

## Fourier Transforms of the Derivatives of a fn

If  $u(x, t)$  is a function of two independent variables  $x$  and  $t$ , then we denote the Fourier transform of  $u(x, t)$  by  $\bar{u}(s, t)$ ;

so that

$$\boxed{\bar{u}(s, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{isx} dx}$$

(i) Fourier Transform of  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ , if  $u \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$

$$F\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot e^{isx} dx \quad (\text{integrate by parts})$$

$$= e^{isx} u \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} is e^{isx} \cdot u dx$$

$$= 0 - is \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{isx} u(x, t) dx, \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{as } u \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{as } x \rightarrow \pm\infty \end{array} \right]$$

$$\boxed{F\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) = -is \bar{u}(s, t)}$$

(ii) Fourier Transform of  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  as  $u \rightarrow 0$ ;

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

$$F\left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} e^{isx} dx$$

$$= \left| e^{isx} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - is \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{isx} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx$$

$$= 0 - is \left| e^{isx} u \right|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - is \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{isx} \cdot u dx$$

$$= (-is)^2 F[u(x, t)]$$

$$F\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right) = (-is)^2 \bar{u}(s, t)$$

In general

$$F\left\{\frac{\partial^n u}{\partial x^n}\right\} = (-is)^n \bar{u}(s, t)$$

(iii) Fourier transform of  $\partial u / \partial t$

$$F\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} e^{isx} dx = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u \cdot e^{isx} dx$$

$$F\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right) = \frac{d}{dt} \bar{u}(s, t)$$

iv) Fourier Sine and cosine transform of  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

$$F_s\{u(x, t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} u \cdot \sin sx \, dx = \bar{u}_s(s, t)$$

$$F_c\{u(x, t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} u \cdot \cos sx \, dx = \bar{u}_c(s, t)$$

a) Fourier sine transform of  $\partial^2 u / \partial x^2$ , if

$u \rightarrow 0, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$F_s\left\{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right\} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \sin sx \, dx$$

$$= \left[ \sin sx \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} s \cos sx \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \, dx$$

$$= 0 - s \left[ (\cos sx \cdot u) \right]_0^{\infty} + s \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \sin sx \, u \, dx \right\}$$

$$= -s [0 - u(0, t)] - s^2 \bar{u}_s(s, t)$$

$$F_s\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right) = s u(0, t) - s^2 \bar{u}_s(s, t)$$



7) b) Fourier cosine transform of  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  if  $u \rightarrow 0, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$F_c \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \cos sx \, dx$$

$$= \left( \cos sx \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} (-s) \sin sx \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \, dx$$

$$= \left[ 0 - \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{x=0} \right] + s \left[ \left( \sin sx \cdot u \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} s \cos sx \cdot u \, dx \right]$$

$$= - \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{x=0} + s \left[ (0-0) - s F_c \{ u(s, t) \} \right]$$

$$\boxed{F_c \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right\} = - \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{x=0} - s^2 F_c [u(s, t)]}$$

## Applications of Fourier transform to Boundary value problems :-

(i)

(i) If the interval is  $-\infty < x < \infty$  and if boundary conditions are

$$u \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \pm \infty$$

Use infinite Fourier transform.

(ii) If the interval is  $0 < x < \infty$  and

a) boundary conditions are  $u \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$u(x, t) = 0 \text{ or } f(t) \text{ at } x = 0 \text{ } \forall t$$

Use Fourier sine transform

b) boundary conditions are  $u \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ or } f(t) \text{ at } x = 0 \text{ } \forall t$$

Use Fourier cosine transform

(iii) If the interval is  $0 < x < L$  and

a) boundary conditions are  $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$  for all  $t$ , use Fourier sine transform

b) boundary conditions are  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$  for all  $t$ , use Fourier cosine transform.



