

# EE 261 The Fourier Transform and its Applications

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To All EE 261 Students

## Integration by parts:

$$\int_a^b u(t)v'(t) dt = \left[ u(t)v(t) \right]_{t=a}^{t=b} - \int_a^b u'(t)v(t) dt$$

**Even and odd parts of a function:** Any function  $f(x)$  can be written as

$$f(x) = \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2} + \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}$$

(even part)                      (odd part)

## Geometric series:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N r^n = \frac{1 - r^{N+1}}{1 - r}$$

$$\sum_{n=M}^N r^n = \frac{r^M(1 - r^{N-M+1})}{(1 - r)}$$

**Complex numbers:**  $z = x + iy$ ,  $\bar{z} = x - iy$ ,  $|z|^2 = z\bar{z} = x^2 + y^2$

$$\frac{1}{i} = -i$$

$$x = \operatorname{Re} z = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}, \quad y = \operatorname{Im} z = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

## Complex exponentials:

$$e^{2\pi it} = \cos 2\pi t + i \sin 2\pi t$$

$$\cos 2\pi t = \frac{e^{2\pi it} + e^{-2\pi it}}{2}, \quad \sin 2\pi t = \frac{e^{2\pi it} - e^{-2\pi it}}{2i}$$

## Polar form:

$$z = x + iy \quad z = re^{i\theta}, \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

**Symmetric sum of complex exponentials** (special case of geometric series):

$$\sum_{n=-N}^N e^{2\pi int} = \frac{\sin(2N+1)\pi t}{\sin \pi t}$$

**Fourier series** If  $f(t)$  is periodic with period  $T$  its Fourier series is

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{2\pi int/T}$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-2\pi int/T} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} e^{-2\pi int/T} f(t) dt$$

## Orthogonality of the complex exponentials:

$$\int_0^T e^{2\pi int/T} e^{-2\pi imt/T} dt = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ T, & n = m \end{cases}$$

The normalized exponentials  $(1/\sqrt{T})e^{2\pi int/T}$ ,  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$  form an orthonormal basis for  $L^2([0, T])$

**Rayleigh (Parseval):** If  $f(t)$  is periodic of period  $T$  then

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_k|^2$$

## The Fourier Transform:

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

## The Inverse Fourier Transform:

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

## Symmetry & Duality Properties:

Let  $f^-(x) = f(-x)$ .

- $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{F}f = f^-$
- $\mathcal{F}^{-1}f = \mathcal{F}f^-$
- $\mathcal{F}f^- = (\mathcal{F}f)^-$
- If  $f$  is even (odd) then  $\mathcal{F}f$  is even (odd)
- If  $f$  is real valued, then  $\overline{\mathcal{F}f} = (\mathcal{F}f)^-$

## Convolution:

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-y)g(y) dy$$

- $f * g = g * f$
- $(f * g) * h = (f * g) * h$
- $f * (g + h) = f * g + f * h$

**Smoothing:** If  $f$  (or  $g$ ) is  $p$ -times continuously differentiable,  $p \geq 0$ , then so is  $f * g$  and

$$\frac{d^k}{dx^k}(f * g) = \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k}f\right) * g$$

## Convolution Theorem:

$$\mathcal{F}(f * g) = (\mathcal{F}f)(\mathcal{F}g)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(fg) = \mathcal{F}f * \mathcal{F}g$$

**Autocorrelation:** Let  $g(x)$  be a function satisfying  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x)|^2 dx < \infty$  (finite energy) then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{g} \star g)(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y) \overline{g(y-x)} dy \\ &= g(x) \star \overline{g(-x)} \end{aligned}$$

**Cross correlation:** Let  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  be functions with finite energy. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{g} \star h)(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{g(y)} h(y+x) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{g(y-x)} h(y) dy \\ &= \overline{(\bar{h} \star g)(-x)} \end{aligned}$$

