

# **APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

## **Part 4:**

### **Fourier Analysis**

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# Chapter 10

## Fourier Series, Integrals and Transforms

## 10.1 Periodic Functions. Trigonometric Series

■  $f(x)$  is periodic if  $f(x)$  is defined for  $x \in R$  and if  $\exists p > 0$  such that  $f(x + p) = f(x) \forall x$ ,  $p$  is called period of  $f(x)$ .

- $f(x + np) = f(x)$  for all integers  $n$   
 $\Rightarrow (np)$  is also period of  $f(x)$ .
- If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  have period  $p$   
 $\Rightarrow h(x) = af(x) + bg(x)$  also has period  $p$ , where  $a, b$  are constants.

■ Trigonometric series with period  $p = 2\pi$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a_0 + a_1 \cos x + b_1 \sin x + a_2 \cos 2x + b_2 \sin 2x + \dots \\ &= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are real constants, called coefficients of the series.

- If  $f(x)$  converges  
 $\Rightarrow$  the sum of the series will be a function with period  $2\pi$ .

## 10.2 Fourier Series

Trigonometric series to represent periodic function  $f(x)$ , where the coefficients are determined from  $f(x)$

■ Euler formulas for Fourier coefficients  $a_n$  and  $b_n$

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

$[a_0]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[ a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \right] dx \\ &= a_0 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx dx + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx dx \right) \\ &= 2\pi a_0 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\boxed{a_n \ (n \neq 0)} : (n = 1, 2, 3 \dots)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos mx dx && (m > 0) \\
= & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[ a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \right] \cos mx dx \\
= & a_0 \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos m\pi dx}_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \cos mx dx + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \cos mx dx \right] \\
= & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \left( \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n+m)x dx}_0 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n-m)x dx \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + b_n \left( \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(n+m)x dx}_0 + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(n-m)x dx}_0 \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n-m)x dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } n = m \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos mx dx = a_m \pi$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos mx dx}$$

$$\boxed{b_n \ (n \neq 0)} : (n = 1, 2, 3 \dots)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin mx dx \\
&= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[ a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \right] \sin mx dx \\
&= a_0 \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx dx}_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \sin mx dx + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \sin mx dx \right) \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \left( \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(n+m)x dx}_0 - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(n-m)x dx}_0 \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + b_n \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n-m)x dx - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n+m)x dx}_0 \right) \right] \\
&= b_m \pi
\end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \boxed{b_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin mx dx} \quad \square$$

Ex : Square wave

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 (-k) \cos nx dx + \int_0^{\pi} k \cos nx dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -k \frac{\sin nx}{n} \Big|_{-\pi}^0 + k \frac{\sin nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 (-k) \sin nx dx + \int_0^{\pi} k \sin nx dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ k \frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_{-\pi}^0 - k \frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right] \\ &= \frac{k}{n\pi} [1 - \cos(-n\pi) - \cos n\pi + 1] \\ &= \frac{2k}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{4k}{n\pi} & \text{odd } n \quad (n = 1, 3, 5 \dots) \\ 0 & \text{even } n \quad (n = 2, 4, 6 \dots) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{4k}{\pi} \left( \sin x + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x + \frac{1}{5} \sin 5x + \dots \right) \quad \square$$

## ■ Orthogonality of Trigonometric System:

Functions of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ ,  $f(x) \neq g(x)$  are orthogonal on some interval  $a \leq x \leq b$ , if

$$\int_a^b f(x) \cdot g(x) dx = 0$$

For examples,  $1, \cos x, \sin x, \cos 2x, \sin 2x, \cos 3x, \sin 3x, \dots$  are orthogonal on the interval  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ , i.e.,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \cos nx dx = 0 \quad m \neq n$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx dx = 0 \quad m \neq n$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \sin nx dx = 0$$

- Note that we have used these properties in deriving Euler's formulas.  $\square$

