

# Quick Introduction to the Fourier Transform

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

Fourier Transform /  $\frac{\text{radian}}{\text{Hz}}$  /  $\frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{seconds}}$   
 real variable  $f$       Amplitude real or complex      Real variable  $t$

Amplitude is usually complex

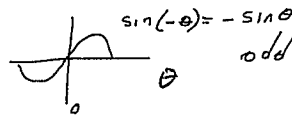
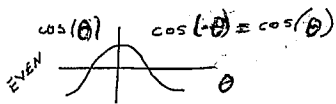
$$e^{-j2\pi ft} = \cos(-2\pi ft) + j \sin(-2\pi ft)$$

complex-valued sinusoid =  $\cos(2\pi ft) - j \sin(2\pi ft)$

real      imag

$$x(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(f)$$

$$x_1(t) + x_2(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X_1(f) + X_2(f)$$



$$\bar{X}(s) = \int \{ x(t) \}$$

Laplace Transform       $\bar{X}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt$

region of convergence (ROC)

If the ROC includes the imaginary axis

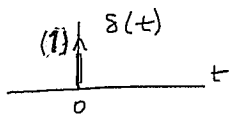
$$x(t) = \bar{X}(s) \Big|_{s=j2\pi f}$$

Example

Dirac delta functional — Continuous-Time Impulse

unit area

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1 \quad \text{Unit Area}$$



Mathematically models impulsive event at origin

Amplitude undefined at origin

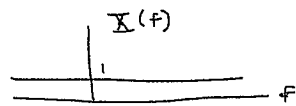
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) \delta(t) dt = g(0)$$

Unit area concentrated at origin — area denoted by parentheses

sifting property

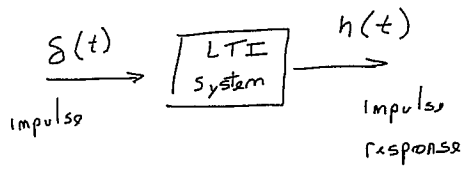
IF  $g(s)$  is defined at origin

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) \underbrace{e^{-j2\pi ft}}_{g(t)} dt = 1 \quad \text{when } t=0$$



contains all frequencies

How to get direct impulse response

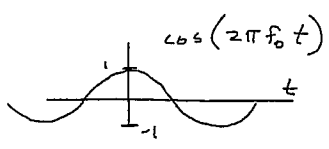


$$\delta(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} 1$$

Example

two sided cosine

this does not have laplace  
it have fourier transform  
can't build this in lab



Euler's Formula

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

$$\cos(2\pi f_0 t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j2\pi f_0 t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\cos(-2\pi f_0 t) + j \sin(-2\pi f_0 t)) + \frac{1}{2} (\cos(2\pi f_0 t) + j \sin(2\pi f_0 t))$$

$$= \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$$

Inverse Fourier Transform

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

For  $X(f) = \delta(f)$ ,

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

$$= 1$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \delta(f)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$$

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



example continued on next page

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

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

$$x(t) e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(f+f_0)$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \delta(f)$$

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

$$X(f) = \delta(f), \quad x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(f) \underbrace{e^{j2\pi f t}}_{g(f)} df = g(0) = 1$$

always evaluate this at the origin in the above case is when  $f=0$

$$x(t) e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(f+f_0)$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \delta(f)$$

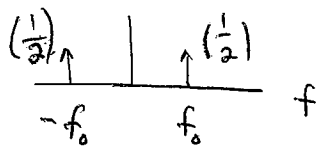
$$1 \cdot e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \delta(f+f_0)$$

$$e^{j2\pi f_0 t} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \delta(f-f_0)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\cos(2\pi f_0 t)\} = \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{1}{2} e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j2\pi f_0 t}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \delta(f+f_0) + \frac{1}{2} \delta(f-f_0)$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{area of } \frac{1}{2}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{area of } \frac{1}{2}}$$

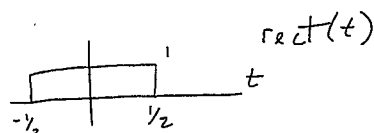


1st find the origin

$$f+f_0=0 \quad f-f_0=0$$

$$f=-f_0 \quad f=f_0$$

Example using the rectangular pulse



Has unit area.

Taking the Fourier transform,

$$\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} x(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$$

$$\frac{1}{-j2\pi f} e^{-j2\pi ft} \Big|_{-1/2}^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{-j2\pi f} e^{-j\pi f} + \frac{1}{j2\pi f} e^{j\pi f}$$

$$\frac{j}{j(-j)2\pi f} e^{-j\pi f} + \frac{j}{j(j)2\pi f} e^{j\pi f}$$

$$\frac{j}{2\pi f} e^{-j\pi f} - \frac{j}{2\pi f} e^{j\pi f}$$

$$\frac{j}{2\pi f} (e^{-j\pi f} - e^{j\pi f})$$

$$\frac{j}{2\pi f} (-2j \sin(\pi f)) = \frac{\sin(\pi f)}{\pi f} = \text{sinc}(f)$$