

# Short Module for electric circuit analysis

## THE FOURIER SERIES

**1 INTRODUCTION** This module introduces the Fourier series, a technique for expressing a periodic function in terms of sinusoids. Once the source function is expressed in terms of sinusoids, we can apply the phasor method to analyze circuits.

The Fourier series is named after Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768–1830). In 1822, Fourier's genius came up with the insight that any practical periodic function can be represented as a sum of sinusoids. Such a representation, along with the superposition theorem, allows us to find the response of circuits to arbitrary periodic inputs using phasor techniques.

We begin with the trigonometric Fourier series. Later we consider the exponential Fourier series. We then apply Fourier series in circuit analysis. Finally, practical applications of Fourier series in spectrum analyzers and filters are demonstrated.

**2 TRIGONOMETRIC FOURIER SERIES** While studying heat flow, Fourier discovered that a nonsinusoidal periodic function can be expressed as an infinite sum of sinusoidal functions. Recall that a periodic function is one that repeats every  $T$  seconds. In other words, a periodic function  $f(t)$  satisfies  $f(t) = f(t + nT)$  (16.1)

The harmonic frequency  $\omega_n$  is an integral multiple of the fundamental frequency  $\omega_0$ , i.e.,  $\omega_n = n\omega_0$ .

where  $n$  is an integer and  $T$  is the period of the function.

According to the *Fourier theorem*, any practical periodic function of frequency  $\omega_0$  can be expressed as an infinite sum of sine or cosine functions that are integral multiples of  $\omega_0$ . Thus,  $f(t)$  can be expressed as

$$f(t) = a_0 + a_1 \cos \omega_0 t + b_1 \sin \omega_0 t + a_2 \cos 2\omega_0 t + b_2 \sin 2\omega_0 t + a_3 \cos 3\omega_0 t + b_3 \sin 3\omega_0 t + \dots \quad (16.2)$$
$$\text{or } f(t) = \underbrace{a_0}_{\text{dc}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t)}_{\text{ac}} \quad (16.3)$$

where  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$  is called the *fundamental frequency* in radians per second. The sinusoid  $\sin n\omega_0 t$  or  $\cos n\omega_0 t$  is called the  $n$ th harmonic of  $f(t)$ ; it is an odd harmonic if  $n$  is odd and an even harmonic if  $n$  is even. Equation 16.3 is called the *trigonometric Fourier series* of  $f(t)$ . The constants  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are the *Fourier coefficients*. The coefficient  $a_0$  is the dc component or the average value of  $f(t)$ . (Recall that sinusoids have zero average values.) The coefficients  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  (for  $n \neq 0$ ) are the amplitudes of the sinusoids in the ac component. Thus, the Fourier series of a periodic function  $f(t)$  is a representation that resolves  $f(t)$  into a dc component and an ac component comprising an infinite series of harmonic sinusoids.

A function that can be represented by a Fourier series as in Eq. (16.3) must meet certain requirements, because the infinite series in Eq. (16.3) may or may not converge. These conditions on  $f(t)$  to yield a convergent Fourier series are as follows:

1.  $f(t)$  is single-valued everywhere.
2.  $f(t)$  has a finite number of finite discontinuities in any one period.
3.  $f(t)$  has a finite number of maxima and minima in any one period.
4. The integral  $\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} |f(t)| dt < \infty$  for any  $t_0$ .

These conditions are called *Dirichlet conditions*. Although they are not necessary conditions, they are sufficient conditions for a Fourier series to exist.

A major task in Fourier series is the determination of the Fourier coefficients  $a_0, a_n, b_n$ . The process of determining the coefficients is called *Fourier analysis*. The following trigonometric integrals are very helpful in Fourier analysis. For any integers  $m$  and  $n$ ,

$$\int_0^T \sin n\omega_0 t dt = 0 \quad (16.4a) \quad \int_0^T \cos n\omega_0 t dt = 0 \quad (16.4b) \quad \int_0^T \sin^2 n\omega_0 t dt = \frac{T}{2} \quad (16.4f) \quad \int_0^T \cos^2 n\omega_0 t dt = \frac{T}{2} \quad (16.4g)$$
$$\int_0^T \sin n\omega_0 t \cos m\omega_0 t dt = 0 \quad (16.4c) \quad \int_0^T \sin n\omega_0 t \sin m\omega_0 t dt = 0, (m \neq n) \quad (16.4d) \quad \int_0^T \cos n\omega_0 t \cos m\omega_0 t dt = 0, (m \neq n) \quad (16.4e)$$

We begin by finding  $a_0$ . We integrate both sides of Eq. (16.3) over one period and obtain

$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = \int_0^T \left[ a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t) \right] dt = \int_0^T a_0 dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \int_0^T a_n \cos n\omega_0 t dt + \int_0^T b_n \sin n\omega_0 t dt \right] dt \quad (16.5)$$

Invoking the identities of Eqs. (16.4a) and (16.4b), the two integrals involving the ac terms vanish.

Hence,  $\int_0^T f(t) dt = \int_0^T a_0 dt = a_0 T$  or  $a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt$  (16.6) showing that  $a_0$  is the average value of  $f(t)$ .

To evaluate  $a_n$ , we multiply both sides of Eq. (16.3) by  $\cos m\omega_0 t$  and integrate over one period:

$$\int_0^T f(t) \cos m\omega_0 t dt = \int_0^T a_0 \cos m\omega_0 t dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \int_0^T a_n \cos n\omega_0 t \cos m\omega_0 t dt + \int_0^T b_n \sin n\omega_0 t \cos m\omega_0 t dt \right] dt \quad (16.7)$$

The integral containing  $a_0$  is zero in view of Eq. (16.4b), while the integral containing  $b_n$  vanishes according to Eq. (16.4c). The integral containing  $a_n$  will be zero except when  $m = n$ , in which case it is  $T/2$ , according to Eqs. (16.4e) and (16.4g). Thus,

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt \quad (16.8)$$

In a similar vein, we obtain  $b_n$  by multiplying both sides of Eq. (16.3) by  $\sin m\omega_0 t$  and integrating over the period. The result is

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \quad (16.9)$$

Be aware that since  $f(t)$  is periodic, it may be more convenient to carry the integrations above from  $-T/2$  to  $T/2$  or generally from  $t_0$  to  $t_0 + T$  instead of 0 to  $T$ . The result will be the same.

An alternative form of Eq. (16.3) is the *amplitude-phase* form

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n) \quad (16.10)$$

We can use Eqs. (9.11) and (9.12) to relate Eq. (16.3) to Eq. (16.10), or we can apply the trigonometric identity (16.11) to the ac terms in Eq. (16.10) so that

$$a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos \phi_n) \cos n\omega_0 t - (A_n \sin \phi_n) \sin n\omega_0 t \quad (16.12)$$

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta \quad (16.11)$$

Equating the coefficients of the series expansions in Eqs. (16.3) and (16.12) shows that

$$a_n = A_n \cos \phi_n, \quad b_n = -A_n \sin \phi_n \quad (16.13a) \quad \text{or} \quad A_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}, \quad \phi_n = -\tan^{-1} \frac{b_n}{a_n} \quad (16.13b)$$

To avoid any confusion in determining  $\phi_n$ , it may be better to relate the terms in complex form as  $A_n \angle \phi_n = a_n - jb_n$  (16.14)

The convenience of this relationship will become evident in Section 6. The plot of the amplitude  $A_n$  of the harmonics versus  $n\omega_0$  is called the *amplitude spectrum* of  $f(t)$ ; the plot of the phase  $\phi_n$  versus  $n\omega_0$  is the *phase spectrum* of  $f(t)$ . Both the amplitude and phase spectra form the *frequency spectrum* of  $f(t)$ .

The frequency spectrum is also known as the line spectrum in view of the discrete frequency components.

The *frequency spectrum* of a signal consists of the plots of the amplitudes and phases of the harmonics versus frequency.

Thus, the Fourier analysis is also a mathematical tool for finding the spectrum of a periodic signal. Section 6 will elaborate more on the spectrum of a signal. To evaluate the Fourier coefficients  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$ , and  $b_n$ , we often need to apply the following integrals:

$$\int \cos at dt = \frac{1}{a} \sin at \quad (16.15a) \quad \int \sin at dt = -\frac{1}{a} \cos at \quad (16.15b) \quad \int t \cos at dt = \frac{1}{a^2} \cos at + \frac{1}{a} t \sin at \quad (16.15c) \quad \int t \sin at dt = \frac{1}{a^2} \sin at - \frac{1}{a} t \cos at \quad (16.15d)$$

**Example 16.1:** Determine the Fourier series of the waveform shown in Fig. 16.1. Obtain the amplitude and phase spectra.

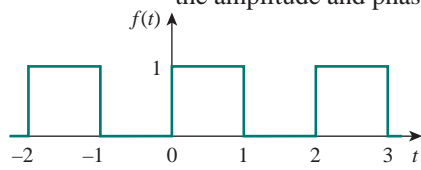


Figure 16.1 For Example 16.1; a square wave.

**Solution:**

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t) \quad (16.1.1)$$

Our goal is to obtain the Fourier coefficients  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$ , and  $b_n$  using Eqs. (16.6), (16.8), and (16.9). First, we describe the waveform as

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0, & 1 < t < 2 \end{cases} \quad (16.1.2)$$

and  $f(t) = f(t + T)$ . Since  $T = 2$ ,  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T = \pi$ . Thus,

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 1 dt + \int_1^2 0 dt \right] = \frac{1}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (16.1.3)$$

Using Eq. (16.8) along with Eq. (16.15a),

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt = \frac{2}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 1 \cos n\pi t dt + \int_1^2 0 \cos n\pi t dt \right] = \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin n\pi t \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin n\pi = 0 \quad (16.1.4)$$

From Eq. (16.9) with the aid of Eq. (16.15b),

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt = \frac{2}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 1 \sin n\pi t dt + \int_1^2 0 \sin n\pi t dt \right] = -\frac{1}{n\pi} \cos n\pi t \Big|_0^1 = -\frac{1}{n\pi} (\cos n\pi - 1) \quad (16.1.5)$$

Substituting the Fourier coefficients in Eqs. (16.1.3) to (16.1.5) into Eq. (16.1.1) gives the Fourier series as

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sin \pi t + \frac{2}{3\pi} \sin 3\pi t + \frac{2}{5\pi} \sin 5\pi t + \dots \quad (16.1.6)$$

Since  $f(t)$  contains only the dc component and the sine terms with the fundamental component and odd harmonics, it may be written as

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k-1} \sin n\pi t, \quad n = 2k-1 \quad (16.1.7)$$

By summing the terms one by one as demonstrated in Fig. 16.2, we notice how superposition of the terms can evolve into the original square. As more and more Fourier components are added, the sum gets closer and closer to the square wave. However, it is not possible in practice to sum the series in Eq. (16.1.6) or (16.1.7) to infinity. Only a partial sum ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$ , where  $N$  is finite) is possible.

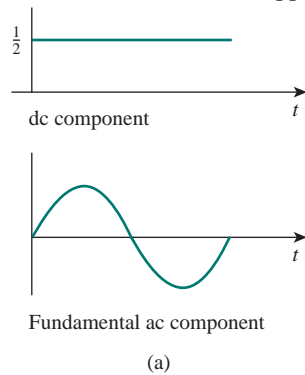
Summing the Fourier terms by hand calculation may be tedious. A computer is helpful to compute the terms and plot the sum like those shown in Fig. 16.2.

TABLE 16.1 Values of cosine, sine, and exponential functions for integral multiples of  $\pi$ .

Function	Value
$\cos 2n\pi$	1
$\sin 2n\pi$	0
$\cos n\pi$	$(-1)^n$
$\sin n\pi$	0
$\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}$	$\begin{cases} (-1)^{n/2}, & n = \text{even} \\ 0, & n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$
$\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$	$\begin{cases} (-1)^{(n-1)/2}, & n = \text{odd} \\ 0, & n = \text{even} \end{cases}$
$e^{j2n\pi}$	1
$e^{jn\pi}$	$(-1)^n$
$e^{jn\pi/2}$	$\begin{cases} (-1)^{n/2}, & n = \text{even} \\ j(-1)^{(n-1)/2}, & n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$
	$\frac{1}{n\pi} [1 - (-1)^n] = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n\pi}, & n = \text{odd} \\ 0, & n = \text{even} \end{cases}$

If we plot the partial sum (or truncated series) over one period for a large  $N$  as in Fig. 16.3, we notice that the partial sum oscillates above and below the actual value of  $f(t)$ . At the neighborhood of the points of discontinuity ( $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ), there is overshoot and damped oscillation. In fact, an overshoot of about 9 percent of the peak value is always present, regardless of the number of terms used to approximate  $f(t)$ . This is called the *Gibbs phenomenon*.

*Historical note:* Named after the mathematical physicist Josiah Willard Gibbs, who first observed it in 1899.



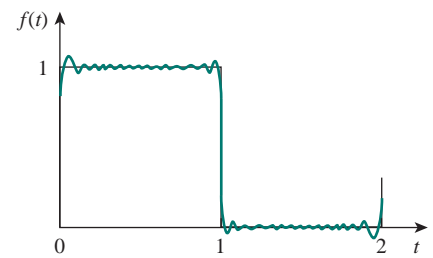
Finally, let us obtain the amplitude and phase spectra for the signal in Fig. 16.1. Since  $a_n = 0$ ,

$$A_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} = |b_n| = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n\pi}, & n = \text{odd} \\ 0, & n = \text{even} \end{cases} \quad (16.1.8)$$

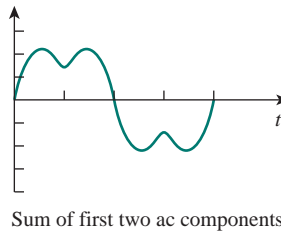
and

$$\phi_n = -\tan^{-1} \frac{b_n}{a_n} = \begin{cases} -90^\circ, & n = \text{odd} \\ 0, & n = \text{even} \end{cases} \quad (16.1.9)$$

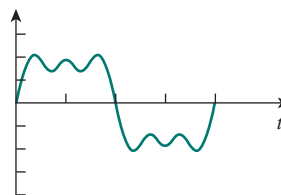
The plots of  $A_n$  and  $\phi_n$  for different values of  $n\omega_0 = n\pi$  provide the amplitude and phase spectra in Fig. 16.4. Notice that the amplitudes of the harmonics decay very fast with frequency.



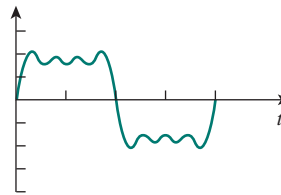
**Figure 16.3** Truncating the Fourier series at  $N = 11$ ; Gibbs phenomenon.



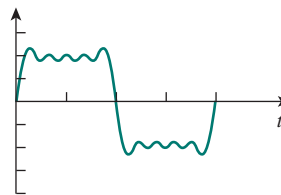
Sum of first two ac components



Sum of first three ac components



Sum of first four ac components

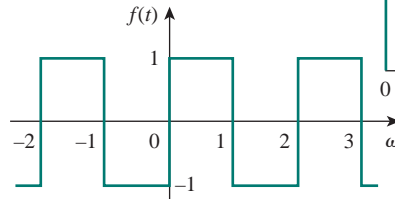


Sum of first five ac components (b)

**Figure 16.2** Evolution of a square wave from its Fourier components.

### Practice Problem 16.1:

Find the Fourier series of the square wave in Fig. 16.5. Plot the amplitude and phase spectra.



**Figure 16.5** For Practice Prob. 16.1.

**Answer:**  $f(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin n\pi t, n = 2k - 1$ . See Fig. 16.6 for the spectra.

### Example 16.2:

Obtain the Fourier series for the periodic function in Fig. 16.7 and plot the amplitude and phase spectra.

**Solution:** The function is described as  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0, & 1 < t < 2 \end{cases}$

Since  $T = 2$ ,  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T = \pi$ . Then

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 t dt + \int_1^2 0 dt \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{t^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{4} \quad (16.2.1)$$

To evaluate  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ , we need the integrals in Eq. (16.1.5):

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt = \frac{2}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 t \cos n\pi t dt + \int_1^2 0 \cos n\pi t dt \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} \cos n\pi t + \frac{t}{n\pi} \sin n\pi t \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} (\cos n\pi - 1) + 0 = \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n^2\pi^2} \quad (16.2.2)$$

since  $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$ ; and

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt = \frac{2}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 t \sin n\pi t dt + \int_1^2 0 \sin n\pi t dt \right] = \left[ \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} \sin n\pi t - \frac{t}{n\pi} \cos n\pi t \right]_0^1$$

$$= 0 - \frac{\cos n\pi}{n\pi} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \quad (16.2.3)$$

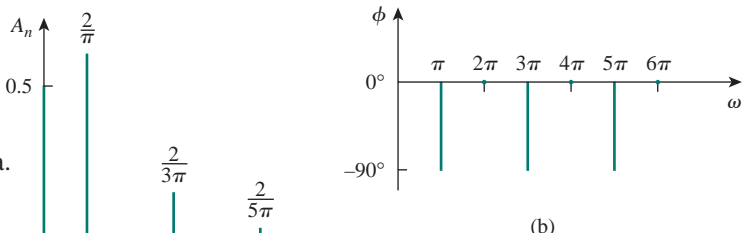
Substituting the Fourier coefficients just found into Eq. (16.3) yields

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{[(-1)^n - 1]}{(n\pi)^2} \cos n\pi t + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \sin n\pi t \right]$$

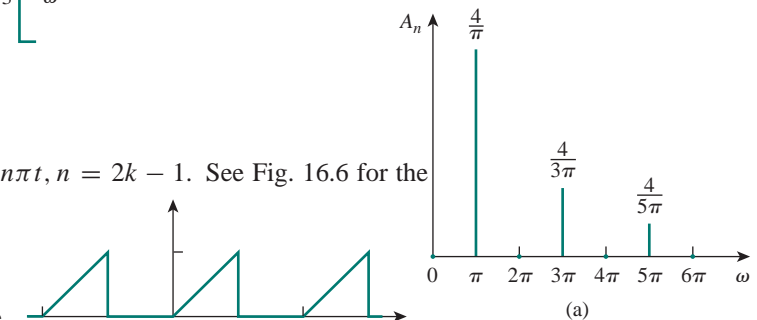
To obtain the amplitude and phase spectra, we notice that, for even harmonics,  $a_n = 0$ ,  $b_n = -1/n\pi$ , so that  $A_n/\phi_n = a_n - jb_n = 0 + j \frac{1}{n\pi}$  (16.2.4)

Hence,  $A_n = |b_n| = \frac{1}{n\pi}, n = 2, 4, \dots$

$\phi_n = 90^\circ, n = 2, 4, \dots$



**Figure 16.4** For Example 16.1: (a) amplitude and (b) phase spectrum of the function shown in Fig. 16.1.



**Figure 16.6** For Practice Prob. 16.1: amplitude and phase spectra for the function shown in Fig. 16.5.

For odd harmonics,  $a_n = -2/(n^2\pi^2)$ ,  $b_n = 1/(n\pi)$  so that  $A_n/\phi_n = a_n - jb_n = -\frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} - j\frac{1}{n\pi}$  (16.2.6)

That is,  $A_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{n^4\pi^4} + \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2}}$  (16.2.7)  $= \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} \sqrt{4 + n^2\pi^2}$ ,  $n = 1, 3, \dots$

From Eq. (16.2.6), we observe that  $\phi$  lies in the third quadrant, so that  $\phi_n = 180^\circ + \tan^{-1} \frac{n\pi}{2}$ ,  $n = 1, 3, \dots$  (16.2.8)

From Eqs. (16.2.5), (16.2.7), and (16.2.8), we plot  $A_n$  and  $\phi_n$  for different values of  $n\omega_0 = n\pi$  to obtain the amplitude spectrum and phase spectrum as shown in Fig. 16.8.

### Practice Problem 16.2:

Determine the Fourier series of the sawtooth waveform in Fig. 16.9.

**Answer:**  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin 2\pi n t$ .

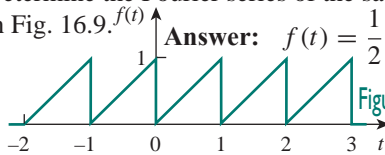
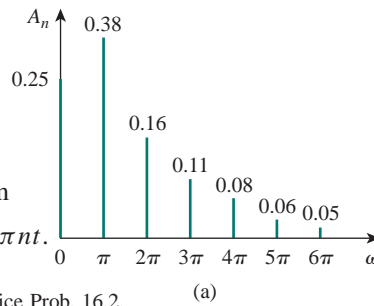
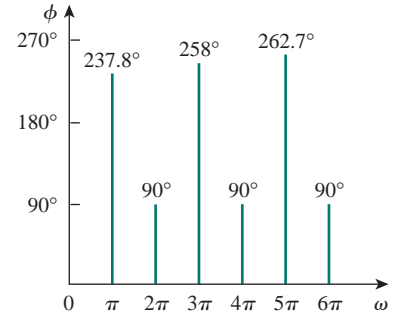


Figure 16.9

For Practice Prob. 16.2.



(a)



(b)

Figure 16.8

For Example 16.2: (a) amplitude spectrum,

(b) phase spectrum.

## 3 SYMMETRY CONSIDERATIONS

We noticed that the Fourier series of Example 16.1 consisted only of the sine terms. One may wonder if a method exists whereby one can know in advance that some Fourier coefficients would be zero and avoid the unnecessary work involved in the tedious process of calculating them. Such a method does exist; it is based on recognizing the existence of symmetry. Here we discuss three types of symmetry: (1) even symmetry, (2) odd symmetry, (3) half-wave symmetry.

**1 Even Symmetry** A function  $f(t)$  is *even* if its plot is symmetrical about the vertical axis; that is,  $f(t) = f(-t)$  (16.16). Examples of even functions are  $t^2$ ,  $t^4$ , and  $\cos t$ . Figure

16.10 shows more examples of periodic even functions.

Note that each of these examples satisfies Eq. (16.16). A

main property of an even function  $f_e(t)$  is that:

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_e(t) dt = 2 \int_0^{T/2} f_e(t) dt \quad (16.17)$$

because integrating from  $-T/2$  to 0 is the same as integrating from 0 to  $T/2$ . Utilizing this property,

the Fourier coefficients for an even function become

To confirm Eq. (16.18) quantitatively, we apply the property of an even function in Eq. (16.17) in evaluating the Fourier coefficients in Eqs. (16.6), (16.8), and (16.9). It is convenient in each case to integrate over the interval  $-T/2 < t < T/2$ , which is symmetrical about the origin. Thus,

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \left[ \int_{-T/2}^0 f(t) dt + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) dt \right] \quad (16.19)$$

We change variables for the integral over the interval  $-T/2 < t < 0$  by letting  $t = -x$ , so that  $dt = -dx$ ,  $f(t) = f(-t) = f(x)$ , since  $f(t)$  is an even function, and when  $t = -T/2$ ,  $x = T/2$ . Then,

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \left[ \int_{T/2}^0 f(x)(-dx) + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) dt \right] = \frac{1}{T} \left[ \int_0^{T/2} f(x) dx + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) dt \right] \quad (16.20)$$

showing that the two integrals are identical. Hence,

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt \right] \quad (16.22)$$

implying that  $f(-t) = f(t)$  and  $\cos(-n\omega_0 t) = \cos n\omega_0 t$ . Equation (16.22) becomes

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_{T/2}^0 f(-x) \cos(-n\omega_0 x)(-dx) + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt \right] = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_{T/2}^0 f(x) \cos(n\omega_0 x)(-dx) + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_0^{T/2} f(x) \cos(n\omega_0 x) dx + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt \right] \quad (16.23a) \quad \text{or} \quad a_n = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt \quad (16.23b)$$

as expected. For  $b_n$ , we apply Eq. (16.9),

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_{-T/2}^0 f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \right] \quad (16.24)$$

We make the same change of variables but keep in mind that  $f(-t) = f(t)$  but  $\sin(-n\omega_0 t) = -\sin n\omega_0 t$ . Equation (16.24) yields

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_{T/2}^0 f(-x) \sin(-n\omega_0 x)(-dx) + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \right]$$

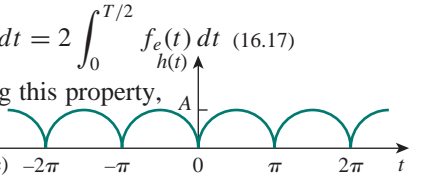
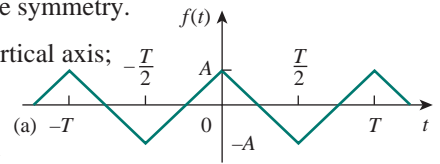


Figure 16.10

Typical examples of even periodic functions.

Since  $b_n = 0$ , Eq. (16.3) becomes a *Fourier cosine series*. This makes sense because the cosine function is itself even. It also makes intuitive sense that an even function contains no sine terms since the sine function is odd.

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_{T/2}^0 f(x) \sin n\omega_0 x dx + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \right] = \frac{2}{T} \left[ - \int_0^{T/2} f(x) \sin n\omega_0 x dx + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \right] \quad (16.25)$$

$$= 0 \text{ confirming Eq. (16.18).}$$

## 2 Odd Symmetry

A function  $f(t)$  is said to be *odd* if its plot is antisymmetrical about the vertical axis:  $f(-t) = -f(t)$  (16.26)

Examples of odd functions are  $t$ ,  $t^3$ , and  $\sin t$ . Figure 16.11 shows more examples of periodic odd functions. All these examples satisfy Eq.(16.26). An odd function  $f_o(t)$  has this major characteristic:

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_o(t) dt = 0 \quad (16.27)$$

because integration from  $-T/2$  to 0 is the negative of that from 0 to  $T/2$ . With this property, the

Fourier coefficients for an odd function become  $b_n = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt$  (16.28)

which give us a *Fourier sine series*. Again, this makes sense because the sine function is itself an odd function. Also, note that there is no dc term for the Fourier series expansion of an odd function.

The quantitative proof of Eq. (16.28) follows the same procedure taken to prove Eq. (16.18) except that  $f(t)$  is now odd, so that  $f(t) = -f(-t)$ . With this fundamental but simple difference, it is easy to see that  $a_0 = 0$  in Eq. (16.20),  $a_n = 0$  in Eq. (16.23a), and  $b_n$  in Eq. (16.24) becomes

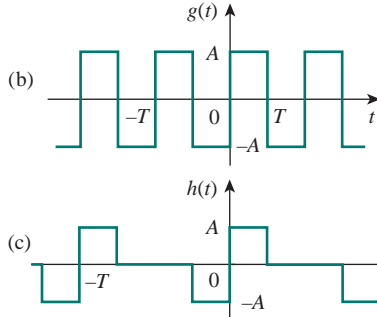


Figure 16.11 Typical examples of odd periodic functions.

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_{T/2}^0 f(-x) \sin(-n\omega_0 x)(-dx) + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \right] = \frac{2}{T} \left[ - \int_{T/2}^0 f(x) \sin n\omega_0 x dx + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_0^{T/2} f(x) \sin(n\omega_0 x) dx + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \right] \quad \text{or} \quad b_n = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \quad (16.29) \quad \text{as expected.}$$

It is interesting to note that any periodic function  $f(t)$  with neither even nor odd symmetry may be decomposed into even and odd parts. Using the properties of even and odd functions from Eqs. (16.16) and (16.26), we can write

$$f(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}[f(t) + f(-t)]}_{\text{even}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}[f(t) - f(-t)]}_{\text{odd}}$$

$$= f_e(t) + f_o(t) \quad (16.30)$$

Notice that  $f_e(t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(t) + f(-t)]$  satisfies the property of an even function in Eq. (16.16), while  $f_o(t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(t) - f(-t)]$  satisfies the property of an odd function in Eq. (16.26). The fact that  $f_e(t)$  contains

only the dc term and the cosine terms, while  $f_o(t)$  has only the sine terms,  $f(t) = a_0 + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n\omega_0 t}_{\text{even}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\omega_0 t}_{\text{odd}} = f_e(t) + f_o(t)$  (16.31)

It follows readily from Eq. (16.31) that when  $f(t)$  is even,  $b_n = 0$ , and

when  $f(t)$  is odd,  $a_0 = 0 = a_n$ . Also, note the following properties of odd and even functions:

1. The product of two even functions is also an even function.
2. The product of two odd functions is an even function.
3. The product of an even function and an odd function is an odd function.
4. The sum (or difference) of two even functions is also an even function.
5. The sum (or difference) of two odd functions is an odd function.

Each of these properties can be proved using Eqs. (16.16) and (16.26).

6. The sum (or difference) of an even function and an odd function is neither even nor odd.

Each of these properties can be proved using Eqs. (16.16) and (16.26).