## ■ Convergence and Sum of Fourier Series:

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

$\Rightarrow “=”$  means the series converges and the sum represents  $f(x)$ .  $\square$

[Theorem 1] :

- (1) periodic function  $f(x)$ ,  $f(x) = f(x = 2\pi)$  and
- (2)  $f(x)$  is “piecewise continuous” on  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , and
- (3)  $f(x)$  has left-hand and right-hand derivatives at every  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$

$\Rightarrow$

Fourier series of  $f(x)$  converges, and the sum of the series is  $f(x)$ , except at  $x_0$  where  $f(x)$  is discontinuous, at such point the sum is the average of the left-and right-hand limits of  $f(x)$  at  $x_0$ .  $\square$

[Note] :

If  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = x_0$

$$\text{left-hand limit} \quad f(x_0 - 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x_0 - h)$$

$$\text{right-hand limit} \quad f(x_0 + 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x_0 + h)$$

$$\text{left-hand derivative} \quad \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_0-0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 - h) - f(x_0 - 0)}{-h}$$

$$\text{right-hand derivative} \quad \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_0+0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 0)}{h} \quad \square$$

Ex :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x < 1 \\ x/2 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1 - 0) = 1 \quad \frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{1-0} = 2$$
$$f(1 + 0) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{1+0} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \square$$

Ex : Square wave

$$f(x) = \frac{4k}{\pi} \left( \sin x + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x + \dots \right)$$

At  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$f(x) = \frac{4k}{\pi} \underbrace{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \right)}_{\pi/4} = k$$

At  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$$f(x) = \frac{4k}{\pi} \underbrace{\left( -1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots \right)}_{-\pi/4} = -k$$

At  $x = 0$

$$f(x) = \frac{4k}{\pi} (0 + 0 + 0 + \dots) = 0 \quad \square$$

[Proof] :

We consider only the convergence of the theorem for a “continuous” function  $f(x)$  having continuous 1st and 2nd derivatives.

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

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

By using integration by part  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n\pi} f(x) \underbrace{\sin nx|_{-\pi}^{\pi}}_0 - \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \sin nx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2\pi} \underbrace{f'(x) \cos nx|_{-\pi}^{\pi}}_0 - \frac{1}{n^2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f''(x) \cos nx dx \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous for  $x \in [-\pi, \pi] \Rightarrow |f''(x)| < M$

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n| &= \frac{1}{n^2\pi} \left| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f''(x) \cos nx dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n^2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{|f''(x)|}_{< M} \cdot \underbrace{|\cos nx|}_{\leq 1} dx \\ &< \frac{1}{n^2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} M dx \\ &= \frac{2M}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$|b_n| < \frac{2M}{n^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\leq |f(x)| \\ &= \left| a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \right| \\ &\leq |a_0| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) \\ &= |a_0| + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2M}{n^2} \\ &= \text{finite value} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  the series converges  $\square$

### 10.3 Functions of Any Period $p = 2L$

So far we only consider periodic functions with period  $p = 2\pi$ .

For periodic function  $f(x)$  with period  $p = 2L$ , the Fourier series for  $f(x)$  is:

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

where the coefficients are:

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

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

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

[Proof] :

Rescaling the variable by  $v \equiv \frac{\pi x}{L} \Rightarrow x = \frac{Lv}{\pi}$

$$x = \pm L \Rightarrow v = \frac{\pi(\pm L)}{L} = \pm\pi$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(v) dv = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-L}^L g\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{L} dx\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(v) \cos nv dv = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-L}^L g\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \cos n \frac{\pi x}{L} \left(\frac{\pi}{L} dx\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(v) \dots \quad \square$$

