

Digital Signal Processing

Fourier Transform Properties



Properties of Fourier Transform

Linearity property

If $g_1(t) \Leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)$ and $g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow G_2(\omega)$
then $a_1g_1(t) + a_2g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow a_1G_1(\omega) + a_2G_2(\omega)$
where a_1 and a_2 are constants

This property is proved easily by linearity property of integrals used in defining Fourier transform



Properties of Fourier Transform

Symmetry property

If $g(t) \Leftrightarrow G(\omega)$,

then $G(t) \Leftrightarrow 2\pi g(-\omega)$

Proof

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

$$2\pi g(-t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) e^{-j\omega t} d\omega$$

we can interchange the variable t and ω , i.e. let $t \rightarrow \omega$, $\omega \rightarrow t$, then

$$2\pi g(-\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$\therefore G(t) \Leftrightarrow 2\pi g(-\omega)$$



Properties of Fourier Transform

Time scaling property

$$g(at) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|} G\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$$

Proof

$$F[g(at)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(at) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

let $x = at$, then $dt = dx/a$,

case 1: when $a > 0$,

$$F[g(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-j\omega x/a} dx = \frac{1}{a} G\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$$

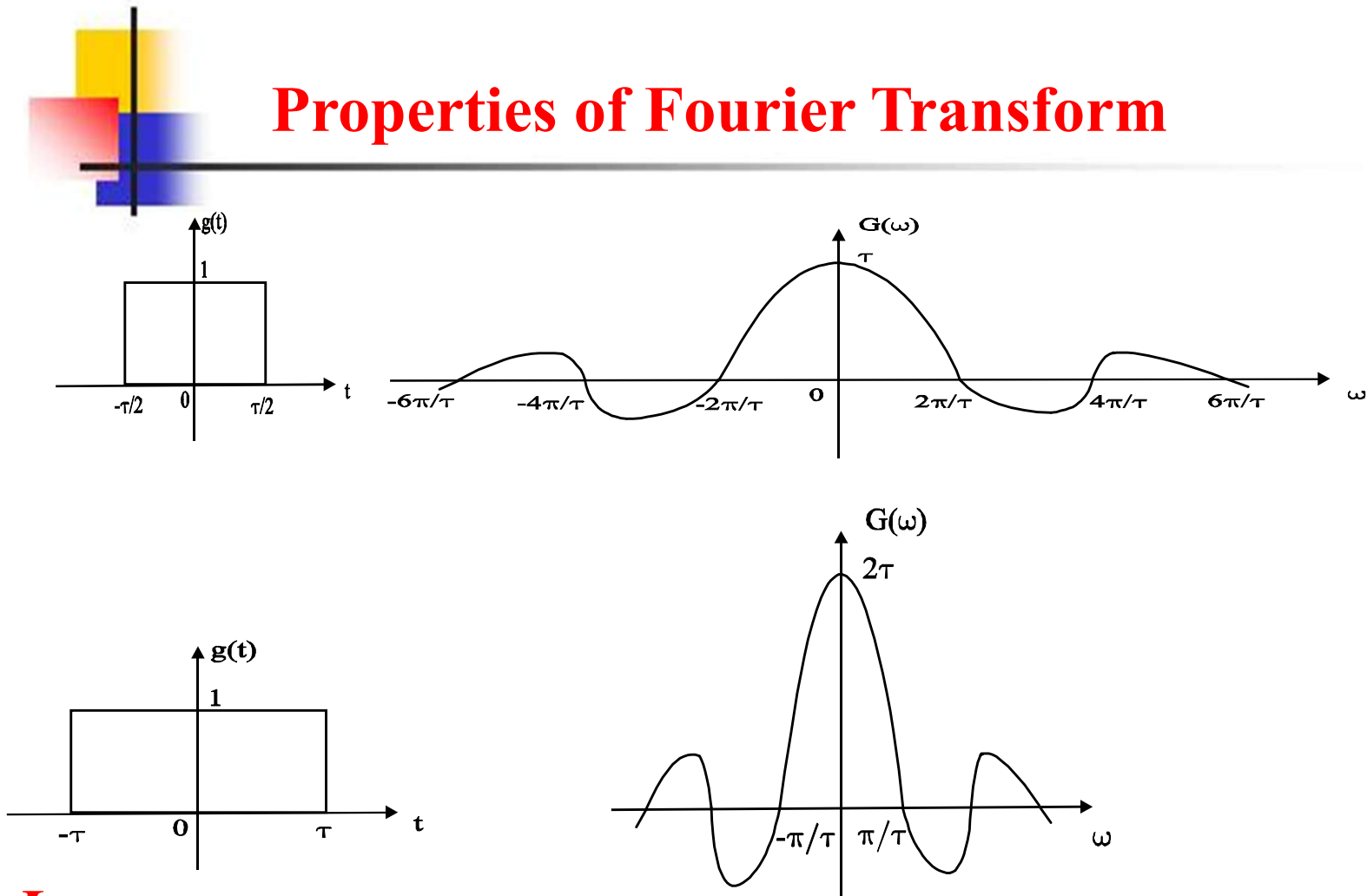
case 2: when $a < 0$, then $t \rightarrow \infty$ leads to $x \rightarrow -\infty$,

