

Signals and Systems 3.1

---*Fourier series*

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Clue of this chapter

- In **chapter 2**, by representing **signals** as linear combinations of **shifted impulses**, we **analyzed LTI systems** through the **convolution sum (integral)**.
- An alternative representation for signals and LTI systems: represent **signals** as linear combinations of a set of basic signals---**complex exponentials**. The resulting representations are known as the **continuous-time and discrete-time Fourier series and transform**.
 - which convert time-domain signals into frequency-domain (or **spectral**) representations

Outline of Today's Lecture

- Fourier series and transform
 - Fourier series
 - Dirichlet conditions
 - Gibbs phenomenon

Fourier series

- Periodic signals can be expressed as a sum of sinusoids. In this case, the frequency spectrum can be generated by computation of the ***Fourier series***.
- The Fourier series is named after the French physicist Jean Baptiste Fourier (1768-1830), who was the first one to propose that **periodic** waveforms could be represented by a sum of sinusoids (or complex exponentials).
- An example showing how the Fourier series work
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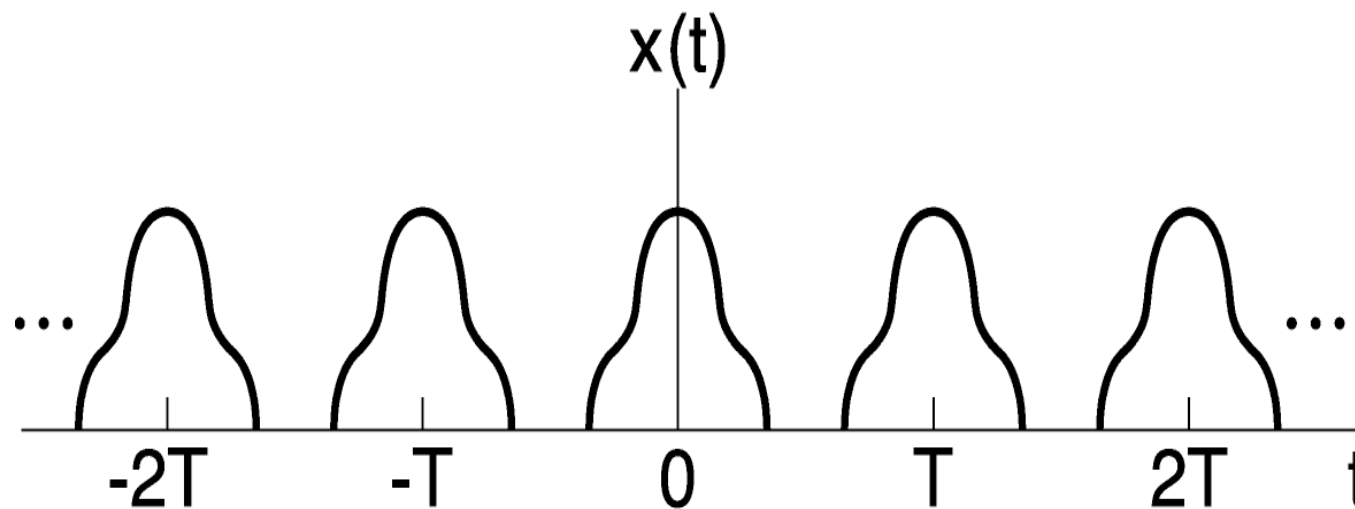


Period signal

$$x(t) = x(t + T) \quad \text{for all } t$$

a positive nonzero value of T

- smallest such T is the *fundamental period*
- $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ is the *fundamental angular frequency*



$$x(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

$$x(t) = e^{j\omega_0 t}$$

Trigonometric Fourier Series 1

A periodic signal, $x(t)$, whose period is T , can be represented by the appropriate sum of sine and cosine components:

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

a_0 is the *mean value*, or *zero frequency* term.

Integrating both sides of eqn (1), between $-T/2$ and $T/2$:

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) dt = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 + \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\omega t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\omega t) \right] dt$$

Trigonometric Fourier Series 2

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) dt = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 + \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\omega t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\omega t) \right] dt$$

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) dt = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 dt = a_0.T$$

$$a_0 = 1/T \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) dt$$

Trigonometric Fourier Series 3

To find a formula for a_n it is necessary to multiply both sides of eqn(1) by $\cos(m.\omega.t)$ and then integrate over the same limits:

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(m.\omega.t) dt = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 \cos(m.\omega.t) dt +$$
$$+ \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m.\omega.t).a_n.\cos(n.\omega.t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m.\omega.t) b_n.\sin(n.\omega.t) \right] dt$$

the “cos.cos” terms

the “cos.sin” terms

- Using the appropriate trigonometric identities we can see that the cos.sin terms all produce $\cos(A).\sin(B) = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(A+B) +/\!-\sin(A-B))$ odd waveforms which all disappear under integration.
- The cos.cos terms produce:
 $\cos(A).\cos(B) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A+B) +/\!-\cos(A-B))$
which will not necessarily disappear under integration:

Trigonometric Fourier Series 4

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m\omega t) \cdot a_n \cos(n\omega t) dt$$

$$a_n \frac{1}{2} (\cos((m+n)\omega t) + \cos((m-n)\omega t))$$

HOWEVER, we are integrating over $-T/2 \rightarrow +T/2$ and this represents an integer number of cycles of the sinusoid, whatever the value of 'm' and 'n'. BUT when $m=n$, we have a non-zero term after integration:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(m\omega t) dt &= \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 \cos(m\omega t) dt + \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_n \frac{1}{2} \cos((0)\omega t) dt \\ &+ \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m\omega t) a_n \cos(n\omega t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m\omega t) b_n \sin(n\omega t) \right] dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(m\omega t) dt = (a_n/2) \left| t \right|_{-T/2}^{T/2} = a_n \cdot T/2$$

