

## Signal classification

- many ways in which signal may be classified, i.e. periodic, when  $x(t) = x(t + T)$ , where the smallest value of  $T$  defines the period
- we can also classify signals as either energy or power signals
- energy signals
  - non-zero and finite total dissipated energy,  $E$
  - usually exist for a finite interval of time or have most of their energy concentrated in a finite interval of time
$$0 \leq E < \infty, \quad E = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2(t) dt$$
- power signals
  - non-zero and finite average delivered power,  $P$
  - an example is the unit step function  $u(t)$  and a periodic signal of period  $T$  such as  $x(t) = \sin(2\pi t / T)$
$$0 \leq P < \infty \quad P = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T x^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x^2(t) dt$$

### Example

Find the energy in the decaying exponential signal  $x_1(t) = 5\exp(-2t)$  if  $t \geq 0$  and  $x_1(t) = 0$  if  $t < 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy} &= \int_0^{\infty} x_1^2 dt = \int_0^{\infty} 25 \exp(-4t) dt = -\frac{25}{4} \left[ \exp(-4t) \right]_0^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{25}{4} \end{aligned}$$

## Fourier series

### Trigonometric Fourier series

- we can represent any finite power periodic signal  $x(t)$  with a period  $T$  as a sum of sine and cosine waves:

$$x(t) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + B_n \sin(n\omega_0 t)$$

- fundamental frequency:

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi/T \text{ rad/s or } 1/T \text{ Hz}$$

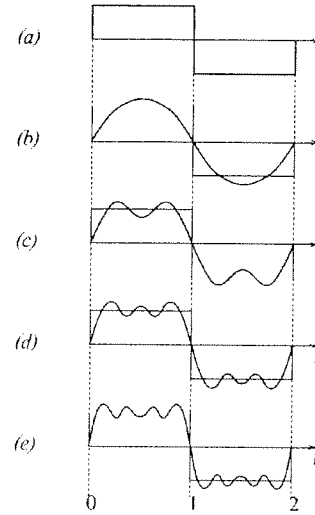
- harmonics are generally found at  $2/T$  Hz,  $3/T$  Hz ... according to Fourier coefficients:

$$A_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(n\omega_0 t) dt \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \sin(n\omega_0 t) dt \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

#### Example

Evaluate the Fourier series of the square wave (a)



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The period  $T$  of the square wave = 2s  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{2}$

=  $\pi$

$$A_n = \int_0^2 x(t) \cos(n\pi t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \cos(n\pi t) dt - \int_1^2 \cos(n\pi t) dt$$

= 0

$$B_n = \int_0^2 x(t) \sin(n\pi t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi t) dt - \int_1^2 \sin(n\pi t) dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos(n\pi))$$

For even values of  $n$  the  $B$  coeffs are also zero

$\therefore$  The trigonometric Fourier series representation of the waveform is

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

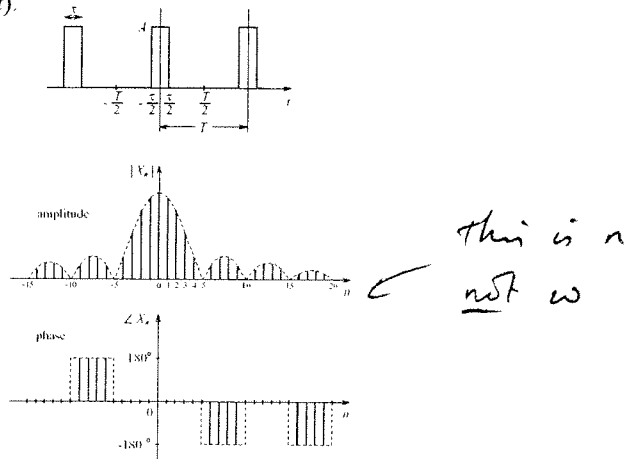
$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \sin(\pi t) + 0 + \frac{4}{3\pi} \sin(3\pi t) + 0 + \frac{4}{5\pi} \sin(5\pi t) + \dots$$

## Discrete-time Fourier transform

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#### Example

Derive an expression for the complex Fourier coefficient,  $X_n$ , associated with the periodic signal  $x(t)$ :



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$$X_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} x(t) \exp(-jn\omega_0 t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} A \exp(-jn\omega_0 t) dt$$

$$= \frac{-A}{jn\omega_0 T} \left[ \exp\left(-jn\omega_0 \frac{\tau}{2}\right) - \exp\left(jn\omega_0 \frac{\tau}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{A\tau}{T} \frac{\sin(n\omega_0 \tau/2)}{n\omega_0 \tau/2}$$

## Orthogonality

- we already looked at the concept of orthogonality last time (i.e. QR decomposition and Gram-Schmidt)
- the Fourier series is an orthogonal expansion

we say two signals  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$  are orthogonal if  $\frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_1(t) f_2(t) dt = 0$

and for the complex Fourier series the basis functions are mutually orthogonal:

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \exp(jn\omega_0 t) \exp^*(jm\omega_0 t) dt = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = n \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \end{cases}$$

### Example

Calculate the power in the simple periodic signal  $x(t)$  where:

$$x(t) = a_1 \sin(\omega_0 t) + a_2 \sin(2\omega_0 t)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x^2(t) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T a_1^2 \sin^2(\omega_0 t) dt + \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T a_1 a_2 \sin(\omega_0 t) \sin(2\omega_0 t) dt + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T a_2^2 \sin^2(2\omega_0 t) dt \\
 &= \frac{a_1^2}{2} + \frac{a_2^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(they're orthogonal!)

