

Fourier Transform Practice Problems

f(x) or f(t)		ODE
1		a. $y'' - y' - 6y = f(t)$
2		b. $y'' - 6y' + 5y = f(t)$
3		c. $y'' - 4y' + 4y = f(t)$
4		d. $y'' + 5y' + 6y = f(t)$
5		
6	$f(x) = x^2 \quad (-1 < x < 1), p = 2$	
7	$f(x) = x x \quad (-1 < x < 1), p = 2$	

Question

1. Find the Fourier series of $f(x)$, then find the “steady-state” solution for the ODE.
 2. Find the Fourier transform of $f(x)$ assuming that $p \rightarrow \infty$.

3. Prove $f(x) \leftrightarrow \hat{f}(w), g(x) \leftrightarrow \hat{g}(w) \rightarrow fg \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{f} * \hat{g}$.

4. Find the Fourier cosine transforms of:

(a) $-x + a, 0 < x < a$ (b) $e^{-ax^2} (a > 0)$

5. Find the Fourier sine transforms of:

(a) $-x + a, 0 < x < a$ (b) $x e^{-ax^2} (a > 0)$

6. Show that

(a) $\int_0^\infty \frac{\cos xw + w \sin xw}{1 + w^2} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \pi/2 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \pi e^{-x} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$

(b) $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin \pi w \sin xw}{1 - w^2} dw = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} \sin x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ 0 & \text{if } x > \pi \end{cases}$

(c) $\int_0^\infty \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2} \pi w}{1 - w^2} \cos xw dw = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}\pi \cos x & \text{if } 0 < |x| < \frac{1}{2}\pi \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| \geq \frac{1}{2}\pi \end{cases}$

(d) $\int_0^\infty \frac{w^3 \sin xw}{w^4 + 4} dw = \frac{1}{2}\pi e^{-x} \cos x \quad \text{if } x > 0$

7. Solve the following integral equations; (i.e., find $f(x)$)

(a) $\int_0^\infty f(x) \cos wx dx = e^{-w^2/4a}$ (b) $\int_0^\infty f(x) \sin wx dx = we^{-w^2/2}$

