

Here we provide the detailed explanation for equation (7.90) and (7.91). It is worth noting that in (7.90), the abbreviation "c.c." means "complex conjugate". Written in full, (7.90) should read

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) e^{ikx - i\omega(k)t} dk + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A^*(k) e^{-ikx + i\omega(k)t} dk \right] \quad (1)$$

By construction,  $u(x, t)$  is a real function. At  $t = 0$ ,

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) e^{ikx} dk + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A^*(k) e^{-ikx} dk \right] \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) [-i\omega(k)] e^{ikx} dk + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A^*(k) [i\omega(k)] e^{-ikx} dk \right\} \quad (3)$$

Integrating both sides of (2) and (3) with  $e^{-ik'x} dx$ , and recalling  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} dx = 2\pi \delta(p)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, 0) e^{-ik'x} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk A(k) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(k-k')x} dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk A^*(k) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i(k+k')x} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk A(k) \delta(k - k') + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk A^*(k) \delta(k + k') \right] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} [A(k') + A^*(-k')] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) e^{-ik'x} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk A(k) [-i\omega(k)] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(k-k')x} dx + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk A^*(k) [i\omega(k)] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i(k+k')x} dx \right\} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk A(k) [-i\omega(k)] \delta(k - k') + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk A^*(k) [i\omega(k)] \delta(k + k') \right\} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} \left\{ [-i\omega(k')] A(k') + [i\omega(-k')] A^*(-k') \right\} \quad \text{if we assume } \omega(k') = \omega(-k') \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} [-i\omega(k')] [A(k') - A^*(-k')] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Recombining (4) and (5) while relabeling  $k' \rightarrow k$ , we have

$$A(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ u(x, 0) + \frac{i}{\omega(k)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) \right] e^{-ikx} dx \quad (6)$$

$$A^*(-k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ u(x, 0) - \frac{i}{\omega(k)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) \right] e^{-ikx} dx \quad (7)$$

We see that (7) is consistent with (6) when  $\omega(k) = \omega(-k)$ .