

Fourier Transforms

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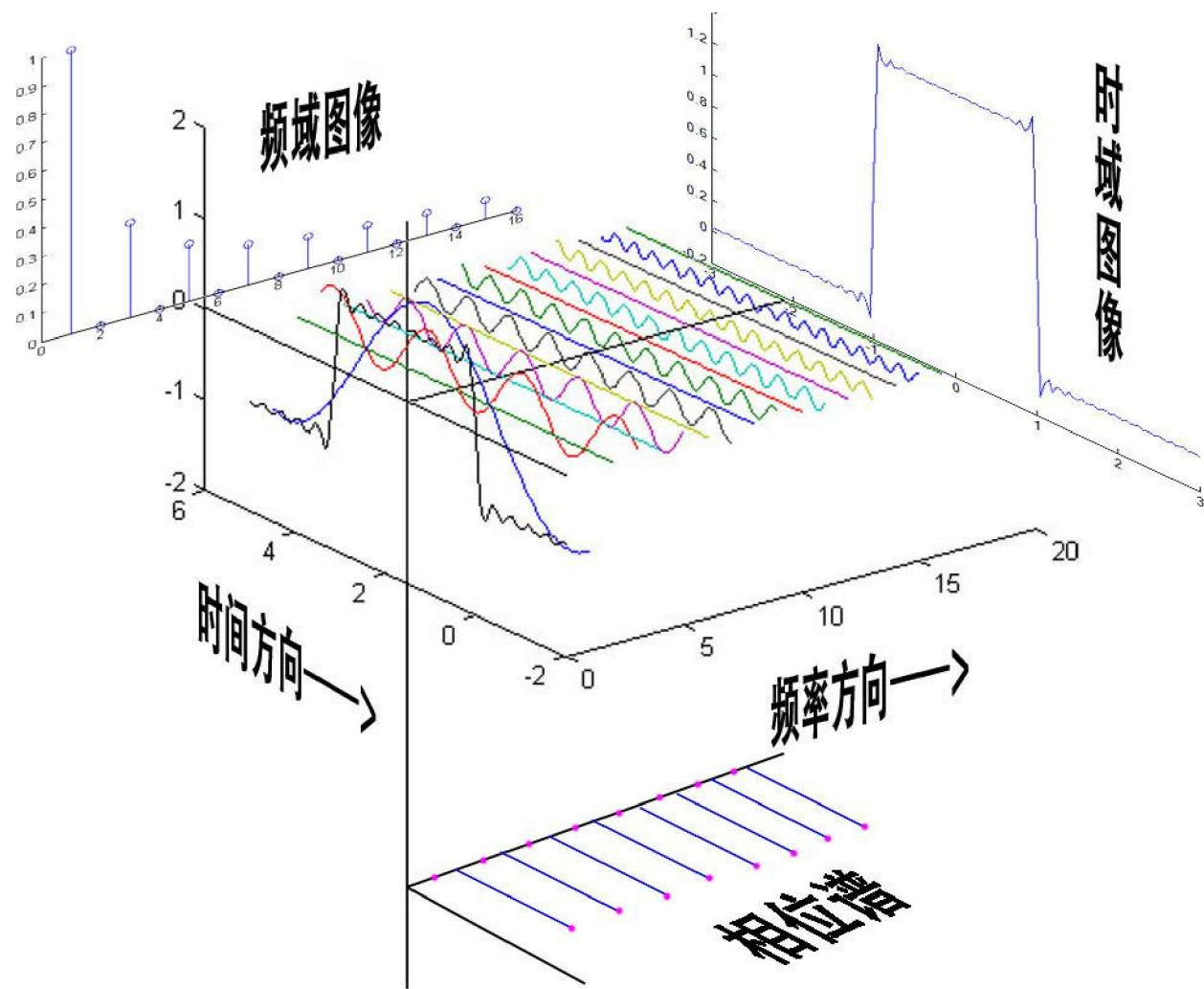
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$$f(t) \Rightarrow \{a_n, b_n\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Amplitude } \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}, \text{ Phase } \varphi_n\}$$



