

Introduction

The Fourier Series expresses any periodic function into a sum of sinusoids. The Fourier transform is the extension of this idea to non-periodic functions by taking the limiting form of Fourier Series when the fundamental period is made very large (infinite). Fourier transform finds its applications in astronomy, signal processing, linear time invariant (LTI) systems etc.

Some useful results in computation of the Fourier transforms

$$* \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} \sin \lambda x dx = \frac{\lambda}{a^2 + \lambda^2}$$

$$* \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} \cos \lambda x dx = \frac{a}{a^2 + \lambda^2}$$

$$* \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \lambda x}{x} dx = \pi/2, \lambda > 0$$

$$\text{when } \lambda = 1, \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \pi/2$$

$$* \sin ax = \frac{e^{iax} - e^{-iax}}{2i}$$

$$* \cos ax = \frac{e^{iax} + e^{-iax}}{2}$$

$$* \int_0^{\infty} e^{-a^2 x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2a}$$

$$\text{when } a = 1, \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

Dirichlet's Conditions

* $f(x)$ is absolutely integrable
(i.e) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx$ is convergent

* The function $f(x)$ has a finite number of maxima and minima

* $f(x)$ has only finite number of discontinuities in any finite

Fourier Transform

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$$f(x) \longrightarrow \boxed{\text{Fourier transform}} \longrightarrow \bar{f}(s)$$

The Fourier transform of $f(x)$; $-\infty < x < \infty$ denoted by $\bar{f}(s)$ where $s \in \mathbb{R}$, is given by

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

Inverse Fourier Transform

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{f}(s) e^{-isx} ds$$

Fourier Sine Transform

$$F_s\{f(x)\} \equiv \bar{f}_s(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin sx dx$$

Inverse Sine Transform

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \bar{f}_s(s) \sin sx ds$$

Fourier Cosine Transform

$$F_c\{f(x)\} \equiv \bar{f}_c(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cos sx dx$$

Inverse Cosine transform

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \bar{f}_c(s) \cos sx ds$$

Properties of Fourier Transform

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* Linearity property

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(\omega) \text{ and } y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} Y(\omega)$$

$$\text{then } ax(t) + by(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} aX(\omega) + bY(\omega)$$

* Time Shifting property

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(\omega) \text{ then } x(t-t_0) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} e^{-i\omega t_0} X(\omega)$$

* Frequency Shifting property

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(\omega) \text{ then } e^{i\omega_0 t} x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(\omega - \omega_0)$$

* Time Reversal property

$$\text{If } x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(\omega) \text{ then } x(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(-\omega)$$

* Change of scale property

$$\text{If } F(f(x)) = F(s) \text{ then } F(F(ax)) = \frac{1}{|a|} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

$$* F[e^{iax} f(x)] = F(s+ia)$$

$$* F[f(x) \cos ax] = \frac{1}{2} [F(s-a) + F(s+a)]$$

Convolution Theorem

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The convolution of two functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is defined by $f(x) * g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) g(x-t) dt$

The Fourier transform of the convolution of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is the product of their Fourier transform

$$F[f(x) * g(x)] = F(s) \cdot G(s)$$

Parseval's Identity

If $F(s)$ is Fourier transform of $f(x)$ then

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

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Find Fourier sine transform of (i) $1/x$ (ii) $2e^{-3x} + 3e^{-2x}$

Soln

By defn, we have $F_s\{f(x)\} = \bar{f}_s(\lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin \lambda x dx$

$$\therefore \bar{f}_s(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \sin sx dx = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \sqrt{\pi/2}$$

$$(ii) \therefore \bar{f}_s(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} (2e^{-3x} + 3e^{-2x}) \sin sx dx$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-3x} \sin sx dx + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} 3e^{-2x} \sin sx dx$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{2e^{-3x}}{9+\lambda^2} [-3 \sin \lambda x - \lambda \cos \lambda x] \right]_0^{\infty} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{3e^{-2x}}{4+\lambda^2} (-2 \sin \lambda x - \lambda \cos \lambda x) \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[0 + \frac{2\lambda}{9+\lambda^2} \right] + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[0 + \frac{3\lambda}{4+\lambda^2} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{5\lambda^2 + 35\lambda}{(4+\lambda^2)(9+\lambda^2)} \right] //$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} e^{ax} \sin bx dx &= \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2+b^2} [a \sin bx - b \cos bx] \\ \int_0^{\infty} e^{ax} \cos bx dx &= \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2+b^2} [a \cos bx + b \sin bx] \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{ax} \sin bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2+b^2} [a \sin bx - b \cos bx]_0^{\infty} = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2+b^2} [-b \cos bx]_0^{\infty}$$

Find the Fourier transform of $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| < 1 \\ 0, & |x| > 1 \end{cases}$ Hence deduce

that (i) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \pi/2$

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(ii) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin t}{t}\right)^2 dt = \pi/2$

Solⁿ $F[f(x)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{isx} dx$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{-1} 0 \cdot e^{isx} dx + \int_{-1}^1 e^{isx} dx + \int_1^{\infty} 0 \cdot e^{isx} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 (\cos sx + i \sin sx) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 \cos sx dx + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 \sin sx dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^1 \cos sx dx + 0$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[\frac{\sin sx}{s} \right]_0^1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[\frac{\sin s}{s} - 0 \right] \text{ ie } F[f(x)] = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[\frac{\sin s}{s} \right]$$

