

The continuous time Fourier transform (CTFT) of a continuous time signal $x(t)$ is

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$$

The discrete time Fourier transform (DTFT) of a discrete time signal $x[n]$ is

$$X(f) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j2\pi fn}$$

For the same set of systems, describe how the Fourier transform of the output can be determined from that of the input (using the appropriate type of Fourier transform)

Systems:

- *Input:* $x(t)$; all real t

$$\text{Output: } y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau)e^{-\alpha(t-\tau)} d\tau; \text{ all real } t$$

- *Input:* $x(t)$; all real t

$$\text{Output: } y(t) = [a + mx(t)] \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta); \text{ all real } t$$

- *Input:* $x(t)$; all real t

$$\text{Output: } y[n] = x(n); \text{ all integer } n$$

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$$\text{Output: satisfies difference equation } y[n] = ay[n-1] + x[n]; \text{ all integer } n. \text{ The system is assumed to be causal.}$$

Solution: Some of these may have been derived in answering the first question, in which case they were skipped or just rephrased.

- $Y(f) = X(f)H(f)$ as before.

$$\bullet Y(f) = \frac{a}{2}(\delta(f - f_0) + \delta(f + f_0))e^{j\theta} + \frac{m}{2}[X(f - f_0) + X(f + f_0)]$$

- If the signal is bandlimited to $[-1/2, 1/2]$, then DTFT $Y(f)$ of the sampled waveform is the same as that of the original waveform for $f \in [-1/2, 1/2]$, the only range of f needed for inversion. If f is allowed to range over the entire real line, then the DTFT has periodic replicas of $X(f)$ with period 1.

A careful proof was not expected, I was more interested in either memory or intuition. A short proof is the following: If $X(f)$ is nonzero only in $[-1/2, 1/2]$, then in that region it can be expanded as a Fourier series in f as

$$X(f) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{-j2\pi kf}; f \in [-1/2, 1/2]$$

with

$$a_k = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} X(f)e^{j2\pi kf} df$$