

## FOURIER SERIES

- A function  $f(x)$  is called a **periodic function** if  $f(x)$  is defined for all real  $x$ , except possibly at some points, and if there is some positive number  $p$ , called a **period** of  $f(x)$  such that

$$f(x + p) = f(x) \quad \text{for all } x$$

- Familiar periodic functions are the *cosine*, *sine*, *tangent*, and *cotangent*. Examples of functions that are not periodic are  $x, x^2, x^3, e^x, \cos hx$  etc. to mention just a few.

If  $f(x)$  has a period of  $p$  then it has also a period of  $2p$

$$f(x + 2p) = f\{(x + p) + p\} = f(x + p) = f(x)$$

Or in general we can write

$$f(x + np) = f(x)$$

- A Fourier series is defined as an expansion of a real function or representation of a real function in a series of sines and cosines such as

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$$

Where  $a_0, a_n$ , and  $b_n$  are constants, called the **Fourier coefficients** of the series. We see that each term has the period of  $2\pi$ . Hence if the coefficients are such that the series converges, its sum will be a function of period  $2\pi$ .

- The **Fourier coefficients** of  $f(x)$ , given by the **Euler formulas**

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx & n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx & n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

The above Fourier series is given for period  $2\pi$ . The transition from period  $2\pi$  to be period  $p = 2L$  is effected by a suitable change of scale, as follows. Let  $f(x)$  have period  $= 2L$ . Then we can introduce a new variable  $v$  such that,  $f(x)$  as a function of  $v$ , has period  $2\pi$ .

- If we set

$$x = \frac{p}{2\pi} v \Rightarrow v = \frac{2\pi}{p} x \Rightarrow v = \frac{\pi}{L} x$$

This means  $v = \pm\pi$  corresponds to  $x = \pm L$ . This represent  $f$ , as function of  $v$  has a period of  $2\pi$ . Hence the Fourier series is

$$f(v) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nv + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nv$$

- Now using  $v = \frac{\pi}{L} x$  Fourier series for the period of  $(-L, L)$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n \frac{\pi}{L} x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n \frac{\pi}{L} x$$

This is Fourier series we obtain for a function of  $f(x)$  period  $2L$  the Fourier series.

The coefficient is given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) dt, \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \end{aligned}$$

- $b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx,$

## SOME IMPORTANT RESULTS

- $\int e^{ax} \sin bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2+b^2} (a \sin bx - b \cos bx)$
- $\int e^{ax} \cos bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2+b^2} (a \cos bx + b \sin bx)$
- $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin ax}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$
- $\int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{\sin mx}{(x-b)^2+a^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{a} e^{-am} \sin bm, \quad [m > 0]$

## FOURIER INTEGRAL

- Fourier series are powerful tools for problems involving functions that are periodic or are of interest on a finite interval only.
- Since, of course, many problems involve functions that are **nonperiodic and are of interest on the whole x-axis**, we ask what can be done to extend the method of Fourier series to such functions. This idea will lead to “Fourier integrals.”

## FOURIER INTEGRAL THEOREM

Fourier integral theorem states that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(t) \cos u(t-x) dt du$

Proof. We know that Fourier series of a function  $f(x)$  in  $(-c, c)$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{c} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c}$$

Where  $a_0, a_n$  and  $b_n$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) dt, \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{c} dt, \\ b_n &= \frac{1}{c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) \sin \frac{n\pi t}{c} dt, \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values of  $a_0, a_n$  and  $b_n$  in above equation, we get

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{c} dt \cos \frac{n\pi x}{c} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) \sin \frac{n\pi t}{c} dt \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{2c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi t}{c} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{c} + \sin \frac{n\pi t}{c} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c} \right] dt \\ f(x) &= \frac{1}{2c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) \left[ \cos \left( \frac{n\pi t}{c} - \frac{n\pi x}{c} \right) \right] dt \\ f(x) &= \frac{1}{2c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{c}(t-x) \right] dt \\ f(x) &= \frac{1}{2c} \int_{-c}^c f(t) \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{c}(t-x) \right\} dt \end{aligned}$$

Since cosine functions are even functions i.e.,  $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$  the expression

$$\left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{c}(t-x) \right\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{c}(t-x)$$

We now let the parameter  $c$  approach infinity, transforming the finite interval  $[-c, c]$  into the infinite interval  $(-\infty, +\infty)$ . We set

$$\frac{n\pi}{c} = \omega, \text{ and } \frac{\pi}{c} = d\omega \quad \text{with } c \rightarrow \infty$$

Then we have

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \cos \omega(t-x) \right\} dt$$

On simplifying

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega(t-x) d\omega dt \quad \text{Proved}$$

# FOURIER SINE AND COSINE INTEGRALS

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \sin \omega x \, du \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t \, dt \quad (\text{Fourier Sine Integrals})$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \cos \omega x \, du \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega t \, dt \quad (\text{Fourier Cosine Integrals})$$

**Proof:** We can write

$$\cos \omega(t - x) = \cos(\omega t - \omega x) = \cos \omega t \cos \omega x + \sin \omega t \sin \omega x$$

Using this expansion in Fourier integral theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos \omega(t - x) \, d\omega \, dt \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)(\cos \omega t \cos \omega x + \sin \omega t \sin \omega x) \, d\omega \, dt \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)(\cos \omega t \cos \omega x \, d\omega \, dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t \sin \omega x \, d\omega \, dt) \end{aligned}$$

Now to solve the above equation, we have two different cases, using the following conditions

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) \, dx = 0 \quad \text{for odd function}$$

And

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) \, dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) \, dx \quad \text{for even function}$$

Case I: when  $f(t)$  is even function: this means

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(t) \sin \omega t &\text{ is odd function and} \\ f(t) \cos \omega t &\text{ is even function} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t \sin \omega x \, d\omega \, dt = 0$$

And

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)(\cos \omega t \cos \omega x \, d\omega \, dt) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \cos \omega x \, d\omega \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega t \, dt$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \cos \omega x \, du \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega t \, dt$$

Case II: If  $f(t)$  is odd function: this means

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(t) \sin \omega t &\text{ is even function and} \\ f(t) \cos \omega t &\text{ is odd function} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega t \cos \omega x \, d\omega \, dt = 0$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t \sin \omega x \, d\omega \, dt = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \sin \omega x \, d\omega \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t \, dt \\ f(x) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \sin \omega x \, du \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t \, dt \end{aligned}$$

This is known as Fourier sine integral.

# FOURIER'S COMPLEX INTEGRALS

We know from Fourier integral theorem

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega(t-x) d\omega dt$$

Now adding

$$f(x) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin \omega(t-x) d\omega = 0$$

Since

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin \omega(t-x) d\omega = 0 \quad \text{because of odd function}$$

Hence

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega(t-x) d\omega dt + \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin \omega(t-x) d\omega$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos \omega(t-x) + i \sin \omega(t-x) \right] d\omega$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt [f_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega(t-x)}] d\omega$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega x} d\omega \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

This relation is known as Fourier's complex Integral.

**Example 1.** Express the following function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

as a Fourier integral. Hence evaluate

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin u \cos ux}{u} du$$

Solution: we know the Fourier Integral theorem, the Fourier Integral of a function  $f(x)$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega(t-x) d\omega dt$$

Using  $\omega = u$  we have

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos u(t-x) du dt$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-1}^1 \cos u(t-x) dt du \quad \text{since } f(t) = 1$$

Now integrating w.r.t.  $t$  we have

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{\sin u(t-x)}{u} \right]_{-1}^1 du$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{\sin u(1-x) + \sin u(1+x)}{u} \right] du$$

Now using  $\sin C + \sin D = 2 \sin \frac{C+D}{2} \cos \frac{C-D}{2}$  and solving it we will get

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin u \cos ux}{u} du$$

We can rewrite this

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin u \cos ux}{u} du = \frac{\pi}{2} f(x)$$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin u \cos ux}{u} du = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} \times 1 = \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{for } x < 1 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} \times 0 = 0, & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

