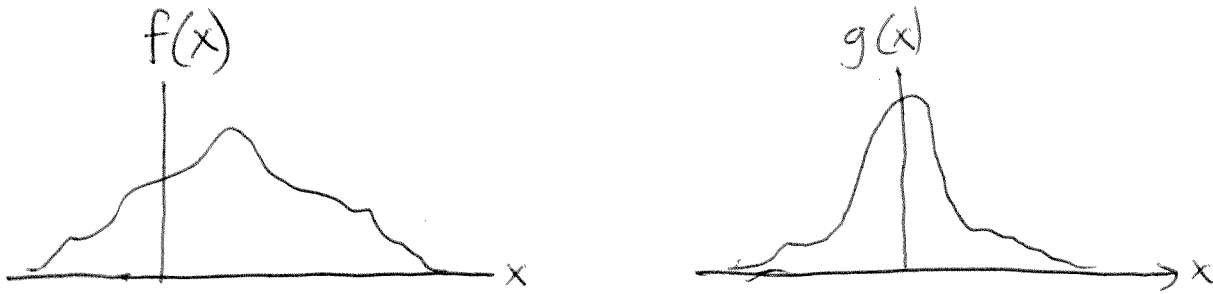


# Preliminaries

1) Convolution: consider two functions,  $f$  &  $g$ .



The convolution is defined as

$$f * g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') g(x-x') dx'$$

The convolution of  $f$  with  $g$  can be interpreted as a "blurring" of  $f$  with  $g$ . To see this, use the

Riemann sum interpretation of the integral:

$$x' \rightarrow x_m = m \Delta x, \quad \text{for } \Delta x \rightarrow 0.$$

$$f * g = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_m \frac{f(x_m) g(x-x_m) \Delta x}{\Delta x}$$

That is, we take each piece of  $f$ :



and "blur" each piece with a displaced version of  $g$ :

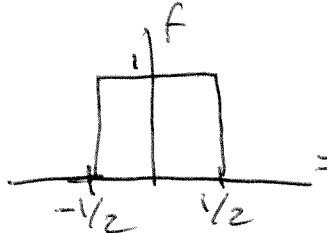


Notice that the convolution is commutative, i.e.

$$f * g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{f(x')} g(x-x') dx' = - \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} g(x'') f(x-x'') dx'' = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x'') f(x-x'') dx'' = g * f(x).$$

$x'' = x - x', \quad dx' = -dx''$

Exercise:

1) Let  $f_1(x) = \text{rect}(x) =$    $= \begin{cases} 1, & |x| \leq 1/2 \\ 0, & |x| > 1/2 \end{cases}$   
find  $f_1 * f_1$

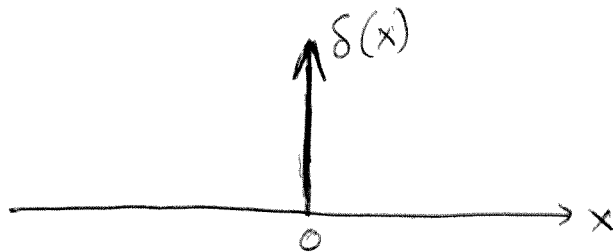
2) Let  $f_2(x) = \frac{e^{-\pi(x/a)^2}}{a}$   
find  $f_2 * f_2$

3) (Only for those who like maths!)  
find  $f_1 * f_2$

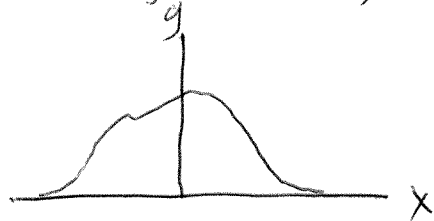
Hint:  $\text{erf}(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^t e^{-t^2} dt$

## 2) Delta function (Dirac)

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} \infty & x=0 \\ 0 & x \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{such that} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1.$$

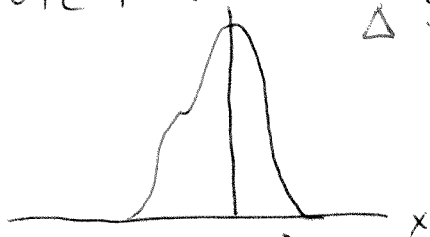


We can build  $\delta(x)$  from a function  $g(x)$  (say, a Gaussian or a rectangle function) of unit area:



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx = 1.$$

Note that  $\frac{1}{\Delta} g\left(\frac{x}{\Delta}\right)$ , for  $0 < \Delta < 1$ , also has unit area:



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g\left(\frac{x}{\Delta}\right) \frac{dx}{\Delta} = 1$$

↖ this is thinner and taller, but with the same area. Then, we can build  $\delta(x)$  as

$$\delta(x) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} g\left(\frac{x}{\Delta}\right)$$

Properties:

- Units. since  $\int \delta(x) dx$  has no units,  $\delta$  has units of  $\frac{1}{x}$ .

