

Problem regarding mean square error

A rectangular function $f(t)$ is defined by figure

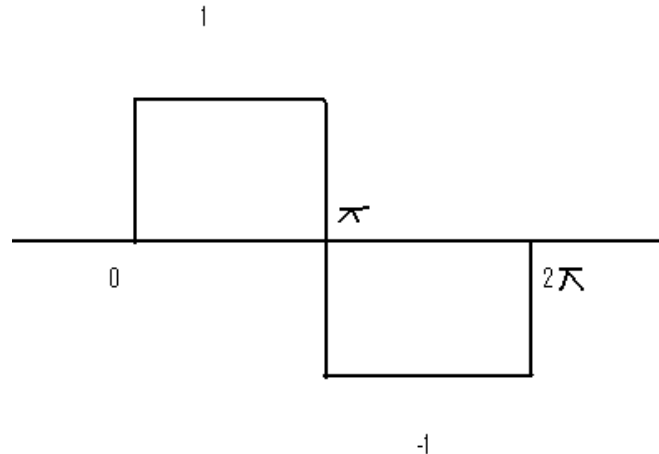


Figure 1.3

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & (0 < t < \pi) \\ -1, & (\pi < t < 2\pi) \end{cases}$$

Approximate this function by a waveform $\sin t$ over the interval $(0, 2\pi)$ such that the mean square error is minimum.

Solution. The function $f(t)$ will be approximated over the interval $(0, 2\pi)$, as

$$f(t) \cong C_{12} \sin t$$

We shall find the optimum value of C_{12} which will minimize the mean square error in this approximation. According to Eq.3.10 to minimize the mean

Square error :

$$\begin{aligned}C_{12} &= \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} f(t) \sin t \, dt}{\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2(t) dt} \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_0^{\pi} \sin t \, dt + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} -\sin t \, dt \right] \\&= \frac{4}{\pi}\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$= f(t) \simeq \frac{4}{\pi} \sin t .$$