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Discrete-Frequency Spectrum (Fourier Series)

1. What is the **spectrum** of a signal?

- ▶ The frequency domain representation of a signal is called the **spectrum** of the signal.
- ▶ The frequency domain refers to the analysis of signals with respect to frequency, rather than time. Put simply, a time-domain graph shows how a signal changes over time, whereas a frequency-domain graph or spectrum shows the frequency components in the signal.
- ▶ Frequency spectrum of a signal is the range of frequencies contained in the signal.
- ▶ The graphical representation of a spectrum consists of two plots : *magnitude spectrum* and the *phase spectrum*.

2. Spectrum of a Sinusoid

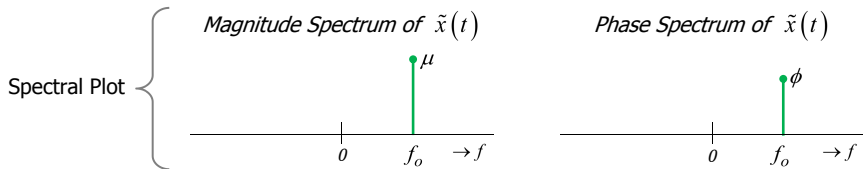
2.1 Spectrum of a **complex exponential** signal

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \underbrace{\mu e^{j(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)}}_{\text{complex exponential}} = \underbrace{\mu e^{j\phi}}_{\text{spectrum}} e^{j2\pi f_0 t}$$

Magnitude spectrum : μ

Phase spectrum : ϕ

Frequency : f_0



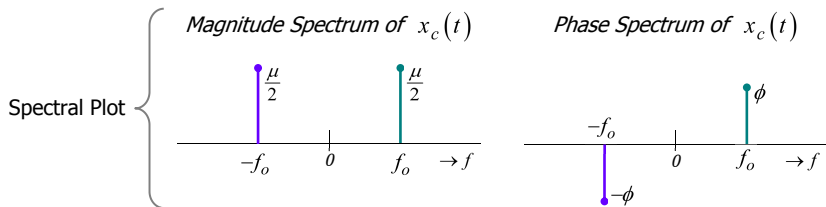
Exercise 1

Try plotting the magnitude and phase spectrum of $\tilde{x}^*(t)$ here.

2.2 Spectrum of a Cosine signal

$$\begin{aligned} x_c(t) &= \underbrace{\mu \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)}_{\text{cosine}} = \overbrace{\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\mu e^{j(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)}}_{\tilde{x}(t)} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\mu e^{-j(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)}}_{\tilde{x}^*(t)}}^{\text{applying Euler's formula}} \\ &= \frac{\mu}{2} e^{j\phi} e^{j2\pi f_0 t} + \frac{\mu}{2} e^{-j\phi} e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} \end{aligned}$$

We can see from the above that $x_c(t)$ has 2 frequency components, f_0 and $-f_0$.

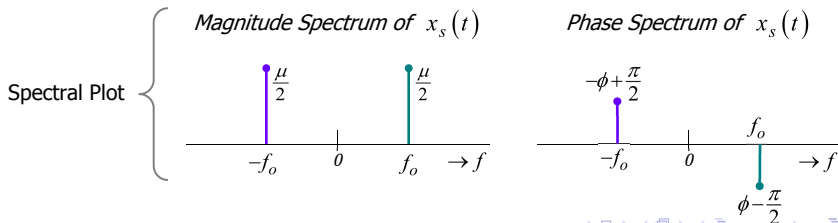


Next let's see what spectrum we get for a sine signal.

2.3 Spectrum of a Sine signal

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_s(t) &= \overbrace{\mu \sin(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)}^{\text{applying Euler's formula}} = \frac{1}{2j} \underbrace{\mu e^{j(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)}}_{\tilde{x}(t)} - \frac{1}{2j} \underbrace{\mu e^{-j(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)}}_{\tilde{x}^*(t)} \\
 &\quad \dots \text{with } j = e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} \text{ and } -j = e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{\mu}{2} e^{j(\phi - \frac{\pi}{2})} e^{j2\pi f_0 t} + \frac{\mu}{2} e^{j(-\phi + \frac{\pi}{2})} e^{-j2\pi f_0 t}
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $x_s(t)$ also has 2 frequency components with same magnitude spectrum as the cosine signal $x_c(t)$ but the phase spectrum is different.



