

Frequency Domain Analysis

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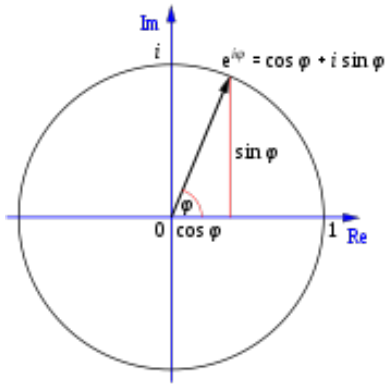
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How to go from temporal domain to frequency domain?

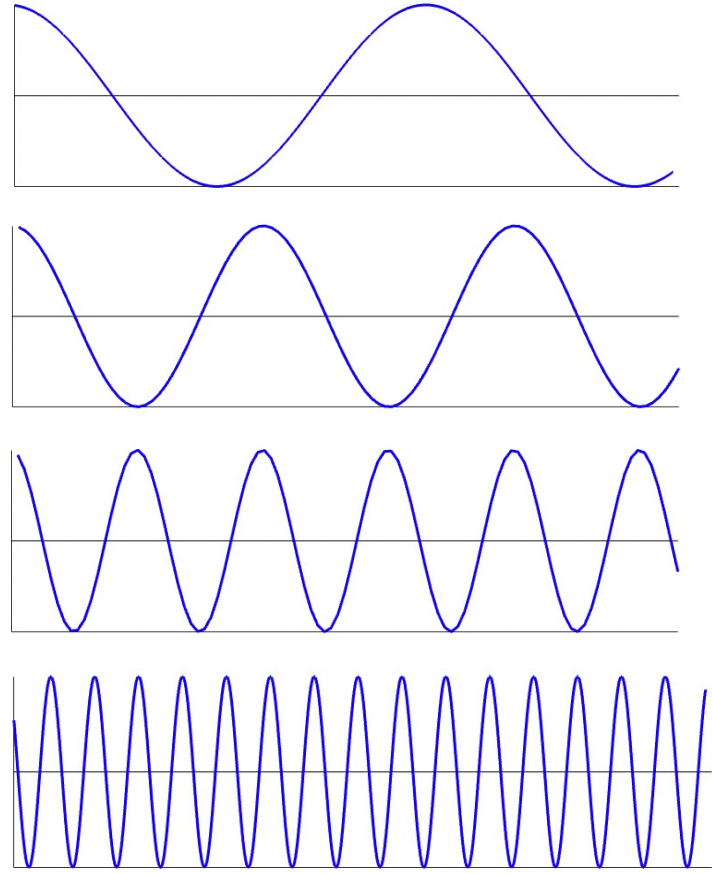
Fourier Transform Decompose the original signal to sinusoidal functions

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{Function in temporal domain}} \underbrace{e^{-j\omega x}}_{\text{Complex exponential}} dx$$



