Chapter 1

Fourier Analysis

1.1 Continuous-time Fourier transform

Let us start with the definition of this very important tool

Definition 1: Fourier transform of a continuous-time signal

he CTFT of a continuous-time signal $x_a(t)$ is given by:

$$X_a(j\Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_a(t)e^{-j\Omega t}\mathrm{d}t \qquad (1.1)$$

often referred to as the Fourier spectrum or simply the spectrum of the continuous-time signal.

Definition 2: Inverse Fourier transform of a continuous-time signal

he inverse CTFT of a Fourier transform $X_a(j\Omega)$ is given by:

$$x_a(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_a(j\Omega)e^{+j\Omega t}\mathrm{d}\Omega \qquad (1.2)$$

often referred to as the Fourier integral.

A CTFT pair will be denoted as:

$$x_a(t) \longleftrightarrow X_a(j\Omega) \qquad (1.3)$$

Note that Ω is real and denotes the continuous-time angular frequency variable in radians. In general, the CTFT is a complex function of Ω in the range $-\infty < \Omega < \infty$. It can be expressed in the polar form as:

$$X_a(j\Omega) = |X_a(j\Omega)|e^{j\theta_a(\Omega)} \qquad (1.4)$$

where $\theta_a(\Omega) = \arg X_a(j\Omega)$. The quantity $|X_a(j\Omega)|$ is called the magnitude spectrum and the quantity $\theta_a(\Omega)$ is called the phase spectrum. Both spectra are real function of Ω and in general the CTFT $X_a(j\Omega)$ exists if $x_a(t)$ satisfies the Dirichlet conditions:

- the signal $x_a(t)$ has a finite number if discontinuities and a finite number of maxima and minima in any finite interval;

- the signal is absolutely integrable, i.e.:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x_a(t)|\mathrm{d}t < \infty \qquad (1.5)$$

If the Dirichlet conditions are satisfied, then:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_a(j\Omega)e^{+j\Omega t}\mathrm{d}\Omega \tag{1.6}$$

converges to $x_a(t)$ except at values of t where $x_a(t)$ has discontinuities. Moreover, it can be showed that if $x_a(t)$ is absolutely integrable, then proving the existence of the CTFT reduces to proving:

$$|X_a(t\Omega)| < \infty \tag{1.7}$$

1.1.1 Energy density spectrum

The total energy E_x of a finite energy continuous-time complex signal $x_a(t)$ is given by:

$$
\begin{aligned}
E_x &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x_a(t)|^2 \mathrm{d}t \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_a(t)x_a^*(t)\mathrm{d}t \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_a(t)\left[\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_a^*(j\Omega)e^{-j\Omega t}\mathrm{d}\Omega\right]\mathrm{d}t
\end{aligned}
\tag{1.8}
$$

Interchanging the order of the integration we get:

$$
\begin{aligned}
E_x &= \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_a^*(j\Omega)\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_a(t)e^{-j\Omega t}\mathrm{d}t\right]\mathrm{d}\Omega \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_a^*(j\Omega)X_a(j\Omega)\mathrm{d}\Omega \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X_a(j\Omega)|^2 \mathrm{d}\Omega
\end{aligned}
\tag{1.9}
$$

Hence:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 \mathrm{d}t = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X_a(j\Omega)|^2 \mathrm{d}\Omega \tag{1.10}$$

The above relation is more commonly known as the Parseval's relation for finite-energy continuous-time signals. The quantity $|X_a(j\Omega)|^2$ is called the energy density spectrum of $x_a(t)$ and it is usually denoted as:

$$S_{xx}(\Omega) = |X_a(j\Omega)|?2 \tag{1.11}$$

The energy over a specified range of frequencies $\Omega_a \leq \Omega \leq \Omega_b$ can be computed using:

$$E_{x,r} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{\Omega_a}^{\Omega_b} S_{xx}(\Omega)\mathrm{d}\Omega \tag{1.12}$$

1.1.2 Band-limited continuous-time signals

A full-band, finite-energy, continuous-time signal has a spectrum occupying the whole frequency range $-\infty \leq \Omega \leq \infty$. A band-limited continuous-time signal has a spectrum that is limited to a portion of the frequency range $-\infty \leq \Omega \leq \infty$. An ideal band-limited signal has a spectrum that is zero outside a finite frequency range $\Omega_a \leq |\Omega| \leq \Omega_b$ can be computed using:

$$X_a(j\Omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq |\Omega| < \Omega_a \\ 0 & \Omega_b < |\Omega| < \infty \end{cases} \tag{1.13}$$

