

# Lecture 8

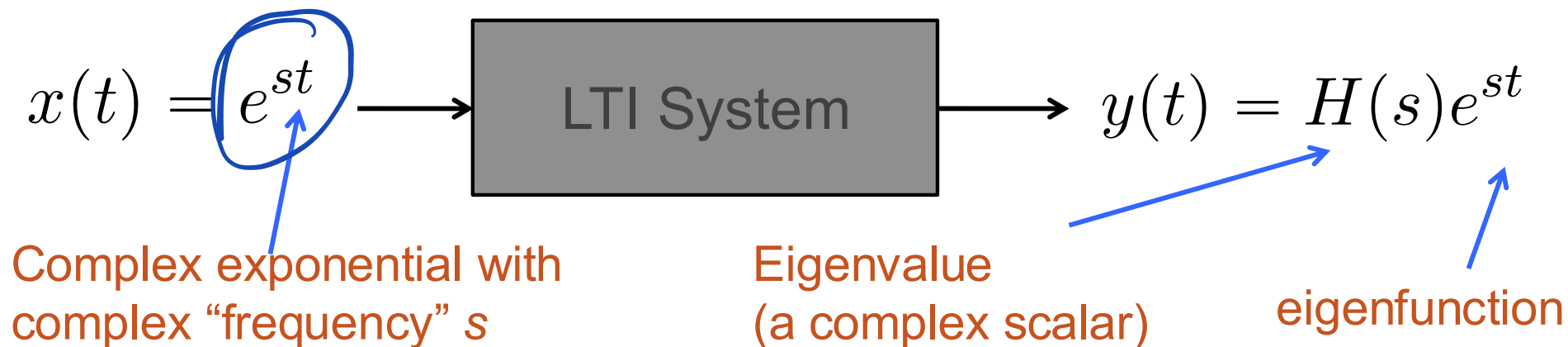
~~Eigenfunctions and differential equations~~

Fourier series

## Preview of today's lecture

- ◆ Fourier series
- ◆ Orthogonality and computing the Fourier series
- ◆ Most important example: the rectangular pulse train

## Eigenfunctions of a LTI system



- ◆ CT complex exponentials are **eigenfunctions** of LTI systems
  - ★ Attenuated and scaled according to  $H(s)$  (**system response**)
  - ★ The system response is Laplace transform of the impulse response
  - ★ Will be studied in other courses like ECE 101

## Special case of complex sinusoids

- ◆ Frequency response is used to characterize LTI systems



- ◆ The frequency response is computed from the impulse response

$$H(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

- ◆ This is the Fourier transform of the impulse response of the system

## Frequency response for a LCCDE *Output*

- ◆ Consider a system where the input and output are related by a linear constant coefficient differential equation

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k}$$

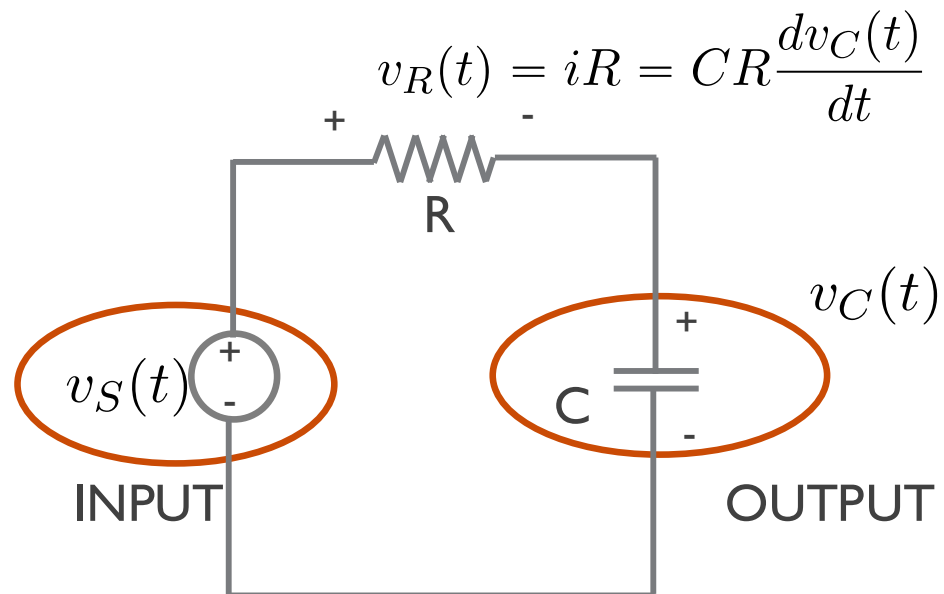
- ◆ The frequency response has a special form

