

Fourier transform
(Solved problem)

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Worked out Examples:

Example-1: Find the Fourier transform of $F(x) = \begin{cases} x: |x| \leq a \\ 0: |x| > a. \end{cases}$

Solution: The given function can be written as follows: $F(x) = \begin{cases} x: -a \leq x \leq a \\ 0: x > a \text{ or } x < -a. \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (1)}$

From the definition of Fourier transform we have -

$$\begin{aligned} f(s) &= F\{F(x)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) e^{-isx} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{-a} F(x) e^{-isx} dx + \int_{-a}^a F(x) e^{-isx} dx + \int_a^{\infty} F(x) e^{-isx} dx \\ &= 0 + \int_{-a}^a x e^{-isx} dx + 0 \quad [\text{using (1)}] \\ &= \left[x \int e^{-isx} dx \right]_{-a}^a - \left[\int \left\{ \frac{d}{dx}(x) \right\} e^{-isx} dx \right]_{-a}^a \\ &= \left[x \cdot \frac{e^{-isx}}{-is} \right]_{-a}^a - \left[\int \frac{e^{-isx}}{-is} dx \right]_{-a}^a \\ &= \frac{1}{-is} \left[x e^{-isx} \right]_{-a}^a + \frac{1}{s^2} \left[e^{-isx} \right]_{-a}^a \quad [\because i^2 = -1] \\ &= -\frac{1}{is} \left[a e^{-isa} + a e^{isa} \right] + \frac{1}{s^2} \left[e^{-isa} - e^{isa} \right] \\ &= -\frac{2a}{is} \left[\frac{e^{-isa} + e^{isa}}{2} \right] + \frac{(-2i)}{s^2} \left[\frac{e^{isa} - e^{-isa}}{2i} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow F\{F(x)\} = -\frac{2a}{is} \cos(sa) - \frac{2i}{s^2} \sin(sa)$$

$$\Rightarrow F\{F(x)\} = -\frac{2i}{i^2 s} a \cos(sa) - \frac{2i}{s^2} \sin(sa)$$

$$\Rightarrow F\{F(x)\} = \frac{2i}{s^2} [a \cos(sa) - \sin(sa)], s \neq 0$$

which is the required Fourier transform of given function.

Example-2: Find the Fourier sine transform

$$\text{of } F(x) = \begin{cases} x; & 0 < x < 1 \\ 2-x; & 1 < x < 2 \\ 0; & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Solution: Given that

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} x; & 0 < x < 1 \\ 2-x; & 1 < x < 2 \\ 0; & x > 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

We know from definition that

$$f_s(s) = F_s\{F(x)\} = \int_0^{\infty} F(x) \sin(sx) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 F(x) \sin(sx) dx + \int_1^2 F(x) \sin(sx) dx + \int_2^{\infty} F(x) \sin(sx) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x \sin(sx) dx + \int_1^2 (2-x) \sin(sx) dx + \int_2^{\infty} 0 \cdot \sin(sx) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x \sin(sx) dx + \int_1^2 (2-x) \sin(sx) dx + 0$$

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$$= \left[x \int \sin bx \, dx \right]_0^1 - \left[\int \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} (x) \int \sin bx \, dx \right\} dx \right]_0^1$$

$$+ 2 \int_1^2 \sin bx \, dx + \int_1^2 x \sin bx \, dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{-x \cos bx}{b} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{\sin bx}{b^2} \right]_0^1 + 2 \left[\frac{-\cos bx}{b} \right]_1^2$$

$$- \left[\frac{-x \cos bx}{b} \right]_1^2 + \left[\frac{\sin bx}{b^2} \right]_1^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} [-\cos b] + \frac{1}{b^2} \sin b - \frac{2}{b} [\cos 2b - \cos b]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{b} [2 \cos 2b - \cos b] + \frac{1}{b^2} [\sin 2b - \sin b]$$

$$= -\frac{\cos b}{b} + \frac{\sin b}{b^2} - \frac{2 \cos 2b}{b} + \frac{2 \cos b}{b}$$

$$+ \frac{2 \cos 2b}{b} - \frac{\cos b}{b} - \frac{\sin 2b}{b^2} + \frac{\sin b}{b^2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin b}{b^2} - \frac{\sin 2b}{b^2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin b}{b^2} - \frac{2 \sin b \cos b}{b^2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin b}{b^2} [1 - \cos b] \text{ which is the required Fourier sine transform of the given function.}$$

Example-3: (a) Find the Fourier sine and cosine transform of $F(x) = e^{-x}$, $x > 0$.