### Rectangle and triangle functions

$$\Pi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0, & |x| \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \quad \Lambda(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - |x|, & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0, & |x| > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\Pi(s) = \text{sinc } s = \frac{\sin \pi s}{\pi s}, \quad \mathcal{F}\Lambda(s) = \text{sinc}^2 s$$

### Scaled rect function

$$\Pi_p(x) = \Pi(x/p) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| < \frac{p}{2} \\ 0, & |x| \geq \frac{p}{2} \end{cases}, \quad \mathcal{F}\Pi_p(s) = p \text{sinc } ps$$

### Gaussian

$$\mathcal{F}(e^{-\pi t^2}) = e^{-\pi s^2}$$

### One-sided exponential decay

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0, \\ e^{-at}, & t \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{F}f(s) = \frac{1}{a + 2\pi is}$$

### Two-sided exponential decay

$$\mathcal{F}(e^{-a|t|}) = \frac{2a}{a^2 + 4\pi^2 s^2}$$

### Fourier Transform Theorems

Linearity:  $\mathcal{F}\{\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)\} = \alpha F(s) + \beta G(s)$

Stretch:  $\mathcal{F}\{g(ax)\} = \frac{1}{|a|} G(\frac{s}{a})$

Shift:  $\mathcal{F}\{g(x-a)\} = e^{-i2\pi as} G(s)$

Shift & stretch:  $\mathcal{F}\{g(ax-b)\} = \frac{1}{|a|} e^{-i2\pi sb/a} G(\frac{s}{a})$

Rayleigh (Parseval):

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x)|^2 dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(s)|^2 ds \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s) \overline{G(s)} ds \end{aligned}$$

Modulation:

$$\mathcal{F}\{g(x) \cos(2\pi s_0 x)\} = \frac{1}{2}[G(s-s_0) + G(s+s_0)]$$

Autocorrelation:  $\mathcal{F}\{\bar{g} \star g\} = |G(s)|^2$

Cross Correlation:  $\mathcal{F}\{\bar{g} \star f\} = \overline{G(s)} F(s)$

Derivative:

–  $\mathcal{F}\{g'(x)\} = 2\pi is G(s)$

–  $\mathcal{F}\{g^{(n)}(x)\} = (2\pi is)^n G(s)$

–  $\mathcal{F}\{x^n g(x)\} = (\frac{i}{2\pi})^n G^{(n)}(s)$

Moments:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = F(0)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \frac{i}{2\pi} F'(0)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n f(x) dx = (\frac{i}{2\pi})^n F^{(n)}(0)$$

Miscellaneous:

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\int_{-\infty}^x g(\xi) d\xi\right\} = \frac{1}{2} G(0) \delta(s) + \frac{G(s)}{i2\pi s}$$

### The Delta Function: $\delta(x)$

Scaling:  $\delta(ax) = \frac{1}{|a|} \delta(x)$

Sifting:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-a) f(x) dx = f(a)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) f(x+a) dx = f(a)$$

Convolution:  $\delta(x) \star f(x) = f(x)$ ,  $\delta(x-a) \star f(x) = f(x-a)$

Product:  $h(x) \delta(x) = h(0) \delta(x)$

$$\delta(x-a) \star \delta(x-b) = \delta(x-(a+b))$$

Fourier Transform:  $\mathcal{F}\delta = 1$

$$\mathcal{F}(\delta(x-a)) = e^{-2\pi isa}$$

Derivatives:

–  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta^{(n)}(x) f(x) dx = (-1)^n f^{(n)}(0)$

–  $\delta'(x) \star f(x) = f'(x)$

–  $x \delta(x) = 0$

–  $x \delta'(x) = -\delta(x)$

### Fourier transform of cosine and sine

$$\mathcal{F} \cos 2\pi at = \frac{1}{2}(\delta(s-a) + \delta(s+a))$$

$$\mathcal{F} \sin 2\pi at = \frac{1}{2i}(\delta(s-a) - \delta(s+a))$$

### Unit step and sgn

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{F}u(s) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta(s) + \frac{1}{\pi i s} \right)$$

$$\text{sgn } t = \begin{cases} -1, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t > 0 \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{F}\text{sgn}(s) = \frac{1}{\pi i s}$$

