

Periodic signals

$x(t)$  - periodic if  $x(t+nT_0) = x(t)$ ,  $n=0, \pm 1, \dots$

$T_0$  - fundamental period or just period of  $x(t)$

Fourier series

Every periodic signal can be decomposed into a series in a form given by

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) + b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 t) \quad (*)$$

where  $f_0 = 1/T_0$  - fundamental frequency and

$T_0$  - period of signal  $x(t)$

Coefficients in the expansion given by (\*) can be determined using

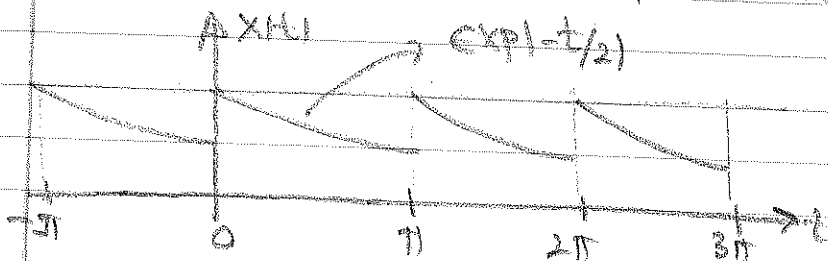
$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_T x(t) \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_T x(t) \sin(2\pi n f_0 t) dt$$

Form given in (\*) is referred to as the trigonometric form of the Fourier series

Example 6.1. Consider the signal given in the figure. Determine its FS expansion



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$$X(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) + b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 t)$$

$$f_0 = 1/T_0 = 1/\pi$$

Step 1  $a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_T X(t) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{EXP}(-t/2) dt \times 2$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \text{EXP}(-t/2) \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi} (1 - \text{EXP}(-\frac{\pi}{2})) = 0.5043$$

Step 2  $a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_T X(t) \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) dt =$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{EXP}(-t/2) \cos(2\pi n \frac{1}{\pi} t) dt =$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{EXP}(-t/2) \cos(2nt) dt =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{EXP}(-t/2) \text{EXP}(j2nt) + \text{EXP}(-j2nt) dt =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{EXP}(-(\frac{1}{2} - j2n)t) dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{EXP}(-(\frac{1}{2} + j2n)t) dt =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{\text{EXP}(-(\frac{1}{2} - j2n)t) \Big|_0^{\pi}}{\frac{1}{2} - j2n} + \frac{\text{EXP}(-(\frac{1}{2} + j2n)t) \Big|_0^{\pi}}{\frac{1}{2} + j2n} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{1 - \text{EXP}(-\frac{\pi}{2}) \text{EXP}(j2n\pi)}{\frac{1}{2} - j2n} + \frac{1 - \text{EXP}(-\frac{\pi}{2}) \text{EXP}(-j2n\pi)}{\frac{1}{2} + j2n} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} [1 - \text{EXP}(-\frac{\pi}{2})] \frac{\frac{1}{2} + j2n + \frac{1}{2} - j2n}{(\frac{1}{2})^2 + (2n)^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} [1 - \text{EXP}(-\frac{\pi}{2})] \frac{\pi}{\frac{1}{4} + 4n^2}$$

$$= 0.5043 \times \frac{2}{1 + 16n^2}$$

Step 8. 
$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T x(t) \sin(2\pi n f_0 t) dt =$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T \exp(-\frac{t}{2}) \sin(2\pi n \frac{1}{50} t) dt$$

$$= \dots = 0.5043 \frac{8n}{1+16n^2}$$

Therefore

$$x(t) = 0.5043 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 0.5043 \frac{2}{1+16n^2} \right) \cos(2\pi n t) + \left( 0.5043 \frac{8n}{1+16n^2} \right) \sin(2\pi n t)$$

$$x(t) = 0.5043 \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+16n^2} \cos(2\pi n t) + \frac{8n}{1+16n^2} \sin(2\pi n t) \right]$$

### Alternative forms of Fourier series

Compact trigonometric form:

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) + b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 t)$$

Using  $A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t) = (A^2 + B^2)^{1/2} \cos(\omega t - \phi)$  where  $\phi = \tan^{-1}(B/A)$

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)^{1/2} \cos(2\pi n f_0 t - \phi_n)$$

Define  $C_0 = a_0$

$$C_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$$

$$\phi_n = \tan^{-1}(b_n/a_n)$$

$$x(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t + \phi_n)$$

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Exponential form.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(t) &= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) + b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 t) = \\
 &= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \frac{e^{j2\pi n f_0 t} + e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t}}{2} + b_n \frac{e^{j2\pi n f_0 t} - e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t}}{j2} \right) \\
 &= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{b_n}{j2} \right) e^{j2\pi n f_0 t} + \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{2} - \frac{b_n}{j2} \right) e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t} \\
 &= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (a_n - j b_n) e^{j2\pi n f_0 t} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (a_n + j b_n) e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t} \\
 &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} D_m e^{+j2\pi m f_0 t}
 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $D_0 = a_0$ 

$$D_n = \frac{1}{2} (a_n - j b_n), \quad n > 0$$

$$D_n = \frac{1}{2} (a_n + j b_n), \quad n < 0$$

$$n=0 \quad D_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_T X(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_n &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{T} \int_T X(t) \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) dt + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - j \frac{2}{T} \int_T X(t) \sin(2\pi n f_0 t) dt \right] =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_T X(t) [\cos(2\pi n f_0 t) - j \sin(2\pi n f_0 t)] dt$$

$$D_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-j2\pi n P_0 t} dt$$

### Summary

#### 1) Trigonometric Form

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n P_0 t) + b_n \sin(2\pi n P_0 t)$$