$$F[g(at)] = \frac{1}{a} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} g(x) e^{-j\omega x/a} dx = -\frac{1}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-j\omega x/a} dx = -\frac{1}{a} G\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$$

Combined, the two cases are expressed as,

$$g(at) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|} G\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$$

Properties of Fourier Transform



Important Observation:

Time domain ***compression*** of a signal results in spectral ***expansion***

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Properties of Fourier Transform

Time shifting property

$$g(t - t_0) \Leftrightarrow G(\omega)e^{-j\omega t_0}$$

Proof

$$F[g(t - t_0)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t - t_0)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

put $t - t_0 = x$, so that $dt = dx$, then

$$F[g(t - t_0)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)e^{-j\omega(x+t_0)} dx = e^{-j\omega t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)e^{-j\omega x} dx = G(\omega)e^{-j\omega t_0}$$

Frequency shifting property

$$g(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} \Leftrightarrow G(\omega - \omega_0)$$

Proof

$$F[g(t)e^{j\omega_0 t}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t)e^{-j\omega t} e^{j\omega_0 t} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t)e^{-j(\omega - \omega_0)t} dt = G(\omega - \omega_0)$$



Properties of Fourier Transform

Significance

- *Multiplication of a function $g(t)$ by $\exp(j\omega_0 t)$ is equivalent to shifting its Fourier transform in the positive direction by an amount ω_0 -- Frequency translation theorem.*
- ***Translation of a spectrum*** helps in achieving ***modulation***, which is performed by multiplying the known signal $g(t)$ by a sinusoidal signal.

$$g(t) \cos \omega_0 t = \frac{1}{2} [g(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} + g(t)e^{-j\omega_0 t}]$$