### The Shah Function: $\text{III}(x)$

$$\text{III}(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-n), \quad \text{III}_p(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-np)$$

Sampling:  $\text{III}(x)g(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(n)\delta(x-n)$

Periodization:  $\text{III}(x) * g(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(x-n)$

Scaling:  $\text{III}(ax) = \frac{1}{a}\text{III}_{1/a}(x), \quad a > 0$

Fourier Transform:  $\mathcal{F}\text{III} = \text{III}, \quad \mathcal{F}\text{III}_p = \frac{1}{p}\text{III}_{1/p}$

**Sampling Theory** For a bandlimited function  $g(x)$  with  $\mathcal{F}g(s) = 0$  for  $|s| \geq p/2$

$$\mathcal{F}g = \Pi_p(\mathcal{F}g * \text{III}_p)$$

$$g(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} g(t_k) \text{sinc}(p(x-t_k)) \quad t_k = k/p$$

### Fourier Transforms for Periodic Functions

For a function  $p(x)$  with period  $L$ , let  $f(x) = p(x) \square(\frac{x}{L})$ . Then

$$p(x) = f(x) * \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-nL)$$

$$P(s) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F(\frac{n}{L}) \delta(s - \frac{n}{L})$$

The complex Fourier series representation:

$$p(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha_n e^{2\pi i \frac{n}{L} x}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n &= \frac{1}{L} F(\frac{n}{L}) \\ &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} p(x) e^{-2\pi i \frac{n}{L} x} dx \end{aligned}$$

**Linear Systems** Let  $L$  be a linear system,  $w(t) = Lv(t)$ , with impulse response  $h(t, \tau) = L\delta(t - \tau)$ .

Superposition integral:

$$w(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(\tau) h(t, \tau) d\tau$$

A system is time-invariant if:

$$w(t - \tau) = L[v(t - \tau)]$$

In this case  $L(\delta(t - \tau)) = h(t - \tau)$  and  $L$  acts by convolution:

$$\begin{aligned} w(t) &= Lv(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau \\ &= (v * h)(t) \end{aligned}$$

The transfer function is the Fourier transform of the impulse response,  $H = \mathcal{F}h$ . The eigenfunctions of any linear time-invariant system are  $e^{2\pi i \nu t}$ , with eigenvalue  $H(\nu)$ :

$$Le^{2\pi i \nu t} = H(\nu) e^{2\pi i \nu t}$$

### The Discrete Fourier Transform

$N$ th root of unity:

Let  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/N}$ . Then  $\omega^N = 1$  and the  $N$  powers  $\underline{1} = \omega^0, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{N-1}$  are distinct and evenly spaced along the unit circle.

Vector complex exponentials:

$$\underline{1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$$

$$\underline{\omega} = (1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{N-1})$$

$$\underline{\omega}^k = (1, \omega^k, \omega^{2k}, \dots, \omega^{(N-1)k})$$

Cyclic property

$$\underline{\omega}^N = \underline{1} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{1}, \underline{\omega}, \underline{\omega}^2, \dots, \underline{\omega}^{N-1} \quad \text{are distinct}$$

The vector complex exponentials are orthogonal:

$$\underline{\omega}^k \cdot \underline{\omega}^\ell = \begin{cases} 0, & k \not\equiv \ell \pmod{N} \\ N, & k \equiv \ell \pmod{N} \end{cases}$$

The DFT of order  $N$  accepts an  $N$ -tuple as input and returns an  $N$ -tuple as output. Write an  $N$ -tuple as  $\underline{f} = (\underline{f}[0], \underline{f}[1], \dots, \underline{f}[N-1])$ .

$$\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \underline{f}[k] \underline{\omega}^{-k}$$

Inverse DFT:

$$\underline{\mathcal{F}}^{-1}\underline{f} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \underline{f}[k]\underline{\omega}^k$$

Periodicity of inputs and outputs: If  $\underline{F} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f}$  then both  $\underline{f}$  and  $\underline{F}$  are periodic of period  $N$ .

