

**Discussion 1**  
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## 1 Review

### 1.1 Integration by parts

Find the following definite integrals – (i)  $\int x e^{-x} dx$  (ii)  $\int x^2 e^{-x} dx$

*Hint:*  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

**Solution:**

- (i) To pick  $dv$ , we want to choose the part of the integrand that is easy to integrate, leaving the rest as  $u$ . Thus, :

$$u = x \quad ; \quad dv = e^{-x} dx$$

By differentiating  $u$  and integrating  $dv$ , we get  $du = dx$  and  $v = -e^{-x}$ . Finally, by substituting our differential results into the integration by parts formula:

$$\int x e^{-x} dx = -x e^{-x} - e^{-x}$$

- (ii) We select  $u = x^2$  ;  $dv = x e^{-x} dx$ . By differentiating  $u$ , we get  $du = 2x dx$ . The indefinite integral of  $x e^{-x}$  has been computed in part (i) as  $-x e^{-x} - e^{-x}$ . We substitute these in the integration by parts formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^2 e^{-x} dx &= \int x \cdot x e^{-x} dx = -x e^{-x} - e^{-x} \\ &= x (-x e^{-x} - e^{-x}) - \int (-x e^{-x} - e^{-x}) dx \\ &= -x^2 e^{-x} - x e^{-x} + \int x e^{-x} dx + \int e^{-x} dx \\ &= -(x^2 e^{-x} + 2x e^{-x} + 2e^{-x}) \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Problems

### 2.1 Euler's identity and trigonometric identities

Use Euler's identity to obtain an expression for  $e^{j(\alpha-\beta)} = e^{j\alpha}e^{-j\beta}$ . Obtain its real and imaginary components and show that

$$\tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

*Hint: Expand  $e^{j(\alpha-\beta)}$  and  $e^{j\alpha}e^{-j\beta}$ , and equate their real and imaginary parts.*

**Solution:**

Euler's identity is given by  $e^{j\theta} = \cos(\theta) + j \sin(\theta)$ , where  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ . The real and imaginary parts of  $e^{j\theta}$  can be expressed as  $Re\{e^{j\theta}\} = \cos \theta$ , and  $Im\{e^{j\theta}\} = \sin \theta$ .

$$e^{j(\alpha-\beta)} = \cos(\alpha - \beta) + j \sin(\alpha - \beta) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{j\alpha}e^{-j\beta} &= (\cos \alpha + j \sin \alpha) (\cos \beta - j \sin \beta) \\ &= (\cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta) + j (\sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts in (1) and (2), we get  $\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$  and  $\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta$ . We thus compute  $\tan(\alpha - \beta)$  as

$$\tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}{\cos(\alpha - \beta)}$$

Dividing the numerator and denominator by  $\cos \alpha \cos \beta$  yields  $\tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$  upon further simplification

## 2.2 Reflection, time shifting, and time scaling

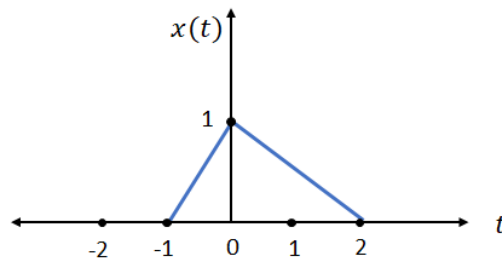
1. Consider a continuous time signal  $x(t)$  as described below

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

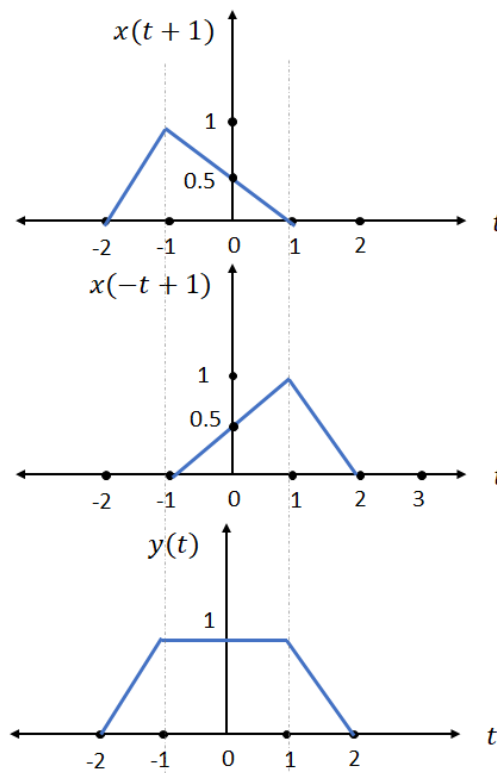
- a) Plot  $y(t) = x(t + 1) + x(-t + 1)$
- b) Is  $y(t)$  an even or odd signal? Express  $y(t)$  analytically.
- c) Plot  $x\left(-2t + \frac{3}{2}\right)$

**Solution:**

a) The signal  $x(t)$  can be given by



We always perform time shifting first, followed by time scaling. Thus, we first obtain  $x(t+1)$ , and then  $x(-t+1)$ . Signal  $y(t)$  can be obtained by adding the two as shown below.



