

PH 461C: LEGENDRE NORM

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF FOURIER & ALL THAT

→ OUR BASIS:  $e^{ikx}$  → "PLANE WAVE"

note:  $e^{\pm ikx}$  BOTH VALID

GENERALIZE to HIGHER DIM:

but more is: can think of as func of  $x$  or  $k$

$$e^{\pm ik_x x} e^{\pm ik_y y} \dots \text{etc.}$$

(really just separation of vars)

... to SPACETIME

$$e^{\pm i\omega t} e^{\pm ik_x x} \dots$$

convenient to choose opposite signs:

$$e^{-i\omega t + ikx} \sim \cos(-\omega t + kx) + i \sin \dots$$

ENERGY & MOMENTUM → PLANE WAVE:

PLANE: WAVE FRONT IS A PLANE IN 42 DIRS

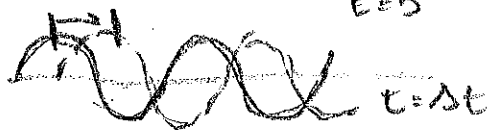
WAVELENGTH:  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$

PERIOD:  $\tau = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$

VELOCITY:  $v = \frac{\omega}{k}$

$\Delta x = \frac{\omega}{k} \Delta t$

$E=0$



SO WE OFTEN CALL FOURIER BASIS → PLANE WAVES

In fact

$$-i\omega t + i k x = -i P_M X^M = -i P_M^T \eta_{MN} X^N$$

$\nearrow$                        $\uparrow$

$$P^M = (\omega, k)$$

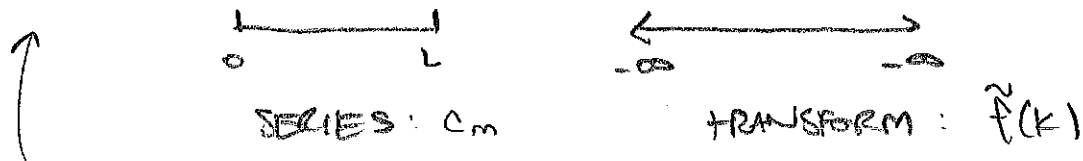
$$X^M = (t, x)$$

$$P_M = (\omega, -k)$$

so we write:  $\boxed{e^{-i P \cdot X}}$  (or  $e^{+i P \cdot X}$ )

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FOURIER: from DISCRETE to CONTINUOUS

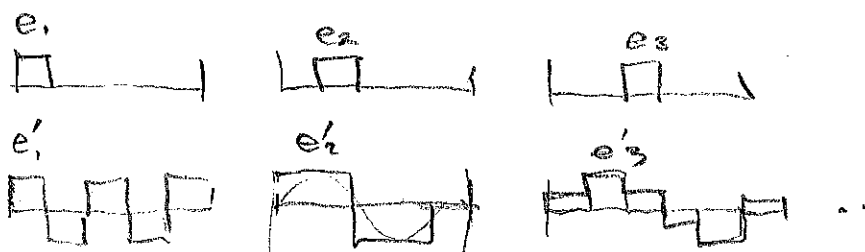


PROT: FOURIER:  $\Delta x$  SPACING,  $L = N \Delta x$

DISCRETE SAMPLING OF  
FINITE DOMAIN

(back to HISTOGRAM space!)

FOURIER: TRADE BASIS of unit blocks  
to a basis of correlated  
blocks.



case:  $\Delta n = n - n' = 0$

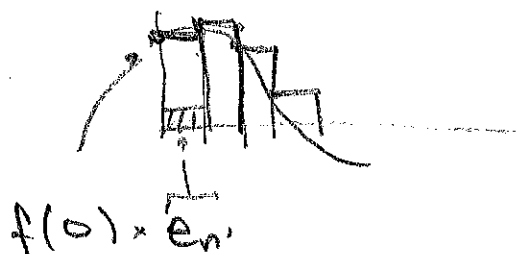
then:  $\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \langle n | k_m \rangle \langle k_m | n' \rangle = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \delta_{nn'} = \textcircled{N} \delta_{nn'}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\times \delta_{nn'}$  to ensure  $n=n'$

(So:  $\sum |k_m\rangle \langle k_m| = N \mathbb{I}$ )

we won't normalize... need to be able to take  $N \rightarrow \infty$  lim.