$t = 70$  where

(i)  $u(0, t) = 0$  ,  $t \geq 0$

(ii)  $u(x, 0) = e^{-x}$ ,  $x > 0$

(iii)  $u$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

Ans. Given  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ;  $x > 0$ ,  $t > 0$  — (A)

Boundary condition is  $u(0, t) = 0$ ,

Initial cond<sup>n</sup> is  $u(x, 0) = e^{-x}$  and

$$u \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$\therefore u(0, t)$  is given, we take Fourier sine transform of

④. Thus

$$F_s \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) = 2 F_s \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \sin sx \, dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \sin sx \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\infty u \cdot \sin s x \, dx = 2 \left[ \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \sin s x \right|_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty s \cos s x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \, dx \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \bar{u}_s(s, t) = -2s^2 \bar{u}_s(s, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \bar{u}_s = -2s^2 \bar{u}_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\bar{u}_3}{d\bar{u}_3} = -2s^2 dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \bar{u} = -2s^2t + \log A$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{u}_s = A e^{-2s^2 t} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Given that  $u(x, 0) = e^{-x}$ ,  $x > 0$

$$\bar{u}_s(x, 0) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \sin sx \, dx$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{e^{-x}}{1+s^2} [-\sin sx - s \cos sx] \right\}_0^{\infty}$$

$$\bar{u}_s(x, 0) = \frac{s}{1+s^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

By eq (1)

$$\text{At } t=0, \bar{u}_s = A \cdot e^{-2s^2(0)} = A \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{From (2) \& (3), } A = \frac{s}{1+s^2}$$

$$\therefore \bar{u}_s(s, t) = \frac{s}{1+s^2} e^{-2s^2 t}$$

Taking inverse Fourier sine transform

$$u(x, t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{s}{1+s^2} e^{-2s^2 t} \sin sx \, ds$$

Q2 Use the method of Fourier transform to determine the displacement  $y(x, t)$  of an infinite string, given that the string is initially at rest and that the initial displacement is  $f(x)$ ,  $(-\infty < x < \infty)$

Ans The eq<sup>n</sup> for the vibration of the string is

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

s.t the initial cond's.

$$\left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)_{t=0} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y(x, 0) = f(x) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



Taking Fourier transform of (1), we get

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \bar{y} = \cancel{0} \quad c^2 (-s^2 \bar{y})$$

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{y}}{dt^2} + c^2 s^2 \bar{y} = 0$$

Soln is  $\bar{y} = A \cos cst + B \sin cst$  — (3)

where  $A$  &  $B$  are arb. constants.

Now taking Fourier transform of (2), we get

$$\frac{\partial \bar{y}}{\partial t} = 0 \text{ and } \bar{y} = F(s) = F\{f(x)\}, \text{ when } t=0$$

— (4)

Put  $t=0$  in (3),  $\boxed{\bar{y}(x,0) = A}$  — (5)

Using (4) & (5),  $\underline{A = F(s)}$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{y}}{\partial t} = -csA \sin cst + csB \cos ct$$

Putting  $t=0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \bar{y}}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B=0}$

$\therefore \bar{y} = F(s) \cos cst$

Taking Inverse F.T., we get

$$y(x,t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s) \cos cst \cdot e^{-isx} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s) \left\{ \frac{e^{icst} + e^{-icst}}{2} \right\} e^{-isx} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ F(s) e^{-is(x-ct)} + F(s) e^{-is(x+ct)} \right] ds$$

$$\boxed{y(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x-ct) + f(x+ct)]}$$

Q3 solve the equation  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $x > 0$   
 $t > 0$  subject to the conditions

(iii)

i)  $u = 0$  when  $x = 0$ ,  $t > 0$

ii)  $u = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & x > 1 \end{cases}; t = 0$  and

iii)  $u(x, t)$  is bounded.

Ans. Since  $u(0, t)$  is given, we take Fourier sine transform on both sides of eq (1),

$$F_s\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right) = F_s\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)$$

[ $\because u(x, t)$  is bounded

$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(\bar{u}_s) = -s^2 \bar{u}_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\bar{u}_s}{\bar{u}_s} = -s^2 dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \bar{u}_s = -s^2 t + \log A$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{u}_s = A e^{-s^2 t} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Put  $t = 0$  in eq (2),  $A = \bar{u}_s(x, 0)$

$$A = \bar{u}_s(x, 0) = \int_0^{\infty} u(x, 0) \sin sx \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 1 \cdot \sin sx \, dx = \left[ -\frac{\cos sx}{s} \right]_0^1$$

$$A = \left( \frac{1 - \cos s}{s} \right)$$

$$\therefore \bar{u}_s(s, t) = \left( \frac{1 - \cos s}{s} \right) e^{-s^2 t}$$

Taking Inverse Fourier transform

$$u(x, t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left( \frac{1 - \cos s}{s} \right) e^{-s^2 t} \sin sx \, ds$$



Q4. Employ Fourier transform to solve the equation  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $0 < x < \infty$ ,  $t \geq 0$  where  $u(x, t)$  satisfies the cond<sup>n</sup>.

i)  $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{x=0} = 0$ ,  $t \geq 0$

ii)  $u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

iii)  $|u(x, t)| < M$ , i.e. bounded.

