

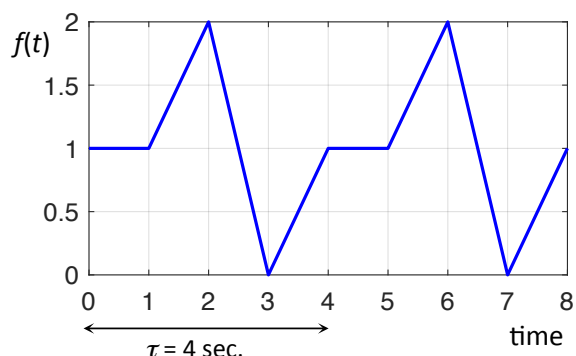
## HW8B (8.4 – 8.7) due Friday March 8 – On paper *and* on-line.

### 8.4 Fundamentals: POINTS to use in a Discrete Fourier Analysis, and COEFFICIENTS to calculate

5 pts

Remember: when picking points you need to pick an **EVEN** number of points, starting at  $t = 0$ , which **end ONE  $\Delta t$**  before the period. Other than that, there's really no other rules (in this course).

Look at the function at right, with the smallest period  $t = 4$  seconds, and consider picking **8 points** to do a Fourier analysis.



- Just write out the **values** of all the times  $t_j$  and function  $f_j$  you would use in the Fourier Analysis.
- What are the values of  $\Delta t$  and  $N$  for this problem?
- List the **names** of all the non-trivial Fourier coefficients (As & Bs) that you would evaluate.

- Don't* actually do the Fourier analysis or calculate values for any coefficients; I just want a list of coefficient names (like " $B_0$ ") you would *plan* on calculating "later".
- Don't* include "trivial" coefficients which you already know are always zero (and wouldn't even attempt calculations for).

Due on paper: **Everything.**

Due on-line: Nothing.

### Get off the railroad tracks!

True story – I once flew into Calgary with friends and got a car rental at midnight. New to the city, we got a little lost, and with no traffic downtown I accidentally turned down a ramp and ended up driving below the city roads on their light-rail transit line. Ah! The things you do with rental cars.

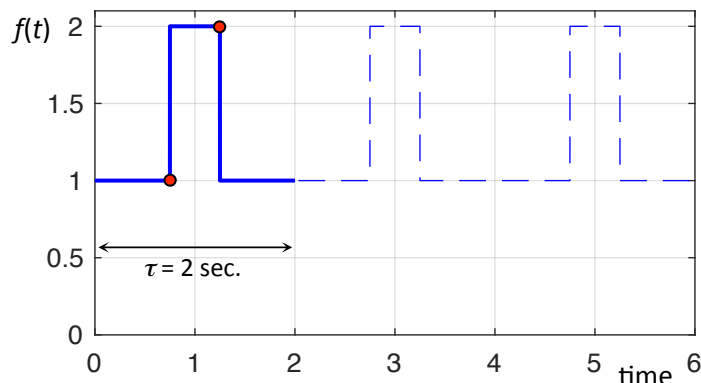
Clearly, it's important we study the impact of driving on bumpy railway ties.



The following 3 HW questions walk you through an investigation of the sinusoids that make up the motion of driving over railway ties. For  $f(t)$  we'll use one period ( $\tau = 2$ ) of the "pulse" function drawn below

An important feature are the discontinuities at  $t = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  seconds. For all your subsequent analyses assume that  $f(0.75) = 1$  (not 2) and  $f(1.25) = 2$  (not 1), like the **red** dots and the formula below indicate.

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t \leq 0.75 \\ 2 & 0.75 < t \leq 1.25 \\ 1 & 1.25 < t \leq 2 \end{cases}$$



Use this function for the next three problems:

- 8.5 gets you to visualize the *analytic* Fourier coefficients (given to you).
- 8.6 gets you to do a 4-point *discrete* Fourier transform of this function, *by-hand*.
- 8.7 gets you to do a DFT with a *large* number of points using MATLAB's built-in `fft` command.

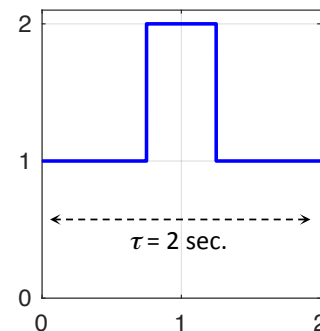
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### 8.5 Analytic Fourier Decomposition - VISUALIZATION.

3 pts The Analytic **Fourier series** of  $f(t)$  over one period ( $\tau=2$ ) is given by:

$$f(t) = B_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ A_k \sin\left(\frac{k\pi t}{L}\right) + B_k \cos\left(\frac{k\pi t}{L}\right) \right] \text{ where}$$

$$B_0 = \text{something}, B_k = -\frac{2}{k\pi} \sin\left(\frac{3k\pi}{4}\right) \text{ and } A_k = 0 \text{ for all } k \geq 1.$$



- Analytically determine the value of  $B_0$ .
- Use MATLAB to compare the **exact** pulse  $f(t)$  with an **approximation** of  $f(t)$  over one period using only the Fourier terms up to  $k = 20$ . Use a finely-spaced time vector of 6,000 points between 0 and 2 seconds (i.e. `t=linspace(0, tau, 6000)`). Plot your exact  $f(t)$  in **solid black**, your final approximated  $f(t)$  in **dashed-red**, and save your plot as HW8\_5.pdf with your name in the title at the top (e.g. use a command like `title('HW8.5 Dirk Pitt')`).