### 16.3.3 Half-Wave Symmetry

A function is half-wave (odd) symmetric if

$$f\left(t - \frac{T}{2}\right) = -f(t) \quad (16.32)$$

which means that each half-cycle is the mirror image of the next half-cycle. Notice that functions  $\cos n\omega_0 t$  and  $\sin n\omega_0 t$  satisfy Eq. (16.32) for odd values of  $n$  and therefore possess half-wave symmetry when  $n$  is odd. Figure 16.12 shows other examples of half-wave symmetric functions. The functions in Figs. 16.11(a) and 16.11(b) are also half-wave symmetric. Notice that for each function, one half-cycle is the inverted

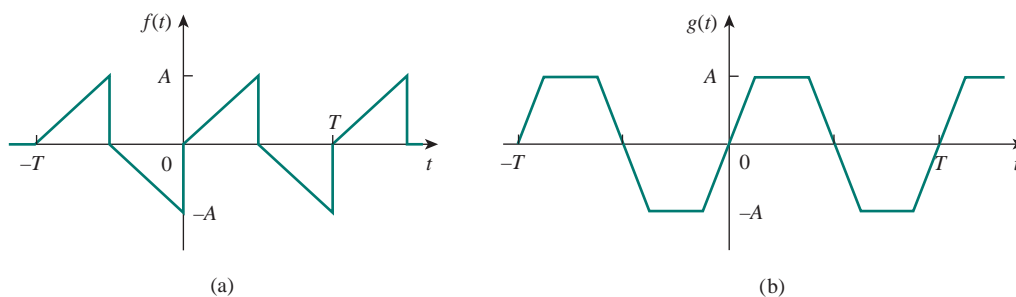


Figure 16.12 Typical examples of half-wave odd symmetric functions.



version of the adjacent half-cycle. The Fourier coefficients become

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 0 \\ a_n &= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t \, dt, & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \\ 0, & \text{for } n \text{ even} \end{cases} \\ b_n &= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t \, dt, & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \\ 0, & \text{for } n \text{ even} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (16.33)$$

showing that the Fourier series of a half-wave symmetric function contains only odd harmonics.

To derive Eq. (16.33), we apply the property of half-wave symmetric functions in Eq. (16.32) in evaluating the Fourier coefficients in Eqs. (16.6), (16.8), and (16.9). Thus,

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \, dt = \frac{1}{T} \left[ \int_{-T/2}^0 f(t) \, dt + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \, dt \right] \quad (16.34)$$

We change variables for the integral over the interval  $-T/2 < t < 0$  by letting  $x = t + T/2$ , so that  $dx = dt$ ; when  $t = -T/2$ ,  $x = 0$ ; and when  $t = 0$ ,  $x = T/2$ . Also, we keep Eq. (16.32) in mind; that is,  $f(x - T/2) = -f(x)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{T} \left[ \int_0^{T/2} f\left(x - \frac{T}{2}\right) dx + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \, dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \left[ - \int_0^{T/2} f(x) \, dx + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \, dt \right] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (16.35)$$

confirming the expression for  $a_0$  in Eq. (16.33). Similarly,

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_{-T/2}^0 f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t \, dt + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t \, dt \right] \quad (16.36)$$

We make the same change of variables that led to Eq. (16.35) so that Eq. (16.36) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{T} \left[ \int_0^{T/2} f\left(x - \frac{T}{2}\right) \cos n\omega_0 \left(x - \frac{T}{2}\right) dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t \, dt \right] \end{aligned} \quad (16.37)$$

Since  $f(x - T/2) = -f(x)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \cos n\omega_0 \left(x - \frac{T}{2}\right) &= \cos(n\omega_0 t - n\pi) \\ &= \cos n\omega_0 t \cos n\pi + \sin n\omega_0 t \sin n\pi \\ &= (-1)^n \cos n\omega_0 t \end{aligned} \quad (16.38)$$

substituting these in Eq. (16.37) leads to

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T}[1 - (-1)^n] \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t \, dt$$
$$= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t \, dt, & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \\ 0, & \text{for } n \text{ even} \end{cases} \tag{16.39}$$

confirming Eq. (16.33). By following a similar procedure, we can derive  $b_n$  as in Eq. (16.33).

Table 16.2 summarizes the effects of these symmetries on the Fourier coefficients. Table 16.3 provides the Fourier series of some common periodic functions.

TABLE 16.2    Effects of symmetry on Fourier coefficients.

Symmetry	$a_0$	$a_n$	$b_n$	Remarks
Even	$a_0 \neq 0$	$a_n \neq 0$	$b_n = 0$	Integrate over $T/2$ and multiply by 2 to get the coefficients.
Odd	$a_0 = 0$	$a_n = 0$	$b_n \neq 0$	Integrate over $T/2$ and multiply by 2 to get the coefficients.
Half-wave	$a_0 = 0$	$a_{2n} = 0$ $a_{2n+1} \neq 0$	$b_{2n} = 0$ $b_{2n+1} \neq 0$	Integrate over $T/2$ and multiply by 2 to get the coefficients.

TABLE 16.3    The Fourier series of common functions.

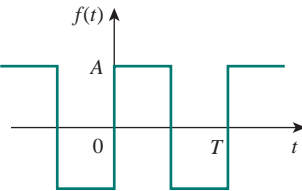
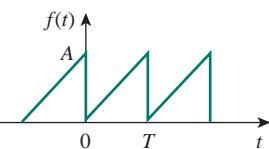
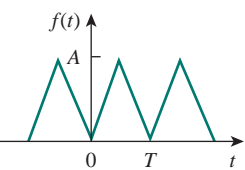
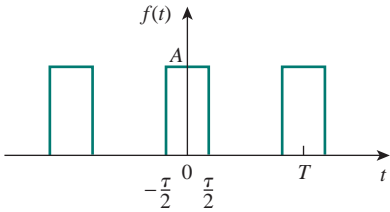
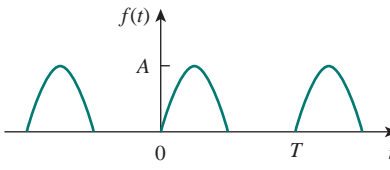
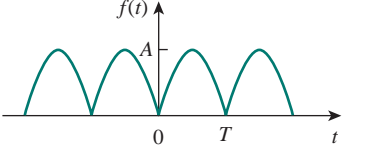
Function	Fourier series
1. Square wave	
	$f(t) = \frac{4A}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} \sin(2n-1)\omega_0 t$
2. Sawtooth wave	
	$f(t) = \frac{A}{2} - \frac{A}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n\omega_0 t}{n}$
3. Triangular wave	
	$f(t) = \frac{A}{2} - \frac{4A}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2} \cos(2n-1)\omega_0 t$



TABLE 16.3 (continued)

Function	Fourier series
4. Rectangular pulse train	
	$f(t) = \frac{A\tau}{T} + \frac{2A}{T} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi\tau}{T} \cos n\omega_0 t$
5. Half-wave rectified sine	
	$f(t) = \frac{A}{\pi} + \frac{A}{2} \sin \omega_0 t - \frac{2A}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1} \cos 2n\omega_0 t$
6. Full-wave rectified sine	
	$f(t) = \frac{2A}{\pi} - \frac{4A}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1} \cos n\omega_0 t$

### EXAMPLE 16.3

Find the Fourier series expansion of  $f(t)$  given in Fig. 16.13.

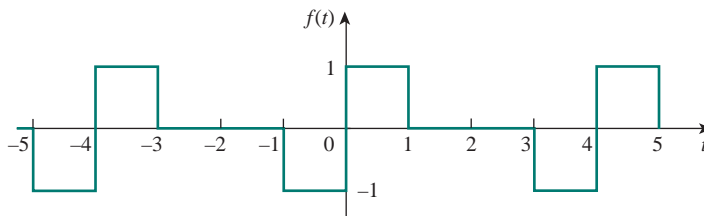


Figure 16.13 For Example 16.3.

#### Solution:

The function  $f(t)$  is an odd function. Hence  $a_0 = 0 = a_n$ . The period is  $T = 4$ , and  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T = \pi/2$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t \, dt \\
 &= \frac{4}{4} \left[ \int_0^1 1 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} t \, dt + \int_1^2 0 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} t \, dt \right] \\
 &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi t}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{2}{n\pi} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$f(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} t$$

which is a Fourier sine series.

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.3

Find the Fourier series of the function  $f(t)$  in Fig. 16.14.

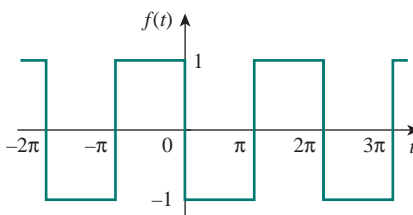


Figure 16.14 For Practice Prob. 16.3.

**Answer:**  $f(t) = -\frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin nt, n = 2k - 1.$

### EXAMPLE 16.4

Determine the Fourier series for the half-wave rectified cosine function shown in Fig. 16.15.

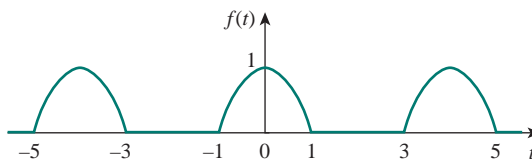


Figure 16.15 A half-wave rectified cosine function; for Example 16.4.

**Solution:**

This is an even function so that  $b_n = 0$ . Also,  $T = 4$ ,  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T = \pi/2$ . Over a period,

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

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) dt = \frac{2}{4} \left[ \int_0^1 \cos \frac{\pi}{2}t dt + \int_1^2 0 dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi}{2}t \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt = \frac{4}{4} \left[ \int_0^1 \cos \frac{\pi}{2}t \cos \frac{n\pi t}{2} dt + 0 \right]$$

But  $\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)]$ . Then

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(n+1)t + \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(n-1)t \right] dt$$

For  $n = 1$ ,

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [\cos \pi t + 1] dt = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\sin \pi t}{\pi} + t \right] \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

For  $n > 1$ ,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi(n+1)} \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(n+1) + \frac{1}{\pi(n-1)} \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(n-1)$$

For  $n = \text{odd}$  ( $n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ),  $(n+1)$  and  $(n-1)$  are both even, so

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{2}(n+1) = 0 = \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(n-1), \quad n = \text{odd}$$

For  $n = \text{even}$  ( $n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ ),  $(n+1)$  and  $(n-1)$  are both odd. Also,

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{2}(n+1) = -\sin \frac{\pi}{2}(n-1) = \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} = (-1)^{n/2}, \quad n = \text{even}$$

Hence,

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n/2}}{\pi(n+1)} + \frac{-(-1)^{n/2}}{\pi(n-1)} = \frac{-2(-1)^{n/2}}{\pi(n^2-1)}, \quad n = \text{even}$$

Thus,

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2}t - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=\text{even}}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n/2}}{(n^2-1)} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2}t$$

To avoid using  $n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$  and also to ease computation, we can replace  $n$  by  $2k$ , where  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and obtain

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2}t - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(4k^2-1)} \cos k\pi t$$

which is a Fourier cosine series.

#### PRACTICE PROBLEM | 6.4

Find the Fourier series expansion of the function in Fig. 16.16.

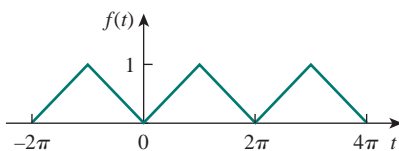


Figure 16.16 For Practice Prob. 16.4.

**Answer:**  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos nt, n = 2k - 1.$

## EXAMPLE 16.5

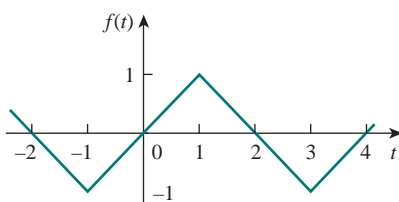


Figure 16.17 For Example 16.5.

Calculate the Fourier series for the function in Fig. 16.17.

**Solution:**

The function in Fig. 16.17 is half-wave odd symmetric, so that  $a_0 = 0 = a_n$ . It is described over half the period as

$$f(t) = t, \quad -1 < t < 1$$

$T = 4, \omega_0 = 2\pi/T = \pi/2$ . Hence,

$$b_n = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt$$

Instead of integrating  $f(t)$  from 0 to 2, it is more convenient to integrate from  $-1$  to 1. Applying Eq. (16.15d),

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{4}{4} \int_{-1}^1 t \sin \frac{n\pi t}{2} dt = \left[ \frac{\sin n\pi t/2}{n^2\pi^2/4} - \frac{t \cos n\pi t/2}{n\pi/2} \right] \Big|_{-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \left[ \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - \sin \left( -\frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \right] - \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + \cos \left( -\frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{8}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

since  $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$  as an odd function, while  $\cos(-x) = \cos x$  as an even function. Using the identities for  $\sin n\pi/2$  and  $\cos n\pi/2$  in Table 16.1,

$$b_n = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{n^2\pi^2}(-1)^{(n-1)/2}, & n = \text{odd} = 1, 3, 5, \dots \\ \frac{4}{n\pi}(-1)^{(n+2)/2}, & n = \text{even} = 2, 4, 6, \dots \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} t$$

where  $b_n$  is given above.

## PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.5

Determine the Fourier series of the function in Fig. 16.12(a). Take  $A = 1$  and  $T = 2\pi$ .

**Answer:**  $f(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{-2}{n^2\pi} \cos nt + \frac{1}{n} \sin nt \right), n = 2k - 1.$

## 16.4 CIRCUIT APPLICATIONS

We find that in practice, many circuits are driven by nonsinusoidal periodic functions. To find the steady-state response of a circuit to a nonsinusoidal periodic excitation requires the application of a Fourier series, ac phasor analysis, and the superposition principle. The procedure usually involves three steps.

### Steps for Applying Fourier Series:

1. Express the excitation as a Fourier series.
2. Find the response of each term in the Fourier series.
3. Add the individual responses using the superposition principle.

The first step is to determine the Fourier series expansion of the excitation. For the periodic voltage source shown in Fig. 16.18(a), for example, the Fourier series is expressed as

$$v(t) = V_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \theta_n) \quad (16.40)$$

(The same could be done for a periodic current source.) Equation (16.40) shows that  $v(t)$  consists of two parts: the dc component  $V_0$  and the ac component  $V_n = V_n \angle \theta_n$  with several harmonics. This Fourier series representation may be regarded as a set of series-connected sinusoidal sources, with each source having its own amplitude and frequency, as shown in Fig. 16.18(b).

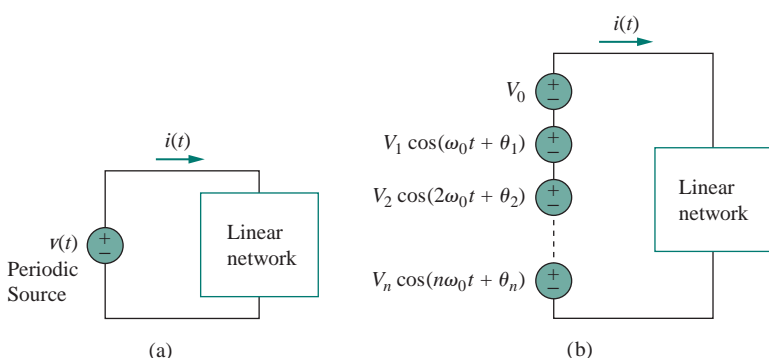


Figure 16.18 (a) Linear network excited by a periodic voltage source, (b) Fourier series representation (time-domain).

The second step is finding the response to each term in the Fourier series. The response to the dc component can be determined in the frequency domain by setting  $n = 0$  or  $\omega = 0$  as in Fig. 16.19(a), or in the time domain by replacing all inductors with short circuits and all capacitors with open circuits. The response to the ac component is obtained by the phasor techniques covered in Chapter 9, as shown in Fig. 16.19(b). The network is represented by its impedance  $Z(n\omega_0)$  or admittance  $Y(n\omega_0)$ .  $Z(n\omega_0)$  is the input impedance at the source when  $\omega$  is everywhere replaced by  $n\omega_0$ , and  $Y(n\omega_0)$  is the reciprocal of  $Z(n\omega_0)$ .

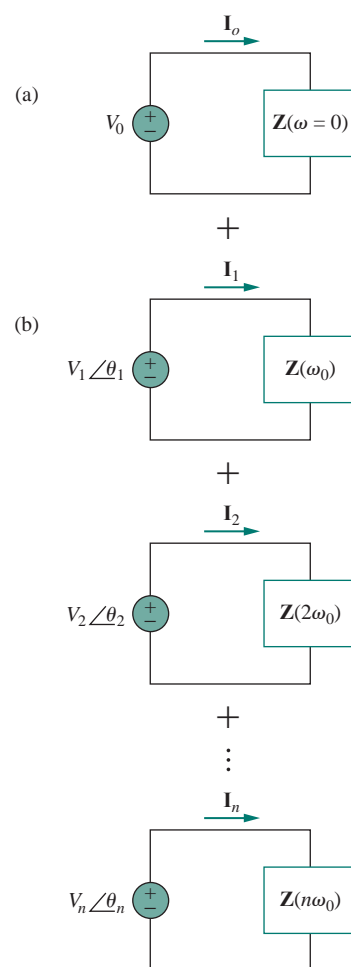


Figure 16.19 Steady-state responses: (a) dc component, (b) ac component (frequency domain).

Finally, following the principle of superposition, we add all the individual responses. For the case shown in Fig. 16.19,

$$\begin{aligned} i(t) &= i_0(t) + i_1(t) + i_2(t) + \cdots \\ &= \mathbf{I}_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\mathbf{I}_n| \cos(n\omega_0 t + \psi_n) \end{aligned} \quad (16.41)$$

where each component  $\mathbf{I}_n$  with frequency  $n\omega_0$  has been transformed to the time domain to get  $i_n(t)$ , and  $\psi_n$  is the argument of  $\mathbf{I}_n$ .

### EXAMPLE 16.6

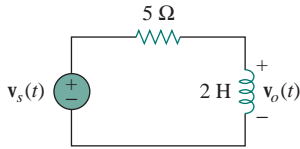


Figure 16.20 For Example 16.6.

Let the function  $f(t)$  in Example 16.1 be the voltage source  $v_s(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 16.20. Find the response  $v_o(t)$  of the circuit.

**Solution:**

From Example 16.1,

$$v_s(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin n\pi t, \quad n = 2k - 1$$

where  $\omega_n = n\omega_0 = n\pi$  rad/s. Using phasors, we obtain the response  $\mathbf{V}_o$  in the circuit of Fig. 16.20 by voltage division:

$$\mathbf{V}_o = \frac{j\omega_n L}{R + j\omega_n L} \mathbf{V}_s = \frac{j2n\pi}{5 + j2n\pi} \mathbf{V}_s$$

For the dc component ( $\omega_n = 0$  or  $n = 0$ )

$$\mathbf{V}_s = \frac{1}{2} \implies \mathbf{V}_o = 0$$

This is expected, since the inductor is a short circuit to dc. For the  $n$ th harmonic,

$$\mathbf{V}_s = \frac{2}{n\pi} \angle -90^\circ \quad (16.6.1)$$

and the corresponding response is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}_o &= \frac{\frac{2n\pi \angle 90^\circ}{\sqrt{25 + 4n^2\pi^2} \angle \tan^{-1} 2n\pi/5}}{\frac{2}{n\pi} \angle -90^\circ} \\ &= \frac{4 \angle -\tan^{-1} 2n\pi/5}{\sqrt{25 + 4n^2\pi^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (16.6.2)$$

In the time domain,

$$v_o(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\sqrt{25 + 4n^2\pi^2}} \cos\left(n\pi t - \tan^{-1} \frac{2n\pi}{5}\right), \quad n = 2k - 1$$

The first three terms ( $k = 1, 2, 3$  or  $n = 1, 3, 5$ ) of the odd harmonics in the summation give us

$$\begin{aligned} v_o(t) &= 0.4981 \cos(\pi t - 51.49^\circ) + 0.2051 \cos(3\pi t - 75.14^\circ) \\ &\quad + 0.1257 \cos(5\pi t - 80.96^\circ) + \cdots \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

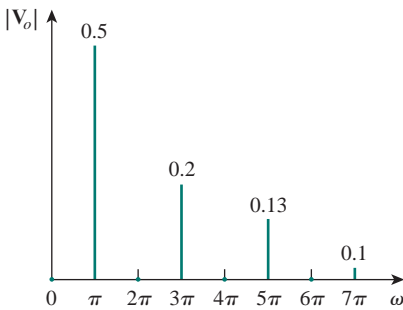


Figure 16.21 For Example 16.6: Amplitude spectrum of the output voltage.

Figure 16.21 shows the amplitude spectrum for output voltage  $v_o(t)$ , while that of the input voltage  $v_s(t)$  is in Fig. 16.4(a). Notice that the

two spectra are close. Why? We observe that the circuit in Fig. 16.20 is a highpass filter with the corner frequency  $\omega_c = R/L = 2.5$  rad/s, which is less than the fundamental frequency  $\omega_0 = \pi$  rad/s. The dc component is not passed and the first harmonic is slightly attenuated, but higher harmonics are passed. In fact, from Eqs. (16.6.1) and (16.6.2),  $\mathbf{V}_o$  is identical to  $\mathbf{V}_s$  for large  $n$ , which is characteristic of a highpass filter.

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.6

If the sawtooth waveform in Fig. 16.9 (see Practice Prob. 16.2) is the voltage source  $v_s(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 16.22, find the response  $v_o(t)$ .

**Answer:**  $v_o(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi nt - \tan^{-1} 4n\pi)}{n\sqrt{1 + 16n^2\pi^2}} \text{ V.}$

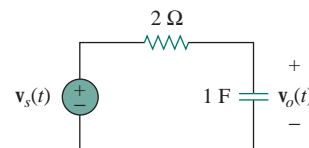


Figure 16.22 For Practice Prob. 16.6.

### EXAMPLE 16.7

Find the response  $i_o(t)$  in the circuit in Fig. 16.23 if the input voltage  $v(t)$  has the Fourier series expansion

$$v(t) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^n}{1+n^2} (\cos nt - n \sin nt)$$

**Solution:**

Using Eq. (16.13), we can express the input voltage as

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^n}{\sqrt{1+n^2}} \cos(nt + \tan^{-1} n) \\ &= 1 - 1.414 \cos(t + 45^\circ) + 0.8944 \cos(2t + 63.45^\circ) \\ &\quad - 0.6345 \cos(3t + 71.56^\circ) - 0.4851 \cos(4t + 78.7^\circ) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

We notice that  $\omega_0 = 1$ ,  $\omega_n = n$  rad/s. The impedance at the source is

$$\mathbf{Z} = 4 + j\omega_n 2 \parallel 4 = 4 + \frac{j\omega_n 8}{4 + j\omega_n 2} = \frac{8 + j\omega_n 8}{2 + j\omega_n}$$

The input current is

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{Z}} = \frac{2 + j\omega_n}{8 + j\omega_n 8} \mathbf{V}$$

where  $\mathbf{V}$  is the phasor form of the source voltage  $v(t)$ . By current division,

$$\mathbf{I}_o = \frac{4}{4 + j\omega_n 2} \mathbf{I} = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{4 + j\omega_n 4}$$

Since  $\omega_n = n$ ,  $\mathbf{I}_o$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{I}_o = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{4\sqrt{1+n^2} \angle \tan^{-1} n}$$

For the dc component ( $\omega_n = 0$  or  $n = 0$ )

$$\mathbf{V} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{I}_o = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

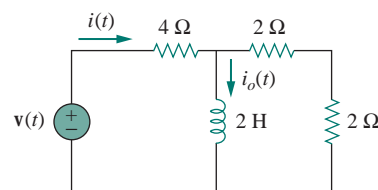


Figure 16.23 For Example 16.7.



For the  $n$ th harmonic,

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{2(-1)^n}{\sqrt{1+n^2}} \angle \tan^{-1} n$$

so that

$$\mathbf{I}_o = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{1+n^2} \angle \tan^{-1} n} \frac{2(-1)^n}{\sqrt{1+n^2}} \angle \tan^{-1} n = \frac{(-1)^n}{2(1+n^2)}$$

In the time domain,

$$i_o(t) = \frac{1}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2(1+n^2)} \cos nt \text{ A}$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.7

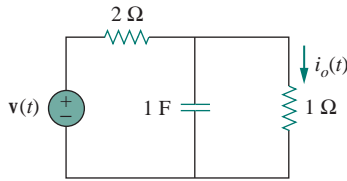


Figure 16.24 For Practice Prob. 16.7.

If the input voltage in the circuit of Fig. 16.24 is

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \cos nt - \frac{\pi}{n} \sin nt \right) \text{ V}$$

determine the response  $i_o(t)$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{9} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1+n^2}\pi^2}{n^2\pi^2\sqrt{9+4n^2}} \cos \left( nt - \tan^{-1} \frac{2n}{3} + \tan^{-1} n\pi \right) \text{ A}.$

## 16.5 AVERAGE POWER AND RMS VALUES

Recall the concepts of average power and rms value of a periodic signal that we discussed in Chapter 11. To find the average power absorbed by a circuit due to a periodic excitation, we write the voltage and current in amplitude-phase form [see Eq. (16.10)] as

$$v(t) = V_{dc} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n \cos(n\omega_0 t - \theta_n) \quad (16.42)$$

$$i(t) = I_{dc} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} I_m \cos(m\omega_0 t - \phi_m) \quad (16.43)$$

Following the passive sign convention (Fig. 16.25), the average power is

$$P = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v i \, dt \quad (16.44)$$

Substituting Eqs. (16.42) and (16.43) into Eq. (16.44) gives

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T V_{dc} I_{dc} \, dt + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_m V_{dc}}{T} \int_0^T \cos(m\omega_0 t - \phi_m) \, dt \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n I_{dc}}{T} \int_0^T \cos(n\omega_0 t - \theta_n) \, dt \\ &\quad + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n I_m}{T} \int_0^T \cos(n\omega_0 t - \theta_n) \cos(m\omega_0 t - \phi_m) \, dt \end{aligned} \quad (16.45)$$

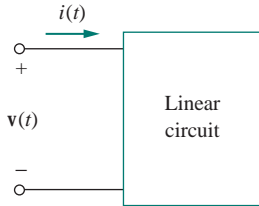


Figure 16.25 The voltage polarity reference and current reference direction.

The second and third integrals vanish, since we are integrating the cosine over its period. According to Eq. (16.4e), all terms in the fourth integral are zero when  $m \neq n$ . By evaluating the first integral and applying Eq. (16.4g) to the fourth integral for the case  $m = n$ , we obtain

$$P = V_{\text{dc}} I_{\text{dc}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n I_n \cos(\theta_n - \phi_n) \quad (16.46)$$

This shows that in average-power calculation involving periodic voltage and current, the total average power is the sum of the average powers in each harmonically related voltage and current.

Given a periodic function  $f(t)$ , its rms value (or the effective value) is given by

$$F_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f^2(t) dt} \quad (16.47)$$

Substituting  $f(t)$  in Eq. (16.10) into Eq. (16.47) and noting that  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{rms}}^2 &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left[ a_0^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_0 A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_n A_m \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n) \cos(m\omega_0 t + \phi_m) \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T a_0^2 dt + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_0 A_n \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n) dt \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_n A_m \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n) \cos(m\omega_0 t + \phi_m) dt \end{aligned} \quad (16.48)$$

Distinct integers  $n$  and  $m$  have been introduced to handle the product of the two series summations. Using the same reasoning as above, we get

$$F_{\text{rms}}^2 = a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^2$$

or

$$F_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^2} \quad (16.49)$$

In terms of Fourier coefficients  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ , Eq. (16.49) may be written as

$$F_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)} \quad (16.50)$$

If  $f(t)$  is the current through a resistor  $R$ , then the power dissipated in the resistor is

$$P = R F_{\text{rms}}^2 \quad (16.51)$$

Or if  $f(t)$  is the voltage across a resistor  $R$ , the power dissipated in the resistor is

$$P = \frac{F_{\text{rms}}^2}{R} \quad (16.52)$$

One can avoid specifying the nature of the signal by choosing a  $1\text{-}\Omega$  resistance. The power dissipated by the  $1\text{-}\Omega$  resistance is

$$P_{1\Omega} = F_{\text{rms}}^2 = a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \quad (16.53)$$

*Historical note:* Named after the French mathematician Marc-Antoine Parseval Deschamps (1755–1836).

This result is known as *Parseval's theorem*. Notice that  $a_0^2$  is the power in the dc component, while  $1/2(a_n^2 + b_n^2)$  is the ac power in the  $n$ th harmonic. Thus, Parseval's theorem states that the average power in a periodic signal is the sum of the average power in its dc component and the average powers in its harmonics.

### EXAMPLE 16.8

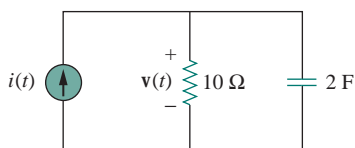


Figure 16.26 For Example 16.8.

Determine the average power supplied to the circuit in Fig. 16.26 if  $i(t) = 2 + 10 \cos(t + 10^\circ) + 6 \cos(3t + 35^\circ)$  A.