Ans. Since  $0 < x < \infty$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  is given at  $x=0$  we take Fourier cosine transform

$$F_c\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right) = F_c\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(\bar{u}_c) = -s^2 \bar{u}_c(s, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{u}_c = A e^{-s^2 t} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

To find  $A$ , we take the Fourier cosine transform of

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{u}_c(s, 0) = \int_0^\infty u(x, 0) \cos sx \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x \cos sx \, dx = \frac{s \sin s + \cos s - 1}{s^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Put } t=0 \text{ in (1)} \Rightarrow \bar{u}_c(s, 0) = A \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

By (1), (2), (3)

$$\bar{u}_c(s, t) = \left( \frac{s \sin s + \cos s - 1}{s^2} \right) e^{-s^2 t} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Taking Inverse Fourier cosine transform (1V)

$$u(x,t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left( \frac{s \sin s + \cos s - 1}{s^2} \right) e^{-s^2 t} \cos s x ds$$

Q5 Find the solution of the Laplace equation  
 $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = 0$  inside the semi-finite strip

$$x > 0, 0 < y < b \text{ s.t.}$$

①  $V = f(x)$  when  $y=0, 0 < x < \infty$

②  $= 0$  when  $y=b, 0 < x < \infty$

③  $= 0$  when  $x=0, 0 < y < b$

Ans. Since  $V$  is given at  $x=0$ , use Fourier sine transform

$$F_s \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} \right) + F_s \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{V}_s(s, y) = F_s [V(x, y)] = \int_0^{\infty} V(x, y) \sin s x dx$$

$$\therefore F_s \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} \right) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} \sin s x dx$$

$$= -s^2 \bar{V}_s(s, y) \quad \text{--- ②} \quad \left[ \because V \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty \right]$$

$$\text{Using eqn ①, } F_s \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{d^2}{dy^2} [F_s(V)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -s^2 \bar{V}_s(s, y) + D^2 \bar{V}_s(s, y) = 0 \quad , \quad \left( \frac{d}{dy} = D \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 - s^2) \bar{V}_s(s, y) = 0 \quad \text{--- ③}$$



Sol<sup>n</sup> of (3) is

$$\bar{V}_s(s, y) = C_1 \cosh sy + C_2 \sinh sy$$

Take Fourier sine transform of boundary cond<sup>n</sup> (i) and (ii) to find  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{V}_s(s, 0) &= \int_0^\infty V(x, 0) \sin sx \, dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(x) \sin sx \, dx \quad \text{--- (5)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \bar{V}_s(s, b) = \int_0^\infty V(x, b) \sin sx \, dx = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Putting  $y=0$  in (4)

$$\bar{V}_s(s, 0) = C_1 = \int_0^\infty f(t) \sin st \, dt \quad (\text{Using (5)})$$

and putting  $y=b$  in (4)

$$\bar{V}_s(s, b) = C_1 \cosh(sb) + C_2 \sinh(sb) = 0 \quad (\text{Using (6)})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \bar{V}_s(s, y) &= \cosh(sy) \int_0^\infty f(t) \sin st \, dt \\ &\quad - \sinh(sy) \frac{\cosh(sb)}{\sinh(sb)} \int_0^\infty f(t) \sin st \, dt\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{V}_s(s, y) &= \left[ \cosh(sy) - \sinh(sy) \cdot \frac{\cosh(sb)}{\sinh(sb)} \right] \int_0^\infty f(t) \sin st \, dt \\ &= \frac{\sinh(b-y)}{\sinh(sb)} \int_0^\infty f(t) \sin st \, dt\end{aligned}$$

Taking Inverse Fourier transform

$$V(x, y) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \bar{V}_s(s, y) \sin sx \, ds$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f(t) \sin st \cdot \frac{\sinh(b-y)s}{\sinh(sb)} \sin sx \, dt \, ds$$