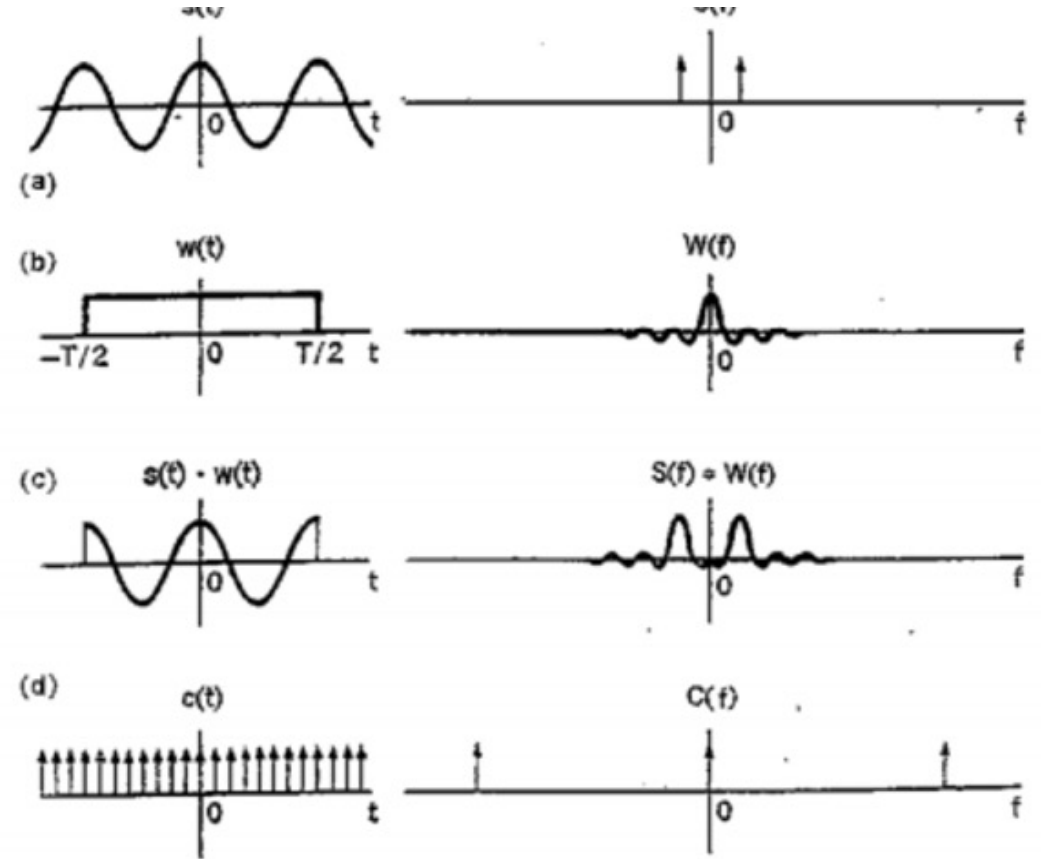
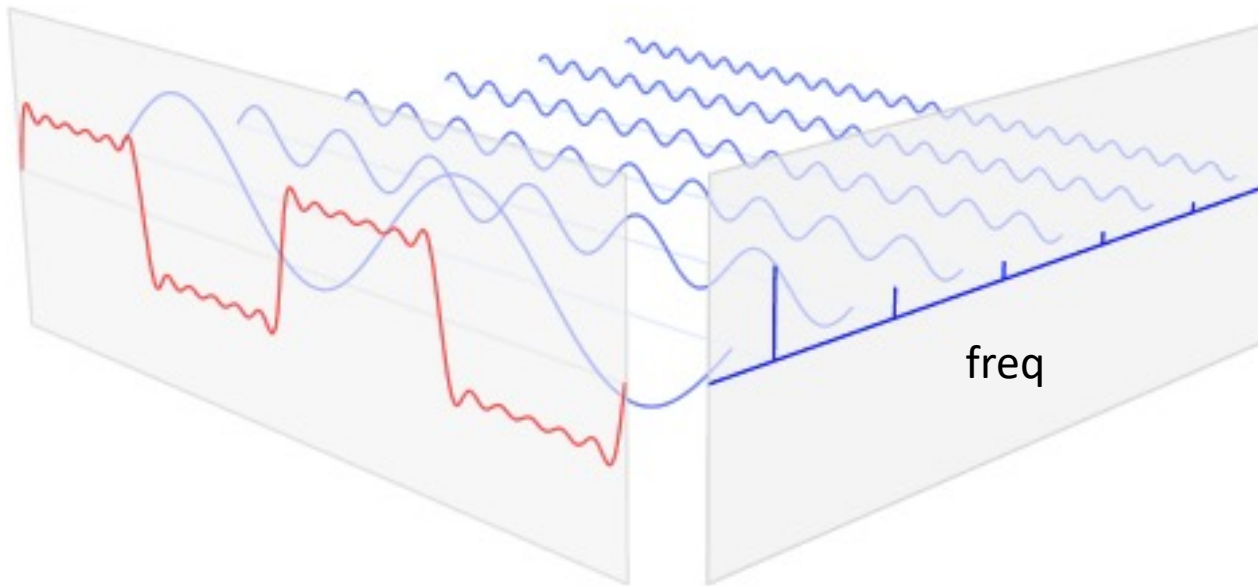
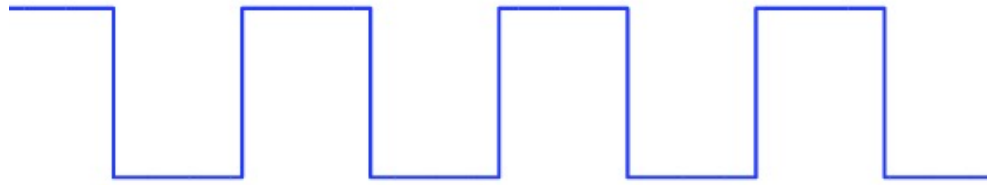
$$e^{j\phi} = \cos \phi + j \sin \phi$$

$$e^{j\phi} + e^{-j\phi} = 2\cos\phi$$



For different frequencies (ω)

