Fourier Series Laboratory II

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1 Aim of the exercise

The purpose of exercise was to experimentally familiarize with the Fourier series - an operation that allows to represent any real periodic signal by the sum of sinusoidal signals. We measured the signals generated by the independent function generator with a vector spectrum analyzer.

2 What is 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 orthogonal relationships of the sine and cosine functions. The computation and study of Fourier series is known as harmonic analysis and is extremely useful to break up an arbitrary periodic function into a set of simple terms that can be plugged in, solved individually, and then recombined to obtain the solution to the original problem or an approximation to it to whatever accuracy is desired or practical

3 Course of measurements

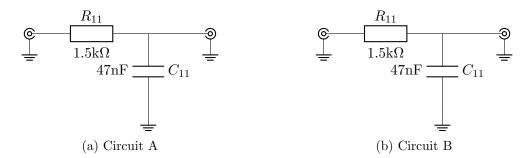


Figure 1: Measured RC Circuits

4 Method for calculating Fourier Series coefficients