However, an ideal band-limited signal cannot be generated in practice.
Band-limited signals are classified according to the frequency range where most of the signal's is concentrated:

- a lowpass, continuous-time signal has a spectrum occupying the frequency range $0 < |\Omega| \leq \Omega_p < \infty$, where Ω_p is called the bandwidth of the signal;

- a highpass, continuous-time signal has a spectrum occupying the frequency range $0 < \Omega_p \leq |\Omega| < \infty$, where the bandwidth of the signal is from Ω_p to ∞;

- a bandpass, continuous-time signal has a spectrum occupying the frequency range $0 < \Omega_L \leq |\Omega| \leq \Omega_H < \infty$, where $\Omega_H - \Omega_L$ is the bandwidth.

1.1.3 Discrete-time fourier transform

Let us introduce the definition of this concept.

Definition 3: Discrete-time Fourier transform

The discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT) $X(e^{j\omega})$ of a sequence $x[n]$ is given by:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \tag{1.14}$$

where in general $X(e^{j\omega})$ is a complex function of the real variable ω and can be written as:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = X_{\text{re}}(e^{j\omega}) + jX_{\text{im}}(e^{j\omega}) \tag{1.15}$$

$X_{\text{re}}(e^{j\omega})$ and $X_{\text{im}}(e^{j\omega})$ are respectively, the real and imaginary parts of $X(e^{j\omega})$, and are real functions of ω. $X(e^{j\omega})$ can alternately be expressed as:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \left|X(e^{j\omega})\right|e^{j\theta(\omega)} \tag{1.16}$$

where $\theta(\omega) = \arg X(e^{j\omega})$. $\left|X(e^{j\omega})\right|$ and $\arg X(e^{j\omega})$ are called respectively magnitude function and phase function. Both quantities are again real functions of ω. In many applications, the DTFT is called the Fourier spectrum. Likewise, $\left|X(e^{j\omega})\right|$ and $\theta(\omega)$ are called respectively the magnitude and phase spectra.

For a real sequence $x[n]$, $\left|X(e^{j\omega})\right|$ and $X_{\text{re}}(e^{j\omega})$ are even functions of ω, whereas, $\theta(\omega)$ and $X_{\text{im}}(e^{j\omega})$ are odd functions of ω. Note also that $X(e^{j\omega}) = \left|X(e^{j\omega})\right|e^{j\theta(\omega+2\pi k)} = \left|X(e^{j\omega})\right|e^{j\theta(\omega)}$ for any integer k. The phase function $\theta(\omega)$ cannot be uniquely specified for any DTFT. Unless otherwise stated, we shall assume that the phase function $\theta(\omega)$ is restricted to the range of values $-\pi \leq \theta(\omega) < \pi$, called the principal value.

Example 1: DTFT of the unit sample sequence

The DTFT of the unit sample sequence $\delta[n]$ is given by:

$$\Delta(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n]e^{-j\omega n} = \delta[0] = 1 \tag{1.17}$$

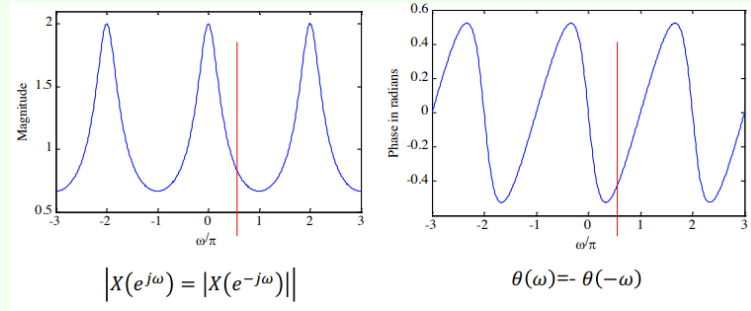---

Example 2: DTFT of a causal sequence

Consider the causal sequence:

$$x[n] = \alpha^n \mu[n], \qquad |\alpha| < 1 \tag{1.18}$$

Its DTFT is given by:

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\begin{aligned}
X(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n \mu[n] e^{-j\omega n} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n e^{-j\omega n} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\alpha e^{-j\omega} \right)^n \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j\omega}}
\end{aligned}
\tag{1.19}
$$

as $\left| \alpha e^{-j\omega} \right| = |\alpha| < 1$. If we take for example $\alpha = 0.5$, we get the plot below for the magnitude and phase of the DTFT.