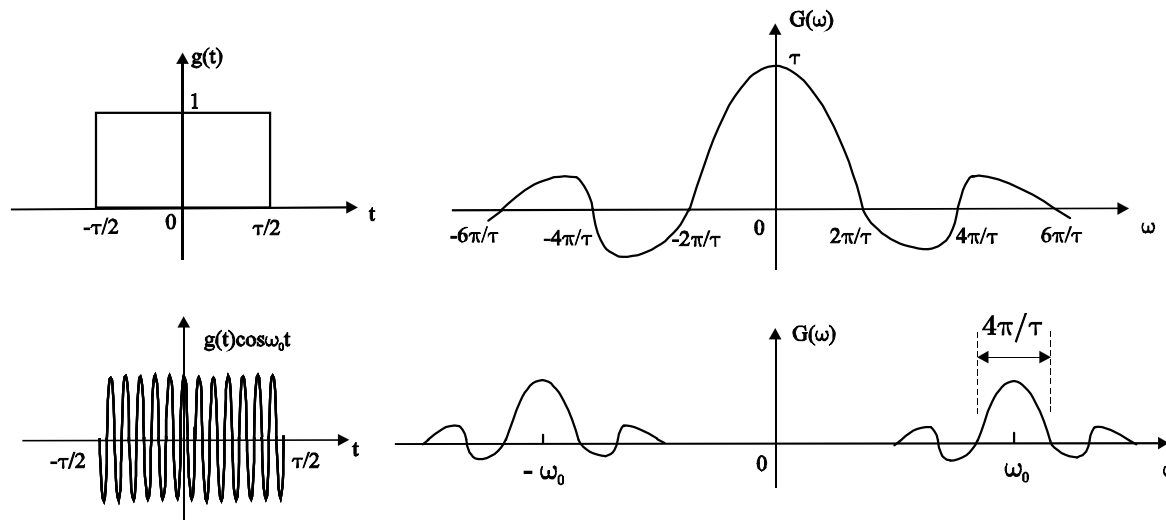
Therefore,

$$g(t) \cos \omega_0 t \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [G(\omega - \omega_0) + G(\omega + \omega_0)]$$



Modulation Theorem

- The multiplication of a time function with a sinusoidal function translates the whole spectrum $G(\omega)$ to $\pm\omega_0$.
- $\exp(j\omega_0 t)$ can also provide frequency translation, but it is not a real signal. Hence, sinusoidal function is used in practical modulation system.





Properties of Fourier Transform

Convolution

Suppose that $g_1(t) \Leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)$ and $g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow G_2(\omega)$, then, *what is the waveform of $g(t)$ whose Fourier transform is the product of $G_1(\omega)$ and $G_2(\omega)$?*

This question arises frequently in spectral analysis, and is answered by the *convolution theorem*.

The convolution of two time function $g_1(t)$ and $g_2(t)$, is defined by the following integral

$$g_1(t) * g_2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\tau)g_2(t - \tau)d\tau$$



Convolution Theorem

Time convolution theorem

If $g_1(t) \Leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)$ and $g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow G_2(\omega)$

Then $g_1(t) * g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)G_2(\omega)$

$$\begin{aligned} F[g_1(t) * g_2(t)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\tau)g_2(t-\tau)d\tau \right] e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\tau) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_2(t-\tau)e^{-j\omega(t-\tau)} dt \right] e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(\tau)G_2(\omega)e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau \\ &= G_1(\omega)G_2(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

Frequency convolution theorem

If $g_1(t) \Leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)$ and $g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow G_2(\omega)$

Then $g_1(t)g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi}G_1(\omega) * G_2(\omega)$

The proof is similar to time convolution theorem.



Convolution Theorem: Applications

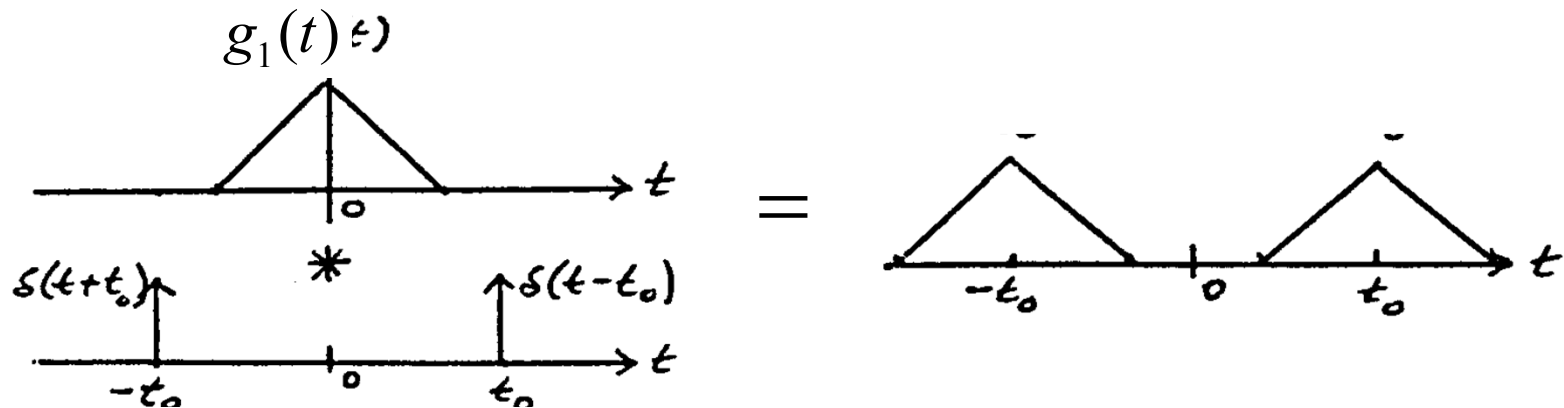
$$g_1(t) * g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)G_2(\omega)$$

