

The Fourier Transform of a Gaussian

$$f(x) = e^{-\pi x^2}.$$

The Fourier Transform of $f(x)$ is:

$$F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i s x} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} \cos(2\pi s x) dx$$

(integration by parts)

$$= \frac{e^{-\pi x^2} \sin(2\pi s x)}{2\pi s} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\pi x^2} (-2\pi x) \sin(2\pi s x)}{2\pi s} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now: } F'(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \cos(2\pi s x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} (-2\pi x) \sin(2\pi s x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } F'(s) + 2\pi s F(s) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (F(s) e^{\pi s^2})' &= F'(s) e^{\pi s^2} + F(s) 2\pi s e^{\pi s^2} \\ &= e^{\pi s^2} (F' + 2\pi s F) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow F(s) e^{\pi s^2} = \text{const} = F(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F(s) = F(0) e^{-\pi s^2}}$$

It remains to show that $F(0) = 1$.