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k (j\omega)^k}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k (j\omega)^k}$$

# RLC circuits are modeled with differential equations

## ◆ Recall this RC lowpass filter

- ★ Source voltage as the input
- ★ Capacitor voltage as the output



## Example

Current through capacitor

$$i = C \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt}$$

Resulting differential equation

$$RC \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} + v_C(t) = v_S(t)$$

## Frequency response of the circuit

- ◆ RLC circuits that are “at rest” are LTI (they have zero initial conditions, no stored charge, no memory)
- ◆ Consider the differential equation with input  $v_S(t)$  and output  $v_C(t)$

$$RC \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} + v_C(t) = v_S(t)$$

- ◆ The frequency response is

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{RCj\omega + 1}$$

- ◆ If  $v_S(t) = e^{j\omega t}$  then  $v_C(t) = H(j\omega)e^{j\omega t}$

## Response for the negative frequency

- ◆ Continuing the same example with input  $v_S(t)$  and output  $v_C(t)$

$$RC \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} + v_C(t) = v_S(t) \qquad H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{RCj\omega + 1}$$

- ◆ If we input  $v_S(t) = e^{-j\omega t}$  then

$$v_C(t) = H(-j\omega)e^{-j\omega t}$$



## Some simplifications

- ◆ Observe that

$$H(-j\omega) = \frac{1}{-RCj\omega + 1}$$

- ◆ But observe the

$$\begin{aligned} H^*(j\omega) &= \frac{1}{(RCj\omega + 1)^*} \\ &= \frac{1}{-RCj\omega + 1} \\ &= H(-j\omega) \end{aligned}$$

This is an example of conjugate symmetry

## Inputting a cosine 1/2

- ◆ Now excite the circuit by a real cosine signal

$$\begin{aligned}v_S(t) &= A \cos(\omega t + \theta) \\&= \frac{1}{2} A e^{j\theta} e^{j\omega t} + \frac{1}{2} A e^{-j\theta} e^{-j\omega t}\end{aligned}$$

- ◆ Because the system is LTI

$$v_C(t) = \frac{1}{2} A e^{j\theta} H(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} + \frac{1}{2} H(-j\omega) A e^{-j\theta} e^{-j\omega t}$$

- ◆ Because of conjugate symmetry

## Inputting a cosine 2/2

- ◆ Because of conjugate symmetry

$$\begin{aligned} v_C(t) &= \frac{1}{2} A e^{j\theta} H(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} + \frac{1}{2} H^*(j\omega) A e^{-j\theta} e^{-j\omega t} \\ &= 2\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{1}{2} A e^{j\theta} H(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ Simplifying

$$\begin{aligned} v_C(t) &= A |H(j\omega)| \operatorname{Re} \left[ e^{j\theta} e^{j\angle H(j\omega)} e^{j\omega t} \right] \\ &= A |H(j\omega)| \cos(\omega t + \theta + \angle H(j\omega)) \end{aligned}$$

## See the connection to phasors

$$RC \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} + v_C(t) = v_S(t)$$

- ◆ Consider a cosine input

$$\begin{aligned} v_S(t) &= A \cos(\omega t + \theta) \\ &= \text{Re} \left[ A e^{j\theta} e^{j\omega t} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ Solve the problem with phasors

$$\mathbf{V}_S = A e^{j\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KVL} \quad RCj\omega \mathbf{V}_C + \mathbf{V}_C &= \mathbf{V}_S \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{V}_C = \frac{1}{RCj\omega + 1} \mathbf{V}_S \\ &= A \left| \frac{1}{RCj\omega + 1} \right| e^{j\theta + \angle 1/(RCj\omega + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ Find the final time domain solution

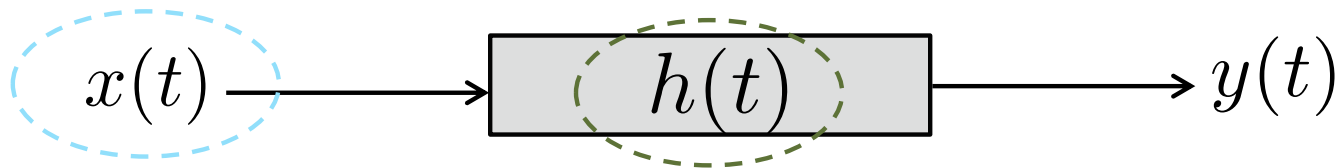
$$v_C(t) = A \left| \frac{1}{RCj\omega + 1} \right| \cos(\omega t + \theta + \angle 1/(RCj\omega + 1))$$