If we let $g_2(t) = \delta(t - t_0)$, then $g_1(t) * \delta(t - t_0) \Leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)e^{-j\omega t_0}$

But

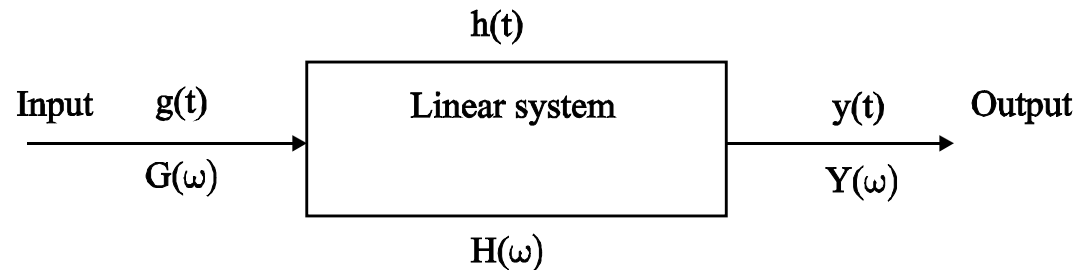
$$G_1(\omega)e^{-j\omega t_0} \Leftrightarrow g_1(t - t_0) \quad (\text{time shifting property})$$

Therefore, convolving with a delta function shifted in time by t_0 corresponds to a shift of the original signal by t_0





Signal transmission through a linear system



$$y(t) = g(t) * h(t)$$

when $g(t) \Leftrightarrow G(\omega)$, $h(t) \Leftrightarrow H(\omega)$, $y(t) \Leftrightarrow Y(\omega)$, $h(t)$ is the **impulse response**, i.e. if the input is $\delta(t)$, then $y(t) = h(t)$.

By convolution theorem

$$Y(\omega) = G(\omega)H(\omega)$$

where $H(\omega)$ is the **system transfer function**.



Signal Analysis

Signal power

- Signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) is an important parameter used to evaluate the system performance.
- Noise, being random in nature, cannot be expressed as a time function, like deterministic waveform. It is represented by **power**.

Hence, to evaluate the S/N, it is necessary to evolve a method for calculating the signal power.

For a **general time domain signal** $g(t)$, its *average power* is given by

$$P = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |g(t)|^2 dt$$



Signal Analysis

*For a periodic signal, each period contains a **replica** of the function, and the limiting operation can be omitted as long as T is taken as the period.*

For a **real signal**

$$P = \overline{g^2(t)} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} g^2(t) dt$$

Example

Find the power of a sinusoidal signal $\cos \omega_0 t$.

Solution

$$P = \overline{\cos^2(\omega_0 t)} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \frac{1 + \cos 2\omega_0 t}{2} dt = \frac{1}{2T} \left(t + \frac{\sin 2\omega_0 t}{2\omega_0} \right) \Big|_{-T/2}^{T/2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Is it also possible to determine the signal power in frequency domain?



Signal Analysis

Frequency domain representation for signals of arbitrary waveshape

When dealing with *deterministic* signals, knowledge of the spectrum implies knowledge of the time domain signal.

For an arbitrary (*random*) signal, Fourier analysis cannot be used because $g(t)$ is not known *analytically*.

For such an undeterministic signal (which include information signals and noise waveforms), the **power spectrum** $S_g(\omega)$ (or **power spectral density**) concept is used.



