

# Fourier Transform

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k) e^{ikx} dk \quad (\text{"forward"})$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-iqx} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k) e^{i(k-q)x} dk$$

Dirac's  $\delta$ -function

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk F(k) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(k-q)x} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk F(k) 2\pi \delta(k-q) = 2\pi F(q)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx \equiv \mathcal{F}[f(x)] \quad (\text{"backward"})$$

↑ integral operator

## Properties

Linearity:  $\mathcal{F}[\alpha_1 f_1(x) + \alpha_2 f_2(x)] = \alpha_1 \mathcal{F}[f_1(x)] + \alpha_2 \mathcal{F}[f_2(x)]$

## Parseval's identity:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(x) f(x) dx = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk' F^*(k') e^{-ik'x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk F(k) e^{ikx} = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk dk' F^*(k') F(k) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(k-k')x} dx = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk dk' F^*(k') F(k) 2\pi \delta(k-k') = \\ &= 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F^*(k) F(k) dk = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(k)|^2 dk \quad (L_2 \text{ norm } \|\cdot\|_2) \end{aligned}$$

## Differentiation:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k) e^{ikx} dk = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k) (ik) e^{ikx} dk$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}[f^{(n)}(x)] = (ik)^n \mathcal{F}[f(x)]$$

Integration:  $g(x) = \int_{x_0}^x f(t) dt$

$$g'(x) = f(x) \Rightarrow ik \mathcal{F}[g(x)] = \mathcal{F}[f(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}[g(x)] = \frac{1}{ik} \mathcal{F}[f(x)], \quad k \neq 0$$

What happens when  $k=0$ ?

$$\mathcal{F}[g(x)] = C \delta(k) \text{ is a solution of } ik \mathcal{F}[g(x)] = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\int f(x) dx\right] = \frac{1}{ik} \mathcal{F}[f(x)] + C \delta(k)$$

↖ Integration constant!

Convolution:  $G(k) = F(k) H(k)$

$$g(x) = \int G(k) e^{ikx} dk = \int dk F(k) H(k) e^{ikx} dk =$$

$$= \int dk \frac{e^{ikx}}{(2\pi)^2} \int e^{-iky} f(y) dy \int e^{-ikz} h(z) dz =$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \iint dy dz f(y) h(z) \int e^{-ik(y+z-x)} dk =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dy dz f(y) h(z) \delta(y+z-x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dy f(y) h(x-y)$$

### Applications of Fourier Transform

- Low-pass filter — Data smoothing
- High-pass filter — Background removal
- Deconvolution — Image analysis
- Normal mode analysis — Diff. equations

Example (Heisenberg uncertainty principle)

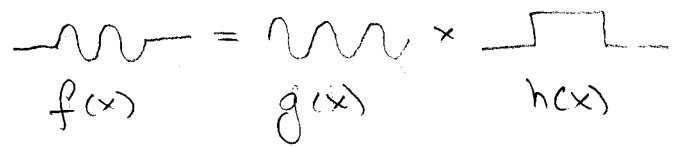
$$\int e^{-\frac{ip}{\hbar}x} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2a^2}} dx = \int e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{ipa}{\hbar}\right)^2} e^{-\frac{p^2 a^2}{2\hbar^2}} dx = a\sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{p^2}{2\left(\frac{\hbar}{a}\right)^2}}$$

x-localization:  $a$

p-localization:  $\hbar/a$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x \cdot \Delta p = \hbar$$

Example: (Finite wavepacket)

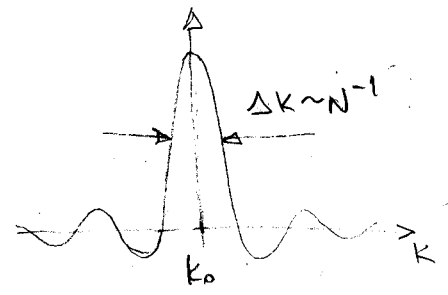
$$f(x) = g(x) \times h(x)$$


$G(k) = G_0 \delta(k-k_0)$  - monochromatic wave

$$2\pi H(k) = \int_{-a}^a e^{-ikx} dx = -\frac{1}{ik} e^{-ikx} \Big|_{-a}^a = \frac{2}{k} \frac{1}{2i} (e^{ika} - e^{-ika}) = 2 \frac{\sin ka}{k}$$

$$F(k) \sim \int G(k-q) H(q) dq = \int \delta(k-k_0-q) \frac{\sin qa}{\pi q} dq = \frac{\sin(k-k_0)a}{\pi(k-k_0)}$$

width of F:  $\Delta ka = \pi \Rightarrow \Delta k = \frac{\pi}{a} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda N}$



Example: (Harmonic oscillator)

$$H(p,x) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} k x^2 = E$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} k x^2 \psi = E \psi, \quad \psi(x) \sim e^{-\frac{\sqrt{mk}}{2\hbar} x^2} \text{ - ground state}$$

$$\psi(x) = \int \psi(p) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} p x} dp$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} p^2 \psi - \frac{1}{2} k \partial_p^2 \psi = E \psi \Rightarrow \psi(p) \sim e^{-\frac{p^2}{2\hbar \sqrt{mk}}} \text{ - momentum representation}$$

