

Signal Processing I (Fourier Series)

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Reference

We will cover some key topics in Chapters 3 ~ 6 of the following reference:

Shin, K., & Hammond, J. K. (2008). Fundamentals of Signal Processing: for Sound and Vibration Engineers, John Wiley & Sons.

Chapter 3: Fourier Series

Chapter 4: Fourier Integrals (Fourier Transform) and Continuous-Time Linear Systems

Chapter 5: Time Sampling and Aliasing

Chapter 6: The Discrete Fourier Transform

Discrete Fourier Transform Using Fast Fourier Transform

A Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is an algorithm that computes the **Discrete** Fourier Transform (DFT) of a sequence, or its inverse (IDFT). Fourier analysis converts a signal from its original domain (often time or space) to a representation in the frequency domain and vice versa. It manages to reduce the complexity of computing the DFT from $O(n^2)$, which arises if one simply applies the definition of DFT, to $O(n \log n)$, where n is the data size.

fft in MATLAB

fft

Fast Fourier transform

Syntax

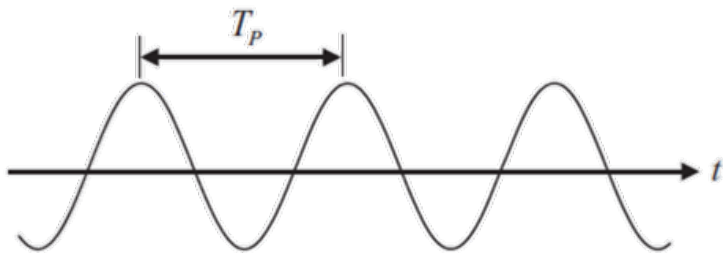
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Y = fft(X)
Y = fft(X,n)
Y = fft(X,n,dim)
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$Y = \text{fft}(X)$ computes the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) of X using a Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm

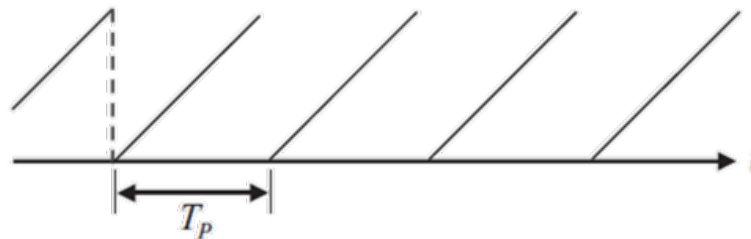
Periodic Signal

Periodic signals are defined as those whose waveform repeats exactly at regular time intervals. The mathematical definition of periodicity implies that the periodic behaviour of the wave is unchanged for all time. This is expressed as

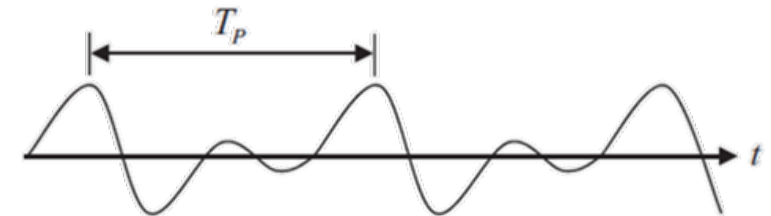
$$x(t) = x(t + nT_p) \quad n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots \quad \text{Periodic}$$



Single sinusoidal signal



Triangular signal



General periodic signal

Example: Sinusoidal Signal

The simplest example is a sinusoidal signal

$$x(t) = X \sin(\omega t + \phi) = X \sin(2\pi f t + \phi)$$

where X is amplitude,

ω is a circular (angular) frequency in radians per unit time (rad/s),

f is a (cyclical) frequency in cycles per unit time (Hz),

ϕ is phase angle with respect to the time origin in radians.

Q: What is the period of this signal?

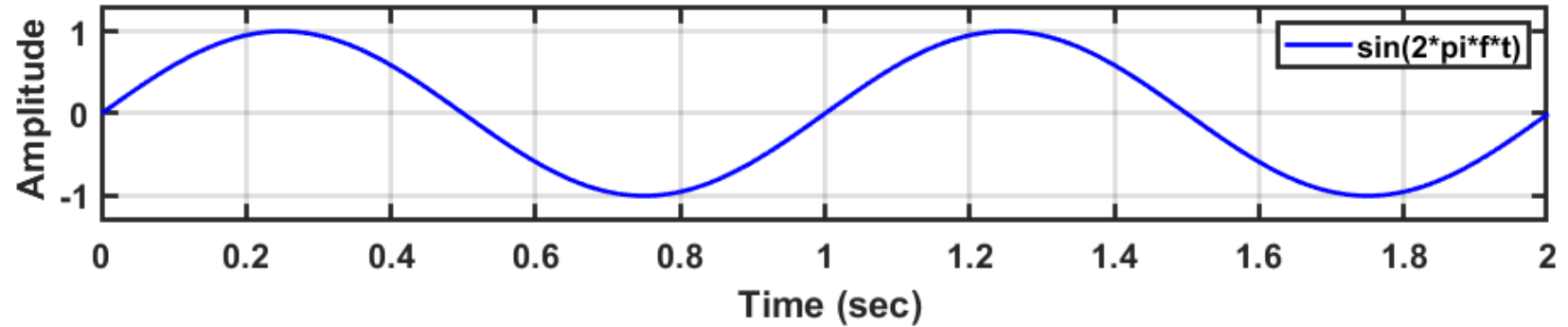
Q: Does the phase change the period?

