# Fourier Transform and Communication Systems 

## Mathematically speaking...

## The Most Beautiful Equation

## Euler's identity <br> (Euler's equation)

Relate the three fundamental constants e, $\pi$ and i.


Fact: When mathematicians describe equations as beautiful, they are not lying. Brain scans show that their minds respond to beautiful equations in the same way other people respond to great paintings or masterful music.


## Euler's Formula on the Complex Plane



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## Rotating Vector in a Complex Plane



## $\operatorname{Im}\left\{e^{j \theta}\right\}=\sin \theta$



## Euler's Formula



## Euler's Formula $\cos (-\alpha)=\frac{1}{2}\left(e^{j(-\alpha)}+e^{-j(-\alpha)}\right)$

$$
=\frac{1}{2}\left(e^{-j \mu}+e^{j \alpha}\right)
$$



$$
=\cos (\alpha)
$$

## Complex

 exponential$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\cos (A)=\operatorname{Re}\left\{e^{j A}\right\}=\frac{1}{2}\left(e^{j A}+e^{-j A}\right) \\
\sin (A)=\operatorname{Im}\left\{e^{j A}\right\}=\frac{1}{2 j}\left(e^{j A}-e^{-j A}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2 \cos ^{2} x=1+\cos (2 x) \\
& 2 \sin ^{2} x=1-\cos (2 x)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
2 \sin (x) \cos (x)=\sin (2 x)
$$

$$
\frac{d}{d x} \sin x=\cos x
$$

$$
\cos (x) \cos (y)=\frac{1}{2}(\cos (x+y)+\cos (x-y))
$$

(product-to-sum formula)

## (Continuous-Time) Fourier Transform

$$
\begin{aligned}
& g(t)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f) e^{j 2 \pi f t} d f \stackrel{\mathcal{F}}{\rightleftharpoons} G(f)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-j 2 \pi f t} d t \\
& \text { Complex exponential: } e^{j 2 \pi f t}=\cos (2 \pi f t)+j \sin (2 \pi f t) \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { The relationship on the left is simply a decomposition of the } \\
\text { signal } g(t) \text { into a linear combination of (potentially } \\
\text { infinitely many) }
\end{array} e^{j 2 \pi f t} \text { components at different frequencies. }
\end{aligned}
$$

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From the decomposition point of view, the value of $G(f)$ at a particular frequency $f$ is simply the weight (scaling/ coefficient) which tells how much $e^{j 2 \pi f t}$ component there is in $g(t)$.

By the orthogonality among complex exponential functions, the value of $G(f)$ at a particular frequency $f$ can be calculated by the formula above.

This coefficient $G(f)$ considered as a function of frequency is the Fourier transform of our signal.

## 7 Equations

that changed the world $\ldots$ and still rule everyday life


## 7 Equations


$i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi=\hat{H} \psi$


$$
\nabla \times \mathrm{H}=\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathrm{E}}{\partial t}
$$

## First among equals

Behind the scenes, equations rule our everyday lives. Mathematician Ian Stewart goes in search of the most influential


## (Continuous-Time) Fourier Transform

Time Domain
Frequency Domain

Signals in this form is "easy" to work with under LTI system.

$$
g(0)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f) d f
$$

$$
G(0)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) d t
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& g(t)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f) e^{j 2 \pi f t} d f \underset{\text { inverse transforin }}{\underset{\mathcal{F}}{\text { direct transform }} \rightleftharpoons} G(f)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-j 2 \pi f t} d t \\
& \text { Capital letter is used to represent } \\
& \text { corresponding signal in the frequency domain. }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Delta function $\delta(f)$

- (Dirac) delta function or (unit) impulse function
- Usually depicted as a vertical arrow at the origin
- Not a true function
- Undefined at $f=0$
- Intuitively we may visualize $\delta(f)$ as an infinitely tall, infinitely narrow rectangular pulse of unit area




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## Fourier Transform Pairs (1)

Time Domain
Frequency Domain

$$
g(t)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \vec{G}(f) e^{j 2 \pi f t} d f \frac{\mathcal{F}}{\square} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}(t) e^{-j 2 \pi f t} d t
$$

$$
\cos (A)=\frac{1}{2}\left(e^{j A}+e^{-j A}\right) e^{j 2 \pi f_{0} t} \frac{\mathcal{F}}{\square} \delta\left(f-f_{0}\right)
$$