Example 1

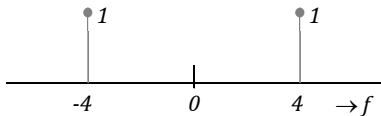
Sketch the magnitude and phase spectra of $x(t) = 2 \sin(8\pi t + \frac{\pi}{6})$.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e^{j\theta} &= \cos \theta + j \sin \theta \\ e^{-j\theta} &= \cos \theta - j \sin \theta \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{1}{2}[e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}] \\ \sin \theta &= \frac{1}{2j}[e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}] \end{aligned} \right.$$

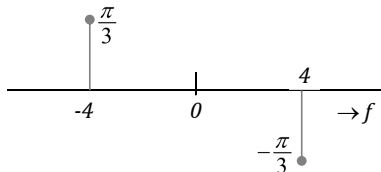
Expressing $x(t)$ in terms of complex exponentials :

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= 2 \sin\left(8\pi t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2j} \left[e^{j(2\pi(4)t + \frac{\pi}{6})} - e^{-j(2\pi(4)t + \frac{\pi}{6})} \right] \\ &= e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{j\frac{\pi}{6}} e^{j2\pi(4)t} + e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-j\frac{\pi}{6}} e^{j2\pi(-4)t} \\ &= e^{-j\frac{\pi}{3}} e^{j2\pi(4)t} + e^{j\frac{\pi}{3}} e^{j2\pi(-4)t} \end{aligned}$$

Magnitude Spectrum



Phase Spectrum



Fourier Series

3. Unlike sinusoids, the spectra of non-sinusoidal periodic signals such as square wave, sawtooth wave, etc., cannot be determined simply by inspection. The spectra of such signals are derived using a mathematical tool called **Fourier series**, which is an expansion of a **periodic function** into a sum of complex exponentials.

3.1 Complex Exponential Fourier Series

Any bounded **periodic** signal $x_p(t)$ of period T_p can be represented by a sum of complex sinusoids.

$$x_p(t) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k \left(\frac{1}{T_p}\right) t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_p t}}_{\text{Fourier series expansion}}$$

where f_p is the fundamental frequency and $k f_p$ is the k^{th} harmonic of f_p .

c_k 's are called the **Fourier series coefficients** of $x_p(t)$, and they constitute the **discrete-frequency spectrum** of $x_p(t)$.

3.2 Given $x_p(t)$, how do we determine the k^{th} Fourier series coeff., c_k ?
To determine, c_k , multiply $x_p(t)$ by $e^{-j2\pi k f_p t}$ and integrate over one period :

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-0.5T_p}^{0.5T_p} x_p(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_p t} dt &= \int_{-0.5T_p}^{0.5T_p} e^{-j2\pi k f_p t} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m e^{j2\pi m f_p t} dt \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m \int_{-0.5T_p}^{0.5T_p} e^{-j2\pi(k-m)f_p t} dt \\ &= c_k T_p \quad \dots \text{try to show this yourself}\end{aligned}$$

This gives the formula for c_k :

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-0.5T_p}^{0.5T_p} x_p(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_p t} dt, \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

special case for $k = 0$:

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-0.5T_p}^{0.5T_p} x_p(t) dt = \text{average value of } x_p(t)$$

3.3 Trigonometric Fourier Series - alternative form of Fourier Series

The exponential form of the Fourier series can also be expressed in terms of cosine and sine functions as follows :

$$\begin{aligned}x_p(t) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_p t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_p t} + c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_p t} \\&= c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{-k} e^{-j2\pi k f_p t} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_p t} \\&= c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [c_{-k} \cos(2\pi k f_p t) - j c_{-k} \sin(2\pi k f_p t) + \\&\quad c_k \cos(2\pi k f_p t) + j c_k \sin(2\pi k f_p t)] \\&= c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(c_k + c_{-k}) \cos(2\pi k f_p t) + j(c_k - c_{-k}) \sin(2\pi k f_p t)]\end{aligned}$$

If $c_k = a_k - j b_k$ and $c_{-k} = a_k + j b_k$, then we get the following form :

