

Math 331 * Spring 2019 * Fourier Transform * Victor Matveev

Underscore character () means y or t or another variable which is not transformed

<i>Inverse Transform:</i>	<i>Forward Transform:</i>
$u(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} U(\omega, y) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega$	$U(\omega, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x, y) e^{i\omega x} dx$
$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} U(\omega, t) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega$	$U(\omega, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x, t) e^{i\omega x} dx$
$\frac{\partial^n u}{\partial x^n}(x, _)$	$(-i\omega)^n U(\omega, _)$
$(ix)^n u(x, _)$	$\frac{\partial^n U}{\partial \omega^n}(\omega, _)$
$\frac{\partial^n u}{\partial t^n}$ or $\frac{\partial^n u}{\partial y^n}$	$\frac{\partial^n U}{\partial t^n}$ or $\frac{\partial^n U}{\partial y^n}$
$u(x - x_o, _)$	$U(\omega, _) e^{i\omega x_o}$ (shifting theorem)
$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(\bar{x}) g(x - \bar{x}) d\bar{x}$ (convolution theorem)	$F(\omega)G(\omega)$
$\delta(x - x_o)$	$\frac{1}{2\pi} e^{i\omega x_o}$
$2\pi\delta(x)$	1
1	$\delta(\omega)$
$\exp(-\alpha x^2)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\alpha}} \exp\left(-\frac{\omega^2}{4\alpha}\right)$
$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\beta}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4\beta}\right)$	$\exp(-\beta\omega^2)$
$\frac{2\alpha}{x^2 + \alpha^2}$	$\exp(-\alpha \omega)$
$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > a \\ 1, & x < a \end{cases}$	$F(\omega) = \frac{\sin a\omega}{\pi\omega}$

The next page demonstrates direct analogy between the Fourier Transform method and the Fourier Series / separation of variables method.

Solution to heat equation on a finite domain with periodic boundary conditions using Fourier Series (separation of variables):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (-L < x < L) \\ t > 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

Periodic boundary conditions at $x = \pm L$

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$$\frac{1}{k} \frac{h_n'(t)}{h_n(t)} = \frac{\phi_n''(x)}{\phi_n(x)} = -\lambda_n \equiv -\omega_n^2$$

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$$\frac{dh_n}{dt} = -k\omega_n^2 h_n(t) \Rightarrow h_n(t) = \exp(-k\omega_n^2 t)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \phi_n}{dx^2} = -\omega_n^2 \phi_n(x) \Rightarrow \phi_n(x) = \exp(\pm i\omega_n x)$$

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$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} C_n \underbrace{\exp(-k\omega_n^2 t)}_{h_n(t)} \underbrace{\exp(-i\omega_n x)}_{\phi_n(x)}$$

where (for periodic b.c.'s): $\omega_n = \sqrt{\lambda_n} = \frac{n\pi}{L}$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^{+L} f(x) \underbrace{\exp(+i\omega_n x)}_{\overline{\phi_n(x)}} dx$$

Solution to heat equation on an infinite domain using Fourier Transform:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (-\infty < x < \infty) \\ t > 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

Solution vanishes as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = -k\omega^2 U \quad (\text{analogous to } h(t)) \quad (-\infty < \omega < \infty) \\ t > 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$U(\omega, 0) = F(\omega)$$

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$$U(\omega, t) = \underbrace{F(\omega)}_{\text{Fourier "coefficient"}} \underbrace{\exp(-k\omega^2 t)}_{h_\omega(t)}$$

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$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{F(\omega)}_{\text{Fourier "coefficient"}} \underbrace{\exp(-k\omega^2 t)}_{h_\omega(t)} \underbrace{\exp(-i\omega x)}_{\phi_\omega(x)} d\omega$$

$U(\omega, t)$

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) \underbrace{\exp(+i\omega x)}_{\overline{\phi_\omega(x)}} dx$$