$$\sin(\theta + 2n\pi) = \sin(\theta)$$

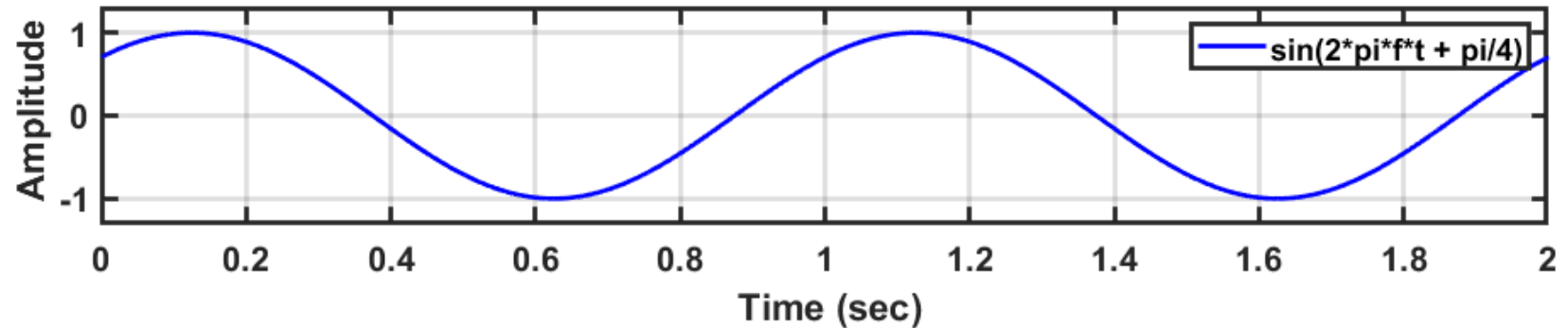
$$x(t) = x(t + nT_p)$$

Example: Sinusoidal Signals

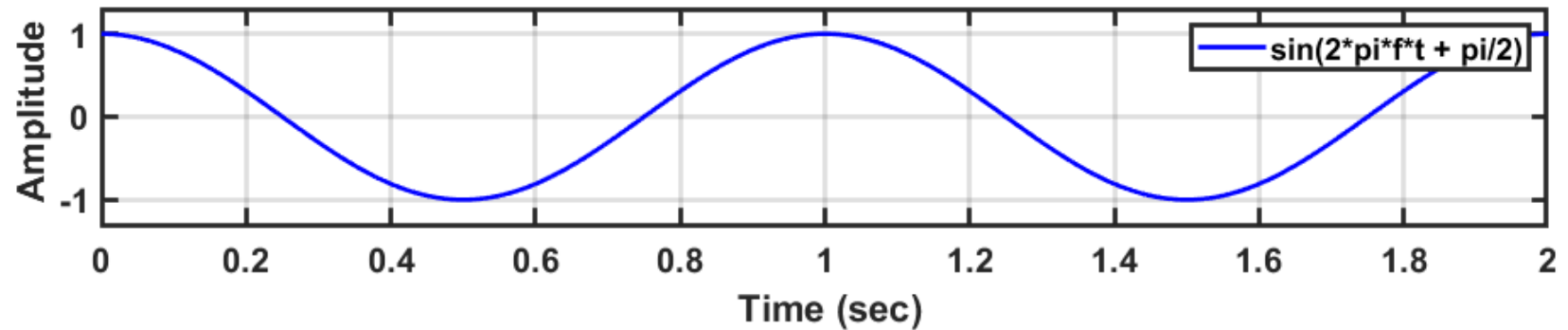
$$\sin(2\pi f_0 t)$$



$$\sin(2\pi f_0 t + \pi/4)$$



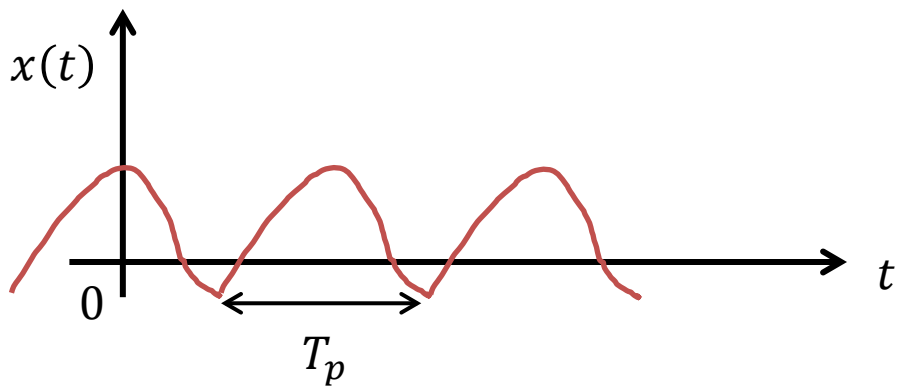
$$\sin(2\pi f_0 t + \pi/2)$$



Frequency (f_0): 1Hz

Fourier Series

A Fourier series is an expansion of a periodic function $f(x)$ in terms of an infinite sum of sines and cosines. Fourier series make use of the orthogonality relationships of the sine and cosine functions. The basis of Fourier analysis of a periodic signal is the representation of such a signal by adding together sine and cosine functions of appropriate frequencies and amplitudes. It decomposes any periodic function or periodic signal into the weighted sum of a (possibly infinite) set of simple oscillating functions, namely sines and cosines.



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

$$x(t) = x(t + mT_p) \quad \text{Periodic}$$

Fourier Coefficients

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

The coefficients are calculated from the following expressions:

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

Q: What is the a_0 ?

$$a_m = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt$$

$$b_m = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nt \, dt = 0 \qquad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nt \, dt = 0$$

When n is a non-zero integer.

$$\cos mt \cos nt = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(m+n)t + \cos(m-n)t]$$

$$\sin mt \sin nt = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(m-n)t - \cos(m+n)t]$$

$$\sin mt \cos nt = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(m+n)t + \sin(m-n)t]$$

Orthogonality of trigonometric functions

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mt \cos nt \, dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \pi & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mt \sin nt \, dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \pi & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mt \cos nt \, dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ 0 & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$$

When n, m is a non-zero integer.

Derivation of the Fourier Coefficients

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

$$\frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) dt = \frac{a_0}{2} + \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) dt \quad 0$$

$$a_m = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} \left(\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) \right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} \left(\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) \right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt = \frac{2a_m}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt = a_m$$

$$b_m = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt$$

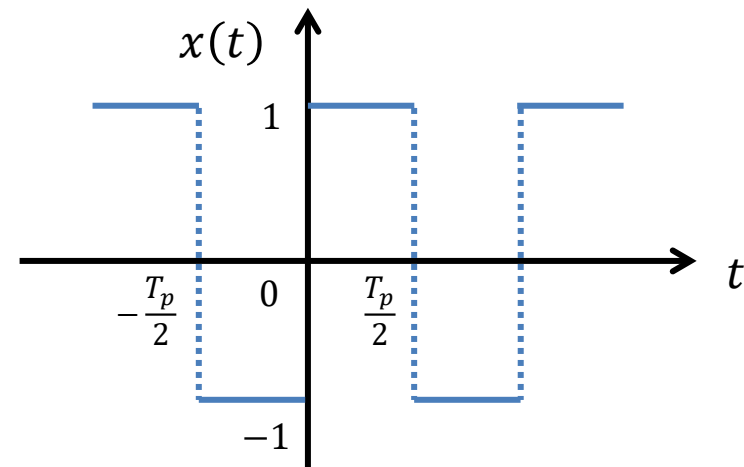
Example: Square Wave

$$x(t) = -1 \quad \text{if} \quad -\frac{T_p}{2} < t \leq 0$$

$$x(t) = 1 \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < t < \frac{T_p}{2}$$

$$x(t + nT_p) = x(t)$$

$$\text{where } n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$



$$\frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) dt = 0$$

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right)$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) dt = \frac{2}{T_p} \left[\int_{-T_p/2}^0 -\cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) dt + \int_0^{T_p/2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) dt \right] = 0$$