Trigonometric Fourier Series 5

BUT $m=n$, so:

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(n.\omega.t) dt = a_n./2 \left| t \right|_{-T/2}^{T/2} = a_n . T /2$$

$$a_n = 2/T \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t). \cos(n.\omega.t) dt$$

And by similar reasoning:

$$b_n = 2/T \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t). \sin(n.\omega.t) dt$$

Trigonometric Fourier Series 6

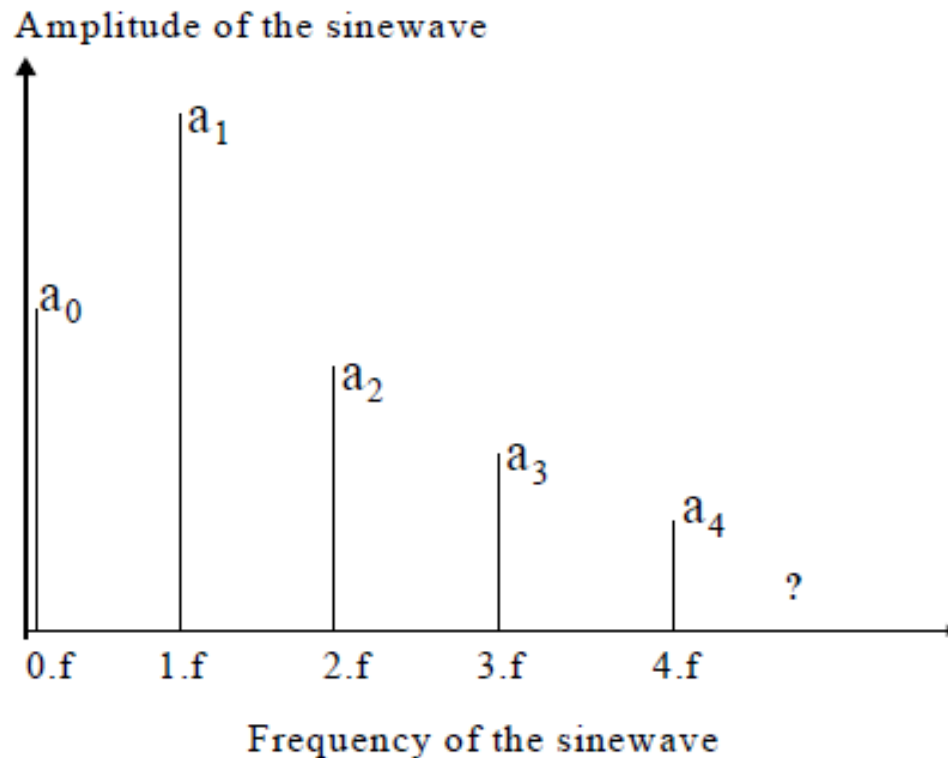
The trigonometric Fourier series given by equation (1) can also be written in the cosine-in-phase form

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \theta_n) \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

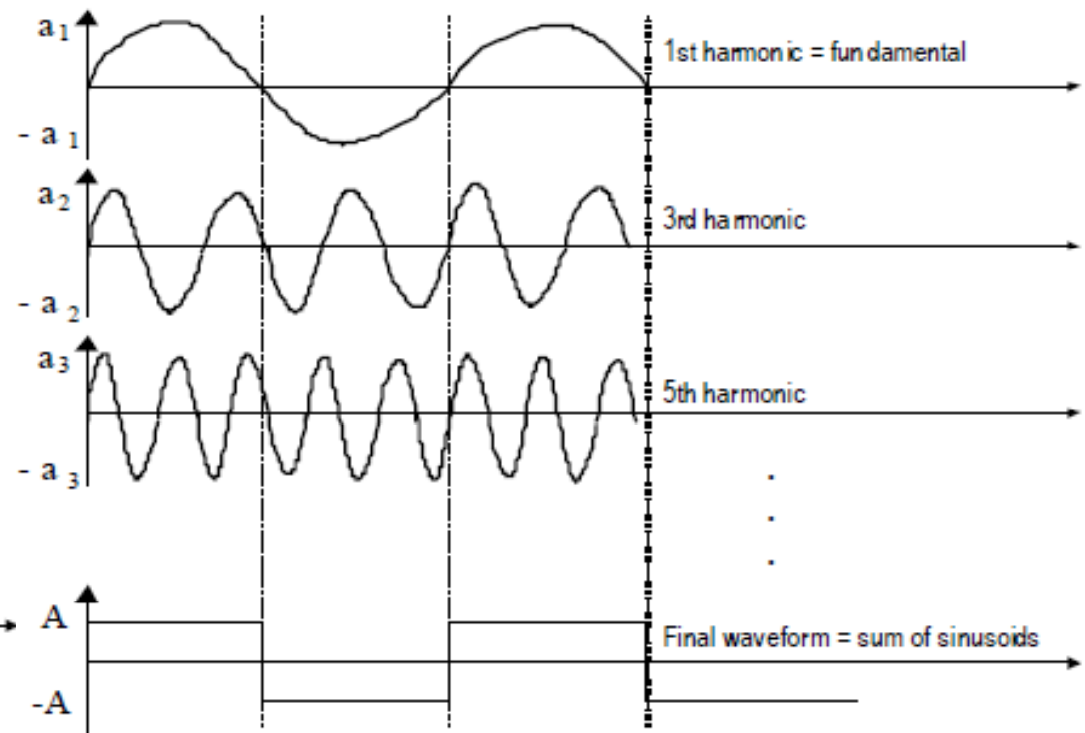
$$A_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \quad , n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\theta_n = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{b_n}{a_n}\right) , & n = 1, 2, \dots, \text{when } a_n \geq 0 \\ \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{b_n}{a_n}\right) , & n = 1, 2, \dots, \text{when } a_n < 0 \end{cases}$$

