

Fourier Transform

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Definition For functions $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, their Hermitian form (i.e. inner product) is

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{f}(x)g(x)dx$$

Definition The Fourier Transform is

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{f}(\omega) &= \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-i\omega x}, f \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega x} dx \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

1 Properties of the Fourier Transform

1.1 Linearity

The Fourier transform of a sum of functions is equal to the sum of the Fourier transforms of the functions. Since we can obviously factor out constants, the Fourier Transform is a linear operator.

For functions $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{F}\{f, g\}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-i\omega x)(f(x) + g(x))dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-i\omega x)f(x)dx + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-i\omega x)g(x)dx \\ &= \tilde{f}(\omega) + \tilde{g}(\omega)\end{aligned}$$