

L^AT_EX Practice paper, Fourier Analysis from Wikipedia

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1 Definitions

Fourier analysis is the study of the way general functions may be represented or approximated by sums of simpler trigonometric functions.

It is named after Joseph Fourier, who showed that representing a function as a sum of trigonometric functions greatly simplifies the study of heat transfer.

The process of decomposing a function into oscillatory components is often called Fourier analysis, while the operation of rebuilding the function from these pieces is known as **Fourier synthesis**. The decomposition process itself is called a *Fourier transformation*.

2 Variants of Fourier analysis

2.1 general

Fourier transform refers to the transform of functions of a continuous real argument. They produce a continuous function of frequency, known as *frequency distribution*. If a function is transformed, that transformed function can then be transformed back to the original.

When the domain of the initial function is (t) , and the domain of the output function is ordinary frequency, the transform of function $s(t)$ at frequency f is

given by the complex number:

$$S(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t) \cdot e^{-i2\pi ft} dt$$

Evaluating this quantity for all values of f produces the *frequency-domain* function. Then $s(t)$ can be represented as a recombination of complex exponentials of all possible frequencies:

$$s(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \cdot e^{i2\pi ft} df,$$

which is the inverse transform formula. The complex number, $S(f)$, convey both amplitude and phase of frequency f .

2.2 Fourier Series

The Fourier transform of a periodic function, $s_P(t)$, with period P , becomes a Dirac comb function, modulated by a sequence of complex coefficients:

$$S[k] = \frac{1}{P} \int_P s_P(t) \cdot e^{-i2\pi \frac{k}{P} t} dt$$

for all integer values of k , and where \int_P is the integral over any interval of length P .

The inverse transform, known as **Fourier series**, is a representation of $s_P(t)$ in terms of a summation of a potentially infinite number of harmonically related sinusoids or complex exponential functions, each with an amplitude and phase specified by one of the coefficients:

$$s_P(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} S[k] \cdot e^{i2\pi \frac{k}{P} t} \xleftrightarrow{F} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} S[k] \delta\left(f - \frac{k}{P}\right)$$

When $S_P(t)$ is expressed as a periodic summation of another function, $s(t)$:

$$s_P(t) \triangleq \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} s(t - mP),$$

the coefficients are proportional to samples of $S(f)$ at discrete intervals of $\frac{1}{P}$

$$S[k] = \frac{1}{P} \cdot S\left(\frac{k}{P}\right)$$

A sufficient condition for recovering $s(t)$ (and therefore $S(f)$) from just these samples is that the non-zero portion of $s(t)$ be confined to a known interval of duration P , which is the frequency domain dual of Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem.

2.3 Discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT)