



# Lecture content

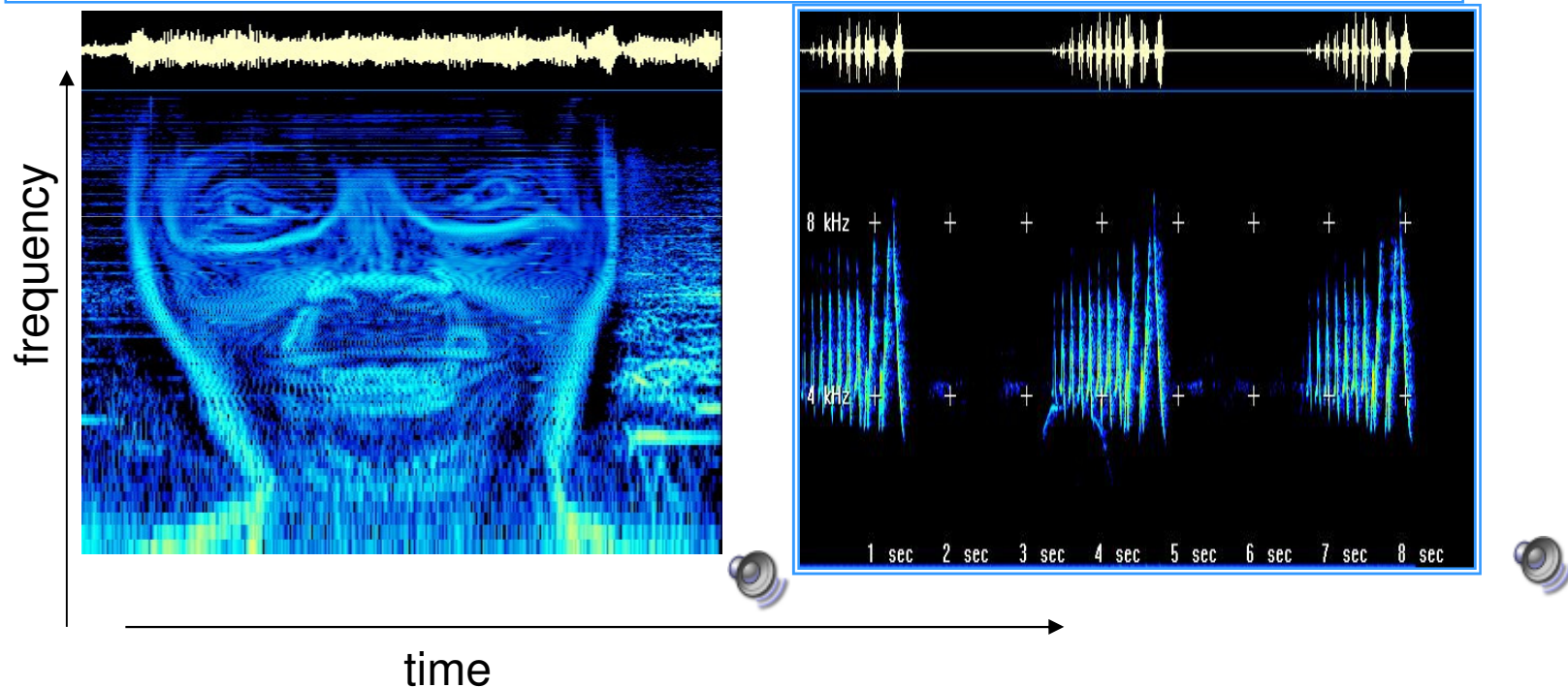
- Fourier series representation of periodic signals
  - A CT periodic signal can be expressed as a sum of harmonically related sinusoids.