Example: (Airy Function)

$$f'' - x f = 0, \quad f = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k) e^{ikx} dk$$

$$-k^2 F(k) - i \frac{d}{dk} F(k) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dF}{F} = d \ln F = ik^2 dk$$

$$\ln F = +\frac{i}{3} k^3 + C \Rightarrow F = F_0 e^{\frac{i}{3} k^3}$$

$$f(x) = F_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{+\frac{i}{3} k^3 + ikx} dk$$

↑ calculate using contour integration

## Example (Heat conduction)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t T = \alpha \partial_x^2 T & \leftarrow \text{doesn't depend on either } x \text{ or } t \\ T(x, 0) = \delta(x) \end{cases}$$

$$T(x, t) = \iint \Theta(k, \omega) e^{ikx + i\omega t} dk d\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow i\omega\Theta = -\alpha k^2\Theta \Rightarrow \omega = i\alpha k^2 \text{ (unless } \Theta = 0)$$

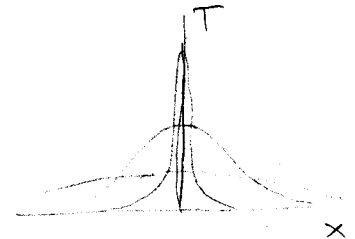
$$T(x, t) = \int \Theta(k) e^{ikx - \alpha k^2 t} dk, \text{ but what is } \Theta(k)?$$

$$T(x, 0) = \int \Theta(k) e^{ikx} dk = \delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int e^{ikx} dk$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$$T(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int e^{-\alpha k^2 t + ikx} dk = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int e^{-(\sqrt{\alpha t} k - \frac{ix}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}})^2 - \frac{x^2}{4\alpha t}} dk$$

$$\sim e^{-\frac{x^2}{4\alpha t}}$$



### Example: Correlation function

$$x(t): C(\tau) = \langle \underbrace{(x(t) - \bar{x})}_{y(t)} \underbrace{(x(t+\tau) - \bar{x})}_{y(t+\tau)} \rangle_t \leftarrow \text{too long a computation (} N^2 \text{ operations)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T y(t) y(t+\tau) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int y(t-\tau) y^*(t) dt =$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int dt \int d\omega Y(\omega) e^{i\omega t} e^{-i\omega\tau} \int d\omega' Y^*(\omega') e^{-i\omega't} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int d\omega \int d\omega' Y(\omega) Y^*(\omega') e^{-i\omega\tau} \int dt e^{i(\omega-\omega')t} =$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{T} \int d\omega d\omega' Y(\omega) Y^*(\omega') e^{-i\omega\tau} \delta(\omega-\omega') = \leftarrow Y(-\omega) = Y^*(\omega)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{T} \int d\omega |Y(\omega)|^2 e^{-i\omega\tau} = \frac{4\pi}{T} \int_0^{\infty} d\omega |Y(\omega)|^2 \cos\omega\tau \quad \text{— real function}$$

- 1) Get the signal  $x(t)$   $\sim N$
- 2) Subtract average  $x(t) \rightarrow y(t)$   $\sim N$
- 3) Calculate FFT:  $Y(\omega)$   $\sim N \log N$
- 4) Inverse FFT  $|Y(\omega)|^2 \rightarrow C(\tau)$   $\sim N \log N$

}  $\rightarrow N \log N$  operations

## Hilbert Transform & Complex Demodulation

$$u(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{v(x)}{x-y} dx = \mathcal{H}[v]$$

$$v(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{u(y)}{y-x} dy = \mathcal{H}[u]$$

Analytic signal:  $w(t) = u(t) + i v(t) = \int_0^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$   
 actually measure  $\uparrow$

Titchmarsh Thm:  $F(\omega) = 0, \omega < 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} v = \mathcal{H}[u] \\ u = \mathcal{H}[v] \end{cases}$

### Complex Demodulation:

$$w(t) = u(t) + i v(t) = r(t) e^{i\theta(t)}$$

$\uparrow$  amplitude                       $\uparrow$  phase

Instantaneous phase:  $\theta(t) = \arg w(t)$

& amplitude:  $r(t) = |w(t)|$

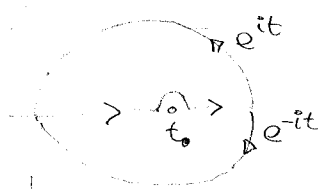
### Example: (Harmonic signal)

$$u(t) = \sin t : v(t_0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t-t_0} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{e^{it}}{t-t_0} - \frac{e^{-it}}{t-t_0} \right] dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) 2\pi i \operatorname{res} \frac{e^{it}}{t-t_0} \Big|_{t=t_0} - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) 2\pi i \operatorname{res} \frac{e^{-it}}{t-t_0} \Big|_{t=t_0} \right) =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (e^{it_0} + e^{-it_0}) = -\cos t_0$$

$$\Rightarrow w = u + i v = \sin t - i \cos t = -i (\cos t_0 + i \sin t_0) = -i e^{it_0} = e^{i(t_0 - \frac{\pi}{2})}$$



Phase:  $\theta(t) = \arg w(t) = t_0 - \frac{\pi}{2}$  (exactly what we expected!)