## What does it all mean?

- ◆ The phasor method is built upon the foundations of LTI systems
- ◆ When you use phasors, you are exploiting the property that complex sinusoids are eigenfunctions of LTI
- ◆ RLC circuits have real-valued components, which ensures the conjugate symmetry of the frequency response
- ◆ This makes it possible to connect input and output cosines

## Connections back to ECE 45

Lectures 2 - 3 working with signals



Lectures 4 - 7 LTI systems in the time domain

Lectures 11-12 LTI systems in the frequency domain



Lectures 8 - 10 Fourier series

Lectures 13 - 17 Fourier transform

Fourier

# Continuous-time Fourier series

## Learning objectives

- Explain the key idea of Fourier series representation of signals
- Specialize the Fourier series to real signals

## Fourier series for CT **periodic** signals

- ◆ Consider the periodic signal  $x(t)$  with period  $T$ :  $x(t + T) = x(t)$
- ◆ The Fourier series representation of the **periodic** signal  $x(t)$  is

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

where  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  is the fundamental frequency  $2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{T}$

- ◆ The Fourier series coefficients of  $x(t)$  are  $\{a_k\}$  and  $a_0$  is DC
- ◆ The  $k$ -th harmonic components of  $x(t)$  are  $a_k$  and  $a_{-k}$



# Interpreting the Fourier series

- ◆ Can represent (most) periodic signals as

$$x(t) = \underbrace{a_0}_{\text{DC offset}} + \underbrace{a_1 e^{j\omega_0 t} + a_{-1} e^{-j\omega_0 t}}_{1^{st} \text{ harmonic on fundamental term}} + \underbrace{a_2 e^{j2\omega_0 t} + a_{-2} e^{-j2\omega_0 t}}_{2^{nd} \text{ harmonic, at } 2\omega_0} + \dots$$

- ◆ Checking periodicity

$$\begin{aligned} x(t + T) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0(t+T)} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} e^{jk\omega_0 T} \\ &= x(t) \end{aligned} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{jk\omega_0 T} &= e^{jk \frac{2\pi}{T} T} \\ &= e^{jk2\pi} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Example of Fourier series addition

◆ <http://www.intmath.com/fourier-series/fourier-graph-applet.php>

## Special case of real signals

$$x^*(t) = x(t)$$

- Real signals have special **symmetry** in the Fourier series

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^*(t) &= \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} \right)^* \\
 &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t})^* \\
 &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k^* e^{-jk\omega_0 t}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{change of variable } \ell = -k}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} a_{-\ell}^* e^{j\ell\omega_0 t} \\
 &\equiv \underbrace{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}}_{x(t)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes:  $\ell = -k$ , "into sum", and a double-headed arrow between the two summations.

$$a_k = a_{-k}^*$$

conjugate symmetry

## Using the symmetry for real signals

- ◆ Suppose that  $x(t)$  is real

Decomposition  
is real, which is  
expected

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} \\
 &= a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} + a_{-k} e^{-jk\omega_0 t} \right] \\
 &= a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} + a_k^* e^{-jk\omega_0 t} \right] \\
 &= a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2\operatorname{Re}\{a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Diagram illustrating the decomposition of the real signal  $x(t)$  into its complex components. The terms  $a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$  and  $a_k^* e^{-jk\omega_0 t}$  are circled and labeled  $z$  and  $z^*$  respectively. The final expression shows the real part of the complex component,  $2\operatorname{Re}\{z\}$ .

$z + z^* = 2\operatorname{Re}\{z\}$

## Writing the coefficients in **polar** form

◆ Let

$$a_k = A_k e^{j\theta_k}$$

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2\operatorname{Re}\{A_k e^{j(k\omega_0 t + \theta_k)}\}$$

$$= a_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \cos(\underbrace{k\omega_0 t}_{1, 2, 3, \dots} + \theta_k)$$

◆ Write real signals as a sum of **phase shifted cosines** and **DC** term



## Writing the coefficients in **Cartesian** form



◆ Let  $a_k = B_k + jC_k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2\text{Re}\{a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}\} \\
 &= a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2\text{Re}\{(B_k + jC_k)(\cos k\omega_0 t + j \sin k\omega_0 t)\} \\
 &= a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2(B_k \cos(k\omega_0 t) - C_k \sin(k\omega_0 t))
 \end{aligned}$$

Euler's

*(Note: A blue curved arrow points from the exponential term in the first line to the trigonometric terms in the second line, indicating the use of Euler's formula.)*

