

PROPERTIES OF FOURIER TRANSFORMS

▣ Fourier Transform or Complex Fourier transform.

Let $f(x)$ be a function defined on $(-\infty, \infty)$ and be piece wise Continuous in each finite partial interval and absolutely integrable in $(-\infty, \infty)$, then

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

Is called the Fourier Transform of $f(x)$ and is denoted by $F \{f(x)\}$ or $\bar{f}(p)$

The function $f(x)$ is called the inverse Fourier transform of $\bar{f}(p)$

$$F(x) = F^{-1} \{\bar{f}(p)\}.$$

□ Linearity property of Fourier Transform.

If $\bar{f}(p)$ and $\bar{g}(p)$ are Fourier Transform of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ respectively then

$$F \{af(x)+bg(x)\} = a \bar{f}(p) + b \bar{g}(p)$$

Where a and b are constants.

Proof : we have

$$F \{f(x)\} = \bar{f}(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(x) dx$$

$$F \{g(x)\} = \bar{g}(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} g(x) dx$$

$$F \{af(x)+bg(x)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} (af(x) + bg(x)) dx$$

$$= \frac{a}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(x) dx + \frac{b}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} g(x) dx$$

$$= a \bar{f}(p) + b \bar{g}(p)$$

□ **Change of Scale property.**

Theorem :1

If $\bar{f}(p)$ is the complex Fourier transform of $f(x)$, the Complex Fourier transform of $f(ax)$ is $1/a \bar{f}(p/a)$

Proof: we have

$$\bar{f}(p) = F\{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(x) dx \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{New } F\{f(ax)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(ax) dx$$

$$= 1/a \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(t) dt$$

Putting $ax=t$

So that $dx=1/a dt$

$$= 1/a \bar{f}(p/a), \quad \text{from(i)}$$

Theorem :2 (for Fourier Sine Transform)

If $\bar{f}_s(p)$ is the Fourier Sine transform of $f(x)$, then Fourier sine transform of

$f(ax)$ is $1/a \bar{f}_s(p/a)$

Proof: we have

$$\overline{f}_s(p) = F_s \{f(x)\} = (2/n) \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin px \, dx \quad (i)$$

$$\text{New } F_s \{f(ax)\} = (2/n) \int_0^{\infty} f(ax) \sin px \, dx$$

Putting $ax=t$

So that $dx=1/a \, dt$, we have

$$F_s \{f(ax)\} = 1/a \cdot (2/n) \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sin \frac{p}{a} t \, dt$$

$$= 1/a \overline{f}_s(p/a), \quad \text{from (i)}$$

Theorem:3 (For Fourier Cosine Transform).

If $\overline{f}_c(p)$ is the Fourier Cosine Transform of $f(x)$, then Fourier cosine transform

of $f(ax)$ is $1/a \overline{f}_c(p/a)$

If $\overline{f}(p)$ is the complex Fourier transform of $f(x)$, then complex Fourier

transform $\overline{f}(p)$ of $f(x-a)$ is e^{ipa}

Proof : we have

$$\overline{f}(p) = F \{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(x) \, dx$$

$$\text{Now } F \{f(x-a)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(x-a) \, dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx(a+t)} f(t) dt$$

Putting $x-a=t$

So that $dx=dt$

$$=e^{ipa} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipt} f(t) dt$$

$$=e^{ipa} \bar{f}(p) \quad \text{from (i)}$$

□ Modulation Theorem

If $\bar{f}(p)$ is the Complex Fourier Transform of $f(x)$, then the Fourier transform of $f(x) \cos ax$ is $1/2[\bar{f}(p-a) + \bar{f}(p+a)]$

Proof: we have

$$\bar{f}(p) = F\{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(x) dx$$

$$\text{New } F\{f(x) \cdot \cos ax\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ipx} f(x) dx \cdot \frac{e^{ipx} + e^{-ipx}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(p+a)x} f(x) dx + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(p-a)x} f(x) dx \right]$$

$$= 1/2 [\bar{f}(p+a) + \bar{f}(p-a)].$$

□ If $\bar{f}(p)$ and $\bar{f}_c(p)$ are Fourier sine and cosine transform of $f(x)$

respectively, then

$$(i) \quad F_s \{ f(x) \cos ax \} = 1/2 [\bar{f}_s(p+a) + \bar{f}_s(p-a)]$$

$$(ii) \quad F_s \{ f(x) \sin ax \} = 1/2 [\bar{f}_s(p+a) - \bar{f}_s(p-a)]$$

$$(iii) \quad F_s \{ f(x) \sin ax \} = 1/2 [\bar{f}_s(p-a) - \bar{f}_s(p+a)].$$

Proof: (i) we have

$$(i) \quad F_s \{ f(x) \cos ax \} = 1/2 [\bar{f}_s(p+a) + \bar{f}_s(p-a)]$$

$$F_s \{ f(x) \cos ax \} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cos ax \cdot \sin px \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (1/2)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x) [\sin \sin (p + a)x - \sin \sin (p - a)x] \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (1/2) \left[\int_0^{\infty} f(x) [\sin \sin (p + a)x \, dx - \sin \sin (p - a)x \, dx] \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin(p+a)x \, dx + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right]$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin(p-a)x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\overline{f}_s(p+a) + \overline{f}_s(p-a) \right].$$