- Note that, since  $\delta(x-x_0)$  is zero except at  $x=x_0$ , then  $f(x)\delta(x-x_0) = f(x_0)\delta(x-x_0)$  for any (well-behaved)  $f(x)$ . Therefore

$$\int f(x)\delta(x-x_0)dx = f(x_0)\int\delta(x-x_0)dx = f(x_0)$$

This is <sup>the</sup> so-called "sifting property" of the delta function.

Note then that

$$f * \delta = \int f(x')\delta(x-x')dx' = f(x)$$

so  $\delta$  is the "unity" element for convolutions.

Finally let us show that we can write

$$\delta(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i2\pi\nu x} d\nu$$

to show this, we insert 1 in the integrand in the form

$$1 = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} e^{-\pi a \nu^2}$$

so

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i2\pi\nu x} d\nu = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overbrace{e^{-\pi a \nu^2}}^{e^{-\pi a(\nu^2 - 2i\nu x/a)}} e^{i2\pi\nu x} d\nu$$

but

$$v^2 - 2i\frac{x}{a}v = \left(v - i\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{x^2}{a^2}, \text{ so}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i2\pi vx} dv = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int e^{-\pi a \left(v - i\frac{x}{a}\right)^2} e^{-\frac{\pi x^2}{a}} dv$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{v'}$ ,  $dv' = dv$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} e^{-\frac{\pi x^2}{a}} \underbrace{\int e^{-\pi a v'^2} dv'}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-\frac{\pi x^2}{a}}}{\sqrt{a}}$$

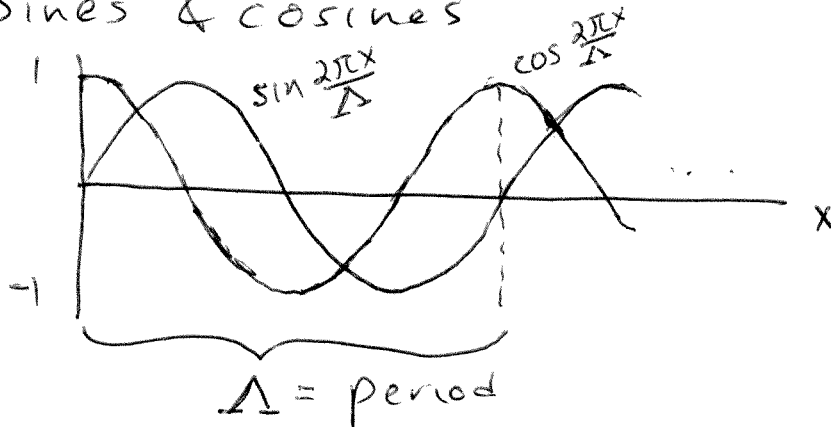
Let  $a = \Delta^2$ , so

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i2\pi vx} dv = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-\pi \left(\frac{x}{\Delta}\right)^2}}{\Delta} = \delta(x)$$

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# Fourier Theory

Sines & cosines



Any (well-behaved) function can be expressed as a continuous superposition of sines and cosines with different amplitudes and periods ( $\Delta$ ).

It is more convenient, though, to use imaginary exponentials. Recall

$$e^{\pm i\theta} = \cos\theta \pm i\sin\theta$$

so, instead of  $\cos \frac{2\pi x}{\Delta}$  and  $\sin \frac{2\pi x}{\Delta}$ , we use:

$$e^{i2\pi\nu x}, \text{ with } \nu = \pm \frac{1}{\Delta}$$

The Fourier theorem then states that  $f(x)$  can be written as

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(\nu) e^{i2\pi\nu x} d\nu$$

where  $\tilde{f}(\nu)$ , known as the Fourier transform of  $f(x)$ , is the amplitude of the corresponding oscillation.

