

CIE 227, SIGNALS AND SYSTEMS

Tutorial 4

Fourier Series

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For the continuous-time periodic signal

$$x(t) = 2 + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}t\right) + 4 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}t\right),$$

determine the fundamental frequency ω_0 and the Fourier series coefficients a_k such that

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}.$$

Solution

Freq --- gcd

$$\omega_2 = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\omega_3 = \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

$$\frac{\frac{2\pi}{3}}{\frac{\pi}{3}} = 2, \frac{\frac{5\pi}{3}}{\frac{\pi}{3}} = 5$$

$$\gcd(\omega_2, \omega_3) = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore \omega_0 = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Fourier series coefficient

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= 2 + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}t\right) + 4 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}t\right) \\
 &= 2 + 0.5 e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}t} + 0.5 e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}t} + \frac{4}{2j} e^{j\frac{5\pi}{3}t} - \frac{4}{2j} e^{-j\frac{5\pi}{3}t} \\
 &\therefore \omega_0 = \frac{\pi}{3} \\
 &= 2 + 0.5 e^{j2\omega_0 t} + 0.5 e^{-j2\omega_0 t} + \frac{2}{j} e^{j5\omega_0 t} - \frac{2}{j} e^{-j5\omega_0 t}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{FS expression ... } x(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j\omega_0 t}$$

$$\therefore a_0 = 2$$

$$a_2 = 0.5$$

$$a_{-2} = 0.5$$

$$a_5 = \frac{2}{j}$$

$$a_{-5} = -\frac{2}{j}$$

A continuous-time periodic signal $x(t)$ is real valued and has a fundamental period $T = 8$. The nonzero Fourier series coefficients for $x(t)$ are

$$a_1 = a_{-1} = 2, a_3 = a_{-3}^* = 4j.$$

Express $x(t)$ in the form

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k \cos(\omega_k t + \phi_k).$$

Solution

$$k = 1, a_1 = 2$$

$$k = -1, a_{-1} = 2$$

$$k = 3, a_3 = 4j$$

$$k = -3, a_{-3} = (a_3^*)^* = -4j$$

$$\therefore T_0 = 8$$

$$\therefore f_0 = \frac{1}{8}, \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{FS expression ... } x(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j\omega_0 t}$$

$$= 2 e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}t} + 2 e^{-j\frac{\pi}{4}t} + 4j e^{j3\frac{\pi}{4}t} - 4j e^{-j3\frac{\pi}{4}t}$$

$$= 2 * 2 \left(\frac{e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}t} + e^{-j\frac{\pi}{4}t}}{2} \right) + 4j * 2j \left(\frac{e^{j3\frac{\pi}{4}t} - e^{-j3\frac{\pi}{4}t}}{2j} \right)$$

$$= 4\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right) - 8\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}t\right)$$

$$\therefore -\sin x = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= 4\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right) + 8\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

3-20 Fourier series coefficients of sum of sinusoids



Solution

PROBLEM:

A periodic signal, $x(t)$, is given by

$$x(t) = 1 + 3 \cos(300\pi t) + 2 \sin(500\pi t - \pi/4)$$

- (a) What is the period of $x(t)$?
- (b) Find the Fourier series coefficients of $x(t)$.

Solution

a)

$$f_1 = 150$$

$$f_2 = 250$$

$$\text{gcd}(150, 250) = 50$$

$$\therefore f_0 = 50, t_0 = \frac{1}{50} = 0.02 \text{ sec}$$

b)

$$\therefore \text{FS expression} \dots x(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jw_0 t}$$

$$x(t) = 1 + 3 \cos(300\pi t) + 2 \sin\left(500\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\therefore \sin x = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= 1 + 3 \cos(300\pi t) + 2 \cos\left(500\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= 1 + 3 \cos(300\pi t) + 2 \cos\left(500\pi t - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