$$\left| X(e^{j\omega}) = |X(e^{-j\omega})| \right| \qquad\qquad \theta(\omega) = -\theta(-\omega)$$

The DTFT $X(e^{j\omega})$ of a sequence $x[n]$ is a continuous function of ω. It is also a periodic function of ω with a period 2π:

$$
X\left(e^{j(\omega+2\pi k)} \right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} e^{-j2\pi k n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} = X(e^{j\omega})
\tag{1.20}
$$

Therefore:

$$
X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n}
\tag{1.21}
$$

represents the Fourier series representation of the periodic function. As a result, the Fourier coefficients $x[n]$ can be computed from $X(e^{j\omega})$ using the Fourier integral:

$$
x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} \, \mathrm{d}\omega
\tag{1.22}
$$

Proof. Consider:

$$
x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} x[\ell] e^{-j\omega \ell} \right) e^{j\omega n} \, \mathrm{d}\omega
\tag{1.23}
$$

The order of integration and summation can be interchanged if the summation inside

the brackets converges uniformly, i.e. $X(e^{j\omega})$ exists. Then:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}\left(\sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty}x[\ell]e^{-j\omega\ell}\right)e^{j\omega n}\mathrm{d}\omega = \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty}x[\ell]\left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}e^{j\omega(n-\ell)}\mathrm{d}\omega\right)$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty}x[\ell]\frac{\sin\left(\pi(n-\ell)\right)}{\pi(n-\ell)}$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty}x[\ell]\delta[n-\ell]$$

$$= x[n] \tag{1.24}$$

For the convergence condition, an infinite series of the form:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \tag{1.25}$$

may or may not converg. Therefore, let us consider:

$$X_k(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-k}^{k}x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \tag{1.26}$$

Then for uniform convergence of $X_k(e^{j\omega})$:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}X_k(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega}) \tag{1.27}$$

Now, if $x[n]$ is an absolutely summable sequence, i.e., if $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}|x[n]| < \infty$, then:

$$\left|X(e^{j\omega})\right| = \left|\sum_{n=-k}^{k}x[n]e^{-j\omega n}\right| \leq \sum_{n=-k}^{k}|x[n]| < \infty \tag{1.28}$$

for all values of ω. Thus, the absolute summability of $x[n]$ is a sufficient condition for the existence of the DTFT $X(e^{j\omega})$. ∎

Example 3: Absolute summability condition

he sequence $x[n] = \alpha^n\mu[n]$ for $|\alpha| < 1$ is absolutely summable as:

$$\sum_{n=-k}^{k}|\alpha^n|\mu[n] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}|\alpha^n| = \frac{1}{1-|\alpha|} < \infty \tag{1.29}$$

and its DTFT $X(e^{j\omega})$ therefore converges to $\frac{1}{1-\alpha e^{j\omega}}$ uniformly.

Note that since:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}|x[n]|^2 \leq \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}|x[n]|\right)^2 \tag{1.30}$$

an absolutely summable sequence has always a finite energy. However, a finite-energy sequence is not necessarily absolutely summable.

Example 4: Absolute summability

The sequence:

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & n \geq 1 \\ 0 & n \leq 0 \end{cases} \tag{1.31}$$

has finite energy equal to:

$$E_x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \tag{1.32}$$

but $x[n]$ is not absolutely summable.

In order to represent a finite energy sequence $x[n]$ that is not absolutely summable by a DTFT $X(e^{j\omega})$, it is necessary to consider a mean-square convergence of $X(e^{j\omega})$:

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| X(e^{j\omega}) - X_k(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 d\omega = 0 \tag{1.33}$$
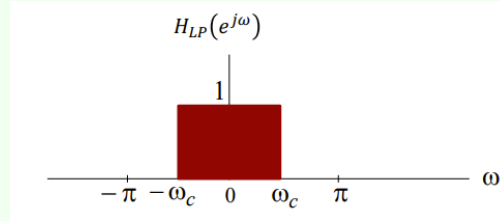
The total energy of the error $X(e^{j\omega}) - X_k(e^{j\omega})$ must approach zero at each value of ω as k goes to ∞. In such a case, the absolute value of the error $\left| X(e^{j\omega}) - X_k(e^{j\omega}) \right|$ may not go to zero as k goes to ∞ and the DTFT is no longer bounded.