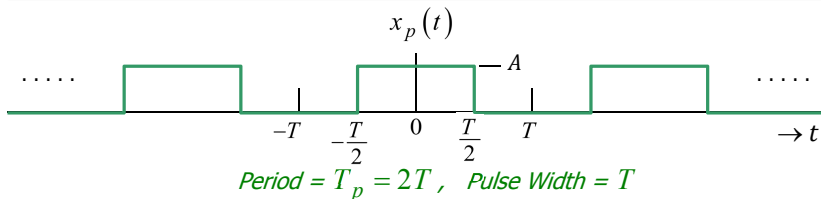
$$x_p(t) = a_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [a_k \cos(2\pi k f_p t) + b_k \sin(2\pi k f_p t)], \quad a_0 = c_0$$

3.4 Summary and Examples

Complex Exponential	Analysis (Fourier Series Coefficients) $c_k = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-0.5T_p}^{0.5T_p} x_p(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_p t} dt, \forall k$
Fourier Series	Synthesis (Fourier Series Expansion) $x_p(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_p t}$
Trigonometric	Analysis (Fourier Series Coefficients) $a_k = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-0.5T_p}^{0.5T_p} x_p(t) \cos(2\pi k f_p t) dt, k \geq 0$ $b_k = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-0.5T_p}^{0.5T_p} x_p(t) \sin(2\pi k f_p t) dt, k > 0$
Fourier Series	Synthesis (Fourier Series Expansion) $x_p(t) = a_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [a_k \cos(2\pi k f_p t) + b_k \sin(2\pi k f_p t)]$

Example 2

Find and sketch the discrete-freq. spectrum (c_k) of a square wave, $x_p(t)$.



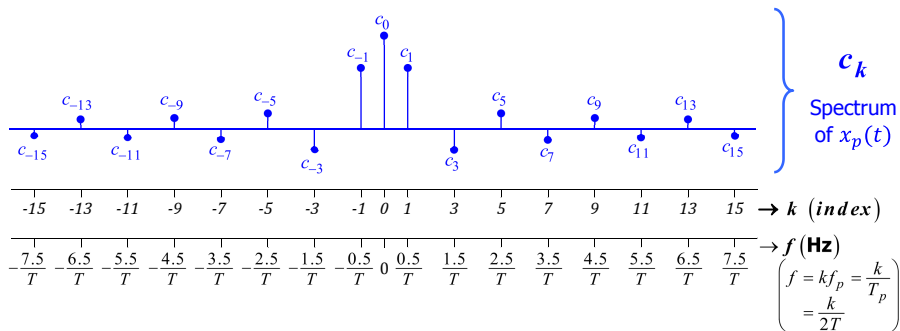
$$\begin{aligned} c_k &= \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x_p(t) e^{-j2\pi k \frac{1}{2T} t} dt = \frac{A}{2T} \int_{-0.5T}^{0.5T} e^{-j\pi k \frac{1}{T} t} dt \\ &= \frac{A}{2T} \left[\frac{e^{-j\pi k \frac{1}{T} t}}{-j\pi k \frac{1}{T}} \right]_{-0.5T}^{0.5T} = \frac{A}{2} \left[\frac{\sin 0.5\pi k}{0.5\pi k} \right] = \frac{A}{2} \text{sinc} \left(\frac{k}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating c_k , we get :

$$c_{-\infty}, \dots, c_{-3} = c_3 = -\frac{A}{3\pi}, c_{-2} = c_2 = 0, c_{-1} = c_1 = \frac{A}{\pi}, c_0 = \frac{A}{2}, \dots, c_{\infty}$$

In fact, for all k , $c_{-k} = c_k$ and for even $k = \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots$, $c_k = 0$.

