

Chapter 7. Fourier analysis

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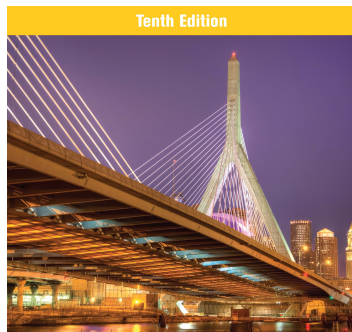


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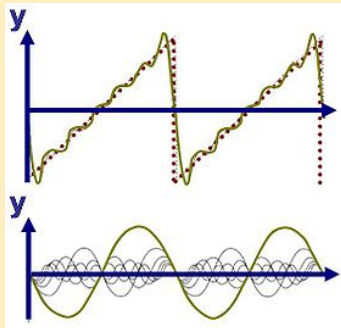
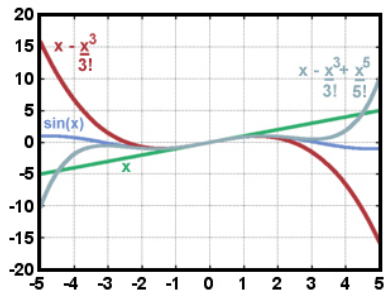
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Fourier series

Fourier series



$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x - x_0)^n$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

Periodic functions

Periodic functions

A function is periodic with period p if

$$f(x) = f(x + p)$$

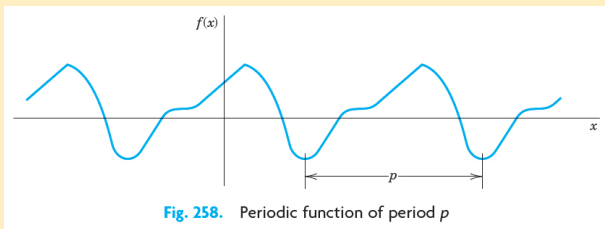


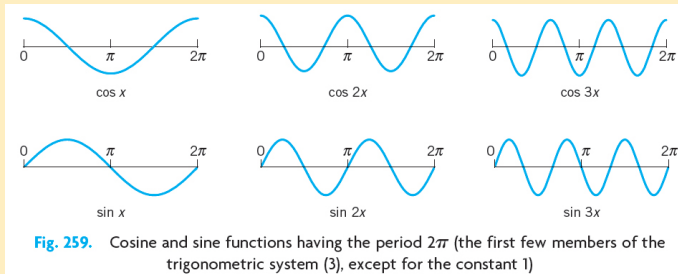
Fig. 258. Periodic function of period p

If it is periodic with period p , it is also periodic with period $2p$, $3p$, ... The smallest period is called the **fundamental period**.

Periodic functions

Periodic functions

The basis functions of the Fourier series (1 , $\cos(x)$, $\sin(x)$, $\cos(2x)$, $\sin(2x)$, ...) are periodic with period 2π



If the series

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

is also periodic with period 2π .

Fourier series

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

Example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -k & -\pi < x < 0 \\ k & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases} \quad f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$$

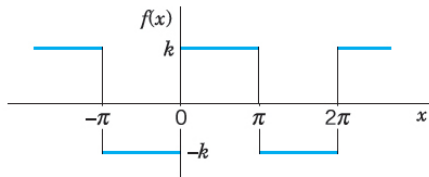


Fig. 260. Given function $f(x)$ (Periodic rectangular wave)

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^0 (-k) dx + \int_0^{\pi} k dx \right) = \frac{1}{2\pi} (-k\pi + k\pi) = 0$$

Example (continued)

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^0 (-k) \cos(nx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} k \cos(nx) dx \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\left[-k \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right]_{-\pi}^0 + \left[k \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} \right) = 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^0 (-k) \sin(nx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} k \sin(nx) dx \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\left[k \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right]_{-\pi}^0 - \left[k \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} \right)$$

$$= \frac{k}{n\pi} (\cos(0) - \cos(-n\pi) - \cos(n\pi) + \cos(0))$$

$$= \frac{k}{n\pi} (2 - \cos(-n\pi))$$

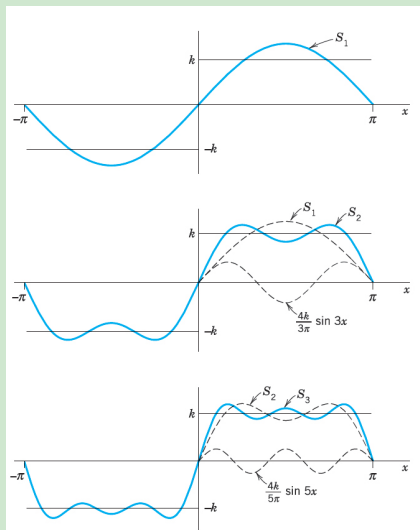
$$= \frac{2k}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

$$b_1 = \frac{4k}{\pi} \quad b_2 = 0 \quad b_3 = \frac{4k}{3\pi} \quad b_4 = 0 \quad b_5 = \frac{4k}{5\pi} \quad \dots$$

Fourier series

Example (continued)

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin(nx)$$
$$S_1 = \frac{4k}{\pi} \sin(x)$$
$$S_2 = \frac{4k}{\pi} \sin(x) + \frac{4k}{3\pi} \sin(3x)$$
$$S_3 = \frac{4k}{\pi} \sin(x) + \frac{4k}{3\pi} \sin(3x) + \frac{4k}{5\pi} \sin(5x)$$



Fourier series

Fourier basis is orthogonal

$$\langle 1, \cos(nx) \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx = 0$$

$$\langle 1, \sin(nx) \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) dx = 0$$

$$\langle \cos(nx), \cos(mx) \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx = 0 \quad (n \neq m)$$

$$\langle \sin(nx), \sin(mx) \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx = 0 \quad (n \neq m)$$

$$\langle \cos(nx), \sin(mx) \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \sin(mx) dx = 0$$

But they are not orthonormal

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 1, 1 \rangle &= \|1\|^2 = 2\pi \\ \langle \cos(nx), \cos(nx) \rangle &= \|\cos(nx)\|^2 = \pi \\ \langle \sin(nx), \sin(nx) \rangle &= \|\sin(nx)\|^2 = \pi \end{aligned}$$

Orthogonal decomposition theorem (Algebra)

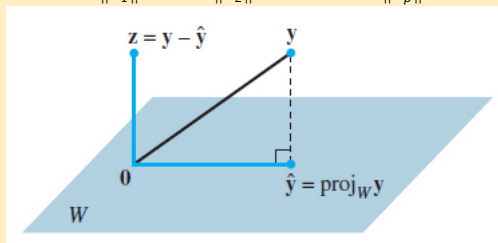
Orthogonal decomposition theorem

Let W be a vector subspace of a vector space V . Then, any vector $\mathbf{y} \in V$ can be written uniquely as

$$\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z}$$

with $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \in W$ and $\mathbf{z} \in W^\perp$. In fact, if $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an orthogonal basis of W , then

