

# Linear Combinations of Two Signals

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A signal  $g(t)$  that is a linear combination of two periodic signals  $x_1(t)$  with fundamental period  $T_1$  and  $x_2(t)$  with fundamental period  $T_2$

$$g(t) = ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)$$

is periodic iff

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} \times \frac{m}{n} = \text{rational number}$$

The **fundamental period** of  $g(t)$  is given by  $nT_1 = mT_2$  provided that the values of  $m$  and  $n$  are chosen such that the greatest common divisor (gcd) between  $m$  and  $n$  is 1.

Example: Determine if the ff signals are periodic. If yes, determine the fundamental period

a)  $g_1(t) = 3 \sin(\frac{4\pi}{3}t) + 7 \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3}t)$

b)  $g_2(t) = 3 \sin(4\pi t) + 7 \cos(10t)$

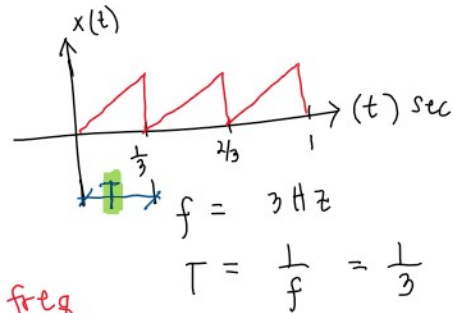
c)  $x_1(t) = \sin 10\pi t$   $T = \frac{1}{5}$  periodic

d)  $x_2(t) = \sin 20\pi t$   $T = \frac{1}{10}$  periodic

e)  $x_3(t) = \sin 3t$   $T = \frac{2\pi}{3}$  not periodic

f)  $x_4(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$

g)  $x_5(t) = x_1(t) + x_3(t)$

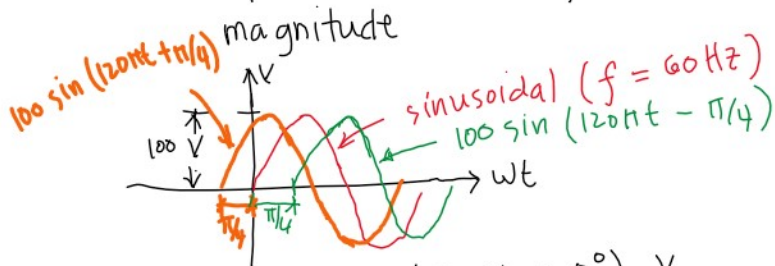


$\omega = \text{angular freq}$   
 $\boxed{\omega = 2\pi f}$

general eqn for a sine/cosine wave

$$v = V_m \sin(\omega t + \theta)$$

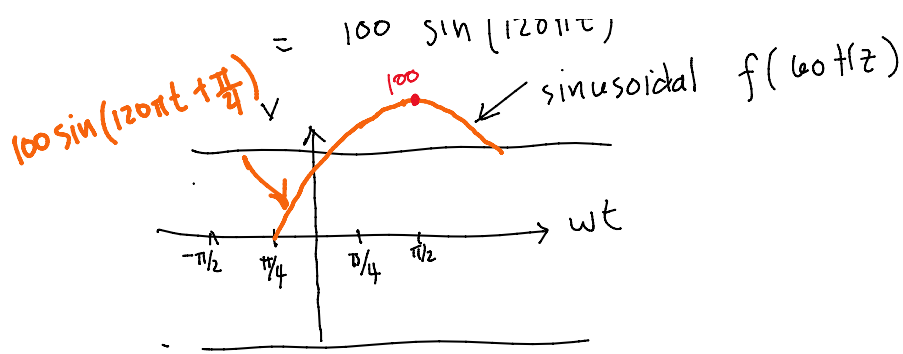
$\uparrow$  magnitude  $\downarrow 2\pi f$   $\uparrow$  phase angle



$$v = 100 \sin(120\pi t + 0^\circ) \text{ V}$$

$$= 100 \sin(120\pi t)$$

$100 \sin(120\pi t + \pi/4)$   $\swarrow$   $100$   $\swarrow$  sinusoidal  $f(60 \text{ Hz})$



a)  $g_1(t) = 3 \sin(\underbrace{4\pi t}_{\omega_1}) + 7 \cos(\underbrace{3\pi t}_{\omega_2})$

$\omega = 2\pi f$  ;  $T = \frac{1}{f}$  ;  $f = \frac{1}{T}$

$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

$\therefore T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$

$T_1 = \frac{2\pi}{4\pi}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}$

$T_2 = \frac{2\pi}{3\pi}$   
 $= \frac{2}{3}$

$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{1/2}{2/3}$

$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{3}{4} \therefore$  periodic

$4T_1 = 3T_2$

$4T_1 = 4(\frac{1}{2}) = 2s$

$3T_2 = 3(\frac{2}{3}) = 2s$

b)  $g_2(t) = 3 \sin(\underbrace{4\pi t}_{\omega_1}) + 7 \cos(\underbrace{10t}_{\omega_2})$

$T_1 = \frac{2\pi}{4\pi}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}$

$T_2 = \frac{2\pi}{10}$   
 $= \pi/5$

$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$

$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{1/2}{\pi/5} = \frac{5}{2\pi}$

not a rational fraction  
 $\therefore$  not periodic

c)

$$\begin{aligned} f) x_4(t) &= x_1(t) + x_2(t) \\ &= \sin(\underbrace{10\pi t}_{\omega_1}) + \sin(\underbrace{20\pi t}_{\omega_2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= \frac{2\pi}{10\pi} & T_2 &= \frac{2\pi}{20\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} & &= \frac{1}{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{1/5}{1/10}$$

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{2}{1}$$

$\therefore$  periodic  $T_4 = \frac{1}{5} \text{ s}$

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= 2 T_2 \\ \frac{1}{5} &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{10} \right) \approx \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$T_1 = \frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad T_2 = \frac{2\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{\pi/2}{\pi/4} = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{\pi} = 2 \quad \begin{array}{l} T_1 = 2 T_2 \\ \hline \therefore T = \pi/2 \end{array}$$