◆ Write real signals as a sum of **sine**, **cosine**, and **DC** term

## Example 4

- ◆ A CT Periodic & real signal  $x(t)$  has a fundamental period  $T=8$ .  
The non-zero Fourier series coefficients  $x(t)$  are

$$a_1 = a_{-1} = 2$$

$$a_3 = a_{-3}^* = 4j$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

- ◆ Express  $x(t)$  in exponential, polar and Cartesian forms

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

$$= -4j e^{-j3\omega_0 t} + 2e^{-j\omega_0 t} + 2e^{j\omega_0 t} + 4j e^{j3\omega_0 t}$$

$$a_1 = 2 \cdot e^{j0} \quad a_3 = 4e^{j\pi/2}$$

## Example 4 - solution

$$x(t) = a_1 e^{j(\frac{2\pi}{T})t} + a_{-1} e^{-j(\frac{2\pi}{T})t} + a_3 e^{j3(\frac{2\pi}{T})t} + a_{-3} e^{-j3(\frac{2\pi}{T})t}$$

$$= 2e^{j(\frac{2\pi}{8})t} + 2e^{-j(\frac{2\pi}{8})t} + 4je^{j3(\frac{2\pi}{8})t} - 4je^{-j3(\frac{2\pi}{8})t}$$

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

Exponential  
Cartesian

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

Polar

$$a_1 = 2 \cdot e^{j \cdot 0}$$

$$a_3 = 4 e^{j \cdot \pi/2}$$

$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$2\pi/T \quad 0$$

$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$3 \cdot 2\pi/T \quad \pi/2$$



## Summary of Fourier series for CT periodic signals

General form of the Fourier series is

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

$\omega_0$

where  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  is the fundamental frequency

Special forms for when signal is real

$$x(t) = a_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \cos(k\omega_0 t + \theta_k)$$

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2(B_k \cos(k\omega_0 t) - C_k \sin(k\omega_0 t))$$

# Fourier analysis and orthogonality

## Learning objectives

- Connect Fourier series to the inner product of a vector
- Prove orthogonality of complex sinusoids

# Fourier analysis and synthesis

$x(t)$

time domain signal

Fourier  
analysis

$\{a_k\}$

Fourier coefficients  
(frequency domain)

figuring out what frequencies are used to build the time domain signal

$\{a_k\}$

Fourier coefficients  
(frequency domain)

Fourier  
synthesis

$x(t)$

time domain signal

putting the frequencies together to build the time domain signal

Fourier theory involves decomposing signals into their Fourier coefficients and building signals from Fourier coefficients

# Key Fourier equations

$$\int_0^T$$

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2}$$

Finding the coefficients: Use the **analysis** equation

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-jk\frac{2\pi}{T}t} dt$$

Integrate over the fundamental period T

Reconstructing the signal: Use the **synthesis** equations

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$$

coefficients

complex sinusoid

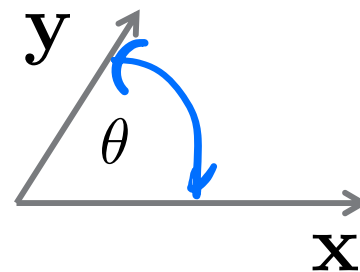
Signal  $x(t)$  that is periodic with fundamental period  $T$

## The analysis equation as an inner product

- ◆ Inner product of a pair of vectors

$\langle x, y \rangle$

$$\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos(\theta)$$



- ◆ Inner product between a pair of periodic functions  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$

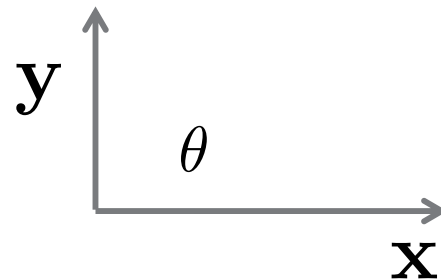
$$\langle x(t), y(t) \rangle = \int_0^T x(t) y^*(t) dt$$

**Way to define magnitude and extent of overlap**

## Orthogonality

- ◆ A pair of vectors are orthogonal if

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos(\theta) = 0$$



- ◆ Two periodic functions  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  are orthogonal if

$$\langle x(t), y(t) \rangle = \int_0^T x(t) y^*(t) dt = 0$$

## Orthogonality of complex sinusoids

same

- ◆ Consider the following periodic signals

$$x(t) = e^{jk\omega_0 t} \quad y(t) = e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