(b) hence evaluate (i) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2+1)^2}$ & (ii) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{(x^2+1)^2}$ by use of Parseval's identity.

Solution: (a) From the definition of Fourier cosine transform we have

$$F_c \{ F(x) \} = f_c(s) = \int_0^{\infty} F(x) \cos sx \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_c(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \cos sx \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_c(s) = \left[\frac{e^{-x} (-1 \cos sx + s \sin sx)}{(-1)^2 + s^2} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_c(s) = \frac{0 - e^0 (-1 + 0)}{1 + s^2} = \frac{1}{1 + s^2}$$

$$\therefore f_c(s) = \frac{1}{1 + s^2} \quad \text{and } f(s) = \frac{1}{1 + s^2}$$

Now from the Parseval's identity of Fourier cosine transform we get

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(s)|^2 \, ds = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(x)|^2 \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} |f(s)|^2 \, ds = 2 \int_0^{\infty} |F(x)|^2 \, dx$$

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$$\int_0^{\infty} |F(x)|^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} |f(s)|^2 ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} |e^{-x}|^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(s^2+1)^2} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{ds}{(s^2+1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{e^{-2x}}{-2} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{ds}{(s^2+1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0 + \frac{1}{2}}{2} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{ds}{(s^2+1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2+1)^2} \quad [\text{replacing } s \text{ by } x]$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}}$$

Again from the definition of Fourier Sine transform we have

$$f_s(s) = \mathcal{F}_s \{ F(x) \} = \int_0^{\infty} F(x) \sin sx dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_s(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \sin sx dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_s(s) = \left[\frac{e^{-x} (-1 \sin sx - s \cos sx)}{(-1)^2 + s^2} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_s(s) = \frac{1}{1+s^2} [0 - e^0 (0 - s)] = \frac{s}{s^2+1}$$

Now from the Parseval's identity of Fourier sine transform we get

$$\int_0^{\infty} |F(x)|^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} |f_s(s)|^2 ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} |e^{-x}|^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{s^2}{(s^2+1)^2} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{s^2}{(s^2+1)^2} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{e^{-2x}}{-2} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{s^2}{(s^2+1)^2} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{(x^2+1)^2} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{(x^2+1)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}}$$

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Example-4: What is the function $F(x)$ or find $F(x)$ if its Fourier sine transform is $\frac{e^{-ax}}{x}$. Hence deduce $\mathcal{F}_s^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\}$.

Solution: Given that $f_s(s) = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}$.

We know $F(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{f_s(s)\} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f_s(s) \sin sx \, ds$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \sin(sx) \, ds \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Let } I = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \sin(sx) \, ds \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI}{dx} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \cdot s \cos(sx) \, ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI}{ds} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-as} \cos(sx) \, ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI}{ds} = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{a}{x^2 + a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI}{dx} = \frac{2a}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2}$$

Integrating both sides we get

$$I = \frac{2a}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C \quad \dots \textcircled{3}$$

Set $x=0$ in $\textcircled{3}$ we get $I = 0 + C \Rightarrow C = I$

Also set $x=0$ in $\textcircled{2}$ we get $I = 0 \Rightarrow I = C = 0$

$$\therefore I = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$$

i.e. $F(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$.

2nd part:

$$F^{-1}\{f_s(\beta)\} = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$$

$$\therefore F^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-a\beta}}{\beta}\right\} = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \dots \dots (4)$$

Set $a=0$, in (4) we get

$$F^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{\beta}\right\} = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(\tan \pi/2) = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$$

i.e. $F^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{\beta}\right\} = 1$ Ans.

Example-5: Find the (a) finite Fourier sine transform (b) finite Fourier cosine transform of $F(x) = 2x$, $0 < x < 4$.

