

# Fourier Series

## EE3900: Linear Systems and Signal Processing

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### 1. PERIODIC FUNCTION

Let

$$x(t) = A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| \quad (1.1)$$

#### 1.1 Plot $x(t)$

**Solution:** Download the following Python code that plots Fig. 1.1.

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wget https://github.com/aakashkamuju/
EE3900/raw/main/Fourier/codes/1.1.py
```

Run the code by executing

```
python 1.1.py
```

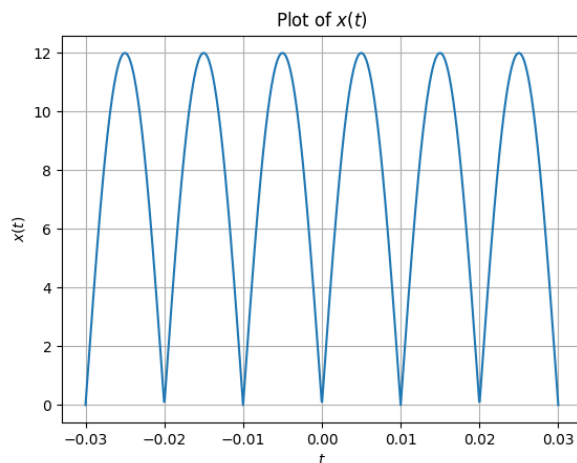


Fig. 1.1. Plot of  $x(t)$

#### 1.2 Show that $x(t)$ is periodic and find its period

**Solution:** Since  $x(t)$  is the absolute value of a sinusoidal function, it is periodic, which is also evident from the plot

Consider  $x(t + \frac{1}{2f_0})$

$$x\left(t + \frac{1}{2f_0}\right) = A_0 \left| \sin\left(2\pi f_0 \left(t + \frac{1}{2f_0}\right)\right) \right| \quad (1.2)$$

$$= A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t + \pi f_0)| \quad (1.3)$$

$$= A_0 |(-1)^{f_0} \sin(2\pi f_0 t)| \quad (1.4)$$

$$= A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| \quad (1.5)$$

$$= x(t) \quad (1.6)$$

Therefore,  $x(t)$  is periodic with period  $\frac{1}{2f_0}$

### 2. FOURIER SERIES

Consider  $A_0 = 12$  and  $f_0 = 50$  for all numerical calculations

#### 2.1 If

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (2.1)$$

show that

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} x(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \quad (2.2)$$

**Solution:**

$$x(t) e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{-j2\pi(n-k)f_0 t} \quad (2.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} x(t) e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t} dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} e^{-j2\pi(n-k)f_0 t} dt \quad (2.4)$$

But

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} e^{-j2\pi(n-k)f_0 t} dt = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f_0} & k = n \\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{f_0} \delta(n - k) \quad (2.6)$$

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} e^{-j2\pi(n-k)f_0 t} dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \frac{1}{f_0} \delta(n-k) \quad (2.7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{f_0} c_n * \delta(n) \quad (2.8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{f_0} c_n \quad (2.9)$$

Therefore

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} x(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \quad (2.10)$$

2.2 Find  $c_k$  for (1.1)

**Solution:**

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \quad (2.11)$$

$$c_k = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^0 A_0 (-\sin(2\pi f_0 t)) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt + f_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 (\sin(2\pi f_0 t)) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \quad (2.12)$$

$$c_k = f_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \sin(2\pi f_0 u) e^{j2\pi k f_0 u} du + f_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \sin(2\pi f_0 t) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \quad (2.13)$$

$$c_k = f_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \sin(2\pi f_0 t) (e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} + e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t}) dt \quad (2.14)$$

$$= f_0 A_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} 2 \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \cos(2\pi k f_0 t) dt \quad (2.15)$$

$$= f_0 A_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} \{\sin(2\pi(1+k)f_0 t) + \sin(2\pi(1-k)f_0 t)\} dt \quad (2.16)$$

$$= f_0 A_0 \left[ -\frac{\cos(2\pi(1+k)f_0 t)}{2\pi(1+k)f_0} - \frac{\cos(2\pi(1-k)f_0 t)}{2\pi(1-k)f_0} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} \quad (2.17)$$

$$= \frac{f_0 A_0}{2\pi f_0} \left[ \frac{1 - (-1)^{1+k}}{1+k} + \frac{1 - (-1)^{1-k}}{1-k} \right] \quad (2.18)$$

$$= (1 + (-1)^k) \frac{A_0}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{1+k} + \frac{1}{1-k} \right] \quad (2.19)$$

$$= (1 + (-1)^k) \frac{A_0}{\pi(1-k^2)} \quad (2.20)$$

Therefore

$$c_k = \begin{cases} \frac{2A_0}{\pi(1-k^2)} & k \text{ is even} \\ 0 & k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.21)$$

2.3 Verify (1.1) using Python

**Solution:** Download the following Python code that plots Fig. 2.3.

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Run the code by executing

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python 2.3.py
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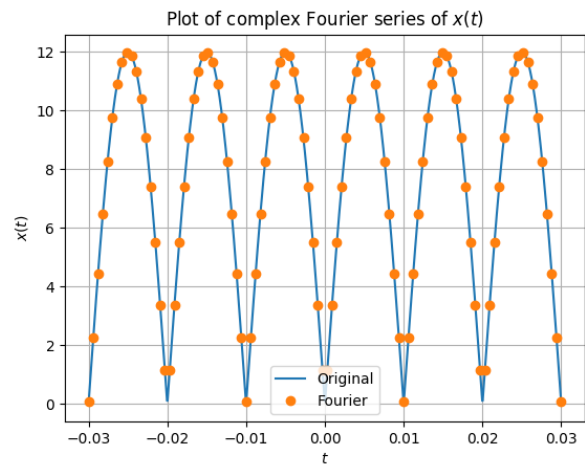


Fig. 2.3. Plot of  $x(t)$  along with its complex Fourier series expansion

2.4 Show that

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (a_k \cos(2\pi k f_0 t) + b_k \sin(2\pi k f_0 t)) \quad (2.22)$$

and obtain the formulae for  $a_k$  and  $b_k$

**Solution:**

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (2.23)$$

$$= c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} + c_{-k} e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (2.24)$$

Thus

$$x(t) = c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_k + c_{-k}) \cos(2\pi k f_0 t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} j(c_k - c_{-k}) \sin(2\pi k f_0 t) \quad (2.25)$$

Therefore

$$a_k = \begin{cases} c_0 & k = 0 \\ c_k + c_{-k} & k > 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.26)$$

$$b_k = j(c_k - c_{-k}) \quad k \geq 0 \quad (2.27)$$

2.5 Find  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  for (1.1)

**Solution:**

$$a_0 = c_0 = \frac{2A_0}{\pi} \quad (2.28)$$

For  $k > 0$ , if  $k$  is odd

$$a_k = 0 + 0 = 0 \quad (2.29)$$

and if  $k$  is even

$$a_k = \frac{2A_0}{\pi(1-k^2)} + \frac{2A_0}{\pi(1-k^2)} = \frac{4A_0}{\pi(1-k^2)} \quad (2.30)$$

For odd or even  $k$ ,  $c_k = c_{-k}$  always

$$b_k = 0 \quad \forall k \geq 0 \quad (2.31)$$

Therefore

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{2A_0}{\pi} & k = 0 \\ \frac{4A_0}{\pi(1-k^2)} & k = 2m, m \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.32)$$

$$b_k = 0 \quad k \geq 0 \quad (2.33)$$

2.6 Verify (2.22) using Python

**Solution:** Download the following Python code that plots Fig. 2.6.

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Run the code by executing