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|^2} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\|\mathbf{u}_2\|^2} \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\|\mathbf{u}_p\|^2} \mathbf{u}_p$$



Fourier series as an orthogonal projection

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|^2} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}_2\|^2} \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + \frac{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_p \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}_p\|^2} \mathbf{u}_p$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{\langle f(x), 1 \rangle}{\|1\|^2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{\langle f(x), \cos(x) \rangle}{\|\cos(x)\|^2}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx = \frac{\langle f(x), \sin(x) \rangle}{\|\sin(x)\|^2}$$

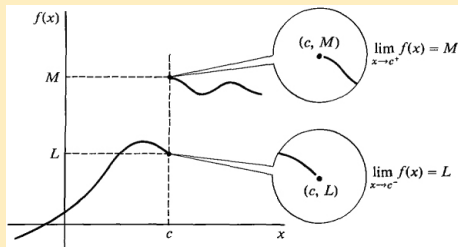
Fourier series

Class of functions that can be represented

Let f be periodic with period 2π and piecewise continuous in the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$. Furthermore, let f have a left-hand derivative and a right-hand derivative at each point of that interval. Then, the Fourier series converges. Its sum is $f(x)$ except at points x_0 where $f(x)$ is discontinuous. There the sum of the series is the average of the left- and right-hand limits of $f(x)$ at x_0 .

Left- and right-hand limits and derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}f(x_0 - 0) &= \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h > 0}} f(x_0 - h) \\f(x_0 + 0) &= \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h > 0}} f(x_0 + h) \\f'(x_0 - 0) &= \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h > 0}} \frac{f(x_0 - h) - f(x_0 - 0)}{-h} \\f'(x_0 + 0) &= \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h > 0}} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 0)}{h}\end{aligned}$$



Exercises

From Kreyszig (10th ed.), Chapter 11, Section 1:

- 11.1.14
- 11.1.15

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Arbitrary period

Arbitrary period

Assume f is periodic with period $p = 2L$. We do the change of variable

$$v = \frac{2\pi}{p}x = \frac{\pi}{L}x \Rightarrow x = \frac{L}{\pi}v$$

Then $f(v)$ becomes of period 2π

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{L}{\pi}v\right) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nv) + b_n \sin(nv)$$

$$= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$$

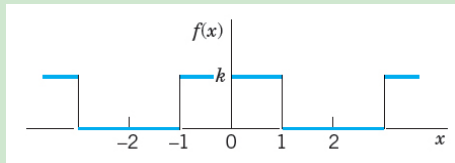
$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$

Arbitrary period

Example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -2 < x < -1 \\ k & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & 1 < x < 2 \end{cases} \quad p = 2L = 4, L = 2$$



$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-1}^1 k dx = \frac{k}{2}$$

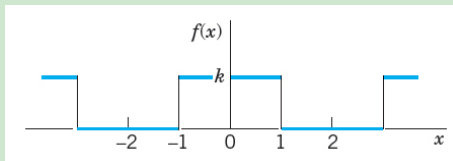
$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-1}^1 k \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = \frac{2k}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx = 0$$

Example (continued)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{k}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2k}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \\ &= \frac{k}{2} + \frac{2k}{\pi} \left(\cos\frac{\pi}{2}x - \frac{1}{3} \cos\frac{3\pi}{2}x + \frac{1}{5} \cos\frac{5\pi}{2}x - \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since the function is even, it has a cosine only series.



Arbitrary period

Example: Change of scale

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -k & -2 < x < 0 \\ k & 0 < x < 2 \end{cases} \quad f(x+4) = f(x)$$

Solution:

We know from a previous example the Fourier series for a similar function with period 2π

$$\begin{aligned} g(v) &= \begin{cases} -k & -\pi < v < 0 \\ k & 0 < v < \pi \end{cases} & g(v+2\pi) = g(v) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin(nv) \\ &= \frac{4k}{\pi} \sin(v) + \frac{4k}{3\pi} \sin(3v) + \frac{4k}{5\pi} \sin(5v) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

If we do the change of variable $v = \frac{\pi}{2}x$, then

$$f(x) = g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) = \frac{4k}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) + \frac{4k}{3\pi} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}x\right) + \frac{4k}{5\pi} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}x\right) + \dots$$

Linearity.

The Fourier series is linear

Let FS be an operator that assigns to each function, its Fourier series. Then

$$FS(f_1 + f_2) = FS(f_1) + FS(f_2)$$

$$FS(cf) = cFS(f)$$

Even and odd functions.

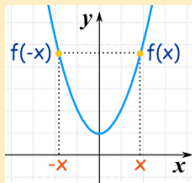
Even functions

If the function is even, then the Fourier series simplifies to

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$



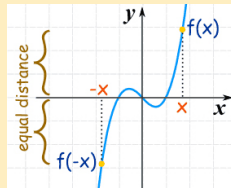
Odd functions

If the function is odd, then the Fourier series simplifies to

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$$

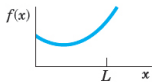
$$a_0 = 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$

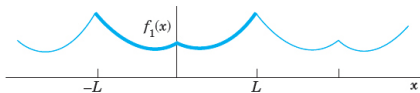


Half-range expansion

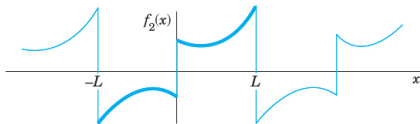
Half-range expansion



(0) The given function $f(x)$



(a) $f(x)$ continued as an **even** periodic function of period $2L$



(b) $f(x)$ continued as an **odd** periodic function of period $2L$

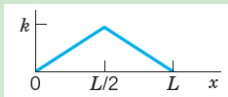
Fig. 270. Even and odd extensions of period $2L$

If only half of the range ($[0, L]$) is of interest, we may extend the function in an odd or even way, and then use the simplified Fourier series expression for odd or even functions.