Using Euler's formula

$$\cos x = \frac{e^{jx} + e^{-jx}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= 1 + \frac{3}{2} (e^{j300\pi t} + e^{-j300\pi t}) + \frac{2}{2} (e^{j(500\pi t - 3\frac{\pi}{4})} + e^{-j(500\pi t - 3\frac{\pi}{4})}) \\
 &= 1 + \frac{3}{2} (e^{j300\pi t} + e^{-j300\pi t}) + (e^{j500\pi t} e^{-j3\frac{\pi}{4}} + e^{-j500\pi t} e^{j3\frac{\pi}{4}}) \\
 &= 1 + \frac{3}{2} (e^{j2\pi(150)t} + e^{-j2\pi(150)t}) + (e^{j2\pi(250)t} e^{-j3\frac{\pi}{4}} + e^{-j2\pi(250)t} e^{j3\frac{\pi}{4}})
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The fourier series coefficient of $x(t)$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_3 = a_{-3} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_5 = e^{-j3\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$a_{-5} = e^{j3\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

3-36 Determine Fourier Series for a Sum of Cosine Signals
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☰ Solution

PROBLEM:

A periodic signal, $x(t)$, is given by

$$x(t) = 2 + \cos(250\pi t - \pi) + 2 \sin(750\pi t)$$

(a) What is the period of $x(t)$? 2×125 2×375

(b) Find the Fourier series coefficients of $x(t)$ for $-6 \leq k \leq 6$.

🔍 Fourier Series
🔍 cosine signals

a)

$$f_1 = 125$$

$$f_2 = 375$$

$$\text{gcd}(125, 375) = 125$$

$$\therefore f_0 = 125, t_0 = \frac{1}{125} = 8 \text{ m sec}$$

b)

$$x(t) = 2 + \cos(250\pi t - \pi) + 2 \sin(750\pi t)$$

$$\because \sin x = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$x(t) = 2 + \cos(250\pi t - \pi) + 2 \cos\left(750\pi t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Using Euler's formula

$$= 2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j250\pi t - \pi} + e^{-j250\pi t - \pi} \right) + \frac{2}{2} \left(e^{j\left(750\pi t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} + e^{-j\left(750\pi t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} \right)$$

$$= 2 + \frac{1}{2} (e^{j 2\pi(125)t} e^{-j\pi} + e^{-j 2\pi(125)t} e^{j\pi}) + (e^{j 2\pi(375)t} e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} + e^{-j 2\pi(375)t} e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}})$$

\therefore The fourier series coefficient of $x(t)$

$$a_0 = 2$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\pi}$$

$$a_{-1} = \frac{1}{2} e^{j\pi}$$

$$a_3 = e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$a_{-3} = e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

For all other k ,,,,

$$a_x = \text{zero}$$

3-60 Fourier Series Integral for Specific Signal



Solution

PROBLEM:

Suppose that a periodic signal is defined (over one period) as: $x(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0.7 < t < 0.8 \\ -1 & \text{for } 0 < t < 0.7 \end{cases}$

- (a) Assume that the period of $x(t)$ is 0.8 s. Sketch $x(t)$ over the ENTIRE range $-1 \leq t \leq 1$ s.



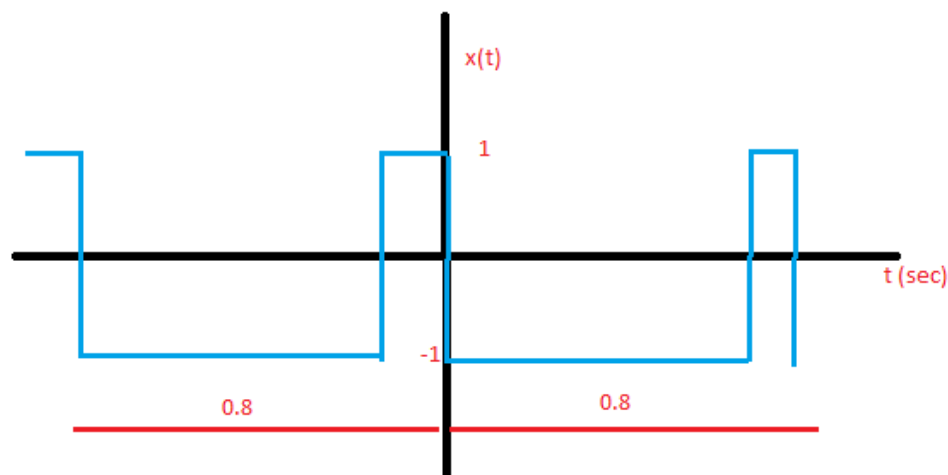
- (b) Write the general Fourier integral expression for the coefficient a_k in terms of the specific signal $x(t)$ defined above. *Set up all the specifics of the integrals (e.g., limits of integration), but do not evaluate the integrals. All parameters in the integrals should have numeric values.*
- (c) Evaluate the Fourier integral below. Simplify your answer and express it in **polar form**.