Analytic
integration

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) dt = \frac{2}{T_p} \left[\int_{-T_p/2}^0 -\sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) dt + \int_0^{T_p/2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) dt \right] = \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi)$$

```
1  n = 10000;  
2  a = 0;  
3  b = 3;  
4  dx = (b-a)/n;  
5  
6  area_fx = 0;  
7  
8  fx = @(x) x^3 - 6*x;  
9  for ii=1:n  
10     x_star = a + dx*ii;  
11     area_fx = area_fx + fx(x_star)*dx;  
12 end  
13  
14 error_est = area_fx - (-27/4)
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error_est = 0.0014

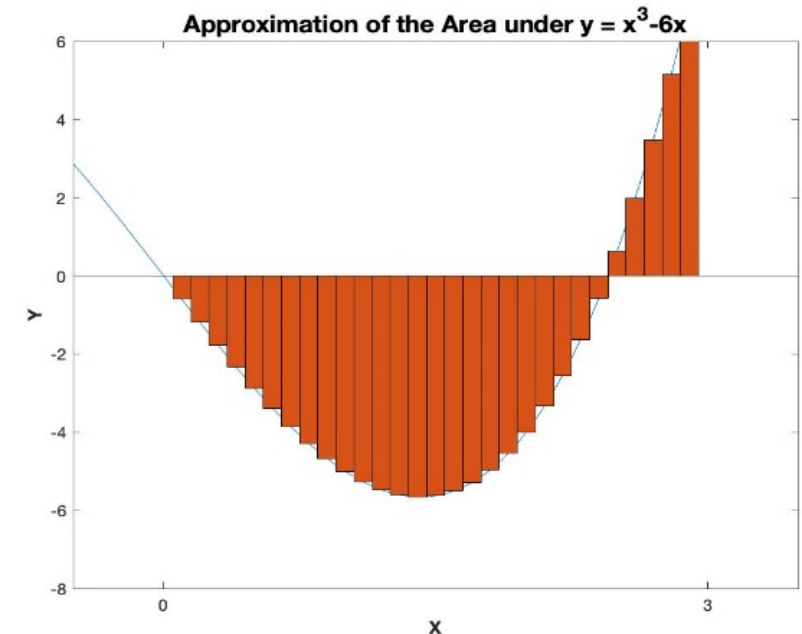
$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x$$

$$\int_0^3 f(x)dx = \left. \frac{1}{4}x^4 - 3x^2 \right|_0^3 = \frac{81}{4} - 27 = -\frac{27}{4}$$

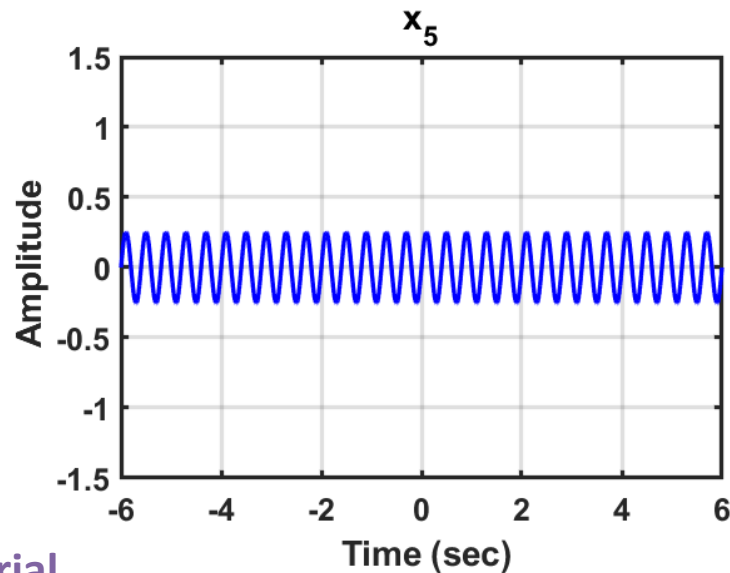
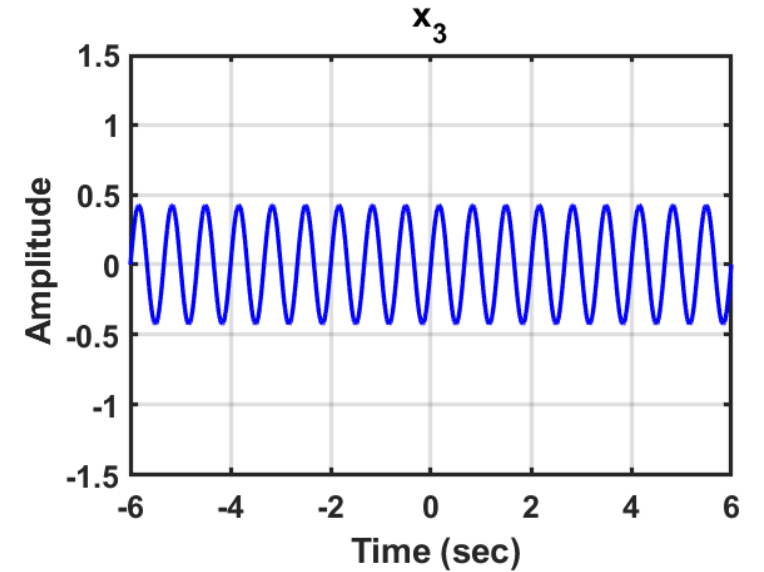
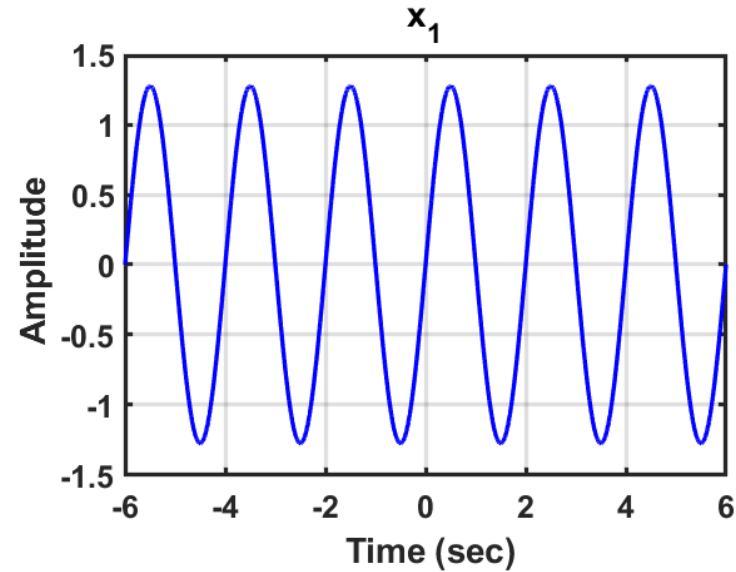
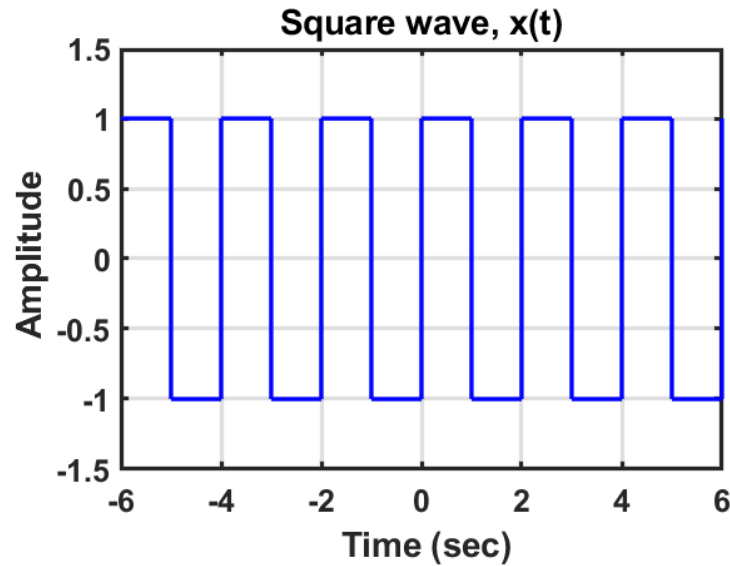
$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x$$

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n = b$$

Riemann sum: approximation of an integral by a finite sum

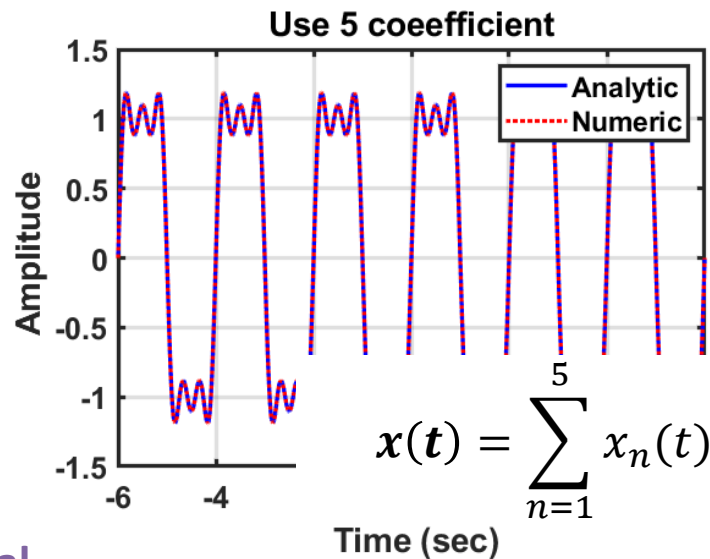