Complex form of Fourier series (with period T)

$$f(\theta) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left(c_n e^{i\frac{2\pi n}{T}\theta} + c_{-n} e^{-i\frac{2\pi n}{T}\theta} \right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{i\frac{2\pi n}{T}\theta}$$

$$f(\theta) \Rightarrow \{c_n\}$$

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Forward Fourier transform $\tilde{f}(k) = \mathcal{F}[f(x)]$

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Remarks

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- The variables are often called t and ω instead of x and k .
- k could be complex variable.
- The existence of Fourier transform (FT)
 - necessary condition ($f(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$)
 - sufficient condition (bounded variation, a finite number of discontinuities and absolutely integrable)
- Several different definitions of the FT.

Inverse Fourier transform $f(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\tilde{f}(k)]$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(k) e^{ikx} dk$$

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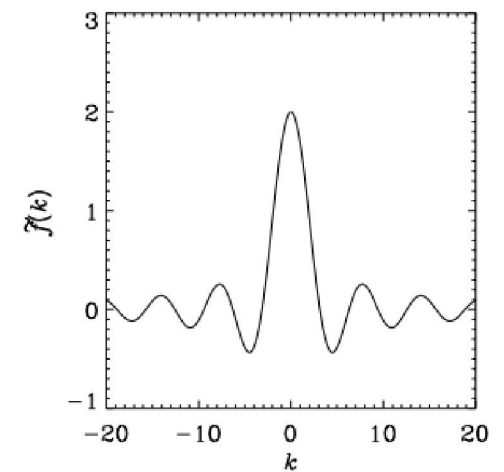
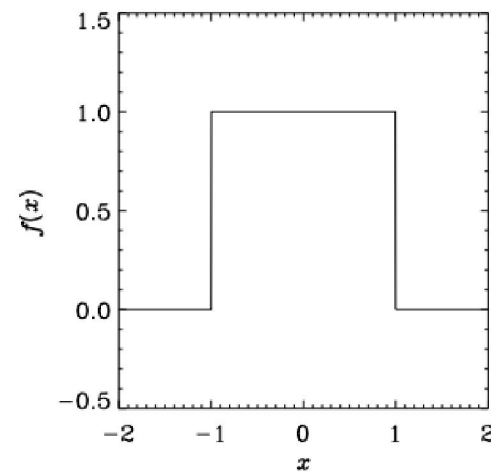
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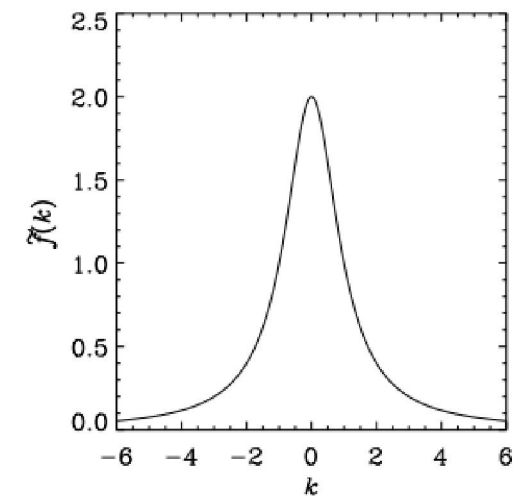
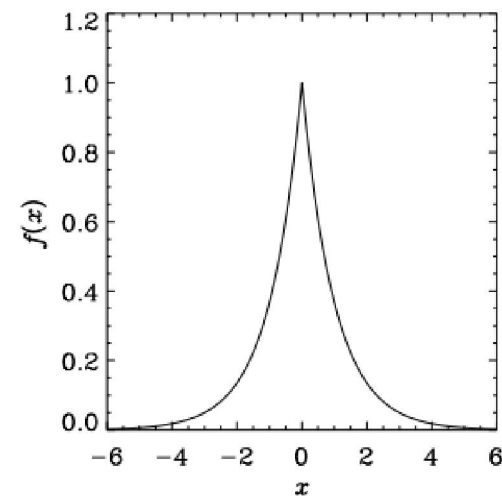
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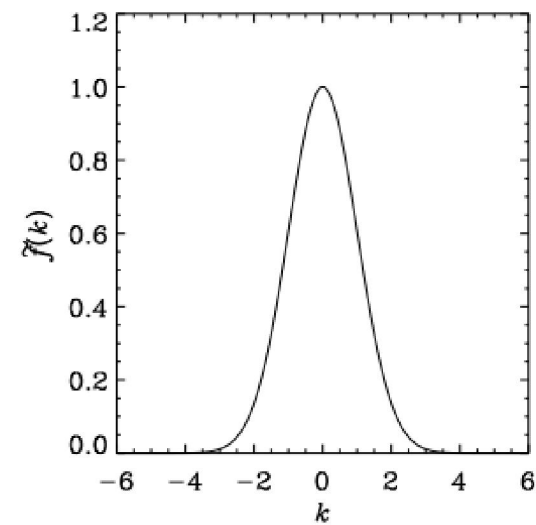
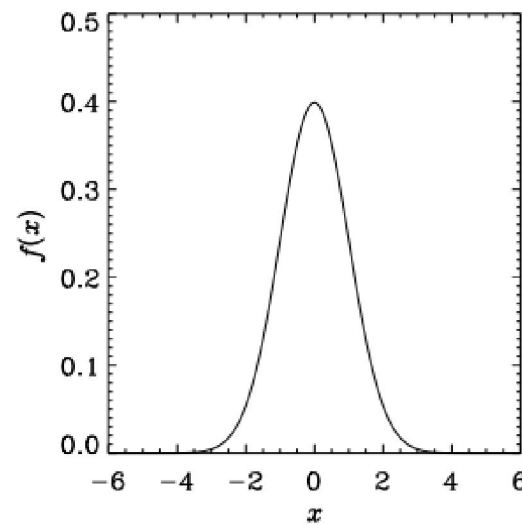
Is there any function that could be equal to its FT?