How do we find  $\tilde{F}(v)$ ? Consider the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi v x} dx &= \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(v') e^{i2\pi v' x} dv' e^{-i2\pi v x} dx \\ &\quad \text{Substitute as } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(v') e^{i2\pi v' x} dv' \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(v') \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i2\pi(v'-v)x} dx}_{\delta(v'-v)} dv' = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(v') \delta(v'-v) dv' \\ &= \tilde{F}(v) \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\tilde{F}(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi v x} dx$$

So in summary

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fourier Transformation } \tilde{F}(v) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi v x} dx \\ \text{Inverse Fourier Transformation } f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(v) e^{i2\pi v x} dv \end{aligned}$$

In what follows we use the notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}(v) &= \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} f(x) \\ f(x) &= \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{v \rightarrow x} \tilde{F}(v) \end{aligned}$$

## Properties

### • Parseval-Plancherel theorem

In many physical applications,  $|f(x)|^2$  is a physically significant (and observable) quantity, and the integral of this quantity corresponds to, for example, the total power or energy.  
Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(x) f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(x) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(v) e^{i2\pi v x} dv \right) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(v) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi v x} dx \right]^* dv \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(v) \tilde{f}^*(v) dv = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{f}(v)|^2 dv\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{f}(v)|^2 dv}$$

### • Shift-phase

Consider the FT of a shifted function

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}_{x \rightarrow v} f(x-x_0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-x_0) e^{-i2\pi v x} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') e^{-i2\pi(x'+x_0)v} dx' = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') e^{-i2\pi x' v} dx' e^{-i2\pi x_0 v} \\ &= \tilde{f}(v) e^{-i2\pi x_0 v}\end{aligned}$$



therefore

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow \nu} f(x-x_0) = \tilde{f}(\nu) e^{-i2\pi x_0 \nu} = \left[ \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow \nu} f(x) \right] e^{-i2\pi x_0 \nu}$$

which implies

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\nu \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left[ \tilde{f}(\nu) e^{-i2\pi x_0 \nu} \right] = f(x-x_0)$$

Analogously, multiplying  $f(x)$  by a linear phase function leads to the shift of the Fourier transform

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow \nu} \left[ f(x) e^{i2\pi x \nu_0} \right] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{i2\pi x \nu_0} e^{-i2\pi x \nu} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi(\nu-\nu_0)x} dx = \tilde{f}(\nu-\nu_0) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\nu \rightarrow x}^{-1} \tilde{f}(\nu-\nu_0) = f(x) e^{i2\pi \nu_0 x}$$

### • Scaling

Consider the FT of  $f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow \nu} f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) e^{-i2\pi x \nu} dx \\ &= \begin{cases} a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') e^{-i2\pi a x' \nu} dx', & a > 0 \\ a \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} f(x') e^{-i2\pi a x' \nu} dx', & a < 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \underbrace{\text{sgn}(a)}_{|a|} a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') e^{-i2\pi x' (a\nu)} dx' = |a| \tilde{f}(a\nu)$$

## • Derivative

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow \nu} f'(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{f'(x)}_u \underbrace{e^{-i2\pi x \nu}}_v dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u dv$$

Integrate by parts  $dv = f' dx$   $u = e^{-i2\pi x \nu}$

$$= uv \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v du = \underbrace{f(x) e^{-i2\pi x \nu}}_{v=f} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + i2\pi \nu \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{i2\pi x \nu} dx$$

$du = -i2\pi \nu e^{-i2\pi x \nu}$  assume  $f(\pm\infty) = 0$

$$= i2\pi \nu \tilde{f}(\nu)$$

More generally: 
$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow \nu} f^{(n)}(x) = (i2\pi \nu)^n \tilde{f}(\nu)$$

Similarly

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow \nu} [x^n f(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{f(x) x^n e^{-i2\pi x \nu}}_{\left(\frac{1}{-i2\pi}\right)^n \frac{d^n}{d\nu^n} e^{-i2\pi x \nu}} dx$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{-i2\pi}\right)^n \frac{d^n}{d\nu^n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi x \nu} dx = \frac{\tilde{f}^{(n)}(\nu)}{(-i2\pi)^n}$$

## • Convolution/product

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow \nu} [f * g] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') g(x-x') dx' \right] e^{-i2\pi x \nu} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x-x') e^{-i2\pi x \nu} dx dx' = \tilde{g}(\nu) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') e^{-i2\pi x' \nu} dx'$$

From shift/phase:  $\tilde{g}(\nu) e^{-i2\pi x \nu}$

$$= \tilde{g}(\nu) \tilde{f}(\nu) = \tilde{f}(\nu) \tilde{g}(\nu)$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{F}_{x \rightarrow v} [f(x)g(x)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)g(x) e^{-i2\pi xv} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{g}(v') \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi x(v-v')} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{g}(v') \tilde{F}(v-v') dv' \\ &= \tilde{F} * \tilde{g}\end{aligned}$$

• Space-bandwidth product / uncertainty relation.