Applet:

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# Signals: Spectrogram

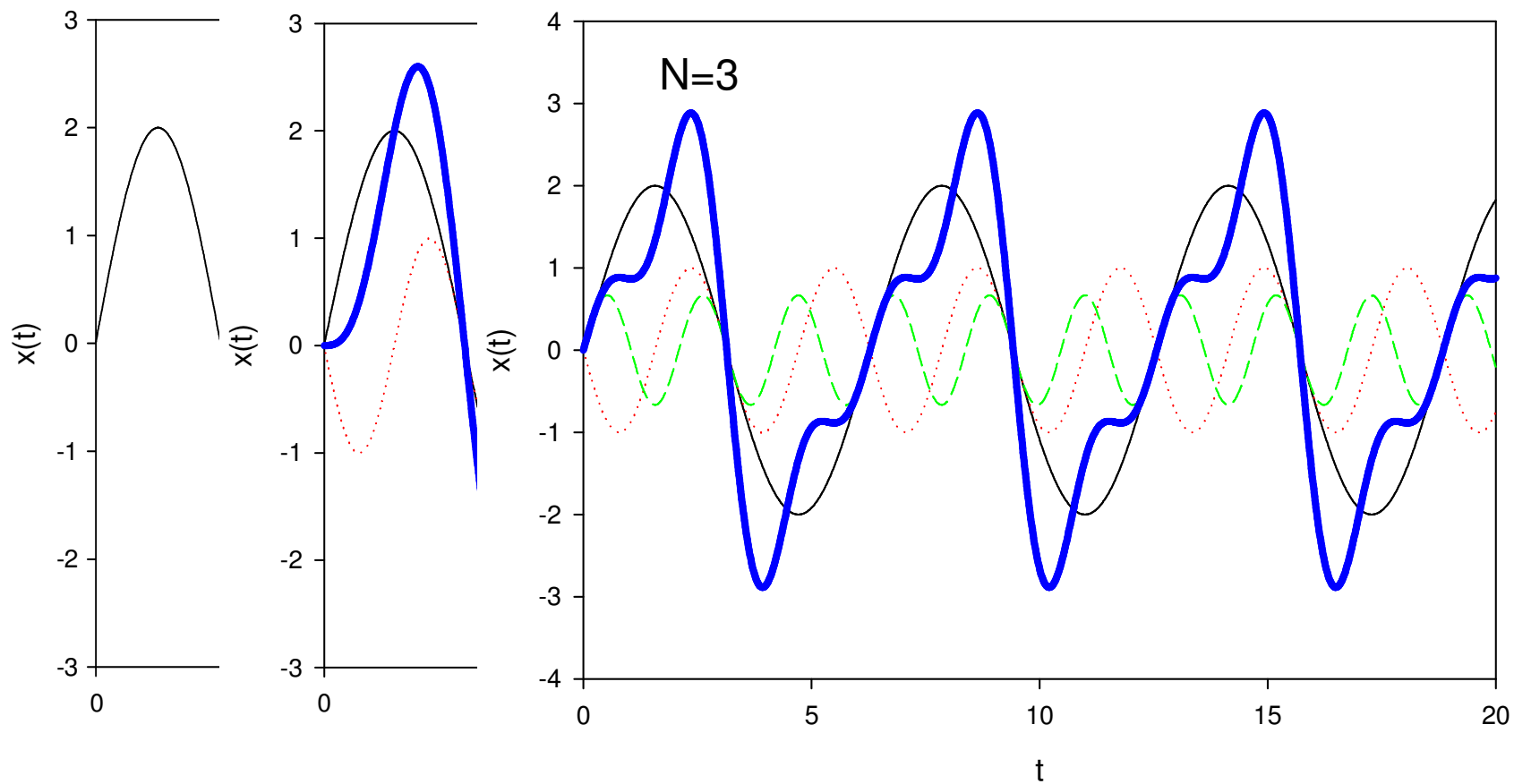
- 2) Audio signals such as speech waveform or music. Signal processing can be developed to characterise the speech signals in terms of their frequency spectrum. (Spectrogram)







