

Solutions of Heat Conduction Problems  
with  
Integral Transforms

# Integral Transform Techniques: Introduction

The integral transform of a function  $f(x)$  defined in the interval  $a \leq x \leq b$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}\{f(x)\} = F(k)$ , and defined by

$$\mathcal{I}\{f(x)\} = F(k) = \int_a^b K(x, k) f(x) dx.$$

where  $K(x, k)$ , given function of two variables  $x$  and  $k$ , is called the kernel of the transform.

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$\mathcal{J}$  is a linear operator since it satisfies the property of linearity.

$$\mathcal{J}\{f(x)\} = F(k) = \int_a^b K(x, k)f(x)dx,$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{J}\{\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)\} &= \int_0^b (\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)) K(x, k) dx \\ &= \alpha \mathcal{J}\{f(x)\} + \beta \mathcal{J}\{g(x)\},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are arbitrary constants.

In order to obtain  $f(x)$  from a given  $F(k) = \mathcal{J}\{f(x)\}$ , we introduce the inverse operator  $\mathcal{J}^{-1}$  such that

$$\mathcal{J}^{-1}\{F(k)\} = f(x).$$

Accordingly  $\mathcal{J}^{-1}\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J}\mathcal{J}^{-1} = 1$  which is the identity operator.

It can be proved that  $\mathcal{J}^{-1}$  is also a linear operator as follows.

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By expanding an arbitrary function in an infinite series of the characteristic functions of various Sturm-Liouville systems, several finite integral transforms have been introduced.

These transforms are also called *finite Sturm-Liouville transforms*.

- Finite Fourier transforms
- Finite Hankel transforms
- Finite Legendre transforms

## Finite Fourier Transforms

Any function  $f(x)$ , which is piecewise differentiable on the interval  $(0, L)$ , can be expanded in a series of orthogonal eigen functions:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \phi_n(x), \quad 0 < x < L \quad A_n = \frac{1}{N_n} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_n(x) dx \quad N_n = \int_0^L [\phi_n(x)]^2 dx$$

$$\bar{f}_n = \int_0^L f(x) K_n(x) dx \quad \text{Finite integral transform of function } f(x)$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{f}_n K_n(x) \quad \text{The inversion}$$

$$K_n(x) = \frac{\phi_n(x)}{\sqrt{N_n}}$$

Kernel of Transform

This is normalized characteristic (eigen) functions.

## Finite Fourier Transforms: Sine

Any function  $f(x)$ , which is piecewise differentiable on the interval  $(0, L)$ , can be expanded in a Fourier sine series as:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x, \quad 0 < x < L \quad A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

Substitute  $\sin$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \int_0^L f(x') \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x' dx' \right] \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \quad \text{Rearrange as: } \begin{cases} \bar{f}_n = \int_0^L f(x) K_n(x) dx \\ f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{f}_n K_n(x) \end{cases}$$

where:  $K_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$  Kernel of Transform (Normalized eigenfunction)

$$\bar{f}_n = \int_0^L f(x) K_n(x) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{f}_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx \quad \text{Finite Fourier sine transform of the function } f(x) \text{ over the interval } (0, L)$$

## Finite Fourier Transforms: Cosine

Any function  $f(x)$ , which is piecewise differentiable on the interval  $(0, L)$ , can be expanded in a Fourier cosine series as:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x, \quad 0 < x < L$$

Substitute  $A_n$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N_n} \left[ \int_0^L f(x') \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x' dx' \right] \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

$$A_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx, & n=0 \\ \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx, & n=1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$N_n = \begin{cases} L, & n=0 \\ \frac{L}{2}, & n=1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{f}_n = \int_0^L f(x) K_n(x) dx$$

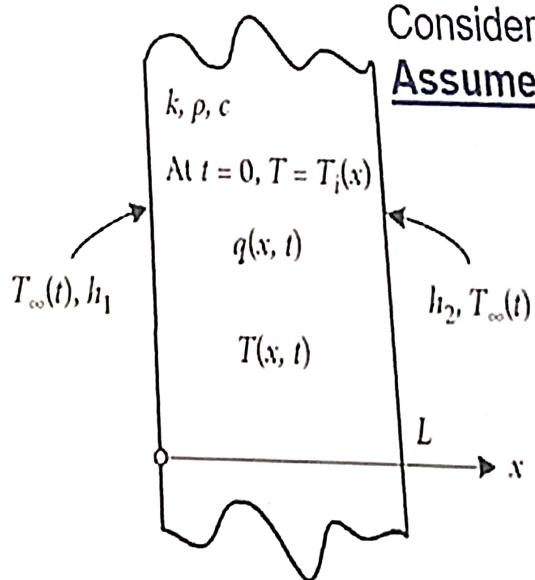
Finite Fourier cosine transform of the function  $f(x)$  over the interval  $(0, L)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{f}_n K_n(x)$$

Corresponding inversion formula

$$K_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_n}} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x \quad \text{Kernel of Transform}$$

# Finite Fourier Transforms: Example-1



Consider the plane wall having thickness  $L$  in the  $x$ -direction.  
Assume:  $k$  and  $\alpha$  are constants,  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are very large.

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\dot{q}(x,t)}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

$$T(x,0) = T_i(x)$$

$$T(0,t) = T(L,t) = T_\infty(t)$$

This problem cannot be solved readily by the method of separation of variables.

Basic Idea: Remove the partial derivative with respect to the space variable  $x$  from the formulation of the problem.