**Solution:**

The input impedance of the network is

$$\mathbf{Z} = 10 \parallel \frac{1}{j2\omega} = \frac{10(1/j2\omega)}{10 + 1/j2\omega} = \frac{10}{1 + j20\omega}$$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{IZ} = \frac{10\mathbf{I}}{\sqrt{1 + 400\omega^2} \angle \tan^{-1} 20\omega}$$

For the dc component,  $\omega = 0$ ,

$$\mathbf{I} = 2 \text{ A} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{V} = 10(2) = 20 \text{ V}$$

This is expected, because the capacitor is an open circuit to dc and the entire 2-A current flows through the resistor. For  $\omega = 1 \text{ rad/s}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I} = 10 \angle 10^\circ \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{V} &= \frac{10(10 \angle 10^\circ)}{\sqrt{1 + 400} \angle \tan^{-1} 20} \\ &= 5 \angle -77.14^\circ \end{aligned}$$

For  $\omega = 3 \text{ rad/s}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I} = 6 \angle 45^\circ \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{V} &= \frac{10(6 \angle 45^\circ)}{\sqrt{1 + 3600} \angle \tan^{-1} 60} \\ &= 1 \angle -44.05^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in the time domain,

$$v(t) = 20 + 5 \cos(t - 77.14^\circ) + 1 \cos(3t - 44.05^\circ) \text{ V}$$

We obtain the average power supplied to the circuit by applying Eq. (16.46), as

$$P = V_{\text{dc}} I_{\text{dc}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n I_n \cos(\theta_n - \phi_n)$$

To get the proper signs of  $\theta_n$  and  $\phi_n$ , we have to compare  $v$  and  $i$  in this example with Eqs. (16.42) and (16.43). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 20(2) + \frac{1}{2}(5)(10) \cos[77.14^\circ - (-10^\circ)] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(1)(6) \cos[44.05^\circ - (-35^\circ)] \\ &= 40 + 1.247 + 0.05 = 41.5 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we can find the average power absorbed by the resistor as

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{V_{\text{dc}}^2}{R} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|V_n|^2}{R} = \frac{20^2}{10} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5^2}{10} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1^2}{10} \\ &= 40 + 1.25 + 0.05 = 41.5 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

which is the same as the power supplied, since the capacitor absorbs no average power.

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.8

The voltage and current at the terminals of a circuit are

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= 80 + 120 \cos 120\pi t + 60 \cos(360\pi t - 30^\circ) \\ i(t) &= 5 \cos(120\pi t - 10^\circ) + 2 \cos(360\pi t - 60^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

Find the average power absorbed by the circuit.

**Answer:** 347.4 W.

### EXAMPLE 16.9

Find an estimate for the rms value of the voltage in Example 16.7.

**Solution:**

From Example 16.7,  $v(t)$  is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= 1 - 1.414 \cos(t + 45^\circ) + 0.8944 \cos(2t + 63.45^\circ) \\ &\quad - 0.6345 \cos(3t + 71.56^\circ) \\ &\quad - 0.4851 \cos(4t + 78.7^\circ) + \dots \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

Using Eq. (16.49),

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1^2 + \frac{1}{2} [(-1.414)^2 + (0.8944)^2 + (-0.6345)^2 + (-0.4851)^2 + \dots]} \\ &= \sqrt{2.7186} = 1.649 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

This is only an estimate, as we have not taken enough terms of the series. The actual function represented by the Fourier series is

$$v(t) = \frac{\pi e^t}{\sinh \pi}, \quad -\pi < t < \pi$$

with  $v(t) = v(t + T)$ . The exact rms value of this is 1.776 V.

## PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.9

Find the rms value of the periodic current

$$i(t) = 8 + 30 \cos 2t - 20 \sin 2t + 15 \cos 4t - 10 \sin 4t \text{ A}$$

**Answer:** 29.61 A.

## 16.6 EXPONENTIAL FOURIER SERIES

A compact way of expressing the Fourier series in Eq. (16.3) is to put it in exponential form. This requires that we represent the sine and cosine functions in the exponential form using Euler's identity:

$$\cos n\omega_0 t = \frac{1}{2}[e^{jn\omega_0 t} + e^{-jn\omega_0 t}] \quad (16.54a)$$

$$\sin n\omega_0 t = \frac{1}{2j}[e^{jn\omega_0 t} - e^{-jn\omega_0 t}] \quad (16.54b)$$

Substituting Eq. (16.54) into Eq. (16.3) and collecting terms, we obtain

$$f(t) = a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(a_n - jb_n)e^{jn\omega_0 t} + (a_n + jb_n)e^{-jn\omega_0 t}] \quad (16.55)$$

If we define a new coefficient  $c_n$  so that

$$c_0 = a_0, \quad c_n = \frac{(a_n - jb_n)}{2}, \quad c_{-n} = c_n^* = \frac{(a_n + jb_n)}{2} \quad (16.56)$$

then  $f(t)$  becomes

$$f(t) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} + c_{-n} e^{-jn\omega_0 t}) \quad (16.57)$$

or

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} \quad (16.58)$$

This is the *complex* or *exponential Fourier series* representation of  $f(t)$ . Note that this exponential form is more compact than the sine-cosine form in Eq. (16.3). Although the exponential Fourier series coefficients  $c_n$  can also be obtained from  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  using Eq. (16.56), they can also be obtained directly from  $f(t)$  as

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \quad (16.59)$$

where  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$ , as usual. The plots of the magnitude and phase of  $c_n$  versus  $n\omega_0$  are called the *complex amplitude spectrum* and *complex phase spectrum* of  $f(t)$ , respectively. The two spectra form the complex frequency spectrum of  $f(t)$ .

The **exponential Fourier series** of a periodic function  $f(t)$  describes the spectrum of  $f(t)$  in terms of the amplitude and phase angle of ac components at positive and negative harmonic frequencies.

The coefficients of the three forms of Fourier series (sine-cosine form, amplitude-phase form, and exponential form) are related by

$$A_n \angle \phi_n = a_n - jb_n = 2c_n \quad (16.60)$$

or

$$c_n = |c_n| \angle \theta_n = \frac{\sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}}{2} \angle -\tan^{-1} b_n/a_n \quad (16.61)$$

if only  $a_n > 0$ . Note that the phase  $\theta_n$  of  $c_n$  is equal to  $\phi_n$ .

In terms of the Fourier complex coefficients  $c_n$ , the rms value of a periodic signal  $f(t)$  can be found as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{rms}}^2 &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \left[ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} \right] dt \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{jn\omega_0 t} dt \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n c_n^* = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (16.62)$$

or

$$F_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2} \quad (16.63)$$

Equation (16.62) can be written as

$$F_{\text{rms}}^2 = |c_0|^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 \quad (16.64)$$

Again, the power dissipated by a 1- $\Omega$  resistance is

$$P_{1\Omega} = F_{\text{rms}}^2 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 \quad (16.65)$$

which is a restatement of Parseval's theorem. The *power spectrum* of the signal  $f(t)$  is the plot of  $|c_n|^2$  versus  $n\omega_0$ . If  $f(t)$  is the voltage across a resistor  $R$ , the average power absorbed by the resistor is  $F_{\text{rms}}^2/R$ ; if  $f(t)$  is the current through  $R$ , the power is  $F_{\text{rms}}^2 R$ .

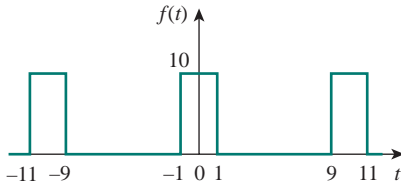


Figure 16.27 The periodic pulse train.

The sinc function is called the *sampling function* in communication theory, where it is very useful.

As an illustration, consider the periodic pulse train of Fig. 16.27. Our goal is to obtain its amplitude and phase spectra. The period of the pulse train is  $T = 10$ , so that  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T = \pi/5$ . Using Eq. (16.59),

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{10} \int_{-1}^1 10 e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{-jn\omega_0} e^{-jn\omega_0 t} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{-jn\omega_0} (e^{-jn\omega_0} - e^{jn\omega_0}) \\ &= \frac{2}{n\omega_0} \frac{e^{jn\omega_0} - e^{-jn\omega_0}}{2j} = 2 \frac{\sin n\omega_0}{n\omega_0}, \quad \omega_0 = \frac{\pi}{5} \\ &= 2 \frac{\sin n\pi/5}{n\pi/5} \end{aligned} \quad (16.66)$$

and

$$f(t) = 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n\pi/5}{n\pi/5} e^{jn\pi t/5} \quad (16.67)$$

Notice from Eq. (16.66) that  $c_n$  is the product of 2 and a function of the form  $\sin x/x$ . This function is known as the *sinc function*; we write it as

$$\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad (16.68)$$

Some properties of the sinc function are important here. For zero argument, the value of the sinc function is unity,

$$\text{sinc}(0) = 1 \quad (16.69)$$

This is obtained applying L'Hopital's rule to Eq. (16.68). For an integral multiple of  $\pi$ , the value of the sinc function is zero,

$$\text{sinc}(n\pi) = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (16.70)$$

Also, the sinc function shows even symmetry. With all this in mind, we can obtain the amplitude and phase spectra of  $f(t)$ . From Eq. (16.66), the magnitude is

$$|c_n| = 2 \left| \frac{\sin n\pi/5}{n\pi/5} \right| \quad (16.71)$$

while the phase is

$$\theta_n = \begin{cases} 0^\circ, & \sin \frac{n\pi}{5} > 0 \\ 180^\circ, & \sin \frac{n\pi}{5} < 0 \end{cases} \quad (16.72)$$

Figure 16.28 shows the plot of  $|c_n|$  versus  $n$  for  $n$  varying from  $-10$  to  $10$ , where  $n = \omega/\omega_0$  is the normalized frequency. Figure 16.29 shows the plot of  $\theta_n$  versus  $n$ . Both the amplitude spectrum and phase spectrum are called *line spectra*, because the value of  $|c_n|$  and  $\theta_n$  occur only at discrete values of frequencies. The spacing between the lines is  $\omega_0$ . The power spectrum, which is the plot of  $|c_n|^2$  versus  $n\omega_0$ , can also be plotted. Notice that the sinc function forms the envelope of the amplitude spectrum.

Examining the input and output spectra allows visualization of the effect of a circuit on a periodic signal.



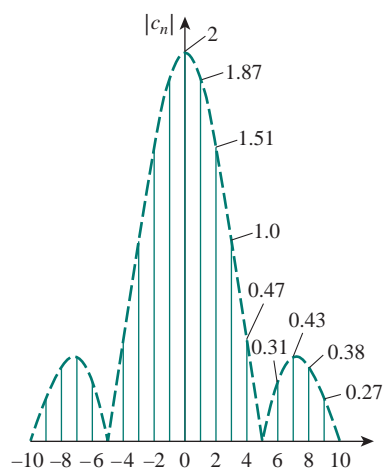


Figure 16.28 The amplitude of a periodic pulse train.

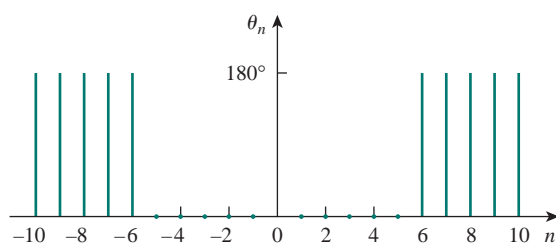


Figure 16.29 The phase spectrum of a periodic pulse train.

### EXAMPLE 16.10

Find the exponential Fourier series expansion of the periodic function  $f(t) = e^t$ ,  $0 < t < 2\pi$  with  $f(t + 2\pi) = f(t)$ .

**Solution:**

Since  $T = 2\pi$ ,  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T = 1$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^t e^{-jnt} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{1-jn} e^{(1-jn)t} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi(1-jn)} [e^{2\pi} e^{-j2\pi n} - 1] \end{aligned}$$

But by Euler's identity,

$$e^{-j2\pi n} = \cos 2\pi n - j \sin 2\pi n = 1 - j0 = 1$$

Thus,

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi(1-jn)} [e^{2\pi} - 1] = \frac{85}{1-jn}$$

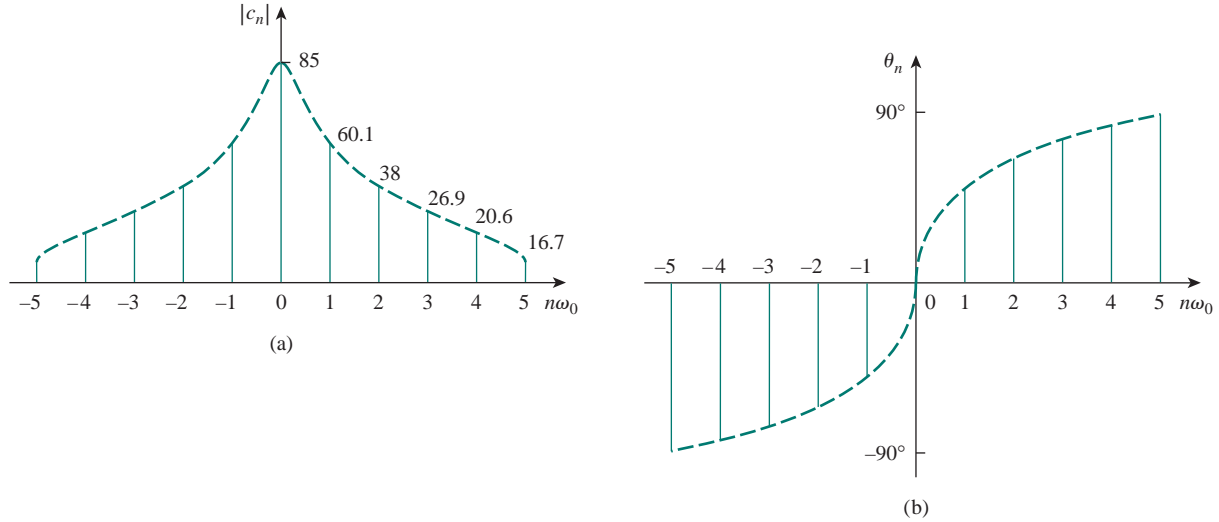
The complex Fourier series is

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{85}{1-jn} e^{jnt}$$

We may want to plot the complex frequency spectrum of  $f(t)$ . If we let  $c_n = |c_n| \angle \theta_n$ , then

$$|c_n| = \frac{85}{\sqrt{1+n^2}}, \quad \theta_n = \tan^{-1} n$$

By inserting in negative and positive values of  $n$ , we obtain the amplitude and the phase plots of  $c_n$  versus  $n\omega_0 = n$ , as in Fig. 16.30.



**Figure 16.30** The complex frequency spectrum of the function in Example 16.10: (a) amplitude spectrum, (b) phase spectrum.

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.10

Obtain the complex Fourier series of the function in Fig. 16.1.

**Answer:** 
$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \neq 0 \\ n = \text{odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{j}{n\pi} e^{jn\pi t}.$$

### EXAMPLE 16.11

Find the complex Fourier series of the sawtooth wave in Fig. 16.9. Plot the amplitude and the phase spectra.

**Solution:**

From Fig. 16.9,  $f(t) = t$ ,  $0 < t < 1$ ,  $T = 1$  so that  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T = 2\pi$ . Hence,

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{1} \int_0^1 t e^{-j2n\pi t} dt \quad (16.11.1)$$

But

$$\int t e^{at} dt = \frac{e^{at}}{a^2}(at - 1) + C$$

Applying this to Eq. (16.11.1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{e^{-j2n\pi t}}{(-j2n\pi)^2}(-j2n\pi t - 1) \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{e^{-j2n\pi}(-j2n\pi - 1) + 1}{-4n^2\pi^2} \end{aligned} \quad (16.11.2)$$

Again,

$$e^{-j2\pi n} = \cos 2\pi n - j \sin 2\pi n = 1 - j0 = 1$$

so that Eq. (16.11.2) becomes

$$c_n = \frac{-j2n\pi}{-4n^2\pi^2} = \frac{j}{2n\pi} \quad (16.11.3)$$

This does not include the case when  $n = 0$ . When  $n = 0$ ,

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt = \frac{1}{1} \int_0^1 t dt = \frac{t^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = 0.5 \quad (16.11.4)$$

Hence,

$$f(t) = 0.5 + \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \neq 0}}^{\infty} \frac{j}{2n\pi} e^{j2n\pi t} \quad (16.11.5)$$

and

$$|c_n| = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2|n|\pi}, & n \neq 0 \\ 0.5, & n = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \theta_n = 90^\circ, \quad n \neq 0 \quad (16.11.6)$$

By plotting  $|c_n|$  and  $\theta_n$  for different  $n$ , we obtain the amplitude spectrum and the phase spectrum shown in Fig. 16.31.

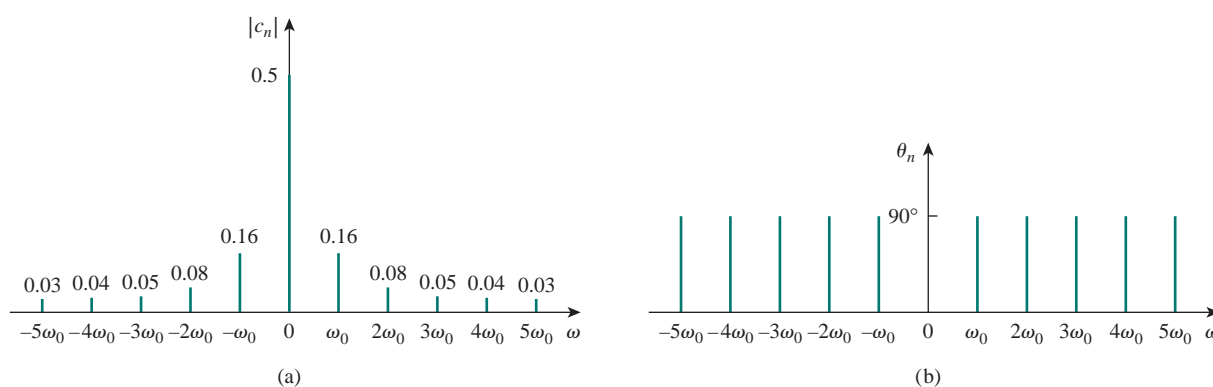


Figure 16.31 For Example 16.11: (a) amplitude spectrum, (b) phase spectrum.

## PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.11

Obtain the complex Fourier series expansion of  $f(t)$  in Fig. 16.17. Show the amplitude and phase spectra.

**Answer:**  $f(t) = - \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \neq 0}}^{\infty} \frac{j(-1)^n}{n\pi} e^{jn\pi t}$ . See Fig. 16.32 for the spectra.

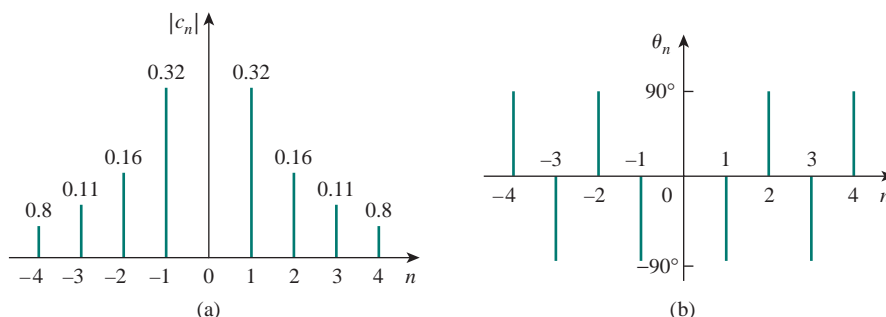


Figure 16.32 For Practice Prob. 16.11: (a) amplitude spectrum, (b) phase spectrum.

## 16.7 FOURIER ANALYSIS WITH PSpICE

Fourier analysis is usually performed with *PSpice* in conjunction with transient analysis. Therefore, we must do a transient analysis in order to perform a Fourier analysis.

To perform the Fourier analysis of a waveform, we need a circuit whose input is the waveform and whose output is the Fourier decomposition. A suitable circuit is a current (or voltage) source in series with a  $1\text{-}\Omega$  resistor as shown in Fig. 16.33. The waveform is inputted as  $v_s(t)$  using VPULSE for a pulse or VSIN for a sinusoid, and the attributes of the waveform are set over its period  $T$ . The output V(1) from node 1 is the dc level ( $a_0$ ) and the first nine harmonics ( $A_n$ ) with their corresponding phases  $\psi_n$ ; that is,

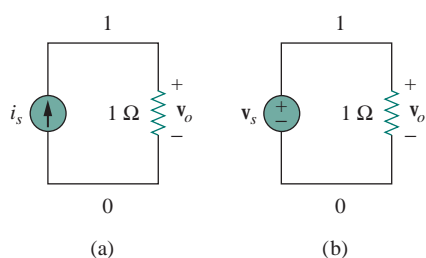


Figure 16.33 Fourier analysis with *PSpice* using: (a) a current source, (b) a voltage source.

$$v_o(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^9 A_n \sin(n\omega_0 t + \psi_n) \quad (16.73)$$

where

$$A_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}, \quad \psi_n = \phi_n - \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \phi_n = \tan^{-1} \frac{b_n}{a_n} \quad (16.74)$$

Notice in Eq. (16.74) that the *PSpice* output is in the sine and angle form rather than the cosine and angle form in Eq. (16.10). The *PSpice* output also includes the normalized Fourier coefficients. Each coefficient  $a_n$  is normalized by dividing it by the magnitude of the fundamental  $a_1$  so that the normalized component is  $a_n/a_1$ . The corresponding phase  $\psi_n$  is normalized by subtracting from it the phase  $\psi_1$  of the fundamental, so that the normalized phase is  $\psi_n - \psi_1$ .

There are two types of Fourier analyses offered by *PSpice for Windows*: *Discrete Fourier Transform* (DFT) performed by the *PSpice* program and *Fast Fourier Transform* (FFT) performed by the *Probe* program. While DFT is an approximation of the exponential Fourier series, FFT is an algorithm for rapid efficient numerical computation of DFT. A full discussion of DFT and FFT is beyond the scope of this book.

### 16.7.1 Discrete Fourier Transform

A discrete Fourier transform (DFT) is performed by the *PSpice* program, which tabulates the harmonics in an output file. To enable a Fourier analysis, we select **Analysis/Setup/Transient** and bring up the Transient dialog box, shown in Fig. 16.34. The *Print Step* should be a small fraction of the period  $T$ , while the *Final Time* could be  $6T$ . The *Center Frequency* is the fundamental frequency  $f_0 = 1/T$ . The particular variable whose DFT is desired,  $V(1)$  in Fig. 16.34, is entered in the **Output Vars** command box. In addition to filling in the Transient dialog box, **CLICK Enable Fourier**. With the Fourier analysis enabled and the schematic saved, run *PSpice* by selecting **Analysis/Simulate** as usual. The program executes a harmonic decomposition into Fourier components of the result of the transient analysis. The results are sent to an output file which you can retrieve by selecting **Analysis/Examine Output**. The output file includes the dc value and the first nine harmonics by default, although you can specify more in the *Number of harmonics* box (see Fig. 16.34).

### 16.7.2 Fast Fourier Transform

A fast Fourier transform (FFT) is performed by the *Probe* program and displays as a *Probe* plot the complete spectrum of a transient expression. As explained above, we first construct the schematic in Fig. 16.33(b) and enter the attributes of the waveform. We also need to enter the *Print Step* and the *Final Time* in the Transient dialog box. Once this is done, we can obtain the FFT of the waveform in two ways.

One way is to insert a voltage marker at node 1 in the schematic of the circuit in Fig. 16.33(b). After saving the schematic and selecting **Analysis/Simulate**, the waveform  $V(1)$  will be displayed in the Probe window. Double clicking the FFT icon in the Probe menu will automatically replace the waveform with its FFT. From the FFT-generated graph, we can obtain the harmonics. In case the FFT-generated graph is crowded, we can use the *User Defined* data range (see Fig. 16.35) to specify a smaller range.

Another way of obtaining the FFT of  $V(1)$  is to not insert a voltage marker at node 1 in the schematic. After selecting **Analysis/Simulate**, the Probe window will come up with no graph on it. We select **Trace/Add** and type  $V(1)$  in the **Trace Command** box and **CLICK OK**. We now select **Plot/X-Axis Settings** to bring up the *X Axis Setting* dialog box shown in Fig. 16.35 and then select **Fourier/OK**. This will cause the FFT of the selected trace (or traces) to be displayed. This second approach is useful for obtaining the FFT of any trace associated with the circuit.

A major advantage of the FFT method is that it provides graphical output. But its major disadvantage is that some of the harmonics may be too small to see.

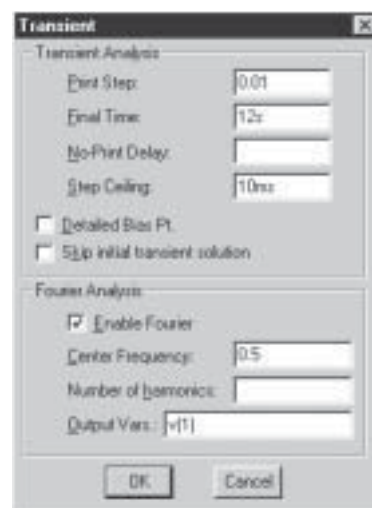


Figure 16.34 Transient dialog box.

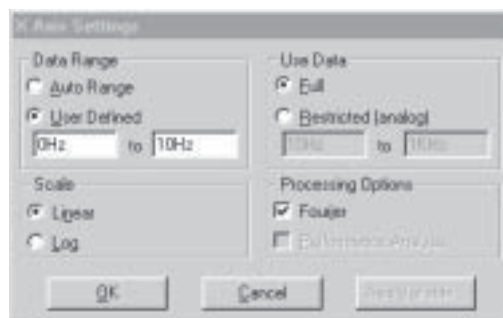


Figure 16.35 X axis settings dialog box.

In both DFT and FFT, we should let the simulation run for a large number of cycles and use a small value of *Step Ceiling* (in the Transient dialog box) to ensure accurate results. The *Final Time* in the Transient dialog box should be at least five times the period of the signal to allow the simulation to reach steady state.

## EXAMPLE 16.12

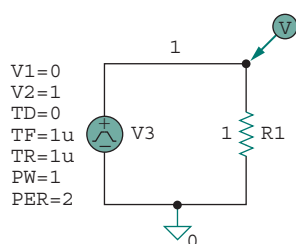


Figure 16.36 Schematic for Example 16.12.

Use *PSpice* to determine the Fourier coefficients of the signal in Fig. 16.1.

### Solution:

Figure 16.36 shows the schematic for obtaining the Fourier coefficients. With the signal in Fig. 16.1 in mind, we enter the attributes of the voltage source VPULSE as shown in Fig. 16.36. We will solve this example using both the DFT and FFT approaches.

**METHOD 1 DFT Approach:** (The voltage marker in Fig. 16.36 is not needed for this method.) From Fig. 16.1, it is evident that  $T = 2$  s,

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 \text{ Hz}$$

So, in the transient dialog box, we select the *Final Time* as  $6T = 12$  s, the *Print Step* as 0.01 s, the *Step Ceiling* as 10 ms, the *Center Frequency* as 0.5 Hz, and the output variable as V(1). (In fact, Fig. 16.34 is for this particular example.) When *PSpice* is run, the output file contains the following result.

FOURIER COEFFICIENTS OF TRANSIENT RESPONSE V(1)

DC COMPONENT = 4.989950E-01

HARMONIC NO	FREQUENCY (HZ)	FOURIER COMPONENT	NORMALIZED COMPONENT	PHASE (DEG)	NORMALIZED PHASE (DEG)
1	5.000E-01	6.366E-01	1.000E+00	-1.809E-01	0.000E+00
2	1.000E+00	2.012E-03	3.160E-03	-9.226E+01	-9.208E+01
3	1.500E+00	2.122E-01	3.333E-01	-5.427E-01	-3.619E-01

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4	2.000E+00	2.016E-03	3.167E-03	-9.451E+01	-9.433E+01
5	2.500E+00	1.273E-01	1.999E-01	-9.048E-01	-7.239E-01
6	3.000E+00	2.024E-03	3.180E-03	-9.676E+01	-9.658E+01
7	3.500E+00	9.088E-02	1.427E-01	-1.267E+00	-1.086E+00
8	4.000E+00	2.035E-03	3.197E-03	-9.898E+01	-9.880E+01
9	4.500E+00	7.065E-02	1.110E-01	-1.630E+00	-1.449E+00

Comparing the result with that in Eq. (16.1.7) (see Example 16.1) or with the spectra in Fig. 16.4 shows a close agreement. From Eq. (16.1.7), the dc component is 0.5 while *PSpice* gives 0.498995. Also, the signal has only odd harmonics with phase  $\psi_n = -90^\circ$ , whereas *PSpice* seems to indicate that the signal has even harmonics although the magnitudes of the even harmonics are small.

**METHOD 2 FFT Approach:** With voltage marker in Fig. 16.36 in place, we run *PSpice* and obtain the waveform V(1) shown in Fig. 16.37(a) on the Probe window. By double clicking the FFT icon in the Probe menu and changing the X-axis setting to 0 to 10 Hz, we obtain the FFT of V(1) as shown in Fig. 16.37(b). The FFT-generated graph contains the dc and harmonic components within the selected frequency range. Notice that the magnitudes and frequencies of the harmonics agree with the DFT-generated tabulated values.