Examples of Fourier Transform



Inverse Fourier Transform

- Going back to temporal domain from frequency domain

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega x} d\omega$$

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-j\omega x} dx$$

Fourier transform

Laplace transform

- “An extended version of Fourier Transform”

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_{0_-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

s is a complex number $s = \sigma + j\omega$

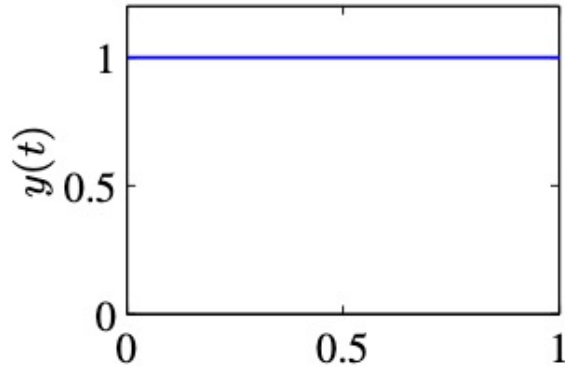
When $s = j\omega$, the Laplace transform becomes Fourier transform

- Inverse Laplace transform

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int e^{st} F(s) ds$$

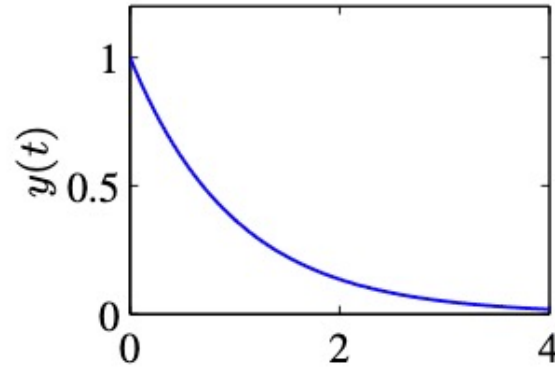
For simplicity reasons, we denote $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}[y(t)]$ and sometime simplify it as Y