# Periodic sawtooth waveform



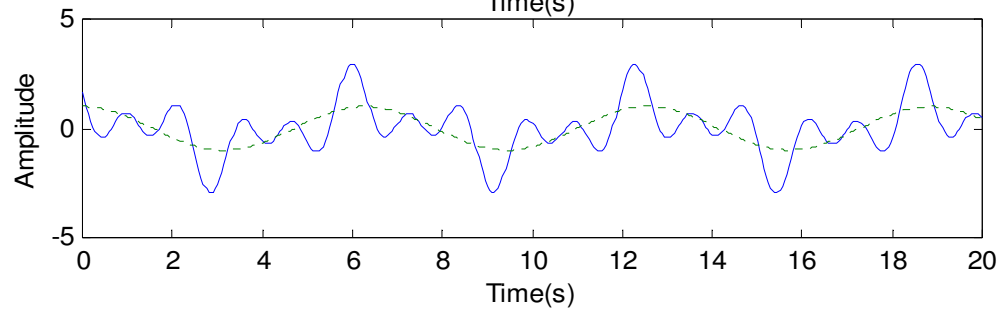
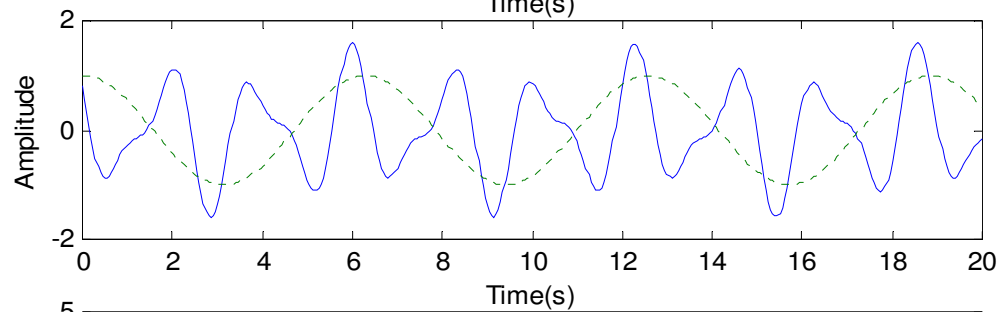
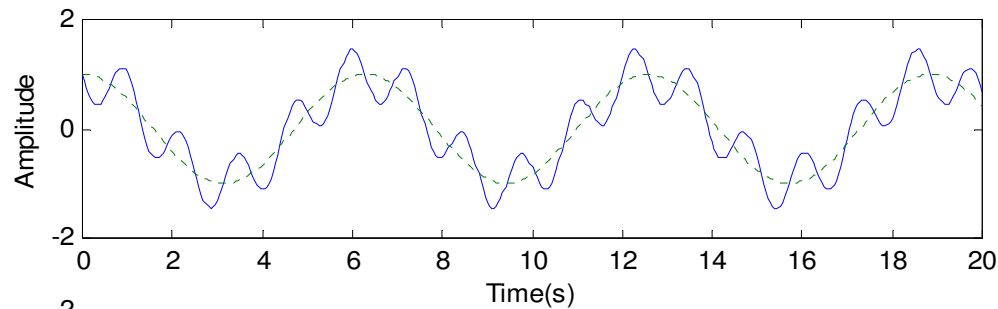
$$x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{2}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(nt)$$



# Fourier Series

$$x(t) = A_1 \cos t + A_2 \cos(3t + \pi / 4) + A_3 \cos(5t + \pi / 2)$$

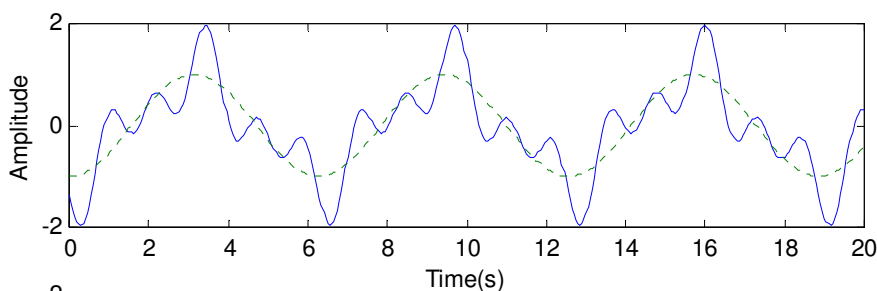
fundamental                  3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic                  5<sup>th</sup> harmonic