$$\frac{1}{4} \int_{-0.5}^{0.5} \cos(\pi t) e^{-j2\pi(2)t/4} dt$$

Fourier Series

Periodic Signal

a)



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b)

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T} \int x(t) e^{-j k \omega_0 t} dt$$

$$\because t_0 = 0.8, \quad \therefore f_0 = \frac{1}{0.8}, \quad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{0.8}$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{0.8} \left(\int_0^{0.7} (-1) e^{-j k \frac{2\pi}{0.8} t} dt + \int_{0.7}^{0.8} (1) e^{-j k \frac{2\pi}{0.8} t} dt \right)$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4} \int_{-0.5}^{0.5} \cos(\pi t) e^{-j 2\pi (2) \frac{t}{4}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-0.5}^{0.5} \frac{1}{2} (e^{j\pi t} + e^{-j\pi t}) e^{-j 2\pi (2) \frac{t}{4}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int_{-0.5}^{0.5} (e^{j\pi t} e^{-j\pi t} + e^{-j\pi t} e^{-j\pi t}) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int_{-0.5}^{0.5} (1 + e^{-j2\pi t}) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left(t + \frac{e^{-j2\pi t}}{-j2\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left((0.5 + 0.5) + \frac{1}{-j2\pi} (e^{-j2\pi \cdot 0.5} - e^{j2\pi \cdot 0.5}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{1}{j2\pi} (e^{-j\pi} - e^{j\pi}) \right) \\ &\because e^{-j\pi} = -1 \text{ \& } e^{j\pi} = -1 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{1}{j2\pi} (-1 + 1) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

3-68 Compute the DC Component of a Periodic Signal



Solution

PROBLEM:

A periodic signal $x(t) = x(t + T_0)$ is described over one period, $0 \leq t \leq T_0$, by the equation

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t \leq t_c \\ 0 & t_c < t \leq T_0 \end{cases}$$

where $0 < t_c < T_0$.

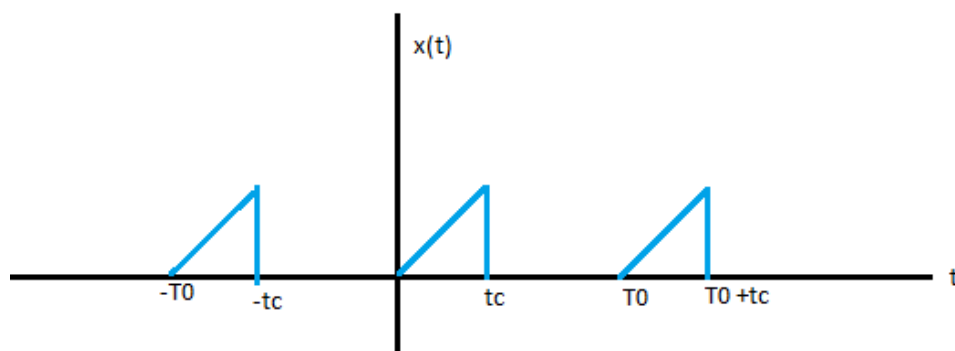
- (a) Sketch the periodic function $x(t)$ for $-T_0 < t < 2T_0$ for the specific case $t_c = \frac{1}{2}T_0$.
- (b) Determine the D.C. coefficient of the Fourier Series, a_0 . Once again, use the specific case of $t_c = \frac{1}{2}T_0$.

Q DC

Q Periodic

Q Fourier Series

a)



b)

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T} \int x(t) e^{-j k \omega_0 t} dt$$

$$\because k = 0 \therefore e^{-j 0 \omega_0 t} = 1$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int x(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{t_c} t dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T_0} * \frac{t^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2T_0} * t^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2T_0} * \left(\frac{T_0^2}{4} - 0 \right) = \frac{T_0}{8}$$

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Another solution

$$\text{Average DC level} = \frac{\text{area under one of the triangle}}{T_0} = \frac{0.5 * \frac{T_0}{2} * \frac{T_0}{2}}{T_0} = \frac{T_0}{8}$$

3-69 Compute the Fourier Series Coefficients for a Periodic Pulse Signal

[Solution](#)

PROBLEM:

Use the signal $x(t)$ defined by the equation

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t \leq t_c \\ 0 & t_c < t \leq T_0 \end{cases}$$

where $t_c = \frac{1}{2}T_0$.