Fourier series



This diagram represents the frequency domain



This diagram represents the time domain

Convergence (收敛) of Fourier Series:

■ Fourier believed that any periodic signal could be expressed as a sum of sinusoids. However, this turned out not to be the case, although virtually all periodic signals arising in engineering do have a Fourier series representation.

■ In particular, a periodic signal $x(t)$ has a Fourier series if it satisfies the following *Dirichlet* (狄里赫利) conditions:

1. $x(t)$ is absolutely integrable over any period; that is

$$\int_a^{a+T} |x(t)| dt < \infty \quad \text{for any } a$$

2. $x(t)$ has only a finite number of maxima and minima over any period.

3. $x(t)$ has only a finite number of discontinuities over any period.

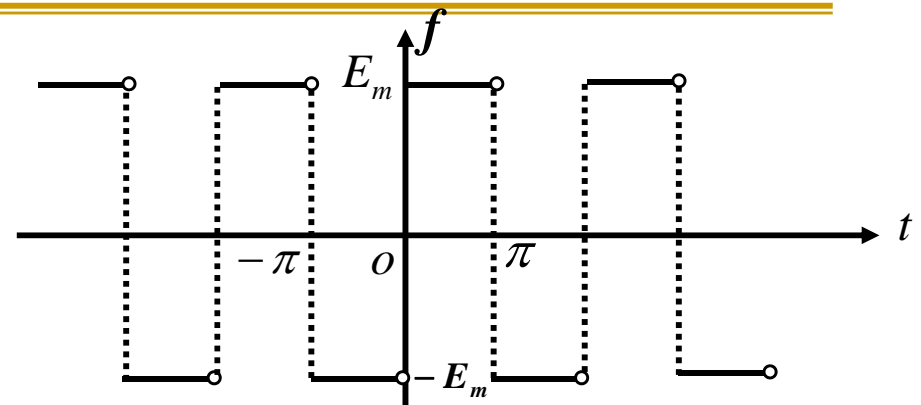
Note that the Dirichlet conditions are sufficient but not necessary conditions for the Fourier series representation

Application of the Fourier series 1

- A rectangle impulse with period 2π

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} -E_m, & -\pi \leq t < 0 \\ E_m, & 0 \leq t < \pi \end{cases}$$

Determine its Fourier series representation



it satisfies the Dirichlet conditions.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos ntdt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-E_m) \cos ntdt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} E_m \cos ntdt = 0 \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin ntdt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-E_m) \sin ntdt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} E_m \sin ntdt$$

Application of the Fourier series 2

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2E_m}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) = \frac{2E_m}{n\pi} [1 - (-1)^n] \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{4E_m}{(2k-1)\pi}, & n = 2k-1, k = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & n = 2k, k = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So, the Fourier series representation

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4E_m}{(2n-1)\pi} \sin(2n-1)t \\ &(-\infty < t < +\infty; t \neq 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Application of the Fourier series 3

If set $E_m = 1$, Period = 2π ,

$$f(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)t}{2n-1}$$

$$(-\infty < t < +\infty; t \neq 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots)$$