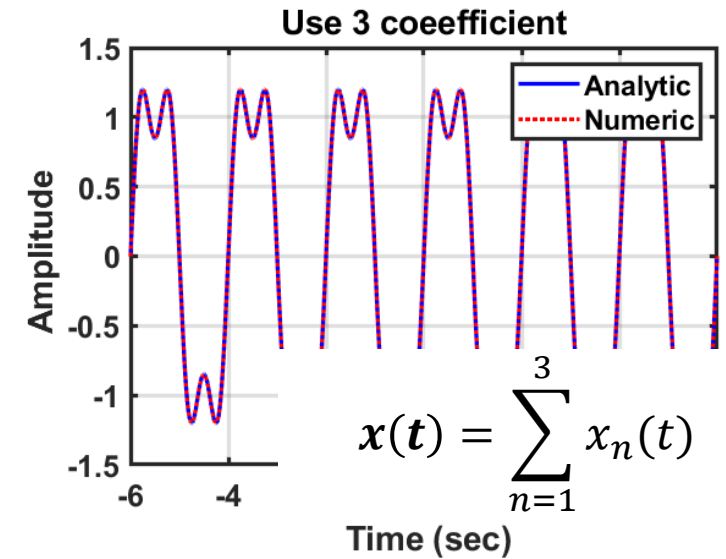
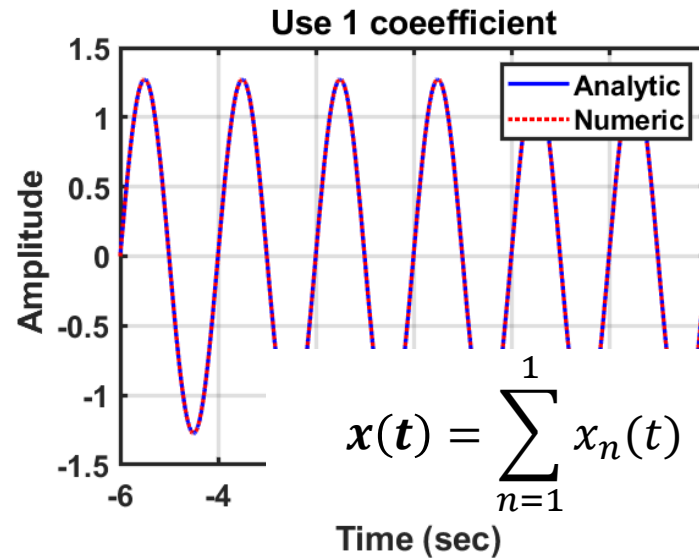
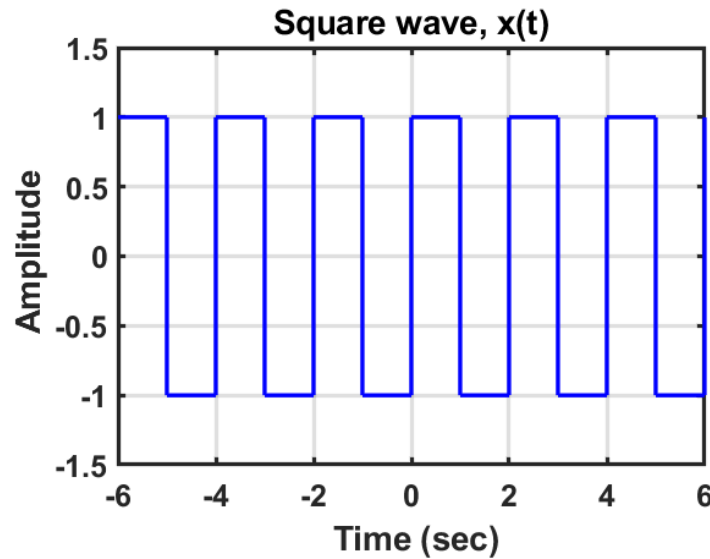


Example: Square Wave (Continue)



$$x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) * \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n(t)$$

Example: Square Wave (Continue)



$$x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) * \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n(t)$$

$$x(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t) + x_3(t) + x_4(t) + x_5(t) + \dots$$

Example: Square Wave – MATLAB Script (Numerical)