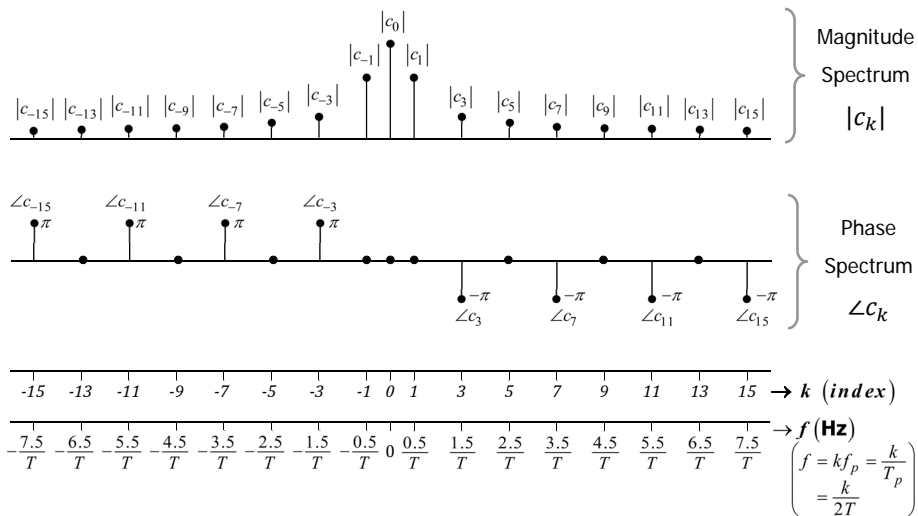
Since c_k is real, we can plot the spectrum in one single plot :



We may also write c_k in terms of its magnitude and phase :

$$c_k = \frac{A}{2} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{k}{2}\right) \text{ where } \begin{cases} |c_k| = \frac{A}{2} |\text{sinc}\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)| \\ \angle c_k = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } c_k \geq 0 \\ \pm\pi & \text{if } c_k < 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

c_k can be visualized using the magnitude and phase spectra as follows :

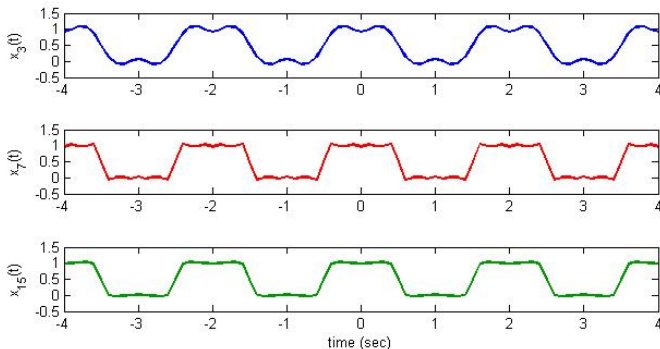


We have seen that the square wave from Example 2 can be written in terms of the Fourier Series as follows :

$$x_p(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j\pi \frac{k}{T} t}, \text{ where } c_k = \frac{A}{2} \text{sinc} \left(\frac{k}{2} \right)$$

How can we reconstruct $x_p(t)$? Notice that the summation in $x_p(t)$ is from $k = -\infty$ to ∞ . What happens if we sum up to only a finite k ?

The following graphs demonstrate this.

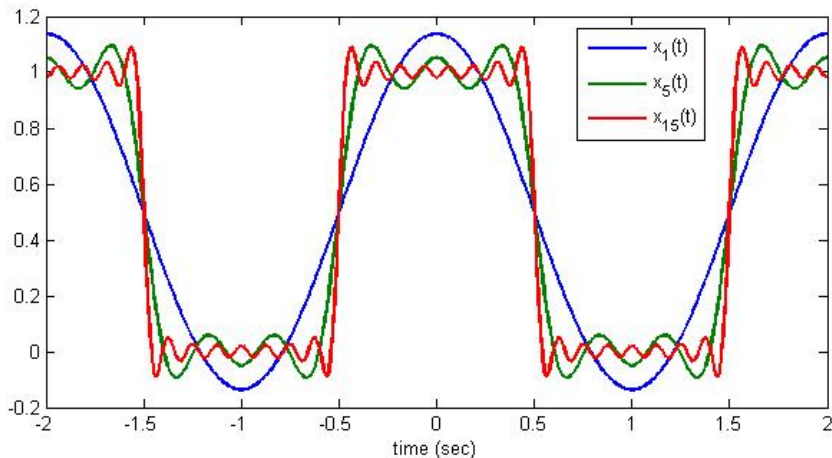


$$x_m(t) = \sum_{k=-m}^m c_k e^{j\pi \frac{k}{T} t}$$

summing up
to the c_m term

Do you see a perfectly square wave like $x_p(t)$? Why?

A zoomed in view :



Exercise 2 (You may write your answer below)

Why do the reconstructed signals look like the above?