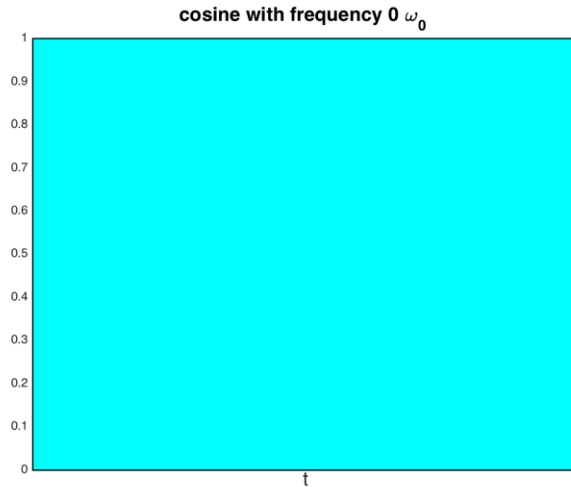
- ◆ Compute the inner product between these two signals

$$\int_0^T e^{j(k-n)\omega_0 t} dt = \int_0^T \cos((k-n)\omega_0 t) + j \sin((k-n)\omega_0 t) dt$$

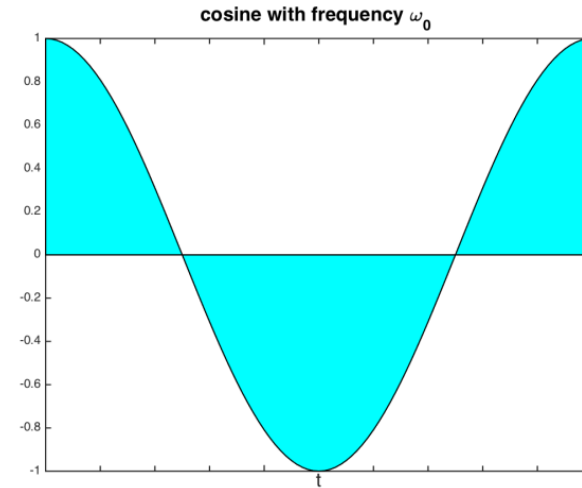
$$\underset{x(t)y^*(t)}{\int_0^T e^{j(k-n)\omega_0 t} dt} = \begin{cases} T & k = n \\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases} \quad \longrightarrow \quad T\delta[k-n]$$

**Complex sinusoids comprised of different harmonics of the fundamental frequency are orthogonal**

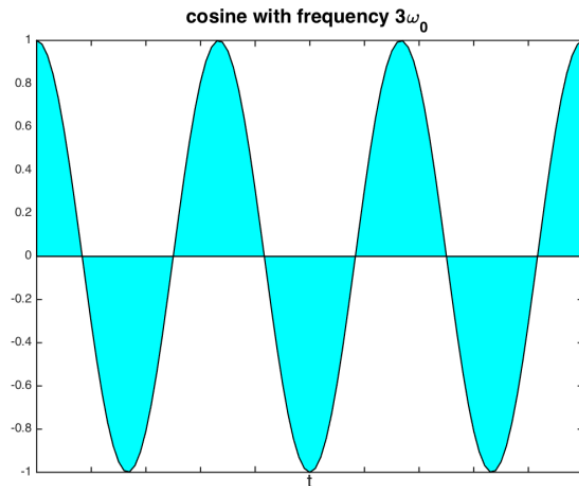
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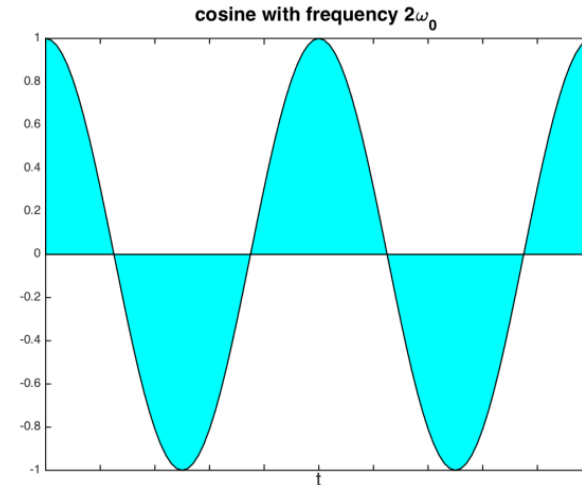
Area=T



Area=0  
("negative area" below x-axis cancels "positive area")



Area=0



Area=0

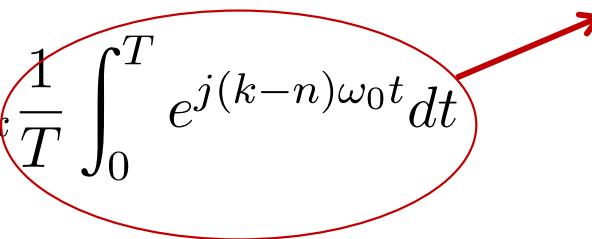


## Use orthogonality to check analysis & synthesis

- ◆ Inserting the synthesis into the analysis equations

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^T a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{j(k-n)\omega_0 t} dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\delta[k - n]$