```
1 % the signal is assumed to be analog.
2 ncyle = 3;
3 Fsa = 1000; % # of samples per a second
4 Tp = 2;
5 t = (-ncyle*Tp): 1/Fsa :(ncyle*Tp);
6 x = @(t) square(t*(2*pi)/Tp); % org. sig.
7
8 a0 = integral(x, -Tp/2, Tp/2);
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$$x(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{T_p}\right)$$

```
9 nCoeff = 5;
10 a = zeros(nCoeff,1);
11 b = zeros(nCoeff,1);
12 for ii=1:nCoeff
13     fun_a = @(t) x(t).*cos(2*pi*ii*t/Tp);
14     a(ii) = integral(fun_a, -Tp/2, Tp/2);
15
16     fun_b = @(t) x(t).*sin(2*pi*ii*t/Tp);
17     b(ii) = integral(fun_b, -Tp/2, Tp/2);
18 end
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$$\frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) dt$$

$$a_m = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt$$

$$b_m = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt$$

Example: Square Wave – MATLAB Script (Numerical)

```
19 % numerical integration
20 sig_y_numeric = zeros(nCoeff, numel(t));
21 for ii=1:nCoeff
22     if ii==1
23         sig_y_numeric(ii,:) = a0/2 + a(ii)*cos(2*pi*ii*t/Tp) + b(ii)*sin(2*pi*ii*t/Tp);
24     else
25         sig_y_numeric(ii,:) = ...
26             sig_y_numeric(ii-1,:) + a(ii)*cos(2*pi*ii*t/Tp) + b(ii)*sin(2*pi*ii*t/Tp);
27     end
28 end
```

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

Example: Square Wave – MATLAB Script (Analytical)