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Linearity:

$$g(x) = \alpha f(x) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{g}(k) = \alpha \tilde{f}(k) \quad (1)$$

$$h(x) = f(x) + g(x) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{h}(k) = \tilde{f}(k) + \tilde{g}(k) \quad (2)$$

Basic properties of the Fourier transform

Rescaling (for real α):

$$g(x) = f(\alpha x) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{g}(k) = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \tilde{f}\left(\frac{k}{\alpha}\right) \quad (3)$$

Basic properties of the Fourier transform

Shift/exponential (for real α):

$$g(x) = f(x - \alpha) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{g}(k) = e^{-ik\alpha} \tilde{f}(k) \quad (4)$$

$$g(x) = e^{i\alpha x} f(x) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{g}(k) = \tilde{f}(k - \alpha) \quad (5)$$

Basic properties of the Fourier transform

Differentiation/multiplication:

$$g(x) = f'(x) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{g}(k) = \mathrm{i}k \tilde{f}(k) \quad (6)$$

$$g(x) = xf(x) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{g}(k) = \mathrm{i}\tilde{f}'(k) \quad (7)$$

Basic properties of the Fourier transform

Duality:

$$g(x) = \tilde{f}(x) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{g}(k) = 2\pi f(-k) \quad (8)$$

Basic properties of the Fourier transform

Complex conjugation and parity inversion (for real x and k):

$$g(x) = [f(x)]^* \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{g}(k) = [\tilde{f}(-k)]^* \quad (9)$$

Basic properties of the Fourier transform

Symmetry:

$$f(-x) = \pm f(x) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{f}(-k) = \pm \tilde{f}(k) \quad (10)$$