- (a) Use the Fourier [analysis](#) integral (for $k \neq 0$)

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

to determine a general formula for the Fourier Series coefficients a_k . Your final result for a_k should depend on k .

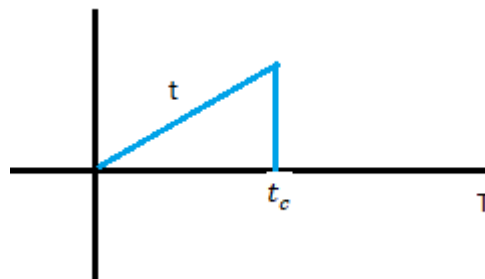
Notes: This Fourier integral requires integration by parts; in addition, the Fourier integral can be done over any period of the signal; in this case, the most convenient choice is from 0 to T_0 .

Note: the frequency ω_0 would be given in rads/sec, but it does not have a specific value. However, you can simplify your formulas by using the identity $\omega_0 T_0 = 2\pi$.

- (b) Use the Fourier Series coefficients to sketch the spectrum of $x(t)$ for the case $\omega_0 = 2\pi(\frac{1}{4})$ rad/sec and $t_c = \frac{1}{2}T_0$. Include *only* those frequency components corresponding to $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$. Label each component with its frequency and its complex amplitude (i.e., numerical values of magnitude and phase).

[Fourier Coefficients](#)
[Pulse Signal](#)

Solution



- a) a_k ?

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int x(t) e^{-j k \omega_0 t} dt$$

$$t_c = \frac{T_0}{2}$$

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T_0}$$

$$a_{k \neq 0} = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{\frac{T_0}{2}} t e^{-j k \omega_0 t} dt$$

By using integration by parts

t	$e^{-j k \omega_0 t}$
1	$\frac{e^{-j k \omega_0 t}}{-j k \omega_0 t}$
0	$\frac{e^{-j k \omega_0 t}}{(-j k \omega_0 t)^2}$

$$a_{k \neq 0} = \frac{1}{T_0} \left[\frac{t e^{-j k \omega_0 t}}{-j k \omega_0 t} - \frac{e^{-j k \omega_0 t}}{(-j k \omega_0 t)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{T_0} \left[\left(\frac{T_0}{2} * \frac{e^{-j k \frac{2\pi}{T_0} \frac{T_0}{2}}}{-j k \frac{2\pi}{T_0}} - 0 \frac{\cancel{\frac{T_0}{2}} e^0}{-j k \cancel{\frac{2\pi}{T_0}}} \right) - \left(\frac{e^{-j k \frac{2\pi}{T_0} \frac{T_0}{2}}}{\left(-j k \frac{2\pi}{T_0}\right)^2} - \frac{e^0}{\left(-j k \frac{2\pi}{T_0}\right)^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{T_0} \left[\frac{T_0}{2} * \frac{e^{-j k \pi} \cdot T_0}{-j 2\pi k} + \frac{e^{-j k \pi} \cdot T_0^2}{4\pi^2 k^2} - \frac{T_0^2}{4\pi^2 k^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{T_0} T_0^2 \left[\frac{0.5 e^{-j k \pi}}{-j 2\pi k} + \frac{e^{-j k \pi}}{4\pi^2 k^2} - \frac{1}{4\pi^2 k^2} \right] * \frac{2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{T_0}{2} \left[\frac{-e^{-jk\pi}}{j2\pi k} + \frac{2e^{-jk\pi}}{4\pi^2 k^2} - \frac{2}{4\pi^2 k^2} \right]$$

b)

$$w = 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$f = \frac{1}{4} \text{ Hz}$$

$$t = 4 \text{ sec}$$

$$a_k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$$

k	$a_k = \frac{T_0}{2} \left[\frac{-e^{-jk\pi}}{j2\pi k} + \frac{2e^{-jk\pi}}{4\pi^2 k^2} - \frac{2}{4\pi^2 k^2} \right]$
1	
-1	
2	
-2	
3	
-3	

3–90 Evaluate Fourier Series Integral for a Specific Signal



≡ Solution

PROBLEM:

A signal $x(t)$ is periodic with period $T_0 = 10$. Therefore it can be represented as a Fourier series of the form

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j(2\pi/10)kt}.$$

It is known that the Fourier series coefficients for this representation of a particular signal $x(t)$ are given by the integral

$$a_k = \frac{1}{10} \int_0^5 (t) e^{-j(2\pi/10)kt} dt. \quad (1)$$

NOTE: Parts (c) and (d) can be worked independently of parts (a) and (b).