Example 5: Mean-square convergence

Consider the DTFT:

$$H_{LP}(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq |\omega| \leq \omega_c \\ 0 & \omega < |\omega| \leq \pi \end{cases} \tag{1.34}$$

showed in the plot below.

The inverse DTFT of $H_{LP}(e^{j\omega})$ is given by:

$$h_{LP}[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\omega_c}^{\omega_c} e^{j\omega n} d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{e^{j\omega_c n}}{jn} - \frac{e^{-j\omega_c n}}{jn} \right) = \frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\pi n} \tag{1.35}$$

for $-\infty < n < \infty$- The energy of $h_{LP}[n]$ is given by $\frac{\omega_c}{\pi}$. $h_{LP}[n]$ is a finite-energy sequence, but it is not absolutely summable. In fact, the result:
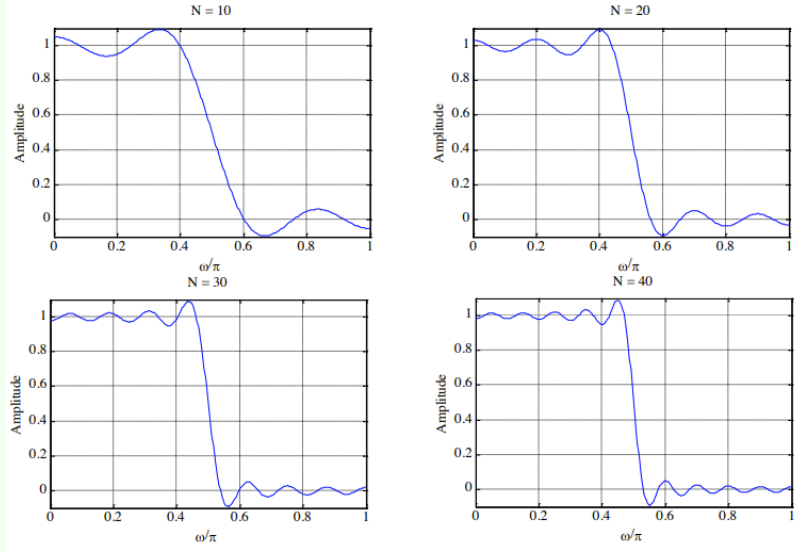
$$\sum_{n=-k}^{n=k} h_{LP}[n]e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=-k}^{n=k} \frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\pi n} e^{-j\omega n} \tag{1.36}$$

does not uniformly converge to $H_{LP}(e^{j\omega})$ for all values of ω, but converges to $H_{LP}(e^{j\omega})$ in the mean-square sense.

The mean-square convergence property of the sequence $h_{LP}[n]$ can be further illustrated by examining the plot of the function:

$$H_{LP,k}(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-k}^{k} \frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\pi n} e^{-j\omega n} \tag{1.37}$$

for various values of k, as showed below.

As can be seen from these plots, independently of the value of k there are ripples in the plot of $H_{LP,k}(e^{j\omega})$ around both sides of the point $\omega = \omega_c$. The number of ripples increases as k increases with the height of the largest ripple remaining the same for all values of k. As k goes to ∞, the condition:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| H_{LP}(e^{j\omega}) - H_{LP,k}(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 d\omega = 0 \tag{1.38}$$

holds indicating the convergence of $H_{LP,k}(e^{j\omega})$ to $H_{LP}(e^{j\omega})$.
The oscillatory behaviour of $H_{LP,k}(e^{j\omega})$ approximating $H_{LP}(e^{j\omega})$ in the mean-square sense at a point of discontinuity is known as the Gibbs phenomenon

The DTFT can also be defined for a certain class of sequences which are neither absolutely summable nor square summable. Examples of such sequences are the unit step sequence $\mu[n]$, the sinusoidal sequence $\cos(\omega_0 n + \varphi)$ and the exponential sequence $A\alpha^n$. For this type of sequences, a DTFT representation is possible using the Dirac delta function $\delta(\omega)$.
A Dirac delta function $\delta(\omega)$ is a function of ω with infinite height, zero width, and unit area. It is the limiting form of a unit area pulse function p_Δ as Δ goes to zero satisfying:

$$\lim_{\Delta\to 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_\Delta(\omega) d\omega = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega) d\omega \tag{1.39}$$

Example 6: Dirac δ application

onsider the complex exponential sequence:

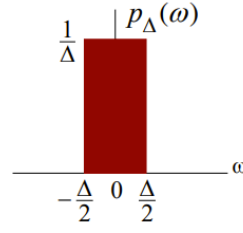$$x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} \tag{1.40}$$

Figure 1.1: Plot and area of $p_\Delta(\omega)$ function.