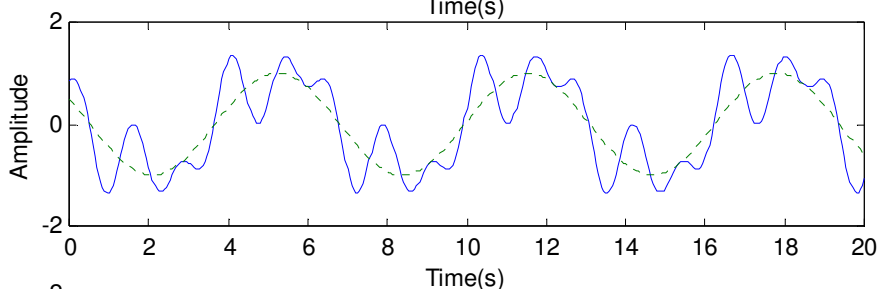
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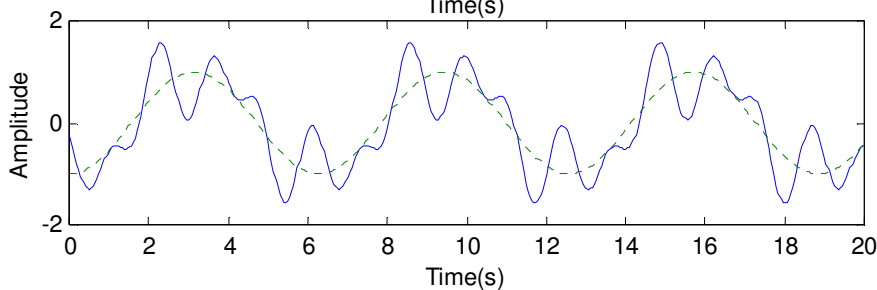
$A_1 = 1$ ,  $A_2 = A_3 = 0.5$ , the frequencies are 1, 3 and 5 rad/s and the phases are  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$ .



$$p_1 = \pi, p_2 = 3\pi/4, p_3 = \pi/2$$



$$p_1 = \pi/3, p_2 = \pi/4, p_3 = 3\pi/2$$



$$p_1 = \pi, p_2 = 0, p_3 = \pi/3$$



# Fourier Series Representation

In fact we can express a CT periodic signal,  $x(t)$  as a sum of sinusoids

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N A_k \sin(\omega_k t + \theta_k)$$

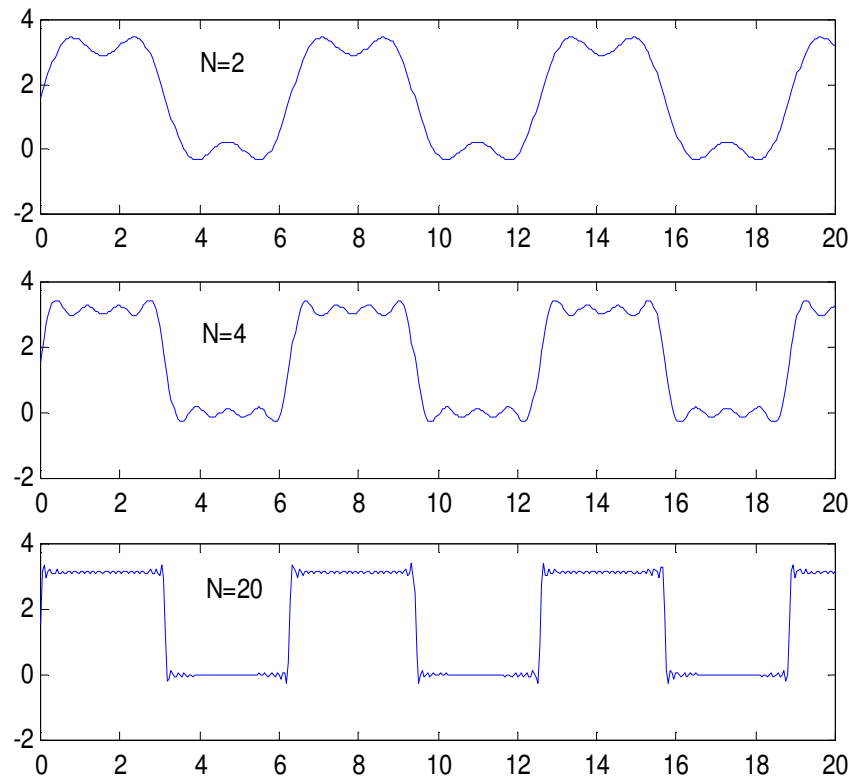
where  $N$  is a positive integer,  $A_k$  is the amplitude,  $\omega_k$  is the frequency in rad/s and  $\theta_k$  is the phase angle. This is the ***Fourier Series*** representation of the periodic signal  $x(t)$ . We can approximate any periodic signal by using the Fourier Series and the converse is true, any periodic signal may be broken down into a series of sinusoidal components that are harmonically related.



