

# ecture #17 Convolution Theorem, Signal Processing and Discrete Fourier Transforms

## I. Convolution Theorem Applications

### A. Ex: Green's Function for Poisson Eq

1.  $\Psi(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho(r')}{|r-r'|} d^3r' \quad \leftarrow \text{Form of a convolution.}$

2. Use  $\boxed{Sg(r') f(r-r') d^3r' = \int F(\underline{k}) G(\underline{k}) e^{-ik \cdot r} d^3k} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Convolution} \\ \text{Theorem} \end{matrix}$

where  $g(r') = \rho(r')$  and  $f(r) = \frac{1}{r} \Rightarrow F(r-r') = \frac{1}{|r-r'|}$

3.  $F(\underline{k}) = [F(r-r')]^T = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \quad (20.42), \quad G(\underline{k}) = \rho^T(\underline{k})$

4. Thus  $\boxed{\Psi(r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int \frac{\rho^T(\underline{k})}{k^2} e^{-ik \cdot r} d^3k} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{May be easier to} \\ \text{evaluate} \end{matrix}$

### B. Ex: Two-Center Overlap Integral

1.  $S_{ab} = \int \phi_a^*(r-\underline{A}) \phi_b(r-\underline{B}) d^3r$

a. Scalar product of two atomic orbitals:  $\phi_a$  centered at  $\underline{A}$ ,  $\phi_b$  at  $\underline{B}$ .

2. Change Coordinates to original  $\underline{A}$ :  $\underline{r}' = \underline{r} - \underline{A}$

a. Thus  $\underline{r}-\underline{B} = \underline{r}' - (\underline{B}-\underline{A}) = \underline{r}' - \underline{B}$  where  $R = \underline{B} - \underline{A}$   
is separation!

b. Yields  $S_{ab} = \int \phi_a^*(\underline{r}') \phi_b(\underline{r}'-\underline{B}) d^3r'$

$\underline{B}-\underline{r}'$  would yield standard convolution form!

c. Use (20.50),  $[\phi_b(-(\underline{B}-\underline{r}'))]^T = \phi_b^T(-\underline{k})$

3. Use Conv. Thm,  $\boxed{S_{ab} = \int \phi_a^T(\underline{k}) \phi_b^T(-\underline{k}) e^{-ik \cdot B} d^3k}$

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4. If we assume Slater-type Orbitals (STOs) of the form

a.  $\phi = \phi^* = e^{-\beta r}$  with Screening parameter  $\beta$ .

b.  $\phi^T = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{8\pi\beta}{(k^2 + \beta^2)^2}$

5. Thus,  $S_{ab} = \frac{(8\pi\beta)^2}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{e^{-ik \cdot R}}{(k^2 + \beta^2)^4} d^3 k$

a. Evaluated at single point  $k$  with spacing  $R$  in complex exponential.

6. Use spherical wave expansion of  $e^{-ik \cdot R}$ : (6.61)

$$e^{ik \cdot r} = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l i l j_l(kr) Y_l^m(r) Y_l^{m*}(Rr)$$

a. Using similar procedure as last #6, I.B.1., after integration over all  $S d^3 k$ , only  $Y_0^0$  term survives.

b. Simplifies to  $S_{ab} = \frac{(8\pi\beta)^2}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{j_0(kR)}{(k^2 + \beta^2)^4} 4\pi k^2 dk$

7. This integral can be expressed in terms of modified spherical Bessel function  $K_2(3R)$  (see (20.82) in text), yielding

$$S_{ab} = \frac{\pi R^3}{3} K_2(3R) = \frac{\pi e^{-3R}}{3 R^3} (3^2 R^2 + 3 R + 3)$$

## C. Multiple Convolutions

1. Consider convolution of  $f(x)$  with  $(g * h)(x)$

$$[f * (g * h)](x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz f(y) g(z-y) h(x-z)$$

2. Convolution Theorem

$$[f * g * h]^T(\omega) = F(\omega) G(\omega) H(\omega)$$

a. Functions  $f, g, & h$  can be convolved in any order  $\rightarrow$  same result

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$$3. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz f(y)g(z-y)h(x-z) = (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) G(\omega) H(\omega) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega$$

4. Ex: Interaction of Two Charge distributions

a.  $V = \int d^3r' \int d^3r'' \frac{p_1(r') p_2(r'')}{|r'' - r'|}$  ← Double convolution with  $r=0$  and sign change in argument of  $p_2$ .

b. Taking  $F(r) = \frac{1}{r}$ ,  $g(r) = p_1(r)$ ,  $h(r) = p_2(r)$ , we obtain

$$V = 4\pi \int \frac{d^3k}{k^2} p_1^T(k) p_2^T(-k) \quad \text{← Single 3D integral}$$

NOTE:  $\int k^2 d^3k = 1$  ( $k=0$ )

## D. Transform of a Product

1. Fourier transform of a product  $\Rightarrow$  Convolution of Fourier Transforms

$$[F(x)g(x)]^T = (F * G)(\omega)$$

2. This arises when Fourier transforming a nonlinear equation.

a. Nonlinear term yields a convolution.

b. In practice, in numerical simulations, equations are transformed from Fourier space back to physical space to evaluate nonlinear terms.