Note that  $x$  varies from zero to  $L$ . Accordingly, an integral transform of the temperature distribution  $T(x, t)$  with respect to the space variable  $x$  is defined on the finite interval  $(0, L)$  as

$$\bar{T}_n(t) = \int_0^L T(x,t) K_n(x) dx$$

$$T(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{T}_n(t) K_n(x)$$

How to determine  $K_n(x)$ ?

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$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\dot{q}(x,t)}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad \text{Eq. (1)}$$

$$T(x,0) = T_i(x)$$

$$T(0,t) = T(L,t) = T_{ss}(t)$$

To determine  $K_n(x)$ , we consider the following auxiliary problem (remove nonhomogeneous terms from the DE, BC)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$

$$\psi(x,0) = T_i(x)$$

$$\psi(0,t) = \psi(L,t) = 0$$

Eigenvalue problem:

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \lambda^2 X = 0 \quad X(0) = X(L) = 0$$

$$K_n(x) = \frac{\phi_n(x)}{\sqrt{N_n}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \lambda_n x$$

Now, we obtain the finite Fourier sine transform of the Heat Equation (Eq. 1) by first multiplying it by  $K_n(x)$  and then integrating the resultant expression over  $x$  from zero to  $L$ :

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx + \frac{1}{k} \int_0^L K_n(x) \dot{q}(x,t) dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx$$

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$$\int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx + \frac{1}{k} \int_0^L K_n(x) \dot{q}(x, t) dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx$$

RHS:  $\int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^L K_n(x) T(x, t) dx = \frac{d\bar{T}_n}{dt}$

First Term on LHS:  
(Integration by parts)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx &= \underbrace{K_n(L) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}}_{x=L} - \underbrace{K_n(0) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}}_{x=0} \\ &- \int_0^L \frac{dK_n}{dx} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx = - \int_0^L \frac{dK_n}{dx} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx \end{aligned}$$

One more integration  
by parts yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx &= - \underbrace{T(L, t) \frac{dK_n}{dx}}_{x=L} \\ &+ \underbrace{T(0, t) \frac{dK_n}{dx}}_{x=0} + \int_0^L \frac{d^2 K_n}{dx^2} T(x, t) dx \end{aligned}$$

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$$\int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx + \frac{1}{k} \int_0^L K_n(x) q(x, t) dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx$$

RHS:  $\int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^L K_n(x) T(x, t) dx = \frac{d \bar{T}_n}{dt}$

First Term on LHS:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx &= - \left. \frac{T(L, t)}{\tau_n(t)} \frac{dK_n}{dx} \right|_{x=L} \\ &\quad + \left. \frac{T(0, t)}{\tau_n(t)} \frac{dK_n}{dx} \right|_{x=0} + \int_0^L \frac{n^2 K_n}{dx^2} T(x, t) dx \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\frac{dK_n}{dx} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \lambda_n \cos \lambda_n x$  and  $\frac{d^2 K_n}{dx^2} = -\lambda_n^2 K_n(x)$

Finally:  $\int_0^L K_n(x) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \lambda_n [1 - (-1)^n] T_n(t) - \lambda_n^2 \bar{T}_n(t)$

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$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d\bar{T}_n}{dt} + \lambda_n^2 \bar{T}_n(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \lambda_n [1 - (-1)^n] T_n(t) + \frac{1}{k} \tilde{q}_n(t) \quad \text{Eq. (A)}$$

The original problem is now converted to ODE

Where  $\tilde{q}_n(t) = \int_0^L \tilde{q}(x, t) K_n(x) dx$  Finite Fourier sine transform of  $\tilde{q}(x, t)$

Rewrite Eq. (A) as:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d\bar{T}_n}{dt} + \lambda_n^2 \bar{T}_n(t) = F_n(t) \quad \text{where: } F_n(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \lambda_n [1 - (-1)^n] T_n(t) + \frac{1}{k} \tilde{q}_n(t)$$

To solve the above ODE

1. Multiply both sides of this equation by IF  $\exp(\alpha \lambda_n^2 t)$

2. Then integrate the resultant expression from zero to  $t$

$$\int_0^t e^{\alpha \lambda_n^2 t'} \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d\bar{T}_n}{dt'} + \lambda_n^2 \bar{T}_n(t') \right] dt' = \int_0^t e^{\alpha \lambda_n^2 t'} F_n(t') dt'$$

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$$\int_0^t e^{\alpha \lambda_n^2 t'} \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d \bar{T}_n}{dt'} + \lambda_n^2 \bar{T}_n(t') \right] dt' = \int_0^t e^{\alpha \lambda_n^2 t'} F_n(t') dt'$$

Where:  $F_n(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \lambda_n [1 - (-1)^n] T_\infty(t) + \frac{1}{k} \bar{q}_n(t)$

Rewrite above Eq. as:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^t \frac{d}{dt'} \left[ e^{\alpha \lambda_n^2 t'} \bar{T}_n(t') \right] dt' = \int_0^t e^{\alpha \lambda_n^2 t'} F_n(t') dt'$$

This yields:

$$\bar{T}_n(t) = e^{-\alpha \lambda_n^2 t} \left[ \bar{T}_n(0) + \alpha \int_0^t e^{\alpha \lambda_n^2 t'} F_n(t') dt' \right]$$

Where:

$$\bar{T}_n(0) = \int_0^L T_i(x) K_n(x) dx$$

Finite Fourier sine transform  
of the initial condition

Now invert  $T_n(t)$  by using the inversion formula  
to obtain the temperature distribution  $T(x, t)$ :

$$T(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha \lambda_n^2 t} \left[ \bar{T}_n(0) + \alpha \int_0^t e^{\alpha \lambda_n^2 t'} F_n(t') dt' \right] K_n(x)$$