

Fourier Transforms

The fourier transform of a function $f(x)$ is given by $F(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \cdot e^{isx} dx$

The inverse fourier transform of a function $F(s)$ is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s) \cdot e^{-isx} ds$$

The fourier sine transform of a function $f(x)$ is given by

$$F(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cdot \sin sx dx$$

The inverse fourier sine transform of a function $F(s)$ is given by

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} F(s) \cdot \sin sx ds.$$

The fourier cosine transform of a function $f(x)$ is given by

$$F(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cdot \cos sx dx$$

The inverse fourier cosine transform of a function $F(s)$ is

given by $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} F(s) \cdot \cos sx ds$

Ex: Find the Fourier transform of the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |x| < a \\ 0 & \text{for } |x| > a \end{cases}$

Solⁿ: The Fourier transform of a function $f(x)$ is given by

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \cdot e^{isx} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &< a \\ -x &< a \\ \Rightarrow x &> -a \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the value of $f(x)$, we get



$$F(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a 1 \cdot e^{isx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\frac{e^{isx}}{is} \right]_{-a}^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{(is)} [e^{ias} - e^{-ias}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{2}{s} \cdot \frac{e^{ias} - e^{-ias}}{2i}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{2 \sin as}{s} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin as}{s} \cdot (\text{Ans})$$

Ex: Find the Fourier transform of the following function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2 & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Solⁿ: Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2 & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| > 1 \end{cases}$

OR, $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| > 1 \end{cases}$

The fourier transform of a function $f(x)$ is given by

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \cdot e^{isx} dx \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

Substituting the values of $f(x)$ in (1), we get

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2) e^{isx} dx$$

Using integrating by parts, we get $[uv]_1 = uv_1 - u'v_2 + u''v_3 \dots]$

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[(1-x^2) \cdot \frac{e^{isx}}{is} - (-2x) \cdot \frac{e^{isx}}{(is)^2} + (-2) \frac{e^{isx}}{(is)^3} \right]_1$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\left\{ 0 + (-2) \frac{e^{is}}{s^2} - (-2) \frac{e^{is}}{is^3} \right\} - \left\{ 0 + (2) \frac{e^{-is}}{s^2} - (-2) \frac{e^{-is}}{is^3} \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[-2 \frac{e^{is}}{s^2} + 2 \frac{e^{is}}{is^3} - 2 \frac{e^{-is}}{s^2} - 2 \frac{e^{-is}}{is^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[-\frac{2}{s^2} (e^{is} + e^{-is}) + \frac{2}{is^3} (e^{is} - e^{-is}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[-\frac{2}{s^2} \cdot (2 \cos s) + \frac{2}{is^3} (2i \sin s) \right] \quad \left[\because \cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{4}{s^3} (-s \cos s + \sin s) \quad (\text{Ans})$$

$$\text{and } \sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$$