For  $x=1$ , which is a point of discontinuity of  $f(x)$ , value of integral =  $\frac{\frac{\pi}{2}+0}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$

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## FOURIER TRANSFORMS

From the Fourier complex integral we know that

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega x} d\omega \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

We can rewrite the above expression as follows using  $\omega = s$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-isx} ds \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{ist} dt = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-isx} ds \right] \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{ist} dt \right]$$

Now using  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{ist} dt = F(s)$  in above equation, we get

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

Where  $F(s)$  is called the Fourier Transform of  $f(x)$ .

And  $f(x)$  is called the Inverse Fourier transform of  $F(s)$ .

Thus , we obtain the definition of Fourier transform is

$$F(s) = F[f(x)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{ist} dt$$

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

# FOURIER SINE TRANSFORMS

We know that from Fourier sine integral

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \sin sx \, ds \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sin st \, dt = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \sin sx \, ds \left[ \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sin st \, dt \right]$$

Now putting  $F(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sin st \, dt$

We have

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

In above equation  $F(s)$  is called Fourier Sine transform of  $f(x)$

$$F(s) = F_s [f(x)] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sin st \, dt$$

And  $f(x)$  given below is known as inverse Fourier Sine transform of  $F(s)$

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

# FOURIER COSINE TRANSFORM

From Fourier cosine integral we know that

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \cos \omega x \, du \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega t \, dt$$
$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \cos sx \, ds \left[ \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \cos st \, dt \right]$$

Now putting  $F(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \cos st \, dt$

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

In above equation  $F(s)$  is called Fourier cosine transform of  $f(x)$

$$F(s) = F_c [f(x)] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \cos st \, dt$$

And  $f(x)$  given below is known as inverse Fourier cosine transform of  $F(s)$

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

**Example 2:** Find the Fourier transform of  $e^{-ax^2}$ , where  $a>0$ .

**Solution :** The Fourier transform of  $f(x)$ :

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

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} F\{e^{-ax^2}\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2} e^{isx} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2 + isx} dx \\ \Rightarrow F\{e^{-ax^2}\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2 - \frac{s^2}{4a} + isx + \frac{s^2}{4a}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left(x\sqrt{a} - \frac{is}{2\sqrt{a}}\right)^2 - \frac{s^2}{4a}} dx \\ \Rightarrow F\{e^{-ax^2}\} &= \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left(x\sqrt{a} - \frac{is}{2\sqrt{a}}\right)^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $x\sqrt{a} - \frac{is}{2\sqrt{a}} = u \Rightarrow dx = \frac{du}{\frac{s^2}{2\sqrt{a}}}$  in above expression we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F\{e^{-ax^2}\} &= \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a}}}{\sqrt{2\pi a}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \quad \left[ \text{since } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} \right] \\ \Rightarrow F\{e^{-ax^2}\} &= \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a}}}{\sqrt{2\pi a}} \sqrt{\pi} = \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a}}}{\sqrt{2a}} \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3:** Find the Fourier transform of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } |x| < a \\ 0 & \text{for } |x| > a \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** We know that the Fourier transform of a function is given by

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

Using the given value of  $f(x)$  we get,

$$F\{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a 2e^{isx} dx = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a e^{isx} dx =$$
$$F\{f(x)\} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{e^{isx}}{is} \right]_{-a}^a = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi} is} [e^{ias} - e^{-ias}] = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} s} \frac{[e^{ias} - e^{-ias}]}{2i}$$

$$F\{f(x)\} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} s} \sin as = 2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin sa}{s} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Example 4:** Find Fourier Sine transform of  $\frac{1}{x}$ .

**Solution:** We have to find the Fourier sine transform of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

We know that from Fourier sine transform

$$F_s [f(x)] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin sx dx$$

Now using the value of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , we get,

$$F_s [f(x)] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \sin sx dx$$

*now using  $sx = t \Rightarrow dx = \frac{dt}{s}$*

We get

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \quad \Rightarrow \text{since } \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Hence

$$F_s [f(x)] = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Example 5:** Find the Fourier Sine Transform of  $e^{-ax}$ .