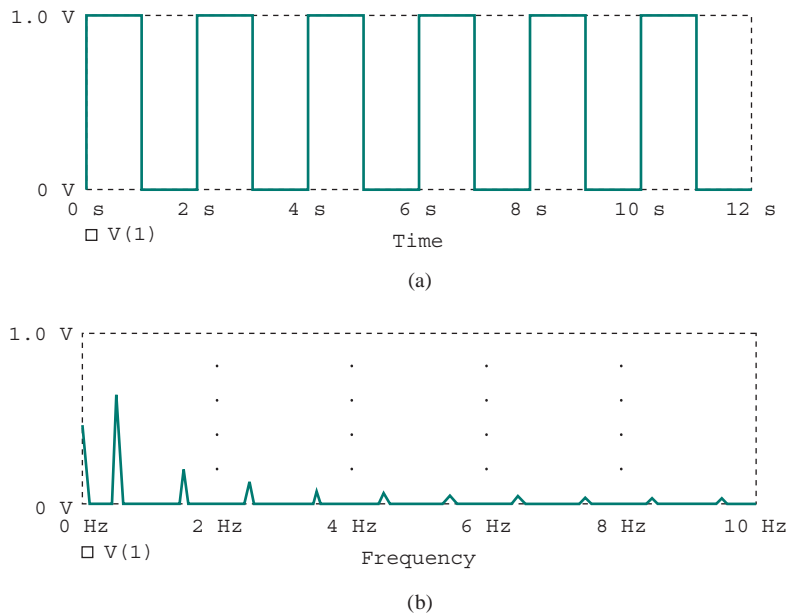


Figure 16.37 (a) Original waveform of Fig. 16.1, (b) FFT of the waveform.

## PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.12

Obtain the Fourier coefficients of the function in Fig. 16.7 using *PSpice*.

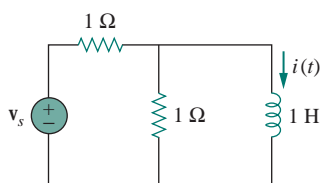


**Answer:**

FOURIER COEFFICIENTS OF TRANSIENT RESPONSE V(1)

DC COMPONENT = 4.950000E-01

HARMONIC NO	FREQUENCY (HZ)	FOURIER COMPONENT	NORMALIZED COMPONENT	PHASE (DEG)	NORMALIZED PHASE (DEG)
1	1.000E+00	3.184E-01	1.000E+00	-1.782E+02	0.000E+00
2	2.000E+00	1.593E-01	5.002E-01	-1.764E+02	1.800E+00
3	3.000E+00	1.063E-01	3.338E-01	-1.746E+02	3.600E+00
4	4.000E+00	7.979E-02	2.506E-03	-1.728E+02	5.400E+00
5	5.000E+00	6.392E-01	2.008E-01	-1.710E+02	7.200E+00
6	6.000E+00	5.337E-02	1.676E-03	-1.692E+02	9.000E+00
7	7.000E+00	4.584E-02	1.440E-01	-1.674E+02	1.080E+01
8	8.000E+00	4.021E-02	1.263E-01	-1.656E+02	1.260E+01
9	9.000E+00	3.584E-02	1.126E-01	-1.638E+02	1.440E+01

**EXAMPLE 16.13****Figure 16.38** For Example 16.13.

If  $v_s$  in the circuit of Fig. 16.38 is a sinusoidal voltage source of amplitude 12 V and frequency 100 Hz, find current  $i(t)$ .

**Solution:**

The schematic is shown in Fig. 16.39. We may use the DFT approach to obtain the Fourier coefficients of  $i(t)$ . Since the period of the input waveform is  $T = 1/100 = 10$  ms, in the Transient dialog box we select *Print Step*: 0.1 ms, *Final Time*: 100 ms, *Center Frequency*: 100 Hz, *Number of harmonics*: 4, and *Output Vars*: I(L1). When the circuit is simulated, the output file includes the following.

FOURIER COEFFICIENTS OF TRANSIENT RESPONSE I (VD)

DC COMPONENT = 8.583269E-03

HARMONIC NO	FREQUENCY (HZ)	FOURIER COMPONENT	NORMALIZED COMPONENT	PHASE (DEG)	NORMALIZED PHASE (DEG)
1	1.000E+02	8.730E-03	1.000E+00	-8.984E+01	0.000E+00
2	2.000E+02	1.017E-04	1.165E-02	-8.306E+01	6.783E+00
3	3.000E+02	6.811E-05	7.802E-03	-8.235E+01	7.490E+00
4	4.000E+02	4.403E-05	5.044E-03	-8.943E+01	4.054E+00

With the Fourier coefficients, the Fourier series describing the current  $i(t)$  can be obtained using Eq. (16.73); that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 i(t) = & 8.5833 + 8.73 \sin(2\pi \cdot 100t - 89.84^\circ) \\
 & + 0.1017 \sin(2\pi \cdot 200t - 83.06^\circ) \\
 & + 0.068 \sin(2\pi \cdot 300t - 82.35^\circ) + \dots \text{ mA}
 \end{aligned}$$

We can also use the FFT approach to cross-check our result. The current marker is inserted at pin 1 of the inductor as shown in Fig. 16.39. Running *PSpice* will automatically produce the plot of  $I(L1)$  in the Probe window, as shown in Fig. 16.40(a). By double clicking the FFT icon and setting the range of the X-axis from 0 to 200 Hz, we generate the FFT of  $I(L1)$  shown in Fig. 16.40(b). It is clear from the FFT-generated plot that only the dc component and the first harmonic are visible. Higher harmonics are negligibly small.

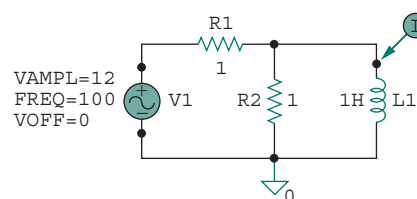
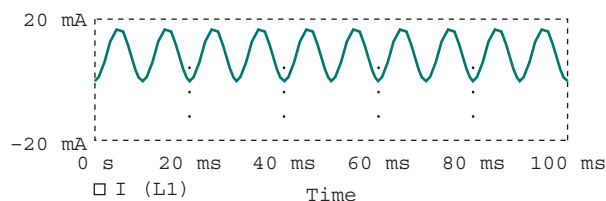
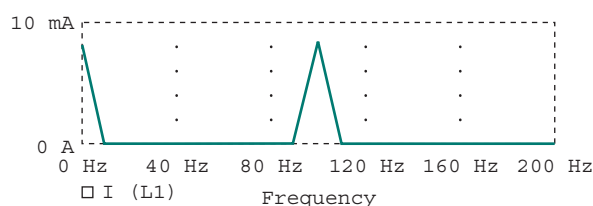


Figure 16.39 Schematic of the circuit in Fig. 16.38.



(a)



(b)

Figure 16.40 For Example 16.13: (a) plot of  $i(t)$ , (b) the FFT of  $i(t)$ .

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.13

A sinusoidal current source of amplitude 4 A and frequency 2 kHz is applied to the circuit in Fig. 16.41. Use *PSpice* to find  $v(t)$ .

**Answer:**  $v(t) = -150.72 + 145.5 \sin(4\pi \cdot 10^3 t + 90^\circ) + \dots \mu\text{V}$ . The Fourier components are shown below.

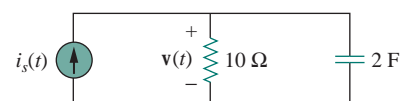


Figure 16.41 For Practice Prob. 16.14.

FOURIER COEFFICIENTS OF TRANSIENT RESPONSE V(R1:1)

DC COMPONENT = -1.507169E-04

HARMONIC NO	FREQUENCY (HZ)	FOURIER COMPONENT	NORMALIZED COMPONENT	PHASE (DEG)	NORMALIZED PHASE (DEG)
1	2.000E+03	1.455E-04	1.000E+00	9.006E+01	0.000E+00
2	4.000E+03	1.851E-06	1.273E-02	9.597E+01	5.910E+00
3	6.000E+03	1.406E-06	9.662E-03	9.323E+01	3.167E+00
4	8.000E+03	1.010E-06	6.946E-02	8.077E+01	-9.292E+00

## †16.8 APPLICATIONS

We demonstrated in Section 4 that the Fourier series expansion permits the application of the phasor techniques used in ac analysis to circuits containing nonsinusoidal periodic excitations. The Fourier series has many other practical applications, particularly in communications and signal processing. Typical applications include spectrum analysis, filtering, rectification, and harmonic distortion. We will consider two of these: spectrum analyzers and filters.

**TABLE 16.4** Frequency ranges of typical signals.

Signal	Frequency Range
Audible sounds	20 Hz to 15 kHz
AM radio	540–1600 kHz
Short-wave radio	3–36 MHz
Video signals (U.S. standards)	dc to 4.2 MHz
VHF television, FM radio	54–216 MHz
UHF television	470–806 MHz
Cellular telephone	824–891.5 MHz
Microwaves	2.4–300 GHz
Visible light	$10^5$ – $10^6$ GHz
X-rays	$10^8$ – $10^9$ GHz

### 16.8.1 Spectrum Analyzers

The Fourier series provides the spectrum of a signal. As we have seen, the spectrum consists of the amplitudes and phases of the harmonics versus frequency. By providing the spectrum of a signal  $f(t)$ , the Fourier series helps us identify the pertinent features of the signal. It demonstrates which frequencies are playing an important role in the shape of the output and which ones are not. For example, audible sounds have significant components in the frequency range of 20 Hz to 15 kHz, while visible light signals range from  $10^5$  GHz to  $10^6$  GHz. Table 16.4 presents some other signals and the frequency ranges of their components. A periodic function is said to be *band-limited* if its amplitude spectrum contains only a finite number of coefficients  $A_n$  or  $c_n$ . In this case, the Fourier series becomes

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n) \quad (16.75)$$

This shows that we need only  $2N + 1$  terms (namely,  $a_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_N$ ) to completely specify  $f(t)$  if  $\omega_0$  is known. This leads to the *sampling theorem*: a band-limited periodic function whose Fourier series contains  $N$  harmonics is uniquely specified by its values at  $2N + 1$  instants in one period.

A *spectrum analyzer* is an instrument that displays the amplitude of the components of a signal versus frequency. In other words, it shows the various frequency components (spectral lines) that indicate the amount of energy at each frequency. It is unlike an oscilloscope, which displays the entire signal (all components) versus time. An oscilloscope shows the signal in the time domain, while the spectrum analyzer shows the signal in the frequency domain. There is perhaps no instrument more useful to a circuit analyst than the spectrum analyzer. An analyzer can conduct noise and spurious signal analysis, phase checks, electromagnetic interference and filter examinations, vibration measurements, radar measurements, and more. Spectrum analyzers are commercially available in various sizes and shapes. Figure 16.42 displays a typical one.

### 16.8.2 Filters

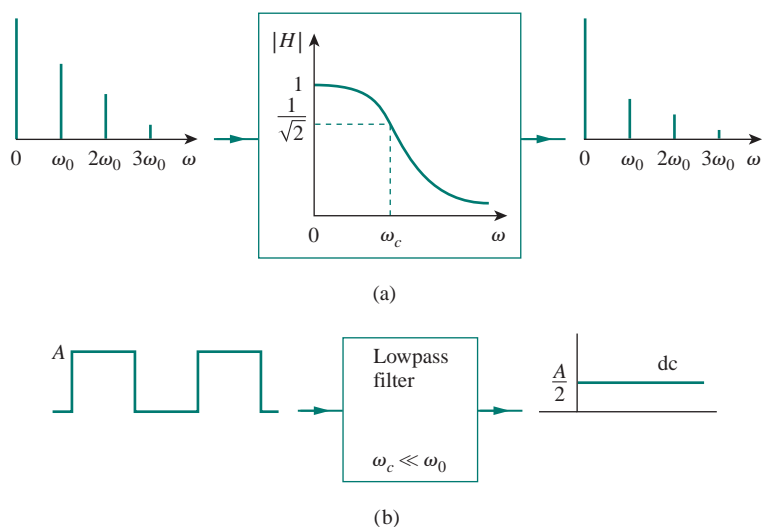
Filters are an important component of electronics and communications systems. Chapter 14 presented a full discussion on passive and active filters. Here, we investigate how to design filters to select the fundamental component (or any desired harmonic) of the input signal and reject other harmonics. This filtering process cannot be accomplished without the



**Figure 16.42** A typical spectrum analyzer.  
(Courtesy of Hewlett-Packard.)

Fourier series expansion of the input signal. For the purpose of illustration, we will consider two cases, a lowpass filter and a bandpass filter. In Example 16.6, we already looked at a highpass  $RL$  filter.

The output of a lowpass filter depends on the input signal, the transfer function  $H(\omega)$  of the filter, and the corner or half-power frequency  $\omega_c$ . We recall that  $\omega_c = 1/RC$  for an  $RC$  passive filter. As shown in Fig. 16.43(a), the lowpass filter passes the dc and low-frequency components, while blocking the high-frequency components. By making  $\omega_c$  sufficiently large ( $\omega_c \gg \omega_0$ , e.g., making  $C$  small), a large number of the

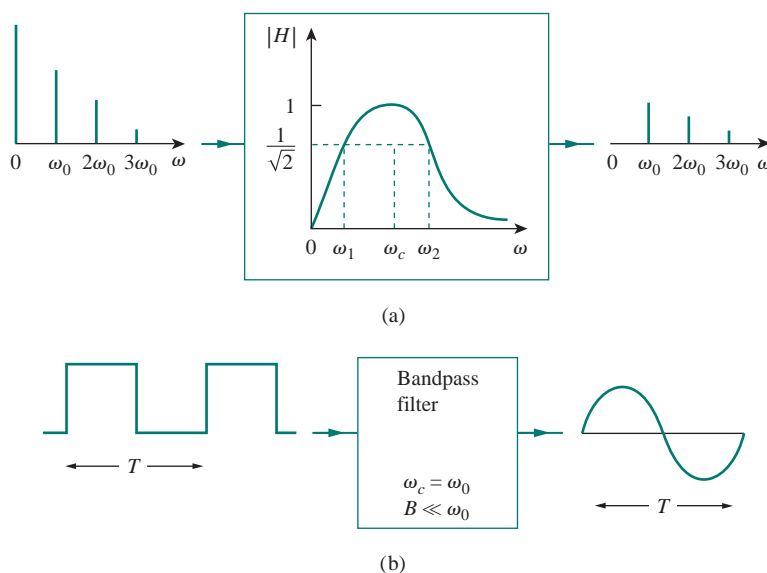


**Figure 16.43** (a) Input and output spectra of a lowpass filter, (b) the lowpass filter passes only the dc component when  $\omega_c \ll \omega_0$ .

In this section, we have used  $\omega_c$  for the center frequency of the bandpass filter instead of  $\omega_0$  as in Chapter 14, to avoid confusing  $\omega_0$  with the fundamental frequency of the input signal.

harmonics can be passed. On the other hand, by making  $\omega_c$  sufficiently small ( $\omega_c \ll \omega_0$ ), we can block out all the ac components and pass only dc, as shown typically in Fig. 16.43(b). (See Fig. 16.2(a) for the Fourier series expansion of the square wave.)

Similarly, the output of a bandpass filter depends on the input signal, the transfer function of the filter  $H(\omega)$ , its bandwidth  $B$ , and its center frequency  $\omega_c$ . As illustrated in Fig. 16.44(a), the filter passes all the harmonics of the input signal within a band of frequencies ( $\omega_1 < \omega < \omega_2$ ) centered around  $\omega_c$ . We have assumed that  $\omega_0$ ,  $2\omega_0$ , and  $3\omega_0$  are within that band. If the filter is made highly selective ( $B \ll \omega_0$ ) and  $\omega_c = \omega_0$ , where  $\omega_0$  is the fundamental frequency of the input signal, the filter passes only the fundamental component ( $n = 1$ ) of the input and blocks out all higher harmonics. As shown in Fig. 16.44(b), with a square wave as input, we obtain a sine wave of the same frequency as the output. (Again, refer to Fig. 16.2(a).)



**Figure 16.44** (a) Input and output spectra of a bandpass filter, (b) the bandpass filter passes only the fundamental component when  $B \ll \omega_0$ .

### EXAMPLE 16.14

If the sawtooth waveform in Fig. 16.45(a) is applied to an ideal lowpass filter with the transfer function shown in Fig. 16.45(b), determine the output.

**Solution:**

The input signal in Fig. 16.45(a) is the same as the signal in Fig. 16.9. From Practice Prob. 16.2, we know that the Fourier series expansion is

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sin \omega_0 t - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin 2\omega_0 t - \frac{1}{3\pi} \sin 3\omega_0 t - \dots$$

where the period is  $T = 1$  s and the fundamental frequency is  $\omega_0 = 2\pi$  rad/s. Since the corner frequency of the filter is  $\omega_c = 10$  rad/s, only the dc component and harmonics with  $n\omega_0 < 10$  will be passed. For  $n = 2$ ,  $n\omega_0 = 4\pi = 12.566$  rad/s, which is higher than 10 rad/s, meaning that second and higher harmonics will be rejected. Thus, only the dc and fundamental components will be passed. Hence the output of the filter is

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sin 2\pi t$$

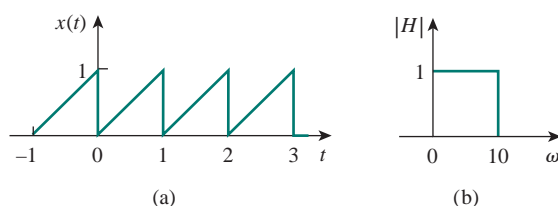


Figure 16.45 For Example 16.14.

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 16.14

Rework Example 16.14 if the lowpass filter is replaced by the ideal band-pass filter shown in Fig. 16.46.

**Answer:**  $y(t) = -\frac{1}{3\pi} \sin 3\omega_0 t - \frac{1}{4\pi} \sin 4\omega_0 t - \frac{1}{5\pi} \sin 5\omega_0 t$ .

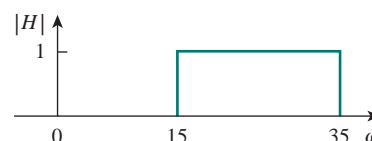


Figure 16.46 For Practice Prob. 16.14.

## 16.9 SUMMARY

1. A periodic function is one that repeats itself every  $T$  seconds; that is,  $f(t \pm nT) = f(t)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
2. Any nonsinusoidal periodic function  $f(t)$  that we encounter in electrical engineering can be expressed in terms of sinusoids using Fourier series:

$$f(t) = \underbrace{a_0}_{\text{dc}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t)}_{\text{ac}}$$

where  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$  is the fundamental frequency. The Fourier series resolves the function into the dc component  $a_0$  and an ac component containing infinitely many harmonically related sinusoids. The

Fourier coefficients are determined as

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt$$

If  $f(t)$  is an even function,  $b_n = 0$ , and when  $f(t)$  is odd,  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_n = 0$ . If  $f(t)$  is half-wave symmetric,  $a_0 = a_n = b_n = 0$  for even values of  $n$ .

3. An alternative to the trigonometric (or sine-cosine) Fourier series is the amplitude-phase form

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n)$$

where

$$A_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}, \quad \phi_n = -\tan^{-1} \frac{b_n}{a_n}$$

4. Fourier series representation allows us to apply the phasor method in analyzing circuits when the source function is a nonsinusoidal periodic function. We use phasor technique to determine the response of each harmonic in the series, transform the responses to the time domain, and add them up.
5. The average-power of periodic voltage and current is

$$P = V_{dc} I_{dc} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n I_n \cos(\theta_n - \phi_n)$$

In other words, the total average power is the sum of the average powers in each harmonically related voltage and current.

6. A periodic function can also be represented in terms of an exponential (or complex) Fourier series as

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

and  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$ . The exponential form describes the spectrum of  $f(t)$  in terms of the amplitude and phase of ac components at positive and negative harmonic frequencies. Thus, there are three basic forms of Fourier series representation: the trigonometric form, the amplitude-phase form, and the exponential form.

7. The frequency (or line) spectrum is the plot of  $A_n$  and  $\phi_n$  or  $|c_n|$  and  $\theta_n$  versus frequency.
8. The rms value of a periodic function is given by

$$F_{rms} = \sqrt{a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^2}$$



The power dissipated by a  $1\text{-}\Omega$  resistance is

$$P_{1\Omega} = F_{\text{rms}}^2 = a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$$

This relationship is known as *Parseval's theorem*.

9. Using *PSpice*, a Fourier analysis of a circuit can be performed in conjunction with the transient analysis.
10. Fourier series find application in spectrum analyzers and filters. The spectrum analyzer is an instrument that displays the discrete Fourier spectra of an input signal, so that an analyst can determine the frequencies and relative energies of the signal's components. Because the Fourier spectra are discrete spectra, filters can be designed for great effectiveness in blocking frequency components of a signal that are outside a desired range.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

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| <p><b>16.1</b> Which of the following cannot be a Fourier series?</p> <p>(a) <math>t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} + \frac{t^5}{5}</math><br/>         (b) <math>5 \sin t + 3 \sin 2t - 2 \sin 3t + \sin 4t</math><br/>         (c) <math>\sin t - 2 \cos 3t + 4 \sin 4t + \cos 4t</math><br/>         (d) <math>\sin t + 3 \sin 2.7t - \cos \pi t + 2 \tan \pi t</math><br/>         (e) <math>1 + e^{-j\pi t} + \frac{e^{-j2\pi t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-j3\pi t}}{3}</math></p> <p><b>16.2</b> If <math>f(t) = t</math>, <math>0 &lt; t &lt; \pi</math>, <math>f(t + n\pi) = f(t)</math>, the value of <math>\omega_0</math> is<br/>         (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) <math>\pi</math> (d) <math>2\pi</math></p> <p><b>16.3</b> Which of the following are even functions?<br/>         (a) <math>t + t^2</math> (b) <math>t^2 \cos t</math> (c) <math>e^{t^2}</math><br/>         (d) <math>t^2 + t^4</math> (e) <math>\sinh t</math></p> <p><b>16.4</b> Which of the following are odd functions?<br/>         (a) <math>\sin t + \cos t</math> (b) <math>t \sin t</math><br/>         (c) <math>t \ln t</math> (d) <math>t^3 \cos t</math><br/>         (e) <math>\sinh t</math></p> <p><b>16.5</b> If <math>f(t) = 10 + 8 \cos t + 4 \cos 3t + 2 \cos 5t + \dots</math>, the magnitude of the dc component is:<br/>         (a) 10 (b) 8 (c) 4<br/>         (d) 2 (e) 0</p> | <p><b>16.6</b> If <math>f(t) = 10 + 8 \cos t + 4 \cos 3t + 2 \cos 5t + \dots</math>, the angular frequency of the 6th harmonic is<br/>         (a) 12 (b) 11 (c) 9<br/>         (d) 6 (e) 1</p> <p><b>16.7</b> The function in Fig. 16.14 is half-wave symmetric.<br/>         (a) True (b) False</p> <p><b>16.8</b> The plot of <math> c_n </math> versus <math>n\omega_0</math> is called:<br/>         (a) complex frequency spectrum<br/>         (b) complex amplitude spectrum<br/>         (c) complex phase spectrum</p> <p><b>16.9</b> When the periodic voltage <math>2 + 6 \sin \omega_0 t</math> is applied to a <math>1\text{-}\Omega</math> resistor, the integer closest to the power (in watts) dissipated in the resistor is:<br/>         (a) 5 (b) 8 (c) 20<br/>         (d) 22 (e) 40</p> <p><b>16.10</b> The instrument for displaying the spectrum of a signal is known as:<br/>         (a) oscilloscope (b) spectrogram<br/>         (c) spectrum analyzer (d) Fourier spectrometer</p> |
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- Answers: 16.1a,d, 16.2b, 16.3b,c,d, 16.4d,e, 16.5a, 16.6d, 16.7a, 16.8b, 16.9d, 16.10c.

## PROBLEMS

### Section 2 Trigonometric Fourier Series

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| <p><b>16.1</b> Evaluate each of the following functions and see if it is periodic. If periodic, find its period.</p> <p>(a) <math>f(t) = \cos \pi t + 2 \cos 3\pi t + 3 \cos 5\pi t</math><br/>         (b) <math>y(t) = \sin t + 4 \cos 2\pi t</math><br/>         (c) <math>g(t) = \sin 3t \cos 4t</math></p> | <p>(d) <math>h(t) = \cos^2 t</math><br/>         (e) <math>z(t) = 4.2 \sin(0.4\pi t + 10^\circ) + 0.8 \sin(0.6\pi t + 50^\circ)</math><br/>         (f) <math>p(t) = 10</math><br/>         (g) <math>q(t) = e^{-\pi t}</math></p> |
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**16.2** Determine the period of these periodic functions:

- (a)  $f_1(t) = 4 \sin 5t + 3 \sin 6t$   
 (b)  $f_2(t) = 12 + 5 \cos 2t + 2 \cos(4t + 45^\circ)$   
 (c)  $f_3(t) = 4 \sin^2 600\pi t$   
 (d)  $f_4(t) = e^{j10t}$

**16.3** Give the Fourier coefficients  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$ , and  $b_n$  of the waveform in Fig. 16.47. Plot the amplitude and phase spectra.

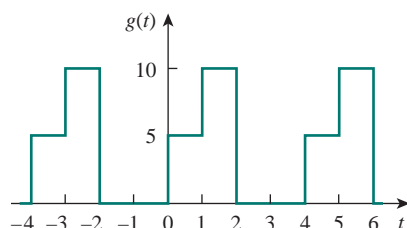


Figure 16.47 For Prob. 16.3.

**16.4** Find the Fourier series expansion of the backward sawtooth waveform of Fig. 16.48. Obtain the amplitude and phase spectra.

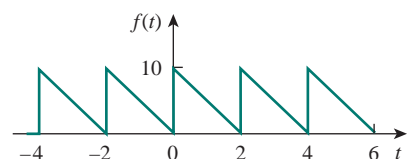


Figure 16.48 For Probs. 16.4 and 16.50.

**\*16.5** A voltage source has a periodic waveform defined over its period as

$$v(t) = t(2\pi - t) \text{ V}, \quad 0 < t < 2\pi$$

Find the Fourier series for this voltage.

**16.6** A periodic function is defined over its period as

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 10 \sin t, & 0 < t < \pi \\ 20 \sin(t - \pi), & \pi < t < 2\pi \end{cases}$$

Find the Fourier series of  $h(t)$ .

**16.7** Find the quadrature (cosine and sine) form of the Fourier series

$$f(t) = 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10}{n^3 + 1} \cos\left(2nt + \frac{n\pi}{4}\right)$$

**16.8** Express the Fourier series

$$f(t) = 10 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2 + 1} \cos 10nt + \frac{1}{n^3} \sin 10nt$$

- (a) in a cosine and angle form,  
 (b) in a sine and angle form.

**16.9** The waveform in Fig. 16.49(a) has the following Fourier series:

$$v_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi^2} \left( \cos \pi t + \frac{1}{9} \cos 3\pi t + \frac{1}{25} \cos 5\pi t + \dots \right) \text{ V}$$

Obtain the Fourier series of  $v_2(t)$  in Fig. 16.49(b).

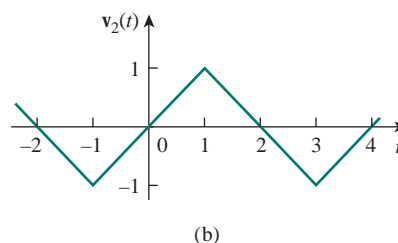
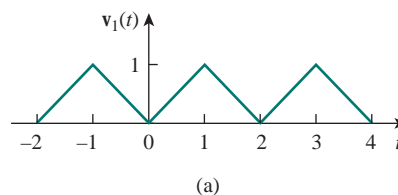


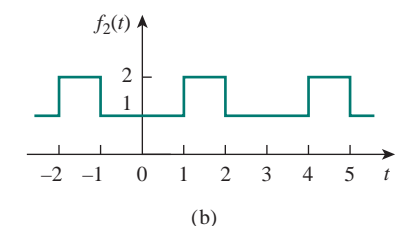
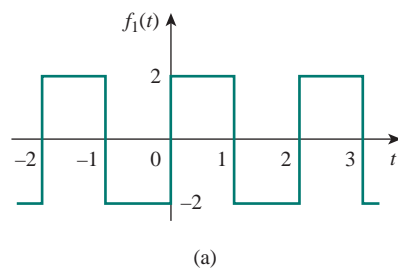
Figure 16.49 For Probs. 16.9 and 16.52.

### Section 3 Symmetry Considerations

**16.10** Determine if these functions are even, odd, or neither.

- (a)  $1 + t$  (b)  $t^2 - 1$  (c)  $\cos n\pi t \sin n\pi t$   
 (d)  $\sin^2 \pi t$  (e)  $e^{-t}$

**16.11** Determine the fundamental frequency and specify the type of symmetry present in the functions in Fig. 16.50.



\*An asterisk indicates a challenging problem.

