

# Study Group

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Fourier Series & Fourier Transform

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## Introduction

- Consider the sinusoid  $g(t)$  of amplitude  $A$ , frequency  $F_0$  and phase  $\phi$ . This signal can be represented as follows:

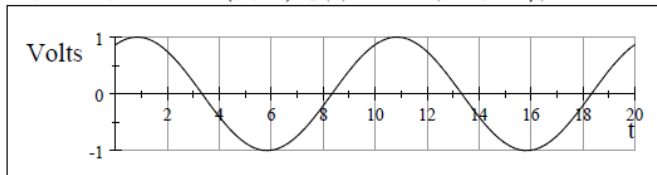
$$g(t) = A \cdot \cos(2\pi F_0 t + \phi) \quad (1)$$

$$= A \cdot \text{Re} \{ \exp\{j \cdot (2\pi F_0 t + \phi)\} \} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{A}{2} \cdot (\exp\{j \cdot (2\pi F_0 t + \phi)\} + \exp\{-j \cdot (2\pi F_0 t + \phi)\}) \quad (3)$$

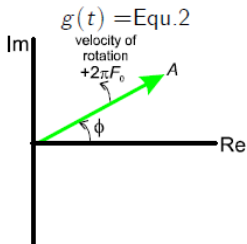
$$= \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \phi \cdot (\exp[j \cdot 2\pi F_0 t] + \exp\{-j \cdot 2\pi F_0 t\}) \\ + j \cdot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \phi \cdot (\exp\{j \cdot 2\pi F_0 t\} - \exp\{-j \cdot 2\pi F_0 t\}) \quad (4)$$

- i) Temporal Representation (Equ.1):  $g(t) = A \cdot \cos(2\pi F_0 t + \phi)$

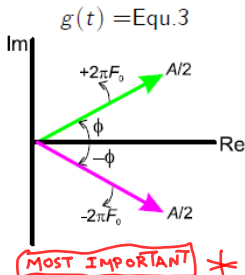


- ii) Phasor Representation (Eqs 2 and 3): we represent exponentials as rotating phasors in the complex plane. There are two different phasor representations:

ii(a):



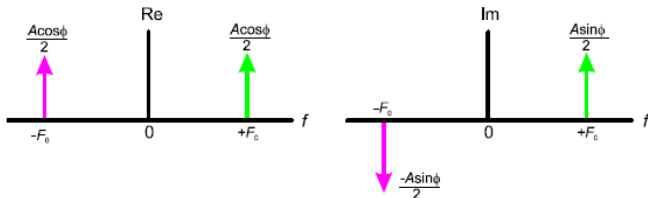
ii(b):



- ★ above, both diagrams, represent a “snapshot” at  $t = 0$
- ★ angular velocity of phasors  $= \pm 2\pi F_0 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$  i.e. always real
- ★ The second phasor representation (ii.b) leads to the SPECTRAL REPRESENTATION.

## iii) Spectral Representation (Equ.4)

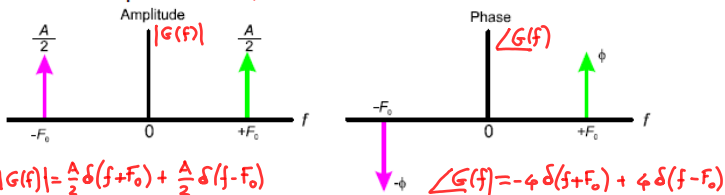
★ Line spectrum:



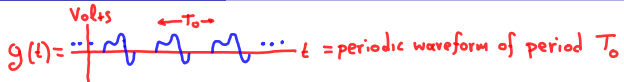
The spectrum indicates the sizes and starting angles of the phasors (resolved into Re and Im parts), and also that they should rotate at  $2\pi F_0 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$

More usual representation: (based on Equ.3)

Most Important



★ N.B.: to specify spectrum fully, we need two quantities at each frequency, that is *amplitude* and *phase*.



## 1st Form

- Joseph Fourier (1768-1830) Theorem: Any periodic waveform can be represented by a sum of sine and cosine terms having frequencies  $F_0, 2F_0, 3F_0$ , etc. (in general to  $\infty$ ).
- Let us define

$$T_0 = \frac{1}{F_0}$$

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Form:

$$g(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ a_n \cos \left( 2\pi \frac{n}{T_0} t \right) + b_n \sin \left( 2\pi \frac{n}{T_0} t \right) \right\}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) dt$$

$\uparrow$   
DC level

$$a_n = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \cos \left( 2\pi \frac{n}{T_0} t \right) dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \sin \left( 2\pi \frac{n}{T_0} t \right) dt$$

- N.B.: The reason why the DC level is an  $a$  and not a  $b$  is that  $\cos 0^\circ = 1$ .