$\frac{e^{j 2 \pi f_{0} t}+e^{-j 2 \pi f_{0} t}}{2}=\cos \left(2 \pi f_{0} t\right) \stackrel{\mathcal{F}}{\rightleftharpoons} \frac{1}{2} \delta\left(f-\left(-f_{0}\right)\right)+\frac{1}{2} \delta\left(f-f_{0}\right)$
$=\frac{1}{2} e^{j 2 \pi t_{0} t}+\frac{1}{2} e^{j 2 \pi\left(-t_{0}\right) t}$


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$\sin (A)=\frac{1}{2 j}\left(\frac{j A}{e}-e^{-j A}\right)$
Practice Problems (A Revisit)


## Practice Problems (More)



## Fourier Transform of Symbolic Expression in MATLAB

```
function G = fourierf(g)
syms f
G = simplify(subs(fourier(g),'w',2*pi*f));
end
```

$\gg$ syms $t ; g=\exp \left(1 j^{*} 2^{*} p i^{*} 5^{*} t\right)$;
$\gg G=$ fourierf(g)
G =
dirac(f - 5)

$\gg$ syms $t$ f0; $g=\cos (2 * p i * f 0 * t)$;
>> G = fourierf(g)
G =
dirac(f $+\mathrm{f} 0) / 2+\operatorname{dirac}(f-\mathrm{f} 0) / 2$
>> pretty(G)
$\operatorname{dirac}(f+f 0) \quad \operatorname{dirac}(f-f 0)$

## Fourier Transform Pairs (2)

Time Domain
Frequency Domain

$$
g(t)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f) e^{j 2 \pi f t} d f \stackrel{\mathcal{F}}{\rightleftharpoons} G(f)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-j 2 \pi f t} d t
$$



## sinc function



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Zero crossings are at all non-zero integer multiples of $\pi$ because $\sin (x)=0$.
As $x \rightarrow 0$, we have $\frac{0}{0}$. Using L'Hospital's Rule, we set $\operatorname{sinc}(0) \equiv 1$.

## sinc function



## sinc function

Amplitude of $\sin (x)$ decreases continuously as $\frac{1}{x}$.


## Fourier Transform of Symbolic Rectangular Function in MATLAB

```
>> syms a t
>> g = rectangularPulse(-a,a,t)
g = 
rectangularPulse(-a, a, t)
>> G = fourierf(g)
G =
sin(2*pi*a*f)/(pi*f)
```

$$
\frac{\sin (2 \pi f a)}{\pi f}=2 a \operatorname{sinc}(2 \pi f a)
$$






 or speakers

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\begin{equation*}
f(t) \equiv \sum_{r} f(r / 2 W) \operatorname{sinc}(2 W t-r) \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\operatorname{sinc} x$ is an abbreviation for the function $(\sin \pi x) / \pi x$. This function occurs so often in Fourier analysis and its applications that it does seem to merit some notation of its own. Its most important properties are that it is zero when $x$ is a whole number but unity when $x$ is zero, and that

Normalized sinc function

and $\quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{sinc}(x-r) \operatorname{sinc}(x-s) d x=\left\{\begin{array}{l}1, r=s \\ 0, r \neq s\end{array}\right.$
$71 \quad r$ and $s$ both being integers. The importance of the identity (24)

## Normalized sinc function



Its zero crossings are at non-zero integer values of its argument.

## Fourier Transform Pairs (2)

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## Fourier Transform Pairs (3)

Time Domain
Frequency Domain

$$
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$$

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## More realistic signal...



plotspect.m


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```
% plotspec(x,t) plots the spectrum of the signal x
% whose values are sampled at time (in seconds) specified in t
function plotspect(x,t)
N=length(x);
Ts = t(2)-t(1);
ssf=((-N/2):(N/2-1))/(Ts*N);
fx=Ts*fft(x(1:N));
fxs=fftshift(fx);
subplot(2,1,1);
set(plot(t,x),'LineWidth',1.5); % plot the waveform
xlabel('Seconds'); % label the axes
subplot(2,1,2);
set(plot(ssf,abs(fxs)),'LineWidth',1.5); % plot magnitude spectrum
xlabel('Frequency [Hz]'); ylabel('Magnitude') % label the axes
```


## Phone/Cellphone (Muffled) Audio



## PILOT'S ALPHABET

- International

Radiotelephony Spelling


Alphabet.

- Pilots use it so that essential letter combinations can be easily understood by individuals transmitting
 and receiving voice messages.




## VoLTE Audio



## VoLTE Audio: AMR-WB


iPhone 5 supports HD Voice
in the form of AMR-WB over 3G (UMTS)


## Digital Audio Watermarking