- ◆ Note: Assumes the order of integration & sum can be exchanged which is not always the case, relates to discussion in next lecture

## Summary of finding the Fourier series coefficients

- ◆ The **Fourier series coefficients** are computed from

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

- ◆ The signal is **reconstructed** from its coefficients using

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$$

- ◆ The Fourier coefficients give insight into “how much” of the frequency  $k\omega_0$  is contained in the signal

# Fourier coefficients of a rectangular pulse train

## Learning objectives

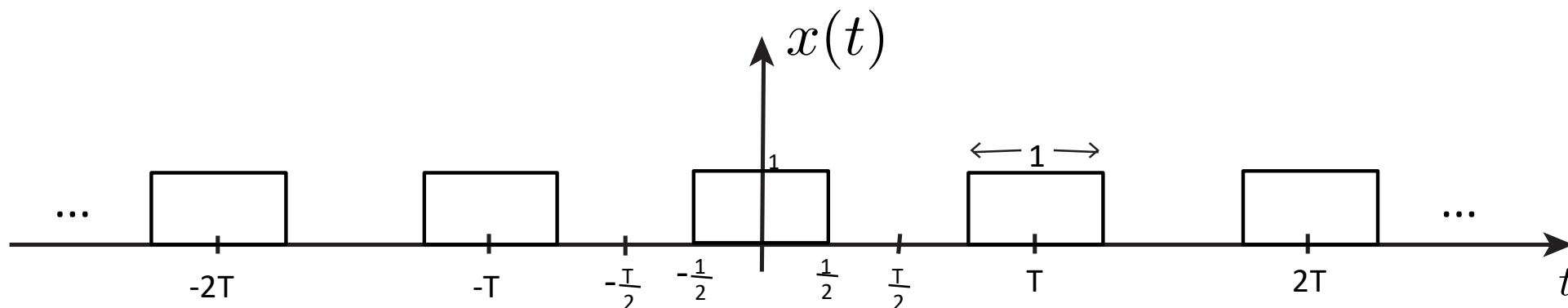
- Find the Fourier series coefficients of a classic example
- Use the results of this derivation in future lectures

## Pulse train I

This is an important reference example. It may not be covered in class. We will use the general result though in other example problems as this is an interesting and relevant signal used in circuits.

- ◆ Find the Fourier series coefficients of the unit pulse train

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & |t| < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0, & \frac{1}{2} < |t| < \frac{T}{2} \end{cases} \quad \text{and is repeated every } T$$



## Pulse train 2

$$\begin{aligned}a_k &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt, \quad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} \\&= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} 1 \cdot e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt \\&= \frac{-1}{jk\omega_0 T} e^{-jk\omega_0 t} \bigg|_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\&= -\frac{1}{jk\omega_0 T} \left( e^{\frac{-jk\omega_0}{2}} - e^{\frac{jk\omega_0}{2}} \right) \\&= \frac{2}{k\omega_0 T} \frac{1}{2j} \left( e^{\frac{jk\omega_0}{2}} - e^{-\frac{jk\omega_0}{2}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

