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(3) Find the Fourier transform of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a^2 - x^2, & |x| < a \\ 0, & |x| > a > 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence deduce that

$$(i) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t - t \cos t}{t^3} dt = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$(ii) \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin t - t \cos t}{t^3} \right)^2 dt = \frac{\pi}{15}$$

Solution:

The Fourier transform of $f(x)$ is,

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) (\cos sx + i \sin sx) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) \cos sx dx + \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) i \sin sx dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot 2 \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2) \cos sx dx$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 F(s) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2) \frac{\sin sx}{s} dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ -2x \frac{\cos sx}{s^2} + 2 \frac{\sin sx}{s^3} \right\}_0^a \\
 &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ -\frac{2a \cos sa}{s^2} + \frac{2 \sin sa}{s^3} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ -\frac{a \cos sa}{s^2} + \frac{\sin sa}{s^3} \right\} \\
 F(s) &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot s^3} [\sin sa - as \cos sa]
 \end{aligned}$$

(i) Using inverse Fourier transform,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s) e^{-isx} ds \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot s^3} [\sin sa - as \cos sa] [\cos sx - i \sin sx] ds \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot s^3} (\sin sa - as \cos sa) \cos sx ds \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot s^3} (\sin sa - as \cos sa) i \sin sx ds \\
 f(x) &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin sa - as \cos sa}{s^3} \cos sx ds
 \end{aligned}$$



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$$a^2 - x^2 = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin sa - as \cos sa}{s^3} \cos sx \, ds$$

$$\text{Put } s = t, a = 1, x = 0$$

$$1 - 0 = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t - t \cos t}{t^3} \, dt$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin t - t \cos t}{t^3} \, dt = \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

(ii) Using Parseval's identity,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [F(s)]^2 \, ds = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [f(x)]^2 \, dx$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} s^3} [\sin sa - as \cos sa] \right]^2 \, ds = \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2)^2 \, dx$$

$$\frac{16}{2\pi} \times 2 \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin sa - as \cos sa}{s^3} \right)^2 \, ds = 2 \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2)^2 \, dx$$

$$\frac{16}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin sa - as \cos sa}{s^3} \right)^2 \, ds = 2 \int_0^a (a^4 + x^4 - 2a^2 x^2) \, dx$$

$$= 2 \left[a^4 x + \frac{x^5}{5} - 2a^2 \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^a$$

$$= 2 \left[a^5 + \frac{a^5}{5} - \frac{2a^5}{3} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{15a^5 + 3a^5 - 10a^5}{15} \right)$$



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$$\frac{16}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin sa - as \cos sa}{s^3} \right)^2 ds = \frac{16a^5}{15}$$

Put $a=1, s=t \Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin t - t \cos t}{t^3} \right)^2 dt = \frac{\pi}{15}}$$