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**AMPLITUDE LINEARITY**

*Magical  $\alpha$*

The output always changes with the same factor times by the change in the input, i.e.,

$$V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) = a(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$$

where  $a$  is the proportional constant (gain).

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## AMPLITUDE LINEARITY

### Ratio

The output always changes with the same factor times by the change in the input, i.e.,

$$(V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) / (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0)) = \alpha$$

where  $\alpha$  is the proportional constant (gain).

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## Q1

### Sharp Eyes

If the following input ( $V_{in}$ ) and output ( $V_{out}$ ) relationships exist for different measurement systems, indicate whether each is linear or nonlinear and explain why:

- a)  $V_{out}(t) = 5V_{in}(t);$
- b)  $V_{out}(t)/V_{in}(t) = 5t;$
- c)  $V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + 5;$
- d)  $V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + V_{in}(t);$
- e)  $V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) * V_{in}(t);$
- f)  $V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + 10t;$
- g)  $V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + \sin(5)$
- h) If  $(V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) = \alpha(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$ , what will be the relation between  $W_{out}(t) = \beta V_{out}(t) + C$  and  $V_{in}(t)$ ?



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## ANSWER TO Q1

a)  $V_{out}(t) = 5V_{in}(t)$ : Linear or Non-linear?

Answer:  $\alpha = 5$ ,  $\rightarrow$  Linear

Question: what are  $V_{out}(0)$  and  $V_{in}(0)$ ?

$\rightarrow$  Linear

Answer: Do not really matter:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) &= 5V_{in}(t) - 5V_{in}(0) \\ &= 5(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0)) \end{aligned}$$

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## ANSWER TO Q1

b)  $V_{out}(t)/V_{in}(t) = 5t$ : Linear or Non-linear?

Do we have an  $\alpha$  existing?

Answer:  $V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) = 5t(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$

$\alpha = 5t$  is a function of  $t$ , not a constant

$\rightarrow$  Non-linear

Note: Any constant  $C \neq 0$ ,  $V_{out}(t)/V_{in}(t) = Ct \rightarrow$  Non-linear

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## ANSWER TO Q1

$$c) V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + 5;$$

$$\text{Answer: } V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) = V_{in}(t) + 5 - (V_{in}(0) + 5) = 1 * (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$$

$$\alpha = 1 \text{ is a constant} \rightarrow \text{Linear}$$

$$\text{Note: Any constant } C, V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + C \rightarrow \text{Linear}$$

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## ANSWER TO Q1

$$d) V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + V_{in}(t);$$

$$\text{Answer: } V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) = V_{in}(t) + V_{in}(t) - (V_{in}(0) + V_{in}(0)) = 2 * (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$$

$$\alpha = 2 \text{ is a constant} \rightarrow \text{Linear}$$

$$\text{Note: Any constant } C, V_{out}(t) = C V_{in}(t) \rightarrow \text{Linear}$$

$$V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + V_{in}(t), \rightarrow \text{Linear}$$

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## ANSWER TO Q1

$$e) V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) * V_{in}(t);$$

$$\text{Answer: } V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) = V_{in}(t) * V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0) * V_{in}(0)$$

Proof by  
contradiction

Assume, we have a constant  $\alpha$  so that

→ Mostly Non-linear

$$V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) = \alpha * (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$$

$$V_{in}(t) * V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0) * V_{in}(0) = \alpha * (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$$

$$V_{in}(t) * V_{in}(t) - \alpha V_{in}(t) + (\alpha V_{in}(0) - V_{in}(0) * V_{in}(0)) = 0$$

$$D = \alpha * \alpha - 4 * (\alpha V_{in}(0) - V_{in}(0) * V_{in}(0))$$

$$V_{in}(t) = (\alpha \pm \sqrt{D}) / 2$$

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## ANSWER TO Q1

$$\text{Note: Any constant } C, V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + C \quad \rightarrow \text{Linear}$$

$$f) V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + 10t;$$

$$\text{Answer: } V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) = V_{in}(t) + 10t - (V_{in}(0) + 10*0) = (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0)) + 10t$$

Usually, we do not have a constant  $\alpha$

→ Non-linear

$$\text{Note: Any constant } C, V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + Ct$$