- (a) In the expression for a_k in Equation (1) above, the integral and its limits define the signal $x(t)$. Determine an equation for $x(t)$ that is valid over one period.

Solution

a)

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int x(t) e^{-jkw_0 t} dt, \dots, \text{FS eq}$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{10} \int_0^t t e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{10}kt} dt$$

one period $T \dots \dots 0 \leq t \leq 10$

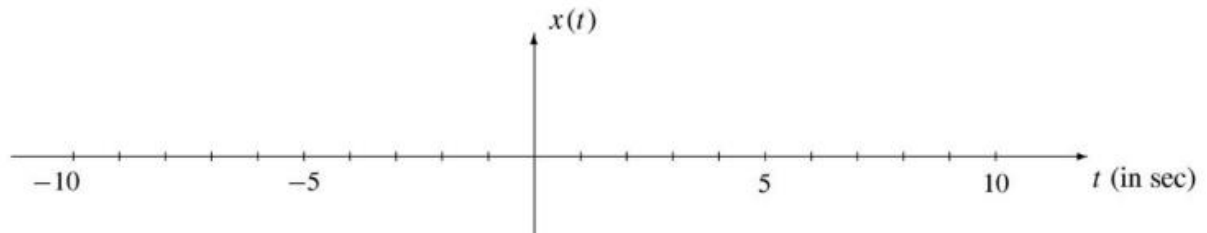
$$x(t) = t$$

$$w_0 = \frac{2\pi}{10}$$

$$\therefore x(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t \leq 5 \\ 0 & 5 \leq t \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

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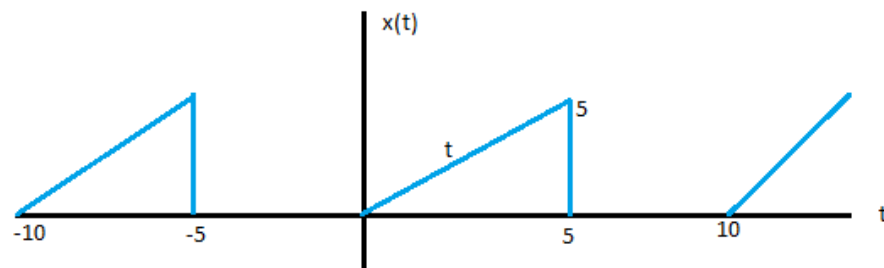
- (b) Using your result from part (a), draw a plot of $x(t)$ over the range $-10 \leq t \leq 10$ seconds. Label it carefully.



- (c) Which value of k in Equation (1) gives the DC (or average) value of $x(t)$? $k =$

- (d) Determine the DC value of $x(t)$.

b)



c)

$$k = 0$$

d)

$$a_k = \frac{1}{10} \int_0^t t e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{10} kt} dt$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{10} \int_0^5 t e^{-0t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \int_0^5 t dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \frac{t^2}{2}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{10} \frac{1}{2} (5^2 - 0) = 10.25$$

Another solution

$$DC = \frac{1}{T_0} * Area$$
$$= \frac{1}{10} * 2.5 * 5 = 1.25$$

Notes

$$x(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j\omega_0 t} \text{ Synthesis eq}$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int x(t) e^{-j k \omega_0 t} dt \text{ Analysis eq}$$

$$\cos x = \frac{e^{jx} + e^{-jx}}{2}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{e^{jx} - e^{-jx}}{2j}$$

$$\sin x = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$-\sin x = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Integration by parts:

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

How to use or apply the Tabular integration by parts method and its formulas?

Sign	F(x) Differentiate	F(y) Integration
+ ⇒	F(x)	F(y)
- ⇒	First derivative of F(x)	First Integrate of F(y)
+ ⇒	Second derivative of F(x)	Second Integrate of F(y)
- ⇒	Third derivative of F(x)	Third Integrate of F(y)