

Fourier Series

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Abstract—This manual provides a simple introduction to Fourier Series

1 PERIODIC FUNCTION

Let

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

1.1 Plot $x(t)$.

Solution:

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

A = 12
f = 50
t = np.linspace(0, 2/f, 1000)
plt.plot(t, np.abs(A*np.sin(2*np.pi*f*t)))
plt.grid()
plt.xlabel('t')
plt.ylabel('x(t)')
plt.show
```

This code plots $x(t)$ in Fig. (1.1).

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

Solution: From Fig. (1.1), we see that $x(t)$ is periodic. Further,

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

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

$$= A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| \quad (1.4)$$

Hence the period of $x(t)$ is $\frac{1}{f_0}$.

2 FOURIER SERIES

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

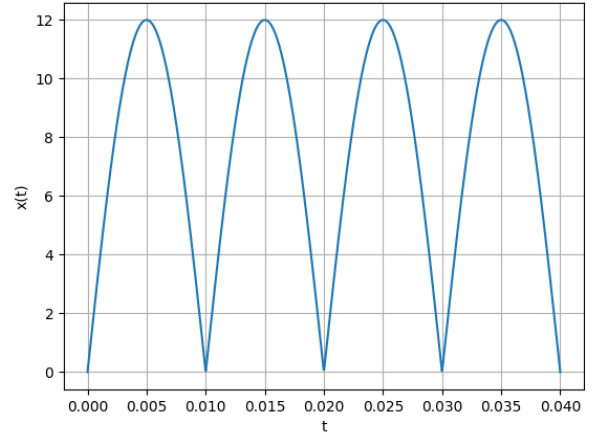


Fig. 1.1: $x(t)$

2.1 If

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

show that

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

Solution: We have for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

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

But we know from the periodicity of $e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$,

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{f_0} \delta(k) \quad (2.4)$$

Thus,

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} x(t) e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t} dt = \frac{c_n}{f_0} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_n = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} x(t) e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t} dt \quad (2.6)$$

2.2 Find c_k for (1.1)

Solution: Using (2.2),

$$c_n = f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t} dt \quad (2.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) dt \\ &+ j f_0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2f_0}}^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 |\sin(2\pi f_0 t)| \sin(2\pi n f_0 t) dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

$$= 2f_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} A_0 \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \cos(2\pi n f_0 t) dt \quad (2.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= f_0 A_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} (\sin(2\pi(n+1)f_0 t)) dt \\ &- f_0 A_0 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2f_0}} (\sin(2\pi(n-1)f_0 t)) dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

$$= A_0 \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n-1} \right) \quad (2.11)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{2A_0}{\pi(1-n^2)} & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

2.3 Verify (2.1) using python.

Solution:

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

A = 12
f = 50
N = 1000
t = np.linspace(0, 4/f, N)
B = np.ones(N) + 1j*np.zeros(N)

def acc_cos(k):
    global B
    acc = (np.exp(-1j*2*np.pi*f*k*t) + np.
           exp(1j*2*np.pi*f*k*t))/(1 - k**2)
    B += acc

acc_vec = np.vectorize(acc_cos, otypes=['double'])
K = np.linspace(2, 100, 50)
acc_vec(K)
plt.plot(t, np.abs(A*np.sin(2*np.pi*f*t)))
plt.plot(t, 2*A*B/np.pi, '.')
```

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plt.legend(['Analysis', 'Simulation'])
plt.grid()
plt.xlabel('t')
plt.ylabel('x(t)')
plt.show
```

This code verifies (2.13).

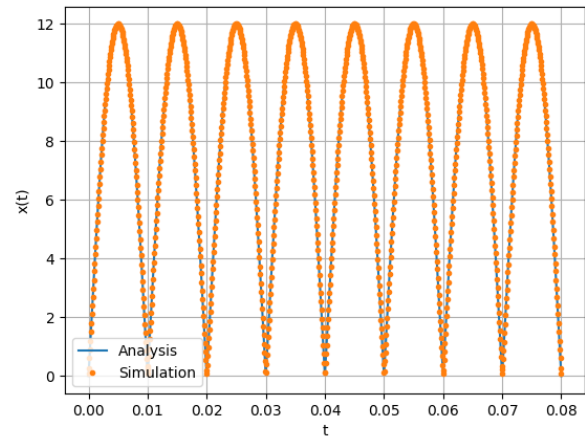


Fig. 2.3: Verification of (2.1).

2.4 Show that

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (a_k \cos j2\pi k f_0 t + b_k \sin j2\pi k f_0 t) \quad (2.13)$$

and obtain the formulae for a_k and b_k .

Solution: From (2.1),

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (2.14)$$

$$= c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} + c_{-k} e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (2.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_k + c_{-k}) \cos(2\pi k f_0 t) \\ &+ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (c_k - c_{-k}) \sin(2\pi k f_0 t) \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Hence, for $k \geq 0$,

$$a_k = \begin{cases} c_0 & k = 0 \\ c_k + c_{-k} & k > 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.17)$$

$$b_k = c_k - c_{-k} \quad (2.18)$$

2.5 Find a_k and b_k for (1.1)

Solution: From (2.1), we see that since $x(t)$ is even,

$$x(-t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (2.19)$$

$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{-k} e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (2.20)$$

$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad (2.21)$$

where we substitute $k \mapsto -k$ in (2.20). Hence, we see that $c_k = c_{-k}$. So, from (2.18) and for $k \geq 0$,

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{2A_0}{\pi} & k = 0 \\ \frac{4A_0}{\pi(1-k^2)} & k > 0, k \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.22)$$

$$b_k = 0 \quad (2.23)$$

2.6 Verify (2.13) using python.

Solution:

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

A = 12
f = 50
N = 1000
t = np.linspace(0, 4/f, N)
B = np.ones(N)*2*A/np.pi

def acc_cos(k):
    global B
    acc = 4*A*np.cos(2*np.pi*f*k*t)/(np.pi
        *(1 - k**2))
    B += acc

acc_vec = np.vectorize(acc_cos, otypes=['
    double'])
K = np.linspace(2, 100, 50)
acc_vec(K)
plt.plot(t, np.abs(A*np.sin(2*np.pi*f*t)))
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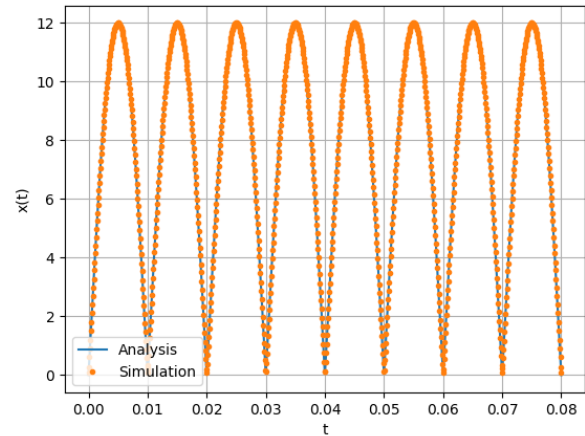


Fig. 2.6: Verification of (2.13).