```
python 2.6.py
```

### 3. FOURIER TRANSFORM

3.1

$$\delta(t) = 0 \quad t \neq 0 \quad (3.1)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1 \quad (3.2)$$

3.2 Find the Fourier transform of  $x(t)$

**Solution:**

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (3.3)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \mathcal{F}\{e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}\} \quad (3.4)$$

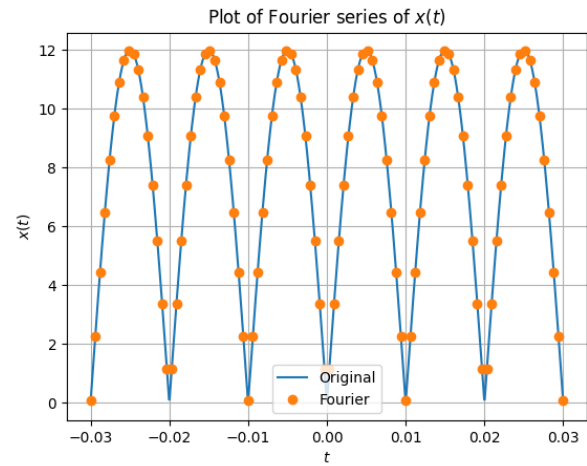


Fig. 2.6. Plot of  $x(t)$  along with its Fourier series expansion

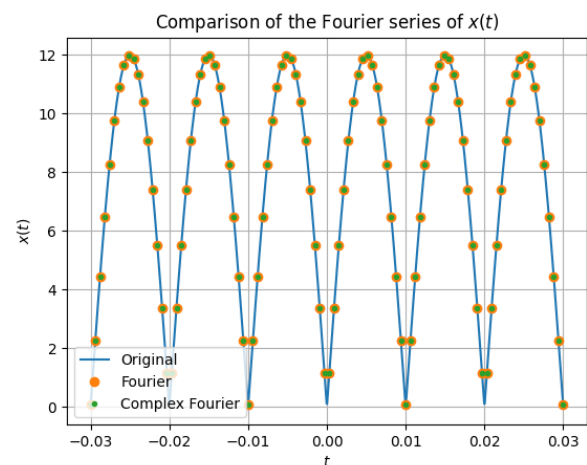


Fig. 2.6. Comparison of the Fourier series of  $x(t)$