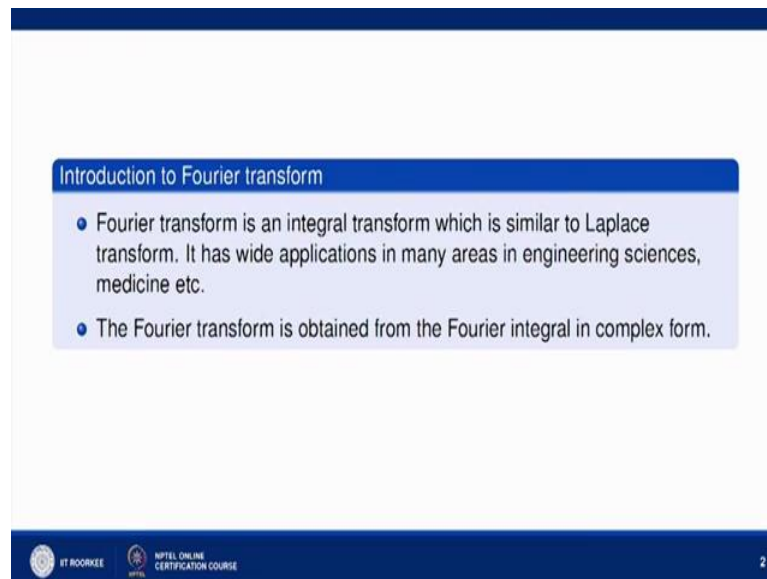


**Mathematical methods and its applications**  
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**Lecture - 55**  
**Fourier Transforms**

Welcome to lecture series on Mathematical Methods and its Applications. We have discussed about Fourier series and Fourier integrals. Now, we will come to Fourier transforms. Fourier transforms like we did in we did Laplace transforms, its inverse and its applications, similar way we will see what are Fourier transforms, its inverse, and what are the applications. So, Fourier transform is a integral transform which is similar to Laplace transforms it has wide applications in many areas in engineering, sciences, medicine, etcetera.

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The slide is titled "Introduction to Fourier transform" and contains two bullet points. The first bullet point states: "Fourier transform is an integral transform which is similar to Laplace transform. It has wide applications in many areas in engineering sciences, medicine etc." The second bullet point states: "The Fourier transform is obtained from the Fourier integral in complex form." The slide also features logos for IIT Roorkee and NPTEL Online Certification Course at the bottom.

Now, this Fourier transform is obtained from the Fourier integral in complex form. Now, what is it and how it is and how we obtained Fourier transform. Let us see.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} (A(\omega) \cos \omega x + B(\omega) \sin \omega x) d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega t dt \right] \cos \omega x + \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t dt \right] \sin \omega x d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) [\cos \omega t \cos \omega x + \sin \omega t \sin \omega x] dt d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega(t-x) dt d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega(t-x) dt d\omega - \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega(t-x) dt d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega(t-x)} dt d\omega
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, what is a Fourier integral representation of function  $f(x)$  it is nothing but one upon pi times integral 0 to infinity  $A(\omega) \cos \omega x + B(\omega) \sin \omega x$  into  $d\omega$ . So, this is a Fourier integral representation of function  $f(x)$ . Now, substitute the value of  $A(\omega)$  and  $B(\omega)$  here, it is nothing but 1 upon pi integral 0 to infinity integral minus infinity to plus infinity it is  $f(t)$ , it is  $\cos \omega t dt$  and  $\cos \omega x$  plus integral minus into plus infinity  $f(t) \sin \omega t$  into  $dt$  and  $\sin \omega x$  and this whole with  $d\omega$ .