Examples of exponential signals e^{st}



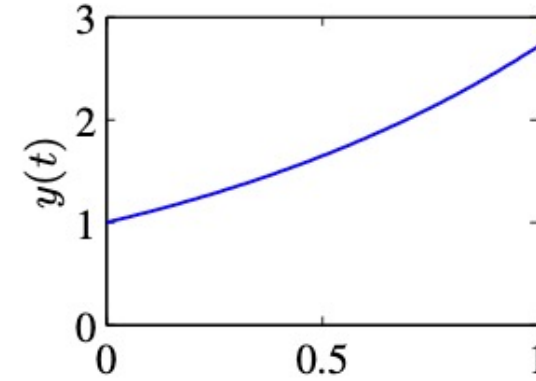
Time t

$$s = 0$$



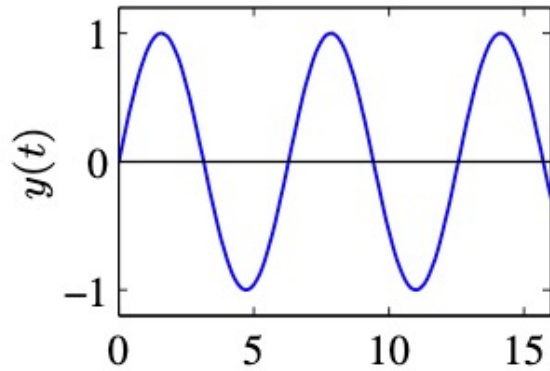
Time t

$$s = -1$$



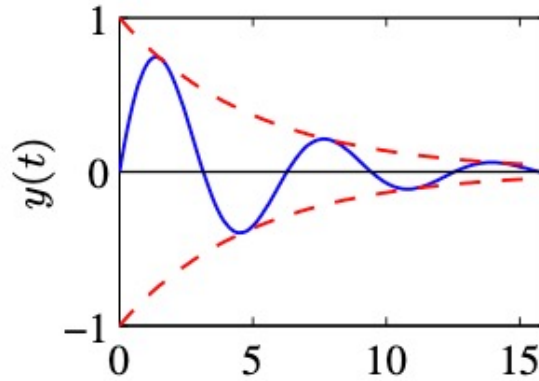
Time t

$$s = 1$$



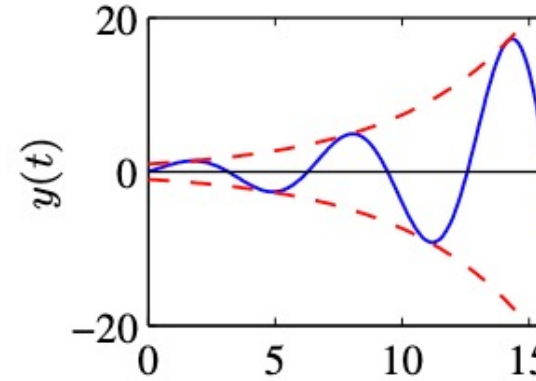
Time t

$$s = i$$



Time t

$$s = -0.2 + i$$

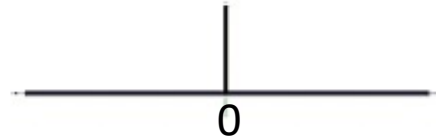


Time t

$$s = 0.2 + i$$

Examples of Laplace transform

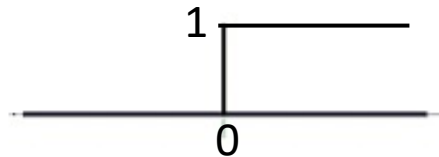
- Unit impulse function



$$\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} v(t)\delta(t) dt = v(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\delta(t)] = \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \delta(t)e^{-st} dt = 1$$

- Unit step function



$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$U(s) = \mathcal{L}[u(t)] = \int_{0-}^{\infty} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right]_{0-}^{\infty} = 0 - \left(-\frac{1}{s} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s}$$

Linear combination of two functions

Let $f(t) = \alpha_1 f_1(t) + \alpha_2 f_2(t)$ What is $F(s)$?

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \int_{0-}^{\infty} (\alpha_1 f_1(t) + \alpha_2 f_2(t)) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \alpha_1 \int_{0-}^{\infty} f_1(t) e^{-st} dt + \alpha_2 \int_{0-}^{\infty} f_2(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \alpha_1 F_1(s) + \alpha_2 F_2(s). \end{aligned}$$

The Laplace transform is a linear operator!

Integration of a function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} \left[\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \right] &= \int_0^\infty \underbrace{\left[\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \right]}_{\text{blue underline}} \underline{e^{-st} dt} \\ &= \left[\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \times -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \times f(t) dt \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} F(s)$$

Recall that the integration by parts formula:

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du.$$

We make $u = \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$ so $du = f(\tau) d\tau$

We make $dv = e^{-st} dt$ so $v = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st}$

Derivatives of a function

Recall that the integration by parts formula:

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du.$$

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right] = \int_{0-}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right) e^{-st} dt.$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right) e^{-st} dt \longrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} f(t) dt \times e^{-st} \longrightarrow e^{-st} df(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right) e^{-st} dt &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} df(t) = [f(t)e^{-st}]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f(t) de^{-st} \\ &= [0 - f(0)] - \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \times (-se^{-st}) dt \\ &= -f(0) + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \end{aligned}$$

$F(s)$

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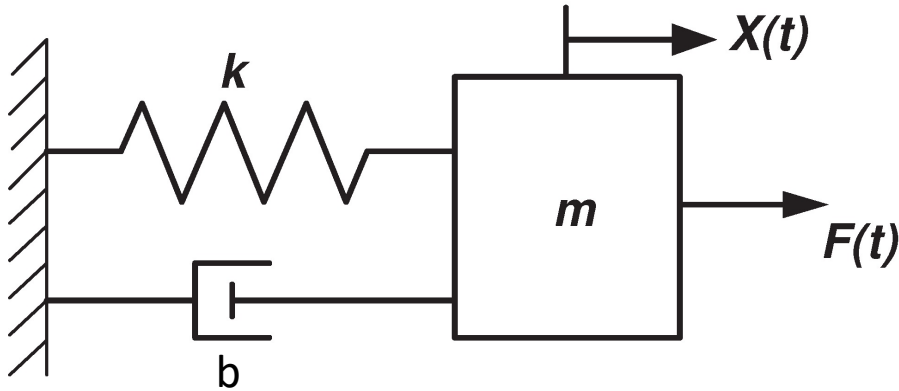
This is important, because it makes differential equations much easier!

