

# Fourier Transform

- The Fourier transform is an *analysis* process, decomposing a complex-valued function  $f(x)$  into its constituent frequencies and their amplitudes.
- The inverse process is ***synthesis***, which recreates  $f(x)$  from its transform.

- In physics, engineering and mathematics, the **FT** is an integral transform that takes the input as a function and outputs another function.
- This output that describes the extent to which various frequencies are present in the original function.
- The output of the transform is a complex-valued function of frequency.
- The term ***Fourier transform*** refers to both this complex-valued function and the mathematical operation.

# FOURIER TRANSFORM

- Fourier transform is sometimes called the frequency domain representation of the original function.
- The Fourier transform is analogous to decomposing the sound of a musical chord into the intensities of its constituent pitches.

- In general, the Fourier transform is a very useful tool when solving differential equations on domains ranging from  $-\infty \dots +\infty$ .
- This is due to the fact that the Fourier transform contains an integral.
- This integral leads to very useful features when put into a differential equation

# Fourier Transform Applications

- Circuit Analysis
- Signal Analysis
- Cell phones
- Image Processing
- Signal Processing & LTI system

# ***Synthesis and Analysis of signals using Fourier transform:***

# ***Frequency domain analysis and Fourier Transform***

# How to Represent Signals?

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- *Option 1: Taylor series represents any function using polynomials.*

$$f(x) = f(\alpha) + f'(\alpha)(x - \alpha) + \frac{f''(\alpha)}{2!}$$

$$(x - \alpha)^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(\alpha)}{3!} (x - \alpha)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(\alpha)}{n!} (x - \alpha)^n + \dots$$

- *Polynomials are not the best - unstable and not very physically meaningful.*
- *Easier to talk about “signals” in terms of its “frequencies” (how fast/often signals change, etc).*



# *Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)*

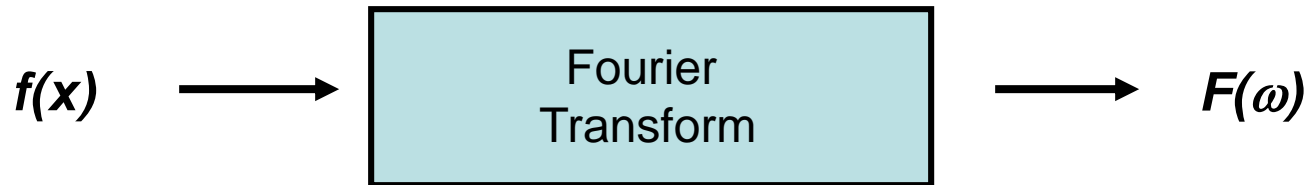
- *Had crazy idea (1807):*

*Any periodic function can be rewritten as a weighted sum of **Sines** and **Cosines** of different frequencies.*

- *Neither did Lagrange, Laplace, Poisson etc.*
  - *Not translated into English until 1878!*
- *But it was true!*
  - *Called **Fourier Series***
  - *Possibly the greatest tool used in Engineering industry nowadays.*

# Fourier Transform

- We want to understand the frequency  $\omega$  of our signal. So, let's reparametrize the signal by  $\omega$  instead of  $x$ :*



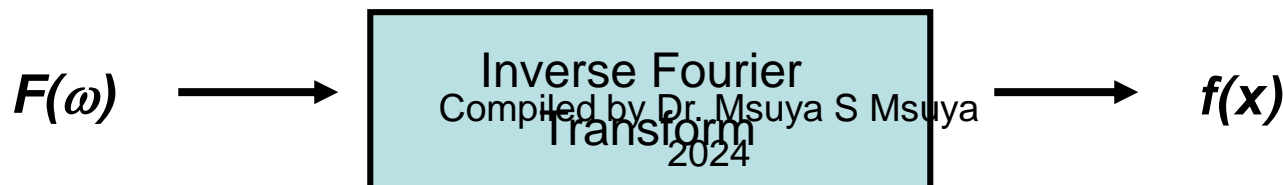
- For every  $\omega$  from 0 to infinity,  $F(\omega)$  holds the amplitude  $A$  and phase  $\phi$  of the corresponding sine*  

$$A \sin(\omega x + \phi)$$

– How can  $F$  hold both? Complex number trick!