→ Non-linear

Assume, we have a constant  $\alpha$  so that

$$V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0) = \alpha * (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$$

$$V_{in}(t) + Ct - V_{in}(0) - C0 = \alpha * (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$$

$$V_{in}(t) * (1 - \alpha) = V_{in}(0) + C0 - Ct - \alpha V_{in}(0)$$

$$V_{in}(t) = (V_{in}(0) + C0 - Ct - \alpha V_{in}(0)) / (1 - \alpha)$$

Proof by  
contradiction

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## ANSWER TO Q1

$$g) V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + C;$$

Note: Any constant  $C$ ,  $V_{out}(t) = V_{in}(t) + C \rightarrow \text{Linear}$

Answer:  $C = \sin(5)$ ,  $\rightarrow \text{Linear}$

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## ANSWER TO Q1

## Generalization &amp; Inheritance

h) If we have amplitude linearity wave  $V_{out}(t)$  and  $V_{in}(t)$ :  $(V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) = \alpha(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$ ,

What will be the relation between  $W_{out}(t)$  and  $W_{in}(t)$ :  $W_{out}(t) = \beta V_{out}(t) + C$  and  $W_{in}(t) = \beta V_{in}(t) + C$ ?

$$(V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) = \alpha(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0)),$$

$$W_{out}(t) = \beta V_{out}(t) + C$$

$$W_{out}(t) - W_{out}(0) = \beta V_{out}(t) + C - \beta V_{out}(0) - C = \beta (V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) = \alpha \beta (V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$$

$$W_{out}(t) - W_{out}(0) = \alpha(\beta V_{in}(t) + C - \beta V_{in}(0) - C) = \alpha(W_{in}(t) - W_{in}(0))$$

$W_{out}(t)$  and  $W_{in}(t)$  are Linear related

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## ANSWER TO Q1

## Mathematic Reasoning

- 1) *Proof by contradiction*
- 2) *Find a solution: Existing & but Unique?*

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## ANSWER TO Q1

## Uniqueness

h) If  $(V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) = \alpha(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$ , and  $(V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) = \beta(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0)) \rightarrow \alpha = \beta$

Since  $(V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) = \alpha(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$ , and  $(V_{out}(t) - V_{out}(0)) = \beta(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$

We have  $\alpha(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0)) = \beta(V_{in}(t) - V_{in}(0))$

Thus  $(\alpha - \beta)V_{in}(t) = (\alpha - \beta)V_{in}(0)$

If  $\alpha \neq \beta$ ,  $V_{in}(t) = V_{in}(0)$

Therefore  $\alpha = \beta$

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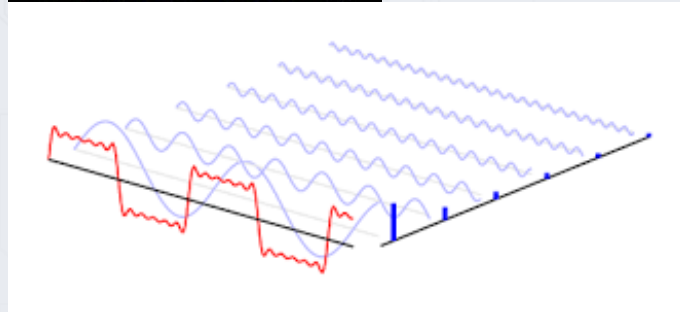
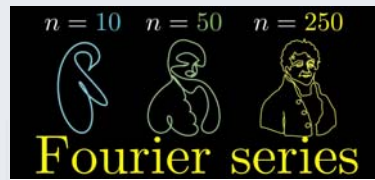
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## Q2

## Complexity vs Simplicity



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## Q2

What is the Fourier series and fundamental frequencies (in Hertz) and amplitudes of the following waveforms?

- a)  $F(t) = 5 \sin(2\pi t)$ .
- b)  $F(t) = 5 \cos(2\pi t)$
- c)  $F(t) = -5 \sin(2\pi t)$

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## FOURIER SERIES REPRESENTATION OF SIGNALS

The Fourier series representation of a periodical waveform  $f(t)$  is

$$F(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(n\omega_0 t)$$

where

$C_0$  is the DC component of the signal, and the average value of the waveform over its period

$\omega_0$  is the fundamental or first (lowest) harmonic frequency defined as

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f_0$$

$f_0$  is fundamental frequency in Hertz (Hz).