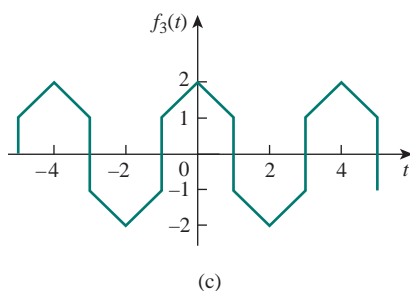


Figure 16.50 For Probs. 16.11 and 16.48.

- 16.12 Obtain the Fourier series expansion of the function in Fig. 16.51.

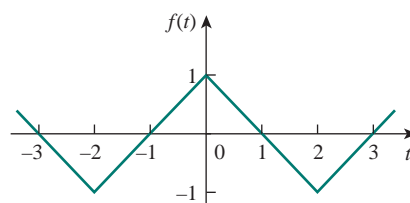


Figure 16.51 For Prob. 16.12.

- 16.13 Find the Fourier series for the signal in Fig. 16.52. Evaluate  $f(t)$  at  $t = 2$  using the first three nonzero harmonics.

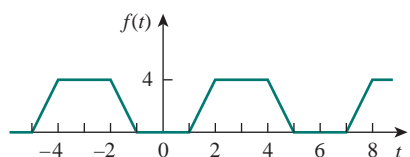


Figure 16.52 For Probs. 16.13 and 16.51.

- 16.14 Determine the trigonometric Fourier series of the signal in Fig. 16.53.

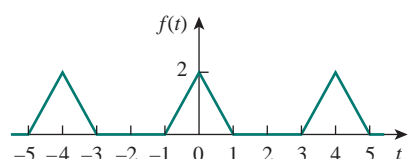


Figure 16.53 For Prob. 16.14.

- 16.15 Calculate the Fourier coefficients for the function in Fig. 16.54.

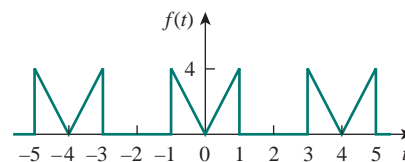


Figure 16.54 For Prob. 16.15.

- 16.16 Find the Fourier series of the function shown in Fig. 16.55.

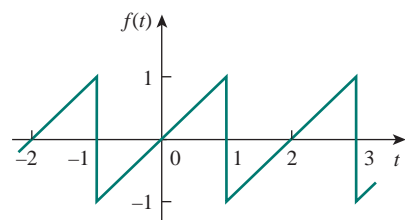


Figure 16.55 For Prob. 16.16.

- 16.17 In the periodic function of Fig. 16.56,
- find the trigonometric Fourier series coefficients  $a_2$  and  $b_2$ ,
  - calculate the magnitude and phase of the component of  $f(t)$  that has  $\omega_n = 10$  rad/s,
  - use the first four nonzero terms to estimate  $f(\pi/2)$ ,
  - show that

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \cdots$$

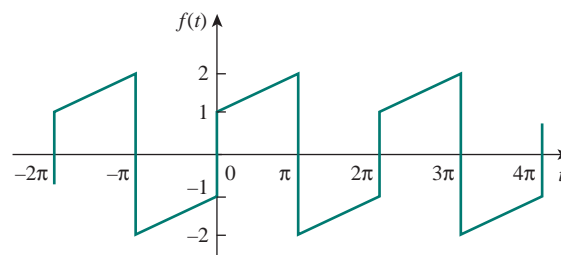


Figure 16.56 For Prob. 16.17.

- 16.18** Determine the Fourier series representation of the function in Fig. 16.57.

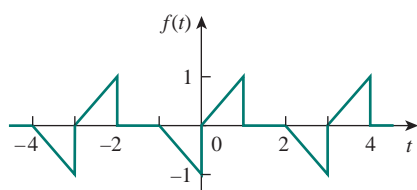


Figure 16.57 For Prob. 16.18.

- 16.19** Find the Fourier series representation of the signal shown in Fig. 16.58.

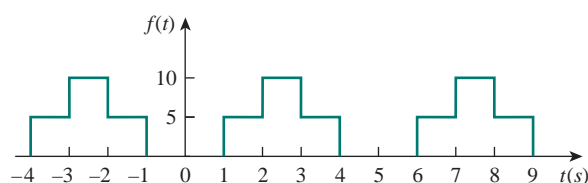


Figure 16.58 For Prob. 16.19.

- 16.20** For the waveform shown in Fig. 16.59 below,  
 (a) specify the type of symmetry it has,  
 (b) calculate  $a_3$  and  $b_3$ ,  
 (c) find the rms value using the first five nonzero harmonics.
- 16.21** Obtain the trigonometric Fourier series for the voltage waveform shown in Fig. 16.60.

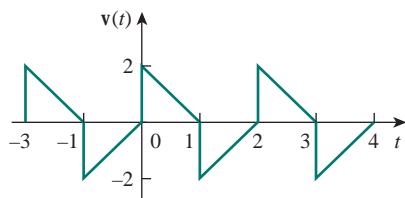


Figure 16.60 For Prob. 16.21.

- 16.22** Determine the Fourier series expansion of the sawtooth function in Fig. 16.61.

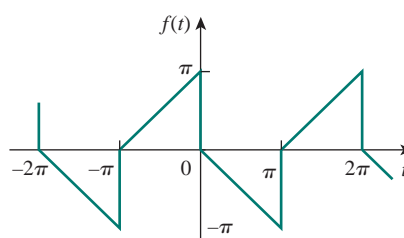


Figure 16.61 For Prob. 16.22.

### Section 4 Circuit Applications

- 16.23** Find  $i(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 16.62 given that

$$i_s(t) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos 3nt \text{ A}$$

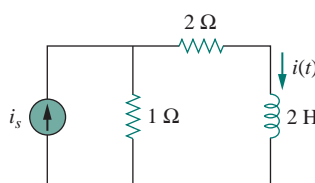


Figure 16.62 For Prob. 16.23.

- 16.24** Obtain  $v_o(t)$  in the network of Fig. 16.63 if

$$v(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10}{n^2} \cos \left( nt + \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) \text{ V}$$

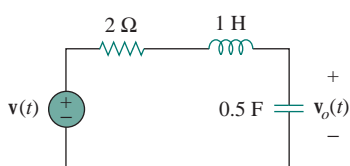


Figure 16.63 For Prob. 16.24.

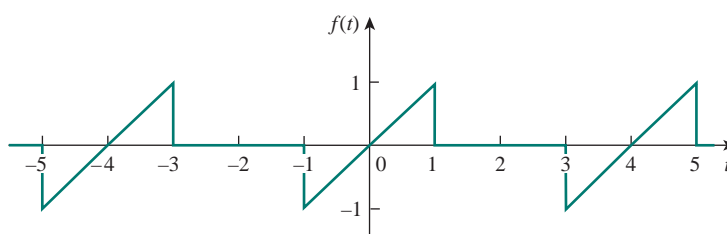


Figure 16.59 For Prob. 16.20.

- 16.25** If  $v_s$  in the circuit of Fig. 16.64 is the same as function  $f_2(t)$  in Fig. 16.50(b), determine the dc component and the first three nonzero harmonics of  $v_o(t)$ .

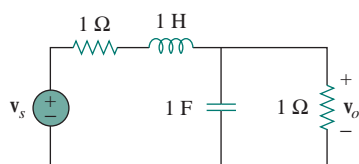


Figure 16.64 For Prob. 16.25.

- 16.26** Determine  $i_o(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 16.65 if

$$v_s(t) = \sum_{n=1, \text{ odd}}^{\infty} \left( \frac{-1}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \cos nt + \frac{3}{n\pi} \sin nt \right)$$

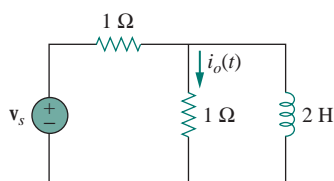


Figure 16.65 For Prob. 16.26.

- 16.27** The periodic voltage waveform in Fig. 16.66(a) is applied to the circuit in Fig. 16.66(b). Find the voltage  $v_o(t)$  across the capacitor.

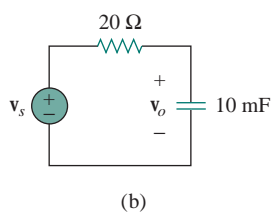
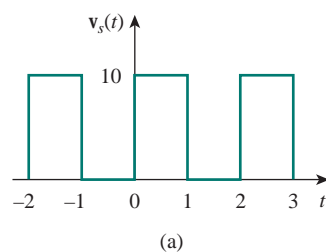


Figure 16.66 For Prob. 16.27.

- 16.28** If the periodic voltage in Fig. 16.67(a) is applied to the circuit in Fig. 16.67(b), find  $i_o(t)$ .

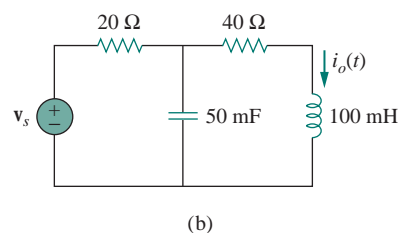
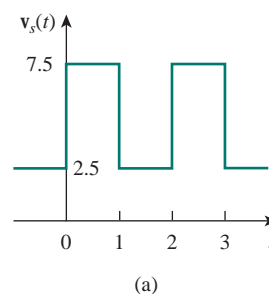


Figure 16.67 For Prob. 16.28.

- \*16.29** The signal in Fig. 16.68(a) is applied to the circuit in Fig. 16.68(b). Find  $v_o(t)$ .

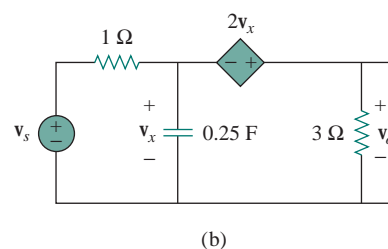
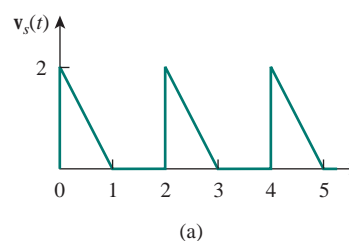
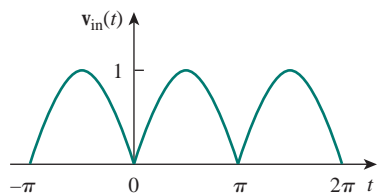
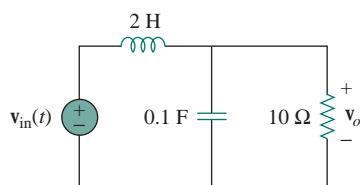


Figure 16.68 For Prob. 16.29.

- 16.30** The full-wave rectified sinusoidal voltage in Fig. 16.69(a) is applied to the lowpass filter in Fig. 16.69(b). Obtain the output voltage  $v_o(t)$  of the filter.



(a)



(b)

Figure 16.69 For Prob. 16.30.

### Section 5 Average Power and RMS Values

- 16.31** The voltage across the terminals of a circuit is

$$v(t) = 30 + 20 \cos(60\pi t + 45^\circ) + 10 \cos(60\pi t - 45^\circ) \text{ V}$$

If the current entering the terminal at higher potential is

$$i(t) = 6 + 4 \cos(60\pi t + 10^\circ) - 2 \cos(120\pi t - 60^\circ) \text{ A}$$

find:

- the rms value of the voltage,
  - the rms value of the current,
  - the average power absorbed by the circuit.
- 16.32** A series  $RLC$  circuit has  $R = 10 \, \Omega$ ,  $L = 2 \text{ mH}$ , and  $C = 40 \, \mu\text{F}$ . Determine the effective current and average power absorbed when the applied voltage is
- $$v(t) = 100 \cos 1000t + 50 \cos 2000t + 25 \cos 3000t \text{ V}$$
- 16.33** Consider the periodic signal in Fig. 16.53. (a) Find the actual rms value of  $f(t)$ . (b) Use the first five nonzero harmonics of the Fourier series to obtain an estimate for the rms value.
- 16.34** Calculate the average power dissipated by the  $10\text{-}\Omega$  resistor in the circuit of Fig. 16.70 if

$$i_s(t) = 3 + 2 \cos(50t - 60^\circ) + 0.5 \cos(100t - 120^\circ) \text{ A}$$

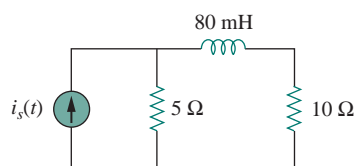


Figure 16.70 For Prob. 16.34.

- 16.35** For the circuit in Fig. 16.71,

$$i(t) = 20 + 16 \cos(10t + 45^\circ) + 12 \cos(20t - 60^\circ) \text{ mA}$$

- find  $v(t)$ , and
- calculate the average power dissipated in the resistor.

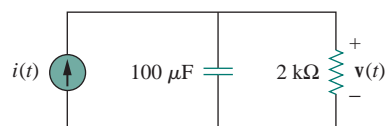


Figure 16.71 For Prob. 16.35.

### Section 6 Exponential Fourier Series

- 16.36** Obtain the exponential Fourier series for  $f(t) = t$ ,  $-1 < t < 1$ , with  $f(t + 2n) = f(t)$ .
- 16.37** Determine the exponential Fourier series for  $f(t) = t^2$ ,  $-\pi < t < \pi$ , with  $f(t + 2\pi n) = f(t)$ .
- 16.38** Calculate the complex Fourier series for  $f(t) = e^t$ ,  $-\pi < t < \pi$ , with  $f(t + 2\pi n) = f(t)$ .
- 16.39** Find the complex Fourier series for  $f(t) = e^{-t}$ ,  $0 < t < 1$ , with  $f(t + n) = f(t)$ .
- 16.40** Find the exponential Fourier series for the function in Fig. 16.72.

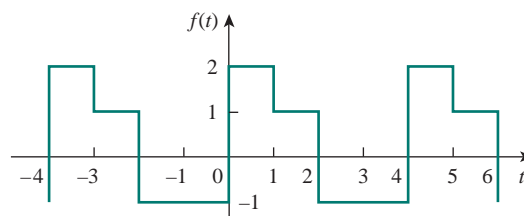


Figure 16.72 For Prob. 16.40.

- 16.41** Obtain the exponential Fourier series expansion of the half-wave rectified sinusoidal current of Fig. 16.73.

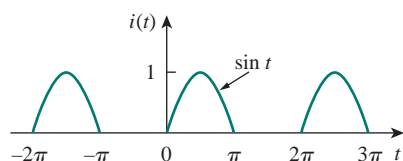


Figure 16.73 For Prob. 16.41.

- 16.42** The Fourier series trigonometric representation of a periodic function is

$$f(t) = 10 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2 + 1} \cos n\pi t + \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} \sin n\pi t \right)$$

Find the exponential Fourier series representation of  $f(t)$ .

- 16.43** The coefficients of the trigonometric Fourier series representation of a function are:

$$b_n = 0, \quad a_n = \frac{6}{n^3 - 2}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

If  $\omega_n = 50n$ , find the exponential Fourier series for the function.

- 16.44** Find the exponential Fourier series of a function which has the following trigonometric Fourier series coefficients

$$a_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad b_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}, \quad a_n = \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{\pi n^2}$$

Take  $T = 2\pi$ .

- 16.45** The complex Fourier series of the function in Fig. 16.74(a) is

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{j e^{-j(2n+1)t}}{(2n+1)\pi}$$

Find the complex Fourier series of the function  $h(t)$  in Fig. 16.74(b).

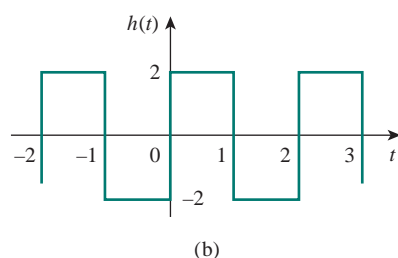
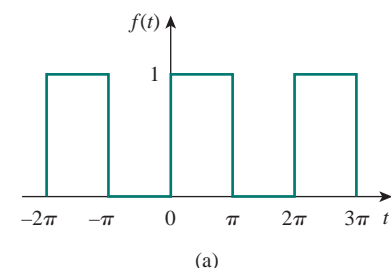


Figure 16.74 For Prob. 16.45.

- 16.46** Obtain the complex Fourier coefficients of the signal in Fig. 16.56.

- 16.47** The spectra of the Fourier series of a function are shown in Fig. 16.75. (a) Obtain the trigonometric Fourier series. (b) Calculate the rms value of the function.

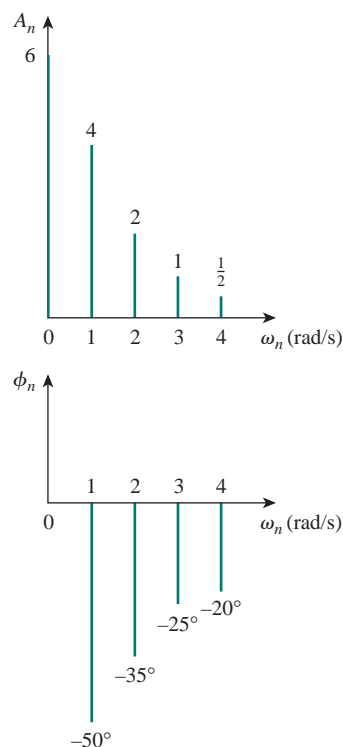


Figure 16.75 For Prob. 16.47.

- 16.48** Plot the amplitude spectrum for the signal  $f_2(t)$  in Fig. 16.50(b). Consider the first five terms.

- 16.49** Given that

$$f(t) = \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n=\text{odd}}}^{\infty} \left( \frac{20}{n^2 \pi^2} \cos 2nt - \frac{3}{n\pi} \sin 2nt \right)$$

plot the first five terms of the amplitude and phase spectra for the function.

### Section 7 Fourier Analysis with PSpice 16.50

Determine the Fourier coefficients for the waveform in Fig. 16.48 using *PSpice*.

- 16.51** Calculate the Fourier coefficients of the signal in Fig. 16.52 using *PSpice*.

- 16.52** Use *PSpice* to obtain the Fourier coefficients of the waveform in Fig. 16.49(a).

- 16.53** Rework Prob. 16.29 using *PSpice*.

- 16.54** Use *PSpice* to solve Prob. 16.28.

## Section 8 Applications

- 16.55** The signal displayed by a medical device can be approximated by the waveform shown in Fig. 16.76. Find the Fourier series representation of the signal.

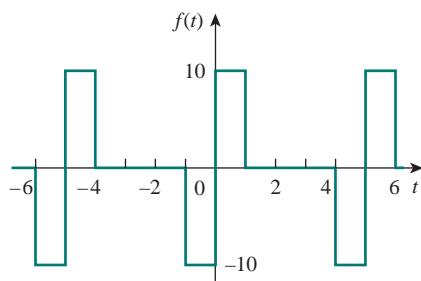


Figure 16.76 For Prob. 16.55.

- 16.56** A spectrum analyzer indicates that a signal is made up of three components only: 640 kHz at 2 V, 644 kHz at 1 V, 636 kHz at 1 V. If the signal is applied across a 10- $\Omega$  resistor, what is the average power absorbed by the resistor?
- 16.57** A certain band-limited periodic current has only three frequencies in its Fourier series representation:

dc, 50 Hz, and 100 Hz. The current may be represented as

$$i(t) = 4 + 6 \sin 100\pi t + 8 \cos 100\pi t - 3 \sin 200\pi t - 4 \cos 200\pi t \text{ A}$$

- (a) Express  $i(t)$  in amplitude-phase form.  
 (b) If  $i(t)$  flows through a 2- $\Omega$  resistor, how many watts of average power will be dissipated?

- 16.58** The signal in Fig. 16.66(a) is applied to the high-pass filter in Fig. 16.77. Determine the value of  $R$  such that the output signal  $v_o(t)$  has an average power of least 70 percent of the average power of the input signal.

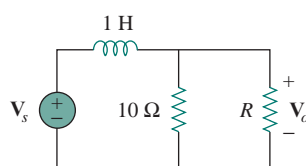


Figure 16.77 For Prob. 16.58.

## COMPREHENSIVE PROBLEMS

- 16.59** The voltage across a device is given by
- $$v(t) = -2 + 10 \cos 4t + 8 \cos 6t + 6 \cos 8t - 5 \sin 4t - 3 \sin 6t - \sin 8t \text{ V}$$
- Find:
- the period of  $v(t)$ ,
  - the average value of  $v(t)$ ,
  - the effective value of  $v(t)$ .
- 16.60** A certain band-limited periodic voltage has only three harmonics in its Fourier series representation. The harmonics have the following rms values: fundamental 40 V, third harmonic 20 V, fifth harmonic 10 V.
- If the voltage is applied across a 5- $\Omega$  resistor, find the average power dissipated by the resistor.
  - If a dc component is added to the periodic voltage and the measured power dissipated increases by 5 percent, determine the value of the dc component added.
- 16.61** Write a program to compute the Fourier coefficients (up to the 10th harmonic) of the square wave in Table 16.3 with  $A = 10$  and  $T = 2$ .
- 16.62** Write a computer program to calculate the exponential Fourier series of the half-wave rectified

sinusoidal current of Fig. 16.73. Consider terms up to the 10th harmonic.

- 16.63** Consider the full-wave rectified sinusoidal current in Table 16.3. Assume that the current is passed through a 1- $\Omega$  resistor.
- Find the average power absorbed by the resistor.
  - Obtain  $c_n$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3$ , and 4.
  - What fraction of the total power is carried by the dc component?
  - What fraction of the total power is carried by the second harmonic ( $n = 2$ )?
- 16.64** A band-limited voltage signal is found to have the complex Fourier coefficients presented in the table below. Calculate the average power that the signal would supply a 4- $\Omega$  resistor.

$n\omega_0$	$ c_n $	$\theta_n$
0	10.0	$0^\circ$
$\omega$	8.5	$15^\circ$
$2\omega$	4.2	$30^\circ$
$3\omega$	2.1	$45^\circ$
$4\omega$	0.5	$60^\circ$
$5\omega$	0.2	$75^\circ$

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# CHAPTER 17

## FOURIER TRANSFORM

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—Leonardo da Vinci

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*Cordless phone. Source: M. Nemzow, Fast Ethernet Implementation and Migration Solutions [New York: McGraw-Hill, 1997], p. 176.*

## 17.1 INTRODUCTION

Fourier series enable us to represent a periodic function as a sum of sinusoids and to obtain the frequency spectrum from the series. The Fourier transform allows us to extend the concept of a frequency spectrum to nonperiodic functions. The transform assumes that a nonperiodic function is a periodic function with an infinite period. Thus, the Fourier transform is an integral representation of a nonperiodic function that is analogous to a Fourier series representation of a periodic function.

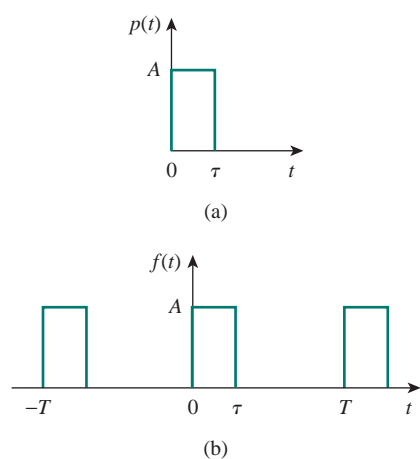
The Fourier transform is an *integral transform* like the Laplace transform. It transforms a function in the time domain into the frequency domain. The Fourier transform is very useful in communications systems and digital signal processing, in situations where the Laplace transform does not apply. While the Laplace transform can only handle circuits with inputs for  $t > 0$  with initial conditions, the Fourier transform can handle circuits with inputs for  $t < 0$  as well as those for  $t > 0$ .

We begin by using a Fourier series as a stepping stone in defining the Fourier transform. Then we develop some of the properties of the Fourier transform. Next, we apply the Fourier transform in analyzing circuits. We discuss Parseval's theorem, compare the Laplace and Fourier transforms, and see how the Fourier transform is applied in amplitude modulation and sampling.

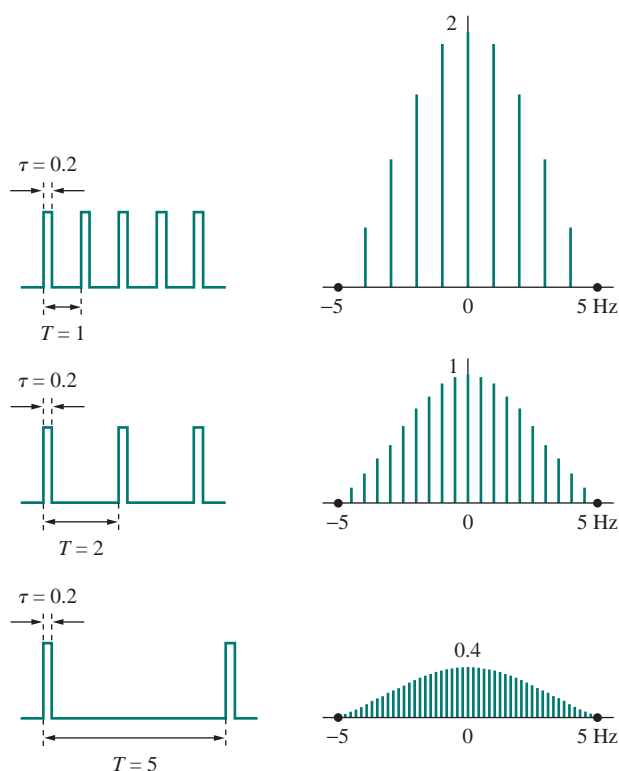
## 17.2 DEFINITION OF THE FOURIER TRANSFORM

We saw in the previous chapter that a nonsinusoidal periodic function can be represented by a Fourier series, provided that it satisfies the Dirichlet conditions. What happens if a function is not periodic? Unfortunately, there are many important nonperiodic functions—such as a unit step or an exponential function—that we cannot represent by a Fourier series. As we shall see, the Fourier transform allows a transformation from the time to the frequency domain, even if the function is not periodic.

Suppose we want to find the Fourier transform of a nonperiodic function  $p(t)$ , shown in Fig. 17.1(a). We consider a periodic function  $f(t)$  whose shape over one period is the same as  $p(t)$ , as shown in Fig. 17.1(b). If we let the period  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , only a single pulse of width  $\tau$  [the desired nonperiodic function in Fig. 17.1(a)] remains, because the adjacent pulses have been moved to infinity. Thus, the function  $f(t)$  is no longer periodic. In other words,  $f(t) = p(t)$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . It is interesting to consider the spectrum of  $f(t)$  for  $A = 10$  and  $\tau = 0.2$  (see Section 6). Figure 17.2 shows the effect of increasing  $T$  on the spectrum. First, we notice that the general shape of the spectrum remains the same, and the frequency at which the envelope first becomes zero remains the same. However, the amplitude of the spectrum and the spacing between adjacent components both decrease, while the number of harmonics increases. Thus, over a range of frequencies, the sum of the amplitudes of the harmonics remains almost constant. Since the total “strength” or energy of the components within a band must remain unchanged, the amplitudes of the harmonics must decrease as  $T$  increases. Since  $f = 1/T$ , as  $T$  increases,  $f$  or  $\omega$  decreases, so that the discrete spectrum ultimately becomes continuous.



**Figure 17.1** (a) A nonperiodic function, (b) increasing  $T$  to infinity makes  $f(t)$  become the nonperiodic function in (a).



**Figure 17.2** Effect of increasing  $T$  on the spectrum of the periodic pulse trains in Fig. 17.1(b).  
(Source: L. Balmer, *Signals and Systems: An Introduction* [London: Prentice-Hall, 1991], p. 229.)

To further understand this connection between a nonperiodic function and its periodic counterpart, consider the exponential form of a Fourier series in Eq. (16.58), namely,

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} \quad (17.1)$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \quad (17.2)$$

The fundamental frequency is

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad (17.3)$$

and the spacing between adjacent harmonics is

$$\Delta\omega = (n+1)\omega_0 - n\omega_0 = \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad (17.4)$$

Substituting Eq. (17.2) into Eq. (17.1) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \right] e^{jn\omega_0 t} \\
 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\Delta\omega}{2\pi} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \right] e^{jn\omega_0 t} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \right] \Delta\omega e^{jn\omega_0 t}
 \end{aligned} \tag{17.5}$$

If we let  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , the summation becomes integration, the incremental spacing  $\Delta\omega$  becomes the differential separation  $d\omega$ , and the discrete harmonic frequency  $n\omega_0$  becomes a continuous frequency  $\omega$ . Thus, as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} &\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\
 \Delta\omega &\Rightarrow d\omega \\
 n\omega_0 &\Rightarrow \omega
 \end{aligned} \tag{17.6}$$

so that Eq. (17.5) becomes

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \right] e^{j\omega t} d\omega \tag{17.7}$$

The term in the brackets is known as the *Fourier transform* of  $f(t)$  and is represented by  $F(\omega)$ . Thus

$$F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \tag{17.8}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the Fourier transform operator. It is evident from Eq. (17.8) that:

The **Fourier transform** is an integral transformation of  $f(t)$  from the time domain to the frequency domain.