Its DTFT is given by:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0 + 2k\pi) \tag{1.41}$$

where $\delta(\omega)$ is an impulse function of ω and $-\pi \leq \omega_0 \leq \pi$. The function in Eq. 1.41 is periodic in ω with a period 2π and it is called periodic impulse train. In order to verify that $X(e^{j\omega})$ given above is indeed the DTFT of $x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n}$ we compute the inverse DTFT of $X(e^{j\omega})$:

$$\begin{aligned}
x[n] &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0 + 2\pi k)e^{j\omega n}\mathrm{d}\omega \\
&= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \delta(\omega - \omega_0)e^{j\omega n}\mathrm{d}\omega \\
&= e^{j\omega_0 n} \tag{1.42}
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the sampling property of the impulse function $\delta(\omega)$.

Last but not least, we list in Table 1.1 a set of commonly used DTFT pairs.

Sequence	DTFT
$\delta[n]$	1
1	$\displaystyle\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega + 2\pi k)$
$e^{j\omega_0 n}$	$\displaystyle\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0 + 2\pi k)$
$\mu[n]$	$\displaystyle\frac{1}{1 - e^{-j\omega}} + \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \pi\delta(\omega + 2\pi k)$
$\alpha^n \mu[n] \ \ (|\alpha| < 1)$	$\displaystyle\frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j\omega}}$

Table 1.1: Commonly used DTFT pairs.

1.1.4   DTFT properties

There are a number of important properties of the DTFT that are useful in signal processing applications. These are listed here in Figures 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 without proof, since it is quite straigthforward to derive them. We illustrate the applications of some of the DTFT properties.

Sequence	Discrete-Time Fourier Transform
$x[n]$	$X(e^{j\omega})$
$x[-n]$	$X(e^{-j\omega})$
$x^*[-n]$	$X^*(e^{j\omega})$
$\mathrm{Re}\{x[n]\}$	$X_{cs}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{2}\{X(e^{j\omega}) + X^*(e^{-j\omega})\}$
$j\mathrm{Im}\{x[n]\}$	$X_{ca}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{2}\{X(e^{j\omega}) - X^*(e^{-j\omega})\}$
$x_{cs}[n]$	$X_{re}(e^{j\omega})$
$x_{ca}[n]$	$jX_{im}(e^{j\omega})$

Figure 1.2: DTFT symmetry relations for a complex sequence $x[n]$.

Sequence	Discrete-Time Fourier Transform
$x[n]$	$X(e^{j\omega}) = X_{re}(e^{j\omega}) + jX_{im}(e^{j\omega})$
$x_{ev}[n]$	$X_{re}(e^{j\omega})$
$x_{od}[n]$	$jX_{im}(e^{j\omega})$
Symmetry relations	$X(e^{j\omega}) = X^*(e^{-j\omega})$
	$X_{re}(e^{j\omega}) = X_{re}(e^{-j\omega})$
	$X_{im}(e^{j\omega}) = -X_{im}(e^{-j\omega})$
	$\|X(e^{j\omega})\| = \|X(e^{-j\omega})\|$
	$\arg\{X(e^{j\omega})\} = -\arg\{X(e^{-j\omega})\}$

Figure 1.3: DTFT symmetry realtions for a real sequence $x[n]$.

Type of Property	Sequence	Discrete-Time Fourier Transform
	$g[n]$	$G(e^{j\omega})$
	$h[n]$	$H(e^{j\omega})$
Linearity	$\alpha g[n] + \beta h[n]$	$\alpha G(e^{j\omega}) + \beta H(e^{j\omega})$
Time-shifting	$g[n - n_o]$	$e^{-j\omega n_o} G(e^{j\omega})$
Frequency-shifting	$e^{j\omega_o n} g[n]$	$G\left(e^{j(\omega - \omega_o)}\right)$
Differentiation in frequency	$ng[n]$	$j\dfrac{dG(e^{j\omega})}{d\omega}$
Convolution	$g[n] \circledast h[n]$	$G(e^{j\omega})H(e^{j\omega})$
Modulation	$g[n]h[n]$	$\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G(e^{j\theta})H(e^{j(\omega-\theta)})\, d\theta$
Parseval's relation	$\displaystyle\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g[n]h^*[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G(e^{j\omega})H^*(e^{j\omega})\, d\omega$	

Figure 1.4: DTFT general properties.