Now, this can be further written as 1 upon 2 pi integral 0 to infinity integral minus to plus infinity, now this is  $f(t)$ ,  $f(t)$  we can take common in both the expressions. So,  $f(t)$  is common, and it is nothing but  $\cos \omega t$  into  $\cos \omega x$  plus  $\sin \omega t$  into  $\sin \omega x$ , and it is  $dt$  is first value and  $dt$  into  $d\omega$ . So, this is nothing but 1 upon pi times integral 0 to infinity integral minus to plus infinity, it is  $f(t)$ , it is  $\cos a \cos b$  plus  $\sin a \sin b$  one can easily add up, so it is  $\cos a - t dt$  into  $d\omega$ .

Now, we can easily see that this function is even in  $\omega$ , this function is even in  $\omega$ . So, we can easily write this as we can divide and multiply by 2. So, it is 1 upon 2 pi times integral minus infinity to plus infinity minus infinity to plus infinity  $f(t) \cos \omega t - x dt$  into  $d\omega$ , because it is even in  $\omega$ , so that is why we can multiply divide by 2 and this we can write minus infinity to plus infinity. Now, if you see this value 1 upon pi times integral minus infinity to plus infinity minus

infinity to plus infinity  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin(\omega t - x) dt$  into  $d\omega$ . So, we can easily see that since it is odd in  $\omega$  because of presence of  $\sin \omega$  term only here, it is odd in  $\omega$ , so this will be 0.

So, if we add 0 here, so the value will not change value will remain same. So, we can add or subtract, so we do it is minus 1 upon 2  $i$  2  $\pi$  minus into plus infinity of this  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin(\omega t - x) dt$  into  $d\omega$ , because this value is 0, 1 by 2 of this is also 0. So, 1 by 2 of this is will be also be 0. So, if we subtract 0 from this expression, so the value remains unchanged. So, now this is nothing but we can take 1 upon 2  $\pi$  common from both the sides, it is minus into plus infinity minus into plus infinity when we take  $f(t)$  common, so it is  $\cos \theta$  minus  $i \sin \theta$ . So that will be nothing but  $e^{i\theta}$  power minus  $t$   $i$   $\theta$ ,  $\theta$  is  $\omega t - x$  into  $dt$  into  $d\omega$ . So, this is the complex form of Fourier integral representation.

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The image shows a handwritten derivation of the complex form of the Fourier integral representation. The steps are as follows:

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

$\downarrow$   
 $F(\omega)$

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos(\omega(t-x)) dt d\omega - \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin(\omega(t-x)) dt d\omega$$

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

Now, if you simplify it further, so what we obtain. So, we obtain this is  $f(x)$ . So,  $f(x)$  will be nothing but 1 upon 2  $\pi$  times integral minus into plus infinity minus to plus infinity it is  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega(t-x)} dt$  and whole multiplied by  $e^{i\omega x}$   $d\omega$ . So, this we are calling as this is a function of  $\omega$ . So, suppose it is  $F(\omega)$ . So, this we call as Fourier transform of function  $f(t)$ . So, Fourier transform function  $f(t)$  will be given by minus infinity to plus infinity  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$  which we calling as  $F(\omega)$ . And the inverse Fourier transform

inverse Fourier transform of  $F(\omega)$  will be nothing but now we substitute  $f(\omega)$  here to get  $f(x)$ , so that will be the inverse Fourier transform it is  $\frac{1}{2\pi}$  times integral minus to plus infinity  $F(\omega) e^{j\omega x} d\omega$ . So, that will be the inverse Fourier transform of  $F(\omega)$  which is nothing  $f(x)$ . So, this is how we can define Fourier transform of function  $f(t)$  and its inverse now. So, this is how we can define Fourier transform of function  $f(t)$  and its inverse.

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**Existence of the Fourier transform**

Following are the sufficient condition for the existence of Fourier transforms

- $f(t)$  is piecewise continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ,
- $f(t)$  is absolutely integrable on the  $x$ -axis, that is

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| dt$$

converges.

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Now, existence conditions for the Fourier transform. So, following are the sufficient condition for the existence Fourier transforms, first is it must be piecewise continuous on minus infinity to plus infinity, and  $f$  should be absolutely integrable on the  $x$ -axis that is integral minus to plus infinity  $|f(t)| dt$  should converge. So, if you have these two conditions, so that will be the existence conditions for the Fourier transforms.