The average or "centroid" of  $|f(x)|^2$  is defined as

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x |f(x)|^2 dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx}$$

and the rms spread is

$$\Delta x = \left[ \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x})^2 |f(x)|^2 dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx} \right]^{1/2}$$

Similarly

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v |\tilde{F}(v)|^2 dv}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{F}(v)|^2 dv}, \quad \Delta v = \left[ \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (v - \bar{v})^2 |\tilde{F}(v)|^2 dv}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{F}(v)|^2 dv} \right]^{1/2}$$

It is now shown that

$$\Delta x \Delta v \geq \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

Proof.

Part a) Cauchy-Schwarz-Bunyakovski inequality

consider two functions  $g, h$ . Then

$$\iint \underbrace{|g(x)h(y) - g(y)h(x)|^2}_{\text{this is always } \geq 0} dx dy \geq 0.$$

But we can write this as

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint [g^*(x)h^*(y) - g^*(y)h^*(x)][g(x)h(y) - g(y)h(x)] dx dy \\ &= \iint [ |g(x)|^2 |h(y)|^2 - g^*(x)h(x)h^*(y)g(y) \\ & \quad - g^*(y)h(y)h^*(x)g(x) + |g(y)|^2 |h(x)|^2 ] dx dy \\ &= \int |g(x)|^2 dx \int |h(y)|^2 dy + \int |g(y)|^2 dy \int |h(x)|^2 dx \\ & \quad - \left[ \int g^*(x)h(x) dx \int h^*(y)g(y) dy + \int g^*(y)h(y) dy \int h^*(x)g(x) dx \right] \end{aligned}$$

but  $x$  &  $y$  are now dummy variables, so we can write

$$= 2 \left[ \int |g(x)|^2 dx \right] \left[ \int |h(x)|^2 dx \right] - 2 \left| \int g^*(x)h(x) dx \right|^2.$$

and recall that all this  $\geq 0$ . Therefore

$$\int |g(x)|^2 dx \int |h(x)|^2 dx \geq \left| \int g^*(x)h(x) dx \right|^2$$

Part b)

Let  $g(x) = \frac{(x-\bar{x})f(x)}{\Phi^{1/2}}$ , where

$$\Phi = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx$$

then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x)|^2 dx = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\bar{x})^2 |f(x)|^2 dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx} = \frac{\Delta x^2}{\Phi}$$

Now,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{h}(v)|^2 dv$  (Parseval-Plancherel)

Let  $\tilde{h}(v) = \frac{(v - \bar{v}) \tilde{f}(v)}{\Phi^{1/2}}$ , so  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(x)|^2 dx = \Delta v^2$

Notice

$$\tilde{h}(v) = \frac{1}{\Phi^{1/2}} [v \tilde{f}(v) - \bar{v} \tilde{f}(v)]$$

← constant.

therefore

$$h(x) = \hat{F}_{v \rightarrow x}^{-1} \tilde{h}(v) = \frac{1}{\Phi^{1/2}} \left[ \frac{1}{i2\pi} f'(x) - \bar{v} f(x) \right]$$

Therefore

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^*(x) h(x) dx = \frac{1}{\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x}) f^*(x) \left[ \frac{1}{i2\pi} f'(x) - \bar{v} f(x) \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{i2\pi\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x}) f^*(x) f'(x) dx - \frac{\bar{v}}{\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x}) |f(x)|^2 dx \quad (i)$$

integrate by parts:

$u = (x - \bar{x}) f^*$ ,  $dv = f' dx$ ,  $v = f$ ,  $du = [f^* + (x - \bar{x}) f'^*] dx$

$$= \frac{1}{i2\pi\Phi} \left[ (x - \bar{x}) f^*(x) f(x) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \frac{1}{i2\pi\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [f(x) + (x - \bar{x}) f'(x)]^* f(x) dx$$

assumes this vanishes.

$$= - \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx}{i2\pi\Phi} - \frac{1}{i2\pi\Phi} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(x) (x - \bar{x}) f'(x) dx \right]^* - \frac{\bar{v}}{\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x}) |f(x)|^2 dx$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^*(x) h(x) dx = +\frac{i}{2\pi} + \left[ \frac{1}{i2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\bar{x}) f^*(x) f'(x) dx - \frac{\bar{v}}{\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\bar{x}) |f(x)|^2 dx \right]^* \quad (ii)$$

