Digital Signal Processing
Properties of the Discrete-Time Fourier Transform

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Symmetry/Antisymmetry Definitions

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Decompositions

Any sequence $x[n]$ (real or complex) can be expressed as the sum of a conjugate symmetric and conjugate antisymmetric sequence, i.e.,

$$x[n] = \underbrace{x_e[n]}_{\text{conjugate symmetric}} + \underbrace{x_o[n]}_{\text{conjugate antisymmetric}}$$

with

$$x_e[n] = \frac{1}{2}\left(x[n] + x^*[-n]\right) \text{ and } x_o[n] = \frac{1}{2}\left(x[n] - x^*[-n]\right)$$

By linearity, the DTFT can be written as

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = X_e(e^{j\omega}) + X_o(e^{j\omega})$$

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$$X_e(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{2}\left(X(e^{j\omega}) + X^*(e^{-j\omega})\right) \text{ and } X_o(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{2}\left(X(e^{j\omega}) - X^*(e^{-j\omega})\right)$$

It is easy to confirm that $X_e(e^{j\omega})$ is a conjugate symmetric function of ω and $X_o(e^{j\omega})$ is a conjugate antisymmetric function of ω (just plug in $-\omega$ for ω).

TABLE 2.1 SYMMETRY PROPERTIES OF THE FOURIER TRANSFORM

Sequence $x[n]$	Fourier Transform $X(e^{j\omega})$
1. $x^*[n]$	$X^*(e^{-j\omega})$
2. $x^*[-n]$	$X^*(e^{j\omega})$
3. $\mathcal{R}e\{x[n]\}$	$X_e(e^{j\omega})$ (conjugate-symmetric part of $X(e^{j\omega})$)
4. $j\mathcal{I}m\{x[n]\}$	$X_o(e^{j\omega})$ (conjugate-antisymmetric part of $X(e^{j\omega})$)
5. $x_e[n]$ (conjugate-symmetric part of $x[n]$)	$X_R(e^{j\omega}) = \mathcal{R}e\{X(e^{j\omega})\}$
6. $x_o[n]$ (conjugate-antisymmetric part of $x[n]$)	$jX_I(e^{j\omega}) = j\mathcal{I}m\{X(e^{j\omega})\}$
The following properties apply only when $x[n]$ is real:	
7. Any real $x[n]$	$X(e^{j\omega}) = X^*(e^{-j\omega})$ (Fourier transform is conjugate symmetric)
8. Any real $x[n]$	$X_R(e^{j\omega}) = X_R(e^{-j\omega})$ (real part is even)
9. Any real $x[n]$	$X_I(e^{j\omega}) = -X_I(e^{-j\omega})$ (imaginary part is odd)
10. Any real $x[n]$	$\lvert X(e^{j\omega})\rvert = \lvert X(e^{-j\omega})\rvert$ (magnitude is even)
11. Any real $x[n]$	$\angle X(e^{j\omega}) = -\angle X(e^{-j\omega})$ (phase is odd)
12. $x_e[n]$ (even part of $x[n]$)	$X_R(e^{j\omega})$
13. $x_o[n]$ (odd part of $x[n]$)	$jX_I(e^{j\omega})$

TABLE 2.2 FOURIER TRANSFORM THEOREMS

Sequence	Fourier Transform
$x[n]$	$X(e^{j\omega})$
$y[n]$	$Y(e^{j\omega})$
1. $ax[n]+by[n]$	$aX(e^{j\omega})+bY(e^{j\omega})$
2. $x[n-n_d]$ (n_d an integer)	$e^{-j\omega n_d}X(e^{j\omega})$
3. $e^{j\omega_0 n}x[n]$	$X(e^{j(\omega-\omega_0)})$
4. $x[-n]$	$X(e^{-j\omega})$ $X^*(e^{j\omega})$ if $x[n]$ real.
5. $nx[n]$	$j\dfrac{dX(e^{j\omega})}{d\omega}$
6. $x[n]*y[n]$	$X(e^{j\omega})Y(e^{j\omega})$
7. $x[n]y[n]$	$\dfrac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}X(e^{j\theta})Y(e^{j(\omega-\theta)})d\theta$

Parseval's theorem:

8. $$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}|x[n]|^2=\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}|X(e^{j\omega})|^2d\omega$$

9. $$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}x[n]y^*[n]=\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}X(e^{j\omega})Y^*(e^{j\omega})d\omega$$

TABLE 2.3 FOURIER TRANSFORM PAIRS

Sequence	Fourier Transform
1. $\delta[n]$	1
2. $\delta[n-n_0]$	$e^{-j\omega n_0}$
3. $1 \quad (-\infty < n < \infty)$	$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega+2\pi k)$
4. $a^n u[n] \quad (\lvert a\rvert < 1)$	$\frac{1}{1-ae^{-j\omega}}$
5. $u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1-e^{-j\omega}} + \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \pi\delta(\omega+2\pi k)$
6. $(n+1)a^n u[n] \quad (\lvert a\rvert < 1)$	$\frac{1}{(1-ae^{-j\omega})^2}$
7. $\frac{r^n \sin\omega_p(n+1)}{\sin\omega_p} u[n] \quad (\lvert r\rvert < 1)$	$\frac{1}{1-2r\cos\omega_p e^{-j\omega}+r^2e^{-j2\omega}}$
8. $\frac{\sin\omega_c n}{\pi n}$	$X(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \lvert\omega\rvert < \omega_c, \\ 0, & \omega_c < \lvert\omega\rvert \le \pi \end{cases}$
9. $x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le n \le M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{\sin[\omega(M+1)/2]}{\sin(\omega/2)} e^{-j\omega M/2}$
10. $e^{j\omega_0 n}$	$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega-\omega_0+2\pi k)$
11. $\cos(\omega_0 n+\phi)$	$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} [\pi e^{j\phi}\delta(\omega-\omega_0+2\pi k)+\pi e^{-j\phi}\delta(\omega+\omega_0+2\pi k)]$