$T$  is period

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## ANSWER TO Q2

$$F(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(n\omega_0 t)$$

	Term	Fundamental frequency	Amplitude	Remark
$F(t)=5\sin(2\pi t)$	$n=1$	$f_0=\omega_0/2\pi=2\pi/2\pi=1\text{Hz}$	5	$F(t)=5\cos(2\pi t-\pi/2)$
$F(t) = 5\cos(2\pi t)$	$n=1$	$f_0=\omega_0/2\pi=2\pi/2\pi=1\text{Hz}$	5	
$F(t) = -5\cos(2\pi t)$	$n=1$	$f_0=\omega_0/2\pi=2\pi/2\pi=1\text{Hz}$	5	Amplitude is the absolute value

**Innovation: Complex → Simple**

**Learning: Simple → Complex**

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## Peak Amplitude

- In audio system measurements, telecommunications and other areas where the measured is a signal that swings above and below a zero value but is not sinusoidal, peak amplitude is often used.
- This is the maximum absolute value of the signal.

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## Peak-to-peak Amplitude

- Peak-to-peak amplitude is the change between peak (highest amplitude value) and trough (lowest amplitude value, which can be negative).
- With appropriate circuitry, peak-to-peak amplitudes of electric oscillations can be measured by meters or by viewing the waveform on an oscilloscope.

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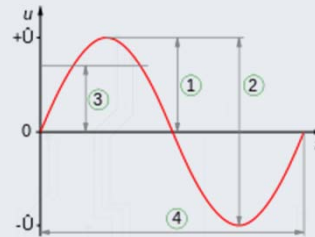
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## Peak Amplitude or Peak-to-peak Amplitude

A sinusoidal curve

(1): Peak amplitude

(2): Peak-to-peak amplitude



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## Q3

### Usefulness

The power we use at home has a frequency of 60 Hz. What is the period of this sine wave?

Answer:  $0.0166\text{s} = 16.6\text{ms}$

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## ANSWER TO Q3

The power we use at home has a frequency of 60 Hz. The period of this sine wave can be determined as follows:

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{60} = 0.0166 \text{ s} = 0.0166 \times 10^3 \text{ ms} = 16.6 \text{ ms}$$

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## UNITS OF PERIOD AND FREQUENCY

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Equivalent</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Equivalent</i>
Seconds (s)	1 s	Hertz (Hz)	1 Hz
Milliseconds (ms)	$10^{-3}$ s	Kilohertz (kHz)	$10^3$ Hz
Microseconds ( $\mu$ s)	$10^{-6}$ s	Megahertz (MHz)	$10^6$ Hz
Nanoseconds (ns)	$10^{-9}$ s	Gigahertz (GHz)	$10^9$ Hz
Picoseconds (ps)	$10^{-12}$ s	Terahertz (THz)	$10^{12}$ Hz

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## Q4

For the Fourier series given by

$$y(t) = 4 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2n\pi}{10} \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} t + \frac{120n\pi}{30} \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} t \right)$$

where  $t$  is the time in seconds,

- What is the fundamental frequency in hertz and radians per second,  $\text{rad s}^{-1}$ ?
- What is the period  $T$  associated with the fundamental frequency?
- Express this Fourier series as an infinite series containing sine terms only.

$$\text{Ans: } f_0 = \frac{1}{8} \text{ Hz; } T = 8 \text{ s; } y(t) = 4 + 4n\pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{4} t + 0.05 \right)$$

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## FOURIER SERIES REPRESENTATION OF SIGNALS

Define

$$C_n = \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}$$

$$\phi_n = \arctan \left( \frac{A_n}{B_n} \right)$$

Then

$$F(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n)$$

That is, a period waveform can be represented by an infinite series of cosine of single amplitude and phase

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## ANSWER TO Q4

SOLUTION:

 $A_n$  $B_n$ 

Given 
$$y(t) = 4 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n\pi}{10} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{4}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{120n\pi}{30} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{4}\right)$$

a. At  $n = 1$ , we get  $\omega_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  or  $f_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{8} \text{ Hz}$ .

Note that frequency may be in  $\text{rad s}^{-1}$  or  $\text{Hz}$ . When the unit is  $\text{rad s}^{-1}$ , we use the symbol  $\omega$ . When the unit is  $\text{Hz}$ , we use the symbol  $f$ .

b. Hence the fundamental period  $T = 8 \text{ sec}$ .