Dirac delta function

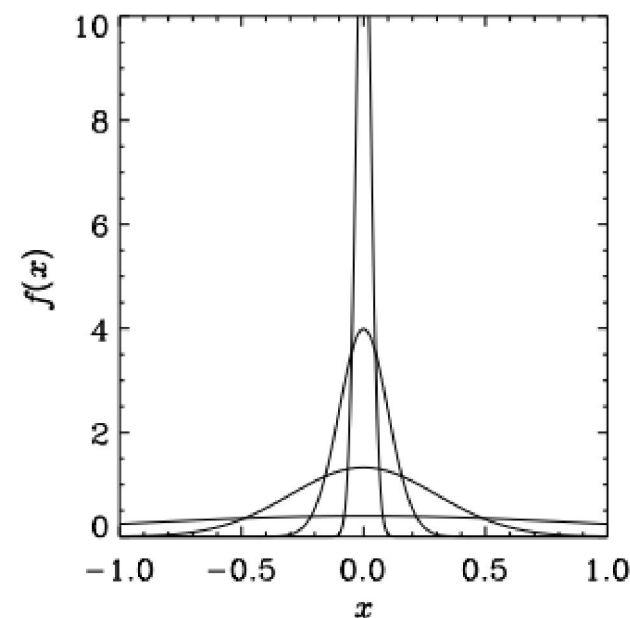
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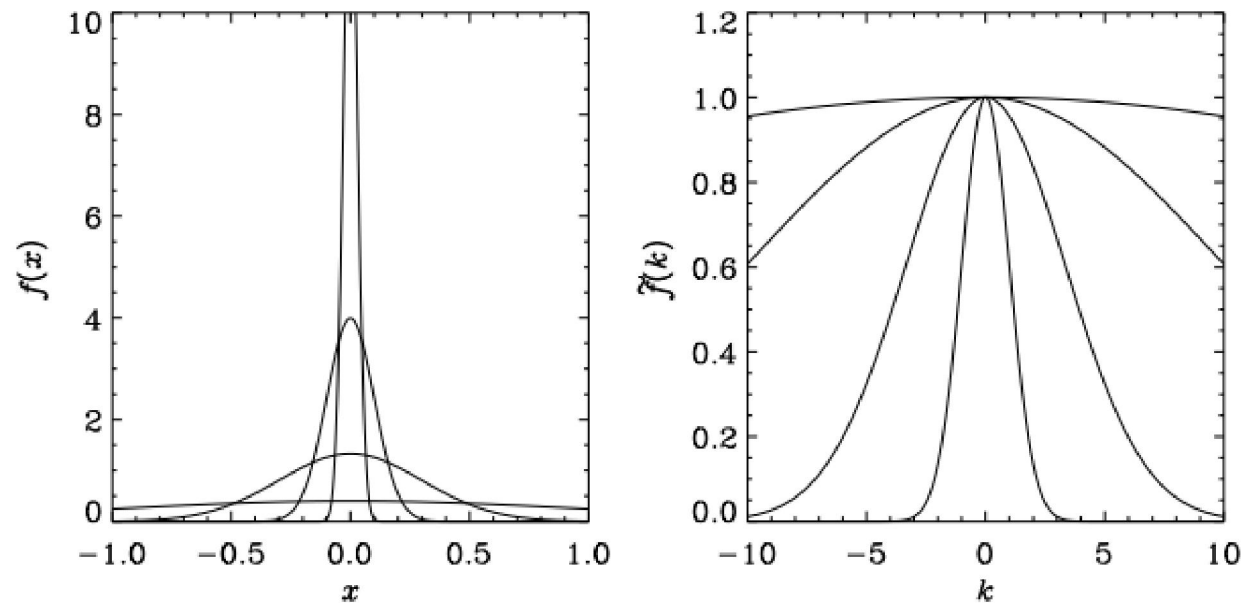
- **sifting property**

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x - \mu) dx = f(\mu)$$

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