

Lecture 27, Monday, March 7, 2022

- Periodic signals

- Sums of periodic signals

- * For a sum of periodic signals to be periodic, all possible *ratios* of the individual fundamental frequencies must be *rational* numbers $\left(\frac{\text{integer}}{\text{integer}}\right)$:

$$\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}, \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_3}, \dots, \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_n}, \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_3}, \dots, \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_n}, \dots, \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\omega_n},$$

- * Same holds for the individual periods (basically, each must complete an integer number of cycles when they meet again).
 - * There must exist a frequency $\hat{\omega}$ such that all individual frequencies, ω_i , are *integer multiples* of $\hat{\omega}$. The largest such frequency is the fundamental frequency ω_0 .
 - The fundamental frequency does not have to be one of the individual frequencies.
 - * Similarly, there must exist a time duration \hat{T} which is an *integer multiple* of all individual periods, T_i . The smallest such time duration is the period T .

- For a fixed ω_0

$e^{\pm j\omega_0 t}$ is periodic

$e^{\pm j2\omega_0 t}$ is periodic

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$e^{\pm jn\omega_0 t}$ is periodic

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For any integers n, m , the ratio $\frac{n}{m}$ is a rational number

$\rightarrow \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$ is periodic

where F_n is a complex number, independent of time

- If $f(t)$ is periodic with fundamental frequency ω_0 , then we can express it as

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

F_n is complex BUT independent of time

- * Distinct functions with the same ω_0 will have distinct sets of F_n
- * How to get the coefficients F_n ?
 - If $f(t)$ consists of cosinusoids or complex exponentials, just match coefficients after using Euler's formula