## II. Signal Processing

### A. Correps

1. Consider a time series  $f(t)$

a. Each frequency  $\omega$  contributes  $F(\omega) e^{i\omega t}$ , so

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

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2. What do negative frequencies mean?

a. Mathematical consequence of not using two functions ( $\sin(\cos)$ ) to define the signal.  $\rightarrow$  Needed to get phase correct.

3. Alternate definitions

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

a. Normalization & sign of exponent changed from previous definition.

### B. Transfer Function

1. For a single frequency signal  $f_w(t)$ , consider a device which can change its amplitude & phase (but not  $\omega$ ) to yield  $g_w(t)$ .

$$f_w(t) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{Device}} \rightarrow g_w(t)$$

$\phi(\omega)$

### 2. Linear Response

a. Output  $g_w(t)$  is at same frequency  $\omega$  as input  $f_w(t)$

b. Amplitude scales linearly with input

c. Result is independent of other frequencies

$$g_w(t) = \underbrace{\phi(\omega)}_{\text{Transfer Function: Characteristic}} f_w(t)$$

3. For full spectrum of  $\omega$ ,

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(\omega) F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

4. Let  $\Phi(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$

a. By Conv. Thm, we may obtain  $g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(t') \Phi(t-t') dt'$

### III. B. (Continued)

#### 5. Causality:

a. Since the effect at time  $t$  on  $g(t)$  must only depend on times  $t' < t$  due to causality,  $\Phi(t-t') = 0$  if  $t' > t$

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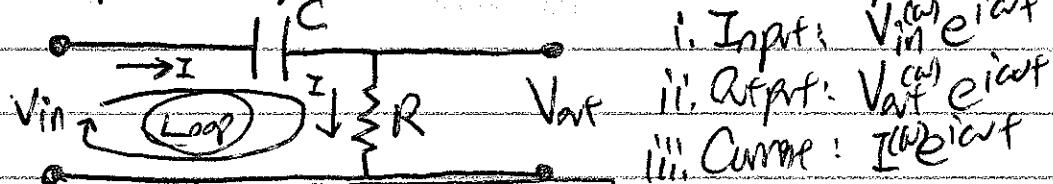
6. Thus,

$$g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f(t') \Phi(t-t') dt'$$

7. Reality of  $\Phi(t)$ : a. Since  $g(t)$  must be real, given a real input  $f(t)$ , the  $\Phi(t)$  must also be real!

Causality and Reality are important properties of transfer function  $\Phi(t)$ .

8. Example: High-Pass Filter a. Linear response at frequency  $\omega$



$$\text{I} \leftarrow V_{out}(\omega) = \phi(\omega)V_{in}(\omega)$$

coefficients may be complex.

b. Electrical Circuit Analysis: Kirchhoff's Law: Potential around closed loop = 0.

$$V_{in} e^{j\omega t} = \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{1}{C} I e^{j\omega t} dt + R I e^{j\omega t}$$

c. Differentiate with respect to time to eliminate integral.

$$V_{in} \frac{d}{dt} e^{j\omega t} = \frac{1}{C} I e^{j\omega t} + R I \frac{d}{dt} e^{j\omega t}$$

$$j\omega V_{in} e^{j\omega t} = \frac{1}{C} I e^{j\omega t} + j\omega R I e^{j\omega t}$$

d. Solve for Current:  $I = \frac{j\omega C V_{in}}{1 + j\omega RC}$

strictly speaking  
real constants  $RC$

$$e. V_{out} = IR, \text{ so } \boxed{\phi(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}(\omega)}{V_{in}(\omega)} = \frac{j\omega RC}{1 + j\omega RC}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\omega) &= 1 \\ \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \phi(\omega) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## II. (Continued)

### C. Restrictions on $\Phi(w)$

Forward transform using Hemes (6)  
convention in this section!

$$1. \Phi(w) = \int_0^\infty \tilde{x}(t) e^{-iwt} dt \quad \text{Recall } \tilde{x}(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0.$$

$$2. \text{Separate Re \& Im: } \Phi(w) = U(w) + iV(w)$$

a. We separate real \& imaginary since  $\tilde{x}(t)$  is real:

$$U(w) = \int_0^\infty \tilde{x}(t) \cos w t dt \quad \leftarrow \text{Cosine transform}$$

$$V(w) = \int_0^\infty \tilde{x}(t) \sin w t dt \quad \leftarrow \text{Sine transform}$$

### B. Inverse Cosine \& Sine Transforms yield

$$a. \tilde{x}(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty U(w) \cos wt dw$$

for  $t > 0$

$$= -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty V(w) \sin wt dw$$

$$b. \text{Thus, } \int_0^\infty U(w) \cos wt dw = - \int_0^\infty V(w) \sin wt dw, \quad t > 0$$

Requirements for Causality \& Reality lead to an interdependence  
of real \& imaginary parts of transfer function  $\Phi(w)$

## III. Discrete Fourier Transforms

### A. Motivation

1. Using a Fourier Space representation for numerical simulation,  
we must use Fourier transforms on a discrete set of points.