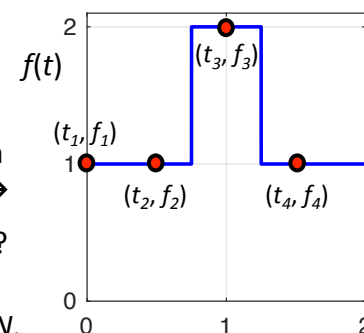
Due **on-line**: The plot **HW8\_5.pdf**, and your answer to “ $B_0 = \dots$ ” in the comment box. (No script.)

Due on paper: Nothing.

### 8.6 Discrete Fourier Decomposition – By Hand

7 pts You now sample the same pulse  $f(t)$  at 2-Hz (i.e.  $\Delta t = 0.5$ ), starting with  $f_1 = 1$  at  $t_1 = 0$ , and getting four discrete points  $(t_j, f_j)$  over one period  $\rightarrow$

- Write out the **values**  $(t_j, f_j)$  of these four points. What's  $N$  and  $2N$ ?
- Use the four points in (a) to calculate (by-hand) the DFT for  $f(t)$ :
  - Calculate all the Fourier coefficients  $A_k$  and  $B_k$ , for  $0 \leq k \leq N$ ,
  - Substitute the values of the coefficients into the discrete Fourier Series representation of the pulse function  $f(t_j) = B_0 + \sum(\dots \text{etc.} \dots)$ , and express in a simplified form.



That's it! You've done the by-hand analysis! Now let's check that against MATLAB:

- Use the built-in MATLAB function `fft` to re-calculate the Discrete Fourier coefficients for the same four points. Write out on paper exactly how you used `fft`:
  - what vectors you created as input to the `fft` function,
  - how you called `fft`,
  - exactly what your MATLAB output from `fft` was (I want you to write out **all** four complex values from MATLAB),
  - and finally, exactly how you used that output to get all the relevant  $A_k$  and  $B_k$ .

*Hint:* There should be **NO** difference between the coefficients calculated in (b) and (c). If there are, you're either having difficulty calculating the coefficients correctly by-hand, or else misinterpreting the output of `fft`. Go back and fix the problem. A good idea to confirm you're using `fft` correctly is to maybe first try it on the known 4-pt example from class.

The whole point of part (c) is to make sure you fully understand how to use and interpret the built-in `fft` command before moving on to the last (more complicated) question, where you don't know the “by-hand” coefficients.

Due **on paper**: **All parts** (a, b, c).

Due on-line: Nothing.

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### 8.7 Discrete Fourier Decomposition – *using MATLAB*.

7 pts

Go back to the “railway track” pulse  $f(t)$  in 8.5, except this time sample it at a higher frequency of 100 Hz (*i.e.*  $\Delta t = 1/100$ ), over  $0 \leq t < 2$  s. This is too much to do DFT calculations “by-hand”, so you now want to use MATLAB `fft` to do a discrete Fourier transformation of  $f(t_j)$  over one period.

*Before you start*, consider the concepts: what is  $N$  and  $2N$  for this problem? Exactly how many points  $(t_j, f_j)$  should you include in your discrete Fourier analysis? Are these meeting the rules/assumptions from class? You should probably sketch out on paper what you’re trying to do (I’m not asking that to be handed in though).

Develop a *documented* MATLAB script **HW8\_7.m** that does the following:

- Creates vectors of the appropriate data points  $(t_j, f_j)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq 2N$ . Call these vectors `tj` and `fj`.
- Appropriately calls the `fft` command.
- Uses the output from (b) to create two vectors:
  - $A_k$ , with length  $N$ , containing all the  $A_k$  coefficients for  $1 \leq k \leq N$ ,
  - $B_k$ , with length  $N+1$ , containing all the  $B_k$  coefficients for  $0 \leq k \leq N$ .
- Creates a “stem” plot of the coefficients, similar to the bottom of our “Class22\_SquareWave” handout, with all the  $A_k$  to the left, and  $B_k$  to the right. Save this plot as **HW8\_7stem.pdf**.
- Reconstructs an approximation of  $f(t)$  over one period using all these calculated  $A_k$  and  $B_k$  Fourier terms (*i.e.* does an “inverse transform”). The trick is that I want you to use the finely-spaced time vector, like in 8.5 (*i.e.* `t=linspace(0,tau,6000)`).
- Makes a plot, called **HW8\_7ift.pdf**, similar to the top of our “Class22\_SquareWave” handout, comparing this approximation of  $f(t)$  with the exact force  $f(t)$  over one period. Plot your exact  $f(t)$  in solid black, your approximated  $f(t)$  in **dashed-red**, and all your discrete points as **red** dots, say, with a command like:

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plot(t,f_exact,'-k', t,f_approx,'--r', tj,fj,'or')
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This plot is a great check to see you created and interpreted all the Fourier coefficients properly because the two traces should be somewhat similar, and your inverse transform (`f_approx`) should exactly pass through all your discrete  $(t_j, f_j)$  points.

- Look at your results for  $B_k$  and get the value for  $B_0$ . Notice that you’ve now calculated  $B_0$  for this same motion  $f(t)$  *three* different ways: (i) analytically in 8.5, (ii) by-hand using 4 points (sampled at 2-Hz) in 8.6, and now (iii) with MATLAB using many more points sampled at 100-Hz. In the Carmen comment field, **enter your values for  $B_0$**  from 8.6 **and** 8.7 (to 4 decimals), and **comment** as to which one is more accurate (compared to the analytic value).

Due **on-line**: your *documented* script **HW8\_7.m**, two plots **HW8\_7stem.pdf** and **HW9\_7ift.pdf**, and your answer to part (g) “ **$B_0 = \dots$  (8.6) and  $\dots$  (8.7)**” and comment on their accuracy in the comment box.