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**Problems**

Find the Fourier transform of the following functions

- $f(t) = e^{-a|t|}$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ ,  $a > 0$ .
- $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |t| \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } |t| > 1. \end{cases}$
- $f(t) = e^{-at} u_0(t)$ , where  $u_0(t)$  is the unit step function at  $t = 0$ .

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Now, let us find out Fourier transform of these few problems. First problem is  $f(t)$  is  $e^{-a|t|}$  when  $t$  lying between minus to plus infinity and  $a$  is greater than 0.

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The image shows handwritten mathematical work on a whiteboard. On the left, the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  is given as  $\frac{1}{a - i\omega}$ . On the right, the derivation is shown step-by-step:

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= e^{-a|t|} \\ \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a|t|} e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{at} e^{-i\omega t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{(a-i\omega)t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(a+i\omega)t} dt \\ &= \left( \frac{e^{(a-i\omega)t}}{a-i\omega} \right)_{-\infty}^0 + \left( \frac{e^{-(a+i\omega)t}}{-(a+i\omega)} \right)_0^{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have to find Fourier transform of this function. So, Fourier transform of this function will be given by minus infinity to plus infinity, you can see in definition it is  $f(t)$  into  $e^{-i\omega t}$  into  $dt$ , this is by definition of Fourier transforms. Now, this will be equal to when  $t$  is negative minus will 0, so it is  $e^{-a|t|}$  minus minus - plus a  $t$ , and when  $t$  is positive, it remains same. Now, it is further equal to minus will 0

$e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ minus } i \omega \text{ into } t} dt$  plus it is 0 to infinity  $e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ plus } i \omega \text{ into } t} dt$ . So, this can be further be solved  $e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ minus } i \omega \text{ into } t}$  upon a minus  $i \omega$  from minus minus will 0 plus  $e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ plus } i \omega \text{ into } t}$  upon minus a plus  $i \omega$  from 0 to infinity.

Now, when you simplify this is what we will get which is the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ , what we will get it is a 1 upon a minus  $i \omega$ , where it is minus infinity tend to 0. Again it is tend to infinity, it is 0; and when it is 0 it will be minus, minus - plus 1 upon a plus  $i \omega$ . So, this value will be nothing but 2 a upon a square plus  $\omega$  square which is  $f(\omega)$ . So, this will be the Fourier transform of this function  $f(t)$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}
 F\{f(t)\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot e^{-i\omega t} dt = \left( \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{-i\omega} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{-i\omega} (e^{-i\omega} - e^{i\omega}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\omega} (e^{-i\omega} - e^{i\omega})
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, Fourier transform of next problem when  $f(t)$  is 1. So, Fourier transform of this function by definition Fourier transform, what we have it is minus into plus infinity  $f(t) e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ minus } i \omega \text{ into } t} dt$ . So, this is how we define Fourier transform function  $f(t)$ . Now, it is from minus 1 to plus 1 only when it is 1 into  $e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ minus } i \omega \text{ into } t} dt$ . So, it is very simple to find its value. So, it is minus 1 upon  $i \omega$  will come here, it is  $e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ minus } i \omega \text{ into } t}$  minus  $e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ plus } i \omega \text{ into } t}$ . So that will be nothing but minus, minus - plus  $i \omega$  upon  $\omega$   $e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ minus } i \omega \text{ into } t}$  minus  $e^{k \text{ power } a \text{ plus } i \omega \text{ into } t}$ , so that will be the Fourier transform of this function  $f(t)$ .