Note : Shift of the period

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \longrightarrow \int_{-\pi+l}^{\pi+l} \quad \text{eg: } \int_0^{2\pi}$$

$$\int_{-L}^L \longrightarrow \int_{-L+l}^{L+l} \quad \text{eg: } \int_0^{2L}$$

Ex : Half-Wave rectifier → clips negative portion of the waves

$$L = \frac{\pi}{\omega} \quad P = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & -L < t < 0 \\ E \sin \omega t & 0 < t < L \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_0^{2L} u(t) dt = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/\omega} E \sin \omega t dt = \frac{E}{\pi}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} u(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt = \frac{\omega}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/\omega} E \sin \omega t \cos n\omega t dt$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & n = 1, 3, 5, \dots \\ \frac{-2E}{(n-1)(n+1)\pi} & n = 2, 4, 6, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} u(t) \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt = w\pi \int_0^{\pi/w} E \sin wt \sin nwtdt$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{E}{2} & n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

## 10.4 Even and Odd Functions

- even function:  $g(-x) = g(x) \Rightarrow \int_{-L}^L g(x)dx = 2 \int_0^L g(x)dx$
- odd function:  $h(-x) = -h(x) \Rightarrow \int_{-L}^L h(x)dx = 0$

■ Products of odd and even functions:

$$g_1(x) \cdot g_2(x) = g_1(-x) \cdot g_2(-x)$$

$$g(x) \cdot h(x) = g(-x) \cdot (-h(-x)) = -g(-x) \cdot h(-x)$$

$$h_1(x) \cdot h_2(x) = (-h_1(-x)) \cdot (-h_2(x)) = h_1(-x) \cdot h_2(-x) \quad \square$$

■ Fourier coefficients of odd and even functions:

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{for odd } f(x)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = 0 \quad \text{for odd } f(x)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = 0 \quad \text{for even } f(x) \quad \square$$

[Theorem] :

- *Fourier Cosine Series* (for even periodic function  $f(x)$  with period  $p = 2L$ )

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

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

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

- *Fourier Sine Series* (for odd periodic function  $f(x)$  with period  $p = 2L$ )

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

$$b_n = \frac{l}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx \quad \square$$

**Theorem :**

- The Fourier coefficients of  $(f_1 + f_2)$  are the sums of the corresponding Fourier coefficients of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .
- The Fourier coefficients of  $cf$ , where  $c$  is a real constant, are  $c$  times the corresponding Fourier coefficients of  $f$ .  $\square$

**Ex :** Saw tooth wave

$$f(x) = \underbrace{x}_{f_1} + \underbrace{\pi}_{f_2} \quad \text{for } -\pi < x < \pi, \quad f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$$

$$f_1 = x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \quad (\text{odd function})$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f_1(x) \sin nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \sin nx dx = -\frac{2}{n} \cos n\pi$$

$$f_2 = \pi = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x \quad (\text{even function})$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \pi, \quad a_n = 0$$

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

## 10.5 Complex Fourier Series

Euler formula:

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

$$e^{-ix} = \cos x - i \sin x$$

$$e^{inx} = \cos nx + i \sin nx$$

$$e^{-inx} = \cos nx - i \sin nx$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\cos nx = \frac{1}{2}(e^{inx} + e^{-inx})$$

$$\sin nx = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{inx} - e^{-inx})$$

For Fourier series:

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

$\Rightarrow$

$$a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}a_n(e^{inx} + e^{-inx}) + \frac{1}{2i}b_n(e^{inx} - e^{-inx})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(a_n - ib_n)}_{\equiv c_n} e^{inx} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(a_n + ib_n)}_{\equiv d_n} e^{-inx}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n e^{inx} + d_n e^{-inx})$$


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where

$$c_0 = a_0 \in R$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n - ib_n)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)(\cos nx - i \sin nx) dx$$

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

$$d_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n + ib_n)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)(\cos nx + i \sin nx) dx$$

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

$$c_n, d_n \in C$$

[Note] :

$$c_{-n} = d_n$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n e^{inx} + c_{-n} e^{-inx})$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$$

where

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

■ Complex form of Fourier series of real function:

For real function  $f(x)$  with period  $2L$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{i \frac{n\pi x}{L}}$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) e^{-i \frac{n\pi x}{L}} dx \quad \square$$

## 10.6 Half-Range Expansion

In practical applications,  $f(x)$  are given on some interval only, eg.