In general,  $F(\omega)$  is a complex function; its magnitude is called the *amplitude spectrum*, while its phase is called the *phase spectrum*. Thus  $F(\omega)$  is the *spectrum*.

Equation (17.7) can be written in terms of  $F(\omega)$ , and we obtain the *inverse Fourier transform* as

$$f(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(\omega)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \tag{17.9}$$

The function  $f(t)$  and its transform  $F(\omega)$  form the Fourier transform pairs:

$$f(t) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad F(\omega) \tag{17.10}$$

since one can be derived from the other.

Some authors use  $F(j\omega)$  instead of  $F(\omega)$  to represent the Fourier transform.

The Fourier transform  $F(\omega)$  exists when the Fourier integral in Eq. (17.8) converges. A sufficient but not necessary condition that  $f(t)$  has a Fourier transform is that it be completely integrable in the sense that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| dt < \infty \quad (17.11)$$

For example, the Fourier transform of the unit ramp function  $tu(t)$  does not exist, because the function does not satisfy the condition above.

To avoid the complex algebra that explicitly appears in the Fourier transform, it is sometimes expedient to temporarily replace  $j\omega$  with  $s$  and then replace  $s$  with  $j\omega$  at the end.

### EXAMPLE 17.1

Find the Fourier transform of the following functions: (a)  $\delta(t - t_0)$ , (b)  $e^{j\omega_0 t}$ , (c)  $\cos \omega_0 t$ .

**Solution:**

(a) For the impulse function,

$$F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[\delta(t - t_0)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - t_0) e^{-j\omega t} dt = e^{-j\omega t_0} \quad (17.1.1)$$

where the sifting property of the impulse function in Eq. (7.32) has been applied. For the special case  $t_0 = 0$ , we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}[\delta(t)] = 1 \quad (17.1.2)$$

This shows that the magnitude of the spectrum of the impulse function is constant; that is, all frequencies are equally represented in the impulse function.

(b) We can find the Fourier transform of  $e^{j\omega_0 t}$  in two ways. If we let

$$F(\omega) = \delta(\omega - \omega_0)$$

then we can find  $f(t)$  using Eq. (17.9), writing

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \omega_0) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

Using the sifting property of the impulse function gives

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{j\omega_0 t}$$

Since  $F(\omega)$  and  $f(t)$  constitute a Fourier transform pair, so too must  $2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0)$  and  $e^{j\omega_0 t}$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}[e^{j\omega_0 t}] = 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0) \quad (17.1.3)$$

Alternatively, from Eq. (17.1.2),

$$\delta(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[1]$$

Using the inverse Fourier transform formula in Eq. (17.9),

$$\delta(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[1] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 1 e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

or

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\omega t} d\omega = 2\pi\delta(t) \quad (17.1.4)$$

Interchanging variables  $t$  and  $\omega$  results in

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\omega t} dt = 2\pi\delta(\omega) \quad (17.1.5)$$

Using this result, the Fourier transform of the given function is

$$\mathcal{F}[e^{j\omega_0 t}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\omega_0 t} e^{-j\omega t} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j(\omega_0 - \omega)t} dt = 2\pi\delta(\omega_0 - \omega)$$

Since the impulse function is an even function, with  $\delta(\omega_0 - \omega) = \delta(\omega - \omega_0)$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}[e^{j\omega_0 t}] = 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0) \quad (17.1.6)$$

By simply changing the sign of  $\omega_0$ , we readily obtain

$$\mathcal{F}[e^{-j\omega_0 t}] = 2\pi\delta(\omega + \omega_0) \quad (17.1.7)$$

Also, by setting  $\omega_0 = 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}[1] = 2\pi\delta(\omega) \quad (17.1.8)$$

(c) By using the result in Eqs. (17.1.6) and (17.1.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[\cos \omega_0 t] &= \mathcal{F}\left[\frac{e^{j\omega_0 t} + e^{-j\omega_0 t}}{2}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{F}[e^{j\omega_0 t}] + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{F}[e^{-j\omega_0 t}] \\ &= \pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \pi\delta(\omega + \omega_0) \end{aligned} \quad (17.1.9)$$

The Fourier transform of the cosine signal is shown in Fig. 17.3.

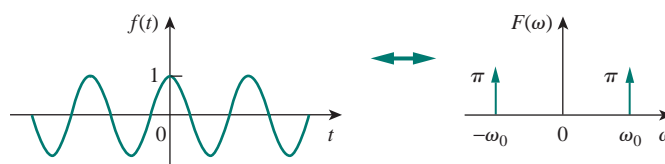


Figure 17.3 Fourier transform of  $f(t) = \cos \omega_0 t$ .

### PRACTICE PROBLEM | 7.1

Determine the Fourier transforms of the following functions: (a) gate function  $g(t) = u(t - 1) - u(t - 2)$ , (b)  $4\delta(t + 2)$ , (c)  $\sin \omega_0 t$ .

**Answer:** (a)  $(e^{-j\omega} - e^{-j2\omega})/j\omega$ , (b)  $4e^{j2\omega}$ , (c)  $j\pi[\delta(\omega + \omega_0) - \pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0)]$ .

**EXAMPLE 17.2**

Derive the Fourier transform of a single rectangular pulse of width  $\tau$  and height  $A$ , shown in Fig. 17.4.

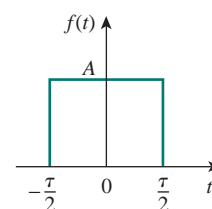
**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} F(\omega) &= \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} A e^{-j\omega t} dt = -\frac{A}{j\omega} e^{-j\omega t} \Big|_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} \\ &= \frac{2A}{\omega} \left( \frac{e^{j\omega\tau/2} - e^{-j\omega\tau/2}}{2j} \right) \\ &= A\tau \frac{\sin \omega\tau/2}{\omega\tau/2} = A\tau \operatorname{sinc} \frac{\omega\tau}{2} \end{aligned}$$

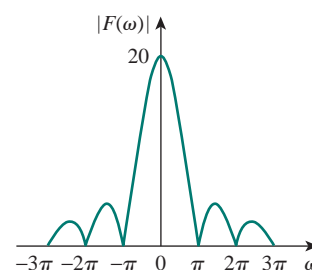
If we make  $A = 10$  and  $\tau = 2$  as in Fig. 16.27 (like in Section 6), then

$$F(\omega) = 20 \operatorname{sinc} \omega$$

whose amplitude spectrum is shown in Fig. 17.5. Comparing Fig. 17.4 with the frequency spectrum of the rectangular pulses in Fig. 16.28, we notice that the spectrum in Fig. 16.28 is discrete and its envelope has the same shape as the Fourier transform of a single rectangular pulse.



**Figure 17.4** A rectangular pulse; for Example 17.2.

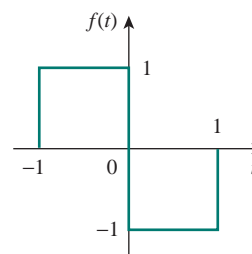


**Figure 17.5** Amplitude spectrum of the rectangular pulse in Fig. 17.4; for Example 17.2.

**PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.2**

Obtain the Fourier transform of the function in Fig. 17.6.

**Answer:**  $\frac{2(\cos \omega - 1)}{j\omega}$ .



**Figure 17.6** For Practice Prob. 17.2.

**EXAMPLE 17.3**

Obtain the Fourier transform of the “switched-on” exponential function shown in Fig. 17.7.

**Solution:**

From Fig. 17.7,

$$f(t) = e^{-at} u(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-at}, & t > 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

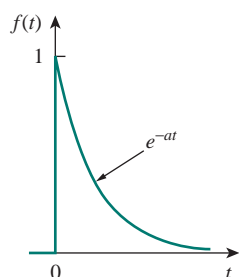


Figure 17.7 For Example 17.3.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} F(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-j\omega t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(a+j\omega)t} dt \\ &= \left. \frac{-1}{a+j\omega} e^{-(a+j\omega)t} \right|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{a+j\omega} \end{aligned}$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.3

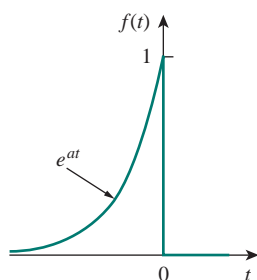


Figure 17.8 For Practice Prob. 17.3.

Determine the Fourier transform of the “switched-off” exponential function in Fig. 17.8.

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{a-j\omega}$ .

## 17.3 PROPERTIES OF THE FOURIER TRANSFORM

We now develop some properties of the Fourier transform that are useful in finding the transforms of complicated functions from the transforms of simple functions. For each property, we will first state and derive it, and then illustrate it with some examples.

### Linearity

If  $F_1(\omega)$  and  $F_2(\omega)$  are the Fourier transforms of  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$ , respectively, then

$$\mathcal{F}[a_1 f_1(t) + a_2 f_2(t)] = a_1 F_1(\omega) + a_2 F_2(\omega) \quad (17.12)$$

where  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are constants. This property simply states that the Fourier transform of a linear combination of functions is the same as the linear combination of the transforms of the individual functions. The proof of the linearity property in Eq. (17.12) is straightforward. By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[a_1 f_1(t) + a_2 f_2(t)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [a_1 f_1(t) + a_2 f_2(t)] e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_1 f_1(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_2 f_2(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= a_1 F_1(\omega) + a_2 F_2(\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (17.13)$$



For example,  $\sin \omega_0 t = \frac{1}{2j}(e^{j\omega_0 t} - e^{-j\omega_0 t})$ . Using the linearity property,

$$\begin{aligned} F[\sin \omega_0 t] &= \frac{1}{2j}[\mathcal{F}(e^{j\omega_0 t}) - \mathcal{F}(e^{-j\omega_0 t})] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{j}[\delta(\omega - \omega_0) - \delta(\omega + \omega_0)] \end{aligned} \quad (17.14)$$

### Time Scaling

If  $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)]$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}[f(at)] = \frac{1}{|a|} F\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right) \quad (17.15)$$

where  $a$  is a constant. Equation (17.15) shows that time expansion ( $|a| > 1$ ) corresponds to frequency compression, or conversely, time compression ( $|a| < 1$ ) implies frequency expansion. The proof of the time-scaling property proceeds as follows.

$$\mathcal{F}[f(at)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(at)e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (17.16)$$

If we let  $x = at$ , so that  $dx = a dt$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}[f(at)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-j\omega x/a} \frac{dx}{a} = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right) \quad (17.17)$$

For example, for the rectangular pulse  $p(t)$  in Example 17.2,

$$\mathcal{F}[p(t)] = A\tau \operatorname{sinc} \frac{\omega\tau}{2} \quad (17.18a)$$

Using Eq. (17.15),

$$\mathcal{F}[p(2t)] = \frac{A\tau}{2} \operatorname{sinc} \frac{\omega\tau}{4} \quad (17.18b)$$

It may be helpful to plot  $p(t)$  and  $p(2t)$  and their Fourier transforms. Since

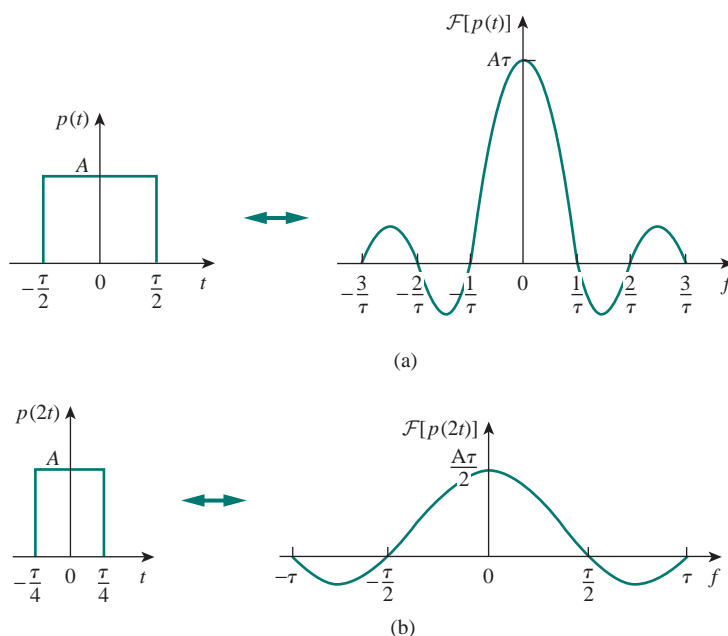
$$p(t) = \begin{cases} A, & -\frac{\tau}{2} < t < \frac{\tau}{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (17.19a)$$

then replacing every  $t$  with  $2t$  gives

$$p(2t) = \begin{cases} A, & -\frac{\tau}{2} < 2t < \frac{\tau}{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} A, & -\frac{\tau}{4} < t < \frac{\tau}{4} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (17.19b)$$

showing that  $p(2t)$  is time compressed, as shown in Fig. 17.9(b). To plot both Fourier transforms in Eq. (17.18), we recall that the sinc function has zeros when its argument is  $n\pi$ , where  $n$  is an integer. Hence, for the transform of  $p(t)$  in Eq. (17.18a),  $\omega\tau/2 = 2\pi f\tau/2 = n\pi \rightarrow f = n/\tau$ , and for the transform of  $p(2t)$  in Eq. (17.18b),  $\omega\tau/4 = 2\pi f\tau/4 = n\pi \rightarrow f = 2n/\tau$ . The plots of the Fourier transforms are shown in Fig. 17.9, which shows that time compression corresponds with frequency

expansion. We should expect this intuitively, because when the signal is squashed in time, we expect it to change more rapidly, thereby causing higher-frequency components to exist.



**Figure 17.9** The effect of time scaling: (a) transform of the pulse, (b) time compression of the pulse causes frequency expansion.

### Time Shifting

If  $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)]$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t - t_0)] = e^{-j\omega t_0} F(\omega) \quad (17.20)$$

that is, a delay in the time domain corresponds to a phase shift in the frequency domain. To derive the time shifting property, we note that

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t - t_0)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - t_0) e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (17.21)$$

If we let  $x = t - t_0$  so that  $dx = dt$  and  $t = x + t_0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[f(t - t_0)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-j\omega(x+t_0)} dx \\ &= e^{-j\omega t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-j\omega x} dx = e^{-j\omega t_0} F(\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (17.22)$$

Similarly,  $\mathcal{F}[f(t + t_0)] = e^{j\omega t_0} F(\omega)$ .

For example, from Example 17.3,

$$\mathcal{F}[e^{-at} u(t)] = \frac{1}{a + j\omega} \quad (17.23)$$

The transform of  $f(t) = e^{-(t-2)}u(t-2)$  is

$$F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[e^{-(t-2)}u(t-2)] = \frac{e^{-j2\omega}}{1+j\omega} \quad (17.24)$$

### Frequency Shifting (or Amplitude Modulation)

This property states that if  $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)]$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t)e^{j\omega_0 t}] = F(\omega - \omega_0) \quad (17.25)$$

meaning, a frequency shift in the frequency domain adds a phase shift to the time function. By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[f(t)e^{j\omega_0 t}] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j(\omega - \omega_0)t} dt = F(\omega - \omega_0) \end{aligned} \quad (17.26)$$

For example,  $\cos \omega_0 t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{j\omega_0 t} + e^{-j\omega_0 t})$ . Using the property in Eq. (17.25),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[f(t) \cos \omega_0 t] &= \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{F}[f(t)e^{j\omega_0 t}] + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{F}[f(t)e^{-j\omega_0 t}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}F(\omega - \omega_0) + \frac{1}{2}F(\omega + \omega_0) \end{aligned} \quad (17.27)$$

This is an important result in modulation where frequency components of a signal are shifted. If, for example, the amplitude spectrum of  $f(t)$  is as shown in Fig. 17.10(a), then the amplitude spectrum of  $f(t) \cos \omega_0 t$  will be as shown in Fig. 17.10(b). We will elaborate on amplitude modulation in Section 7.1.

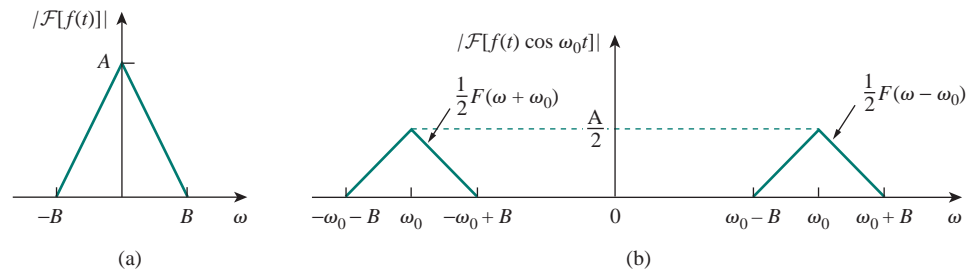


Figure 17.10 Amplitude spectra of: (a) signal  $f(t)$ , (b) modulated signal  $f(t) \cos \omega_0 t$ .

### Time Differentiation

Given that  $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)]$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}[f'(t)] = j\omega F(\omega) \quad (17.28)$$

In other words, the transform of the derivative of  $f(t)$  is obtained by multiplying the transform of  $f(t)$  by  $j\omega$ . By definition,

$$f(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(\omega)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega)e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (17.29)$$

Taking the derivative of both sides with respect to  $t$  gives

$$f'(t) = \frac{j\omega}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega = j\omega \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(\omega)]$$

or

$$\mathcal{F}[f'(t)] = j\omega F(\omega) \quad (17.30)$$

Repeated applications of Eq. (17.30) give

$$\mathcal{F}[f^{(n)}(t)] = (j\omega)^n F(\omega) \quad (17.31)$$

For example, if  $f(t) = e^{-at}$ , then

$$f'(t) = -ae^{-at} = -af(t) \quad (17.32)$$

Taking the Fourier transforms of the first and last terms, we obtain

$$j\omega F(\omega) = -aF(\omega) \quad \implies \quad F(\omega) = \frac{1}{a + j\omega} \quad (17.33)$$

which agrees with the result in Example 17.3.

### Time Integration

Given that  $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)]$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\int_{-\infty}^t f(t) dt\right] = \frac{F(\omega)}{j\omega} + \pi F(0)\delta(\omega) \quad (17.34)$$

that is, the transform of the integral of  $f(t)$  is obtained by dividing the transform of  $f(t)$  by  $j\omega$  and adding the result to the impulse term that reflects the dc component  $F(0)$ . Someone might ask, “How do we know that when we take the Fourier transform for time integration, we should integrate over the interval  $[-\infty, t]$  and not  $[-\infty, \infty]$ ?” When we integrate over  $[-\infty, \infty]$ , the result does not depend on time anymore, and the Fourier transform of a constant is what we will eventually get. But when we integrate over  $[-\infty, t]$ , we get the integral of the function from the past to time  $t$ , so that the result depends on  $t$  and we can take the Fourier transform of that.

If  $\omega$  is replaced by 0 in Eq. (17.8),

$$F(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt \quad (17.35)$$

indicating that the dc component is zero when the integral of  $f(t)$  over all time vanishes. The proof of the time integration in Eq. (17.34) will be given later when we consider the convolution property.

For example, we know that  $\mathcal{F}[\delta(t)] = 1$  and that integrating the impulse function gives the unit step function [see Eq. (7.39a)]. By applying the property in Eq. (17.34), we obtain the Fourier transform of the unit step function as

$$\mathcal{F}[u(t)] = \mathcal{F}\left[\int_{-\infty}^t \delta(t) dt\right] = \frac{1}{j\omega} + \pi\delta(\omega) \quad (17.36)$$

### Reversal

If  $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)]$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}[f(-t)] = F(-\omega) = F^*(\omega) \quad (17.37)$$

where the asterisk denotes the complex conjugate. This property states that reversing  $f(t)$  about the time axis reverses  $F(\omega)$  about the frequency axis. This may be regarded as a special case of time scaling for which  $a = -1$  in Eq. (17.15).

### Duality

This property states that if  $F(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ , then the Fourier transform of  $F(t)$  is  $2\pi f(-\omega)$ ; we write

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t)] = F(\omega) \implies \mathcal{F}[F(t)] = 2\pi f(-\omega) \quad (17.38)$$

This expresses the symmetry property of the Fourier transform. To derive this property, we recall that

$$f(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(\omega)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

or

$$2\pi f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (17.39)$$

Replacing  $t$  by  $-t$  gives

$$2\pi f(-t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{-j\omega t} d\omega$$

If we interchange  $t$  and  $\omega$ , we obtain

$$2\pi f(-\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt = \mathcal{F}[F(t)] \quad (17.40)$$

as expected.

For example, if  $f(t) = e^{-|t|}$ , then

$$F(\omega) = \frac{2}{\omega^2 + 1} \quad (17.41)$$

By the duality property, the Fourier transform of  $F(t) = 2/(t^2 + 1)$  is

$$2\pi f(\omega) = 2\pi e^{-|\omega|} \quad (17.42)$$

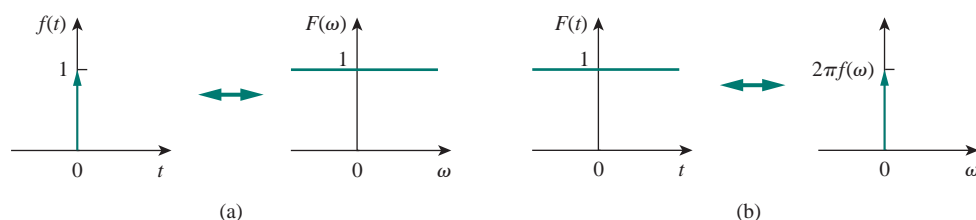
Figure 17.11 shows another example of the duality property. It illustrates the fact that if  $f(t) = \delta(t)$  so that  $F(\omega) = 1$ , as in Fig. 17.11(a), then the Fourier transform of  $F(t) = 1$  is  $2\pi f(\omega) = 2\pi \delta(\omega)$  as shown in Fig. 17.11(b).

### Convolution

Recall from Chapter 15 that if  $x(t)$  is the input excitation to a circuit with an impulse function of  $h(t)$ , then the output response  $y(t)$  is given by the convolution integral

$$y(t) = h(t) * x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\lambda) x(t - \lambda) d\lambda \quad (17.43)$$

Since  $f(t)$  is the sum of the signals in Figs. 17.7 and 17.8,  $F(\omega)$  is the sum of the results in Example 17.3 and Practice Prob. 17.3.



**Figure 17.11** A typical illustration of the duality property of the Fourier transform: (a) transform of impulse, (b) transform of unit dc level.

If  $X(\omega)$ ,  $H(\omega)$ , and  $Y(\omega)$  are the Fourier transforms of  $x(t)$ ,  $h(t)$ , and  $y(t)$ , respectively, then

$$Y(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[h(t) * x(t)] = H(\omega)X(\omega) \quad (17.44)$$

which indicates that convolution in the time domain corresponds with multiplication in the frequency domain.

To derive the convolution property, we take the Fourier transform of both sides of Eq. (17.43) to get

$$Y(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\lambda)x(t - \lambda) d\lambda \right] e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (17.45)$$

Exchanging the order of integration and factoring  $h(\lambda)$ , which does not depend on  $t$ , we have

$$Y(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\lambda) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t - \lambda)e^{-j\omega t} dt \right] d\lambda$$

For the integral within the brackets, let  $\tau = t - \lambda$  so that  $t = \tau + \lambda$  and  $dt = d\tau$ . Then,

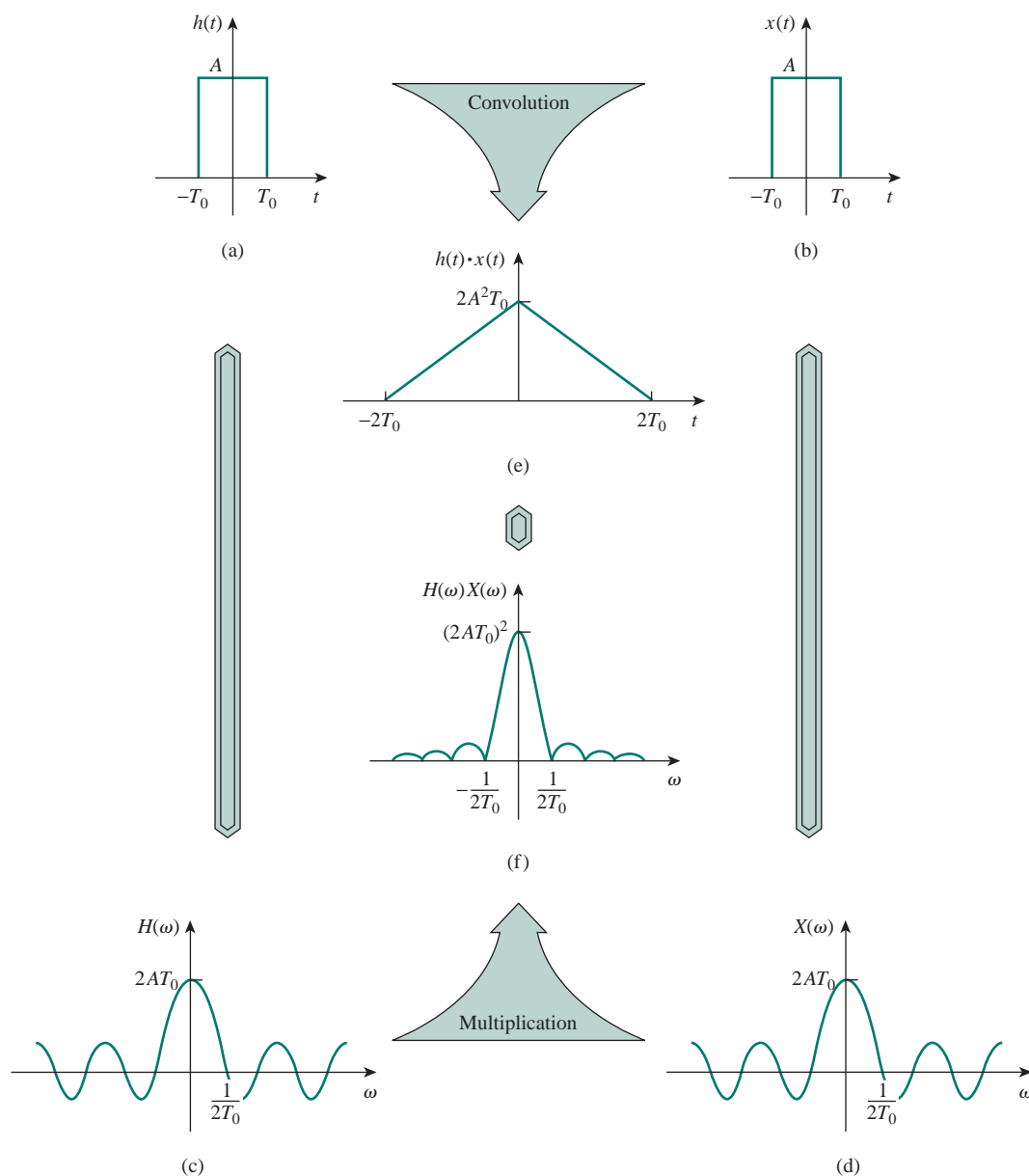
$$\begin{aligned} Y(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\lambda) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)e^{-j\omega(\tau+\lambda)} d\tau \right] d\lambda \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\lambda)e^{-j\omega\lambda} d\lambda \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau = H(\omega)X(\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (17.46)$$

as expected. This result expands the phasor method beyond what was done with the Fourier series in the previous chapter.

To illustrate the convolution property, suppose both  $h(t)$  and  $x(t)$  are identical rectangular pulses, as shown in Fig. 17.12(a) and 17.12(b). We recall from Example 17.2 and Fig. 17.5 that the Fourier transforms of the rectangular pulses are sinc functions, as shown in Fig. 17.12(c) and 17.12(d). According to the convolution property, the product of the sinc functions should give us the convolution of the rectangular pulses in the time domain. Thus, the convolution of the pulses in Fig. 17.12(e) and the product of the sinc functions in Fig. 17.12(f) form a Fourier pair.

In view of the duality property, we expect that if convolution in the time domain corresponds with multiplication in the frequency domain, then multiplication in the time domain should have a correspondence in the frequency domain. This happens to be the case. If  $f(t) = f_1(t)f_2(t)$ ,

The important relationship in Eq. (17.46) is the key reason for using the Fourier transform in the analysis of linear systems.



**Figure 17.12** Graphical illustration of the convolution property.  
 (Source: E. O. Brigham, *The Fast Fourier Transform* [Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1974], p. 60.)

then

$$F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f_1(t)f_2(t)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} F_1(\omega) * F_2(\omega) \quad (17.47)$$

or

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_1(\lambda) F_2(\omega - \lambda) d\lambda \quad (17.48)$$

which is convolution in the frequency domain. The proof of Eq. (17.48) readily follows from the duality property in Eq. (17.38).