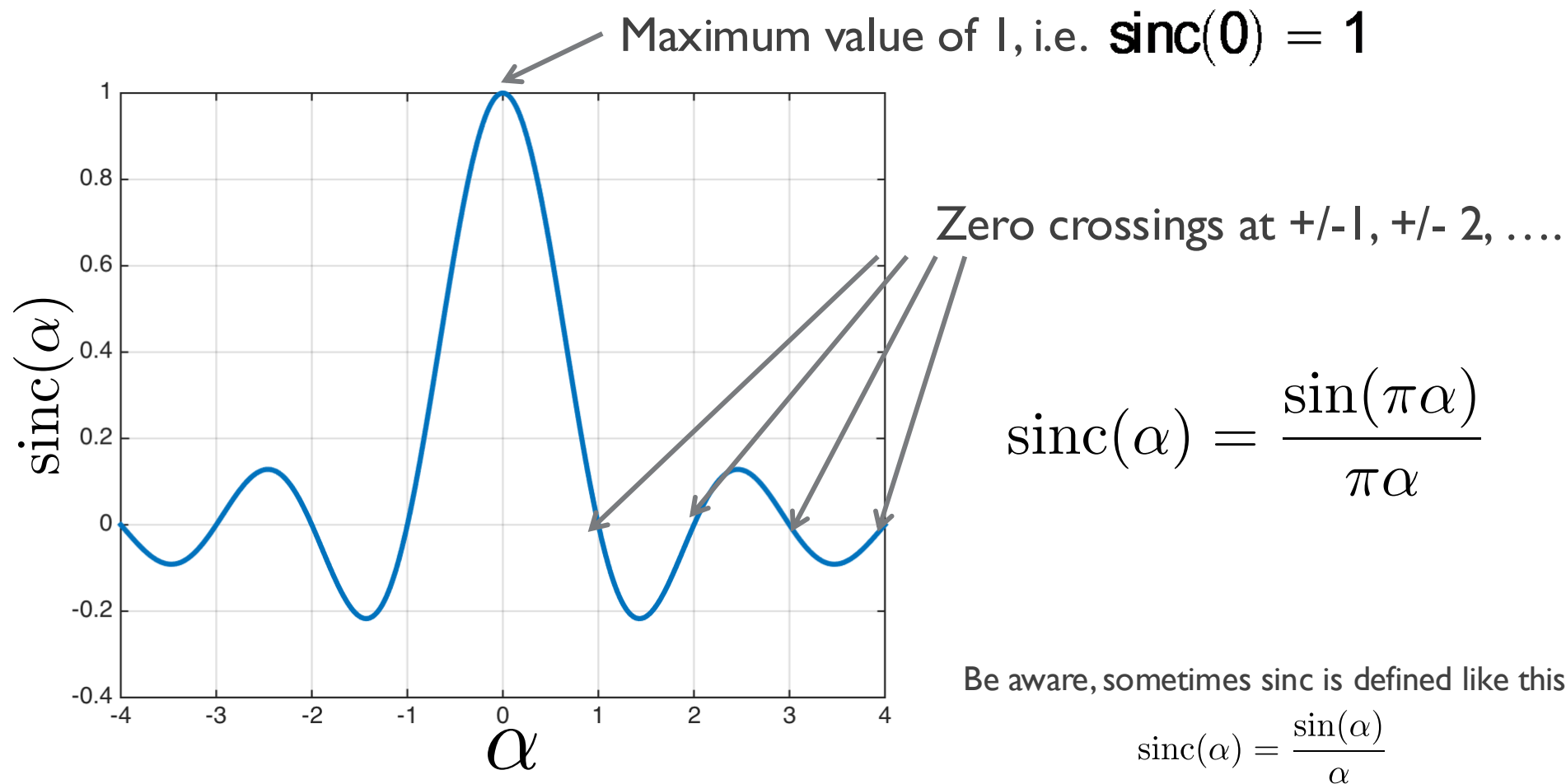
## Pulse train 3

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{1}{T} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k\omega_0}{2}\right)}{\frac{k\omega_0}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \frac{\sin\left(\pi \frac{k\omega_0}{2\pi}\right)}{\pi \frac{k\omega_0}{2\pi}} \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{k\omega_0}{2\pi}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We define the sinc as

$$\operatorname{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x}$$

## Pulse train 4



## Pulse train 5

- ◆ What about  $k = 0$ ?

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{x(t)}_1 dt = \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{T}$$

- ◆ As an side, for the sinc function

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(\pi t)}{\pi t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi \cos(\pi t)}{\pi} = 1$$