2. Thus, we need to explore properties of Discrete Fourier Transforms.

### B. Orthogonality

1. Need to explore orthogonality for a discrete set of points.  
 $\Rightarrow \sin, \cos, e^{iwt}$  are orthogonal on a discrete set of uniformly spaced points!

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2. Choose

$$x_k = \frac{2\pi k}{N}, \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

3. Define  $\phi_p(x_k) = e^{ipx_k}$  defined only on points  $x_k$ !

4. Scalar Product: Discrete version is sum of products

$$\langle \phi_p | \phi_q \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \phi_p^*(x_k) \phi_q(x_k)$$

5. Substituting for  $\phi_p(x_k)$ , etc.

a.  $\langle \phi_p | \phi_q \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{i2\pi k(q-p)}{N}} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} r^k$  where  $r = e^{i\frac{2\pi(q-p)}{N}}$

b. Finite Geometric Series:  $\langle \phi_p | \phi_q \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} r^k = \frac{1-r^N}{1-r}$

c. But, since  $p$  and  $q$  are integer values,  $q-p$  is an integer,

and  $r^N = \left[ e^{i\frac{2\pi(q-p)}{N}} \right]^N = e^{i2\pi(q-p)} = 1$  for any integer  $(q-p) \neq 0$

d. If  $q-p=nN$ , then  $r=1$ , so  $\langle \phi_p | \phi_q \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} 1^N = N$ .  
 any integer multiple of  $N$ .

e. But, since  $\phi_p$  is defined on  $N$  points, only  $N$  functions can be linearly independent.  $\Rightarrow$  Restrictions  $0 \leq p, q \leq N-1$ .

f. Final Result:

$$\langle \phi_p | \phi_q \rangle = N \delta_{pq} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq p, q \leq N-1$$

Orthogonality Condition on discrete set of points.

g. Discrete Transforms: 1. Forward:

$$g_p = N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-i2\pi kp/N} f_k$$

2. Inverse:  $f_k = N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{p=0}^{N-1} e^{-i2\pi kp/N} g_p$

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2. Physical Space:  $f_k = f(x_k)$

Fourier Space:  $g_p \equiv g(\omega_p)$  where  $\omega_p = \frac{2\pi p}{N}$ ,  $0 \leq p \leq N-1$   
possible frequencies.

3. Verify:

$$f_k = N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-i2\pi k j/N} \left[ N^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{i2\pi j p/N} f_j \right] = N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-i2\pi(j-k)p/N} f_j \\ = N^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \delta_{jk} f_j = \frac{N}{N} f_k = f_k \quad \checkmark \quad = \delta_{jk}$$

4. Properties: Similar to continuous Fourier Transform

a. Ex: Translation  $[f_{k+j}]_p = e^{i2\pi j p/N} g_p$  Translation by  $j$  discrete steps.

5. Discrete Convolution Theorem:

$$[f * g]_p = F_p G_p$$

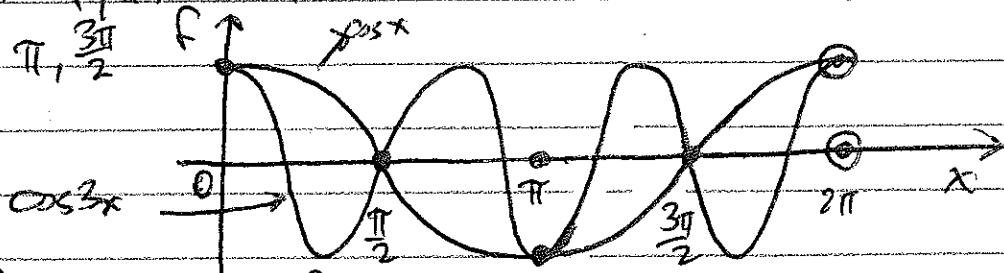
6. Transformation Matrix! Unitary  $N \times N$  matrix!

7. Aliasing:

a. On a discrete set of points, higher frequency modes can be mistaken for modes at a lower (resolved frequency).

b. Consider  $f_1(x) = \cos x$  and  $f_2(x) = \cos 3x$  on  $N=4$  points.

c.  $x_k = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}$



d. Both  $f_1(x) = \cos x$  and  $f_2(x) = \cos 3x$  have exactly the same values at all  $x_k$ !  $\Rightarrow$  Cannot be distinguished on  $N=4$  points.

e. Any contribution from  $f_2(x) = \cos 3x$  will be mistakenly interpreted as due to  $f_1(x) = \cos x \Rightarrow$  Power is aliased into resolved frequency range.

8. Fast Fourier Transforms: Cooley & Tukey, Math. Comput. 19, A27 (1965)

a. Efficient routine reduces cost from  $N^2$  to  $\frac{N}{2} \log_2 N$ . For  $N=1024$ , saves a factor of  $\sim 2000$ .