Half-range expansion

Example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2k}{L}x & 0 < x < \frac{L}{2} \\ \frac{2k}{L}(L-x) & \frac{L}{2} < x < L \end{cases}$$



Solution: Even extension

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx = \frac{k}{2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx = \frac{4k}{n^2\pi^2} \left(2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - \cos(n\pi) - 1\right)$$

$$\tilde{f}_e(x) = \frac{k}{2} - \frac{16k}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{2^2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}x\right) + \frac{1}{6^2} \cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{L}x\right) + \dots\right)$$

Odd extension

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx = \frac{8k}{n^2\pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

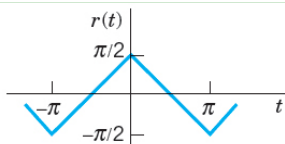
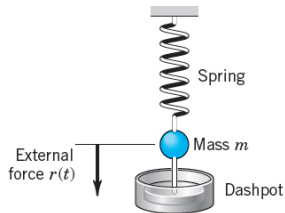
$$\tilde{f}_o(x) = \frac{8k}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{L}x\right) - \frac{1}{3^2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{L}x\right) + \frac{1}{5^2} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{L}x\right) \dots\right)$$

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Forced oscillations

Example block: undamped spring



$$my'' + cy' + ky = r(t)$$

$$m = 1 \text{ (g)}, c = 0.05 \text{ (g/s)}, k = 25 \text{ (g/s}^2\text{)}$$

$$y'' + 0.05y' + 25y = r(t)$$

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} t + \frac{\pi}{2} & -\pi < t < 0 \\ -t + \frac{\pi}{2} & 0 < t < \pi \end{cases}$$

Forced oscillations

Example block: undamped spring (continued)

Solution:

We expand the driving force in its Fourier series

$$r(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\cos(t) + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos(3t) + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos(5t) + \dots \right)$$

Then we consider the ODE

$$y'' + 0.05y' + 25y = \frac{4}{\pi n^2} \cos(nt)$$

Its steady state solution is

$$y_n = \frac{4(25 - n^2)}{n^2 \pi D_n} \cos(nt) + \frac{0.2}{n \pi D_n} \sin(nt)$$

with $D_n = (25 - n^2)^2 + (0.05n)^2$. We are interested in the steady state solution because $r(t)$ is periodic.

Forced oscillations

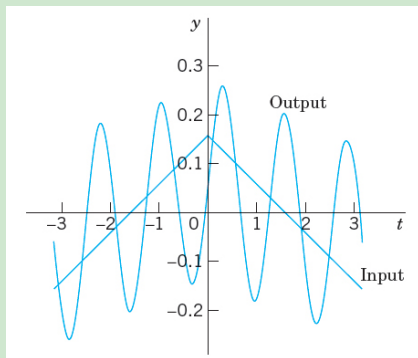
Example block: undamped spring (continued)

$$r(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\cos(t) + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos(3t) + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos(5t) + \dots \right)$$

$$y_n = \frac{4(25 - n^2)}{n^2 \pi D_n} \cos(nt) + \frac{0.2}{n \pi D_n} \sin(nt)$$

The steady state solution is

$$y = y_1 + y_3 + y_5 + \dots$$



Exercises

From Kreyszig (10th ed.), Chapter 11, Section 3:

- 11.3.4

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Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

Let us consider a function f and its Fourier series

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_0^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

Let us find the best trigonometric approximation of degree N

$$F(x) = A_0 + \sum_{n=0}^N A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx)$$

such that the approximation error is minimized

$$E = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f - F)^2 dx$$

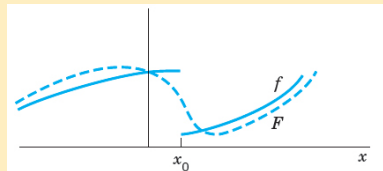


Fig. 278. Error of approximation

Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

$$E = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F^2 dx - 2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fF dx$$

Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

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Let us calculate

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F^2 dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(A_0 + \sum_{n=0}^N A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx) \right)^2 dx \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_0^2 dx + \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_0 A_n \cos(nx) dx + \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_0 B_n \sin(nx) dx \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_n A_n \cos(nx) dx + \sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_n A_m \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_n B_m \cos(nx) \sin(mx) dx \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_0 B_n \sin(nx) dx + \sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} B_n A_m \sin(nx) \cos(mx) dx \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} B_n B_m \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx \\ &= 2\pi A_0^2 + \sum_{n=0}^N (\pi A_n^2 + \pi B_n^2)\end{aligned}$$

Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fF dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(a_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx) \right) \left(A_0 + \sum_{n=0}^N A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx) \right) dx \\ &= 2\pi a_0 A_0 + \sum_{n=0}^N (\pi a_n A_n + \pi b_n B_n)\end{aligned}$$

So that

$$\begin{aligned}E &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx + \pi \left(2A_0^2 + \sum_{n=0}^N (A_n^2 + B_n^2) \right) - 2\pi \left(2a_0 A_0 + \sum_{n=0}^N (a_n A_n + b_n B_n) \right) \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx + \pi \left(2(A_0^2 - 2a_0 A_0) + \sum_{n=0}^N ((A_n^2 - 2a_n A_n) + (B_n^2 - 2b_n B_n)) \right)\end{aligned}$$

Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

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$$E = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx + \pi \left(2(A_0^2 - 2a_0 A_0) + \sum_{n=0}^N ((A_n^2 - 2a_n A_n) + (B_n^2 - 2b_n B_n)) \right)$$

Now, we optimize E with respect to the A_0 , A_n and B_n coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E}{\partial A_0} &= 2\pi(2A_0 - 2a_0) = 0 \Rightarrow A_0 = a_0 \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial A_n} &= \pi(2A_n - 2a_n) = 0 \Rightarrow A_n = a_n \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial B_n} &= \pi(2B_n - 2b_n) = 0 \Rightarrow B_n = b_n \end{aligned}$$

That is, the partial sum of order N of the Fourier series is **the best trigonometric approximation** of order N to f , and the error becomes

$$E = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx - \pi \left(2a_0^2 + \sum_{n=0}^N (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \right)$$

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Since $E \geq 0$ we have (**Bessel's inequality**)

$$2a_0^2 + \sum_{n=0}^N (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx$$

In fact, if there is a Fourier series representation of f , there is no approximation error (**Parseval's identity**)

$$2a_0^2 + \sum_{n=0}^N (a_n^2 + b_n^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx$$

Approximation by trigonometric polynomials

Example

$$f(x) = x + \pi \quad -\pi < x < \pi$$

$$F(x) = \pi + 2 \left(\sin(x) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3x) - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{N+1}}{N} \sin(Nx) \right)$$

$$E = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x + \pi)^2 dx - \pi \left(2\pi^2 + \sum_{n=0}^N \left(\frac{2(-1)^{N+1}}{N} \right)^2 \right)$$

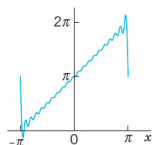


Fig. 279. F with $N = 20$ in Example 1

Numeric values are:

N	E^*	N	E^*	N	E^*	N	E^*
1	8.1045	6	1.9295	20	0.6129	70	0.1782
2	4.9629	7	1.6730	30	0.4120	80	0.1561
3	3.5666	8	1.4767	40	0.3103	90	0.1389
4	2.7812	9	1.3216	50	0.2488	100	0.1250
5	2.2786	10	1.1959	60	0.2077	1000	0.0126

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Sturm-Liouville problems

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$$(p(x)y')' + (q(x) + \lambda r(x))y = 0$$

y is a solution in an interval $[a, b]$ satisfying boundary conditions of the form

$$k_1y(a) + k_2y'(a) = 0$$

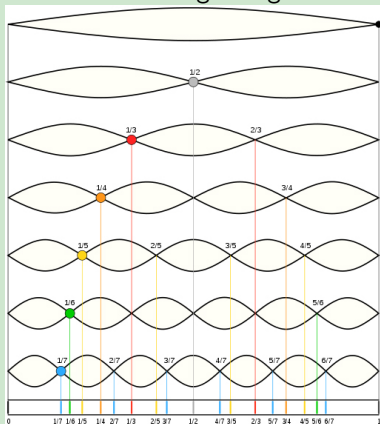
$$l_1y(b) + l_2y'(b) = 0$$

$y = 0$ is a trivial solution, the rest of solutions are called **eigenfunctions** and they are associated to specific values of λ (their **eigenvalue**). If p , q , r , and p' are real-valued and continuous in $[a, b]$, and r is positive throughout $[a, b]$ (or negative), then all eigenvalues of the Sturm-Liouville problem are real.

Sturm-Liouville problems

Example

Vibrating string



$$y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad y(0) = 0, y(\pi) = 0$$

Solution:

We can reformulate the problem as a Sturm-Liouville problem as

$$(1y')' + (0 + \lambda 1)y = 0$$

$$1y(0) + 0y'(0) = 0$$

$$1y(\pi) + 0y'(\pi) = 0$$

Sturm-Liouville problems

Example (continued)

If $\lambda = -\nu^2$ is negative, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{\nu x} + c_2 e^{-\nu x}$$

From the boundary conditions, we get $c_1 = c_2 = 0$.

If $\lambda = 0$, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 + c_2 x$$

and again from the boundary conditions $c_1 = c_2 = 0$.

Finally, if $\lambda = \nu^2$ is positive, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos(\nu x) + c_2 \sin(\nu x)$$

From the boundary conditions, $c_1 = 0$ and

$$y(\pi) = c_2 \sin(\nu \pi) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Example (continued)

$$y(\pi) = c_2 \sin(\nu x) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

That is, the functions

$$y_\nu = \sin(\nu x) \quad \nu = \sqrt{\lambda} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

are eigenfunctions of the ODE and their associated eigenvalue is $\lambda = \nu^2$.

Orthogonal functions

Orthogonality

Let us define the **inner product** of two functions y_m and y_n with respect to the weight function $r(x)$ in the interval $[a, b]$ as

$$\langle f, g \rangle_r = \int_a^b r(x) f(x) g(x) dx$$

The **norm** of a function is defined as $\|f\| = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle_r}$.

Two functions are **orthogonal** if $\langle f, g \rangle_r = 0$.

A set of functions $\{y_1, y_2, \dots\}$ is **orthonormal** if

$$\langle y_m, y_n \rangle_r = \delta_{mn} = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ 1 & m = n \end{cases}$$

Sturm-Liouville problems

Example (continued)

The set of functions $y_\nu = \sin(\nu x)$ $\nu = \sqrt{\lambda} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ are orthogonal ($\nu_1 \neq \nu_2$) in the interval $[0, \pi]$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle y_{\nu_1}, y_{\nu_2} \rangle &= \int_0^\pi \sin(\nu_1 x) \sin(\nu_2 x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \cos((\nu_1 - \nu_2)x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \cos((\nu_1 + \nu_2)x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin((\nu_1 - \nu_2)x)}{\nu_1 - \nu_2} \right]_0^\pi - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin((\nu_1 + \nu_2)x)}{\nu_1 + \nu_2} \right]_0^\pi \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

but they are not orthonormal because

$$\|y_\nu\|^2 = \int_0^\pi \sin^2(\nu x) dx = \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\cos(2\nu x)}{2} \right) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

The set of functions $y_\nu = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin(\nu x)$ $\nu = \sqrt{\lambda} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ is orthonormal.

Orthogonality of eigenfunctions

If p , q , r and p' are real-valued and continuous in the interval $[a, b]$ and $r > 0$. Let the function y_m and y_n be eigenfunctions associated to different eigenvalues λ_m and λ_n , then

$$\langle y_m, y_n \rangle_r = 0$$

Boundary conditions

Boundary conditions

Mixed Dirichlet-Neumann conditions:

$$k_1 y(a) + k_2 y'(a) = \alpha$$

$$l_1 y(b) + l_2 y'(b) = \beta$$

if $\alpha = \beta = 0$, the boundary conditions are said to be **homogeneous**. If $k_2 = l_2 = 0$ they are called **Dirichlet boundary conditions**. If $k_1 = l_1 = 0$, they are called **Neumann boundary conditions**. The conditions

$$y(a) = y(b) \quad y'(a) = y'(b)$$

are called **periodic boundary conditions**.

Singular Sturm-Liouville problem

Singular Sturm-Liouville problem

A Sturm-Liouville problem

$$(p(x)y')' + (q(x) + \lambda r(x))y = 0$$

is called **singular** in any of the following cases:

- 1 $p(a) = 0$, BC at a is dropped, BC at b is homogeneous mixed.
- 2 $p(b) = 0$, BC at b is dropped, BC at a is homogeneous mixed.
- 3 $p(a) = p(b) = 0$, there is no BC.
- 4 The interval $[a, b]$ is infinite.

Otherwise, the problem is **regular**.

Singular Sturm-Liouville problem

Example: Legendre's equation and polynomials

Legendre's equation

$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + n(n + 1)y = 0$$

is a Sturm-Liouville problem

$$((1 - x^2)y')' + n(n + 1)y = 0$$

$$(p(x)y')' + (q(x) + \lambda r(x))y = 0$$

with $p = 1 - x^2$, $q = 0$, $r = 1$.

$p(-1) = p(1) = 0$, so the Sturm-Liouville problem is singular, and we do not need boundary conditions. The Legendre polynomial $P_n(x)$ is a non-trivial solution of the problem associated to the eigenvalue $\lambda = n(n + 1)$. By the previous theorem, Legendre polynomials are orthogonal in the interval $[-1, 1]$.

