



TOPIC : 4 - Parseval's identity

Example 4:

show that the transform of $e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$ is $e^{-\frac{s^2}{2}}$ by finding the Fourier transform of $e^{-a^2 x^2}$, $a > 0$.

Soln:-

self-reciprocal:

If the Fourier transform of $f(x)$ is $f(s)$, then $f(x)$ is said to be self-reciprocal under Fourier transform

F.T. of $f(x) = e^{-a^2 x^2}$ is,

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(a^2 x^2 - isx)} dx,$$

$$a^2 x^2 - isx = \left[(ax)^2 - 2(ax) \left(\frac{is}{2a} \right) + \left(\frac{is}{2a} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{s^2}{4a^2}$$

$$= \left[ax - \frac{is}{2a} \right]^2 + \frac{s^2}{4a^2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F(s) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}} \cdot e^{-\left(ax - \frac{xs}{2a}\right)} dx \\ &= \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}}}{\sqrt{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left[ax - \frac{xs}{2a}\right]^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Put $x = ax - \frac{xs}{2a}$
 $dx = a dx$

$$\therefore F(s) = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{4a^2}} e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du = \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}}}{a\sqrt{4a^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du$$

Put $t = u^2, du = \frac{dt}{2\sqrt{t}}$

$$\therefore F(s) = \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}}}{a\sqrt{4a^2}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \frac{dt}{2\sqrt{t}} = \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}}}{a\sqrt{4a^2}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt$$
$$F(s) = \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}}}{a\sqrt{4a^2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a^2}}}{a\sqrt{4a^2}} \left[\because \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi} \right]$$

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Putting $a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ in $\textcircled{1}$, we have.

$$F(e^{-x^2/2}) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}} = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

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

The function $f(x) = e^{-x^2/2}$ is self-reciprocal under Fourier transform.