

# AMATH 503 HW7

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7.1.1. Find the Fourier transform of the following functions:

- (a)  $e^{-(x+4)^2}$ , (b)  $e^{-|x+1|}$ , (c)  $\begin{cases} x, & |x| < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  (d)  $\begin{cases} e^{-2x}, & x \geq 0, \\ e^{3x}, & x \leq 0, \end{cases}$
- (e)  $\begin{cases} e^{-|x|}, & |x| \geq 1, \\ e^{-1}, & |x| \leq 1, \end{cases}$  (f)  $\begin{cases} e^{-x} \sin x, & x > 0, \\ 0, & x \leq 0, \end{cases}$  (g)  $\begin{cases} 1 - |x|, & |x| \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

a)  $f(x) = e^{-(x+4)^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \hat{f}(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x+4)^2 - ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x^2 + 8x + 16) - ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-k^2 + (8+ik)x + (4+\frac{k^2}{2})^2 + 4ik - \frac{k^2}{2}} dx \\ &= \frac{e^{4ik - \frac{k^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x+4+\frac{k^2}{2})^2} dx \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{4ik - \frac{k^2}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

b)  $f(x) = e^{-|x+1|}$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{-1} e^{x+1 - ikx} dx + \int_{-1}^{\infty} e^{-x-1 - ikx} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \left[ \frac{e^{(-1-ik)}}{1-ik} + \frac{e^{(1+ik)}}{1+ik} \right] \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{e^{ik}}{k^2 + 1}} \end{aligned}$$

f)  $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin(x), x \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x-ikx} dx \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \sin(bx) e^{-ibx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{ibx}}{2i} e^{-ibx} e^{-ikx} dx \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} (-k^2 + 2ik + 2)}} \end{aligned}$$

◇ 7.1.5. (a) Find the Fourier transform of  $e^{i\omega x}$ . (b) Use this to find the Fourier transforms of the basic trigonometric functions  $\cos \omega x$  and  $\sin \omega x$ .

a)  $f(x) = e^{i\omega x}$

$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega x - ikx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(\omega-k)x} dx$$

$$= \boxed{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \delta(k-\omega)}$$

b) Note:

$$\cos(\omega x) = \frac{e^{i\omega x} + e^{-i\omega x}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{f}(\cos(\omega x)) = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{f}(e^{i\omega x}) + \hat{f}(e^{-i\omega x})) \\ = \boxed{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} [\delta(k+\omega) + \delta(k-\omega)]}$$

$$\sin(\omega x) = \frac{e^{i\omega x} - e^{-i\omega x}}{2i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{f}(\sin(\omega x)) = \frac{1}{2i} (\hat{f}(e^{i\omega x}) - \hat{f}(e^{-i\omega x})) \\ = \boxed{i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} [\delta(k+\omega) - \delta(k-\omega)]}$$

◇ 7.1.10. If the Fourier transform of  $f(x)$  is  $\hat{f}(k)$ , prove that (a) the Fourier transform of  $f(-x)$  is  $\hat{f}(-k)$ ; (b) the Fourier transform of the complex conjugate function  $\overline{f(x)}$  is  $\overline{\hat{f}(-k)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } F[f(-x)] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(-x) e^{-ikx} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i(-k)x} dx \\ &= \hat{f}(-k) \end{aligned}$$

□

b) Let the complex conjugate of  $f(x)$  be  $\bar{f}(x)$

$$\Rightarrow F(\bar{f}(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{f}(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\text{Note } \overline{e^{ikx}} = e^{-ikx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F(\bar{f}(x)) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{f}(x) e^{-ikx} dx \\ &= \hat{f}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Then using part a) we have:

$$F(\bar{f}(x)) = \overline{\hat{f}(x)}$$

□

7.3.8. Use the Fourier transform to find an integral formula for a bounded solution to the

$$\text{Airy differential equation } -\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = xu.$$

First note we have:

$$k^2 A(k) = i \cancel{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{u}(k) = C e^{-ik^2/2}$$

Hence we have:

$$u(x) = \frac{C}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(kx - k^2/2)} dk$$

Note the red part is odd and the real part is even we have:

$$u(x) = C \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \cos(kx + \frac{1}{3}k^3) dk$$

7.3.10. (a) Find the Fourier transform of the convolution  $h(x) = f_e * g(x)$  of an even exponential pulse  $f_e(x) = e^{-|x|}$  and a Gaussian  $g(x) = e^{-x^2}$ . (b) What is  $h(x)$ ?

a) We have  $f_e(x) = e^{-|x|}$ ,  $g(x) = e^{-x^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}(e^{-|x|}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{k^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}(e^{-x^2}) = \frac{e^{-k^2/4}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(f_e * g(x)) &= \sqrt{2\pi} \mathcal{F}(f_e) \cdot \mathcal{F}(g(x)) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{k^2 + 1} e^{-k^2/4}} \end{aligned}$$

b) Note:

$$h(x) = f_e * g(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow h(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikx} e^{-(k-x)^2} dk \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-ikx} e^{-(k-x)^2} dk + \int_0^{\infty} e^{ikx} e^{-(k+x)^2} dk \end{aligned}$$

Then note (let  $v = x - k$  we have):

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-ikx} e^{-(k-x)^2} dk = e^{ix} \int_{-\infty}^x e^v e^{-v^2} dv$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{ikx} e^{-(k+x)^2} dk = e^{ix} \int_0^{\infty} e^v e^{-v^2} dv$$

Then note:

$$\text{erf}(v) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^v e^{-t^2} dt$$

Then we have:

$$h(x) = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} (e^{ix} [1 - \text{erf}(\frac{1}{2} - ix)] + e^{ix} [1 - \text{erf}(\frac{1}{2} + ix)])}$$

7.3.12. Find the function whose Fourier transform is  $\hat{f}(k) = (k^2 + 1)^{-2}$ .

Note that the Fourier transform of  $e^{-|kx|}$  is  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{a}{k^2 + a^2}$

Hence we have :

$$g(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-|x|} \quad \text{where } \hat{g}(k) = \frac{1}{k^2 + 1}$$

Thus by Theorem 7.13 we have:

$$f(x) = \frac{g \cdot g(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \boxed{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} (1+|x|) e^{-|x|}}$$