Exercises

From Kreyszig (10th ed.), Chapter 11, Section 5:

- 11.5.6
- 11.5.9
- 11.5.11

Exercises

• 11.5.14

(a) **Chebyshev polynomials**⁶ of the first and second kind are defined by

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos x)$$

$$U_n(x) = \frac{\sin[(n+1) \arccos x]}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

respectively, where $n = 0, 1, \dots$. Show that

$$T_0 = 1, \quad T_1(x) = x, \quad T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1.$$

$$T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x,$$

$$U_0 = 1, \quad U_1(x) = 2x, \quad U_2(x) = 4x^2 - 1,$$

$$U_3(x) = 8x^3 - 4x.$$

Show that the Chebyshev polynomials $T_n(x)$ are orthogonal on the interval $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ with respect to the weight function $r(x) = 1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$. (*Hint*. To evaluate the integral, set $\arccos x = \theta$.) Verify

that $T_n(x)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$, satisfy the **Chebyshev equation**

$$(1-x^2)y'' - xy' + n^2y = 0.$$

(b) **Orthogonality on an infinite interval: Laguerre polynomials**⁷ are defined by $L_0 = 1$, and

$$L_n(x) = \frac{e^x d^n (x^n e^{-x})}{n! dx^n}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Show that

$$L_n(x) = 1 - x, \quad L_2(x) = 1 - 2x + x^2/2,$$

$$L_3(x) = 1 - 3x + 3x^2/2 - x^3/6.$$

Prove that the Laguerre polynomials are orthogonal on the positive axis $0 \leq x < \infty$ with respect to the weight function $r(x) = e^{-x}$. *Hint*. Since the highest power in L_m is x^m , it suffices to show that $\int e^{-x} x^k L_n dx = 0$ for $k < n$. Do this by k integrations by parts.

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Generalized Fourier series

Generalized Fourier series

Let the set $\{y_1, y_2, \dots\}$ be orthogonal with respect to the weight function r in an interval $[a, b]$. Let f be a function that we want to expand in this orthogonal basis

$$f = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m y_m(x)$$

To find the Fourier coefficients, a_m we compute the inner product of f with y_n

$$\langle f, y_n \rangle_r = \left\langle \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m y_m(x), y_n \right\rangle_r = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \langle y_m(x), y_n(x) \rangle_r = a_n \|y_n\|^2$$

$$\boxed{a_n = \frac{\langle f, y_n \rangle_r}{\|y_n\|_r^2}} = \frac{\int_a^b r f y_n dx}{\int_a^b r y_n^2 dx}$$

Generalized Fourier series

Fourier-Legendre series

Legendre polynomials, $P_m(x)$, are orthogonal in $[-1, 1]$ with respect to $r(x) = 1$. In this interval we can perform an eigenfunction expansion of the form

$$f = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle f, P_m \rangle}{\|P_m\|^2} P_m(x)$$

It can be shown that

$$\|P_m\|^2 = \frac{2}{2m+1}$$

Example

$$f = \sin(\pi x) \Rightarrow a_m = \frac{2m+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \sin(\pi x) P_m(x) dx$$

$$f = 0.95493P_1 - 1.15824P_3 + 0.21929P_5 - 0.01664P_7 + 0.00068P_9 - 0.00002P_{11} + \dots$$

Generalized Fourier series

Fourier-Bessel series

Bessel's J_n functions are solutions of the ODE

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0$$

That is

$$\tilde{x}^2 \frac{d^2 J_n}{d\tilde{x}^2}(\tilde{x}) + \tilde{x} \frac{dJ_n}{d\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}) + (\tilde{x}^2 - n^2)J_n(\tilde{x}) = 0$$

Where for convenience we have used the variable \tilde{x} instead of x . We now perform the change of variable

$$\tilde{x} = kx \Rightarrow x = \frac{\tilde{x}}{k}$$

$$\frac{dJ_n}{d\tilde{x}} = \frac{dJ_n}{dx} \frac{dx}{d\tilde{x}} = \frac{dJ_n}{dx} \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\frac{d^2 J_n}{d\tilde{x}^2} = \frac{d}{d\tilde{x}} \left(\frac{dJ_n}{d\tilde{x}} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dJ_n}{dx} \frac{1}{k} \right) \frac{dx}{d\tilde{x}} = \frac{d^2 J_n}{dx^2} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Generalized Fourier series

Fourier-Bessel series

So Bessel's equation becomes

$$(kx)^2 \frac{d^2 J_n}{dx^2} (kx) \frac{1}{k^2} + (kx) \frac{dJ_n}{dx} (kx) \frac{1}{k} + ((kx)^2 - n^2) J_n(kx) = 0$$

$$x^2 J_n''(kx) + x J_n'(kx) + (k^2 x^2 - n^2) J_n(kx) = 0$$

Dividing by x

$$x J_n''(kx) + J_n'(kx) + \left(k^2 x - \frac{n^2}{x}\right) J_n(kx) = 0$$

$$(x J_n'(kx))' + \left(-\frac{n^2}{x} + k^2 x\right) J_n(kx) = 0$$

This is a Sturm-Liouville problem with $p = x$, $q = -\frac{n^2}{x}$, $\lambda = k^2$, and $r = x$. Let us choose $a = 0$, $p(a) = 0$, so the problem is singular. For the boundary conditions fix a value $b = R$ and find the values k such that

$$J_n(kR) = 0$$

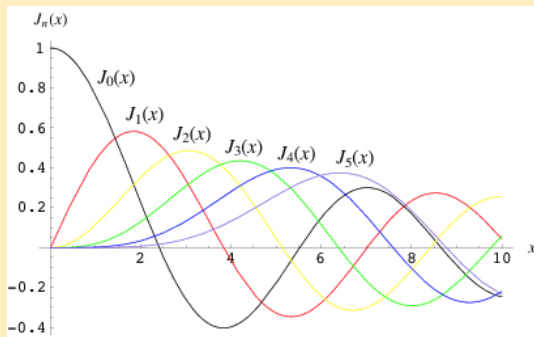
Generalized Fourier series

Fourier-Bessel series

$$J_n(kR) = 0$$

For every n , we find that this equation has infinite solutions that we may index with m

$$kR = \alpha_{n,m} \Rightarrow k_{n,m} = \frac{\alpha_{n,m}}{R}$$



Generalized Fourier series

Fourier-Bessel series

The set of functions $\{J_n(k_{n,1}x), J_n(k_{n,2}x), \dots\}$ with $k_{n,m} = \frac{\alpha_{n,m}}{R}$ is orthogonal on the interval $[0, R]$ with respect to the weight function $r(x) = x$ since they are eigenfunctions associated to the eigenvalue $\lambda = k_{n,m}^2$. Additionally,

$$\|J_n(k_{n,m}x)\|_x^2 = \int_0^R x J_n^2(k_{n,m}x) dx = \frac{R^2}{2} J_{n+1}^2(k_{n,m}R)$$

so the Fourier coefficients of the Fourier-Bessel series

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m J_n(k_{n,m}x)$$

are

$$a_m = \frac{\langle f(x), J_n(k_{n,m}x) \rangle_x}{\|J_n(k_{n,m}x)\|_x^2}$$

Generalized Fourier series

Example

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$$

Let us consider $n = 0$ and $R = 1$, then

$$k_{0,m} = 2.405, 5.520, 8.654, 11.792, \dots$$

The Fourier coefficients are

$$a_m = \frac{4J_2(k_{0,m})}{k_{0,m}^2 J_1^2(k_{0,m})} = 1.1081, -0.1398, 0.0455, -0.0210, \dots$$