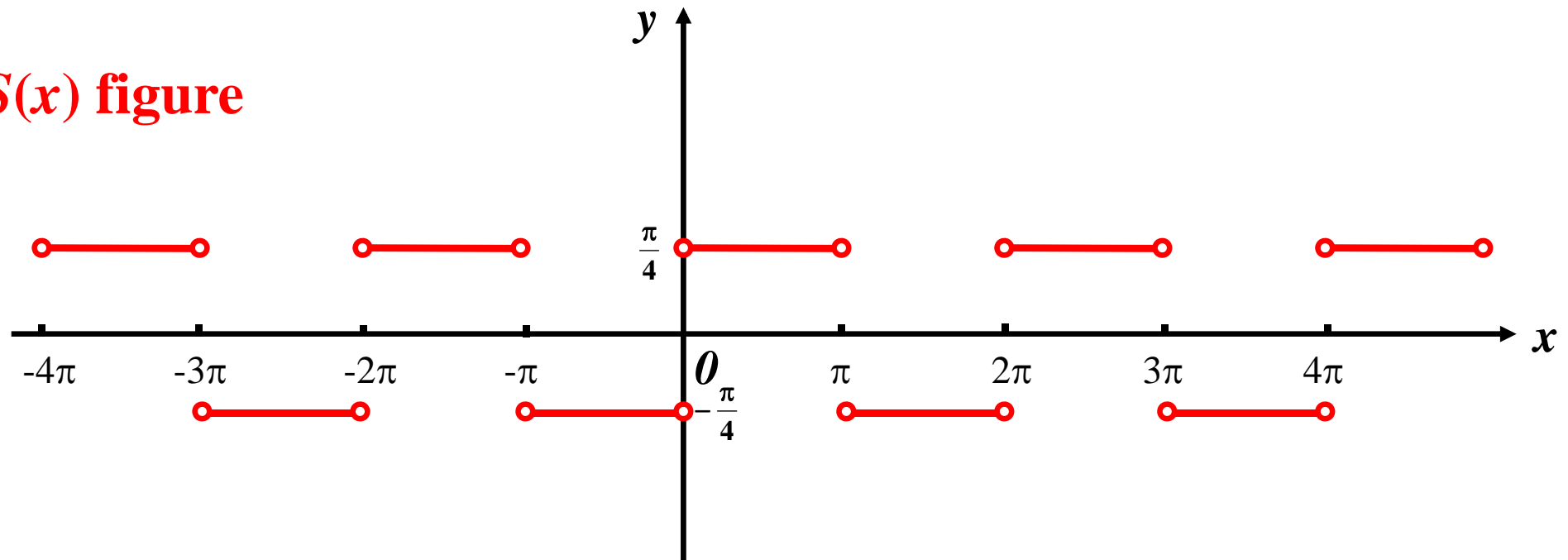
so

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (0, \pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (-\pi, 0) \end{cases} = S(x)$$

Application of the Fourier series 4

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (0, \pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (-\pi, 0) \end{cases} = S(x)$$