Using inverse Fourier transform, we have

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F[f(x)] e^{-isx} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\sin s}{s} \right) (\cos sx - i \sin sx) ds$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{\pi} \cdot \sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin s}{s} (\cos sx - i \sin sx) ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin s}{s} (\cos sx) ds - i \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin s \cos sx ds$$

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$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin s}{s} \cos sx \, ds = 0$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin s}{s} \right) \cos sx \, ds = \frac{\pi}{2} f(x)$$

Put $x=0$ we get

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin s}{s} \, ds = \frac{\pi}{2} f(0)$$

$$\boxed{f(x)=1}$$

$$\boxed{f(0)=1}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} (1) = \pi/2$$

$$(ie) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} \, dt = \pi/2$$

Using Parseval's identity

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

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\sin s}{s} \right)^2 \, ds = \int_{-\infty}^{-1} 0 \, dx + \int_{-1}^1 (1)^2 \, dx + \int_1^{\infty} 0 \, dx$$

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin s}{s} \right)^2 \, ds = \int_{-1}^1 dx$$

$$\frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin s}{s} \right)^2 \, ds = [x]_{-1}^1 = 1 - (-1) = 2$$

$$\frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin s}{s} \right)^2 \, ds = 2$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin s}{s} \right)^2 \, ds = 2 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin s}{s} \right)^2 \, ds = \pi/2$$

$$(ie) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} \, dt = \pi/2 //$$

Find the Fourier transform of $f(x) = \begin{cases} a^2 - x^2, & |x| < a \\ 0, & |x| \geq a \end{cases}$ (7)

Hence deduce that (i) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin s - s \cos s}{s^3} ds = \pi/4$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{-a} 0 e^{isx} dx + \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) e^{isx} dx + \int_a^{\infty} 0 \cdot e^{isx} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) (\cos sx + i \sin sx) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) \cos sx dx + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) \sin sx dx$$

$$= \frac{1 \times 2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2) \cos sx dx$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[(a^2 - x^2) \left(\frac{\sin sx}{s} \right) - (-2x) \left(\frac{-\cos sx}{s^2} \right) + (-2) \left(\frac{-\sin sx}{s^3} \right) \right]_0^a$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[0 - \frac{2a \cos as}{s^2} + \frac{2 \sin as}{s^3} - 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow F[f(x)] = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{\sin as - a \cos as}{s^3} \right]$$

When $a=1$ we have

$$F[f(x)] = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{\sin s - s \cos s}{s^3} \right]$$

using inverse Fourier transform we have

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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F[f(x)] e^{-isx} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{8\sin s - 8\cos s}{s^3} \right) (\cos sx - i\sin sx) ds$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{8\sin s - 8\cos s}{s^3} \cos sx ds - i \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{8\sin s - 8\cos s}{s^3} \sin sx ds$$

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{8\sin s - 8\cos s}{s^3} \right) \cos sx ds - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{8\sin s - 8\cos s}{s} \right) \cos sx ds = \frac{\pi}{4} f(x) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Put $x=0$ in equation ① we get

$$\int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{8\sin s - 8\cos s}{s^3} \right) ds = \frac{\pi}{4} f(0)$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{8\sin t - 8\cos t}{t^3} \right) dt = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a^2 - x^2 \\ f(x) &= 1 - x^2 \\ f(0) &= 1 - 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$*** \quad (ii) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{8\sin s - 8\cos s}{s^3} \cos \frac{s}{2} ds = \frac{3\pi}{16}$$

→ Assignment prob ①

Find the Fourier Transform of $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-|x|, & |x| < 1 \\ 0, & |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$ ⑨

Hence deduce that $\int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin t}{t}\right)^4 dt = \frac{\pi}{3}$

Solⁿ

$$\begin{aligned} F[f(x)] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{isx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{-1} 0 \cdot e^{isx} dx + \int_{-1}^1 (1-|x|) e^{isx} dx + \int_1^{\infty} 0 \cdot e^{isx} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 (1-|x|) (\cos sx + i \sin sx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 (1-|x|) \cos sx dx + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 (1-|x|) \sin sx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 (1-|x|) \cos sx dx + 0 \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^1 (1-x) \cos sx dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[(1-x) \frac{\sin sx}{s} - (-1) \left(-\frac{\cos sx}{s} \right) \right]_0^1 \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\left\{ 0 - \frac{\cos s}{s^2} \right\} - \left\{ 0 - \frac{1}{s^2} \right\} \right] \\ \text{(ie)} \quad F[f(x)] &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{1 - \cos s}{s^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Using Parseval's identity we have

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

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{1 - \cos s}{s^2} \right] \right)^2 ds = \int_{-\infty}^1 0 dx + \int_{-1}^1 (1 - |x|)^2 dx + \int_1^{\infty} 0 dx$$

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1 - \cos s}{s^2} \right)^2 ds = \int_{-1}^1 (1 - |x|)^2 dx$$

$$\frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{1 - \cos s}{s^2} \right)^2 ds = 2 \int_0^1 (1 - x)^2 ds$$

Put $s = at$
 $ds = a dt$

$$\frac{8}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{1 - \cos at}{(at)^2} \right)^2 dt = 2 \left[0 - \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} \right\} \right]$$

$$\frac{8}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{2 \sin^2 t}{t^2} \right)^2 dt = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{2 \sin^2 t}{t^2} \right)^2 dt = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{4}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin^2 t}{t^2} \right)^2 dt = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin t}{t} \right)^4 dt = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2\pi}{4}$$

$$(ix) \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin t}{t} \right)^4 dt = \frac{\pi}{3} //$$