And the function is approximated as

$$\frac{1}{1-x^2} = 1.1081J_0(2.405x) - 0.1398J_0(5.520x) + 0.0455J_0(8.654x) - \dots$$

Mean square convergence. Completeness

Mean square convergence

Let us define the functions

$$s_k = \sum_{m=1}^k a_m y_m$$

This sequence of functions tend to f in a mean-square sense if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|s_k - f\|_r^2 = 0$$

where r is a weighting function.

Completeness

An orthonormal set of functions y_0, y_1, \dots in the interval $[a, b]$ is complete in a set of functions S defined on $[a, b]$ if

$$\forall f \in S, \forall \epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow \exists a_0, a_1, \dots \left\| f - \sum_{m=1}^k a_m y_m \right\| < \epsilon$$

Exercises

From Kreyszig (10th ed.), Chapter 11, Section 6:

- 11.6.2

Exercises

- 14. TEAM PROJECT. Orthogonality on the Entire Real Axis. Hermite Polynomials.**⁸ These orthogonal polynomials are defined by $He_0(x) = 1$ and

$$(19) \quad He_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2/2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-x^2/2}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

REMARK. As is true for many special functions, the literature contains more than one notation, and one sometimes defines as Hermite polynomials the functions

$$H_0^*(x) = 1, \quad H_n^*(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} e^{-x^2}.$$

This differs from our definition, which is preferred in applications.

- (a) **Small Values of n .** Show that

$$\begin{aligned} He_1(x) &= x, & He_2(x) &= x^2 - 1, \\ He_3(x) &= x^3 - 3x, & He_4(x) &= x^4 - 6x^2 + 3. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) **Generating Function.** A generating function of the Hermite polynomials is

$$(20) \quad e^{tx - t^2/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x) t^n$$

because $He_n(x) = n! a_n(x)$. Prove this. *Hint:* Use the formula for the coefficients of a Maclaurin series and note that $tx - \frac{1}{2}t^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}(x - t)^2$.

- (c) **Derivative.** Differentiating the generating function with respect to x , show that

$$(21) \quad He_n'(x) = nHe_{n-1}(x).$$

- (d) **Orthogonality on the x -Axis** needs a weight function that goes to zero sufficiently fast as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$. (Why?)

Show that the Hermite polynomials are orthogonal on $-\infty < x < \infty$ with respect to the weight function $r(x) = e^{-x^2/2}$. *Hint:* Use integration by parts and (21).

- (e) **ODEs.** Show that

$$(22) \quad He_n'(x) = xHe_n(x) - He_{n+1}(x).$$

Using this with $n - 1$ instead of n and (21), show that $y = He_n(x)$ satisfies the ODE

$$(23) \quad y'' = xy' + ny = 0.$$

Show that $w = e^{-x^2/4}$ is a solution of **Weber's equation**

$$(24) \quad w'' + (n + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}x^2)w = 0 \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots).$$

- 15. CAS EXPERIMENT. Fourier-Bessel Series.** Use Example 2 and $R = 1$, so that you get the series

$$(25) \quad f(x) = a_1 J_0(\alpha_{0,1}x) + a_2 J_0(\alpha_{0,2}x) + a_3 J_0(\alpha_{0,3}x) + \dots$$

With the zeros $\alpha_{0,1}, \alpha_{0,2}, \dots$ from your CAS (see also Table A1 in App. 5).

- (a) Graph the terms $J_0(\alpha_{0,1}x), \dots, J_0(\alpha_{0,10}x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ on common axes.

(b) Write a program for calculating partial sums of (25). Find out for what $f(x)$ your CAS can evaluate the integrals. Take two such $f(x)$ and comment empirically on the speed of convergence by observing the decrease of the coefficients.

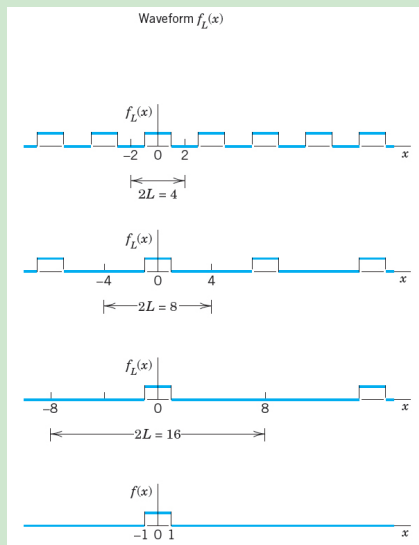
- (c) Take $f(x) = 1$ in (25) and evaluate the integrals for the coefficients analytically by (21a), Sec. 5.4, with $\nu = 1$. Graph the first few partial sums on common axes.

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Fourier integral

Example



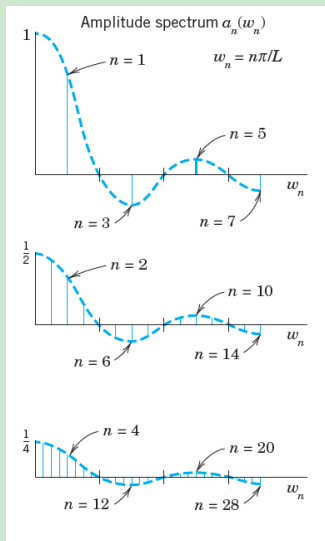
$$f_L(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -L < x < -1 \\ 1 & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & 1 < x < L \end{cases}$$

$$f_L(x) = f_L(x + 2L)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} f_L(x) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Fourier integral

Example (continued)



$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-1}^1 dx = \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-1}^1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{2}{L} \frac{\sin(n\pi/L)}{n\pi/L} \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{n}{L}\right) \quad \left[\operatorname{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega_n}{\pi}\right) \quad \left[\omega_n = \frac{\pi}{L} n \right] \end{aligned}$$