Example 3

$$x(t) = (1 + j)e^{-j6t} + j3e^{-j4t} + 4 - j3e^{j4t} + (1 - j)e^{j6t}$$

Show whether $x(t)$ is real and periodic. If $x(t)$ is periodic, find its complex exponential Fourier series coefficients, c_k , and sketch its magnitude and phase spectra.

Answer $x(t)$ is real. Reason : $x(t)$ is composed purely of complex sinusoids that come in conjugate pairs. This allows $x(t)$ to be re-written as :

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= (1 + j)e^{-j6t} + j3e^{-j4t} + 4 - j3e^{j4t} + (1 - j)e^{j6t} \\&= \sqrt{2}e^{j\frac{1}{4}\pi}e^{-j6t} + 3e^{j\frac{1}{2}\pi}e^{-j4t} + 4 + 3e^{-j\frac{1}{2}\pi}e^{j4t} + \sqrt{2}e^{-j\frac{1}{4}\pi}e^{j6t} \\&= 4 + 3 \left[e^{-j(4t - \frac{1}{2}\pi)} + e^{j(4t - \frac{1}{2}\pi)} \right] + \sqrt{2} \left[e^{-j(6t - \frac{1}{4}\pi)} + e^{j(6t - \frac{1}{4}\pi)} \right] \\&= 4 + 6 \cos \left(4t - \frac{1}{2}\pi \right) + 2\sqrt{2} \cos \left(6t - \frac{1}{4}\pi \right) \rightarrow \text{real values for all } t\end{aligned}$$

This shows that $x(t)$ is real.

Answer $x(t)$ is periodic.

Note : In order for a signal which is made up of sinusoids to be periodic, the frequency components must be **harmonically related**.

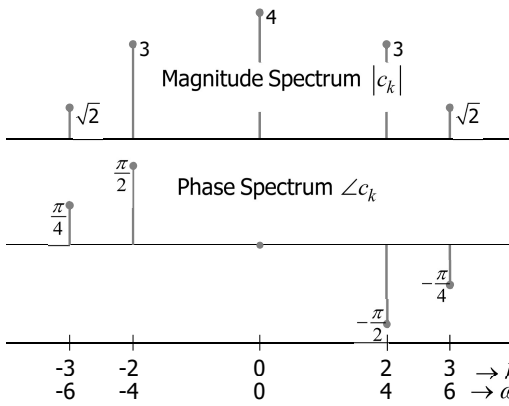
Harmonically related frequencies means that they must be multiples of the fundamental frequency. **So the question is whether there exists a fundamental frequency which is a common factor to the component frequencies.** The question is : Does $HCF\{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots\}$ exists? HCF stands for highest common factor and f_1, f_2, \dots are the component frequencies in the signal.

In Example 3, the component frequencies are 4 and 6 rad/s. The $HCF\{4, 6\} = 2$ and thus the fundamental frequency exists and is $\omega_p = 2$ rad/s. Since the fundamental frequency exists, $x(t)$ is periodic.

Let's see how we can now find the Fourier Series coefficient, c_k for $x(t)$.

$$x(t) = \underbrace{(1+j)}_{c_{-3}} e^{-j6t} + \underbrace{j3}_{c_{-2}} e^{-j4t} + \underbrace{4}_{c_0} + \underbrace{-j3}_{c_2} e^{j4t} + \underbrace{(1-j)}_{c_3} e^{j6t}$$

$$c_k = \begin{cases} 1+j & k = -3 \\ 3j & k = -2 \\ 4 & k = 0 \\ -3j & k = 2 \\ 1-j & k = 3 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2}e^{\pm j0.25\pi} & k = \mp 3 \\ 3e^{\pm j0.5\pi} & k = \mp 2 \\ 4 & k = 0 \\ 0 & k \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Exercise 3 (you may write your answer below)

Consider the signal $x(t) = 2 \sin(5t + 0.1\pi) + e^{j3t} - e^{-j3t}$

- 1 Is $x(t)$ real or complex?
- 2 What are the frequency components in $x(t)$?
- 3 Sketch the spectrum of $x(t)$.

Exercise 4 (you may write your answer below)

The discrete-frequency spectrum of $x(t)$ is given in the figure below.

- 1 Write a mathematical expression for $x(t)$.
- 2 Let $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_p t}$ denote the Fourier series of $x(t)$ where f_p is the fundamental frequency. Evaluate c_k .