$f_0 = 1/T_0$  → Fundamental frequency

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_T x(t) \cos(2\pi n P_0 t) dt \quad b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_T x(t) \sin(2\pi n P_0 t) dt$$

#### 2) Compact trigonometric form

$$x(t) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \cos(2\pi n P_0 t + \theta_n)$$

→ This form does not have direct calculation formulas

#### 3) Exponential form

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} D_n e^{j2\pi n P_0 t}$$

$$D_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-j2\pi n P_0 t} dt, \quad \forall n$$

### Conversion Formulas

$$\begin{aligned} (1 \rightarrow 2) \quad c_n &= \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} & \theta_n &= \arctan(b_n/a_n) \\ \theta_n &= \arctan(-b_n/a_n) & b_n &= c_n \sin(\theta_n) \end{aligned}$$

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$$D_n = (a_n - j b_n) / 2 \quad a_n = D_n + D_n^*$$

$$b_n = j(D_n - D_n^*)$$

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$$c_n = 2|D_n| \quad D_n = \frac{1}{2} [c_n \cos(\theta_n) - j c_n \sin(\theta_n)]$$

$$\theta_n = \angle D_n$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} c_n e^{-j\theta_n}$$

### Physical insight (effects of symmetry)

1)  $a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) dt \Rightarrow$  average of periodic signal over duration of one period.

note: usually one could guess the value of  $a_0$  - DC component of the signal

2) 
$$x(t) = \underbrace{a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t)}_{\text{even part}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 t)}_{\text{odd part}}$$

$$x_e(t) = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) + x(-t)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 t) \right]$$

$$a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 (-t)) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 (-t))$$

$$= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t)$$

$$x_o(t) = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) - x(-t)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 t) \right]$$

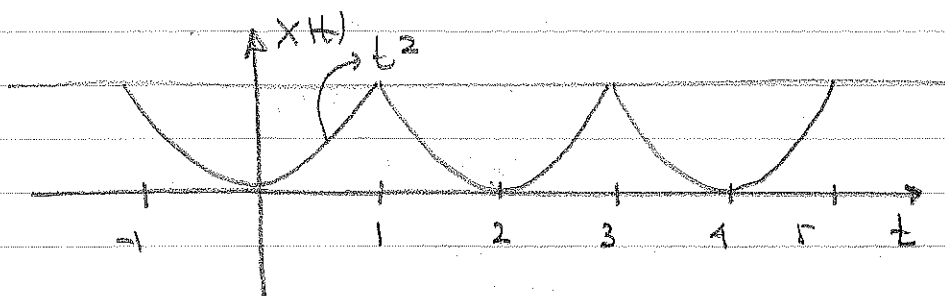
$$a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2\pi n f_0 (-t)) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 (-t))$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(2\pi n f_0 t)$$

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Note: 1) If the function is even - sine part of FS is zero  
 2) If the function is odd - cosine part of FS is zero.

Example: Determine all 3 terms of FS for the function in figure



a)  $T_0 = 2$     $f_0 = 1/2$

STEP 1:  $a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) dt = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^1 t^2 dt = \frac{t^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$

STEP 2: Function has even symmetry  $\Rightarrow b_n = 0 \forall n$

STEP 3:  $a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_T x(t) \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) dt = \frac{2 \times 2}{2} \int_0^1 t^2 \cos(2\pi n \frac{1}{2} t) dt$   
 $= 2 \int_0^1 t^2 \cos(2\pi n \frac{1}{2} t) dt$

Using table integral  $\int x^2 \cos(ax) dx = \frac{2x \cos(ax)}{a^2} + \frac{a^2 x^2 - 2}{a^2} \sin(ax) + c$

$$a_n = 2 \cdot \left\{ \frac{2t \cos(2\pi n \frac{1}{2} t)}{(2\pi n \frac{1}{2})^2} \Big|_0^1 + \frac{(2\pi n \frac{1}{2}) t^2 - 2}{(2\pi n \frac{1}{2})^3} \sin(2\pi n \frac{1}{2} t) \Big|_0^1 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{4 (-1)^n}{(2\pi n)^2} + 0$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4 (-1)^n}{(2\pi n)^2} \cos(\pi n t)$$

b)  $C_0 = a_0$

$$C_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} = |a_n|, \text{ since } b_n = 0$$

$$C_n = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}n^2}, \quad \Theta_n = \begin{cases} 0 & -n \text{ even} \\ \pi & -n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$X(t) = \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}n^2} \cos(\omega_n t + n\pi)$$

c)  $D_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n - j b_n) = \frac{1}{2} a_n = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}n^2}$

$$X(t) = \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \neq 0}}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}n^2} e^{+j2\pi n^2 t} + \frac{1}{3}$$

Problems:

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