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Fourier Series

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1. Periodic Function

Let

$$x(t) = A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| \tag{1.1}$$

1.1 Plot x(t)

Solution: Download the following Python code that plots Fig. 1.1.

wget https://github.com/Ankit-Saha-2003/ EE3900/raw/main/Fourier/codes/1.1.py

Run the code by executing

python 1.1.py

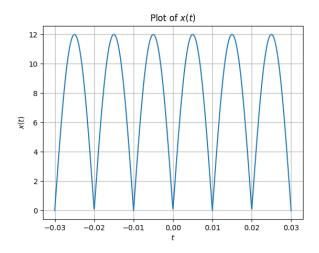


Fig. 1.1. Plot of x(t)

1.2 Show that x(t) is periodic and find its period **Solution:** Since x(t) is the absolute value of a sinusoidal function, it is periodic, which is also evident from the plot

Consider $x(t + \frac{1}{2f_0})$

$$x\left(t + \frac{1}{2f_0}\right) = A_0 \left| \sin\left(2\pi f_0 \left(t + \frac{1}{2f_0}\right)\right) \right|$$
 (1.2)

$$= A_0 \left| \sin \left(2\pi f_0 t + \pi f_0 \right) \right| \tag{1.3}$$

$$= A_0 \left| (-1)^{f_0} \sin \left(2\pi f_0 t \right) \right| \tag{1.4}$$

$$= A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| \tag{1.5}$$

$$= x(t) \tag{1.6}$$

Therefore, x(t) is periodic with period $\frac{1}{2f_0}$

2. Fourier Series

Consider $A_0 = 12$ and $f_0 = 50$ for all numerical calculations

2.1 If

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$$
 (2.1)

show that

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} x(t)e^{-J2\pi k f_0 t} dt \qquad (2.2)$$

Solution:

$$x(t)e^{-J^{2\pi n}f_{0}t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{k}e^{-J^{2\pi(n-k)}f_{0}t}$$
(2.3)

$$\implies \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} x(t)e^{-j2\pi nf_0t} dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} e^{-j2\pi(n-k)f_0t} dt$$
(2.4)

But

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} e^{-j2\pi(n-k)f_0t} dt = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f_0} & k = n\\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases}$$
 (2.5)

$$=\frac{1}{f_0}\delta(n-k)\tag{2.6}$$

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} e^{-j2\pi(n-k)f_0 t} dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \frac{1}{f_0} \delta(n-k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{f_0} c_n * \delta(n) \quad (2.8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{f_0} c_n \quad (2.9)$$

Therefore

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} x(t)e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt$$
 (2.10)

2.2 Find c_k for (1.1)

Solution:

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \left| \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \right| e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \quad (2.11)$$

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{0} A_0 \left(-\sin(2\pi f_0 t) \right) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt$$

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{0} A_0 \left(-\sin\left(2\pi f_0 t\right) \right) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt$$
$$+ f_0 \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \left(\sin\left(2\pi f_0 t\right) \right) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \quad (2.12)$$

$$c_k = f_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \sin(2\pi f_0 u) e^{J2\pi k f_0 u} dt$$
$$+ f_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \sin(2\pi f_0 t) e^{-J2\pi k f_0 t} dt \quad (2.13)$$

$$c_k = f_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \left(e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} + e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} \right) dt$$
(2.14)

$$= f_0 A_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} 2\sin(2\pi f_0 t) \cos(2\pi k f_0 t) dt$$
(2.15)

$$= f_0 A_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} \left\{ \sin\left(2\pi(1+k)f_0t\right) + \sin\left(2\pi(1-k)f_0t\right) \right\} dt$$
(2.16)

$$= f_0 A_0 \left[-\frac{\cos(2\pi(1+k)f_0t)}{2\pi(1+k)f_0} - \frac{\cos(2\pi(1-k)f_0t)}{2\pi(1-k)f_0} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}}$$
(2.17)

$$= \frac{f_0 A_0}{2\pi f_0} \left[\frac{1 - (-1)^{1+k}}{1+k} + \frac{1 - (-1)^{1-k}}{1-k} \right]$$
(2.18)
$$= \left(1 + (-1)^k \right) \frac{A_0}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{1+k} + \frac{1}{1-k} \right]$$
(2.19)

$$= \left(1 + (-1)^k\right) \frac{A_0}{\pi (1 - k^2)} \tag{2.20}$$

Therefore

$$c_k = \begin{cases} \frac{2A_0}{\pi(1-k^2)} & k \text{ is even} \\ 0 & k \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$
 (2.21)

2.3 Verify (1.1) using Python

Solution: Download the following Python code that plots Fig. 2.3.

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python 2.3.py

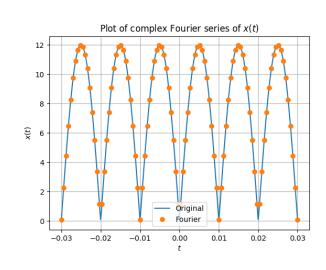


Fig. 2.3. Plot of x(t) along with its complex Fourier series expansion

2.4 Show that

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (a_k \cos(2\pi k f_0 t) + b_k \sin(2\pi k f_0 t))$$
(2.22)

and obtain the formulae for a_k and b_k

$$dt x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$$
 (2.23)

$$= c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} + c_{-k} e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t}$$
 (2.24)

Thus

$$x(t) = c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_k + c_{-k}) \cos(2\pi k f_0 t)$$
$$+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J(c_k - c_{-k}) \sin(2\pi k f_0 t) \quad (2.25)$$

Therefore

$$a_k = \begin{cases} c_0 & k = 0 \\ c_k + c_{-k} & k > 0 \end{cases}$$
 (2.26)

$$b_k = j(c_k - c_{-k}) \quad k \ge 0 \tag{2.27}$$

2.5 Find a_k and b_k for (1.1)

Solution:

$$a_0 = c_0 = \frac{2A_0}{\pi} \tag{2.28}$$

For k > 0, if k is odd

$$a_k = 0 + 0 = 0 (2.29)$$

and if k is even

$$a_k = \frac{2A_0}{\pi(1 - k^2)} + \frac{2A_0}{\pi(1 - k^2)} = \frac{4A_0}{\pi(1 - k^2)}$$
(2.30)

For odd or even k, $c_k = c_{-k}$ always

$$b_k = 0 \quad \forall k \ge 0 \tag{2.31}$$

Therefore

$$a_{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{2A_{0}}{\pi} & k = 0\\ \frac{4A_{0}}{\pi(1-k^{2})} & k = 2m, m \in \mathbb{N}\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (2.32)

$$b_k = 0 \qquad k \ge 0 \tag{2.33}$$

2.6 Verify (2.22) using Python

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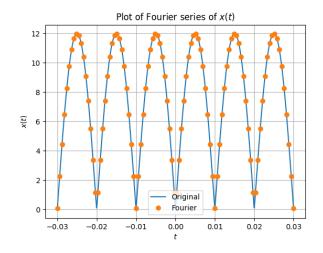


Fig. 2.6. Plot of x(t) along with its Fourier series expansion