$

$$X_T\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}k\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{AT}{2} & k = 0 \\ \frac{jAT}{2\pi k} & k \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Using the formula for the Fourier transform of a periodic function from above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} X(\omega) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2\pi}{T} X_T\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}k\right) \delta\left(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{T}k\right) \quad \leftarrow \text{formula copied from above} \\ &= \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right) \left(\frac{AT}{2}\right) \delta(\omega) + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right) \left(\frac{jAT}{2\pi k}\right) \delta\left(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{T}k\right) \quad \leftarrow \text{substitute } X_T \\ &= \pi A \delta(\omega) + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{jA}{k} \delta\left(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{T}k\right). \quad \leftarrow \text{multiply constants} \end{aligned}$$

(Note that the “ \setminus ” symbol denotes set subtraction.)

↑ $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ is set of integers with 0 removed