Solution: (a) We know that the finite Fourier sine transform of $F(x)$ is

$$f_s(\beta) = F_s\{F(x)\} = \int_0^4 F(x) \sin\left(\frac{8\pi x}{4}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_s(\beta) = \int_0^4 (2x) \sin \frac{8\pi x}{4} dx$$

$$= \left[-2x \int \sin \frac{8\pi x}{4} dx \right]_0^4 - \left[\left\{ \frac{d}{dx}(2x) \int \sin \frac{8\pi x}{4} dx \right\} \right]_0^4$$

$$= \left[-2x \cdot \frac{4}{8\pi} \cos \frac{8\pi x}{4} \right]_0^4 + \frac{8}{8\pi} \left[\int \cos \left(\frac{8\pi x}{4} \right) dx \right]_0^4$$

$$= -\frac{32}{8\pi} \cos 8\pi + 0 + \frac{32}{8\pi} \left[\sin \frac{8\pi x}{4} \right]_0^4$$

$$= -\frac{32}{8\pi} \cos 8\pi + \frac{32}{8\pi} [0 - 0]$$

$= -\frac{32}{8\pi} \cos 8\pi$ which is the required finite Fourier sine transform of the given function.

(b) From the definition of finite Fourier cosine transform, we have

$$f_c(s) = \mathcal{F}_c \{ F(x) \} = \int_0^4 F(x) \cos\left(\frac{3sx}{4}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_c(s) = \int_0^4 (2x) \cdot \cos \frac{3sx}{4} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_c(s) = \left[2x \cdot \frac{4}{3s} \sin \frac{3sx}{4} \right]_0^4 - \frac{8}{3s} \int_0^4 \sin\left(\frac{3sx}{4}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_c(s) = 0 - \frac{8}{3s} \left(-\frac{4}{3s} \right) \cdot \left[\cos \frac{3sx}{4} \right]_0^4$$

$$\Rightarrow f_c(s) = 0 + \frac{32}{3^2 s^2} [\cos 8\pi - 1]$$

i.e. $f_c(s) = \frac{32}{3^2 s^2} [\cos 8\pi - 1]$ which is the required finite Fourier cosine transform of the given function.

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Application of Fourier transform:

Example-6: Use finite Fourier transform to solve $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$, $U(0,t) = 0$, $U(4,t) = 0$, $U(x,0) = 2x$, where $0 < x < 4$, $t > 0$ and interpret the result physically.

Solution: Given that $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$ --- (1)

with $U(0,t) = 0$, $U(4,t) = 0$, $U(x,0) = 2x$, $0 < x < 4$
According to given B.C. here FF sine transform is more useful.

Taking the finite Fourier sine transform of both sides of (1) with $\lambda = 4$, we get

$$\int_0^4 \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) dx = \int_0^4 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) dx \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Let } u = u(x,t) = \int_0^4 U(x,t) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) dx \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{du}{dt} = \int_0^4 \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^4 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) dx \quad [\text{Using (2)}]$$

$$= \left[\sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right]_0^4 - \frac{3\pi}{4} \int_0^4 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} dx$$

$$= 0 - \frac{3\pi}{4} \int_0^4 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} dx$$

$$= -\frac{3\pi}{4} \left[\cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) \cdot U(x,t) \right]_0^4 - \frac{3^2 \pi^2}{16} \int_0^4 U(x,t) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = 0 - \frac{8^v a^v}{16} \int_0^4 U(x,t) \sin\left(\frac{8ax}{4}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = - \frac{8^v a^v}{16} \cdot u \quad [\text{using } \textcircled{3}] \quad \left[\because U(0,t) = U(4,t) = 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{u} = - \frac{8^v a^v}{16} dt$$

Integrating both sides we get

$$\log u = - \frac{8^v a^v}{16} t + \log A, \text{ where } A \text{ being some constant of integration.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log u = \log e^{-\frac{8^v a^v}{16} t} + \log A$$

$$\Rightarrow \log u = \log \left\{ A \cdot e^{-\frac{8^v a^v}{16} t} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = A e^{-\frac{8^v a^v}{16} t}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = A e^{-\frac{8^v a^v}{16} t} \quad \dots \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$\text{When } t=0, \text{ then } u(x,0) = A e^0 = A$$

$$\Rightarrow A = u(x,0) \quad \dots \quad \textcircled{5}$$

Now from $\textcircled{3}$ we get

$$u(x,t) = \int_0^4 U(x,t) \sin\left(\frac{8ax}{4}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,0) = \int_0^4 U(x,0) \sin\left(\frac{8ax}{4}\right) dx \quad [\because t=0]$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,0) = \int_0^4 (2x) \cdot \sin \frac{8ax}{4} dx$$