# Examples of Fourier Series Representation

1. The square waveform shown below can be represented as

$$x(t) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{2}{2n+1} \sin((2n+1)t)$$



```
function generate_squarewave(H)
%generate squarewave
%number of harmonics = H
```

```
t=0:20/400:20;
w0=1; %w0 = 1rad/s
x=0;
for N=[0:1:H]
    x1=sin((2*N+1)*w0*t)/(2*N+1);
    x=x+x1;
end;
y=pi/2+2*x;
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plot(t,y);
xlabel('t(s)'), ylabel('y(t)');
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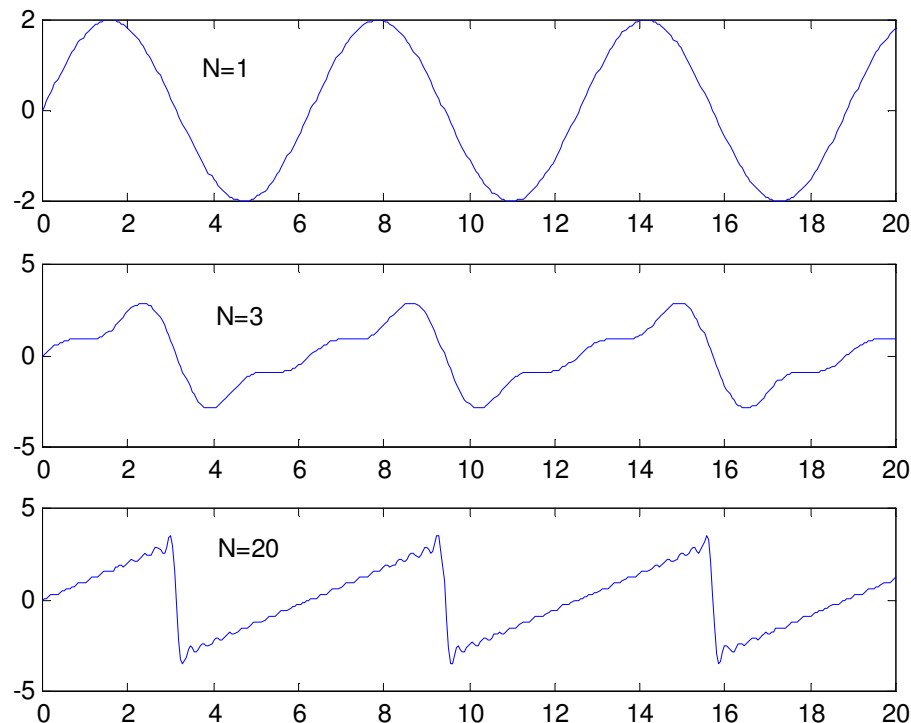




# Examples of Fourier Series Representation

2. The sawtooth waveform shown below can be represented as

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{2}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(nt)$$



```
function generate_sawtooth(H)
%generate sawtooth
%number of harmonics = H
t=0:20/400:20;
w0=1; %w0=1rad/s
x=0;
for N=[1:1:H]
    x1=(2*power(-1,N+1)/N)*sin(N*w0*t);
    x=x+x1;
end;
y=x;

