9.3 Fourier Series

One consequence of (9.29) is that there are ω_Q/ω_0+1 independent coefficients for a_k (including a_0) and ω_Q/ω_0 independent coefficients for b_k , a total of N+1 independent coefficients. (Recall that $\omega_Q/\omega_0=N/2$, where $\omega_0=2\pi/T$ and $T=N\Delta$.) Because $\sin \omega_Q t=0$ for all values of t that are multiples of Δ , we have $b_{N/2}=0$ from (9.26b). Consequently, there are N/2-1 values for b_k , and hence a total of N Fourier coefficients that can be computed. This conclusion is reasonable because the number of meaningful Fourier coefficients should be the same as the number of data points.

The Analyze class computes the Fourier coefficients a_k and b_k of a function f(t) defined between t=0 and t=T at intervals of Δ . To compute the coefficients, we do the integrals in (9.26) numerically using the simple rectangular approximation (see Section 11.1):

$$a_k \approx \frac{2\Delta}{T} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(t_i) \cos \omega_k t_i$$
 (9.30a)

$$b_k \approx \frac{2\Delta}{T} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(t_i) \sin \omega_k t_i, \qquad (9.30b)$$

where the ratio $2\Delta/T = 2/N$.

Listing 9.5 The Analyze class calculates the Fourier coefficients of a function.

```
package org.opensourcephysics.sip.ch09;
import org.opensourcephysics.numerics.Function;
public class Analyze {
   Function f;
   double period, delta;
   double omega0;
   int N:
   Analyze(Function f, int N, double delta) {
      this f = f:
      this.delta = delta;
      this.N = N:
      neriod = N*delta;
      omega0 = 2*Math.PI/period;
   double getSineCoefficient(int n) {
      double sum = 0;
      double t = 0;
      for(int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
         sum += f.evaluate(t)*Math.sin(n*omega0*t);
          t. += delta:
       return 2*delta*sum/period;
   double getCosineCoefficient(int n) {
       double sum = 0:
       double t = 0;
       for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
```

```
sum += f.evaluate(t)*Math.cos(n*omega0*t);
    t += delta;
}
return 2*delta*sum/period;
}
```

The AnalyzeApp program reads a function and creates an Analyze object to plot the Fourier coefficients a_k and b_k versus k. Note how we use a parser to convert a string of characters into a function using a ParsedFunction object. Because typing mistakes are common when entering mathematical expressions, we return from the calculate method if a syntax error is detected.

Listing 9.6 A program that analyzes the Fourier components of a function.

```
package org.opensourcephysics.sip.ch09;
import java.awt.*:
import org.opensourcephysics.controls.*;
import org.opensourcephysics.display.*:
import org.opensourcephysics.frames.*;
import org.opensourcephysics.numerics.*;
public class AnalyzeApp extends AbstractCalculation {
   PlotFrame frame = new PlotFrame("frequency", "coefficients".
                        "Fourier analysis"):
   public AnalyzeApp() {
     frame.setMarkerShape(0, Dataset.POST);
     // semitransparent red
     frame.setMarkerColor(0, new Color(255, 0, 0, 128));
     frame.setMarkerShape(1, Dataset, POST):
     // semitransparent blue
     frame.setMarkerColor(1, new Color(0, 0, 255, 128));
     frame.setXYColumnNames(0, "frequency", "cos");
     frame.setXYColumnNames(1, "frequency", "sin");
   public void calculate() {
     double delta = control.getDouble("delta"):
     int N = control.getInt("N"):
     int numberOfCoefficients = control.getInt("# of coefficients");
     String fStr = control.getString("f(t)");
     Function f = null:
     try {
         f = new ParsedFunction(fStr, "t");
     } catch(ParserException ex) {
         control.println("Error parsing function string: "+fStr):
     Analyze analyze = new Analyze(f, N, delta):
     double f0 = 1.0/(N*delta):
     for(int i = 0;i<=numberOfCoefficients;i++) {</pre>
         frame.append(0, i*f0, analyze.getCosineCoefficient(i));
         frame.append(1. i*f0. analyze.getSineCoefficient(i)):
      // Data tables can be displayed using
```