(a)

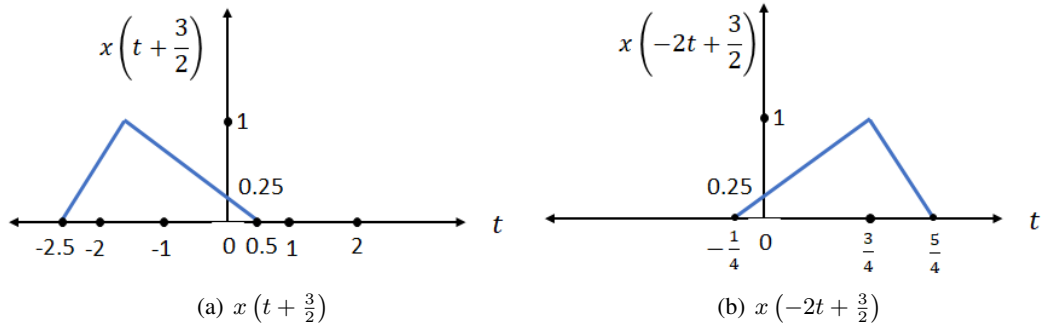
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b) It can be graphically seen as well as mathematically verified that  $y(t) = y(-t)$ . Thus,  $y(t)$  is an even signal. The odd signal component  $y_o(t) = \frac{y(t) - y(-t)}{2}$  is zero.

Further,  $y(t) = t + 2$  for all  $-2 \leq t \leq -1$  and  $y(t) = -t + 2$  for  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ . This can be captured by the condition  $y(t) = -|t| + 2 \forall 1 \leq |t| \leq 2$ . Thus,  $y(t)$  can be analytically expressed as follows:

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

c) We first obtain  $x\left(t + \frac{3}{2}\right)$  by time shifting, and then perform time scaling to obtain  $x\left(-2t + \frac{3}{2}\right)$ .



## 2.3 Even & Odd signal decomposition

Consider the continuous time signal  $x(t)$ , defined as follows

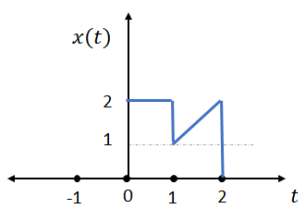
$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ t, & 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Plot and analytically express the even and odd components,  $x_e(t)$  and  $x_o(t)$  respectively, of the signal  $x(t)$ .
- Verify that the energy of  $x(t)$  is equal to the sum of the energies of  $x_e(t)$  and  $x_o(t)$ .
- Find the power of signal  $x(t)$ .

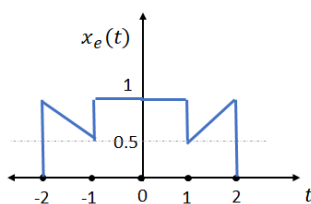
**Solution:**

a)

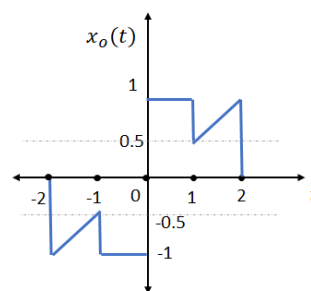
$$x_e(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{x(t)}{2}, & t \geq 0 \\ -\frac{x(t)}{2}, & t < 0 \end{cases} ; \quad x_o(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{x(t)}{2}, & t \geq 0 \\ -\frac{x(-t)}{2}, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$



(c) Signal  $x(t)$



(d) Even component



(e) Odd component

- Energy of signal  $x(t)$  is denoted as  $E_{x(t)}$ , and is computed as follows:

$$E_{x(t)} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_1^2 t^2 dt + \int_0^1 4 dt = \frac{(8-1)}{3} + 4 = \frac{19}{3}$$

The energies of the even and odd components,  $E_{x_e(t)}$  and  $E_{x_o(t)}$  respectively, are computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{x_e(t)} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x_e(t)|^2 dt = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^2 dt + \int_{-2}^{-1} \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^2 dt + \int_{-1}^1 1 dt \\ &= 2 \int_1^2 \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^2 dt + 2 \int_0^1 1 dt = 2 \left(\frac{7}{12} + 1\right) = \frac{19}{6} \\ E_{x_o(t)} &= 2 \int_1^2 \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^2 dt + 2 \int_0^1 1 dt = 2 \left(\frac{7}{12} + 1\right) = \frac{19}{6} \end{aligned}$$

This confirms that the total signal energy is the sum of the powers of its odd and even components.

That is,  $E_{x(t)} = E_{x_e(t)} + E_{x_o(t)}$ .

c) Since we found that  $x(t)$  has finite energy for all time, the power of this signal must be 0.