

Tune-Up Tuesday #9 Inverse Continuous-Time Fourier Transforms (Nov. 30, 2021)

Warm-up problem. Compute the inverse continuous-time Fourier transform of

$$X(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2 + j\omega}$$

Solution: This is the first entry in the table of Fourier transform pairs on page 338:

$$x(t) = e^{-a t} u(t) \text{ for } a > 0 \leftrightarrow X(j\omega) = \frac{1}{a + j\omega}$$

Hence, the inverse continuous-time Fourier transform for

$$X(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2 + j\omega}$$

is

$$x(t) = e^{-2 t} u(t)$$

Homework Problem 9.1(a)-(c) which *Signal Processing First* P-11.8(a)-(c) on page 343:

“In the following, the Fourier transform $X(j\omega)$ is given. Using the tables of Fourier transforms [page 338] and Fourier transform properties [page 339] to determine the inverse Fourier transform for each case. You may give your answer either as an equation or a carefully labeled plot, whichever is most convenient.”

Solution:

Part	$X(j\omega)$	Rewrite $X(j\omega)$	Notes	$x(t)$
(a)	$\frac{e^{-j\omega 3}}{2 + j\omega}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2 + j\omega}\right) \underbrace{(e^{-j\omega 3})}_{\text{delay by 3 in time domain}}$	Delay by 3s the result of $F^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2+j\omega}\right\}$	$e^{-2(t-3)} u(t-3)$
(b)	$\frac{j\omega}{2 + j\omega}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2 + j\omega}\right) \underbrace{(j\omega)}_{\text{differentiate}}$	Differentiate with respect to t the result of $F^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2+j\omega}\right\}$	$\frac{d}{dt}\{e^{-2t} u(t)\} = e^{-2t} \delta(t) - 2 e^{-2t} u(t)$
(c)	$\frac{(j\omega)}{2 + j\omega} e^{-j\omega 3}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2 + j\omega}\right) (j\omega)(e^{-j\omega 3})$	Differentiate with respect to t the result of $F^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2+j\omega}\right\}$ and then delay by 3s	We can delay the above result by 3s: $e^{-2(t-3)} \delta(t-3) - 2 e^{-2(t-3)} u(t-3)$