

4.4 SELF RECIPROCAL UNDER FOURIER TRANSFORM

Self-reciprocal:

If a transformation of a function $f(x)$ is equal to $f(s)$ then the function $f(x)$ is called **self-reciprocal**.

Find the Fourier transform of $e^{-a^2x^2}$. Hence prove that $e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$ is self-reciprocal with respect to Fourier Transforms.

Solution:

The Fourier transform $f(x)$ is

$$F[f(x)] = F(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{isx} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} F[e^{-a^2x^2}] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2x^2} e^{isx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2x^2 + isx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(a^2x^2 - isx)} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left[ax - \frac{is}{2a}\right]^2 - \left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left(ax - \frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left(ax - \frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A - B)^2 &= A^2 - 2AB + B^2 \\ 2AB &= isx \\ \text{Here } A &= ax, B = \frac{is}{2a} \end{aligned}$$

Let $u = ax - \frac{is}{2a} \Rightarrow du = adx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{du}{a}$; $u: -\infty$ to ∞

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{i^2s^2}{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} \frac{du}{a} \\ &= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \quad \because i^2 = -1 \\ &= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \quad \because e^{-u^2} \text{ is an even function} \\ &= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} 2 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \quad \because \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$F[e^{-a^2x^2}] = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

Deduction:

To prove $e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$ is self-reciprocal

It is enough to prove that $F\left[e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}\right]$ is $e^{-\frac{s^2}{2}}$

Put $a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ in (1)

$$F \left[e^{-\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 x^2} \right] = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}}$$

$$F \left[e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \right] = e^{\frac{-s^2}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{F \left[e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \right] = e^{\frac{-s^2}{2}}}$$

$\therefore e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}$ is self reciprocal.

Find the Fourier transform of $e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}$.

(or) Show that $e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}$ is self-reciprocal with respect to Fourier Transforms.

Solution:

Let $f(x) = e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}$

Assume $f(x) = e^{-a^2 x^2}$ where $a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

The Fourier transform $f(x)$ is

$$F[f(x)] = F(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{isx} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} F[e^{-a^2 x^2}] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2 x^2} e^{isx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2 x^2 + isx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(a^2 x^2 - isx)} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\left[(ax)^2 - isx + \left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2 \right]} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left(ax - \frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} e^{\left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left(ax - \frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$(A - B)^2 = A^2 - 2AB + B^2$$

$$2AB = isx$$

$$\text{Here } A = ax, B = \frac{is}{2a}$$

Let $u = ax - \frac{is}{2a} \Rightarrow du = adx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{du}{a}$; $u: -\infty$ to ∞

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{i^2 s^2}{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} \frac{du}{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \quad \because i^2 = -1 \\
&= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \quad \because e^{-u^2} \text{ is an even function} \\
&= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\pi}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} 2 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \quad \because \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{F\left[e^{-a^2x^2}\right] = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}}} \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

Deduction:

To prove $e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}$ is self-reciprocal

It is enough to prove that $F\left[e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}\right]$ is $e^{\frac{-s^2}{2}}$

Put $a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ in (1)

$$F\left[e^{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 x^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}}$$

$$F\left[e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}\right] = e^{\frac{-s^2}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{F\left[e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}\right] = e^{\frac{-s^2}{2}}}$$

$\therefore e^{\frac{-x^2}{2}}$ is self-reciprocal.

Find the Fourier cosine transform of $e^{-a^2x^2}$ Hence find $F_s\left[xe^{-a^2x^2}\right]$.

Solution:

Let $f(x) = e^{-a^2x^2}$

The Fourier cosine transform f(x) is

$$\begin{aligned}
F_c[f(x)] &= F_c(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cos sx \, dx & \because \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-a^2x^2} \cos sx \, dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2x^2} \cos sx \, dx$$

$$F_c[f(x)] = \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2x^2} e^{isx} \, dx \quad \because \cos sx = \text{R.P. of } e^{isx}$$

$$F_c[f(x)] = \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2x^2} e^{isx} \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2x^2} e^{isx} dx \\
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2x^2+isx} dx \\
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(a^2x^2-isx)} dx \\
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left[(ax)^2 - isx + \left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2 \right]} dx \\
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left(ax - \frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} e^{\left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} dx \\
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\left(\frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left(ax - \frac{is}{2a}\right)^2} dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$-2ab = isx$$

$$\text{Here } a = ax$$

$$-2axb = -isx \Rightarrow b = \frac{is}{2a}$$

$$\text{Let } u = ax - \frac{is}{2a} \Rightarrow du = adx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{du}{a} ; u : -\infty \text{ to } \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{i^2s^2}{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} \frac{du}{a} \\
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \quad \because i^2 = -1 \\
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \quad \because e^{-u^2} \text{ is an even function} \\
&= \text{R.P. of } \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\pi}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} 2 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \quad \because \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$F\left[e^{-a^2x^2}\right] = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