```
1 nCoeff = 5;  
2 Tp = 2;  
3 t = (-ncyle*Tp): 1/Fsa :(ncyle*Tp);  
4  
5 xn = zeros(nCoeff, numel(t));  
6 for ii=1:nCoeff  
7     xn(ii,:) = 2/(ii*pi)*(1-cos(ii*pi))*sin(2*pi*ii*t/Tp);  
8 end  
9 sig_y_analytic = cumsum(xn, 1);
```

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T_p}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T_p}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) * \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T_p}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = 0$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_0^{T_p} x(t) dt = 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi)$$

Complex Form of the Fourier Series

Euler Formula

$$e^{i\omega t} = \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t \quad e^{-i\omega t} = \cos \omega t - i \sin \omega t \quad \cos \omega t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}) \quad \sin \omega t = \frac{1}{2j}(e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t})$$

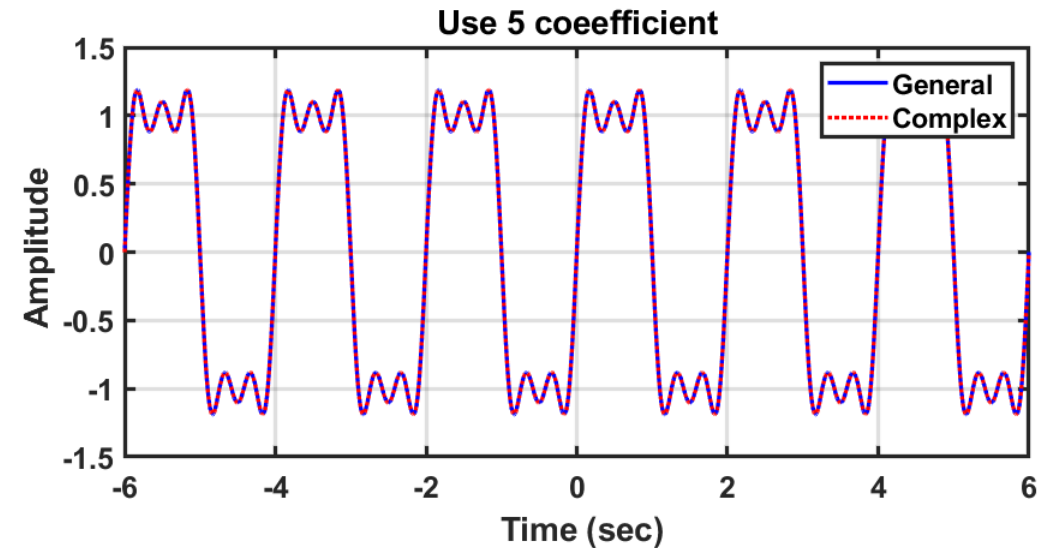
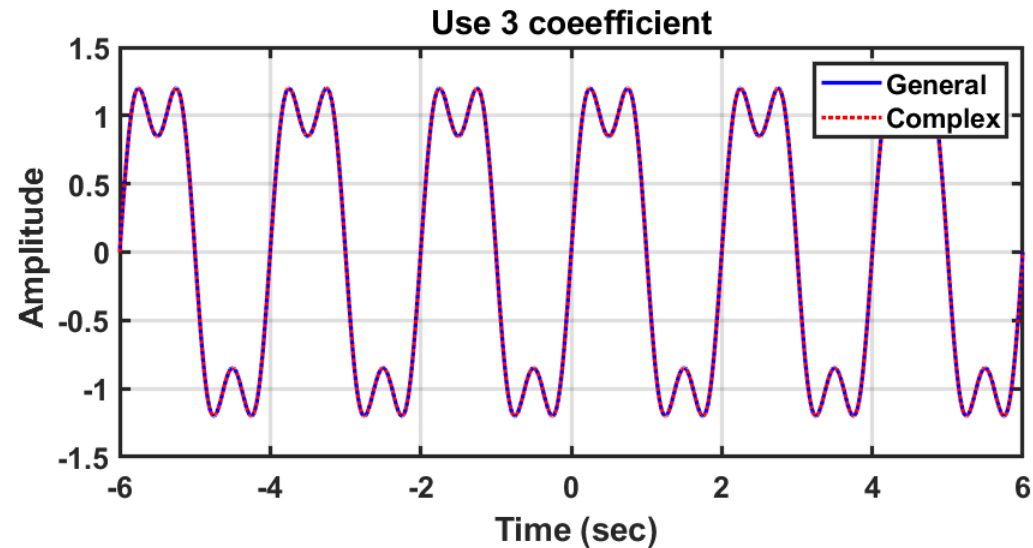
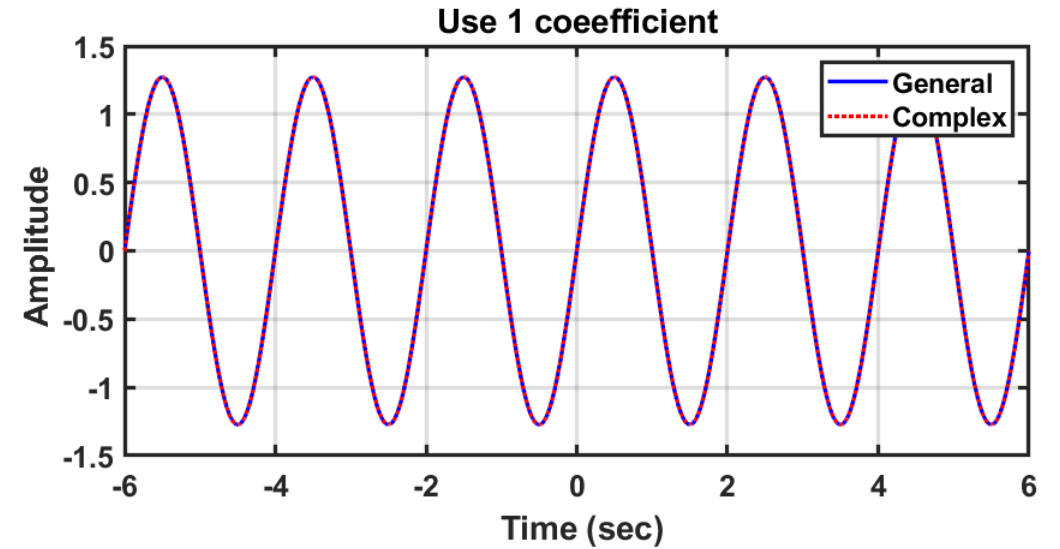
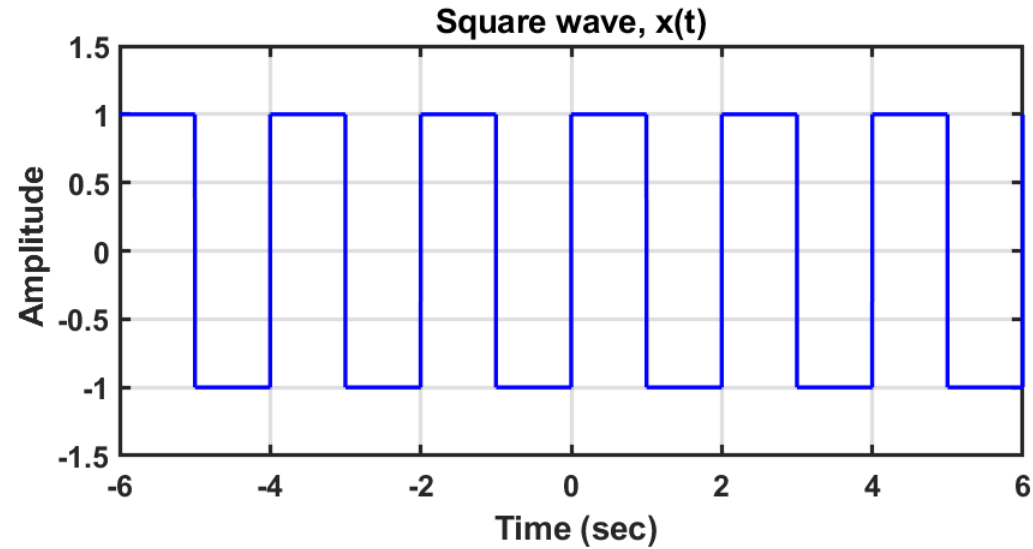
$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n\omega t + b_n \sin n\omega t = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2}(e^{in\omega t} + e^{-in\omega t}) + \frac{b_n}{2j}(e^{in\omega t} - e^{-in\omega t}) \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n - jb_n}{2} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n + jb_n}{2} e^{-in\omega t} = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n^* e^{-in\omega t} \text{ where } c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}, \quad c_n = \frac{a_n - jb_n}{2}, \\ c_n^* &= \frac{a_n + jb_n}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T_p}$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_0^{T_p} x(t) dt \quad c_n = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_0^{T_p} x(t) e^{-in\omega t} dt \quad c_n^* = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_0^{T_p} x(t) e^{in\omega t} dt = c_{-n}$$

Negative frequency term (c_{-n})

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\omega t} \quad c_n = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_0^{T_p} x(t) e^{-in\omega t} dt \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T_p}$$

Example: Square Wave (Comparison of General and Complex Forms)



Summary

General form

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

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

$$a_m = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt$$

$$b_m = \frac{2}{T_p} \int_{-T_p/2}^{T_p/2} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m t}{T_p}\right) dt$$

Complex form

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{i\omega_n t}$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T_p} \int_0^{T_p} x(t) e^{-i\omega_n t} dt$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi n}{T_p}$$