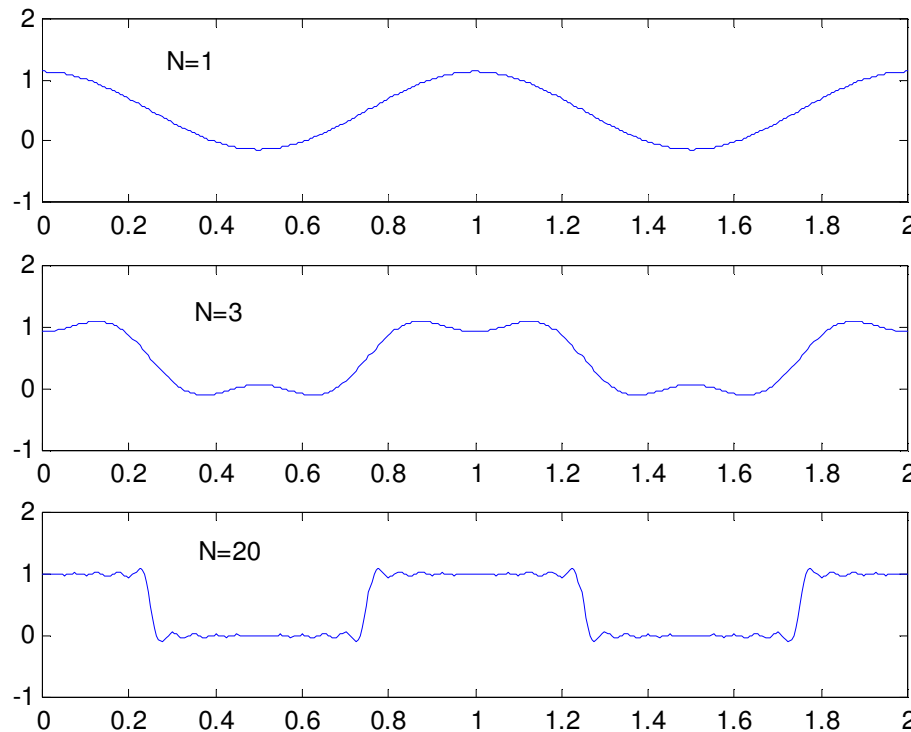
plot(t,y);
xlabel('t(s)'), ylabel('y(t)');
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# Complex Fourier Series Representation

3. The square waveform shown below can also be represented as.

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cos(2n\pi t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \left(e^{j2n\pi t} + e^{-j2n\pi t}\right)$$



%generate square wave

t=0:2/400:2;

H=1; %number of harmonics

w0=2\*pi;

x=0;

for N=[1:1:H]

an=sin(N\*w0\*0.25)/(N\*pi);

%x=x+2\*an\*cos(N\*w0\*t);

x=x+an\*(exp(j\*N\*w0\*t)+exp(-j\*N\*w0\*t));

end;

y=1/2+x;

plot(t,y);



# FS coefficients

Consider a periodic signal that can be represented by

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

where  $\omega_o$  is the fundamental frequency of a periodic exponential and  $c_k$  is the amplitude of harmonics, known as the **Complex Fourier Series Coefficients**.

Multiplying both sides by  $e^{-jn\omega_o t}$  gives

$$x(t)e^{-jn\omega_o t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j(k-n)\omega_o t}$$

Integrating both sides from 0 to  $T = \omega_o/2\pi$ , we have

$$\int_0^T x(t)e^{-jn\omega_o t} dt = \int_0^T \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j(k-n)\omega_o t} dt$$

Interchanging the order of integration and summation, we have

$$\int_0^T x(t)e^{-jn\omega_o t} dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \int_0^T e^{j(k-n)\omega_o t} dt$$



## FS coefficients

We know that  $e^{j(k-n)\omega_o t} = \cos(k-n)\omega_o t + j\sin(k-n)\omega_o t$

For  $k \neq n$ ,  $\int_0^T e^{j(k-n)\omega_o t} dt = 0$  since  $\int_0^T \cos(k-n)\omega_o t dt = 0$  and  $\int_0^T \sin(k-n)\omega_o t dt = 0$   
therefore

$$c_k \int_0^T e^{j(k-n)\omega_o t} dt = 0$$

For  $k = n$ ,  $c_n \int_0^T e^{j(k-n)\omega_o t} dt = c_n T$  since  $\int_0^T e^0 dt = T$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{\langle T \rangle} x(t) e^{-jn\omega_o t} dt$$



# FS coefficients

The coefficients  $c_n$  represents the amplitude of the  $n$ th harmonic of the periodic signal  $x(t)$ . Sometimes, there is a constant or d.c component in the signal  $x(t)$  given by

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{\langle T \rangle} x(t) dt$$

# Example

Consider the periodic square wave  $x(t)$  shown in figure 4.3. Find the Fourier Series coefficients for  $x(t)$ .