Deduction:

$$F_s[xf(x)] = -\frac{d}{ds} \{F_c[f(x)]\} = -\frac{d}{ds} [F_c(s)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_s[xe^{-a^2x^2}] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left\{ F_c[e^{-a^2x^2}] \right\} \\
&= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{a\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}} \left(\frac{-2s}{4a^2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$F_s[xe^{-a^2x^2}] = \frac{s}{2\sqrt{2}a^3} e^{\frac{-s^2}{4a^2}}$$

$$\text{Solve for } f(x), \text{ the integral equation } \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin sxdx = \begin{cases} 1, 0 \leq s < 1 \\ 2, 1 \leq s < 2. \\ 0, s \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin sx dx = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq s < 1 \\ 2, & 1 \leq s < 2 \\ 0, & s \geq 2 \end{cases} \text{----- (1)}$$

We know that

$$F_s[f(x)] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin sx dx$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} F_s^{-1} \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq s < 1 \\ 2, & 1 \leq s < 2 \\ 0, & s \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad F^{-1}[F_s(s)] = f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} F_s(s) \sin sx ds$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\int_0^1 1 \sin sx ds + \int_1^2 2 \sin sx ds + \int_2^{\infty} 0 \sin sx ds \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\int_0^1 1 \sin sx ds + \int_1^2 2 \sin sx ds \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{-\cos sx}{x} \right)_0^1 + 2 \left(\frac{-\cos sx}{x} \right)_1^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{-\cos x}{x} + \frac{\cos 0}{x} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{-\cos 2x}{x} + \frac{\cos x}{x} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos x}{x} + \frac{1}{x} - 2 \frac{\cos 2x}{x} + 2 \frac{\cos x}{x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi x} [1 - \cos x - 2 \cos 2x + 2 \cos x]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi x} [1 + \cos x - 2 \cos 2x]$$

Find the Fourier cosine and sine transform of x^{n-1} . Hence show that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ is self-reciprocal under

Fourier cosine and sine transforms.

Solution:

By definition of Gamma integral

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} x^{n-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma n}{a^n}, \quad a > 0, n > 0$$

Put $a = is$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-isx} x^{n-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma n}{(is)^n}, \quad a > 0, n > 0$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} e^{-isx} dx = \frac{\Gamma n}{i^n s^n}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} (-i)^n$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{2} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^n \quad \because e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = -i$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \quad \because \text{by Demorive's theorem } (\cos \theta \pm i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta \pm i \sin n\theta$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} (\cos sx - i \sin sx) dx = \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} \cos sx \, dx - i \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} \sin sx \, dx = \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - i \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts on both sides

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} \cos sx \, dx = \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \qquad \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} \sin sx \, dx = \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} \cos sx \, dx = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \qquad \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} \sin sx \, dx = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\boxed{F_c [x^{n-1}] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{F_s [x^{n-1}] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}$$

Deduction:

To prove $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ is self-reciprocal under Fourier cosine and sine transforms.

It is enough to prove that $F_c \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$ and $F_s \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$

We know that

$$F_c [x^{n-1}] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \qquad F_s [x^{n-1}] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma n}{s^n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

Put $n = \frac{1}{2}$

$$F_c \left[x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$F_s \left[x^{\left(\frac{1}{2}-1 \right)} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sin \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$F_c \left[x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$F_s \left[x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \because \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ and } \Gamma \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\boxed{F_c \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}}$$

$$\boxed{F_s \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}}$$

$\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ is self-reciprocal under Fourier cosine and sine transforms.

Find the function $f(x)$ if its sine transform is $\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } F_s [f(x)] = F_s(s) = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}$$

$$f(x) = F^{-1} [F_s(s)] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} F_s(s) \sin sx \, ds$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \sin sx \, ds$$

Taking diff on both sides w.r.to x

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \sin sx \, ds \right] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin sx) \, ds \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \cos sx \times s \, ds$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-as} \cos sx \, ds$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{a}{a^2 + x^2} \right] \quad \because \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} \cos bx \, dx = \frac{a}{a^2 + s^2} \text{ here } a = a, b = x$$

Integrating on w.r.to x

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} a \int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} \quad \because \int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$$

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

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