How about higher derivatives?

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{d^2}{dt^2} f(t) \right] = s^2 F(s) - sf(0_-) - \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right|_{t=0_-}.$$

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) \right] = s^n F(s) - \sum_{k=1}^n s^{n-k} \left. \frac{d^{k-1}}{dt^{k-1}} f(t) \right|_{t=0_-}.$$

Differential equations – the spring-damper model as an example



$$m \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + kx(t) = f(t)$$

Doing a Laplace transform

For simplification reasons, we assume $x(0)=0$, $x'(0)=0$

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right] = sF(s) - f(0_-).$$

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{d^2}{dt^2} f(t) \right] = s^2 F(s) - sf(0_-) - \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right|_{t=0_-}.$$

$$ms^2 X(s) + bsX(s) + kX(s) = F(s)$$

$$(ms^2 + bs + k)X(s) = F(s)$$

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{ms^2 + bs + k} F(s)$$

Then we can perform inverse Laplace transform to get $x(t)$

Systems built on differential equations

- In many practical situations, the input/output behavior of a system can be modeled by a linear differential equation

$$\frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dt^{n-1}} + \cdots + a_n y = b_0 \frac{d^m u}{dt^m} + b_1 \frac{d^{m-1} u}{dt^{m-1}} + \cdots + b_m u,$$

u is the input, y is the output. Coefficients a_k and b_k are real numbers

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \frac{d^i}{dt^i} y(t) \right] = \mathcal{L} \left[\sum_{i=0}^m b_i \frac{d^i}{dt^i} u(t) \right] \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \mathcal{L} \left[\frac{d^i}{dt^i} y(t) \right] = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i \mathcal{L} \left[\frac{d^i}{dt^i} u(t) \right] \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n a_i s^i Y(s) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i s^i U(s)$$

$$\underbrace{(a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0)}_{\triangleq A(s)} Y(s) = \underbrace{(b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \cdots + b_2 s^2 + b_1 s + b_0)}_{\triangleq B(s)} U(s)$$

We define the
transfer function

$$H(s) = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)}$$

Then we have $Y(s) = H(s)U(s)$

Transfer function

- A core concept in classical controls

$$H(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)}$$

- We can think of $H(s)$ as an operator that maps inputs to outputs
 - Either $H: U(s) \rightarrow Y(s)$
 - Or $H: u(t) \rightarrow y(t)$
- Typically, $m \leq n$, and we call the transfer function *causal*

- H is a linear operator

$$H(\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2) = \alpha_1 H(u_1) + \alpha_2 H(u_2)$$

- H is a time invariant operator:

$$\text{if } H(u(t)) = y(t), \text{ then } H(u(t - \tau)) = y(t - \tau)$$

Linear and time
invariant (**LTI**) systems

Transfer function

- The LTI nature of transfer functions:
- Let $H: u \rightarrow y$ be a LTI operator, and $u(t) = A_{in} \sin(\omega t + \phi_{in})$.
- Then the output $y(t)$ is a pure sinusoid *of the same frequency*

$$y(t) = A_{\omega} A_{in} \sin(\omega t + \phi_{in} + \phi_{\omega})$$

Why?

Transfer function

$$Y(s) = H(s)U(s)$$

- Consider a case: let $s = i\omega$

$H(i\omega)$ Is complex

$r = \|H(i\omega)\|$ magnitude $\longrightarrow$ gain

$\phi = \angle H(i\omega)$ angle $\longrightarrow$ Phase shift

In other words, if the input is $u(t) = A_{in} \sin(\omega t + \phi_{in})$.

The output is $y(t) = \|H(i\omega)\| A_{in} \sin(\omega t + \phi_{in} + \angle H(i\omega))$

Considering the input is a sum of sinusoids $u(t) = \sum_k A_k \sin(\omega_k t + \phi_k)$, what's the output?

$$y(t) = \sum_k \|H(i\omega_k)\| A_k \sin(\omega_k t + \phi_k + \angle H(i\omega_k))$$