GOING BETWEEN BASES:

$f(x) = f(n \Delta x) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(n' \Delta x) \underbrace{\delta_{n'n}}_{e_n}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 discrete index  
 of pos space



BUT WE CAN REPLACE  $\delta_{n'n}$  w/ MOMENTUM COMPLETENESS...

$f(n \Delta x) = \sum_{n'=0}^{N-1} f(n' \Delta x) \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} e^{i k_m (n' - n) \Delta x} \times \underbrace{\frac{1}{N}}_{\text{to normalize}}$   
 collect  $n'$  dependence

$= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \left[ \sum_{n'=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} f(n' \Delta x) e^{i k_m n' \Delta x} \right] e^{-i k_m n \Delta x}$   
 $\uparrow$   $C_m$  FINITE FOURIER COEFF

$|n\rangle = \sum_m \underbrace{\frac{1}{N}}_{\text{to normalize}} |k_m\rangle \langle k_m | n \rangle$

evidently  
 we used  
 the opp.  
 convention

so we have derived the FINITE FOURIER REP  
of a DISCRETIZED INTERVAL

$$f(n\Delta x) = \sum_{m=-N}^{N-1} c_m e^{-ik_m n \Delta x}$$

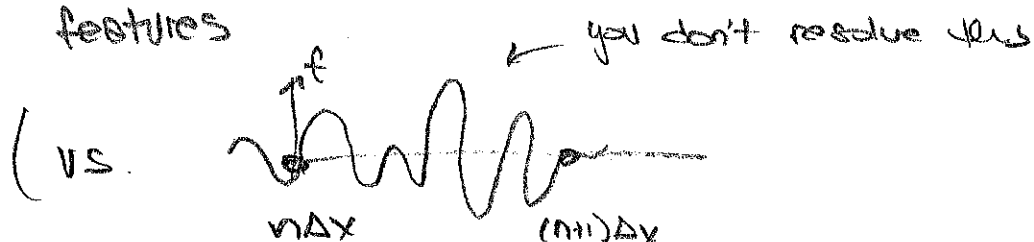
note: STRAIGHTFORWARD to do this for  
A SYMMETRIZED INTERVAL

$$0 = \frac{L}{2} - M\Delta x \quad \frac{L}{2} \quad L = \frac{L}{2} + M\Delta x$$

PASS TO CONTINUUM INTERVAL

↳  $\Delta x$  so small (rel to, eg, measurement)  
that we see  $f$  as continuous function

↳ wiggles in  $f$  are  $\gg \Delta x$   
features



SUM  $\leftrightarrow$  INTEGRAL:  $\Delta x \sum_n f(n\Delta x) \rightarrow \int \Delta x \, dn \, f(n\Delta x)$   
 $\rightarrow \int dx \, f(x)$

KRONDELTER  $\delta$ :  $\Delta x \sum_n f(n\Delta x) \left[ \frac{\delta_{nn'}}{\Delta x} \right] = f(n'\Delta x)$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $\int dx \, f(x) \left[ \delta(x-y) \right] = f(y)$   
 DIRAC DELTA

$\delta(x-y)$  is not a function ... it is a distribution

only makes sense  
when integrated over.

→ many limiting functional forms.

↳ as narrow, as tall,  
integrates to one.

DISTRIBUTION: BRA/ROW VECTOR

$$\langle f | g \rangle = \int f^* g \, dx$$

$$\langle f | = \int f^* \, \text{---} \, dx$$

$$\langle n' | = \sum_n S_{nn'} (\text{---})_n$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\langle y | = \int dx \, \delta(x-y) (\text{---})_x$$

BTW: DERIVATIVE of  $\delta$  function?