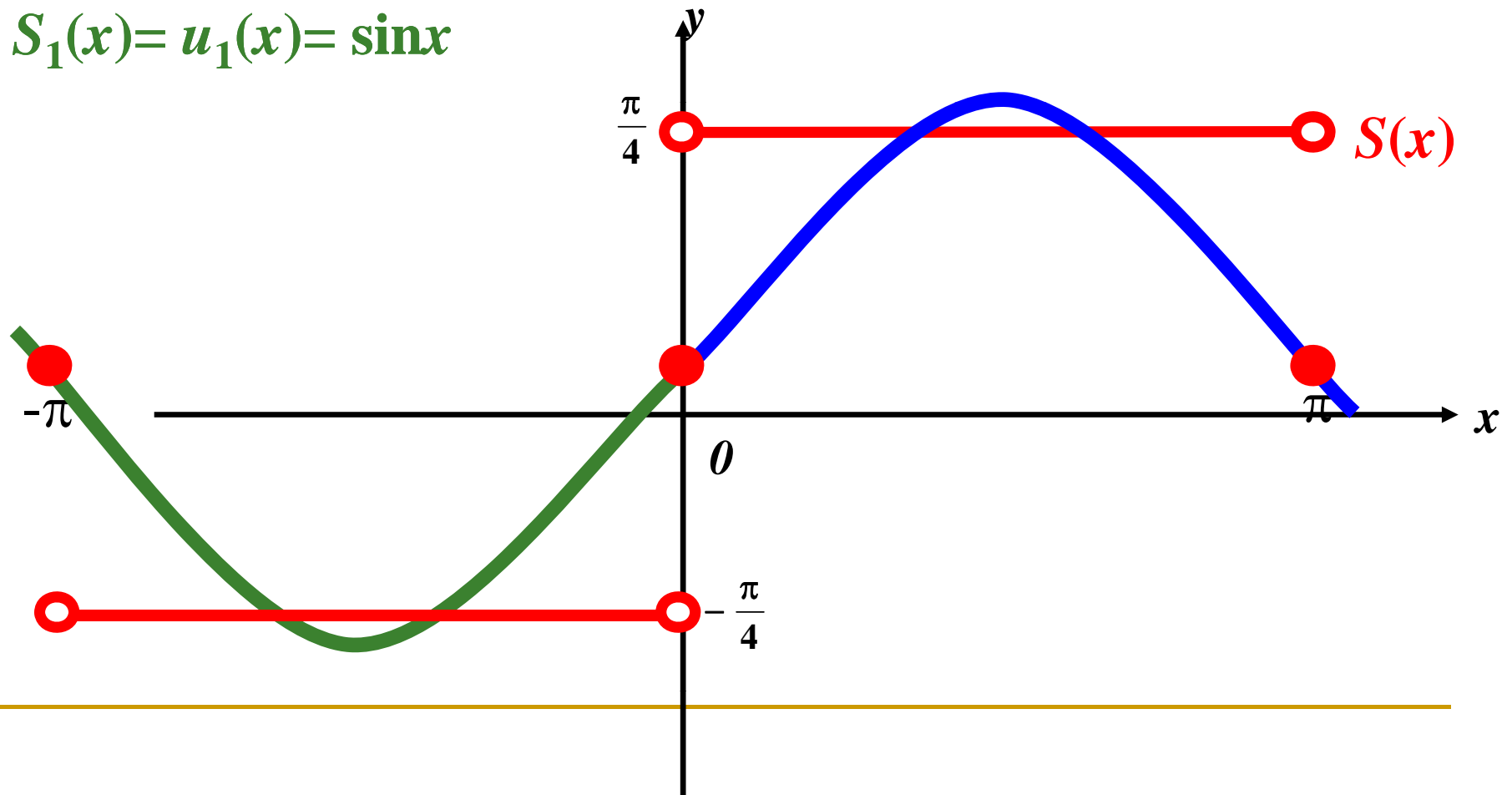
$S(x)$ figure



Application of the Fourier series 5

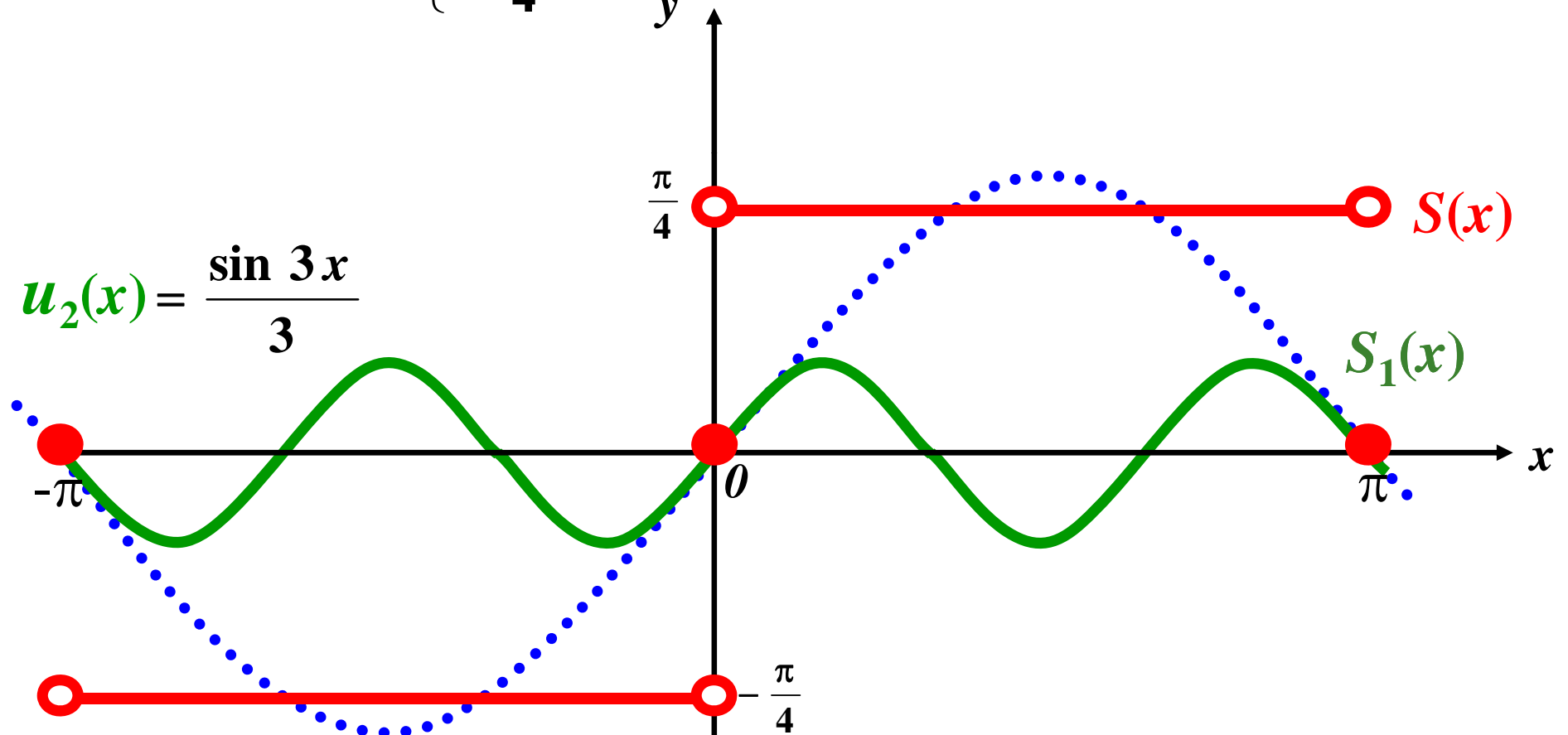
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$$S_1(x) = u_1(x) = \sin x$$



Application of the Fourier series 6

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (0, \pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (-\pi, 0) \end{cases} = S(x)$$

