

Fourier Transform ⇒

Any signal is built up by addition of elementary signals which are at different frequencies, have different amplitudes and relative phases. Using Fourier transform we can plot the amplitude and phase spectrums which provided us all the information about amplitudes and relative phases of such elementary signals.

Thus, Fourier Transform can be used for the analysis of a signal. It is used for transformation from time domain to frequency domain.

Definition ⇒

The Fourier transform of a signal $x(t)$ is defined as

$$\text{Fourier transform: } X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \cdot e^{-j\omega t} \cdot dt$$

$$\text{OR } X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} \cdot dt$$

Inverse Fourier Transform ⇒

The signal $x(t)$ can be obtained back from Fourier transform $X(j\omega)$ by using the inverse Fourier transform.

The inverse Fourier transform is defined as

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

$$\text{OR } x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) \cdot e^{j2\pi f t} \cdot df$$

or it can be represented as,

$$x(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{X(j\omega)\} = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{X(f)\}$$

The Fourier transform is a complex function of frequency f , therefore it is possible to express it in the complex exponential form as

$$X(f) = |X(f)| \cdot e^{j\theta(f)} \quad \text{OR} \quad X(j\omega) = |X(j\omega)| \cdot e^{j\theta(j\omega)}$$

where,

$|X(f)|$ = Amplitude spectrum of $x(t)$

$\theta(f)$ = The phase spectrum of $x(t)$.

Existence of Fourier Transform ⇒

A function $x(t)$ is said to be fourier transformable, if it is satisfied ~~similarly~~ same Dirichlet Conditions of fourier series of $x(t)$, then only it is possible to obtain the fourier transform of $x(t)$.

Properties of Fourier Transform ⇒

1. Linearity or Superposition ⇒

If $x_1(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X_1(f)$ and $x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X_2(f)$, then

$$[a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t)] \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} [a_1 X_1(f) + a_2 X_2(f)]$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} F[a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [a_1 x_1(t) + a_2 x_2(t)] \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_1 x_1(t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} dt + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_2 x_2(t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} dt \\ &= a_1 X_1(f) + a_2 X_2(f) \end{aligned}$$

Proved

2. Time Scaling ⇒

If $x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(f)$, then

$$x(\alpha t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} \frac{1}{|\alpha|} X\left(\frac{f}{\alpha}\right)$$

Proof.

' α ' being a constant, can be +ive or -ive

* When α is +ive OR ($\alpha > 0$)

$$F[x(\alpha t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\alpha t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

Now, substitute $\tau = \alpha t$, then

$$d\tau = \alpha dt; \therefore dt = \frac{d\tau}{\alpha}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F[x(\alpha t)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f \frac{\tau}{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{d\tau}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) e^{-j2\pi \left(\frac{f}{\alpha}\right) \tau} d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} X\left(\frac{f}{\alpha}\right) \end{aligned}$$

when α is -ive OR ($\alpha < 0$)

$$F[x(\alpha t)] = -\frac{1}{\alpha} X\left(\frac{f}{\alpha}\right)$$

hence,

$$F[x(\alpha t)] = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} X\left(\frac{f}{\alpha}\right)$$

3. Time Shifting \Rightarrow

The time shifting property states that if $x(t) \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(f)$, then

Proof

$$x(t-t_0) \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} e^{j2\pi f t_0} X(f)$$

$$F[x(t-t_0)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t-t_0) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

$$\text{Let, } (t-t_0) = \tau$$

$$t = t_0 + \tau$$

$$dt = d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F[x(t-t_0)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f (t_0 + \tau)} d\tau = e^{-j2\pi f t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f \tau} d\tau \\ &= e^{-j2\pi f t_0} X(f) \end{aligned}$$

proved

4. Frequency Shifting \Rightarrow

The frequency shifting property states that if $x(t) \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(f)$, then

$$e^{j2\pi f_0 t} \cdot x(t) \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(f-f_0) \quad ; f_0 = \text{real constant.}$$

Proof

$$F[e^{j2\pi f_0 t} \cdot x(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j2\pi f_0 t} \cdot x(t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{j2\pi (f-f_0) t} dt$$

$$= X(f-f_0)$$

5. Differentiation in Time Domain: ⇒

This property is applicable if and only if the derivative of $x(t)$ is fourier transformable.