**Solution:** Here,  $f(x) = e^{-ax}$ .

The Fourier sine transform of  $f(x)$ :

$$F_s [f(x)] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin sx \, dx$$

On putting the value of  $f(x)$  in (1), we get

$$F_s [e^{-ax}] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} \sin sx \, dx$$

On Integrating by parts, we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_s [e^{-ax}] &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[ \frac{e^{-ax}}{a^2 + s^2} [-a \sin sx - s \cos sx] \right]_0^{\infty} \\ &\text{using } \left[ \int_0^{\infty} e^{ax} \sin bx \, dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} (a \sin bx - b \cos bx) \right] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[ 0 - \frac{1}{a^2 + s^2} (-s) \right] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left( \frac{s}{a^2 + s^2} \right) \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6:** Find the Fourier Cosine Transform of  $f(x) = 5e^{-2x} + 2e^{-5x}$

**Solution:** The Fourier Cosine Transform of  $f(x)$  is given by

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

Putting the value of  $f(x)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_c \{f(x)\} &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} (5e^{-2x} + 2e^{-5x}) \cos sx dx \\ &= 5 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \cos sx dx + 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-5x} \cos sx dx \\ &\quad \text{using } \left[ \int_0^{\infty} e^{ax} \cos bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} (a \cos bx + b \sin bx) \right] \\ &= 5 \left[ \frac{e^{-2x}}{(-2)^2 + s^2} (-2 \cos sx + s \sin sx) \right]_0^{\infty} + 2 \left[ \frac{e^{-5x}}{(-5)^2 + s^2} (-5 \cos sx + s \sin sx) \right]_0^{\infty} \\ &= 5 \left[ 0 - \frac{1}{4+s^2} (-2) \right] + 2 \left[ 0 - \frac{1}{25+s^2} (-5) \right] = 5 \left( \frac{2}{s^2+4} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{5}{s^2+25} \right) \\ &= 10 \left( \frac{1}{s^2+4} + \frac{1}{s^2+25} \right) \qquad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

# PROPERTIES OF FOURIER TRANSFORMS

**9.12.1 LINEAR PROPERTY:** If  $F_1(s)$  and  $F_2(s)$  are Fourier transforms of  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  respectively then

$$F[af_1(x) + b f_2(x)] = a F_1(s) + b F_2(s) \quad \text{where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants.}$$

Proof: we know from the definition of Fourier transform

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

We can write

$$F_1(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x) e^{isx} dx$$

And

$$F_2(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(x) e^{isx} dx$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} F[af_1(x) + b f_2(x)] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [af_1(x) + b f_2(x)] e^{isx} dx \\ &= a \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x) e^{isx} dx + b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(x) e^{isx} dx \\ \Rightarrow F[af_1(x) + b f_2(x)] &= a F_1(s) + b F_2(s) \quad \text{Proved} \end{aligned}$$

# CHANGE OF SCALE PROPERTY

We know that Fourier transform equation is given by

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

Then

$$F\{f(ax)\} = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

Proof: we know

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{isx} dx \\ \Rightarrow F\{f(ax)\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(ax) e^{isx} dx \quad \left[ \text{now put } ax = t \Rightarrow dx = \frac{dt}{a} \right] \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} F\{f(ax)\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{is\frac{t}{a}} \frac{dt}{a} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)t} dt \\ \Rightarrow F\{f(ax)\} &= \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \quad \text{Proved} \end{aligned}$$

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The Fourier transform equation is given by

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

Then

$$F\{f(x - a)\} = e^{isa} F(s)$$

**Proof:** Given

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

then

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

$$\text{Put } (x - a) = u \Rightarrow x = u + a \text{ and } dx = du$$

We have

$$F\{f(x - a)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u) e^{is(u+a)} du = e^{isa} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u) e^{isu} du$$

$$\Rightarrow F\{f(x - a)\} = e^{isa} F(s) \quad \text{Proved}$$