

Fourier Cosine and Sine Transforms

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Fourier cosine transform is defined by pair

$$f_c^*(\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cos \alpha x \, dx,$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f_c^*(\alpha) \cos \alpha x \, d\alpha.$$

Fourier sine transform is defined as

$$f_s^*(\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin \alpha x \, dx,$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f_s^*(\alpha) \sin \alpha x \, d\alpha.$$

Transforms of derivatives

$$(a) \mathcal{F}_c \{f'(x)\} = \alpha f_c^*(\alpha) - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f(0)$$

$$(b) \mathcal{F}_c \{f''(x)\} = -\alpha^2 f_c^*(\alpha) - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f'(0)$$

$$(c) \mathcal{F}_s \{f'(x)\} = -\alpha f_s^*(\alpha)$$

$$(d) \mathcal{F}_s \{f''(x)\} = -\alpha^2 f_s^*(\alpha) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \alpha f(0)$$

Convolution Theorem for Fourier Cosine and Sine Transforms

$$\int_0^{\infty} f_c^*(x) g_c^*(x) \cos \alpha x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) [g(x+u) + g(x-u)] \, du \quad (1)$$

$$\text{or } \mathcal{F}_c^{-1} \{ f_c^*(x) g_c^*(x) \} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) [g(x+u) + g(x-u)] \, du.$$

Proof: Using the definition of Fourier inverse cosine transform

$$\mathcal{F}_c^{-1} \{ f_c^*(x) g_c^*(x) \} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f_c^*(x) g_c^*(x) \cos \alpha x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} g_c^*(x) \cos \alpha x \, dx \int_0^{\infty} f(u) \cos \alpha u \, du$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) \, du \int_0^{\infty} \cos \alpha x \cos \alpha u g_c^*(x) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) \, du \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} [\cos \alpha(x+u) + \cos \alpha(x-u)] g_c^*(x) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) [g(x+u) + g(x-u)] \, du.$$

Similarly

$$\int_0^{\infty} f_s^*(x) g_s^*(x) \cos \alpha x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) [g(u+x) + g(u-x)] \, du.$$

Parseval Relation Put $x = 0$ in (1)

$$\int_0^{\infty} f_c^*(x) g_c^*(x) \, dx = \int_0^{\infty} f(u) g(u) \, du = \int_0^{\infty} f(x) g(x) \, dx.$$

If $g(x) = \overline{f(x)}$ then $g_c(x) = \overline{f_c(x)}$, so

$$\int_0^{\infty} |f_c^*(x)|^2 \, dx = \int_0^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 \, dx.$$

Example (a) $\mathcal{F}_c \{ e^{-ax} \} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{a}{a^2 + \alpha^2}, a > 0$

(b) $\mathcal{F}_s \{ e^{-ax} \} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\alpha}{a^2 + \alpha^2}, a > 0$

We have $\mathcal{F}_c \{ e^{-ax} \} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} \cos \alpha x \, dx$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} [e^{i\alpha x} + e^{-i\alpha x}] \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \left[e^{-(a-i\alpha)x} + e^{-(a+i\alpha)x} \right] \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{e^{-(a-i\alpha)x}}{-(a-i\alpha)} + \frac{e^{-(a+i\alpha)x}}{-(a+i\alpha)} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{1}{a-i\alpha} + \frac{1}{a+i\alpha} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{a}{a^2 + \alpha^2}$$

Example PDE 1

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad x > 0, t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad x > 0.$$

Fourier sine transform in x gives

$$\frac{dU_s^*}{dt} = -\alpha^2 U_s^*(\alpha, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow U_s^*(\alpha, t) = A e^{-\alpha^2 t}$$

Using $\mathcal{F}_s \{ u(x, 0) = f(x) \} \Rightarrow A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f_s^*(\alpha)$

$$\Rightarrow U_s^*(\alpha, t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f_s^*(\alpha) e^{-\alpha^2 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f_s^*(\alpha) e^{-\alpha^2 t} \sin \alpha x \, d\alpha$$

Exercise: Solve $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $x > 0, t > 0$

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$$u_x(0,t) = 0, \quad u(x,0) = f(x), \quad x > 0.$$

Example PDE 2 - Laplace Eqn

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad 0 < x, y < \infty$$

$$u(0,y) = a, \quad u(x,0) = 0$$

$\nabla u \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$. a is constant.

Using Fourier sine transform in x .

$$\frac{d^2 u_s^*}{dy^2} - \alpha^2 u_s^* + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} a = 0$$

The solution to this inhomogeneous equation is

$$u_s^*(\alpha, y) = A e^{-\alpha y} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{a}{\alpha}$$

As $\mathcal{F}_s\{u(x,0) = 0\} \Rightarrow u_s^*(\alpha, 0) = 0$, we get

$$A = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{a}{\alpha}, \quad \text{so that}$$

$$u_s^*(\alpha, y) = \frac{a}{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} (1 - e^{-\alpha y})$$

The inverse transform gives

$$u(x,y) = \frac{2a}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha y}) \sin \alpha x \, d\alpha \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{2a}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right)}$$

We can simplify it using $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-a\alpha} \sin x\alpha \, d\alpha = \frac{x}{a^2 + x^2}$

and integrating w.r.t α

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-a\alpha}}{\alpha} \sin x\alpha \, d\alpha = \int_a^{\infty} \frac{x}{a^2 + x^2} da = \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{x} \right) \right]_a^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$$

Example PDE Laplace Eqn

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$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < b$$

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(x, y) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$u(x, b) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x).$$

Fourier sine transform in $x \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d^2 u_0^*}{dy^2} - \alpha^2 u_0^* = 0$$

$$u_0^*(\alpha, b) = 0, \quad u_0^*(\alpha, 0) = f_0^*(\alpha).$$

The solution is

$$u_0^*(\alpha, y) = f_0^*(\alpha) \frac{\sinh[\alpha(b-y)]}{\sinh \alpha b}$$

The inversion gives

$$u(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f_0^*(\alpha) \frac{\sinh[\alpha(b-y)]}{\sinh \alpha b} \sin \alpha x \, d\alpha$$