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The image shows a handwritten derivation on a whiteboard. On the left, the Fourier transform of the unit step function is calculated:
 
$$F\{e^{-st} u_0(t)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-st} u_0(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(a+i\omega)t} dt = \left[ \frac{e^{-(a+i\omega)t}}{-(a+i\omega)} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{a+i\omega}$$
 On the right, the unit step function is defined:
 
$$u_0(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Now, Fourier transform of the next problem. So, it is again easy to find out it has unit step function at  $t$  equal to 0. So, Fourier transform of this function that is  $e^{-k t}$  power  $a$   $t$   $u$  naught  $t$  will be nothing but minus to plus infinity  $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-k t} e^{-i\omega t} dt$ , so that will be nothing but. Now unit step function at  $u$  equal to 0 is defined as it is one when  $t$  is greater than equal to one and 0 when  $t$  is less than 0 so that means, it is when 0 to 1, it is only one and  $e^{-k t}$  power  $a$   $t$   $e^{-i\omega t}$   $dt$ , so that will be nothing but  $0$  to  $1$   $e^{-k t}$  power  $a$   $t$   $e^{-i\omega t}$  into  $dt$ . It is minus will come here.

When you integrate this, this is nothing but  $e^{-k t}$  power  $a$   $t$  is here, minus  $a$   $t$  is here it is  $e^{-k t}$  power  $a$   $t$  the problem it is  $e^{-k t}$  power  $a$   $t$ , it is minus, it is minus, so it will be plus. So, when you integrate this, it is  $e^{-k t}$  power  $a$   $t$   $e^{-i\omega t}$  upon minus  $a$  plus  $i\omega$  from  $0$  to infinity. Because when  $t$  is  $0$  to infinity, it is 1, so it is  $0$  to infinity. So, it is  $0$  to infinity. So, when infinity, it is 0; when 0, it is 1 upon. So, this is the Fourier transform of this function. So, this is how we can find out Fourier transform of function  $f(t)$  using the simple definition of  $f(t)$ .

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**Linearity of Fourier transform**

The linearity property of Fourier transform is given as

$$\mathcal{F}[af(t) + bg(t)] = a\mathcal{F}[f(t)] + b\mathcal{F}[g(t)],$$

provided the Fourier transforms of  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  exist.

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Now, let us see some properties of Fourier transform. The first properties it satisfies linearity property Laplace satisfy linearity property in the same way Fourier transform also satisfy linearity property.

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The image shows a handwritten derivation of the linearity property of the Fourier transform. It starts with the expression  $\mathcal{F}\{af + bg\}$  and proceeds through several steps:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\{af + bg\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (af + bg) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \\ &= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f e^{-i\omega t} d\omega + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \\ &= a \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\} + b \mathcal{F}\{g(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

To the right of the main derivation, there is a definition for the unit step function  $u_0(t)$ :

$$u_0(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

So that we can easily show also because what will be the Fourier transform of a f plus b g, it will be nothing but minus into plus infinity a f t plus b g t into e k power minus iota omega t into d omega by the definition of the Fourier transforms. So, that will be nothing but a times minus infinity to plus infinity f e k power minus iota omega t into d omega



plus b times integral minus to plus infinity g e k power minus iota omega t into d omega which is nothing but a times Fourier transform of f t and plus b times Fourier transform of g t. So, this is the linearity property which Fourier transform satisfy number one.

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**Shifting property of Fourier transform**

If  $\mathcal{F}[f(t)] = F(\omega)$  and  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t - t_0)] = F(\omega)e^{-i\omega t_0}$$



**Proof.** By definition, we have

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t - t_0)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - t_0)e^{-i\omega t} dt = e^{-i\omega t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - t_0)e^{-i\omega(t-t_0)} dt.$$

Take,  $t - t_0 = \tau$ . Then,

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t - t_0)] = e^{-i\omega t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau = e^{-i\omega t_0} F(\omega).$$

**Remark:**  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}[e^{-i\omega t_0} F(\omega)] = f(t - t_0)$ .



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Number two is the shifting property shifting property shares that a Fourier transform f t is f omega and t where belongs to r then Fourier transform of f t minus t naught is nothing but given by this expression. So, this also we can easily show. You see that Fourier transform of f of t minus t naught will be given by again you apply formula minus infinity to plus infinity f t minus t naught e k power minus iota omega t into d t.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}\{f(t-t_0)\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t-t_0) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\
 &= e^{-i\omega t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t-t_0) e^{-i\omega(t-t_0)} dt \\
 &= e^{-i\omega t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) e^{-i\omega z} dz, \quad z = t-t_0 \\
 &= e^{-i\omega t_0} \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