- $f(x)$  is extended as an *even* periodic function  $f_1(x)$  with period  $2L$ .  
⇒  $f_1(x)$  can be represented by a Fourier *cosine* series with period  $2L$ .
- $f(x)$  is extended as an *odd* periodic function  $f_2(x)$  with period  $2L$ .  
⇒  $f_2(x)$  can be represented by a Fourier *sine* series with period  $2L$ .
- $f(x)$  is extended as a periodic function  $f_3(x)$  with period  $L$ .  
⇒  $f_3(x)$  can be represented by a Fourier Series with period  $L$ .

[Note] :  $f(x) = f_1(x) = f_2(x) = f_3(x)$  ONLY within  $0 < x < L$

Ex :

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

(1) Even extension:

$$f_1(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{L} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \left( \frac{2k}{L}x \right) dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \frac{2k}{L}(L-x) dx \right] \quad (\tilde{x} \equiv L-x) \\ &= \frac{1}{L} \left[ \frac{2k}{L} \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} x dx + \frac{2k}{L} \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \tilde{x} (-d\tilde{x}) \right] \\ &= \frac{k}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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

(2) Odd extension:

$$f_2(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

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

(3) Periodic extension with period  $p = L$ :

$$f_3(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{L} x + b_n \sin \frac{2n\pi}{L} x)$$

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

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

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

## **10.7 Forced Oscillations.** *Optional*

## 10.8 Approximation by Trigonometric Polynomials

Application of Fourier series:

- (1) solution of partial differential equation,
- (2) approximation.

Given a periodic function  $f(x)$  with  $p = 2\pi$

$$f(x) \cong a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \equiv F(x) \quad \text{——— (1)}$$

i.e.,  $f(x)$  is approximated by a trigonometric polynomial of order  $N$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Question : Is (1) the “best” approximation to  $f(x)$  ?

Def: “Best” approximation means minimal error  $E$

Def: Error  $E$  e.g.  $\max |f(x) - F(x)|$

$\Rightarrow$  We choose “total square error” of  $f$  for the approximated function  $F$ :

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

Note :

- Max  $|f - F|$  measures the goodness according to the maximal difference at the particular point.
- $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f - F)^2 dx$  measures the goodness of agreement on the whole interval  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Proof:  $F(x)$  is the best approximation of  $f(x)$

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

$$F(x) = \alpha_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N (\alpha_n \cos nx + \beta_n \sin nx)$$

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

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f F dx = \pi(2\alpha_0 a_0 + \alpha_1 a_1 + \dots + \alpha_N a_N + \beta_1 b_1 + \dots + \beta_N b_N)$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F^2 dx = \pi(2\alpha_0^2 + \alpha_1^2 + \dots + \alpha_N^2 + \beta_1^2 + \dots + \beta_N^2)$$

⋮

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \begin{pmatrix} \cos nx \\ \sin nx \end{pmatrix} dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \begin{pmatrix} \cos mx \cos nx \\ \sin mx \cos nx \end{pmatrix} dx = 0 \quad m \neq n$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \sin nx dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 nx \\ \sin^2 nx \end{pmatrix} dx = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx - 2\pi \left[ 2\alpha a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N (\alpha_n a_n + \beta_n b_n) \right] + \pi \left[ 2\alpha_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^N (\alpha_n^2 + \beta_n^2) \right]$$

If we take  $\alpha_n = a_n$  and  $\beta_n = b_n$

$$\Rightarrow E^* = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx - \pi \left[ 2a^2 + \sum_{n=1}^N (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow E - E^* = \pi \left\{ 2 \underbrace{(\alpha_0 - a_0)^2}_{\geq 0} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ \underbrace{(\alpha_n - a_n)^2}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{(\beta_n - b_n)^2}_{\geq 0} \right] \right\} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E \geq E^*,$$

i.e. the error is minimum ( $E = E^*$ ) if and only if  $\alpha_0 = a_0, \dots, \beta_n = b_n$ .