Let us now derive the time integration property in Eq. (17.34). If we replace  $x(t)$  with the unit step function  $u(t)$  and  $h(t)$  with  $f(t)$  in Eq. (17.43), then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\lambda)u(t - \lambda) d\lambda = f(t) * u(t) \quad (17.49)$$

But by the definition of the unit step function,

$$u(t - \lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & t - \lambda > 0 \\ 0, & t - \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

We can write this as

$$u(t - \lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \lambda < t \\ 0, & \lambda > t \end{cases}$$

Substituting this into Eq. (17.49) makes the interval of integration change from  $[-\infty, \infty]$  to  $[-\infty, t]$ , and thus Eq. (17.49) becomes

$$\int_{-\infty}^t f(\lambda) d\lambda = u(t) * f(t)$$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides yields

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\int_{-\infty}^t f(\lambda) d\lambda\right] = U(\omega)F(\omega) \quad (17.50)$$

But from Eq. (17.36), the Fourier transform of the unit step function is

$$U(\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega} + \pi\delta(\omega)$$

Substituting this into Eq. (17.50) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\left[\int_{-\infty}^t f(\lambda) d\lambda\right] &= \left(\frac{1}{j\omega} + \pi\delta(\omega)\right) F(\omega) \\ &= \frac{F(\omega)}{j\omega} + \pi F(0)\delta(\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (17.51)$$

which is the time integration property of Eq. (17.34). Note that in Eq. (17.51),  $F(\omega)\delta(\omega) = F(0)\delta(\omega)$ , since  $\delta(\omega)$  is only nonzero at  $\omega = 0$ .

Table 17.1 lists these properties of the Fourier transform. Table 17.2 presents the transform pairs of some common functions. Note the similarities between these tables and Tables 15.1 and 15.2.

**TABLE 17.1** Properties of the Fourier transform.

Property	$f(t)$	$F(\omega)$
Linearity	$a_1 f_1(t) + a_2 f_2(t)$	$a_1 F_1(\omega) + a_2 F_2(\omega)$
Scaling	$f(at)$	$\frac{1}{ a } F\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$
Time shift	$f(t - a)u(t - a)$	$e^{-j\omega a} F(\omega)$
Frequency shift	$e^{j\omega_0 t} f(t)$	$F(\omega - \omega_0)$
Modulation	$\cos(\omega_0 t) f(t)$	$\frac{1}{2}[F(\omega + \omega_0) + F(\omega - \omega_0)]$



TABLE 17.1    (continued)

Property	$f(t)$	$F(\omega)$
Time differentiation	$\frac{df}{dt}$	$j\omega F(\omega)$
	$\frac{d^n f}{dt^n}$	$(j\omega)^n F(\omega)$
Time integration	$\int_{-\infty}^t f(t) dt$	$\frac{F(\omega)}{j\omega} + \pi F(0) \delta(\omega)$
Frequency differentiation	$t^n f(t)$	$(j)^n \frac{d^n}{d\omega^n} F(\omega)$
Reversal	$f(-t)$	$F(-\omega)$ or $F^*(\omega)$
Duality	$F(t)$	$2\pi f(-\omega)$
Convolution in $t$	$f_1(t) * f_2(t)$	$F_1(\omega) F_2(\omega)$
Convolution in $\omega$	$f_1(t) f_2(t)$	$\frac{1}{2\pi} F_1(\omega) * F_2(\omega)$

TABLE 17.2    Fourier transform pairs.

$f(t)$	$F(\omega)$
$\delta(t)$	1
1	$2\pi \delta(\omega)$
$u(t)$	$\pi \delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega}$
$u(t + \tau) - u(t - \tau)$	$2 \frac{\sin \omega \tau}{\omega}$
$ t $	$\frac{-2}{\omega^2}$
$\text{sgn}(t)$	$\frac{2}{j\omega}$
$e^{-at} u(t)$	$\frac{1}{a + j\omega}$
$e^{at} u(-t)$	$\frac{1}{a - j\omega}$
$t^n e^{-at} u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{(a + j\omega)^{n+1}}$
$e^{-a t }$	$\frac{2a}{a^2 + \omega^2}$
$e^{j\omega_0 t}$	$2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_0)$
$\sin \omega_0 t$	$j\pi [\delta(\omega + \omega_0) - \delta(\omega - \omega_0)]$
$\cos \omega_0 t$	$\pi [\delta(\omega + \omega_0) + \delta(\omega - \omega_0)]$
$e^{-at} \sin \omega_0 t u(t)$	$\frac{\omega_0}{(a + j\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2}$
$e^{-at} \cos \omega_0 t u(t)$	$\frac{a + j\omega}{(a + j\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2}$

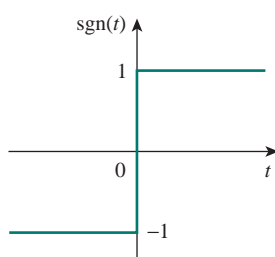
**EXAMPLE 17.4**

Figure 17.13 The signum function of Example 17.4.

Find the Fourier transforms of the following functions: (a) signum function  $\text{sgn}(t)$ , shown in Fig. 17.13, (b) the double-sided exponential  $e^{-a|t|}$ , and (c) the sinc function  $(\sin t)/t$ .

**Solution:**

(a) We can obtain the Fourier transform of the *signum* function in three ways. First, we can write the signum function in terms of the unit step function as

$$\text{sgn}(t) = f(t) = u(t) - u(-t)$$

But from Eq. (17.36),

$$U(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[u(t)] = \pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega}$$

Applying this and the reversal property, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[\text{sgn}(t)] &= U(\omega) - U(-\omega) \\ &= \left( \pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega} \right) - \left( \pi\delta(-\omega) + \frac{1}{-j\omega} \right) = \frac{2}{j\omega} \end{aligned}$$

Second, another way of writing the signum function in terms of the unit step function is

$$f(t) = \text{sgn}(t) = -1 + 2u(t)$$

Taking the Fourier transform of each term gives

$$F(\omega) = -2\pi\delta(\omega) + 2 \left( \pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega} \right) = \frac{2}{j\omega}$$

Third, we can take the derivative of the signum function in Fig. 17.13 and obtain

$$f'(t) = 2\delta(t)$$

Taking the transform of this,

$$j\omega F(\omega) = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(\omega) = \frac{2}{j\omega}$$

as obtained previously.

(b) The double-sided exponential can be expressed as

$$f(t) = e^{-a|t|} = e^{-at}u(t) + e^{at}u(-t) = y(t) + y(-t)$$

where  $y(t) = e^{-at}u(t)$  so that  $Y(\omega) = 1/(a + j\omega)$ . Applying the reversal property,

$$\mathcal{F}[e^{-a|t|}] = Y(\omega) + Y(-\omega) = \left( \frac{1}{a + j\omega} + \frac{1}{a - j\omega} \right) = \frac{2a}{a^2 + \omega^2}$$

(c) From Example 17.2,

$$\mathcal{F} \left[ u \left( t + \frac{\tau}{2} \right) - u \left( t - \frac{\tau}{2} \right) \right] = \tau \frac{\sin(\omega\tau/2)}{\omega\tau/2} = \tau \text{sinc} \frac{\omega\tau}{2}$$

Setting  $\tau/2 = 1$  gives

$$\mathcal{F}[u(t+1) - u(t-1)] = 2 \frac{\sin \omega}{\omega}$$

Applying the duality property,

$$\mathcal{F}\left[2 \frac{\sin t}{t}\right] = 2\pi[U(\omega+1) - U(\omega-1)]$$

or

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\frac{\sin t}{t}\right] = \pi[U(\omega+1) - U(\omega-1)]$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.4

Determine the Fourier transforms of these functions: (a) gate function  $g(t) = u(t) - u(t-1)$ , (b)  $f(t) = te^{-2t}u(t)$ , and (c) sawtooth pulse  $f(t) = 10t[u(t) - u(t-2)]$ .

**Answer:** (a)  $(1 - e^{-j\omega})\left[\pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega}\right]$ , (b)  $\frac{1}{(2 + j\omega)^2}$ ,  
(c)  $\frac{10(e^{-j2\omega} - 1)}{\omega^2} + \frac{20j}{\omega}e^{-j2\omega}$ .

### EXAMPLE 17.5

Find the Fourier transform of the function in Fig. 17.14.

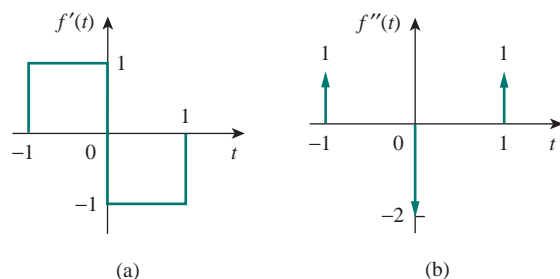
**Solution:**

The Fourier transform can be found directly using Eq. (17.8), but it is much easier to find it using the derivative property. We can express the function as

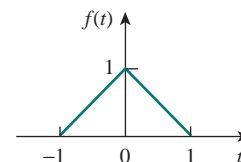
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1+t, & -1 < t < 0 \\ 1-t, & 0 < t < 1 \end{cases}$$

Its first derivative is shown in Fig. 17.15(a) and is given by

$$f'(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 < t < 0 \\ -1, & 0 < t < 1 \end{cases}$$



**Figure 17.15** First and second derivatives of  $f(t)$  in Fig. 17.14; for Example 17.5.



**Figure 17.14** For Example 17.5.

Its second derivative is in Fig. 17.15(b) and is given by

$$f''(t) = \delta(t + 1) - 2\delta(t) + \delta(t - 1)$$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides,

$$(j\omega)^2 F(\omega) = e^{j\omega} - 2 + e^{-j\omega} = -2 + 2\cos \omega$$

or

$$F(\omega) = \frac{2(1 - \cos \omega)}{\omega^2}$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.5

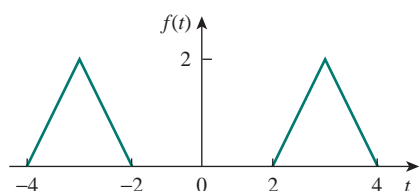


Figure 17.16 For Practice Prob. 17.5.

Determine the Fourier transform of the function in Fig. 17.16.

**Answer:**  $(8 \cos 3\omega - 4 \cos 4\omega - 4 \cos 2\omega)/\omega^2$ .

### EXAMPLE 17.6

Obtain the inverse Fourier transform of:

$$(a) F(\omega) = \frac{10j\omega + 4}{(j\omega)^2 + 6j\omega + 8} \quad (b) G(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2 + 21}{\omega^2 + 9}$$

**Solution:**

(a) To avoid complex algebra, we can replace  $j\omega$  with  $s$  for the moment. Using partial fraction expansion,

$$F(s) = \frac{10s + 4}{s^2 + 6s + 8} = \frac{10s + 4}{(s + 4)(s + 2)} = \frac{A}{s + 4} + \frac{B}{s + 2}$$

where

$$A = (s + 4)F(s)|_{s=-4} = \frac{10s + 4}{(s + 2)} \Big|_{s=-4} = \frac{-36}{-2} = 18$$

$$B = (s + 2)F(s)|_{s=-2} = \frac{10s + 4}{(s + 4)} \Big|_{s=-2} = \frac{-16}{2} = -8$$

Substituting  $A = 18$  and  $B = -8$  in  $F(s)$  and  $s$  with  $j\omega$  gives

$$F(j\omega) = \frac{18}{j\omega + 4} + \frac{-8}{j\omega + 2}$$

With the aid of Table 17.2, we obtain the inverse transform as

$$f(t) = (18e^{-4t} - 8e^{-2t})u(t)$$

(b) We simplify  $G(\omega)$  as

$$G(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2 + 21}{\omega^2 + 9} = 1 + \frac{12}{\omega^2 + 9}$$

With the aid of Table 17.2, the inverse transform is obtained as

$$g(t) = \delta(t) + 2e^{-3|t|}$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.6

Find the inverse Fourier transform of:

$$(a) H(\omega) = \frac{6(3 + j2\omega)}{(1 + j\omega)(4 + j\omega)(2 + j\omega)}$$

$$(b) Y(\omega) = \pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega} + \frac{2(1 + j\omega)}{(1 + j\omega)^2 + 16}$$

**Answer:** (a)  $h(t) = (2e^{-t} + 3e^{-2t} - 5e^{-4t})u(t)$ ,

(b)  $y(t) = (1 + 2e^{-t} \cos 4t)u(t)$ .

## 17.4 CIRCUIT APPLICATIONS

The Fourier transform generalizes the phasor technique to nonperiodic functions. Therefore, we apply Fourier transforms to circuits with nonsinusoidal excitations in exactly the same way we apply phasor techniques to circuits with sinusoidal excitations. Thus, Ohm's law is still valid:

$$V(\omega) = Z(\omega)I(\omega) \quad (17.52)$$

where  $V(\omega)$  and  $I(\omega)$  are the Fourier transforms of the voltage and current and  $Z(\omega)$  is the impedance. We get the same expressions for the impedances of resistors, inductors, and capacitors as in phasor analysis, namely,

$R$	$\Rightarrow$	$R$
$L$	$\Rightarrow$	$j\omega L$
$C$	$\Rightarrow$	$\frac{1}{j\omega C}$

(17.53)

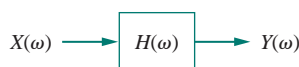
Once we transform the functions for the circuit elements into the frequency domain and take the Fourier transforms of the excitations, we can use circuit techniques such as voltage division, source transformation, mesh analysis, node analysis, or Thevenin's theorem, to find the unknown response (current or voltage). Finally, we take the inverse Fourier transform to obtain the response in the time domain.

Although the Fourier transform method produces a response that exists for  $-\infty < t < \infty$ , Fourier analysis cannot handle circuits with initial conditions.

The transfer function is again defined as the ratio of the output response  $Y(\omega)$  to the input excitation  $X(\omega)$ , that is,

$H(\omega) = \frac{Y(\omega)}{X(\omega)}$
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(17.54)



**Figure 17.17** Input-output relationship of a circuit in the frequency-domain.

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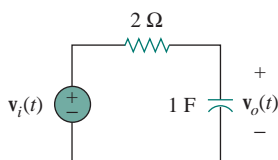
$$Y(\omega) = H(\omega)X(\omega) \quad (17.55)$$

The frequency-domain input-output relationship is portrayed in Fig. 17.17. Equation (17.55) shows that if we know the transfer function and the input, we can readily find the output. The relationship in Eq. (17.54) is the principal reason for using the Fourier transform in circuit analysis. Notice that  $H(\omega)$  is identical to  $H(s)$  with  $s = j\omega$ . Also, if the input is an impulse function [i.e.,  $x(t) = \delta(t)$ ], then  $X(\omega) = 1$ , so that the response is

$$Y(\omega) = H(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[h(t)] \quad (17.56)$$

indicating that  $H(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of the impulse response  $h(t)$ .

### EXAMPLE 17.7



**Figure 17.18** For Example 17.7.

Find  $v_o(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 17.18 for  $v_i(t) = 2e^{-3t}u(t)$ .

**Solution:**

The Fourier transform of the input voltage is

$$V_i(\omega) = \frac{2}{3 + j\omega}$$

and the transfer function obtained by voltage division is

$$H(\omega) = \frac{V_o(\omega)}{V_i(\omega)} = \frac{1/j\omega}{2 + 1/j\omega} = \frac{1}{1 + j2\omega}$$

Hence,

$$V_o(\omega) = V_i(\omega)H(\omega) = \frac{2}{(3 + j\omega)(1 + j2\omega)}$$

or

$$V_o(\omega) = \frac{1}{(3 + j\omega)(0.5 + j\omega)}$$

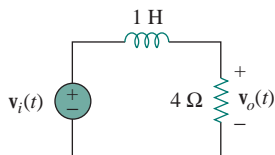
By partial fractions,

$$V_o(\omega) = \frac{-0.4}{3 + j\omega} + \frac{0.4}{0.5 + j\omega}$$

Taking the inverse Fourier transform yields

$$v_o(t) = 0.4(e^{-0.5t} - e^{-3t})u(t)$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.7



**Figure 17.19** For Practice Prob. 17.7.

Determine  $v_o(t)$  in Fig. 17.19 if  $v_i(t) = 2 \operatorname{sgn}(t) = -2 + 4u(t)$ .

**Answer:**  $-2 + 4(1 - e^{-4t})u(t)$ .

**EXAMPLE 17.8**

Using the Fourier transform method, find  $i_o(t)$  in Fig. 17.20 when  $i_s(t) = 10 \sin 2t$  A.

**Solution:**

By current division,

$$H(\omega) = \frac{I_o(\omega)}{I_s(\omega)} = \frac{2}{2 + 4 + 2/j\omega} = \frac{j\omega}{1 + j\omega 3}$$

If  $i_s(t) = 10 \sin 2t$ , then

$$I_s(\omega) = j\pi 10[\delta(\omega + 2) - \delta(\omega - 2)]$$

Hence,

$$I_o(\omega) = H(\omega)I_s(\omega) = \frac{10\pi\omega[\delta(\omega - 2) - \delta(\omega + 2)]}{1 + j\omega 3}$$

The inverse Fourier transform of  $I_o(\omega)$  cannot be found using Table 17.2. We resort to the inverse Fourier transform formula in Eq. (17.9) and write

$$i_o(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[I_o(\omega)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{10\pi\omega[\delta(\omega - 2) - \delta(\omega + 2)]}{1 + j\omega 3} e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

We apply the sifting property of the impulse function, namely,

$$\delta(\omega - \omega_0)f(\omega) = f(\omega_0)$$

or

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \omega_0)f(\omega) d\omega = f(\omega_0)$$

and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} i_o(t) &= \frac{10\pi}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{2}{1 + j6} e^{j2t} - \frac{-2}{1 - j6} e^{-j2t} \right] \\ &= 10 \left[ \frac{e^{j2t}}{6.082e^{j80.54^\circ}} + \frac{e^{-j2t}}{6.082e^{-j80.54^\circ}} \right] \\ &= 1.644[e^{j(2t-80.54^\circ)} + e^{-j(2t-80.54^\circ)}] \\ &= 3.288 \cos(2t - 80.54^\circ) \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

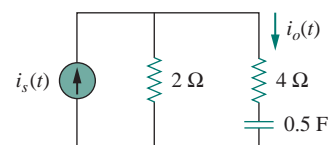


Figure 17.20 For Example 17.8.

**PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.8**

Find the current  $i_o(t)$  in the circuit in Fig. 17.21, given that  $i_s(t) = 20 \cos 4t$  A.

**Answer:**  $11.8 \cos(4t + 26.57^\circ)$  A.

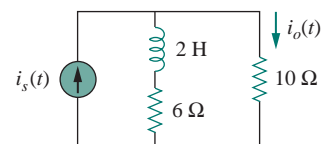


Figure 17.21 For Practice Prob. 17.8.

## 17.5 PARSEVAL'S THEOREM

Parseval's theorem demonstrates one practical use of the Fourier transform. It relates the energy carried by a signal to the Fourier transform of the signal. If  $p(t)$  is the power associated with the signal, the energy carried by the signal is

$$W = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t) dt \quad (17.57)$$

In order to be able compare the energy content of current and voltage signals, it is convenient to use a 1- $\Omega$  resistor as the base for energy calculation. For a 1- $\Omega$  resistor,  $p(t) = v^2(t) = i^2(t) = f^2(t)$ , where  $f(t)$  stands for either voltage or current. The energy delivered to the 1- $\Omega$  resistor is

$$W_{1\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t) dt \quad (17.58)$$

Parseval's theorem states that this same energy can be calculated in the frequency domain as

$$W_{1\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (17.59)$$

**Parseval's theorem** states that the total energy delivered to a 1- $\Omega$  resistor equals the total area under the square of  $f(t)$  or  $1/2\pi$  times the total area under the square of the magnitude of the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ .

Parseval's theorem relates energy associated with a signal to its Fourier transform. It provides the physical significance of  $F(\omega)$ , namely, that  $|F(\omega)|^2$  is a measure of the energy density (in joules per hertz) corresponding to  $f(t)$ .

To derive Eq. (17.59), we begin with Eq. (17.58) and substitute Eq. (17.9) for one of the  $f(t)$ 's. We obtain

$$W_{1\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \right] dt \quad (17.60)$$

The function  $f(t)$  can be moved inside the integral within the brackets, since the integral does not involve time:

$$W_{1\Omega} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega dt \quad (17.61)$$

Reversing the order of integration,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{1\Omega} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j(-\omega)t} dt \right] d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) F(-\omega) d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) F^*(\omega) d\omega \end{aligned} \quad (17.62)$$

But if  $z = x + jy$ ,  $zz^* = (x + jy)(x - jy) = x^2 + y^2 = |z|^2$ . Hence,

In fact,  $|F(\omega)|^2$  is sometimes known as the energy spectral density of signal  $f(t)$ .



$$W_{1\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (17.63)$$

as expected. Equation (17.63) indicates that the energy carried by a signal can be found by integrating either the square of  $f(t)$  in the time domain or  $1/2\pi$  times the square of  $F(\omega)$  in the frequency domain.

Since  $|F(\omega)|^2$  is an even function, we may integrate from 0 to  $\infty$  and double the result, that is,

$$W_{1\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (17.64)$$

We may also calculate the energy in any frequency band  $\omega_1 < \omega < \omega_2$  as

$$W_{1\Omega} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\omega_1}^{\omega_2} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (17.65)$$

Notice that Parseval's theorem as stated here applies to nonperiodic functions. Parseval's theorem for periodic functions was presented in Sections 16.5 and 16.6. As evident in Eq. (17.63), Parseval's theorem shows that the energy associated with a nonperiodic signal is spread over the entire frequency spectrum, whereas the energy of the periodic signal is concentrated at the frequencies of its harmonic components.

### EXAMPLE 17.9

The voltage across a 10- $\Omega$  resistor is  $v(t) = 5e^{-3t}u(t)$  V. Find the total energy dissipated in the resistor.

**Solution:**

We can find the energy using either  $f(t) = v(t)$  or  $F(\omega) = V(\omega)$ . In the time domain,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{10\Omega} &= 10 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t) dt = 10 \int_0^{\infty} 25e^{-6t} dt \\ &= 250 \left. \frac{e^{-6t}}{-6} \right|_0^{\infty} = \frac{250}{6} = 41.67 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

In the frequency domain,

$$F(\omega) = V(\omega) = \frac{5}{3 + j\omega}$$

so that

$$|F(\omega)|^2 = F(\omega)F^*(\omega) = \frac{25}{9 + \omega^2}$$

Hence, the energy dissipated is

$$\begin{aligned} W_{10\Omega} &= \frac{10}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega = \frac{10}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{25}{9 + \omega^2} d\omega \\ &= \frac{250}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{3} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{250}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{250}{6} = 41.67 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

**PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.9**

(a) Calculate the total energy absorbed by a  $1\text{-}\Omega$  resistor with  $i(t) = 10e^{-2|t|}$  A in the time domain. (b) Repeat (a) in the frequency domain.

**Answer:** (a) 50 J, (b) 50 J.

**EXAMPLE 17.10**

Calculate the fraction of the total energy dissipated by a  $1\text{-}\Omega$  resistor in the frequency band  $0 < \omega < 10$  rad/s when the voltage across it is  $v(t) = e^{-2t}u(t)$ .

**Solution:**

Given that  $f(t) = v(t) = e^{-2t}u(t)$ , then

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2 + j\omega} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |F(\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{4 + \omega^2}$$

The total energy dissipated by the resistor is

$$\begin{aligned} W_{1\Omega} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{4 + \omega^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{2} \Big|_0^\infty \right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\pi}{2} = 0.25 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

The energy in the frequencies  $0 < \omega < 10$  is

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{10} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{10} \frac{d\omega}{4 + \omega^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{2} \Big|_0^{10} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} 5 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{78.69^\circ}{180^\circ} \pi \right) = 0.218 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

Its percentage of the total energy is

$$\frac{W}{W_{1\Omega}} = \frac{0.218}{0.25} = 87.4 \%$$

**PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.10**

A  $2\text{-}\Omega$  resistor has  $i(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$ . What percentage of the total energy is in the frequency band  $-4 < \omega < 4$  rad/s?

**Answer:** 84.4 percent.

## 17.6 COMPARING THE FOURIER AND LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

It is worthwhile to take some moments to compare the Laplace and Fourier transforms. The following similarities and differences should be noted:

1. The Laplace transform defined in Chapter 14 is one-sided in that the integral is over  $0 < t < \infty$ , making it only useful for positive-time functions,  $f(t)$ ,  $t > 0$ . The Fourier transform is applicable to functions defined for all time.

2. For a function  $f(t)$  that is nonzero for positive time only (i.e.,  $f(t) = 0, t < 0$ ) and  $\int_0^\infty |f(t)| dt < \infty$ , the two transforms are related by

$$F(\omega) = F(s)|_{s=j\omega} \quad (17.66)$$

This equation also shows that the Fourier transform can be regarded as a special case of the Laplace transform with  $s = j\omega$ . Recall that  $s = \sigma + j\omega$ . Therefore, Eq. (17.66) shows that the Laplace transform is related to the entire  $s$  plane, whereas the Fourier transform is restricted to the  $j\omega$  axis. See Fig. 15.1.

3. The Laplace transform is applicable to a wider range of functions than the Fourier transform. For example, the function  $tu(t)$  has a Laplace transform but no Fourier transform. But Fourier transforms exist for signals that are not physically realizable and have no Laplace transforms.
4. The Laplace transform is better suited for the analysis of transient problems involving initial conditions, since it permits the inclusion of the initial conditions, whereas the Fourier transform does not. The Fourier transform is especially useful for problems in the steady state.
5. The Fourier transform provides greater insight into the frequency characteristics of signals than does the Laplace transform.

Some of the similarities and differences can be observed by comparing Tables 15.1 and 15.2 with Tables 17.1 and 17.2.

## †17.7 APPLICATIONS

Besides its usefulness for circuit analysis, the Fourier transform is used extensively in a variety of fields such as optics, spectroscopy, acoustics, computer science, and electrical engineering. In electrical engineering, it is applied in communications systems and signal processing, where frequency response and frequency spectra are vital. Here we consider two simple applications: amplitude modulation (AM) and sampling.

### 17.7.1 Amplitude Modulation

Electromagnetic radiation or transmission of information through space has become an indispensable part of a modern technological society. However, transmission through space is only efficient and economical at radio frequencies (above 20 kHz). To transmit intelligent signals—such as for speech and music—contained in the low-frequency range of 50 Hz to 20 kHz is expensive; it requires a huge amount of power and large antennas. A common method of transmitting low-frequency audio information is to transmit a high-frequency signal, called a *carrier*, which is controlled in some way to correspond to the audio information. Three characteristics (amplitude, frequency, or phase) of a carrier can be controlled so as to allow it to carry the intelligent signal, called the *modulating signal*. Here we will only consider the control of the carrier's amplitude. This is known as *amplitude modulation*.

In other words, if all the poles of  $F(s)$  lie in the left-hand side of the  $s$  plane, then one can obtain the Fourier transform  $F(\omega)$  from the corresponding Laplace transform  $F(s)$  by merely replacing  $s$  by  $j\omega$ . Note that this is not the case, for example, for  $u(t)$  or  $\cos at u(t)$ .

**Amplitude modulation (AM)** is a process whereby the amplitude of the carrier is controlled by the modulating signal.

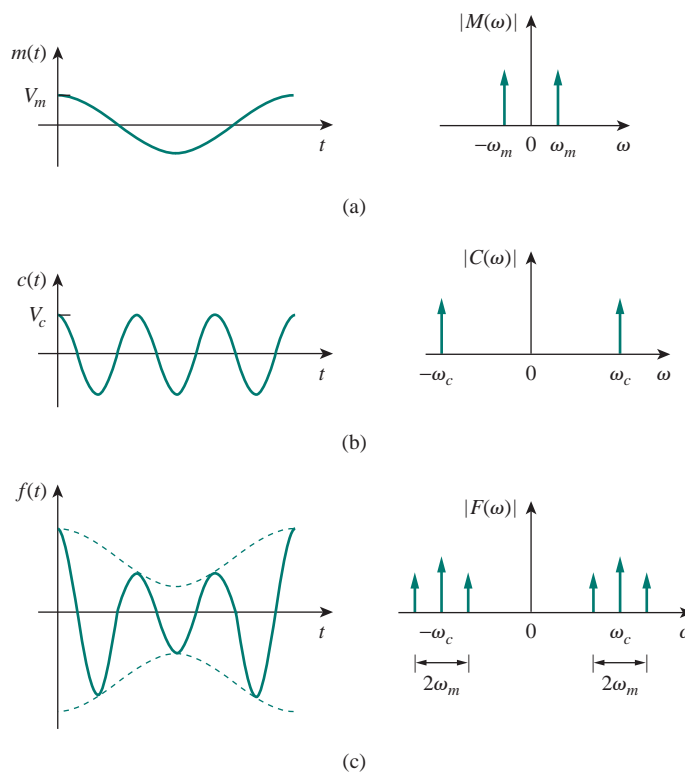
AM is used in ordinary commercial radio bands and the video portion of commercial television.

