Advanced Engineering Mathematics

Homework Six

Fourier Transform: Sine/Cosine Transforms, Common Transforms, Convolution and Green's Functions

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1. Fourier Transforms of Symmetric Functions

Let,

(1.1)
$$f_c(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \hat{f}(\omega) \cos(\omega x) d\omega \qquad \qquad \hat{f}_c(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(x) \cos(\omega x) dx$$

(1.2)
$$f_s(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \hat{f}(\omega) \sin(\omega x) d\omega \qquad \qquad \hat{f}_s(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(x) \sin(\omega x) dx$$

be the definitions for the Fourier cosine and Fourier sine transform pairs, receptively.

1.1. Symmetry. Show that $f_c(x)$ and $\hat{f}_c(\omega)$ are even functions and that $f_s(x)$ and $\hat{f}_s(\omega)$ are odd functions.¹

1.2. Derivation from Fourier Transform. Recall the complex Fourier transform,

(1.3)
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega, \quad \hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx.$$

Show that if we assume that f(x) is an even function then (1.3) defines the transform pair given by (1.1). Also, show that if f(x) is an odd function then (1.3) defines the transform pair given by (1.2).²

1.3. Even and Odd Finite Pulses. Given,

(1.4)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} A, & 0 < x < a \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad A, a \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

Plot the even and odd extensions of f.

1.4. Symmetric Transforms. Find the Fourier cosine and sine transforms of f.

1.5. Integral Trick. Using the Fourier cosine transform show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(\pi\omega)}{\pi\omega} d\omega = 1.$

2. Sine and Cosine Transforms

Calculate the following Fourier sine/cosine transformations. Include any domain restrictions.

- 2.1. Forward Cosine Transform. $\mathfrak{F}_c(e^{-ax}), \ a \in \mathbb{R}^+$
- 2.2. Inverse Cosine Transform. $\mathfrak{F}_c^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1+\omega^2}\right)$
- 2.3. Forward Sine Transform. $\mathfrak{F}_s(e^{-ax}), \ a \in \mathbb{R}^+$

2.4. Inverse Sine Transform.
$$\mathfrak{F}_s^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\frac{\omega}{a^2+\omega^2}\right), \ a \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

¹Thus, if an input function has an even or odd symmetry then the transformed function shares the same symmetry.

 $^{^{2}}$ Thus, if an input function has symmetry then the Fourier transform is real-valued and reduced to a since or cosine transform.

3. Fourier Transforms

Calculate the following transforms. Include any domain restrictions.

- 3.1. **Dirac-Delta.** \mathfrak{F} {*f*} where $f(x) = \delta(x x_0), x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
- 3.2. Decaying Exponential Function. $\mathfrak{F}\{f\}$ where $f(x) = e^{-k_0|x|}, k_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

3.3. Even Combination of Dirac-Deltas. $\mathfrak{F}^{-1}\left\{\hat{f}\right\}$ where $\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\delta(\omega + \omega_0) + \delta(\omega - \omega_0)\right), \ \omega_0 \in \mathbb{R}.$

- 3.4. Odd Combination of Dirac-Deltas. $\mathfrak{F}^{-1}\left\{\hat{f}\right\}$ where $\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\delta(\omega + \omega_0) \delta(\omega \omega_0)\right), \ \omega_0 \in \mathbb{R}$.
- 3.5. Horizontal Shifts. Find $\hat{f}(\omega)$ where $f(x+c), c \in \mathbb{R}$.

4. Convolution Integrals

The convolution h of two functions f and g is defined as⁴,

(4.1)
$$h(x) = (f * g)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p)g(x-p)dp = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-p)g(p)dp.$$

4.1. Fourier Transforms of Convolutions. Show that $\mathfrak{F} \{f * g\} = \sqrt{2\pi} \mathfrak{F} \{f\} \mathfrak{F} \{g\}$.

4.2. Simple Convolution. Find the convolution h(x) = (f * g)(x) where $f(x) = \delta(x - x_0)$ and $g(x) = e^{-x}$.

5. SIMPLE GREEN'S FUNCTIONS

Given the ODE,

(5.1) $y' + y = f(x), \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$

5.1. Delta Forcing. Calculate the frequency response, or what is sometimes called the steady-state transfer function, associated with (5.1).⁶

5.2. Inversion. Calculate the Green's function associated with (5.1).⁷

5.3. Solutions as Convolution Integrals. Using convolution find the steady-state solution to the (5.1).⁸

³Here the δ is the so-called Dirac, or continuous, delta function. This isn't a function in the true sense of the term but instead what is called a generalized function. The details are unimportant and in this case we care only that this Dirac-delta function has the property $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-x_0)f(x)dx = f(x_0)$. For more information on this matter consider http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dirac_delta_function. To drive home that this function is strange, let me spoil the punch-line. The sampling function $f(x) = \operatorname{sinc}(ax)$ can be used as a definition for the Delta function as $a \to 0$. So can a bell-curve probability distribution. Yikes!

⁴Here wee keep the same notation as Kreysig pg. 523

⁵The point here is that while the Fourier transform of a linear combination is the linear combination of Fourier transforms, the Fourier transform of a product is a convolution integral. Well, at least that's something.

⁶This function is a representation of how the system responds to the most primitive force, $\delta(x)$, in the Fourier domain.

⁷The Green's function is just the inverse of the frequency response function and is a representation of how the system would like to respond to the primitive, $\delta(x)$, force in the original domain.

⁸The key point of these three steps is that, if you can determine how a linear differential equation responds to simple forcing then the general solution can be represented in terms of a convolution integral containing the Green's function. This gives us a general method for solving inhomogeneous differential equations. However, finding the Green's function for a DE is generally nontrivial.