

Example 6.16 (Time-domain differentiation property). Find the Fourier transform X of the function

$$x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \delta(t).$$

Solution. Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of the given equation for x yields

$$X(\omega) = (\mathcal{F} \{ \frac{d}{dt} \delta(t) \}) (\omega).$$

Using the time-domain differentiation property of the Fourier transform, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} X(\omega) &= (\mathcal{F} \{ \frac{d}{dt} \delta(t) \}) (\omega) && \leftarrow \text{from definition of } X \\ &= j\omega \mathcal{F} \delta(\omega). && \leftarrow \text{time-domain differentiation property} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating the Fourier transform of δ using Table 6.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X(\omega) &= j\omega(1) && \leftarrow \mathcal{F} \delta(\omega) = 1 \\ &= j\omega. \end{aligned}$$

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