## 2nd Form

- by using

$$A \cos \theta + B \sin \theta = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \cos \left( \theta - \tan^{-1} \frac{B}{A} \right)$$

we get the **2<sup>nd</sup> Form**:

$g(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \cos \left( 2\pi \frac{n}{T_0} t - \phi_n \right)$	$C_0 = a_0$ $\uparrow$ <i>DC level</i>
	$C_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$
	$\phi_n = \tan^{-1} \frac{b_n}{a_n}$

- N.B: the coefficients  $C_n$  are called Single-Sided Spectral-Amplitudes

### 3rd Form (Most Important)

- The **3<sup>rd</sup> Form** can be derived by using  $\cos \theta = \frac{\exp(j\theta) + \exp(-j\theta)}{2}$ .

This form, which finds extensive application in communication theory, is given as follows:

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} G_n \exp\left(j2\pi \frac{n}{T_0} t\right) \quad G_n = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \exp\left(-j2\pi \frac{n}{T_0} t\right) dt$$

- Remember: FS provides a **Discrete Spectral Representation for Periodic Signals** (i.e we sum spectral components to return to the time domain).
- N.B.:
  - ▶  $G_n$  = are in general complex - even with a real input signal, i.e. amplitude of a component at  $n.F_0$  is  $|G_n|$  and phase angle is  $\angle G_n$
  - ▶  $G_{-n} = G_n^*$
  - ▶  $G_0 = C_0$
  - ▶  $G_n = \frac{C_n}{T} \cdot \exp\{-j \cdot \phi_n\}$



# Fourier Transform Tables

$$g(t) \xrightarrow{\text{FT}} G(f) = \text{FT}\{g(t)\}$$

IMPORTANT

	Description	Function	Transformation
1	Definition	$g(t)$	$G(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$
2	Scaling	$g\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$	$ T  \cdot G(fT)$
3	Time shift	$g(t - T)$	$G(f) \cdot e^{-j2\pi fT}$
4	Frequency shift	$g(t) \cdot e^{j2\pi ft}$	$G(f - F)$
5	Complex conjugate	$g^*(t)$	$G^*(-f)$
6	Temporal derivative	$\frac{d}{dt} g(t)$	$(j2\pi f)^n \cdot G(f)$
7	Spectral derivative	$(-j2\pi t)^n \cdot g(t)$	$\frac{d}{df} G(f)$
8	Reciprocity	$G(t)$	$g(-f)$
9	Linearity	$A \cdot g(t) + B \cdot h(t)$	$A \cdot G(f) + B \cdot H(f)$
10	Multiplication	$g(t) \cdot h(t)$	$G(f) * H(f)$
11	Convolution	$g(t) * h(t)$	$G(f) \cdot H(f)$
12	Delta function	$\delta(t)$	1
13	Constant	1	$\delta(f)$
14	Rectangular function	$\text{rect}\{t\} \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if }  t  < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\text{sinc}\{f\} \triangleq \frac{\sin(\pi f)}{\pi f}$
15	Sinc function	$\text{sinc}(t)$	$\text{rect}\{f\}$
16	Unit step function	$u(t) \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$	$\frac{1}{2}\delta(f) - \frac{j}{2\pi f}$
17	Signum function	$\text{sgn}(t) \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ -1 & t < 0 \end{cases}$	$-\frac{j}{\pi f}$
18	decaying exp (two-sided)	$e^{- t }$	$\frac{2}{1 + (2\pi f)^2}$
19	decaying exp (one-sided)	$e^{- t } \cdot u(t)$	$\frac{1 - j2\pi f}{1 + (2\pi f)^2}$
20	Gaussian function	$e^{-\pi t^2}$	$e^{-\pi f^2}$
21	Lambda function	$\Lambda\{t\} \triangleq \begin{cases} 1-t & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 1+t & \text{if } -1 \leq t \leq 0 \end{cases}$	$\text{sinc}^2\{f\}$
22	Repeated function	$\text{rep}_T\{g(t)\} = g(t) * \text{rep}_T\{\delta(t)\}$	$\left \frac{1}{T}\right  \text{comb}_\frac{1}{T}\{G(f)\}$
23	Sampled function	$\text{comb}_T\{g(t)\} = g(t) \cdot \text{rep}_T\{\delta(t)\}$	$\left \frac{1}{T}\right  \text{rep}_\frac{1}{T}\{G(f)\}$

