

What does the Fourier transform do

Wave as a function of time to a function of frequency

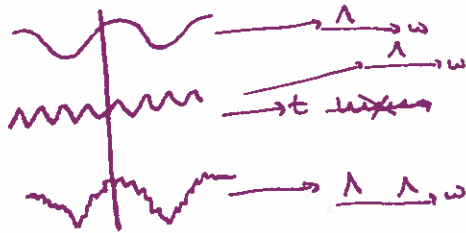
⇒ therefore time & frequency are not independent variables

2) use integration as a filter

multiply by $\cos \omega t$ & $\sin \omega t$ → shifted 90° out of phase

• takes all phases into account

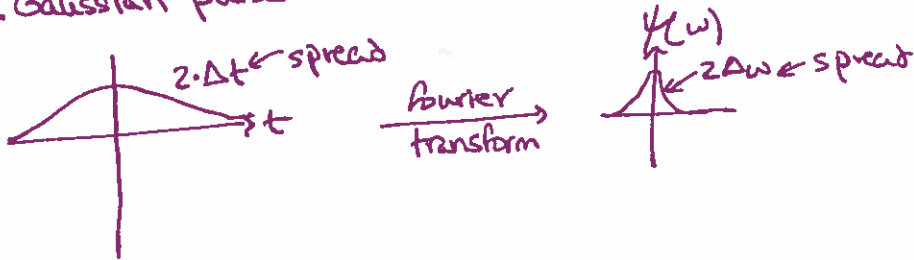
Example



Today: t (time) and ω (frequency) are Fourier conjugates:

$\sin \psi(\omega)$ can be calculated from $\psi(t)$ and vice versa,
 t and ω are ^{not} independent variables

ex Gaussian pulse



$$|\psi(\omega)| \approx e^{-\Delta t^2 \omega^2} = e^{-\left(\frac{\omega}{2(1/2 \Delta t)}\right)^2}$$

$$= e^{-\left(\frac{\omega}{2 \Delta \omega}\right)^2}$$

↑
width

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \omega = 1/2 \Delta t \text{ or } \Delta \omega \cdot \Delta t = 1/2 \leftarrow \text{conjugation coefficient}$$

Δt and $\Delta \omega$ are inversely proportional

Final important property of F.T derivative

$$\mathcal{F}\left(\frac{\partial \psi(t)}{\partial t}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{\partial \psi(t)}{\partial t} \underbrace{e^{i\omega t}}_u = \psi(t) e^{i\omega t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt i\omega e^{i\omega t} \psi(t)$$

$$v = \psi(t); du = i\omega e^{i\omega t} dt$$

note:

$$\int du u = u - \int du v$$

$$\text{If } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}\right) = -i\omega \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \psi(t) \\ = -i\omega \psi(\omega)$$

Turned taking a derivative into multiplication

If $\psi(t)$ has a FT $\psi(\omega)$, then the derivative of $\psi(t)$ becomes

$$\psi(\omega) \times -i\omega$$