If $x(t) \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(f)$, then

$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} j2\pi f X(f)$$

Proof

By the definition of Inverse fourier transform,

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) \left(\frac{d}{dt} e^{j2\pi f t} \right) df$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [X(f) \cdot j2\pi f] e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

the term inside the bracket must be the F.T. of $\frac{d}{dt} x(t)$

$$\therefore F\left[\frac{d}{dt} x(t)\right] = j2\pi f X(f)$$

Proved

6. Integration in Time Domain: ⇒

If $x(t) \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(f)$ and provided that $x(0) = 0$, then

$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} \frac{1}{j2\pi f} X(f); \quad x(0) = 0 \text{ (provided)}$$

Proof and, $\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} \frac{1}{j2\pi f} X(f) + \pi X(0) \delta(\omega); \quad x(0) \neq 0 \text{ (provided)}$
 In order to avoid confusion let us use different variable than 't', therefore

let us express $x(t)$ as,

$$x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

Taking fourier transform of both the sides

$$X(f) = F\left[\frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \right]\right]$$

using differentiation property

$$X(f) = j2\pi f F\left[\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau\right]$$

$$\text{OR } \frac{X(f)}{j2\pi f} = F\left[\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau\right]$$

* the integration suppresses the high frequency components.

Let us consider

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$$

Such that

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = x(t)$$

we can write

$$F[x(t)] = F\left[\frac{d}{dt} y(t)\right] = X(j\omega)$$

ie $j\omega Y(j\omega) = X(j\omega)$

$$Y(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega} X(j\omega)$$

or,

$$F\left[\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau\right] = \frac{1}{j\omega} X(j\omega)$$

7. Convolution in the Time Domain:

If $x_1(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X_1(f)$ and $x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X_2(f)$, then

$$[x_1(t) * x_2(t)] \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X_1(f) \cdot X_2(f)$$

Proof. The convolution of two signal in time domain is defined as,

$$x_1(t) * x_2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(\lambda) \cdot x_2(t-\lambda) d\lambda$$

Taking F.T. of the convolution

$$F[x_1(t) * x_2(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(\lambda) \cdot x_2(t-\lambda) d\lambda \right] e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

Multiply and divide by $e^{-j2\pi f \lambda}$ in R.H.S.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S.} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(\lambda) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f \lambda} d\lambda \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_2(t-\lambda) e^{-j2\pi f t} \cdot e^{j2\pi f \lambda} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(\lambda) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f \lambda} d\lambda \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_2(t-\lambda) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f (t-\lambda)} dt \end{aligned}$$

Let $t-\lambda = m$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(\lambda) e^{-j2\pi f \lambda} d\lambda \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_2(t-\lambda) e^{-j2\pi f m} dm$$

$$= X_1(f) \cdot X_2(f)$$

= L.H.S.

Proved

8. Conjugate Functions:

if $x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X(f)$ and if $x(t)$ is a complex valued function then,

$$x^*(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X^*(-f)$$

Proof. as per d.F.T.

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

Now take complex conjugate of both side we get

$$x^*(t) = \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df \right]^*$$

$$\therefore x^*(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X^*(f) e^{-j2\pi f t} df$$

Now replace f by $-f$

$$x^*(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X^*(-f) e^{j2\pi (-f) t} df$$

OR $x^*(t) = F^{-1}[X^*(-f)]$; OR $x^*(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} X^*(-f)$

* Growing exponential Function: \Rightarrow

The exponential function can be represented as,

$$x(t) = e^{\alpha t} \quad \text{for } t \leq 0$$
$$= 0 \quad \text{for } t > 0$$

It can also be expressed as,

$$x(t) = e^{\alpha t} u(-t)$$

Its Fourier transform is given as,

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\alpha t} u(-t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} dt = \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{\alpha t} \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t} dt = \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{(\alpha - j2\pi f)t} dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{(\alpha - j2\pi f)} \left[e^{(\alpha - j2\pi f)t} \right]_{-\infty}^0 = \frac{1}{(\alpha - j2\pi f)} [e^0 - e^{-\infty}] = \frac{1}{(\alpha - j2\pi f)} [1 - 0]$$
$$= \frac{1}{(\alpha - j2\pi f)}$$

hence,

$$\boxed{e^{\alpha t} u(-t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} \frac{1}{(\alpha - j2\pi f)}}$$