Suppose the audio information, such as voice or music (or the modulating signal in general) to be transmitted is  $m(t) = V_m \cos \omega_m t$ , while the high-frequency carrier is  $c(t) = V_c \cos \omega_c t$ , where  $\omega_c \gg \omega_m$ . Then an AM signal  $f(t)$  is given by

$$f(t) = V_c[1 + m(t)] \cos \omega_c t \quad (17.67)$$

Figure 17.22 illustrates the modulating signal  $m(t)$ , the carrier  $c(t)$ , and the AM signal  $f(t)$ . We can use the result in Eq. (17.27) together with the Fourier transform of the cosine function (see Example 17.1 or Table 17.1) to determine the spectrum of the AM signal:

$$\begin{aligned} F(\omega) &= \mathcal{F}[V_c \cos \omega_c t] + \mathcal{F}[V_c m(t) \cos \omega_c t] \\ &= V_c \pi [\delta(\omega - \omega_c) + \delta(\omega + \omega_c)] \\ &\quad + \frac{V_c}{2} [M(\omega - \omega_c) + M(\omega + \omega_c)] \end{aligned} \quad (17.68)$$



**Figure 17.22** Time domain and frequency display of: (a) modulating signal, (b) carrier signal, (c) AM signal.

where  $M(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of the modulating signal  $m(t)$ . Shown in Fig. 17.23 is the frequency spectrum of the AM signal. Figure 17.23 indicates that the AM signal consists of the carrier and two other sinusoids. The sinusoid with frequency  $\omega_c - \omega_m$  is known as the *lower sideband*, while the one with frequency  $\omega_c + \omega_m$  is known as the *upper sideband*.

Notice that we have assumed that the modulating signal is sinusoidal to make the analysis easy. In real life,  $m(t)$  is a nonsinusoidal, band-limited signal—its frequency spectrum is within the range between 0 and  $\omega_u = 2\pi f_u$  (i.e., the signal has an upper frequency limit). Typically,  $f_u = 5$  kHz for AM radio. If the frequency spectrum of the modulating signal is as shown in Fig. 17.24(a), then the frequency spectrum of the AM signal is shown in Fig. 17.24(b). Thus, to avoid any interference, carriers for AM radio stations are spaced 10 kHz apart.

At the receiving end of the transmission, the audio information is recovered from the modulated carrier by a process known as *demodulation*.

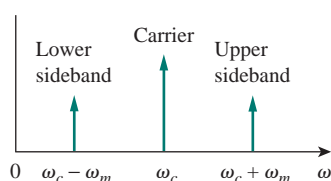
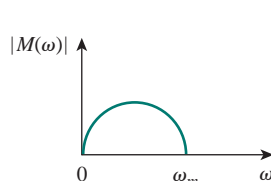
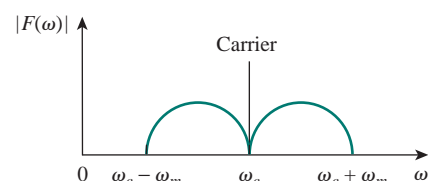


Figure 17.23 Frequency spectrum of AM signal.



(a)



(b)

Figure 17.24 Frequency spectrum of: (a) modulating signal, (b) AM signal.

### EXAMPLE 17.11

A music signal has frequency components from 15 Hz to 30 kHz. If this signal could be used to amplitude modulate a 1.2-MHz carrier, find the range of frequencies for the lower and upper sidebands.

**Solution:**

The lower sideband is the difference of the carrier and modulating frequencies. It will include the frequencies from

$$1,200,000 - 30,000 \text{ Hz} = 1,170,000 \text{ Hz}$$

to

$$1,200,000 - 15 \text{ Hz} = 1,199,985 \text{ Hz}$$

The upper sideband is the sum of the carrier and modulating frequencies. It will include the frequencies from

$$1,200,000 + 15 \text{ Hz} = 1,200,015 \text{ Hz}$$

to

$$1,200,000 + 30,000 \text{ Hz} = 1,230,000 \text{ Hz}$$

## PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.11

If a 2-MHz carrier is modulated by a 4-kHz intelligent signal, determine the frequencies of the three components of the AM signal that results.

**Answer:** 2,004,000 Hz, 2,000,000 Hz, 1,996,000 Hz.

## 17.7.2 Sampling

In analog systems, signals are processed in their entirety. However, in modern digital systems, only samples of signals are required for processing. This is possible as a result of the sampling theorem given in Section 8.1. The sampling can be done by using a train of pulses or impulses. We will use impulse sampling here.

Consider the continuous signal  $g(t)$  shown in Fig. 17.25(a). This can be multiplied by a train of impulses  $\delta(t - nT_s)$  shown in Fig. 17.25(b), where  $T_s$  is the *sampling interval* and  $f_s = 1/T_s$  is the *sampling frequency* or the *sampling rate*. The sampled signal  $g_s(t)$  is therefore

$$g_s(t) = g(t) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT_s) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(nT_s) \delta(t - nT_s) \quad (17.69)$$

The Fourier transform of this is

$$G_s(\omega) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(nT_s) \mathcal{F}[\delta(t - nT_s)] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(nT_s) e^{-jn\omega T_s} \quad (17.70)$$

It can be shown that

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(nT_s) e^{-jn\omega T_s} = \frac{1}{T_s} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega + n\omega_s) \quad (17.71)$$

where  $\omega_s = 2\pi/T_s$ . Thus, Eq. (17.70) becomes

$$G_s(\omega) = \frac{1}{T_s} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega + n\omega_s) \quad (17.72)$$

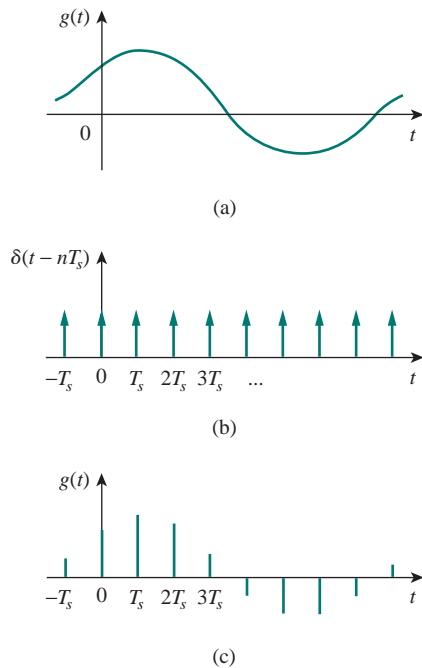
This shows that the Fourier transform  $G_s(\omega)$  of the sampled signal is a sum of translates of the Fourier transform of the original signal at a rate of  $1/T_s$ .

In order to ensure optimum recovery of the original signal, what must be the sampling interval? This fundamental question in sampling is answered by an equivalent part of the sampling theorem:

A band-limited signal, with no frequency component higher than  $W$  hertz, may be completely recovered from its samples taken at a frequency at least twice as high as  $2W$  samples per second.

In other words, for a signal with bandwidth  $W$  hertz, there is no loss of information or overlapping if the sampling frequency is at least twice the highest frequency in the modulating signal. Thus,

$$\frac{1}{T_s} = f_s \geq 2W \quad (17.73)$$



**Figure 17.25** (a) Continuous (analog) signal to be sampled, (b) train of impulses, (c) sampled (digital) signal.

The sampling frequency  $f_s = 2W$  is known as the *Nyquist* frequency or rate, and  $1/f_s$  is the Nyquist interval.

### EXAMPLE 17.12

A telephone signal with a cutoff frequency of 5 kHz is sampled at a rate 60 percent higher than the minimum allowed rate. Find the sampling rate.

**Solution:**

The minimum sample rate is the Nyquist rate  $= 2W = 2 \times 5 = 10$  kHz. Hence,

$$f_s = 1.60 \times 2W = 16 \text{ kHz}$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 17.12

An audio signal that is band-limited to 12.5 kHz is digitized into 8-bit samples. What is the maximum sampling interval that must be used to ensure complete recovery?

**Answer:** 40  $\mu$ s.

## 17.8 SUMMARY

1. The Fourier transform converts a nonperiodic function  $f(t)$  into a transform  $F(\omega)$  where

$$F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

2. The inverse Fourier transform of  $F(\omega)$  is

$$f(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(\omega)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega)e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

3. Important Fourier transform properties and pairs are summarized in Tables 17.1 and 17.2, respectively.
4. Using the Fourier transform method to analyze a circuit involves finding the Fourier transform of the excitation, transforming the circuit element into the frequency domain, solving for the unknown response, and transforming the response to the time domain using the inverse Fourier transform.

5. If  $H(\omega)$  is the transfer function of a network, then  $H(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of the network's impulse response; that is,

$$H(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[h(t)]$$

The output  $V_o(\omega)$  of the network can be obtained from the input  $V_i(\omega)$  using

$$V_o(\omega) = H(\omega)V_i(\omega)$$

6. Parseval's theorem gives the energy relationship between a function  $f(t)$  and its Fourier transform  $F(\omega)$ . The 1- $\Omega$  energy is

$$W_{1\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

The theorem is useful in calculating energy carried by a signal either in the time domain or in the frequency domain.

7. Typical applications of the Fourier transform are found in amplitude modulation (AM) and sampling. For AM application, a way of determining the sidebands in an amplitude-modulated wave is derived from the modulation property of the Fourier transform. For sampling application, we found that no information is lost in sampling (required for digital transmission) if the sampling frequency is at least twice equal to the Nyquist rate.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 17.1** Which of these functions does not have a Fourier transform?  
 (a)  $e^t u(-t)$  (b)  $te^{-3t} u(t)$   
 (c)  $1/t$  (d)  $|t|u(t)$
- 17.2** The Fourier transform of  $e^{j2t}$  is:  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{2 + j\omega}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{-2 + j\omega}$   
 (c)  $2\pi\delta(\omega - 2)$  (d)  $2\pi\delta(\omega + 2)$
- 17.3** The inverse Fourier transform of  $\frac{e^{-j\omega}}{2 + j\omega}$  is  
 (a)  $e^{-2t}$  (b)  $e^{-2t} u(t - 1)$   
 (c)  $e^{-2(t-1)}$  (d)  $e^{-2(t-1)} u(t - 1)$
- 17.4** The inverse Fourier transform of  $\delta(\omega)$  is:  
 (a)  $\delta(t)$  (b)  $u(t)$  (c) 1 (d)  $1/2\pi$
- 17.5** The inverse Fourier transform of  $j\omega$  is:  
 (a)  $1/t$  (b)  $\delta'(t)$   
 (c)  $u'(t)$  (d) undefined
- 17.6** Evaluating the integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{10\delta(\omega)}{4 + \omega^2} d\omega$  results in:  
 (a) 0 (b) 2 (c) 2.5 (d)  $\infty$
- 17.7** The integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{10\delta(\omega - 1)}{4 + \omega^2} d\omega$  gives:  
 (a) 0 (b) 2 (c) 2.5 (d)  $\infty$
- 17.8** The current through a 1-F capacitor is  $\delta(t)$  A. The voltage across the capacitor is:  
 (a)  $u(t)$  (b)  $-1/2 + u(t)$   
 (c)  $e^{-t} u(t)$  (d)  $\delta(t)$
- 17.9** A unit step current is applied through a 1-H inductor. The voltage across the inductor is:  
 (a)  $u(t)$  (b)  $\text{sgn}(t)$   
 (c)  $e^{-t} u(t)$  (d)  $\delta(t)$
- 17.10** Parseval's theorem is only for nonperiodic functions.  
 (a) True (b) False

Answers: 17.1c, 17.2c, 17.3d, 17.4d, 17.5b, 17.6c, 17.7b, 17.8b, 17.9d, 17.10b

## PROBLEMS

### Sections 17.2 and 17.3 Fourier Transform and its Properties

- 17.1** Obtain the Fourier transform of the function in Fig. 17.26.

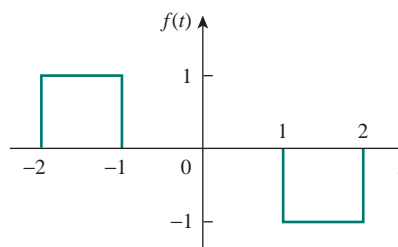


Figure 17.26 For Prob. 17.1.



- 17.2** What is the Fourier transform of the triangular pulse in Fig. 17.27?

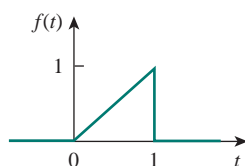


Figure 17.27 For Prob. 17.2.

- 17.3** Calculate the Fourier transform of the signal in Fig. 17.28.

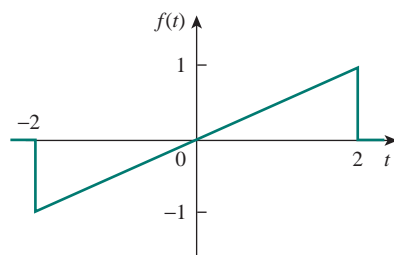


Figure 17.28 For Prob. 17.3.

- 17.4** Find the Fourier transforms of the signals in Fig. 17.29.

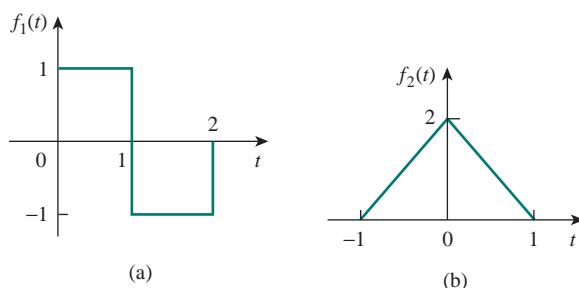


Figure 17.29 For Prob. 17.4.

- 17.5** Determine the Fourier transforms of the functions in Fig. 17.30.

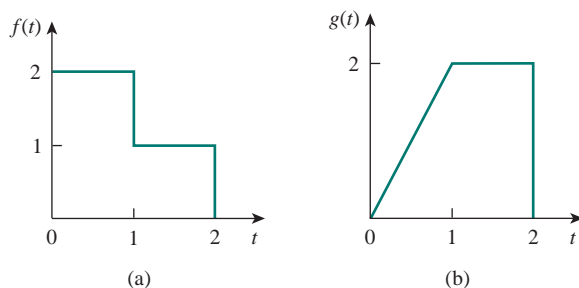


Figure 17.30 For Prob. 17.5.

- 17.6** Obtain the Fourier transforms of the signals shown in Fig. 17.31.

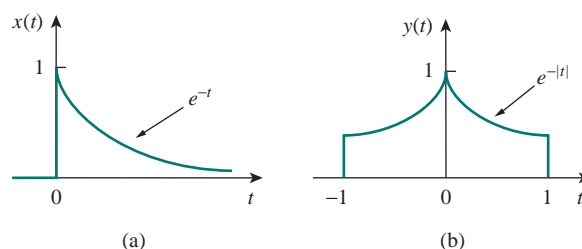


Figure 17.31 For Prob. 17.6.

- 17.7** Find the Fourier transform of the “sine-wave pulse” shown in Fig. 17.32.

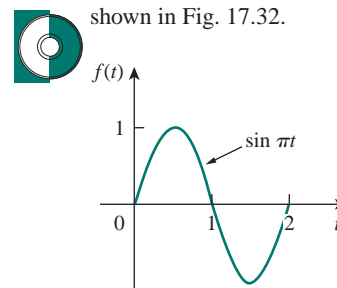


Figure 17.32 For Prob. 17.7.

- 17.8** Determine the Fourier transforms of these functions:

- (a)  $f(t) = e^t[u(t) - u(t-1)]$   
 (b)  $g(t) = te^{-t}u(t)$   
 (c)  $h(t) = u(t+1) - 2u(t) + u(t-1)$

- 17.9** Find the Fourier transforms of these functions:

- (a)  $f(t) = e^{-t} \cos(3t + \pi)u(t)$   
 (b)  $g(t) = \sin \pi t [u(t+1) - u(t-1)]$   
 (c)  $h(t) = e^{-2t} \cos \pi t u(t-1)$   
 (d)  $p(t) = e^{-2t} \sin 4t u(-t)$   
 (e)  $q(t) = 4 \operatorname{sgn}(t-2) + 3\delta(t) - 2u(t-2)$

- 17.10** Find the Fourier transforms of the following functions:

- (a)  $f(t) = \delta(t+3) - \delta(t-3)$   
 (b)  $f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2\delta(t-1) dt$   
 (c)  $f(t) = \delta(3t) - \delta'(2t)$

- \*17.11** Determine the Fourier transforms of these functions:

- (a)  $f(t) = 4/t^2$  (b)  $g(t) = 8/(4+t^2)$

- 17.12** Find the Fourier transforms of:

- (a)  $\cos 2tu(t)$  (b)  $\sin 10tu(t)$

- 17.13** Obtain the Fourier transform of  $y(t) = e^{-t} \cos tu(t)$ .

\*An asterisk indicates a challenging problem.

- 17.14** Find the Fourier transform of  $f(t) = \cos 2\pi t[u(t) - u(t-1)]$ .

- 17.15** (a) Show that a periodic signal with exponential Fourier series

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

has the Fourier transform

$$F(\omega) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \delta(\omega - n\omega_0)$$

where  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$ .

- (b) Find the Fourier transform of the signal in Fig. 17.33.

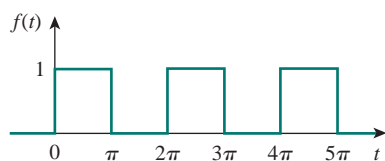


Figure 17.33 For Prob. 17.15(b).

- 17.16** Prove that if  $F(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t) \sin \omega_0 t] = \frac{j}{2}[F(\omega + \omega_0) - F(\omega - \omega_0)]$$

- 17.17** If the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  is

$$F(\omega) = \frac{10}{(2 + j\omega)(5 + j\omega)}$$

determine the transforms of the following:

- (a)  $f(-3t)$  (b)  $f(2t - 1)$  (c)  $f(t) \cos 2t$   
 (d)  $\frac{d}{dt} f(t)$  (e)  $\int_{-\infty}^t f(t) dt$

- 17.18** Given that  $\mathcal{F}[f(t)] = (j/\omega)(e^{-j\omega} - 1)$ , find the Fourier transforms of:

- (a)  $x(t) = f(t) + 3$  (b)  $y(t) = f(t - 2)$   
 (c)  $h(t) = f'(t)$   
 (d)  $g(t) = 4f(\frac{2}{3}t) + 10f(\frac{5}{3}t)$

- 17.19** Obtain the inverse Fourier transforms of:

- (a)  $F(\omega) = \frac{10}{j\omega(j\omega + 2)}$   
 (b)  $F(\omega) = \frac{4 - j\omega}{\omega^2 - 3j\omega - 2}$

- 17.20** Find the inverse Fourier transforms of the following functions:

- (a)  $F(\omega) = \frac{100}{j\omega(j\omega + 10)}$   
 (b)  $G(\omega) = \frac{10j\omega}{(-j\omega + 2)(\omega + 3)}$

(c)  $H(\omega) = \frac{60}{-\omega^2 + j40\omega + 1300}$

(d)  $Y(\omega) = \frac{\delta(\omega)}{(j\omega + 1)(j\omega + 2)}$

- 17.21** Find the inverse Fourier transforms of:

(a)  $\frac{\pi \delta(\omega)}{(5 + j\omega)(2 + j\omega)}$

(b)  $\frac{10\delta(\omega + 2)}{j\omega(j\omega + 1)}$

(c)  $\frac{20\delta(\omega - 1)}{(2 + j\omega)(3 + j\omega)}$

(d)  $\frac{5\pi \delta(\omega)}{5 + j\omega} + \frac{5}{j\omega(5 + j\omega)}$

- \*17.22** Determine the inverse Fourier transforms of:

- (a)  $F(\omega) = 4\delta(\omega + 3) + \delta(\omega) + 4\delta(\omega - 3)$   
 (b)  $G(\omega) = 4u(\omega + 2) - 4u(\omega - 2)$   
 (c)  $H(\omega) = 6 \cos 2\omega$

- \*17.23** Determine the functions corresponding to the following Fourier transforms:

- (a)  $F_1(\omega) = \frac{e^{j\omega}}{-j\omega + 1}$  (b)  $F_2(\omega) = 2e^{|\omega|}$   
 (c)  $F_3(\omega) = \frac{1}{(1 + \omega^2)^2}$  (d)  $F_4(\omega) = \frac{\delta(\omega)}{1 + j2\omega}$

- \*17.24** Find  $f(t)$  if:

- (a)  $F(\omega) = 2 \sin \pi \omega [u(\omega + 1) - u(\omega - 1)]$   
 (b)  $F(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega}(\sin 2\omega - \sin \omega) + \frac{j}{\omega}(\cos 2\omega - \cos \omega)$

- 17.25** Determine the signal  $f(t)$  whose Fourier transform is shown in Fig. 17.34.  
 (Hint: Use the duality property.)

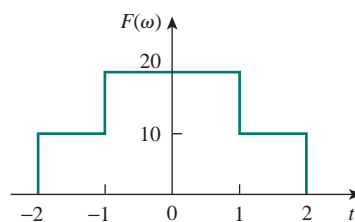


Figure 17.34 For Prob. 17.25.

## Section 4 Circuit Applications

- 17.26** A linear system has a transfer function

$$H(\omega) = \frac{10}{2 + j\omega}$$

Determine the output  $v_o(t)$  at  $t = 2$  s if the input  $v_i(t)$  equals:

- (a)  $4\delta(t)$  V (b)  $6e^{-t}u(t)$  V (c)  $3 \cos 2t$  V

- 17.27** Find the transfer function  $I_o(\omega)/I_s(\omega)$  for the circuit in Fig. 17.35.

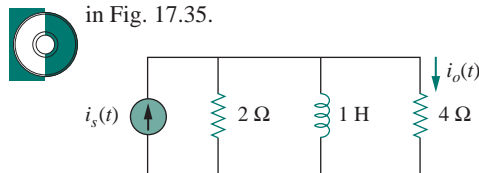


Figure 17.35 For Prob. 17.27.

- 17.28** Obtain  $v_o(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 17.36 when  $v_i(t) = u(t)$  V.

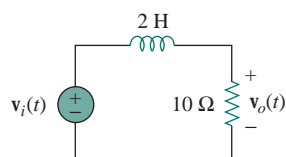


Figure 17.36 For Prob. 17.28.

- 17.29** Determine the current  $i(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 17.37(b), given the voltage source shown in Fig. 17.37(a).

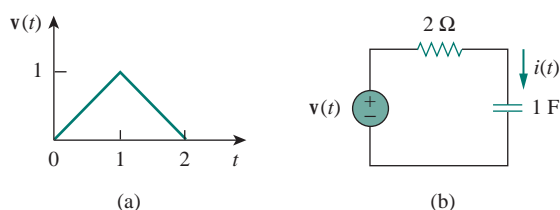


Figure 17.37 For Prob. 17.29.

- 17.30** Obtain the current  $i_o(t)$  in the circuit in Fig. 17.38.

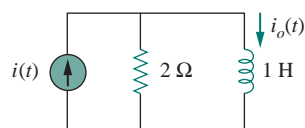
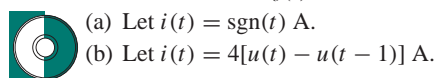


Figure 17.38 For Prob. 17.30.

- 17.31** Find current  $i_o(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 17.39.

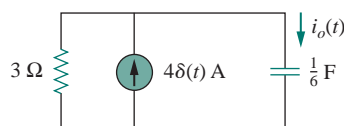


Figure 17.39 For Prob. 17.31.

- 17.32** If the rectangular pulse in Fig. 17.40(a) is applied to the circuit in Fig. 17.40(b), find  $v_o$  at  $t = 1$  s.

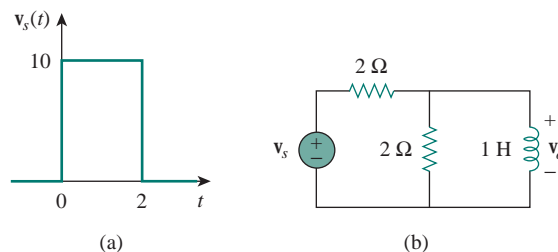


Figure 17.40 For Prob. 17.32.

- \*17.33** Calculate  $v_o(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 17.41 if  $v_s(t) = 10e^{-|t|}$  V.

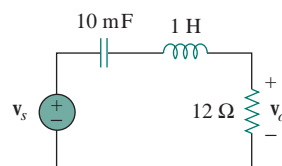


Figure 17.41 For Prob. 17.33.

- 17.34** Determine the Fourier transform of  $i_o(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 17.42.

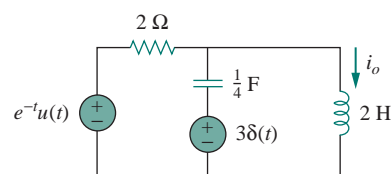


Figure 17.42 For Prob. 17.34.

- 17.35** In the circuit of Fig. 17.43, let  $i_s = 4\delta(t)$  A. Find  $V_o(\omega)$ .

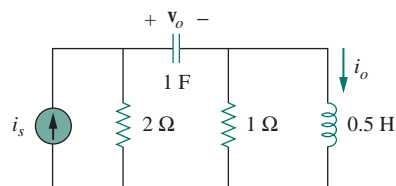


Figure 17.43 For Prob. 17.35.

- 17.36 Find  $i_o(t)$  in the op amp circuit of Fig. 17.44.

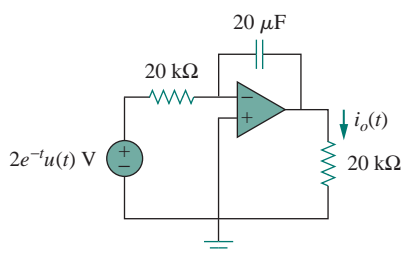


Figure 17.44 For Prob. 17.36.

- 17.37 Use the Fourier transform method to obtain  $v_o(t)$  in the circuit of Fig. 17.45.

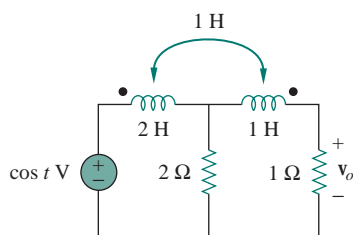


Figure 17.45 For Prob. 17.37.

- 17.38 Determine  $v_o(t)$  in the transformer circuit of Fig. 17.46.

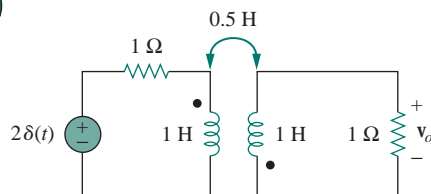


Figure 17.46 For Prob. 17.38.

### Section 5 Parseval's Theorem

- 17.39 For  $F(\omega) = \frac{1}{3 + j\omega}$ , find  $J = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t) dt$ .
- 17.40 If  $f(t) = e^{-2|t|}$ , find  $J = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega$ .

- 17.41 Given the signal  $f(t) = 4e^{-t}u(t)$ , what is the total energy in  $f(t)$ ?

- 17.42 Let  $f(t) = 5e^{-(t-2)}u(t)$ . Find  $F(\omega)$  and use it to find the total energy in  $f(t)$ .

- 17.43 A voltage source  $v_s(t) = e^{-t} \sin 2t u(t)$  V is applied to a 1-Ω resistor. Calculate the energy delivered to the resistor.

- 17.44 Let  $i(t) = 2e^t u(-t)$  A. Find the total energy carried by  $i(t)$  and the percentage of the 1-Ω energy in the frequency range of  $-5 < \omega < 5$  rad/s.

### Section 6 Applications 17.45 An

AM signal is specified by

$$f(t) = 10(1 + 4 \cos 200\pi t) \cos \pi \times 10^4 t$$

Determine the following:

- the carrier frequency,
- the lower sideband frequency,
- the upper sideband frequency.

- 17.46 A carrier wave of frequency 8 MHz is amplitude-modulated by a 5-kHz signal. Determine the lower and upper sidebands.

- 17.47 A voice signal occupying the frequency band of 0.4 to 3.5 kHz is used to amplitude-modulate a 10-MHz carrier. Determine the range of frequencies for the lower and upper sidebands.

- 17.48 For a given locality, calculate the number of stations allowable in the AM broadcasting band (540 to 1600 kHz) without interference with one another.

- 17.49 Repeat the previous problem for the FM broadcasting band (88 to 108 MHz), assuming that the carrier frequencies are spaced 200 kHz apart.

- 17.50 The highest-frequency component of a voice signal is 3.4 kHz. What is the Nyquist rate of the sampler of the voice signal?

- 17.51 A TV signal is band-limited to 4.5 MHz. If samples are to be reconstructed at a distant point, what is the maximum sampling interval allowable?

- \*17.52 Given a signal  $g(t) = \text{sinc}(200\pi t)$ , find the Nyquist rate and the Nyquist interval for the signal.

## COMPREHENSIVE PROBLEMS

- 17.53 The voltage signal at the input of a filter is  $v(t) = 50e^{-2|t|}$  V. What percentage of the total 1-Ω energy content lies in the frequency range of  $1 < \omega < 5$  rad/s?

- 17.54 A signal with Fourier transform

$$F(\omega) = \frac{20}{4 + j\omega}$$

is passed through a filter whose cutoff frequency is 2 rad/s (i.e.,  $0 < \omega < 2$ ). What fraction of the energy in the input signal is contained in the output signal?

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