Fourier integral

From Fourier series to Fourier integral

$$\begin{aligned}f_L(x) &= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \\&= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(\omega_n x) + b_n \sin(\omega_n x)] \quad \left[\omega_n = \frac{\pi}{L}n\right] \\&= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(v) dv + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(v) \cos(\omega_n v) dv \right) \cos(\omega_n x) + \\&\quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(v) \sin(\omega_n v) dv \right) \sin(\omega_n x) \quad \left[\Delta\omega_n = \frac{\pi}{L}\right] \\&= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(v) dv + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-L}^L f_L(v) \cos(\omega_n v) dv \right) \cos(\omega_n x) \Delta\omega + \\&\quad \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-L}^L f_L(v) \sin(\omega_n v) dv \right) \sin(\omega_n x) \Delta\omega\end{aligned}$$

Fourier integral

From Fourier series to Fourier integral

$$f_L(x) = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(v) dv + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-L}^L f_L(v) \cos(\omega_n v) dv \right) \cos(\omega_n x) \Delta\omega + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-L}^L f_L(v) \sin(\omega_n v) dv \right) \sin(\omega_n x) \Delta\omega$$

We now take the limit when L goes to ∞

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} f_L(x) = 0 + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \cos(\omega v) dv \right) \cos(\omega x) d\omega + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \sin(\omega v) dv \right) \sin(\omega x) d\omega$$

$$f(x) = \int_0^{\infty} (A(\omega) \cos(\omega x) + B(\omega) \sin(\omega x)) d\omega$$

Fourier integral

From Fourier series to Fourier integral

If f is piecewise continuous in every finite interval and has a left- and right-hand derivative at every point, and it is absolutely integrable ($\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx$), then f can be represented by a Fourier integral.

$$f(x) = \int_0^{\infty} (A(\omega) \cos(\omega x) + B(\omega) \sin(\omega x)) d\omega$$
$$A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \cos(\omega v) dv$$
$$B(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \sin(\omega v) dv$$

Where f is discontinuous, the value of the Fourier integral equals the average of the left- and right-hand limits of f at that point.

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Fourier transform

Complex form of the Fourier integral

$$f(x) = \int_0^{\infty} (A(\omega) \cos(\omega x) + B(\omega) \sin(\omega x)) d\omega$$

$$A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \cos(\omega v) dv$$

$$B(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \sin(\omega v) dv$$

Let's substitute A and B into the Fourier integral

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) (\cos(\omega v) \cos(\omega x) + \sin(\omega v) \sin(\omega x)) dv \right] d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \cos(\omega(x-v)) dv \right] d\omega = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} F(\omega, x) d\omega \end{aligned}$$

Fourier transform

Complex form of the Fourier integral

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \cos(\omega(x-v)) dv \right] d\omega = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} F(\omega, x) d\omega$$

Note that $F(\omega, x)$ is an even function in ω , that is $F(\omega, x) = F(-\omega, x)$, so we may symmetrize the integration limit and divide by two:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega, x) d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \cos(\omega(x-v)) dv \right] d\omega$$

The function

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \sin(\omega(x-v)) dv$$

is odd and its integral over all ω must be 0.

$$0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \sin(\omega(x-v)) dv \right] d\omega$$

Fourier transform

Complex form of the Fourier integral

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \cos(\omega(x-v)) dv \right] d\omega$$
$$0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \sin(\omega(x-v)) dv \right] d\omega$$

Now we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) + i0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) (\cos(\omega(x-v)) + i \sin(\omega(x-v))) dv \right] d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) e^{i\omega(x-v)} dv \right] d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) e^{-i\omega v} dv \right] e^{i\omega x} d\omega \end{aligned}$$

Fourier transform

Complex form of the Fourier integral

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) e^{-i\omega v} dv \right] e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

Let us define the **Fourier transform** of f as

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

From the Fourier transform we can recover the original function as

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{f}\} = f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

If f is absolutely integrable and piecewise continuous, then its Fourier transform exists.

Example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & |x| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\{f\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 e^{-i\omega x} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(-\frac{e^{-i\omega x}}{i\omega} \right)_{-1}^1 = -\frac{1}{i\omega\sqrt{2\pi}} (e^{-i\omega} - e^{i\omega}) \\ &= \frac{1}{i\omega\sqrt{2\pi}} (e^{i\omega} - e^{-i\omega}) = \frac{2}{\omega\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{e^{i\omega} - e^{-i\omega}}{2i} = \frac{2}{\omega\sqrt{2\pi}} \sin(\omega) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin(\omega)}{\omega} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\pi} \frac{\omega}{\pi}\right)}{\frac{\omega}{\pi}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega}{\pi}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Example

$$f(x) = e^{-ax} u(x) \quad a > 0$$

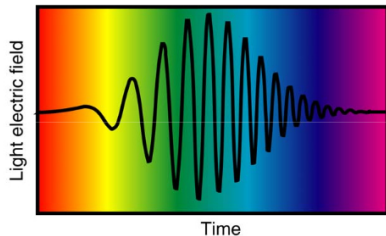
Solution:

$$\mathcal{F}\{f\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} e^{-i\omega x} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(-\frac{e^{-(a+i\omega)x}}{a+i\omega} \right)_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(a+i\omega)}$$

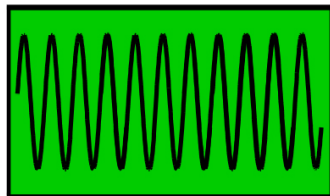
Power spectral density

Power spectral density

Plane waves have only one frequency, ω . →



Light electric field



Time

← This light wave has many frequencies. And the frequency increases in time (from red to blue).

Power spectral density

Power spectral density

Let us consider the spring-mass system

$$my'' + ky = 0$$

Multiplying by y'

$$my'y'' + kyy' = 0$$

and integrating

$$m\frac{1}{2}(y')^2 + k\frac{1}{2}y^2 = E_0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}ky^2 = E_0$$

The first term is the kinetic energy of the system and the second term its (spring) potential energy, E_0 is the total energy.