□

Theorem : Minimum square error

The total square error of trigonometric polynomial relative to  $f$  on  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  is minimum if and only if the coefficients of the trigonometric polynomial are the Fourier coefficients of  $f$ .

Notes :

(1) Convergence of the trigonometric polynomial:

$$E^* = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 dx - \pi \underbrace{\left[ 2a^2 + \sum_{n=1}^N (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \right]}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\therefore N \nearrow \Rightarrow E^* \searrow$$

$\Rightarrow$  the more terms in partial sum of the Fourier series the better the approximation. □

(2) Bessel inequality:

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

(3) Parseval's theorem (identity):

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)^2 dx = 2a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \quad \square$$

## 10.9 Fourier Integrals

- Fourier series → periodic function
- Fourier Integral → non-periodic function ( $p = 2L \rightarrow \infty$ )

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) \cos w_n \tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) \sin w_n \tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f_L(x) = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \cos w_n x \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) \cos w_n \tilde{x} d\tilde{x} + \sin w_n x \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) \sin w_n \tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \right]$$

$$\Delta w \equiv w_{n+1} - w_n = \frac{(n+1)\pi}{L} - \frac{n\pi}{L} = \frac{\pi}{L} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{L} = \frac{\Delta w}{\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_L(x) = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (\cos w_n x) \Delta w \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) \cos w_n \tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \right. \\ \left. + (\sin w_n x) \Delta w \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) \sin w_n \tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \right]$$

$$f(x) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} f_L(x)$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} w_n = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n\pi}{L} \equiv w$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \Delta w = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{L} \equiv dw$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} f_L(x) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta w \left[ (\cos w_n x) \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) \cos w_n \tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\sin w_n x) \int_{-L}^L f_L(\tilde{x}) \sin w_n \tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dw \left[ \underbrace{\cos wx \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \cos w \tilde{x} d\tilde{x}}_{\equiv \pi A(w)} + \underbrace{\sin wx \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \sin w \tilde{x} d\tilde{x}}_{\equiv \pi B(w)} \right]$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \int_0^\infty [A(w) \cos wx + B(w) \sin wx] dw$$

where

$$A(w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \cos w \tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

$$B(w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \sin w \tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

This is a representation of  $f(x)$  by a Fourier integral, where  $f(x)$  is assumed to be *absolutely integrable*, i.e.,  $\int_{-\infty}^\infty |f(x)| dx$  exists.  $\square$

**Theorems** : Fourier Integral

If  $f(x)$  is

- (1) piecewise continuous in every finite interval,
- (2) has a right-hand and a left-hand derivative at every point,
- (3) absolutely integrable,

then

$f(x)$  can be represented by a Fourier integral.

At the points where  $f(x)$  is discontinuous, the value of the Fourier integral equals to the average of the left-hand and right-hand limits of  $f(x)$ .  $\square$

Ex :

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

$$\begin{aligned} A(w) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tilde{x}) \cos w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} 2 \int_0^{\infty} \cos w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin w}{w\pi} \\ B(w) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tilde{x}) \sin w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} [A(w) \cos wx + B(w) \sin wx] dw \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos wx \sin w}{w} dw \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty [A(w) \cos wx + B(w) \sin wx] dw$$

$$A(w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \cos w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

$$B(w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \sin w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

■ Fourier *cosine* integral:

If  $f(x)$  is an *even* function, then

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty A(w) \cos wx dw$$

$$A(w) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \cos w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

$$B(w) = 0$$

■ Fourier *sine* integral:

If  $f(x)$  is an *odd* function, then

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty B(w) \sin wx dw$$

$$A(w) = 0$$

$$B(w) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \sin w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

## 10.10 Fourier Cosine and Sine Transforms

Sometimes, it is easier to solve differential and integral equations in the “transformed” space rather than in the original physical space.

