

# Multidimensional Fourier Transform

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## *Fourier Transform*

**Problem 1.** The average value of a function  $f : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by:

$$\text{mean}(f) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt.$$

Assuming we know all the coefficients of its Fourier series,  $a_k$ , of an arbitrary function, say  $f$ , what is the mean of the function? Do we need to reconstruct the original function to calculate it?

**Problem 2.** Find the Fourier transform of  $f(x) = e^{-a|x|}$  with  $a > 0$ .

**Problem 3.** Find the Fourier transform of the following function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2 & -2 < x \leq -1 \\ 1 & -1 < x \leq 1 \\ 2 - x & 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

**Hint:** Is there any simpler way to write this function?

**Problem 4.** Prove the following properties of the Fourier transform:

- If a function,  $f$ , is real and even its Fourier transform,  $F$ , is real and even.
- If a function,  $f$ , is real and odd its Fourier transform,  $F$ , is imaginary and odd.
- If a function,  $f$ , is real the magnitude of its Fourier transform,  $\|F\|$ , is even.
- If a function,  $f$ , is real the phase of its Fourier transform,  $\phi(F)$ , is odd.

**Problem 5.** Find a simple expression for the function

$$f(x) = \underbrace{\text{sinc}(x) * \text{sinc}(x) * \cdots * \text{sinc}(x)}_{N \text{ times}}.$$

## *Systems*

**Problem 6.** The Fourier transform is an operator that accepts a function as an input and returns a function as an output. Therefore it is also a system! Determine if the properties of the *Fourier system* is linear, shift-invariant, causal or has memory.

**Problem 7.** Sinusoidal functions are of great interest when studying shift invariant systems. Show that the functions  $f(x) = e^{i2\pi kx}$  are eigenfunctions of *any* shift invariant system. Determine their corresponding eigenvalues.

**Problem 8.** A classical RLC circuit consists of an inductance  $L$ , a capacitor of capacitance  $C$  and a resistor of resistance  $R$ . The equation of this simple system is given by the differential equation:

$$L \frac{di^2}{dt^2} + R \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{i}{C} = \frac{dv}{dt}.$$

If we now the voltage applied to the system,  $v(t)$ , use the Fourier transform to determine the intensity  $i(t)$

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**Problem 9.** Prove the similarity property of the multidimensional Fourier transform

**Problem 10.** Plot the step two-dimensional square function  $\Pi(x_1, x_2)$ . Determine and plot its corresponding Fourier Transform.

**Problem 11.** Prove that any rotation in the spatial domain corresponds to an identical rotation in the frequency domain.