

Fourier Series

One-dimensional Fourier Series

$f(x)$: Continuous and differential function; Periodic with period L .

Inverse Fourier transform (from \hat{f}_k to $f(x)$)

$$f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_k \exp(i Kx)$$

where the wavenumber $K=2\pi k/L$ (k =integer).

$$\text{kfactor} = 2\pi/L.$$

Forward transform (from $f(x)$ to \hat{f}_k)

$$\hat{f}_k = \int_0^L f(x) \exp(-i Kx)$$

Discrete Fourier Transform

Divide L into N parts:

$x_j = jL/N$ with $j=0:N-1$

$$f_j = \sum_{-N/2+1}^{N/2} \hat{f}_k \exp(i 2\pi jk/N)$$

$$\hat{f}_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_0^{N-1} f_j \exp(-i 2\pi jk/N)$$

Linear transform between $\{f_j\}$ to $\{\hat{f}_k\}$.

Interestingly DFT is independent of N .

Properties

For real $f(x)$

$$\hat{f}_k = \hat{f}_{k+N}$$

$$\hat{f}_{-k} = \hat{f}_k^*$$

Energy (Parseval Theorem)

$$\frac{1}{L} \int dx (f(x))^2 = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}_k|^2$$

For the discretized version, DFT defined earlier has the following property

$$\sum_0^{N-1} f_j^2 = \sum_{-N/2+1}^{N/2} |\hat{f}_k|^2$$

Multidimensional-dimensional Fourier Series

FFTW notation

$f(\mathbf{x})$ = periodic function in a box (L_1, L_2, \dots, L_d) where d is the space dimension of the box

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \hat{f}_k \exp(i \mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

where the wavenumber $K_s = 2\pi k_s / L_s$, ($s=1:d$) with

$$k_{\text{factor}_s} = 2\pi / L_s.$$

Forward transform (from $f(\mathbf{x})$ to \hat{f}_k)

$$\hat{f}_k = \int_0^L d\mathbf{x} f(\mathbf{x}) \exp(-i \mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

Discrete Multi-dimensional Transform

The vector \mathbf{x} has component

$$\mathbf{x} = \{ (L_1/N_1) j_1, (L_2/N_2) j_2, \dots, (L_d/N_d) j_d \}$$

$$\text{Inverse } f_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum f_{\mathbf{j}} \exp(-i \frac{j_s k_s}{N_s})$$

$$\text{Forward } f_{\mathbf{j}} = \sum f_{\mathbf{k}} \exp(i \frac{j_s k_s}{N_s})$$

Properties

$$\hat{f}(-\mathbf{k}) = \hat{f}^*(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\hat{f}(k_1 + a_1 N_1, k_2 + a_2 N_2, \dots) = \hat{f}(k_1, k_2, \dots)$$

About implementation

1. Compute Fourier transforms of the following real function:

(a) $f(x) = \cos(x) + 2 \sin(x)$

(b) $f(x,y) = 8 \cos(x) \sin(y)$

(c) $f(x,y) = \cos(x+y)$

(d) $f(x) = \cos^2(x)$

Assume periodic box of size 2π in 1D, and of size $(2\pi \times 2\pi)$ for 2D.

What are the energies of the functions of problem 2? Verify Parseval's theorem. See my notes for the definition of energy and Parseval's theorem.

1. **Optional: Use fft (complex to complex) to compute Fourier transform of (a) $\exp(-i5x)$, (b) $\exp(i(x+y))$.**