$$\times (t) = \sum A_n \cos(n\omega t - \delta_n)$$

$$\langle X^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int \sum \Delta_n \cos(n\omega t - \delta_n) A_m \cos(m\omega t - \delta_m) dt$$

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$$\langle X^2 \rangle = A_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \geq A_n^2$$

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$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int [f(x)]^{2} dx = \frac{1}{2} q_{2}^{2} + \sum_{n} (q_{n}^{2} + b_{n}^{2})$$

# Parseval's theorem

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In mathematics, Parseval's theorem [1] usually refers to the result that the Fourier transform is unitary; loosely, that the sum (or integral) of the square of a function is equal to the sum (or integral) of the square of its transform. It originates from a 1799 theorem about series by Marc-Antoine Parseval, which was later applied to the Fourier series. It is also known as Rayleigh's energy theorem, or Rayleigh's Identity, after John William Strutt, Lord Rayleigh.<sup>[2]</sup>

Although the term "Parseval's theorem" is often used to describe the unitarity of *any* Fourier transform, especially in physics and engineering, the most general form of this property is more properly called the Plancherel theorem.<sup>[3]</sup>

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## Statement of Parseval's theorem

Suppose that A(x) and B(x) are two square integrable (with respect to the Lebesgue measure), complex-valued functions on R of period  $2\pi$  with Fourier series

$$A(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e^{inx}$$

and

$$B(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b_n e^{inx}$$

respectively. Then

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n \overline{b_n} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A(x) \overline{B(x)} dx,$$

where i is the imaginary unit and horizontal bars indicate complex conjugation.

More generally, given an abelian locally compact group G with Pontryagin dual G^, Parseval's theorem says the Pontryagin–Fourier transform is a unitary operator between Hilbert spaces  $L^2(G)$  and  $L^2(G)$  (with integration being against the appropriately scaled Haar measures on the two groups.) When G is the unit circle G, G0 is the integers and this is the case discussed above. When G is the real line G0 is also G0 and the unitary transform is the Fourier transform on the real line. When G1 is the cyclic group G1, again it is self-dual and the Pontryagin–Fourier transform is what is called discrete Fourier transform in applied contexts.

## Notation used in engineering and physics

In physics and engineering, Parseval's theorem is often written as:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\left|x(t)
ight|^{2}dt=rac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\left|X(\omega)
ight|^{2}d\omega=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\left|X(2\pi f)
ight|^{2}df$$

where  $X(\omega)=\mathcal{F}_{\omega}\{x(t)\}$  represents the continuous Fourier transform (in normalized, unitary form) of x(t), and  $\omega=2\pi f$  is

frequency in radians per second.

The interpretation of this form of the theorem is that the total energy of a signal can be calculated by summing power-per-sample across time or spectral power across frequency.

For discrete time signals, the theorem becomes:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}|x[n]|^2=rac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}|X(e^{i\phi})|^2d\phi$$

where X is the discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT) of x and  $\Phi$  represents the angular frequency (in radians per sample) of x.

Alternatively, for the discrete Fourier transform (DFT), the relation becomes:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x[n]|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |X[k]|^2$$

where X[k] is the DFT of x[n], both of length N.

### See also

Parseval's theorem is closely related to other mathematical results involving unitarity transformations:

- Parseval's identity
- Plancherel's theorem
- Wiener-Khinchin theorem
- Bessel's inequality
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