

Detailed Investigation of DTFT (c.f. Sheno, 2006)

Slight different notations

Forward Transform

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)e^{-j\omega n}$$

Inverse Transform

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega})e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$

DTFT Properties (with proofs)

➤ Time shifting

If $x(n)$ has a DTFT $X(e^{j\omega})$, then $x(n - k)$ has a DTFT equal to $e^{-j\omega k} X(e^{j\omega})$, where k is an integer. This is known as the *time-shifting property* and it is easily proved as follows: DTFT of $x(n - k) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n - k)e^{-j\omega n} = e^{-j\omega k} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)e^{-j\omega n} = e^{-j\omega k} X(e^{j\omega})$. So we denote this property by

$$x(n - k) \Leftrightarrow e^{-j\omega k} X(e^{j\omega})$$

➤ Frequency shifting

If $x(n) \Leftrightarrow X(e^{j\omega})$, then

$$e^{j\omega_0 n} x(n) \Leftrightarrow X(e^{j(\omega-\omega_0)})$$

This is known as the *frequency-shifting property*, and it is easily proved as follows:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) e^{j\omega_0 n} e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) e^{-j(\omega-\omega_0)n} = X(e^{j(\omega-\omega_0)})$$

➤ Time reversal

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } x(n) &\Leftrightarrow X(e^{j\omega}) \text{ then} \\ x(-n) &\Leftrightarrow X(e^{-j\omega}) \end{aligned}$$

Proof: DTFT of $x(-n) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(-n) e^{-j\omega n}$. We substitute $(-n) = m$, and we get $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(-n) e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x(m) e^{j\omega m} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x(m) e^{-j(-\omega)m} = X(e^{-j\omega})$.

➤ DTFT of impulse function $\delta(n)$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^n \delta(n) e^{-j\omega n} = e^{j\omega 0} = 1$$

➤ DTFT of $\delta(n+k) + \delta(n-k)$

According to the time-shifting property,

DTFT of $\delta(n+k)$ is $e^{j\omega k}$, DTFT of $\delta(n-k)$ is $e^{-j\omega k}$

Hence

$$\text{DTFT of } \delta(n+k) + \delta(n-k) \text{ is } e^{j\omega k} + e^{-j\omega k} = 2 \cos(\omega k)$$

➤ DTFT of $x(n) = 1$ (for all n)

$x(n)$ can be represented as $x(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(n - k)$

We prove that its DTFT is $2\pi \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k)$

Proof: The inverse DTFT of $2\pi \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k)$ is evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[2\pi \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k) \right] e^{j\omega n} d\omega \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k) \right] e^{j\omega n} d\omega \end{aligned}$$

Continuous
delta function

From the sifting property we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k) \right] e^{j\omega n} &= \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k) \right] e^{j2\pi kn} \\ &= \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where we have used $e^{j2\pi kn} = 1$ for all n . When we integrate the sequence of impulses from $-\pi$ to π , we have only the impulse at $\omega = 0$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(w - 2\pi k) \right] e^{jwn} dw \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(w - 2\pi k) \right] dw \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \delta(w) dw = 1 \quad \text{for all } n \end{aligned}$$

➤ DTFT of $a^n u(n)$ ($|a| < 1$)

let $x_1(n) = a^n u(n)$

then
$$X_1(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (ae^{-j\omega})^n$$

Geometric series to infinity

This infinite sequence converges to $1/(1 - ae^{-j\omega}) = e^{j\omega}/(e^{j\omega} - a)$ when $|a| < 1$.

➤ DTFT of Unit Step Sequence

Note that $a^n u(n) \Leftrightarrow 1/(1 - ae^{-j\omega}) = e^{j\omega}/(e^{j\omega} - a)$ is valid only when $|a| < 1$. When $a = 1$, we get the unit step sequence $u(n)$

We express the unit step function as the sum of two functions

$$u(n) = u_1(n) + u_2(n)$$

where

$$u_1(n) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for } -\infty < n < \infty$$

and

$$u_2(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } n \geq 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \text{for } n < 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore we express $\delta(n) = u_2(n) - u_2(n - 1)$. Using $\delta(n) \Leftrightarrow 1$ and $u_2(n) - u_2(n - 1) \Leftrightarrow U_2(e^{j\omega}) - e^{-j\omega}U_2(e^{j\omega}) = U_2(e^{j\omega})[1 - e^{-j\omega}]$, and equating the two results, we get

$$1 = U_2(e^{j\omega})[1 - e^{-j\omega}]$$

Therefore

$$U_2(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{[1 - e^{-j\omega}]}$$

We know that the DTFT of $u_1(n) = \pi \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k) = U_1(e^{j\omega})$.

Adding these two results, we have the final result

$$u(n) \Leftrightarrow \pi \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k) + \frac{1}{(1 - e^{-j\omega})}$$

Continuous delta
function

This gives us the DTFT of the unit step function $u(n)$, which is unique.

➤ Differentiation Property

To prove that $nx(n) \Leftrightarrow j[dX(e^{j\omega})]/d\omega$,

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)e^{-j\omega n}$$

differentiate both sides to get

$$[dX(e^{j\omega})]/d\omega = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)(-jn)e^{-j\omega n}$$

multiplying both sides by j , we get

$$j[dX(e^{j\omega})]/d\omega = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} nx(n)e^{-j\omega n}.$$

➤ DTFT of a rectangular pulse

Consider a rectangular pulse

$$x_r(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & |n| \leq N \\ 0 & |n| > N \end{cases}$$

Its DTFT is derived as follows:

$$X_r(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{-j\omega n}$$

To simplify this summation, we use the identity⁵

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=-N}^N r^n &= \frac{r^{N+1} - r^{-N}}{r - 1}; \quad r \neq 1 \\ &= 2N + 1; \quad r = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and get

$$\begin{aligned} X_r(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{e^{-j(N+1)\omega} - e^{jN\omega}}{e^{-j\omega} - 1} \\ &= \frac{e^{-j0.5\omega} (e^{-j(N+0.5)\omega} - e^{j(N+0.5)\omega})}{e^{-j0.5\omega} (e^{-j0.5\omega} - e^{j0.5\omega})} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\sin[(N+0.5)\omega]}{\sin[0.5\omega]} & \omega \neq 0 \\ 2N+1 & \omega = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\sin(ax)/\sin(x)$: called Dirichlet Kernel

$\sin(ax)/x$: called sinc function