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$$\Rightarrow u(x,0) = \left[-2x \cdot \frac{4}{8\pi} \cos\left(\frac{8\pi x}{4}\right) \right]_0^4 + \frac{8}{8\pi} \int_0^4 \cos\left(\frac{8\pi x}{4}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,0) = -\frac{32}{8\pi} \cos(8\pi) + 0 + \frac{32}{8\pi} \left[\sin\left(\frac{8\pi x}{4}\right) \right]_0^4$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,0) = -\frac{32}{8\pi} \cos(8\pi) + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,0) = -\frac{32}{8\pi} \cos(8\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{32}{8\pi} \cos(8\pi) \quad [\text{using (5)}]$$

Now putting the values of A in (4)

$$u(x,t) = -\frac{32}{8\pi} \cos(8\pi) \cdot e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{16} t} \quad (= f_8(x) \text{ say})$$

Now applying the inversion formula for finite Fourier sine transform, we get

$$U(x,t) = \frac{2}{h_2} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(-\frac{32}{8\pi} \right) \cos(8\pi) e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{16} t} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{8\pi x}{4}\right) \right]$$

Which is the required solution of the given partial differential equation.

$$\therefore \cos 8\pi = (-1)^8$$

$$[P.T.O.]$$

$$\Rightarrow U(x,t) = \frac{16}{\pi} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(-1)^{s+1}}{s} e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{16} t} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{8\pi x}{4}\right) \right]$$

2nd part: physical interpretation:

Physically, $U(x,t)$ represents the temperature at any point x at any time t in solid bounded by the planes $x=0$ and $x=4$. The condition $U(0,t)=0$ and $U(4,t)=0$ implies that the ends are kept at zero temperature while $U(x,0)=2x$ implies that the initial temperature is a function of x .

Example-7: Using Fourier transform (finite) to solve $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$; $U_x(0,t)=0$; $U_x(6,t)=0$, $U(x,0)=2x$, $0 < x < 6$, $t > 0$.

Solution: Given that $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$ --- (1)

with $U_x(0,t)=0$, $U_x(6,t)=0$ & $U(x,0)=2x$ --- (2)

According to the given boundary conditions, here the finite Fourier cosine transform is more useful.

Now taking the finite Fourier cosine transform (with $l=6$) of both sides of (1),

$$\text{we get} - \int_0^6 \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \cos \frac{s\pi x}{6} dx = \int_0^6 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \cos \frac{s\pi x}{6} dx \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

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$$\text{Let } u = u(x, t) = \int_0^6 U(x, t) \cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} dx \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{du}{dt} = \int_0^6 \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} dx$$

$$= \int_0^6 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} dx \quad [\text{Using (3)}]$$

$$= \left[\cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right]_0^6 + \frac{8\pi}{6} \int_0^6 \sin \frac{8\pi x}{6} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} dx$$

$$= \left[\cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} U_x(x, t) \right]_0^6 + \frac{8\pi}{6} \left\{ \left[\sin \frac{8\pi x}{6} \cdot U(x, t) \right]_0^6 - \frac{8\pi}{6} \int_0^6 \cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} U(x, t) dx \right\}$$

$$= \cos 8\pi \cdot U_x(6, t) - 1 \cdot U_x(0, t) + \frac{8\pi}{6} \left\{ \sin 8\pi \cdot U(6, t) - 0 - \frac{8\pi}{6} u \right\} \quad [\text{Using (4)}]$$

$$= \cos 8\pi \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0 + \frac{8\pi}{6} \left\{ 0 \cdot U(6, t) - \frac{8\pi}{6} u \right\} \quad [\text{Using (2) \& } \sin 8\pi = 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = - \frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} u$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{u} = - \frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} dt$$

Integrating both sides we get

$$\log u = - \frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} t + \log A, \quad A \text{ being the const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log u = \log e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} t} + \log A$$

$$\Rightarrow \log u = \log \left\{ A \cdot e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} t} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = A e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} t}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = A e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} t} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

putting $t=0$ in (5) we get

$$u(x, 0) = A e^0 = A \Rightarrow A = u(x, 0) \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