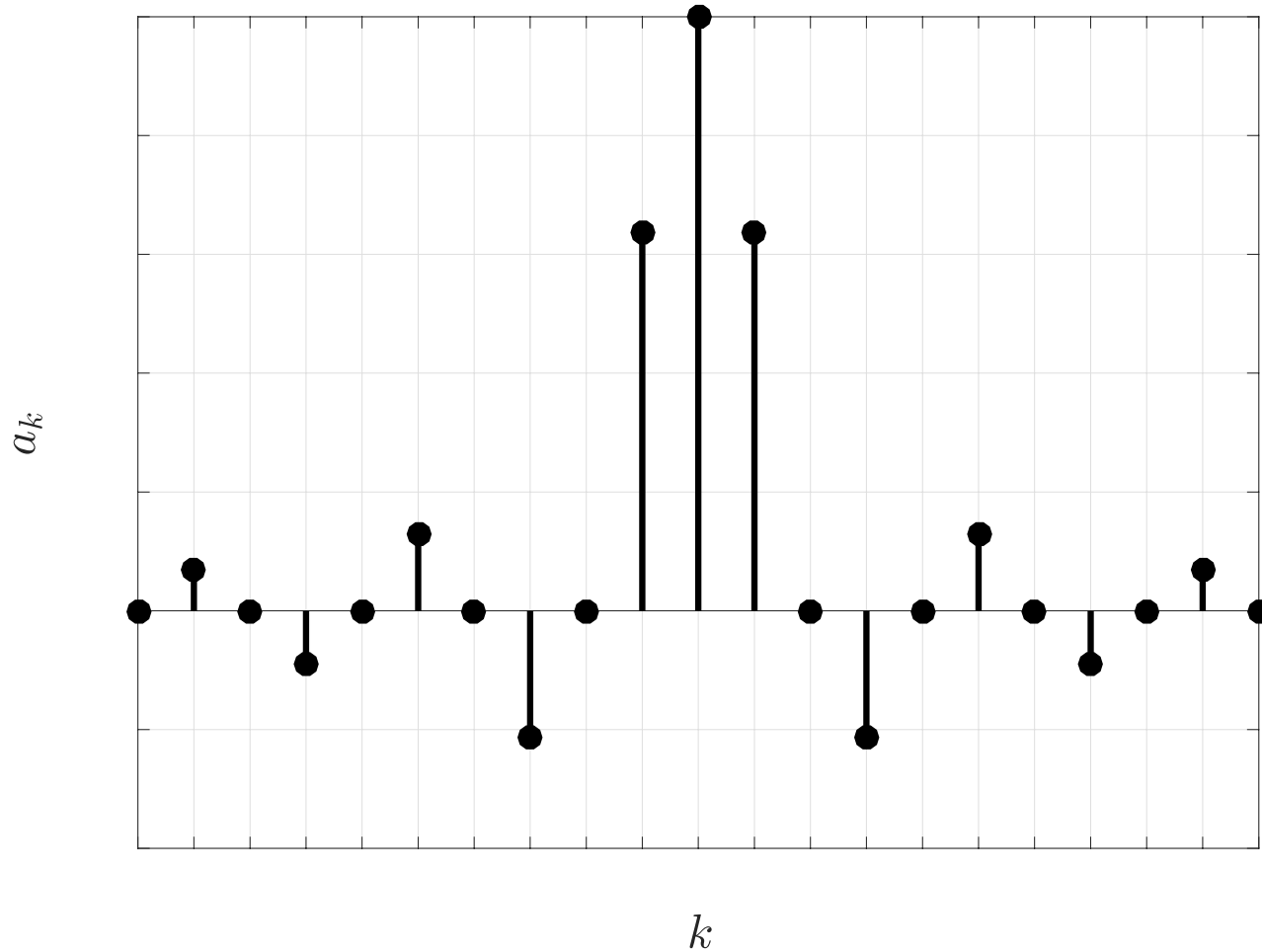
- ◆ Therefore the following holds for all values of  $k$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T} \text{sinc} \left( \frac{k\omega_0}{2\pi} \right) = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} \text{sinc} \left( \frac{k\omega_0}{2\pi} \right)$$



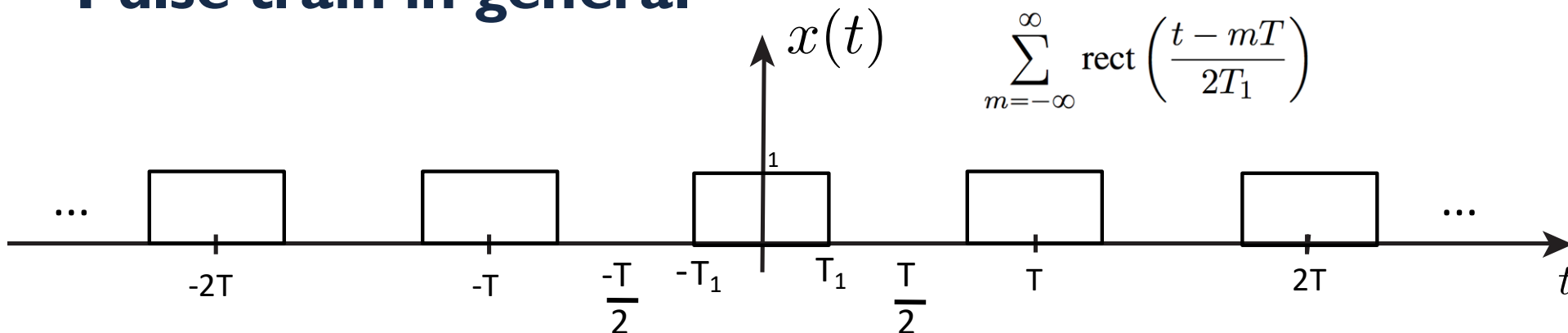
# Pulse train 6

Example with  $T=2$



# Pulse train in general

From O&W Example 3.5



From the book

$$a_k = \frac{\sin\left(\pi k \frac{2T_1}{T}\right)}{k\pi} \quad k \neq 0$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2T_1}{T}$$

Rewritten using the sinc function  $\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x}$

$$a_k = \frac{\omega_0 T_1}{\pi} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{k\omega_0 T_1}{\pi}\right) \quad \text{with fundamental frequency}$$

$$a_k = \frac{2T_1}{T} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{k2T_1}{T}\right) \quad \text{simplified}$$