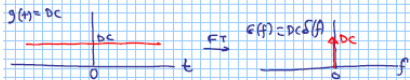
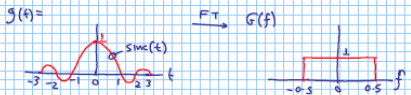
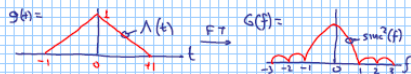
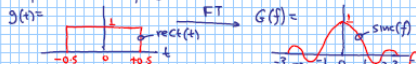
These replace FS

## FOURIER TRANSFORM (NON PERIODIC SIGNALS)

Definition:  $G(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) \exp(-j2\pi ft) dt$

inverse:  $g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f) \exp(+j2\pi ft) df$

Important examples:



$g\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \xrightarrow{FT} |T| G(fT)$

$g_1(t) \otimes g_2(t) \xrightarrow{FT} G_1(f) \otimes G_2(f)$

$G_1(f) \otimes G_2(f) \xrightarrow{\text{conv}} G_1(f) * G_2(f)$

$A g_1(t) + B g_2(t) \xrightarrow{FT} A G_1(f) + B G_2(f)$

## PROPERTIES OF SYMMETRY for Aperiodic Signals

1> if  $g(t) = \text{real}$  then  $G(-f) = G^*(f)$

$$\begin{aligned} |G(-f)| &= |G(f)| \\ \angle G(-f) &= -\angle G(f) \end{aligned}$$

i.e. amplitude spectrum = has EVEN symmetry

phase spectrum = has ODD symmetry

2> if  $g(t) = \text{real}$  and has EVEN time symmetry (like a cosine)

then  $G(f)$  is entirely real (ie  $\angle G(f) = 0$ )

3> if  $g(t) = \text{real}$  and has ODD time symmetry (like a sin)

then  $G(f)$  is entirely imaginary (ie  $\angle G(f) = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ )

Note: Problem Sheet 2, Q3 and Q4 are related to FS

PS2-Q3

$$\int [\text{even function of time}] \times [\text{odd function of time}] dt = 0$$

this is a function with  
(+)ve area under the curve  
equal to the (-)ve area  
under the curve  $\therefore$  its integral is equal to 0

$$* \cos(2\pi F_0 t) = \text{even function of time}$$

$$* \sin(2\pi F_0 t) = \text{odd}$$

$$* \int [\text{even function of time}] \cdot \cos(2\pi F_0 t) dt \neq 0$$

$$* \int [\text{even function of time}] \cdot \sin(2\pi F_0 t) dt = 0 \Rightarrow b_n = 0$$

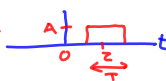
$$* \int [\text{odd function of time}] \cdot \cos(2\pi F_0 t) dt = 0 \Rightarrow a_n = 0$$

$$* \int [\text{odd function of time}] \cdot \sin(2\pi F_0 t) dt \neq 0$$

PS2-Q4  $\Rightarrow x(t) = \text{even} \Rightarrow b_n = 0 \Rightarrow \text{only cosines}$

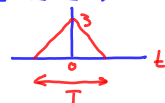
**PS3-Q1**: see page 10, properties of symmetry: (2) and (3)

**PS3-Q2**: see page 10, properties of symmetry: (1)

**PS3-Q3**:  $g(t) =$    $= A \cdot \text{rect}\left(\frac{t-z}{T}\right)$

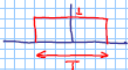
$$G(f) = \text{FT}\{g(t)\} = AT \text{sinc}\left\{fT\right\} \exp(-j2\pi fz)$$

$A=1, T=1, z=5$

$g(t) =$    $= 3 \wedge \left\{\frac{t}{T/2}\right\}$

$$G(f) = \text{FT}\{g(t)\} = 3 \frac{T}{2} \text{sinc}^2\left\{f \frac{T}{2}\right\}$$

## PS3-Q4 :

example:  $g(t) = \text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) =$  

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(f) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) \exp(-j2\pi f t) dt \\
 &= \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} 1 \exp(-j2\pi f t) dt \\
 &= -\frac{1}{j2\pi f} \left[ \exp(-j2\pi f t) \right]_{-T/2}^{T/2} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{j2\pi f} \left[ \exp(-j2\pi f \frac{T}{2}) - \exp(+j2\pi f \frac{T}{2}) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi f} \frac{\exp(j\pi f T) - \exp(-j\pi f T)}{2j} \\
 &= \frac{\sin(\pi f T)}{\pi f} = T \frac{\sin(\pi f T)}{\pi f T} \\
 &= T \text{sinc}(fT)
 \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes in red:  $\sin(\pi f T)$  is written next to the numerator in the third line, and  $\text{sinc}(fT)$  is written below the final result.