$$F(\omega) = R(\omega) + iI(\omega)$$

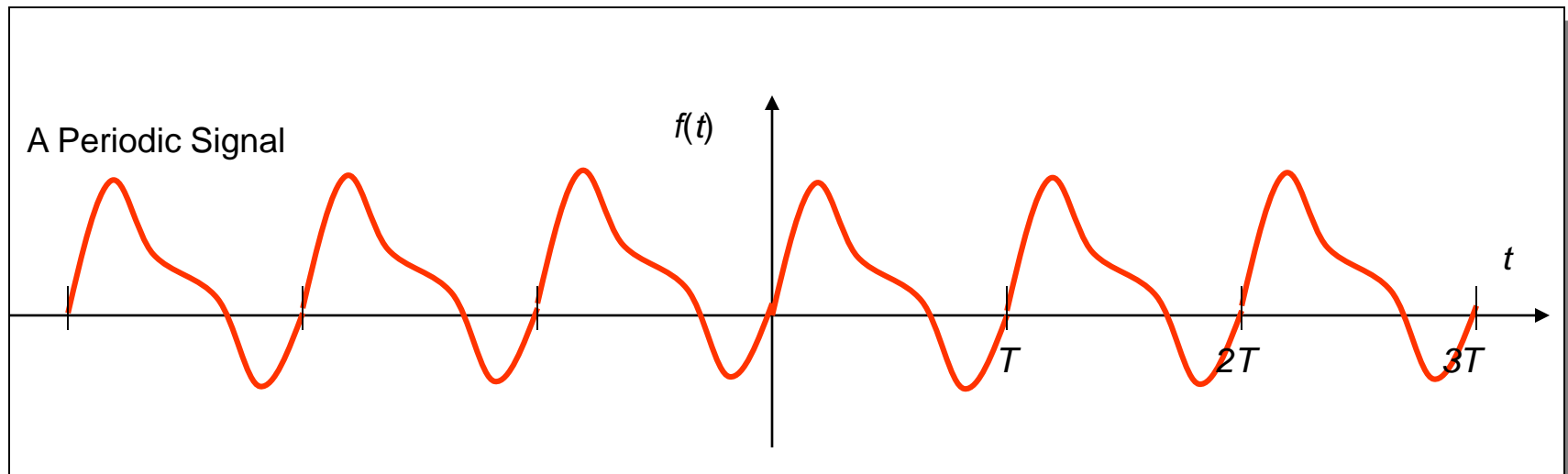
$$A = \pm \sqrt{R(\omega)^2 + I(\omega)^2} \qquad \phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}$$



# Continuous-Time Fourier Transform

# Review of Fourier Series

- Deal with continuous-time periodic signals.
- Discrete frequency spectra.



# Two Forms for Fourier Series

Sinusoidal  
Form

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

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt$$

Complex  
Form:

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

# Continuous-Time Fourier Transform

# Fourier Integral

$$f_T(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} \quad c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(\tau) e^{-jn\omega_0 \tau} d\tau \right] e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(\tau) e^{-jn\omega_0 \tau} d\tau \right] \omega_0 e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

$$\text{Let } \Delta\omega = \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(\tau) e^{-jn\omega_0 \tau} d\tau \right] e^{jn\omega_0 t} \Delta\omega$$

$$T \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow d\omega = \Delta\omega \approx 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_T(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau \right] e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

# Fourier Integral

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau \right]}_{F(j\omega)} e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad \text{Synthesis}$$

$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad \text{Analysis}$$



# Fourier Series vs. Fourier Integral

Fourier Series:

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

Period Function

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

Discrete Spectra

Fourier Integral:

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

Non-Period Function

$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

Continuous Spectra

# Relationship between exponentials and sinusoids

- ◆ Euler's formula:

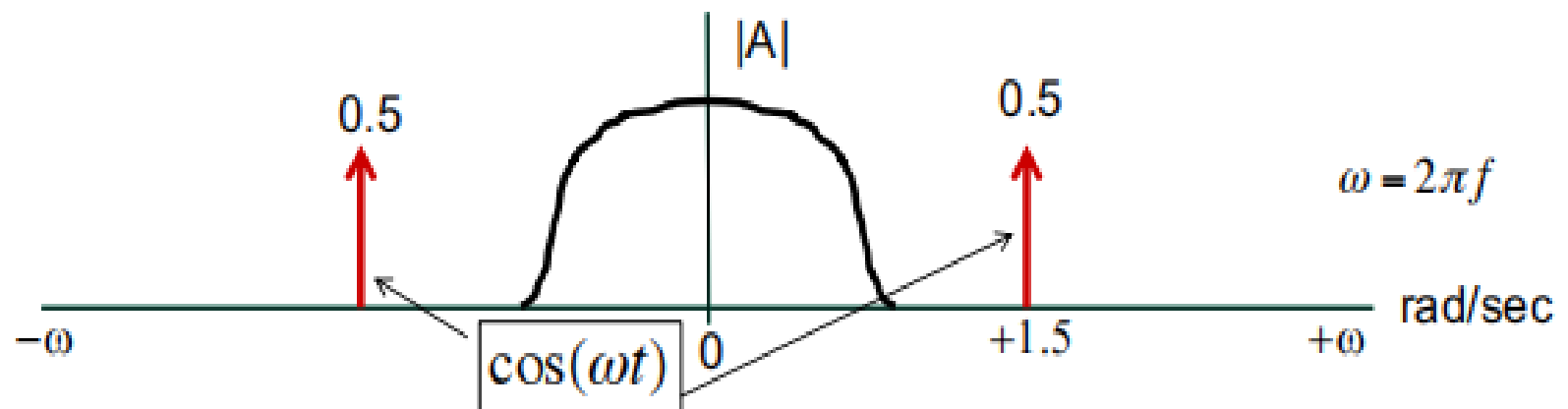
$$e^{j\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + j\sin(\omega t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-j\omega t} &= \cos(-\omega t) + j\sin(-\omega t) \\ &= \cos(\omega t) - j\sin(\omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos(\omega t) = \frac{e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t}}{2}$$

$$\sin(\omega t) = \frac{e^{j\omega t} - e^{-j\omega t}}{2j}$$

- ◆ Therefore, in signal analysis, we usually regard “frequency” to be  $\omega$  in the exponential vector:
- ◆ The frequency spectrum is therefore a plot of the amplitude (and phase) projected onto exponential components  $e^{j\omega t}$  for different  $\omega$ .



# Continuous-Time Fourier Transform

# Fourier Transform Pair

Inverse Fourier Transform:

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

Synthesis

Fourier Transform:

$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

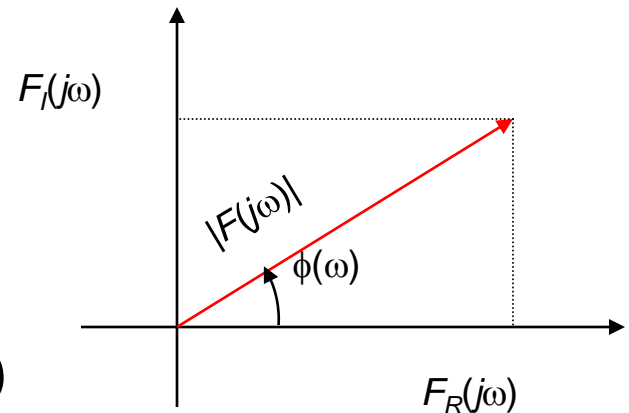
Analysis

# Continuous Spectra

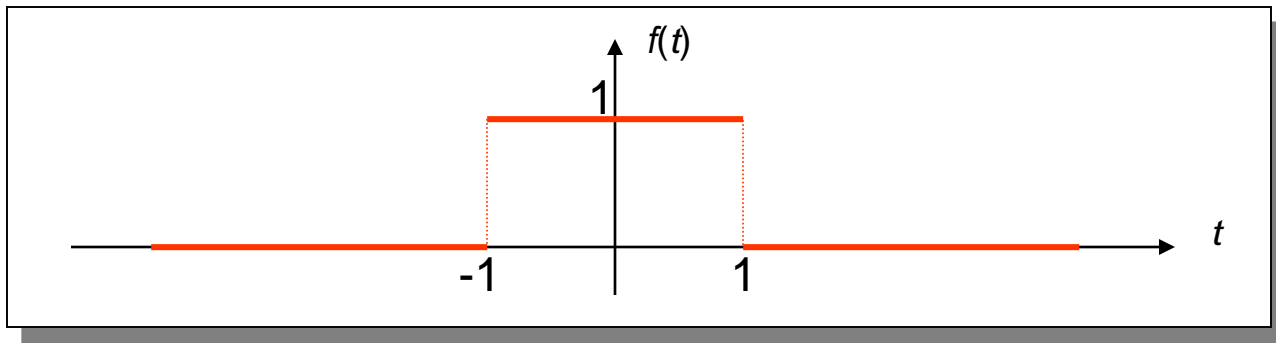
$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$F(j\omega) = F_R(j\omega) + jF_I(j\omega)$$

$$= \underbrace{|F(j\omega)|}_{\text{Magnitude}} e^{j\underbrace{\phi(\omega)}_{\text{Phase}}}$$

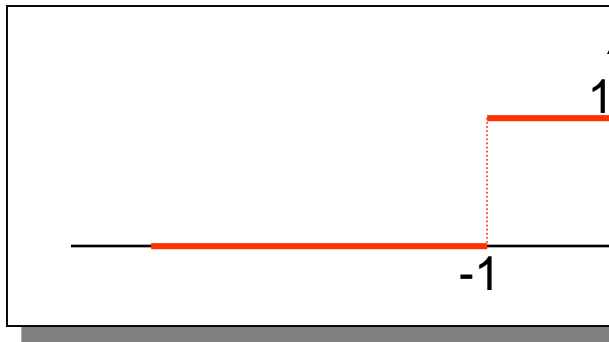


# Example



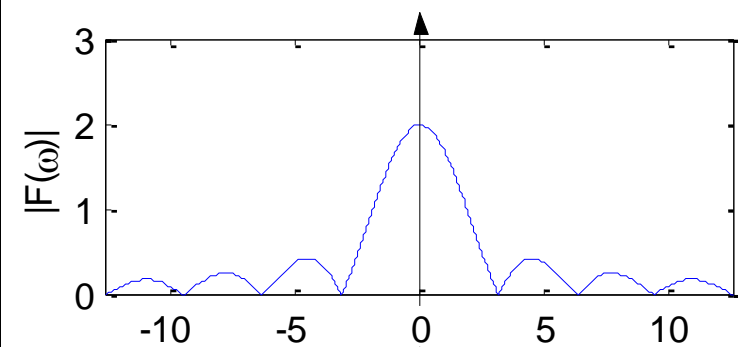
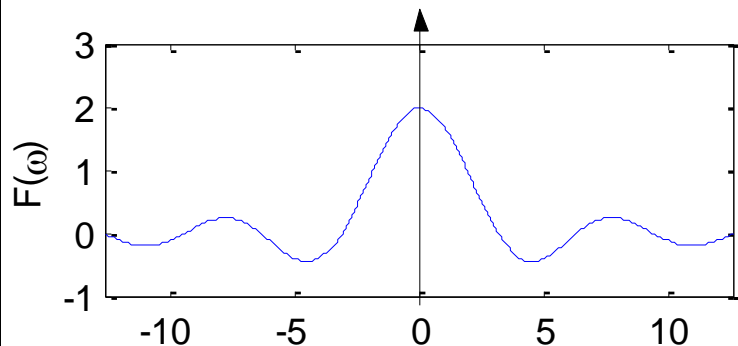
$$\begin{aligned} F(j\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt = \int_{-1}^1 e^{-j\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{-j\omega} e^{-j\omega t} \bigg|_{-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{j}{\omega} (e^{-j\omega} - e^{j\omega}) = \frac{2 \sin \omega}{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

