

Parseval's theorem

We now prove another very important theorem using the Convolution Theorem. We first give its statement:

The Parseval's theorem states that the inner product between signals is preserved in going from time to the frequency domain.

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \overline{y(t)} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) \overline{Y(f)} df$$

where $\mathbf{X(f)}$, $\mathbf{Y(f)}$, are the Fourier Transforms of $\mathbf{x(t)}$, $\mathbf{y(t)}$ respectively.

$$\text{If we take } \mathbf{x(t) = y(t)}, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X(f)|^2 df$$

This is interpreted physically as “**Energy calculated in the time domain is same as the energy calculated in the frequency domain**”.

$|X(f)|^2$ is called the “**Energy Spectral Density**”.

Proof:

From the convolution theorem, we have,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\lambda) h(t-\lambda) d\lambda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) H(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

Also,

$$y(-t) \xrightarrow{FT} Y(-f) \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{y(t)} \xrightarrow{FT} \overline{Y(-f)}$$

$$\therefore \overline{y(-t)} \xrightarrow{FT} \overline{Y(f)}$$

We perform the convolution of $x(t)$ and $\overline{y(-t)}$ and using convolution theorem,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\lambda) \overline{y(\lambda-t)} d\lambda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) \overline{Y(f)} e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

Put $t = 0$ in the above equation, we get,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\lambda) \overline{y(\lambda)} d\lambda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) \overline{Y(f)} df$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \overline{y(t)} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) \overline{Y(f)} df$$

Hence Proved.

Differentiation/Integration

$$X(f) = \int x(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

$$\frac{dX(f)}{df} = \int x(t) \frac{d(e^{-j2\pi f t})}{df} dt$$

$$\frac{dX(f)}{df} = \int [-j2\pi t x(t)] e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

Hence if

$$x(t) \xrightarrow{FT} X(f)$$

then

$$-j2\pi t x(t) \xrightarrow{FT} X'(f)$$

Now,

$$x(t) = \int X(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df$$

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \int [j2\pi f X(f)] e^{j2\pi ft} df$$

Hence if,

$$x(t) \xrightarrow{FT} X(f)$$

then,

$$x'(t) \xrightarrow{FT} j2\pi f X(f)$$

The inverse operation of taking the derivative is running the integral : $\int_{-\infty}^t x(\lambda) d\lambda$

eg :

$$\int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\lambda) d\lambda = u(t)$$

let

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = x(t)$$

$$x(t) \xrightarrow{FT} X(f)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\lambda) d\lambda \xrightarrow{FT} \frac{X(f)}{j2\pi f}$$

This causes problem when

$$x(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$\delta(t) \xrightarrow{FT} 1$$

$$u(t) \xrightarrow{FT} \frac{1}{j2\pi f} + \text{impulse in frequency.}$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{-t}u(t) &\xrightarrow{FT} \frac{1}{1+j2\pi f} \\
 te^{-t}u(t) &\xrightarrow{FT} \frac{j}{2\pi} \frac{d}{df} \left(\frac{1}{1+j2\pi f} \right) \\
 t^2 e^{-t}u(t) &\xrightarrow{FT} \frac{1}{(1+j2\pi f)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Scaling of the independent variable by a real constant a

When $a > 0$ or $a < 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(at) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{|a|} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\lambda) e^{-j2\pi f \frac{\lambda}{a}} d\lambda \quad (\text{put } at = \lambda) \\
 &= \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{f}{a}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|a|^{1/2} x(at) \xrightarrow{FT} \frac{1}{|a|^{1/2}} X\left(\frac{f}{a}\right)$$

or

Hence the scaling of the independent variable is a self-dual operation.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| |a|^{1/2} x(at) \right|^2 dt &= |a| \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|x(\lambda)|^2}{|a|} d\lambda \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(\lambda)|^2 d\lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $x(t)$ and $|a|^{1/2} x(at)$ have the same energy. Therefore such scaling is called energy normalized scaling of the independent variable.