Convolution

$$(\underline{f} * \underline{g})[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \underline{f}[k]\underline{g}[n-k]$$

Discrete  $\delta$ :

$$\underline{\delta}_k[m] = \begin{cases} 1, & m \equiv k \pmod{N} \\ 0, & m \not\equiv k \pmod{N} \end{cases}$$

DFT of the discrete  $\delta$   $\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{\delta}_k = \underline{\omega}^{-k}$

DFT of vector complex exponential  $\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{\omega}^k = N\underline{\delta}_k$

Reversed signal:  $\underline{f}^-[m] = \underline{f}[-m]$   $\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f}^- = (\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f})^-$

### DFT Theorems

Linearity:  $\underline{\mathcal{F}}\{\alpha\underline{f} + \beta\underline{g}\} = \alpha\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f} + \beta\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{g}$

Parseval:  $\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f} \cdot \underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{g} = N(\underline{f} \cdot \underline{g})$

Shift: Let  $\tau_p\underline{f}[m] = \underline{f}[m-p]$ . Then  $\underline{\mathcal{F}}(\tau_p\underline{f}) = \underline{\omega}^{-p}\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f}$

Modulation:  $\underline{\mathcal{F}}(\underline{\omega}^p\underline{f}) = \tau_p(\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f})$

Convolution:  $\underline{\mathcal{F}}(\underline{f} * \underline{g}) = (\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f})(\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{g})$

$$\underline{\mathcal{F}}(\underline{f}\underline{g}) = \frac{1}{N}(\underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{f} * \underline{\mathcal{F}}\underline{g})$$

**The Hilbert Transform** The Hilbert Transform of  $f(x)$ :

$$\mathcal{H}f(x) = -\frac{1}{\pi x} * f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - x} d\xi$$

(Cauchy principal value)

Inverse Hilbert Transform  $\mathcal{H}^{-1}f = -\mathcal{H}f$

Impulse response:  $-\frac{1}{\pi x}$

Transfer function:  $i \operatorname{sgn}(s)$

Causal functions:  $g(x)$  is causal if  $g(x) = 0$  for  $x < 0$ . A casual signal Fourier Transform  $G(s) = R(s) + iI(s)$ , where  $I(s) = \mathcal{H}\{R(s)\}$ .

Analytic signals: The analytic signal representation of a real-valued function  $v(t)$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(t) &= \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{2H(s)V(s)\} \\ &= v(t) - i\mathcal{H}v(t) \end{aligned}$$

Narrow Band Signals:  $g(t) = A(t) \cos[2\pi f_0 t + \phi(t)]$

Analytic approx:  $z(t) \approx A(t)e^{i[2\pi f_0 t + \phi(t)]}$

Envelope:  $|A(t)| = |z(t)|$

Phase:  $\arg[z(t)] = 2\pi f_0 t + \phi(t)$

Instantaneous freq:  $f_i = f_0 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \phi(t)$

**Higher Dimensional Fourier Transform** In  $n$ -dimensions:

$$\mathcal{F}f(\underline{\xi}) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{-2\pi i \underline{x} \cdot \underline{\xi}} f(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}$$

Inverse Fourier Transform:

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}f(\underline{x}) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{2\pi i \underline{x} \cdot \underline{\xi}} f(\underline{\xi}) d\underline{\xi}$$

In 2-dimensions (in coordinates):

$$\mathcal{F}f(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i(x_1 \xi_1 + x_2 \xi_2)} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

The Hankel Transform (zero order):

$$F(\rho) = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} f(r) J_0(2\pi r \rho) r dr$$