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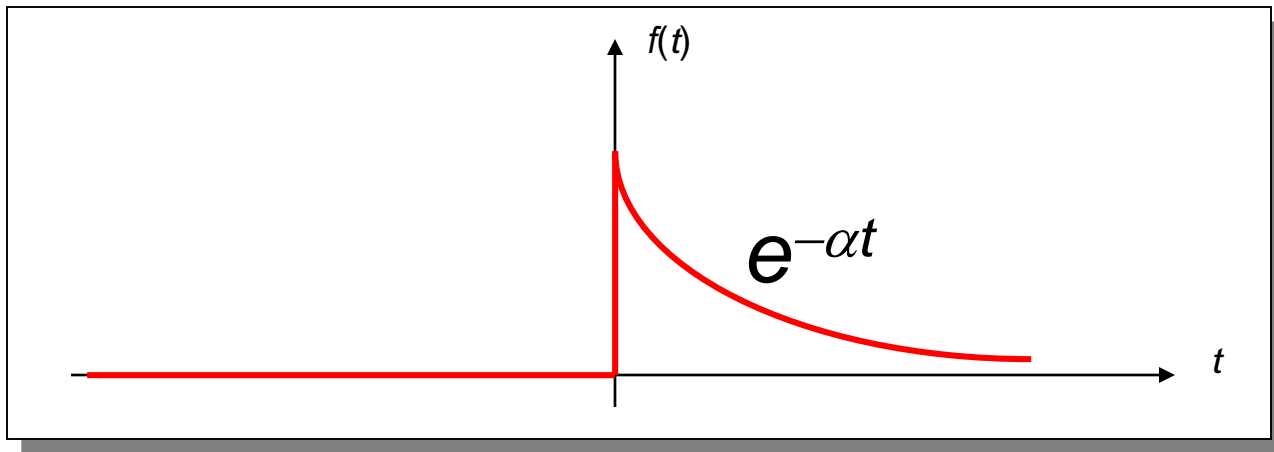


$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$= \frac{j}{\omega} (e^{-j\omega} - e^{j\omega})$$