⇒ Laplace transform, Fourier transform, Hankel transform,  
Hilbert transform, . . .

The Fourier cosine integral of a non-periodic even function  $f(x)$ :

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty A(w) \cos wx dw \quad A(w) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \cos w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{let } A(w) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \hat{f}_c(w)$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \hat{f}_c(w) \cos wx dw \quad \hat{f}_c(w) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(x) \cos wx dx$$

- $\hat{f}_c(w)$  is called *Fourier cosine transform* of  $f(x)$
- $f(x)$  is called *inverse Fourier cosine transform* of  $\hat{f}_c(w)$

Sometimes we write:

$$\mathcal{F}_c(f) = \hat{f}_c \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}_c^{-1}(\hat{f}_c) = f$$

Similarly, the Fourier sine integral of a non-periodic odd function  $f(x)$ :

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty B(w) \sin wx dw \quad B(w) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty f(\tilde{x}) \sin w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{let } B(w) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \hat{f}_s(w)$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \hat{f}_s(w) \sin wx dw \quad \hat{f}_s(w) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(x) \sin wx dx$$

- $\hat{f}_s(w)$  is called *Fourier sine transform* of  $f(x)$
- $f(x)$  is called *inverse Fourier sine transform* of  $\hat{f}_s(w)$

Sometimes we write:

$$\mathcal{F}_s(f) = \hat{f}_s \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}_s^{-1}(\hat{f}_s) = f \quad \square$$

## ■ Linearity

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_c(af + bg) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty [af(x) + bg(x)] \cos wx dx \\ &= a \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(x) \cos wx dx + b \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty g(x) \cos wx dx \\ &= a\mathcal{F}_c(f) + b\mathcal{F}_c(g)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\mathcal{F}_s(af + bg) = a\mathcal{F}_s(f) + b\mathcal{F}_s(g)$   $\square$

## ■ Transform of Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_c(f'(x)) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f'(x) \cos wx dx \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[ f(x) \cos wx \Big|_{x=0}^\infty + w \int_0^\infty f(x) \sin wx dx \right] \\
 &= -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f(0) + w \mathcal{F}_s(f(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

(Assume  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_s(f'(x)) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f'(x) \sin wx dx \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} [f(x) \sin wx]_0^\infty - w \int_0^\infty f(x) \cos wx dx \\
 &= -w \mathcal{F}_c(f(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_c(f''(x)) &= -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f'(0) + w \mathcal{F}_s(f'(x)) \\
 &= -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f'(0) - w^2 \mathcal{F}_c(f(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_s(f''(x)) &= -w \mathcal{F}_c(f'(x)) \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} w f(0) - w^2 \mathcal{F}_s(f(x))
 \end{aligned}$$



## 10.11 Fourier Transform

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty [A(w) \cos wx + B(w) \sin wx] dw$$

where

$$A(w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tilde{x}) \cos w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

$$B(w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tilde{x}) \sin w\tilde{x} d\tilde{x}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dw \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tilde{x}) [\cos w\tilde{x} \cos wx + \sin w\tilde{x} \sin wx] d\tilde{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dw \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tilde{x} f(\tilde{x}) \cos(wx - w\tilde{x})}_{\text{even function of } w} \quad (w \in [0, \infty] \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dw \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tilde{x} f(\tilde{x}) [\cos(wx - w\tilde{x}) + i \underbrace{\sin(wx - w\tilde{x})}_{\text{odd function}}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dw \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tilde{x} f(\tilde{x}) e^{iw(x-\tilde{x})}}_{\text{complex Fourier integral}} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tilde{x}) e^{-iw\tilde{x}} d\tilde{x} \right]}_{\equiv \hat{f}(w)} e^{iwx} dw$$