Note that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^*(x) h(x) dx$  is given by either the expression in (i) or the one in (ii), therefore

also by their average:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^*(x) h(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\bar{x}) f^*(x) \left( \frac{f'(x)}{i2\pi} - \bar{v} f(x) \right) dx \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{i}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\bar{x}) f^*(x) \left( \frac{f'(x)}{i2\pi} - \bar{v} f(x) \right) dx \right]^* \quad (ii)$$

$$= \underbrace{\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Phi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\bar{x}) f^*(x) \left( \frac{f'(x)}{i2\pi} - \bar{v} f(x) \right) dx \right\}}_{\text{call this } \Delta_{xv}} + \frac{i}{4\pi}$$

$$= \begin{array}{c} \Delta_{xv} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Real} \end{array} + \frac{i}{4\pi}$$

Therefore:

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^*(x) h(x) dx \right|^2 = \left( \Delta_{xv} - \frac{i}{4\pi} \right) \left( \Delta_{xv} + \frac{i}{4\pi} \right) = \Delta_{xv}^2 + \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2}$$

so  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x)|^2 dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(x)|^2 dx \geq \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^*(x) h(x) dx \right|^2$  gives

$$\Delta_x^2 \Delta_v^2 \geq \Delta_{xv}^2 + \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \geq \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \quad \text{so } \boxed{\Delta_x \Delta_v \geq \frac{1}{4\pi}}$$

• Complex conjugate

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}_{x \rightarrow \nu}[f^*(x)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(x) e^{-i2\pi x \nu} dx \\ &= \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi(-\nu)x} dx \right]^* = \tilde{f}^*(-\nu)\end{aligned}$$

Note then that, if  $f$  is real

$$f(x) = f^*(x) \Rightarrow \hat{f}(\nu) = \tilde{f}^*(-\nu)$$

$$\underbrace{\operatorname{Re} \tilde{f}(\nu) = \operatorname{Re} \hat{f}(-\nu)}$$

$$\underbrace{\operatorname{Im} \tilde{f}(\nu) = -\operatorname{Im} \hat{f}(-\nu)}$$

The real part of  $\tilde{f}$  is even

The imaginary part of  $\tilde{f}$  is odd.

Exercise:

$$\hat{f}_{x \rightarrow \nu}[|f(x)|^2] =$$

# Summary

## 1D Fourier transform

$$\tilde{F}(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi x v} dx$$
$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(v) e^{i2\pi x v} dv$$

## Properties

- Parseval-Plancherel  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(x) g(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}^*(v) \tilde{g}(v) dv$   
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{F}(v)|^2 dv$
- Shift-Phase  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} f(x - x_0) = \tilde{F}(v) e^{-i2\pi x_0 v}$   
 $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} [f(x) e^{i2\pi v_0 x}] = \tilde{F}(v - v_0)$
- Scaling  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) = |a| \tilde{F}(av) \quad (a \text{ real, } \neq 0)$
- Derivative  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} f^{(n)}(x) = (i2\pi v)^n \tilde{F}(v)$   
 $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} [x^n f(x)] = \frac{\tilde{F}^{(n)}(v)}{(-i2\pi)^n}$
- Convolution/product  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} [f * g] = \tilde{F}(v) \tilde{g}(v)$   
 $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} [f(x) g(x)] = \tilde{F} * \tilde{g}$
- Space-bandwidth product / uncertainty  $\Delta x \Delta v \geq \frac{1}{4\pi}$
- Complex conjugate  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{x \rightarrow v} [f^*(x)] = \tilde{F}^*(-v)$



Exercises. Calculate the FT of:

1)  $\delta(x)$

2)  $\delta(x-x_0)$

3)  $\text{rect}(x)$

4)  $\text{rect}(x) * \text{rect}(x)$

5)  $c \text{rect}\left(\frac{x-a}{b}\right)$

6)  $e^{-\pi x^2}$

7)  $x e^{-\pi x^2}$

## 2 Dimensions

$$\underline{x} = (x, y), \quad \underline{v} = (v_x, v_y)$$

### Convolution

$$f * g = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\underline{x}') g(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') d\underline{x}' d\underline{y}'$$

### Delta function $\delta(\underline{x})$

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} d\underline{y} = \underbrace{1}_{\text{units of } x^2} \rightarrow \text{so } \delta \text{ has units of } \frac{1}{x^2}$$

sifting:  $\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\underline{x}) \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0) d\underline{x} d\underline{y} = f(\underline{x}_0)$

### Fourier transform

$$\tilde{f}(\underline{v}) = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\underline{x}) e^{-i2\pi \underline{x} \cdot \underline{v}} d\underline{x} d\underline{y}$$

$$f(\underline{x}) = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(\underline{v}) e^{i2\pi \underline{x} \cdot \underline{v}} d\underline{v}_x d\underline{v}_y$$