Power spectral density

Power spectral density

The general solution of the ODE is

$$y = a_1 \cos(\omega_0 x) + b_1 \sin(\omega_0 x)$$

where $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ is the natural frequency of the system. We can rewrite it as

$$\begin{aligned} y &= a_1 \frac{e^{i\omega_0 x} + e^{-i\omega_0 x}}{2} + b_1 \frac{e^{i\omega_0 x} - e^{-i\omega_0 x}}{2i} \\ &= \frac{a_1 - ib_1}{2} e^{i\omega_0 x} + \frac{a_1 + ib_1}{2} e^{-i\omega_0 x} \\ &= c_1 e^{i\omega_0 x} + c_{-1} e^{-i\omega_0 x} \\ y' &= i\omega_0 (c_1 e^{i\omega_0 x} - c_{-1} e^{-i\omega_0 x}) \end{aligned}$$

Power spectral density

Power spectral density

Substituting in the energy equation

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}ky^2 = E_0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}m \left(i\omega_0(c_1 e^{i\omega_0 x} - c_{-1} e^{-i\omega_0 x}) \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k \left(c_1 e^{i\omega_0 x} + c_{-1} e^{-i\omega_0 x} \right)^2 = E_0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}m(i\omega_0)^2(A - A^*)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(A + A^*)^2 = E_0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}m \left(-\frac{k}{m} \right) (A - A^*)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(A + A^*)^2 = E_0$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}k(A - A^*)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(A + A^*)^2 = E_0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}k \left[-(A - A^*)^2 + (A + A^*)^2 \right] = E_0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}k \left[-A^2 - (A^*)^2 + 2AA^* + A^2 + (A^*)^2 + 2AA^* \right] = E_0$$

$$2k|A|^2 = 2k|c_1|^2 = E_0$$

Power spectral density

Power spectral density

So if y is a sum of two complex exponentials, then the energy is proportional to their amplitude

$$y = c_1 e^{i\omega_0 x} + c_{-1} e^{-i\omega_0 x} \Rightarrow E_0 \propto |c_1|^2$$

If we had a discrete sum of complex exponentials we would have

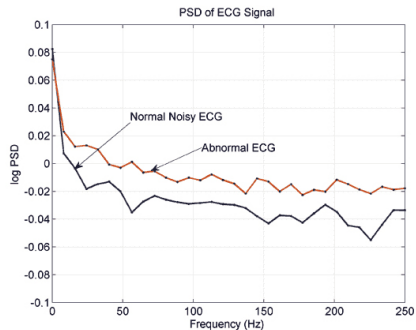
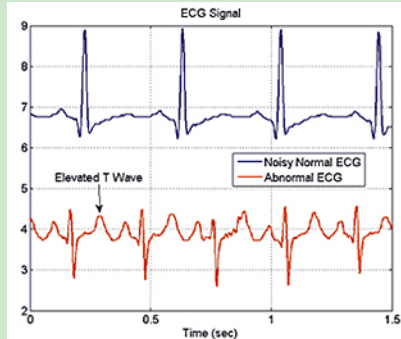
$$y = \sum_n c_n e^{i\omega_n x} + c_{-n} e^{-i\omega_n x} \Rightarrow E_0 \propto \sum |c_n|^2$$

and for a “continuous” sum

$$y = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \Rightarrow E_0 \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

Power spectral density

Example



Linearity of the Fourier transform

Linearity of the Fourier transform

$$\mathcal{F}\{af + bg\} = a\mathcal{F}\{f\} + b\mathcal{F}\{g\}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\{af + bg\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (af(x) + bg(x))e^{-i\omega x} dx \\ &= \frac{a}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-i\omega x} dx + \frac{b}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)e^{-i\omega x} dx \\ &= a\mathcal{F}\{f\} + b\mathcal{F}\{g\}\end{aligned}$$

Fourier transform of the derivative

Fourier transform of the derivative

$$\mathcal{F}\{f'\} = i\omega\mathcal{F}\{f\}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \\ \frac{df}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) \frac{d}{dx} (e^{i\omega x}) d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) (i\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (i\omega \hat{f}(\omega)) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \end{aligned}$$

Fourier transform of the derivative

Fourier transform of the derivative

$$\mathcal{F}\{f''\} = (i\omega)^2 \mathcal{F}\{f\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{f^{(n)}\} = (i\omega)^n \mathcal{F}\{f\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{f^{(\alpha)}\} = (i\omega)^\alpha \mathcal{F}\{f\}$$

Fourier transform of the integral

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\int_{-\infty}^t f(\tau) d\tau\right\} = \frac{\mathcal{F}\{f\}}{i\omega} + c\delta(f)$$

where c is a value such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^t (f(\tau) - c) d\tau = 0$$

It is normally referred to as the DC or average value.

Fourier transform of the convolution

Fourier transform of the convolution

$$f(x) \star g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(x-p)dp = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-p)g(p)dp$$
$$\mathcal{F}\{f \star g\} = \sqrt{2\pi}\mathcal{F}\{f\}\mathcal{F}\{g\}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\{f \star g\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(x-p)dp \right) e^{-i\omega x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(x-p)e^{-i\omega x} dp dx \quad [\text{swap variables}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(x-p)e^{-i\omega x} dx dp \quad [q = x - p] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(q)e^{-i\omega(q+p)} dq dp\end{aligned}$$

Fourier transform of the convolution

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\{f \star g\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(q)e^{-i\omega(q+p)} dq dp \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)e^{-i\omega p} dp \right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(q)e^{-i\omega q} dq \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (\sqrt{2\pi}\mathcal{F}\{f\}) (\sqrt{2\pi}\mathcal{F}\{g\}) \\ &= \sqrt{2\pi}\mathcal{F}\{f\}\mathcal{F}\{g\}\end{aligned}$$

Fourier transform of the convolution

Calculation of the convolution

$$(f \star g)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) \hat{g}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}(f \star g)(x) &= \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left\{ \sqrt{2\pi} \hat{f}(\omega) \hat{g}(\omega) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sqrt{2\pi} \hat{f}(\omega) \hat{g}(\omega) \right) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) \hat{g}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega\end{aligned}$$

Table of Fourier transforms

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	$f(x)$	$\hat{f}(w) = \mathcal{F}(f)$
1	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -b < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin bw}{w}$
2	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b < x < c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{e^{-ibw} - e^{-icw}}{iw\sqrt{2\pi}}$
3	$\frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} \quad (a > 0)$	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{e^{-a w }}{a}$
4	$\begin{cases} x & \text{if } 0 < x < b \\ 2x - b & \text{if } b < x < 2b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{-1 + 2e^{ibw} - e^{2ibw}}{\sqrt{2\pi}w^2}$
5	$\begin{cases} e^{-ax} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (a > 0)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(a + iw)}$

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$$6 \quad \begin{cases} e^{ax} & \text{if } b < x < c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{e^{(a-iw)c} - e^{(a-iw)b}}{\sqrt{2\pi}(a - iw)}$$

$$7 \quad \begin{cases} e^{iax} & \text{if } -b < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin b(w - a)}{w - a}$$

$$8 \quad \begin{cases} e^{iax} & \text{if } b < x < c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{e^{ib(a-w)} - e^{ic(a-w)}}{a - w}$$

$$9 \quad e^{-ax^2} \quad (a > 0)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} e^{-w^2/4a}$$

$$10 \quad \frac{\sin ax}{x} \quad (a > 0)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad \text{if } |w| < a; \quad 0 \quad \text{if } |w| > a$$

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