$\Rightarrow$  Fourier transform of  $f(x)$ :

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

Inverse Fourier transform of  $\hat{f}(w)$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(w) e^{iwx} dw$$

Again  $f(x)$  must be

- (1) piecewise continuous on every finite interval
- (2)  $f(x)$  is absolutely integrable

We also write the Fourier transform pair as:

$$\mathcal{F}(f(x)) = \hat{f}(w)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{f}(w)) = f(x) \quad \square$$

## ■ Spectrum

Consider the oscillation a spring-mass system:

$$my'' + ky = 0 \quad \text{--- (*)},$$

where  $y(t)$  is the displacement,  $m$  is the mass and  $k$  is the spring constant.

$$\int(*)y'dt = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}my'^2}_{\text{total energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}ky^2}_{\text{total energy}} = E_0 = \text{constant}$$

The solution  $y(t)$  of the ordinary differential equation (\*) is:

$$y(t) = a_1 \cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t + b_1 \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t$$

$$= c_1 e^{iw_0 t} + c_{-1} e^{-iw_0 t}$$

$$\text{where } \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad c_1 = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 - ib_1), \quad c_{-1} = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + ib_1) = c_1^*$$

The total energy can be represented by:

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 &= \frac{1}{2}m(c_1 i\omega_0 e^{i\omega_0 t} - c_{-1} i\omega_0 e^{-i\omega_0 t})^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(c_1 e^{i\omega_0 t} + c_{-1} e^{-i\omega_0 t})^2 \\ &= 2kc_1 c_{-1} = 2k |c_1|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } E_0 \propto |c_1|^2$$

$$\text{If } y = f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{i w_n x}$$

$\Rightarrow |c_n|^2 \propto$  energy component of frequency  $w_n$

We have a series of  $|c_n|^2$  for different  $w_n$ . We call this “discrete spectrum”.

$$\text{Similarly, if } y = f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(w) e^{i w x} dw$$

$\Rightarrow |\hat{f}(w)|^2 dw \propto$  energy within  $[w, w + dw]$

$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(w)|^2 \sim$  total energy

We have a function of  $|\hat{f}(w)|^2$ . We called this “continuous spectrum”.  $\square$

## ■ Properties of Fourier Transform

- Linearity:

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

$a$  and  $b$  are constants.

- Fourier Transform of derivative of  $f(x)$ :

$$\mathcal{F}(f'(x)) = iwF(f(x)) \quad (f \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty) \quad \square$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(f'(x)) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f'(x) e^{-iwx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ f(x) e^{-iwx} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - (-iw) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-iwx} dx \right] \\ &= 0 + iw\mathcal{F}(f(x)) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

## ■ Convolution

For  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , the convolution of  $f$  and  $g$  is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) = (f * g) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(x-p)dp \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-p)g(p)dp \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: Convolution Theorem

If  $f$  and  $g$  are piecewise continuous, bounded and absolutely integrable, then

$$\mathcal{F}(f * g) = \sqrt{2\pi}\mathcal{F}(f)\mathcal{F}(g)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(f * g) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(x-p)dp \right] e^{-iwx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(x-p)e^{-iwx} dx \right] dp \end{aligned}$$

$$x - p \equiv q \Rightarrow x = p + q$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(f * g) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(q)e^{-iw(p+q)} dq dp \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)e^{-iwp} dp \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(q)e^{-iwq} dq \\ &= \sqrt{2\pi}\mathcal{F}(f)\mathcal{F}(g) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(f * g) = \sqrt{2\pi} \underbrace{\mathcal{F}(f)}_{\hat{f}} \underbrace{\mathcal{F}(g)}_{\hat{g}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f * g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(w) \hat{g}(w) e^{iwx} dx$$

## 10.12 Table of Fourier Transforms