Signal Analysis

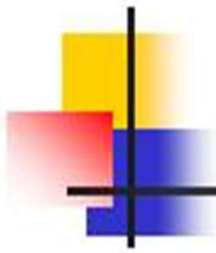
The power spectrum describes the distribution of power versus frequency.

The **average signal power** is then given by

$$P = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_g(\omega) d\omega = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} S_g(\omega) d\omega$$

where $S_g(\omega) > 0$ for all ω .

Another way to evaluate the signal power!



Signal Analysis

Correlation

Correlation measure of **similarity** between one waveform, and time delayed version of the other waveform.

The **autocorrelation** function is a special case of convolution, and it measures the similarity of a function with its delayed replica, and is given by

$$R(\tau) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} g(t) g^*(t + \tau) dt$$



Signal Analysis

Important properties of autocorrelation

(1) the *autocorrelation for $\tau = 0$* is *average power of the signal*

$$R(0) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} g(t) g^*(t) dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |g(t)|^2 dt = P$$

The third way to evaluate signal power!

(2) **power spectral density $S_g(\omega)$ and autocorrelation function of a power signal are Fourier transform pair**

$$R(\tau) \Leftrightarrow S_g(\omega)$$



Exercise Problems (Signal Analysis)

1. Evaluate the integrals

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\cos t} \delta(t - \pi) dt$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^{-2x} \delta(x) dx$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t} \delta(t + 3) dt$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(2t - 4)(2t^2 + t - 8) dt$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(9t) \delta(t - 2) dt$$

2. Simplify the following expressions:

(a) $[\sin t / (t + 2)] \delta(t)$;

(b) $[1 / (j\omega + 2)] \delta(\omega + 3)$;

(c) $[\sin(k\omega) / \omega] \delta(\omega)$;

3. Calculate the (a) average value, (b) ac power, and (c) average power of the periodic waveform $v(t) = 1 + \cos \omega_0 t$.



Exercise Problems (Signal Analysis)

4. Prove that
$$\delta(at) = \frac{1}{|a|} \delta(t)$$
5. If $g(t) \Leftrightarrow G(\omega)$, then show that $g^*(t) \Leftrightarrow G^*(-\omega)$.
6. Find the Fourier transform of the signal $f(t) = [A + f_m(t)]\cos\omega_c t$ if $f_m(t)$ has a spectrum $F_m(\omega)$.
7. If $f(t)$ has a spectrum $F(\omega)$, find the Fourier transform of the following functions: (a) $f(t/2 - 5)$; (b) $f(3 - 3t)$; (c) $f(2 + 5t)$;
8. Determine the average power of the following signals:
(a) $A\cos\omega_0 t + B\sin\omega_0 t$; (b) $(A + \sin\omega_0 t)\cos\omega_0 t$;



Math. Table

Properties of Fourier Transform

Linearity:	$a_1 g_1(t) + a_2 g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow a_1 G_1(\omega) + a_2 G_2(\omega)$
Symmetry:	If $g(t) \Leftrightarrow G(\omega)$, then $G(t) \Leftrightarrow 2\pi g(-\omega)$
Time scaling:	$g(at) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{ a } G\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$
Time shifting:	$g(t-t_0) \Leftrightarrow G(\omega)e^{-j\omega t_0}$
Frequency shifting:	$g(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} \Leftrightarrow G(\omega - \omega_0)$
Modulation theorem:	$g(t) \cos \omega_0 t \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2}[G(\omega - \omega_0) + G(\omega + \omega_0)]$
Time convolution:	$g_1(t) * g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow G_1(\omega)G_2(\omega)$
Frequency convolution:	$g_1(t)g_2(t) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} G_1(\omega) * G_2(\omega)$
Conjugate functions:	$g^*(t) \Leftrightarrow G^*(-\omega)$
Time differentiation:	$\frac{d}{dt} g(t) \Leftrightarrow j\omega G(\omega)$
Time integration:	$\int_{-\infty}^t g(\tau) d\tau \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{j\omega} G(\omega) + \pi G(0)\delta(\omega)$