Therefore we have

$$X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \exp(-j\omega t) dt$$

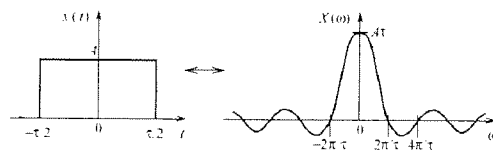
$$x(t) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} X_n \exp(jn\omega_0 t) \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) \exp(j\omega t) d\omega$$

and we can represent most finite energy signal in this way

### Example

Evaluate the Fourier transform of the finite energy signal  $x(t)$



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$$X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \exp(-j\omega t) dt$$

$$= A \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} \exp(-j\omega t) dt = A \left[ \frac{-1}{j\omega} \exp(-j\omega t) \right]_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2}$$

$$= A \left[ -\frac{1}{j\omega} \exp(-j\omega \frac{\tau}{2}) + \frac{1}{j\omega} \exp(j\omega \frac{\tau}{2}) \right]$$

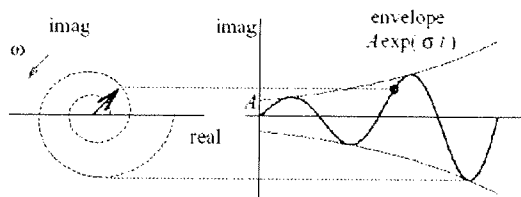
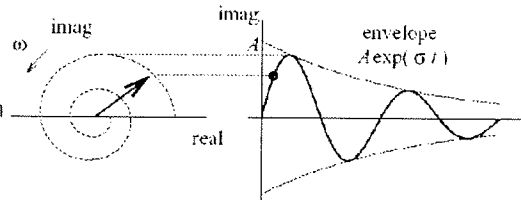
$$= \frac{A\tau \sin(\omega\tau/2)}{\omega\tau/2} = A\tau \text{sinc}(x)$$

## Applicability and physical interpretation

- the basis functions of the Laplace transform are growing or decaying complex phasors

$$A \exp(st) = A \exp(\sigma t) \cos(\omega t) + j A \exp(\sigma t) \sin(\omega t)$$

- the signal  $x(t)$  has components with
  - frequency  $\omega$
  - magnitude  $|X(s)| d\omega / (2\pi)$
  - growth or decay determined by  $\sigma$
  - phase  $\angle X(s)$



### Example

Evaluate the Laplace transform of a one-sided signal  $x(t) = \exp(-\alpha t)$

$$X(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-\alpha t) \exp(-st) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-(s+\alpha)t) dt$$

$$= \frac{-1}{s+\alpha} \left[ \exp(-(s+\alpha)t) \right]_0^{\infty}$$

then provided that  $\text{Re}(s) = \sigma > -\alpha$

the function  $\exp(-(s+\alpha)t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore X(s) = \frac{1}{s+\alpha}$$

## Transform analysis of linear systems

### Linear ordinary differential equations

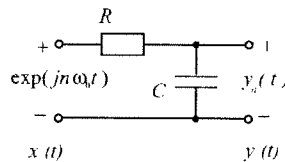
- many linear systems can be modelled with linear ordinary differential equations

$$a_0 y + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + \dots + a_n \frac{d^n y}{dt^n} = b_0 x + b_1 \frac{dx}{dt} + \dots + b_m \frac{d^m x}{dt^m}$$

where the input,  $x(t)$ , defines the output,  $y(t)$ , according to system parameters  $a_0 \dots a_n$  and  $b_0 \dots b_m$

#### Example

Evaluate the response  $y_n(t)$  of the following circuit to  $n^{\text{th}}$  harmonic, i.e. the complex phasor  $\exp(jn\omega_0 t)$



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Using Kirchhoff's laws (2nd law - algebraic sum of voltage drops around any closed loop = 0)  
The system can be described by the differential equation

$$\frac{1}{a_0} y_n(t) + \frac{RC}{a_1} \frac{dy_n}{dt} = \frac{1}{b_0} \exp(j\omega_0 t)$$

Transient response due to initial condition will have decayed to zero long ago

Assume a solution of the form  $y_n(t) = K \exp(j\omega_0 t)$

$$a_0 K \exp(j\omega_0 t) + a_1 K (j\omega_0) \exp(j\omega_0 t) = b_0 \exp(j\omega_0 t)$$

$$\therefore K = \frac{b_0}{a_0 + a_1 j\omega_0}$$

$$\therefore \text{the response } y_n(t) = \frac{b_0}{a_0 + a_1 j\omega_0} \exp(j\omega_0 t)$$

## Laplace transfer function

- defined in the same way as for the Fourier transfer function

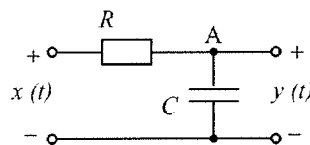
$$H_s = \frac{L[\text{output}]}{L[\text{input}]} = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$$

and completely specifies system characteristics

- with knowledge of the transfer function we can calculate the response of the system to any input

### Example

Evaluate the transfer function of the following circuit:



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$$\frac{x(t) - y(t)}{R} = C \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{x(t)}{R} = C \frac{dy}{dt} + y(t)$$

& taking Laplace transforms

$$\frac{X(s)}{R} = C \{ sY(s) - Y(0^-) \} + \frac{Y(s)}{R}$$

& assume  $Y(0^-) = 0$

$$\frac{X(s)}{R} = \left\{ Cs + \frac{1}{R} \right\} Y(s)$$

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + RCs}$$

but from  $K = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega_0 RC}$

↑  
response to the  
n<sup>th</sup> harmonic.