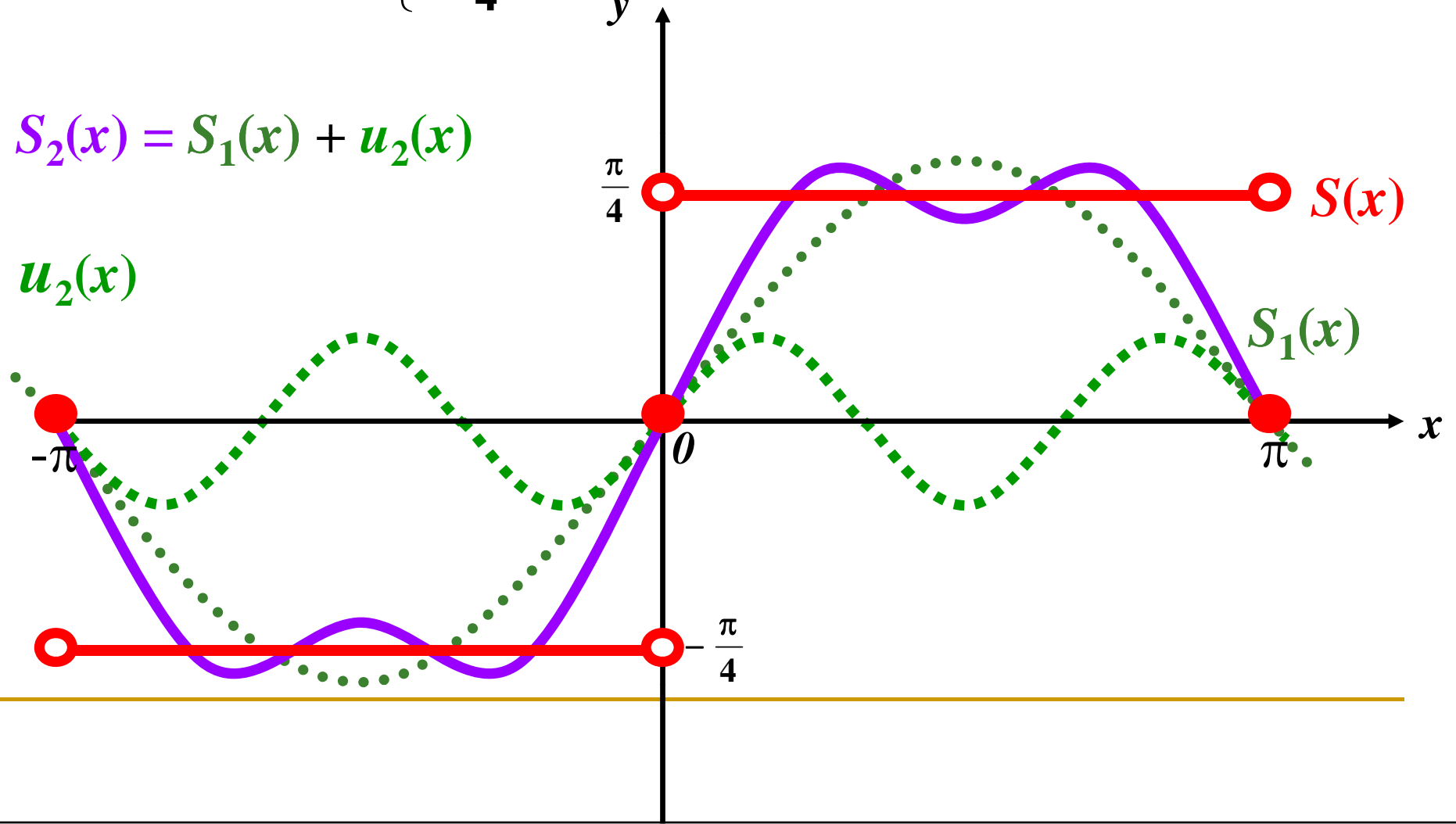


Application of the Fourier series 7

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$$S_2(x) = S_1(x) + u_2(x)$$