Again putting $t=0$ in (4) we get

$$u(x, 0) = \int_0^6 u(x, 0) \cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \int_0^6 2x \cdot \cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} dx \quad [\text{using (2) \& (6)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2 \left[x \cdot \frac{\sin(\frac{8\pi x}{6})}{8\pi/6} - (1) \cdot \frac{-\cos(\frac{8\pi x}{6})}{(8\pi/6)^2} \right]_0^6$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2 \cdot \left[\frac{6x}{8\pi} \sin\left(\frac{8\pi x}{6}\right) + \frac{36}{8^2 \pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{8\pi x}{6}\right) \right]_0^6$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2 \cdot \left[\frac{36}{8\pi} \sin 8\pi - 0 + \frac{36}{8^2 \pi^2} \cos 8\pi - \frac{36^0 \cdot 1}{8^2 \pi^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2 \cdot \left[\frac{36}{8\pi} \cdot 0 - 0 + \frac{36}{8^2 \pi^2} \cos 8\pi - \frac{36}{8^2 \pi^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{72}{8^2 \pi^2} [\cos 8\pi - 1]$$

\therefore Putting the value of A in (5) we obtain

$$u(x, t) = \frac{72}{8^2 \pi^2} [\cos 8\pi - 1] \cdot e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} t} \dots \dots (7)$$

Now taking the inverse finite Fourier cosine transform on both sides of (7) we get

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{6} f_c(0) + \frac{2}{6} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{72}{8^2 \pi^2} (\cos 8\pi - 1) e^{-\frac{8^2 \pi^2}{36} t} \cdot \cos \frac{8\pi x}{6} \dots \dots (8)$$

Since $f_c(3) = \int_0^6 \cancel{u(x,t)} F(x) \cos \frac{3\pi x}{6} dx$

So $f_c(0) = \int_0^6 F(x) dx = \int_0^6 u(x,0) dx$

$\Rightarrow f_c(0) = \int_0^6 2x dx = [x^2]_0^6 = 36$

Thus from (6) we obtain

$$U(x,t) = 6 + \frac{24}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\cos 3n\pi - 1)}{n^2} e^{-\frac{3^2 n^2 \pi^2}{36} t} \cos \frac{3n\pi x}{6}$$

which is the required solution of the given partial differential equation.

Example-8: Use the complex form of the Fourier transform to solve the boundary value problem $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$, $U(x,0) = f(x)$, $|U(x,t)| < M$ where $-\infty < x < \infty$ and also give a physical interpretation.

Solution: Given that $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$ --- (1)

Since $|U(x,t)| < M$ $U(x,0) = f(x)$ --- (2)

So $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} U(x,t) = U(\infty, t) = 0$ --- (3)

& $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} U_x(x,t) = U_x(\infty, t) = 0$ --- (4)

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides of (1) we get

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right\} = \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} e^{-isx} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} e^{-isx} dx \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\text{Let } u = u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(x, t) e^{-isx} dx \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{du}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} e^{-isx} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} e^{-isx} dx \quad [\text{Using (5)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = \left[e^{-isx} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + is \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-isx} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = \left[e^{-isx} U_x(x, t) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + is \left\{ \left[e^{-isx} U(x, t) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + is \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-isx} U(x, t) dx \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = 0 + is \cdot 0 + i^2 s^2 u \quad [\text{by using (3), (4) \& (6)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = -s^2 u$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{u} = -s^2 dt, \text{ integrating both sides we get}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log u = -s^2 t + \log A, \text{ A being constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log u = \log e^{-s^2 t} + \log A = \log(A e^{-s^2 t})$$

$$\Rightarrow u = A e^{-s^2 t}$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = A e^{-\gamma^2 t} \quad \dots \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, 0) = A e^0 = A$$

$$\Rightarrow A = u(x, 0) \quad \dots \quad (8)$$

Putting $t = 0$ in (6) we get

$$u(x, 0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, 0) e^{-i\gamma x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\gamma x} dx = \mathcal{F}\{f(x)\} = f(\gamma) \quad \dots \quad (9)$$

where $f(\gamma)$ is the Fourier transform of $f(x)$.

\therefore From (7) we get

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\gamma) \cdot e^{-\gamma^2 t}$$

Now taking the inverse Fourier transform on both sides we obtain

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ e^{-\gamma^2 t} \cdot f(\gamma) \} \cdot e^{i\gamma x} d\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\gamma) \cdot e^{-\gamma^2 t + i\gamma x} d\gamma$$

Which is the required solution, where $f(\gamma)$ is the Fourier transform of $f(x)$. Ans.

Physical interpretation:

The problem is that of determining the temperature in a thin infinite bar whose surface is insulated and whose initial temperature is $f(x)$.