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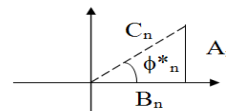
## ANSWER TO Q4

c. To convert to the form  $y(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi t}{T} + \phi_n^*\right)$

Where  $C_n = \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2n\pi}{10}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{120n\pi}{30}\right)^2}$

$C_n = n\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{10}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{120}{30}\right)^2} \approx 4n\pi$

$\tan(\phi_n^*) = \frac{A_n}{B_n} = \frac{1}{20} = 0.05$



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## ANSWER TO Q4

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(t) &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + B_n \sin(n\omega_0 t)) \\
 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2} \left( \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}} \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \frac{B_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}} \sin(n\omega_0 t) \right) \\
 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n (\sin(\phi_n^*) \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \cos(\phi_n^*) \sin(n\omega_0 t)) \\
 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n^*) \\
 \phi_n^* &= \arctan\left(\frac{A_n}{B_n}\right), \sin(\phi_n^*) = \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}, \cos(\phi_n^*) = \frac{B_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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## ANSWER TO Q4

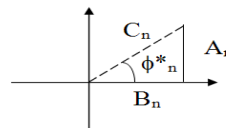
c. To convert to the form  $y(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi t}{T} + \phi_n^*\right)$

$$\text{Where } C_n = \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2n\pi}{10}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{120n\pi}{30}\right)^2}$$

$$C_n = n\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{10}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{120}{30}\right)^2} \approx 4n\pi$$

$$\tan(\phi_n^*) = \frac{A_n}{B_n} = \frac{1}{20} = 0.05$$

$$\phi_n^* = \tan^{-1}(0.05) = 0.05 \text{ radians}$$



$$\text{Hence, } y(t) = 4 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4n\pi \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{4} + 0.05\right)$$

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## FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY

**For example:**  $y(t) = 4 + \frac{2\pi}{10} \cos \frac{2\pi}{4} t + \frac{4\pi}{10} \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} t + \frac{8\pi}{10} \cos \frac{4\pi}{4} t + \dots$

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## FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY

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This can be written as  $y(t) = 4 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(n-1)\pi}{10} \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} t$

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## FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY

Note:

The fundamental frequency is always given by setting  $n = 1$ . The amplitude of this component may be zero. When this happens, it may not appear in the equation.

**For example:**  $y(t) = 4 + \frac{2\pi}{10} \cos \frac{2\pi}{4} t + \frac{4\pi}{10} \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} t + \frac{8\pi}{10} \cos \frac{4\pi}{4} t + \dots$

This can be written as  $y(t) = 4 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(n-1)\pi}{10} \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} t$

When  $n=1$ , the fundamental frequency is  $\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  or  $\frac{1}{8} \text{ Hz}$ , although the amplitude is zero for this component, and not  $\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  or  $\frac{1}{4} \text{ Hz}$  for  $n = 2$ .

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## Phase Angle

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(t) &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + B_n \sin(n\omega_0 t)) \\
 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2} \left( \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}} \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \frac{B_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}} \sin(n\omega_0 t) \right) \\
 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n (\cos(\phi_n) \cos(n\omega_0 t) - \sin(\phi_n) \sin(n\omega_0 t)) \\
 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_n = -\arctan \frac{B_n}{A_n}, \cos(\phi_n) = \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}, \sin(\phi_n) = -\frac{B_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}$$

$$\phi_n^* = \arctan \left( \frac{A_n}{B_n} \right), \sin(\phi_n^*) = \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}, \cos(\phi_n^*) = \frac{B_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}$$

$$\phi_n = \phi_n^* - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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## Phase Angle

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n) \\
 \phi_n &= -\arctan \frac{B_n}{A_n}, \cos(\phi_n) = \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}, \sin(\phi_n) \\
 &= -\frac{B_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n^*) \\
 &= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \phi_n^* - \frac{\pi}{2}) \\
 \phi_n^* &= \arctan \frac{B_n}{A_n}, \sin(\phi_n^*) = \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}}, \cos(\phi_n^*) \\
 &= \frac{B_n}{\sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}} \quad *
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_n = \phi_n^* - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\sin(\phi) = \cos(\phi - \frac{\pi}{2})$$