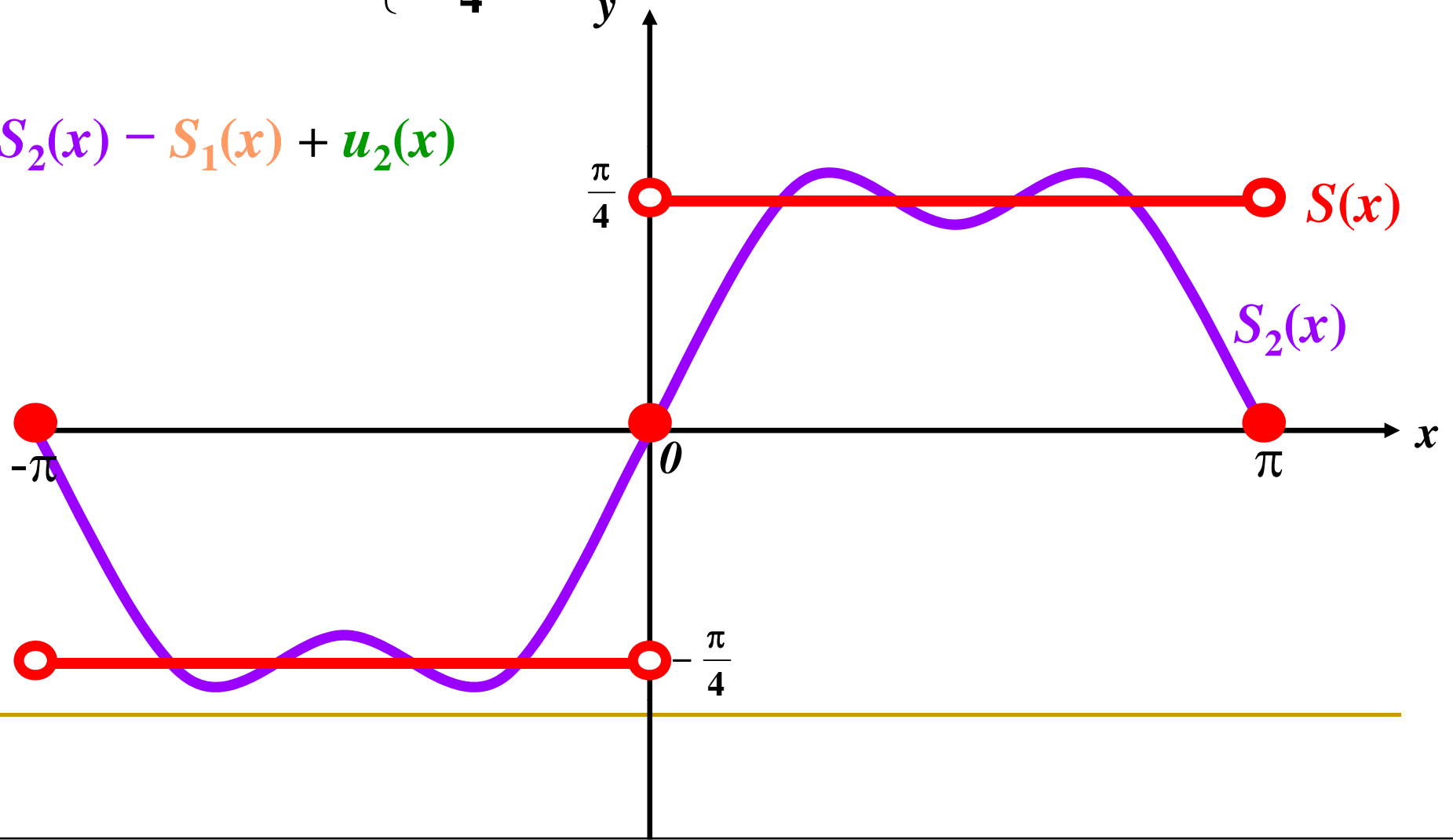
$$u_2(x)$$



Application of the Fourier series 8

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (0, \pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (-\pi, 0) \end{cases} = S(x)$$

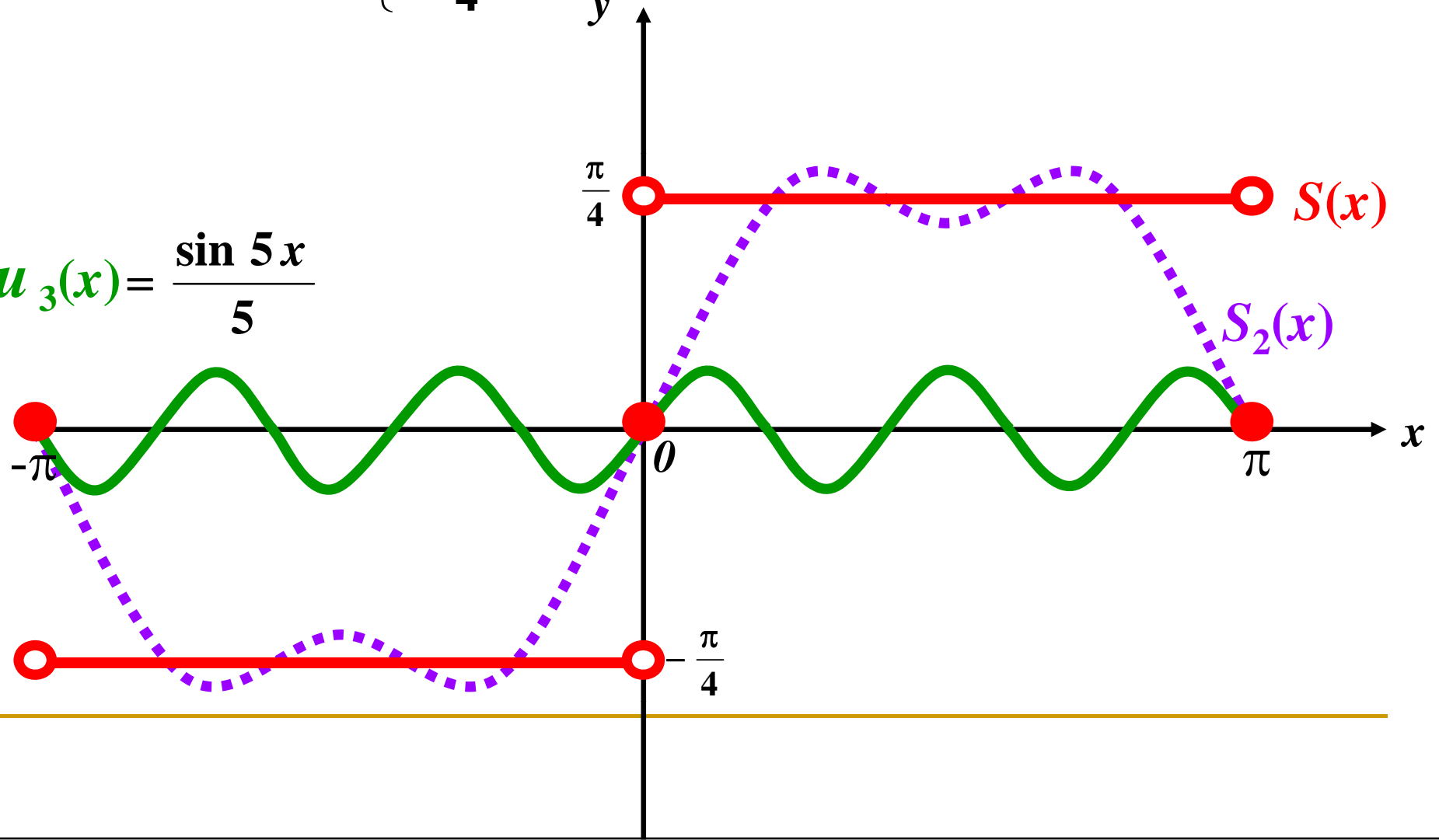
$$S_2(x) - S_1(x) + u_2(x)$$



Application of the Fourier series 9

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (0, \pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (-\pi, 0) \end{cases} = S(x)$$

