

Properties of the Fourier Transform

- **Linearity**
- **Duality**
- **Complex Conjugate**
- **Time-scaling**
- **Time-shifting**
- **Frequency-shifting**
- **Convolution**
- **Time differentiation***
- **Time integration***

Linearity Property

- Fourier transform is a linear transformation

Given $f(t) \leftrightarrow F(\omega)$ and $g(t) \leftrightarrow G(\omega)$

Then $af(t) + bg(t) \leftrightarrow aF(\omega) + bG(\omega)$

where a, b are arbitrary constants

The results can be extended to any finite number of terms:

$$\sum_k a_k g_k(t) \leftrightarrow \sum_k a_k G_k(\omega)$$

Complex Conjugate Property

- If $g(t)$ is a real function of t , then $G(\omega)$ and $G(-\omega)$ are complex conjugate

$$G(-\omega) = G^*(\omega) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |G(-\omega)| = |G(\omega)| \text{ (even function)} \\ \theta_g(-\omega) = -\theta_g(\omega) \text{ (odd function)} \end{array} \right.$$

Duality Property

$$\begin{array}{c} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(t) e^{-j\omega t} \\ \longleftrightarrow \\ g(t) \quad G(\omega) \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} G(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \end{array}$$

$$g(t) \leftrightarrow G(\omega) \quad \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Duality}}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{G(t)\} = 2\pi g(-\omega)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{G(-t)\} = 2\pi g(\omega)$$

Time-scaling Property

If $g(t) \leftrightarrow G(\omega)$

Then, for any real constant a

$$g(at) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|} G\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$$

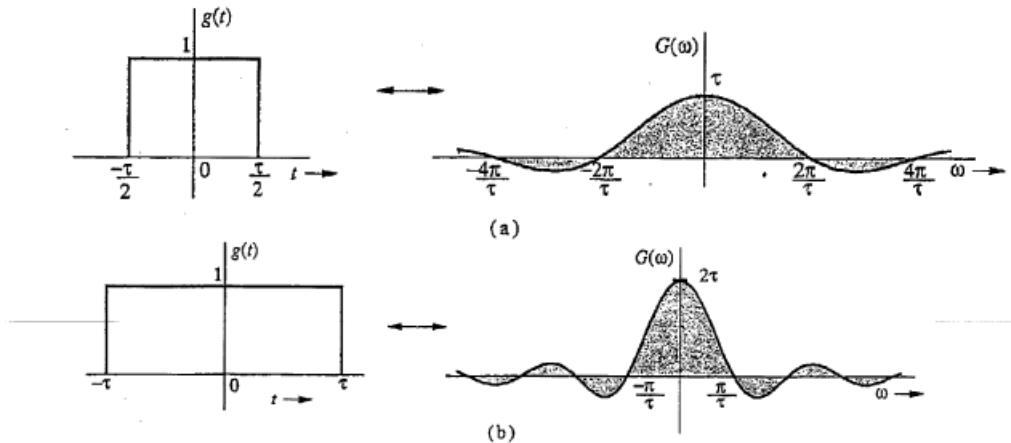


Fig (a): $g(t) = \text{rect}(t)$

Fig (b): $g(t) = \text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$

- $0 < a < 1$:
 - ✓ $g(at)$: expanded version of $g(t)$
 - ✓ $\mathcal{F}\{g(at)\}$: compressed version of $\mathcal{F}\{g(t)\}$
- $a > 1$:
 - ✓ $g(at)$: compressed version of $g(t)$
 - ✓ $\mathcal{F}\{g(at)\}$: expanded version of $\mathcal{F}\{g(t)\}$

Time compression of a signal results in spectral expansion and time expansion of a signal results in spectral compression

Time-shifting Property

If $g(t) \leftrightarrow G(\omega)$

$$g(t - t_o) \leftrightarrow e^{-j\omega t_o} G(\omega) \quad \text{and} \quad g(t + t_o) \leftrightarrow e^{j\omega t_o} G(\omega)$$

What is the Fourier Transform of $\text{rect}(t - 5)$ (using the time-shifting property)?

Frequency-shifting Property

If $g(t) \leftrightarrow G(\omega)$

$$g(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} \leftrightarrow G(\omega - \omega_0) \quad \text{and} \quad g(t)e^{-j\omega_0 t} \leftrightarrow G(\omega + \omega_0)$$

▪ Important applications

$$g(t) \cos(\omega_0 t) = \frac{1}{2} (g(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} + g(t)e^{-j\omega_0 t})$$

$$g(t) \cos(\omega_0 t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [G(\omega - \omega_0) + G(\omega + \omega_0)]$$

Multiplication of a signal $g(t)$ by the factor $[\cos(\omega_0 t)]$ places $G(\omega)$ centered at $\omega = \pm\omega_0$

Convolution Property

- The convolution of two functions $g(t)$ and $w(t)$, denoted by $g(t)*w(t)$, is defined as:

$$g(t) * w(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(\tau)w(t - \tau) d\tau$$

- Time/Frequency convolution property

If $g_1(t) \leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)$ and $g_2(t) \leftrightarrow G_2(\omega)$

Time convolution:

$$g_1(t) * g_2(t) \leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)G_2(\omega)$$

Frequency convolution:

$$g_1(t)g_2(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} G_1(\omega) * G_2(\omega)$$

Time differentiation Property

If $g(t) \leftrightarrow G(\omega)$

$$\frac{dg(t)}{dt} \leftrightarrow j\omega G(\omega)$$

Time integration Property

If $g(t) \leftrightarrow G(\omega)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^t g(\tau) d\tau \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{j\omega} G(\omega) + \pi G(0) \delta(\omega)$$

Summary

- Linearity

$$af(t) + bg(t) \leftrightarrow aF(\omega) + bG(\omega)$$

- Duality

$$G(t) \leftrightarrow 2\pi g(-\omega)$$

- Complex conjugate

$$G(-\omega) = G^*(\omega)$$

- Time-scaling

$$g(at) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|} G\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right), a \neq 0$$

- Time-shifting

$$g(t \pm t_o) \leftrightarrow e^{\pm j\omega_o t_o} G(\omega)$$

- Frequency-shifting

$$g(t)e^{\pm j\omega_o t} \leftrightarrow G(\omega \mp \omega_o)$$

- Convolution

$$g_1(t) * g_2(t) \leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)G_2(\omega) \text{ (time)}$$

- Time differentiation*

$$\frac{dg(t)}{dt} \leftrightarrow j\omega G(\omega)$$

- Time integration*

$$\int_{-\infty}^t g(\tau) d\tau \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{j\omega} G(\omega) + \pi G(0)\delta(\omega)$$