# Example



$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

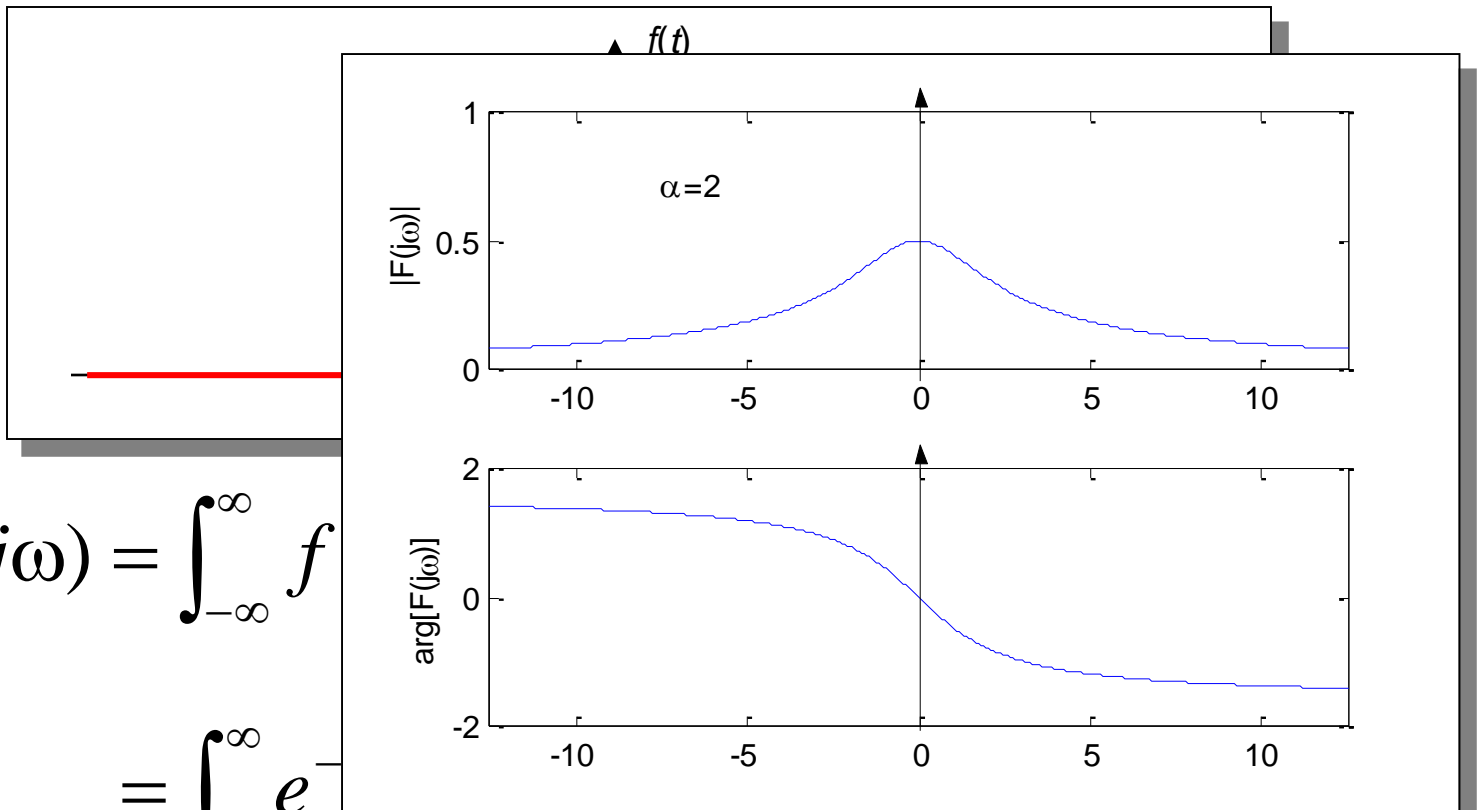
$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\alpha + j\omega)t} dt = \frac{1}{\alpha + j\omega}$$



# Example

$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} e^{-j\omega t} dt$$



# Continuous-Time Fourier Transform

# Notation

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t)] = F(j\omega)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(j\omega)] = f(t)$$



$$f(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} F(j\omega)$$

# Frequency Shifting (Modulation)

$$f(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} \xleftrightarrow{F} F[j(\omega - \omega_0)]$$

*Pf)*

$$F[f(t)e^{j\omega_0 t}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j(\omega - \omega_0)t} dt$$

$$= F[j(\omega - \omega_0)]$$

# Fourier Transform for Real Functions

If  $f(t)$  is a real function, and  $F(j\omega) = F_R(j\omega) + jF_I(j\omega)$

  $F(-j\omega) = F^*(j\omega)$

$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$F^*(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{j\omega t} dt = F(-j\omega)$$

# Fourier Transform for Real Functions

If  $f(t)$  is a real function, and  $F(j\omega) = F_R(j\omega) + jF_I(j\omega)$

→  $F(-j\omega) = F^*(j\omega)$

→  $F_R(j\omega)$  is even, and  $F_I(j\omega)$  is odd.

$$\underbrace{F_R(-j\omega)} = \underbrace{F_R(j\omega)} \quad \underbrace{F_I(-j\omega)} = \underbrace{-F_I(j\omega)}$$

→ *Magnitude spectrum*  $|F(j\omega)|$  is even,  
and *phase spectrum*  $\phi(\omega)$  is odd.

# Example:

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t)] = F(j\omega) \qquad \mathcal{F}[f(t) \cos \omega_0 t] = ?$$

*Sol)*

$$f(t) \cos \omega_0 t = \frac{1}{2} f(t) (e^{j\omega_0 t} + e^{-j\omega_0 t})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[f(t) \cos \omega_0 t] &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}[f(t) e^{j\omega_0 t}] + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}[f(t) e^{-j\omega_0 t}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} F[j(\omega - \omega_0)] + \frac{1}{2} F[j(\omega + \omega_0)] \end{aligned}$$

# Continuous-Time Fourier Transform