### Properties

• Parseval-Plancherel  $\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(\underline{x}) g(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} d\underline{y} = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}^*(\underline{v}) \tilde{g}(\underline{v}) d\underline{v}_x d\underline{v}_y$

• Shift-Phase  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{v}} f(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0) = \tilde{f}(\underline{v}) e^{-i2\pi \underline{x}_0 \cdot \underline{v}}$

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{v}} [f(\underline{x}) e^{i2\pi \underline{v}_0 \cdot \underline{x}}] = \tilde{f}(\underline{v} - \underline{v}_0)$$

• Scaling  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{v}} f(\underline{x}/a) = a^2 \tilde{f}(a \underline{v})$

• Derivative  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{v}} [\nabla_{\underline{x}} f(\underline{x})] = i2\pi \underline{v} \tilde{f}(\underline{v})$

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{v}} [\underline{x} f(\underline{x})] = \frac{1}{-i2\pi} \nabla_{\underline{v}} \tilde{f}(\underline{v})$$

• Convolution  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{v}} [f * g] = \tilde{f}(\underline{v}) \tilde{g}(\underline{v})$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{v}} [f(\underline{x}) g(\underline{x})] = \tilde{f} * \tilde{g}$

• Uncertainty  $\Delta_p \Delta_v \geq \frac{1}{2\pi}$

2D Fourier transform in polar coordinates:

$$\underline{x} = (\rho \cos \theta, \rho \sin \theta), \quad \underline{v} = (v \cos \phi, v \sin \phi)$$

$$\tilde{F}(\underline{v}) = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\underline{x}) e^{-i2\pi \rho v \cos(\theta - \phi)} \rho \, d\theta \, d\rho$$

If  $f(\underline{x})$  depends only on  $\rho$ , i.e. has rotational symmetry:  $f(\underline{x}) = f_{\rho}(\rho)$

$$\tilde{F}(\underline{v}) = \int_0^{\infty} f_{\rho}(\rho) \rho \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i2\pi \rho v \cos(\theta - \phi)} \, d\theta}_{2\pi J_0(2\pi \rho v)} \, d\rho$$

$2\pi J_0(2\pi \rho v)$ , independent of  $\phi$

so  $\tilde{F}(\underline{v}) = \tilde{F}_v(v)$  also has rotational symmetry.

$$\text{Hankel Transf. } \tilde{F}_v(v) = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} f_{\rho}(\rho) J_0(2\pi \rho v) \rho \, d\rho$$

$$\text{Inverse HT } f_{\rho}(\rho) = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} \tilde{F}_v(v) J_0(2\pi \rho v) v \, dv$$

In this case

$$\Delta_{\rho} = \left[ \frac{\int_0^{\infty} |f_{\rho}(\rho)|^2 \rho^2 \, d\rho}{\int_0^{\infty} |f_{\rho}(\rho)|^2 \rho \, d\rho} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta_v = \left[ \frac{\int_0^{\infty} |\tilde{F}_v(v)|^2 v^2 \, dv}{\int_0^{\infty} |\tilde{F}_v(v)|^2 v \, dv} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta_{\rho} \Delta_v \geq \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

## Exercises:

• calculate the Hankel transforms of

$$1) f_p(\rho) = \delta(\rho - a)$$

$$2) f_p(\rho) = \begin{cases} 1, & \rho \leq a \\ 0, & \rho > a \end{cases}$$

$$3) f_p(\rho) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\rho^2}{a^2}, & \rho \leq a \\ 0, & \rho > a \end{cases}$$

Formulas you might need

$$\int_0^u u' J_0(u') du' = u J_1(u)$$

$$\int_0^u u'^3 J_0(u') du' = 2u^2 J_2(u) - u^3 J_3(u)$$

$$J_{n+1} + J_{n-1} = 2n \frac{J_n}{u}$$

• calculate the convolution of 2) with itself.

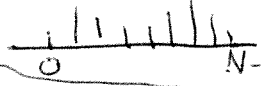
What is its Fourier transform?