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta'(x) \, dx = \underbrace{f \delta'} - \int f' \delta \, dx = f'(0)$$

ZERO b/c  
 $\delta$  is only  
nonzero @ 0

nb:  $\delta(x-y) \sim \frac{\delta n'}{\Delta x} \leftarrow$  physical significance  
IMPLICIT LATTICE SPACING  
("UV")

DISCRETE SAMPLING:  $x = n \Delta x$   
 (position space)  $\uparrow$   $n$  indexes position

(momentum space):  $K_m = \frac{2\pi}{L} m$   $\uparrow$   $m$  indexes momentum

$$\frac{2\pi}{N\Delta x} = \Delta k$$

momentum basis:  $\overset{\text{check}}{\downarrow} e^{-iK_m(n\Delta x)} = |K_m\rangle$   
 NOT NORMALIZED

check: Histogram basis is normalized

$$\langle n | n' \rangle = \delta_{nn'}$$

for normalized basis  $\sum_i |e_i\rangle \langle e_i| = \mathbb{1}$

"completeness" of basis

if  $|K_m\rangle$  is not normalized (but orthogonal)  
 then  $\sum |K_m\rangle \langle K_m| = \# \mathbb{1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n | \left( \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} |K_m\rangle \langle K_m| \right) | n' \rangle &= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} e^{-iK_m(n\Delta x)} e^{+iK_m(n'\Delta x)} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} e^{iK_m(n'-n)\Delta x} = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} (n'-n) m} \end{aligned}$$

geom series:  $\sum_{m=0}^M a^m = \textcircled{\Sigma}$   
 then:  $\textcircled{\Sigma} - a \textcircled{\Sigma} = a^0 - a^{M+1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \textcircled{\Sigma} = \frac{1 - a^{M+1}}{1 - a}$

$$a = e^{\frac{2\pi i \Delta n}{N}}$$

$$= \frac{1 - e^{2\pi i \Delta n}}{1 - e^{\frac{2\pi i \Delta n}{N}}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 0 \text{ if } \Delta n \neq 0 \\ ? \text{ if } \Delta n = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

continuum limit continued

$$f(n\Delta x) = \sum_{m=-M}^{M=M} c_m e^{-\frac{2\pi i m}{N\Delta x} n\Delta x}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=-M}^{M=M} c_m e^{-\frac{2\pi i m}{L} x} \quad x = n\Delta x$$

$M \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  ( $\infty$  # samplings)

$$c_m = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} \cdot \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta x} f(n'\Delta x) e^{i \frac{2\pi m}{N\Delta x} n'\Delta x}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \frac{\Delta x}{N\Delta x} = \frac{\Delta x}{L} \quad e^{+ \frac{2\pi i m}{L} x'}$$

$$= \int_0^L \frac{dx}{L} f(x') e^{2\pi i m x'/L}$$

giving us the expression for the  
FOURIER SERIES coefficients

$\Rightarrow$  ASSUMPTIONS:  $f$  is sufficiently nice  
for convergence of series  
 $\uparrow$   
(ultimately this is why  
histogram basis was bad)  
see eg. Stone & Galtbart, Apple

# FOURIER TRANSFORM

shift to a symmetric interval:  $-\frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2}$

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m e^{-\frac{2\pi i m x}{L}}$$

$\infty$  # of discrete modes  $\uparrow$   $\frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} f(x') e^{\frac{2\pi i m x'}{L}} dx$

As  $L \rightarrow \infty$   $\Delta k = \frac{2\pi}{L} \rightarrow 0$

mode spacing  $\rightarrow 0$   
 $\Delta k \rightarrow dk$

$$k_m = \frac{2\pi}{L} m \rightarrow dk = \frac{2\pi}{L} \Delta m$$

$\sum_m \rightarrow \int \Delta m = \int \frac{L dk}{2\pi}$  there's that silly  $2\pi$  factor!

but  $L \rightarrow \infty \dots$

$$f(x) = \frac{L}{2\pi} \int dk C(k) e^{-ikx}$$

cancel L's

$\uparrow$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\uparrow$

$C(k) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} f(x') e^{ikx'} dx'$   
Ah!  
 def  $c(k) = \frac{1}{L} C(k)$

$$f(x) = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} \tilde{f}(k) e^{-ikx}$$

$$\tilde{f}(k) = \int dx f(x) e^{ikx}$$

next: solving ODE w/ this eqn