

Laboratory 2A:

Fourier Series 3D-Plot

In this lab you will experiment to synthesize periodic signals using the definition of the Fourier Series with real coefficients. You will write a Matlab script which generates helpful plots for the visualisation of the single harmonics and their sum.

Step-1

- (a) Open the template script *Fourier_series_3D_graph_step_1.m*
Look for the positions indicated with the label "WORK HERE!!!", and fill out the required commands.
- (b) The Fourier coefficients a_k , b_k , should be defined so, that you obtain an odd periodic function $x(t)$.
Which of the coefficients (a_k or b_k) need to be different from zero?
Define these coefficients to be inversely proportional to k .
- (c) Add the required plot command, and check which form has the generated periodic function (expecting a sawtooth). Vary the number of harmonics and observe the effect. Decrease the pause intervals (in seconds) if you wish.
- (d) Clean up your script, by removing the unneeded comments and proceed to the next step.

Step-2

Change now the definition of the b_k coefficients, in order to have only non-zero values for odd values of k . Hints:

- you will need an IF statement (use help to check the syntax);
- you can use the modulo operator to check the parity of k (check the syntax with help).

Step-3

- (a) We want now to save and visualize the single harmonics being summed to $x(t)$. Define for this purpose a matrix $M(t)$, with dimensions M versus $\text{length}(t)$.
Like x_t , the matrix m_t should be defined and initialised before the usage within the loop.
- (b) Add within the loop an statement allowing to calculate each harmonic and store it in the corresponding row of $M(t)$.
Use this row of $M(t)$ to update the $x(t)$ value (such that you avoid to calculate twice the harmonic component).

Step-4

- (a) Insert the following lines before the loop to open the figure in a fixed position (left upper corner) and with an appropriated dimension for our purpose (long wise).

```
% Open figure with specific
% Position Property: [left bottom width height]
scrsz = get(groot, 'ScreenSize');
figure('Position',[1 0.6*scrsz(4) 0.8*scrsz(3) 0.3*scrsz(4)])
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- (b) Split the figure you generate within the loop into two subwindows using the `subplot()` command. Let the previous plot from $x(t)$ in the right side (`subplot(122)`).

- (c) On the left side let us add a 3D plot using the command `plot3()`, allowing to visualise the single rows of $M(t)$. Check the syntax of `plot3` with the help command.

For each line you want to plot in this 3D space, you need to provide corresponding X,Y,Z coordinates.

You can use the time vector t for X-coordinates and the single rows of $M(t)$ for the Z-coordinates.

For the Y-coordinates you need a vector with the same length of t , but having constant values equal to the index k .

- (d) Do not forget to add a `hold on` command, such that the single harmonics already plot, stay visible. You can also add grid lines (grid on), and check if a rotation can improve the visualisation (use the “Rotate 3D” button in figure menu, and once you find the desired values, take these in your script with the command `view()`. For example `view(65,50)` .

- (e) Add appropriated labels and titles. The expected final figure is shown below.