# Discrete Fourier transform (DFT)

Instead of  $f(x)$  we have  $f_n, n=0, \dots, N-1$

$$F_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f_n e^{-i2\pi mn/N}$$

Discrete Fourier transform



Inverse: try:

$$f_{n'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} F_m e^{i2\pi mn'/N}$$
$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f_n \underbrace{\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} e^{i2\pi(n'-n)m/N}}_{N \delta_{n'-n}}$$



So:

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} F_m e^{i2\pi mn/N}$$

Inverse Discrete Fourier transform

## Approximating FT with DFT

(Notice that the sums can be shifted,) if we define

$$f_{n-N} = f_n$$

$$F_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=-\lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor} f_n e^{-i2\pi mn/N}$$

Let  $f_n$  be a sampling of  $f(x)$ :

$$f_n = f(n\Delta x)$$

$$F_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=-\lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor} f(n\Delta x) e^{-i2\pi mn/N}$$

For very large  $N$ , and small  $\Delta x$ ,  
can approximate the sum as an integral

$$F_m \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \int_{-X_1}^{X_2} f(x) e^{-i2\pi m x / N\Delta x} \frac{dx}{\Delta x}$$

where  $n\Delta x \rightarrow x$

$$X_1 = \lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor \Delta x, \quad X_2 = \lfloor \frac{N}{2} \rfloor \Delta x$$

Assume  $N \Delta x = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{big}}}{N} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{small}}}{\Delta x} = \text{big} \gg \text{width of } f(x)$ .

Then

$$F_m \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{N} \Delta x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi x \left(\frac{m}{N\Delta x}\right)} dx$$

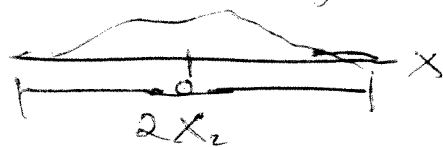
$$= \frac{\tilde{f}\left(\frac{m}{N\Delta x}\right)}{\sqrt{N} \Delta x}$$

So the sampling distance in  $\nu$  is  $\frac{1}{N\Delta x} \approx \frac{1}{2X_2}$

where  $2X_2$  is the width over which  
we're sampling  $f(x)$ .

Therefore:

- To increase resolution in  $\tilde{f}(\nu) \longrightarrow$  must increase range in  $f(x)$

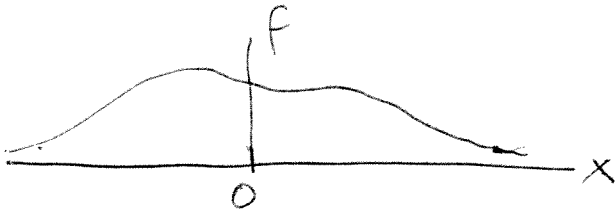


- To increase range in  $\tilde{f}(\nu)$  and avoid aliasing  $\longrightarrow$  must decrease sampling spacing in  $f(x)$



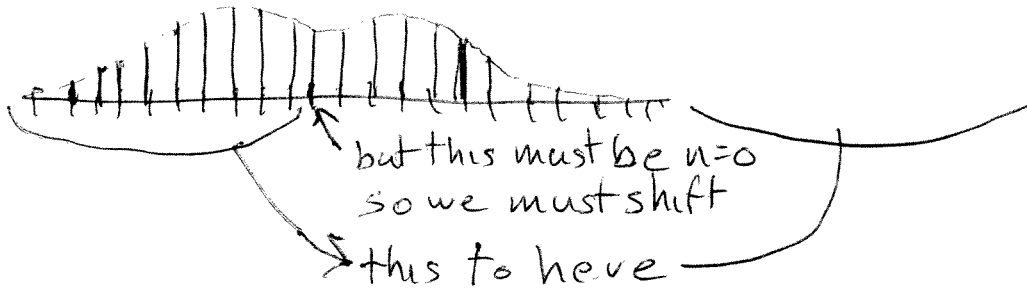
# Shifting the functions.

Notice that, if we sample:

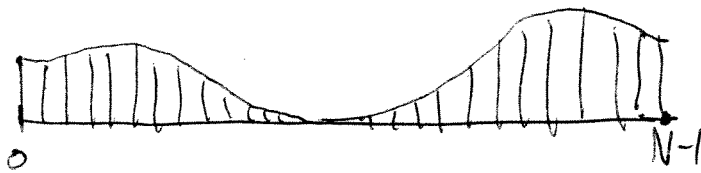


we get

$f_n$

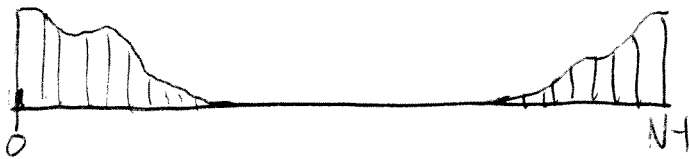


so we get



→ this is  $f_n$

Similarly, once we get  $F_m$ , it will look like



To reconstruct  $\tilde{f}(v)$  we must cut the second half and place it before the first. we also need to multiply by  $\sqrt{N\Delta x}$ .