The Inverse Hankel Transform (zero order):

$$f(r) = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} F(\rho) J_0(2\pi r \rho) \rho d\rho$$

Separable functions: If  $f(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1)f(x_2)$  then

$$\mathcal{F}f(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \mathcal{F}f(\xi_1)\mathcal{F}f(\xi_2)$$

Two-dimensional rect:

$$\Pi(x_1, x_2) = \Pi(x_1)\Pi(x_2), \quad \mathcal{F}\Pi(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \operatorname{sinc} \xi_1 \operatorname{sinc} \xi_2$$

Two dimensional Gaussian:

$$g(x_1, x_2) = e^{-\pi(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}, \quad \mathcal{F}g = g$$

### Fourier transform theorems

Shift: Let  $(\tau_{\underline{b}}f)(\underline{x}) = f(\underline{x} - \underline{b})$ . Then

$$\mathcal{F}(\tau_{\underline{b}}f)(\underline{\xi}) = e^{-2\pi i \underline{\xi} \cdot \underline{b}} \mathcal{F}f(\underline{\xi})$$

Stretch theorem (special):

$$\mathcal{F}(f(a_1 x_1, a_2 x_2)) = \frac{1}{|a_1 a_2|} \mathcal{F}f\left(\frac{\xi_1}{a_1}, \frac{\xi_2}{a_2}\right)$$

Stretch theorem (general): If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix then

$$\mathcal{F}(f(A\underline{x})) = \frac{1}{|\det A|} \mathcal{F}f(A^{-T}\underline{\xi})$$

Stretch and shift:

$$\mathcal{F}(f(A\underline{x} + \underline{b})) = \exp(2\pi i \underline{b} \cdot A^{-T} \underline{\xi}) \frac{1}{|\det A|} \mathcal{F}f(A^{-T} \underline{\xi})$$

**III's and lattices III** for integer lattice

$$\begin{aligned} III_{\mathbf{Z}^2}(\underline{x}) &= \sum_{\underline{n} \in \mathbf{Z}^2} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{n}) \\ &= \sum_{n_1, n_2 = -\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x_1 - n_1, x_2 - n_2) \\ \mathcal{F}III_{\mathbf{Z}^2} &= III_{\mathbf{Z}^2} \end{aligned}$$

A general lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  can be obtained from the integer lattice by  $\mathcal{L} = A(\mathbf{Z}^2)$  where  $A$  is an invertible matrix.

$$III_{\mathcal{L}}(\underline{x}) = \sum_{\underline{p} \in \mathcal{L}} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{p}) = \frac{1}{|\det A|} III_{\mathbf{Z}^2}(A^{-1} \underline{x})$$

If  $\mathcal{L} = A(\mathbf{Z}^2)$  then the reciprocal lattice is  $\mathcal{L}^* = A^{-T} \mathbf{Z}^2$   
Fourier transform of  $III_{\mathcal{L}}$ :

$$\mathcal{F}III_{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{|\det A|} III_{\mathcal{L}^*}$$

**Radon transform and Projection-Slice Theorem:**

Let  $\mu(x_1, x_2)$  be the density of a two-dimensional region. A line through the region is specified by the angle  $\phi$  of its normal vector to the  $x_1$ -axis, and its directed distance  $\rho$  from the origin. The integral along a line through the region is given by the Radon transform of  $\mu$ :

$$\mathcal{R}\mu(\rho, \phi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mu(x_1, x_2) \delta(\rho - x_1 \cos \phi - x_2 \sin \phi) dx_1 dx_2$$

The one-dimensional Fourier transform of  $\mathcal{R}\mu$  with respect to  $\rho$  is the two-dimensional Fourier transform of  $\mu$ :

$$\mathcal{F}_{\rho} \mathcal{R}(\mu)(r, \phi) = \mathcal{F}\mu(\xi_1, \xi_2), \quad \xi_1 = r \cos \phi, \quad \xi_2 = r \sin \phi$$

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