

# Signal Analysis

## Lab 4: Fourier Analysis

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General instruction: If you need to use Matlab's or Python's *fft* routine, use the length of the signal for the *nfft* parameter.

- 1) Using the time-series in the file *Lab4\_xt.dat*, answer the following questions:
  - a) What is the sampling frequency  $f_s$  of the signal?
  - b) What is the DC component  $X_0$  of the signal?
  - c) What is the time period  $T_0$  of the signal? Give the value in seconds rounded to 3 decimal places.
- 2) Consider a continuous-time signal  $x(t) = \sin(10\pi t)$ 
  - a) Sketch the two-sided amplitude spectrum of  $\mathcal{F}[x(t)]$ .
  - b) Plot  $x[n]$  obtained using  $f_s = 20$  Hz for the time interval  $t = [0s, 2s)$ . Plot the amplitude spectrum of  $\mathcal{F}[x[n]]$  obtained using Matlab's or Python's *fft* routine. Does the amplitude spectrum match with that in (a)? If not, why? Reconstruct  $x(t)$  from the Fourier coefficients. Plot the reconstructed  $x(t)$  and the original  $x(t)$  on the same figure. Are they the same?
  - c) Plot  $x[n]$  obtained using  $f_s = 9$  Hz for the time interval  $t = [0s, 2s)$ . Plot the amplitude spectrum of  $\mathcal{F}[x[n]]$  obtained using Matlab's or Python's *fft* routine. Does the amplitude spectrum match with that in (a)? If not, why? Reconstruct  $x(t)$  from the Fourier coefficients. Plot the reconstructed  $x(t)$  and the original  $x(t)$  on the same figure. Are they the same?
- 3) Recall that the synthesis formula is given as

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_k e^{i(2\pi/T_0)kt},$$

where  $c_k$  are the Fourier coefficients. Consider the square wave

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t < T_0/2 \\ 0, & T_0/2 \leq t < T_0 \end{cases}$$

- a) Solve for the Fourier coefficients using the Fourier integral.
- b) Plot the  $x(t)$  for  $T_0 = 1s$  within the interval  $t = [0s, 4s]$ .
- c) Plot the two-sided amplitude spectrum for the first 20 harmonics and the DC component using the solution in (a).
- d) Plot the two-sided phase spectrum for the first 20 harmonics and the DC component using the solution in (a).
- e) Synthesize an approximate square wave by using the first 3 harmonics (and the DC component) and plot it for the interval  $t = [0s, 4s]$ .
- f) Synthesize an approximate square wave by using the first 10 harmonics (and the DC component) and plot it for the interval  $t = [0s, 4s]$ .
- g) Synthesize an approximate square wave by using the first 20 harmonics (and the DC component) and plot it for the interval  $t = [0s, 4s]$ .