So, this can be written as  $e^{-i\omega t_0}$  multiplied and divided by this expression, because this is free from  $t$ . Now, if you take  $t - t_0$  as  $z$ , so it will be nothing but  $e^{-i\omega t_0}$  multiplied by the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ . So, it is nothing but  $e^{-i\omega t_0}$  multiplied by the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ . So, this is how we can obtain this shifting property.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-i\omega}}{1+i\omega}\right\} &= f(t-1) = e^{-(t-1)} u(t-1) \\
 \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{1+i\omega}\right\} &= e^{-t} u_0(t) = f(t) \\
 \mathcal{F}\{f(t-t_0)\} &= e^{-i\omega t_0} F(\omega) \\
 t_0 = 1 \\
 F(\omega) &= \frac{1}{1+i\omega} \\
 \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{F(\omega)\} &= f(t) \\
 \mathcal{F}\{e^{-at} u_0(t)\} &= \frac{1}{a+i\omega}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us find out inverse of these two problems Fourier inverse of Fourier transforms. So, whenever we have  $e^{k \text{ power minus } i\omega t}$  so recall shifting property. So, again we recall the shifting property. Shifting property states that Fourier transform of  $f(t - t_0)$  is nothing but  $e^{-i\omega t_0} F(\omega)$ , where  $F(\omega)$  is Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  this is the shifting property. Now, let us apply this property to find out the inverse of this.

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**Problem**

Find the inverse Fourier transform of the functions

- $\frac{e^{-i\omega}}{(1 + i\omega)}$
- $\frac{4e^{-2i\omega}}{(4 + \omega^2)}$

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Now, here in the first problem Fourier inverse of  $e^{k \text{ power minus } i\omega \text{ upon } 1 \text{ plus } i\omega}$ , is it so? Now here instead of  $t$  we have 1, and  $F(\omega)$  is  $1 \text{ upon } 1 \text{ plus } i\omega$ . So, if you compare these two, so  $t$  is 1 and  $F(\omega)$  is  $1 \text{ plus } i\omega$ . So, the inverse of this will be given by  $f(t - 1)$ , where a Fourier inverse of  $F(\omega)$  is  $f(t)$ . Now, what will be the Fourier inverse of this? So, we have just find that Fourier transform of  $e^{k \text{ power minus } a t}$  is nothing but  $1 \text{ upon } a \text{ plus } i\omega$ . Let us just find that Fourier transform of  $e^{k \text{ power minus } a t}$  is one upon  $a \text{ plus } i\omega$ .

So, here  $a$  is 1 so that means,  $f(t)$  is nothing but that means, Fourier inverse transform of  $1 \text{ upon } 1 \text{ plus } i\omega$  will be nothing but  $1 \text{ upon } 1$  will be nothing but here  $a$  is 1 to substitute  $a$  as 1 to  $e^{k \text{ power minus } t}$ , so this is  $f(t)$ . And what will be  $f(t - 1)$  then you simply replace  $t$  by  $t - 1$ , so that will be nothing but  $e^{k \text{ power minus } t}$

minus 1 u naught t minus 1, I mean u t minus 1, so that will be the inverse Fourier transform of this function.

Now, similarly if you want to find out Fourier inverse transform of second function you again apply shifting property shifting property, which is given by this. Here t naught is 2 and the remaining expression 4 upon 4 plus omega square, 4 upon 4 plus omega square, you can take as F omega and you can find out Fourier inverse of 4 upon 4 plus omega using the previous examples which we have discussed. So, in this way we can find out Fourier transform and inverse Fourier transform of few problems.

Thank you very much.