# Fast Fourier transform (FFT)

Notice that the, for each  $m$ , the DFT involves the sum of  $N$  terms. Since  $m$  runs from 0 to  $N-1$ , then  $N^2$  must be performed. The time of computation can therefore be expected to be proportional to  $N^2$ .

The FFT is an algorithm for performing the DFT whose time of computation is proportional to  $N \log N$ . While it can work for any  $N$ , its simplest form can be understood if  $N = 2^M$  (so that  $M = \log_2 N$ ):

$$F_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f_n e^{-i2\pi n m / N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[ \underbrace{\sum_{n'=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} f_{2n'} e^{-i2\pi (2n') m / N}}_{\text{terms with even } n} + \underbrace{\sum_{n'=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} f_{(2n'+1)} e^{-i2\pi (2n'+1) m / N}}_{\text{terms with odd } n} \right]$$

write as  $\frac{N}{2}$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{N/2}} \sum_{n'=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} f_{2n'} e^{-i2\pi n' m / (N/2)}}_{\text{DFT of size } N/2} + e^{-i2\pi m / N} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{N/2}} \sum_{n'=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} f_{(2n'+1)} e^{-i2\pi n' m / (N/2)}}_{\text{DFT of size } N/2} \right]$$

Each of these two sums is itself a DFT of size  $\frac{N}{2}$ .

They can be joined.

$$F_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n'=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} \left( f_{2n'} + e^{-i2\pi m / N} f_{(2n'+1)} \right) e^{-i2\pi n' m / (N/2)}$$

The same separation can be done  $M$  times.



# 2D DF

$$F_{m_1, m_2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N-1} f_{n_1, n_2} e^{-i 2\pi \frac{(m_1 n_1 + m_2 n_2)}{N}}$$

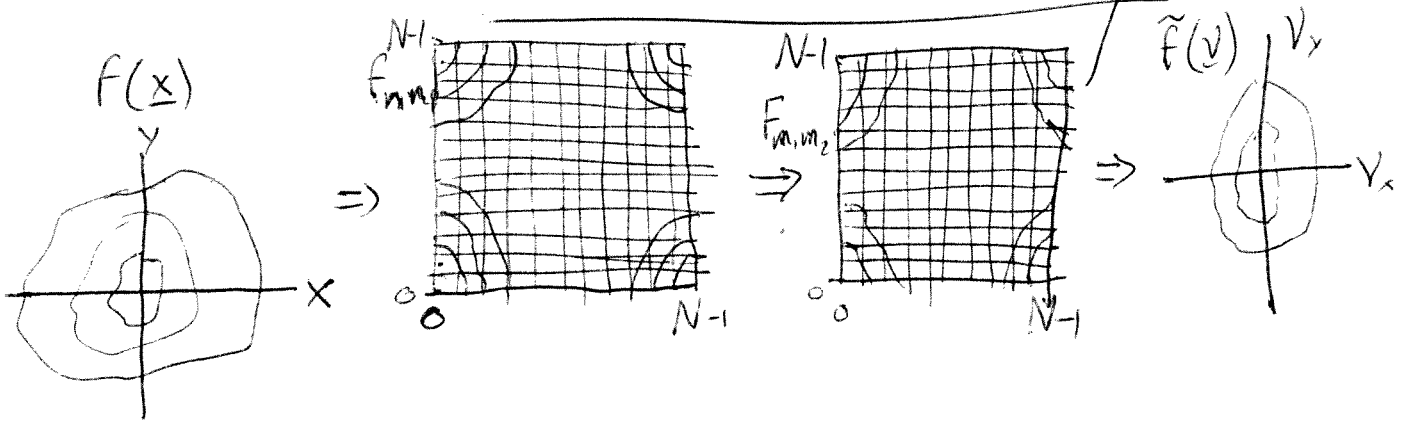
$$f_{n_1, n_2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m_2=0}^{N-1} F_{m_1, m_2} e^{i 2\pi \frac{(m_1 n_1 + m_2 n_2)}{N}}$$

Using 2D DFT to approximate 2D FT:

$$\text{if } f_{n_1, n_2} = f(n_1 \Delta x, n_2 \Delta x),$$

and  $N \Delta x$  is bigger than width of  $f$ , then:

$$F_{m_1, m_2} \approx \frac{1}{N \Delta x^2} \tilde{f}\left(\frac{m_1}{N \Delta x}, \frac{m_2}{N \Delta x}\right)$$



Fast Fourier transform: time  $\propto N^2 \log N$