$$u_3(x) = \frac{\sin 5x}{5}$$

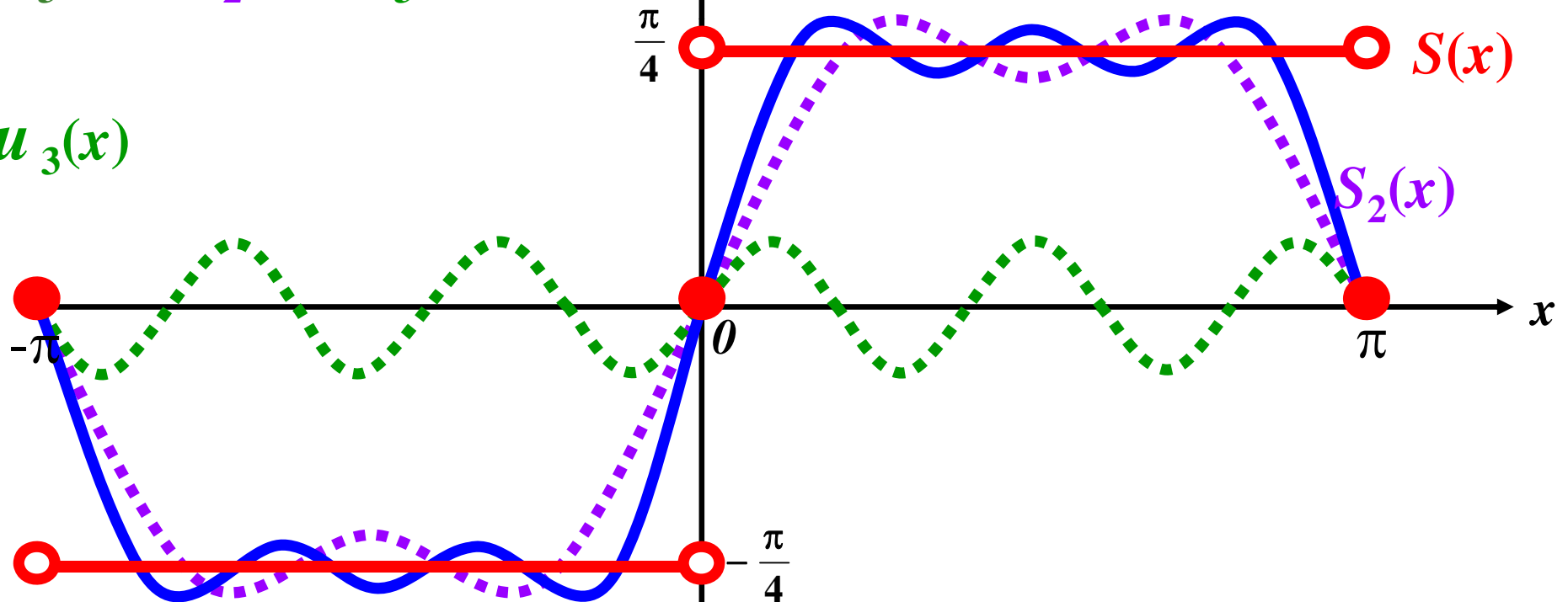


Application of the Fourier series 10

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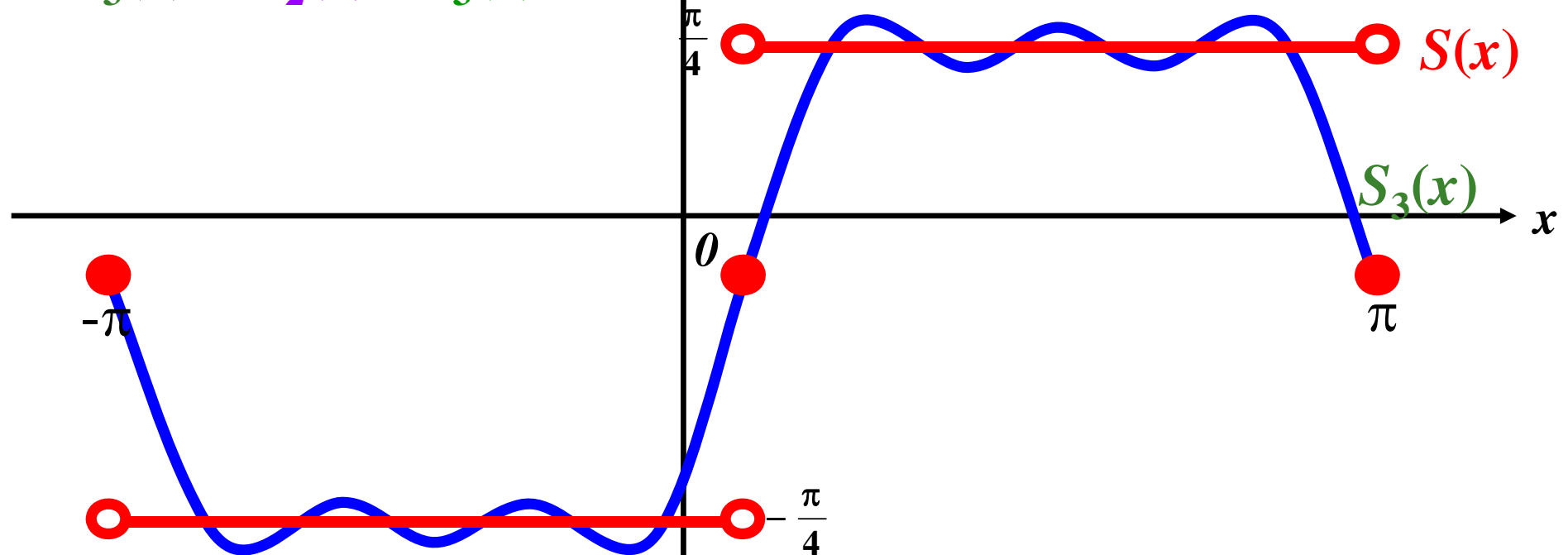
$u_3(x)$



Application of the Fourier series 11

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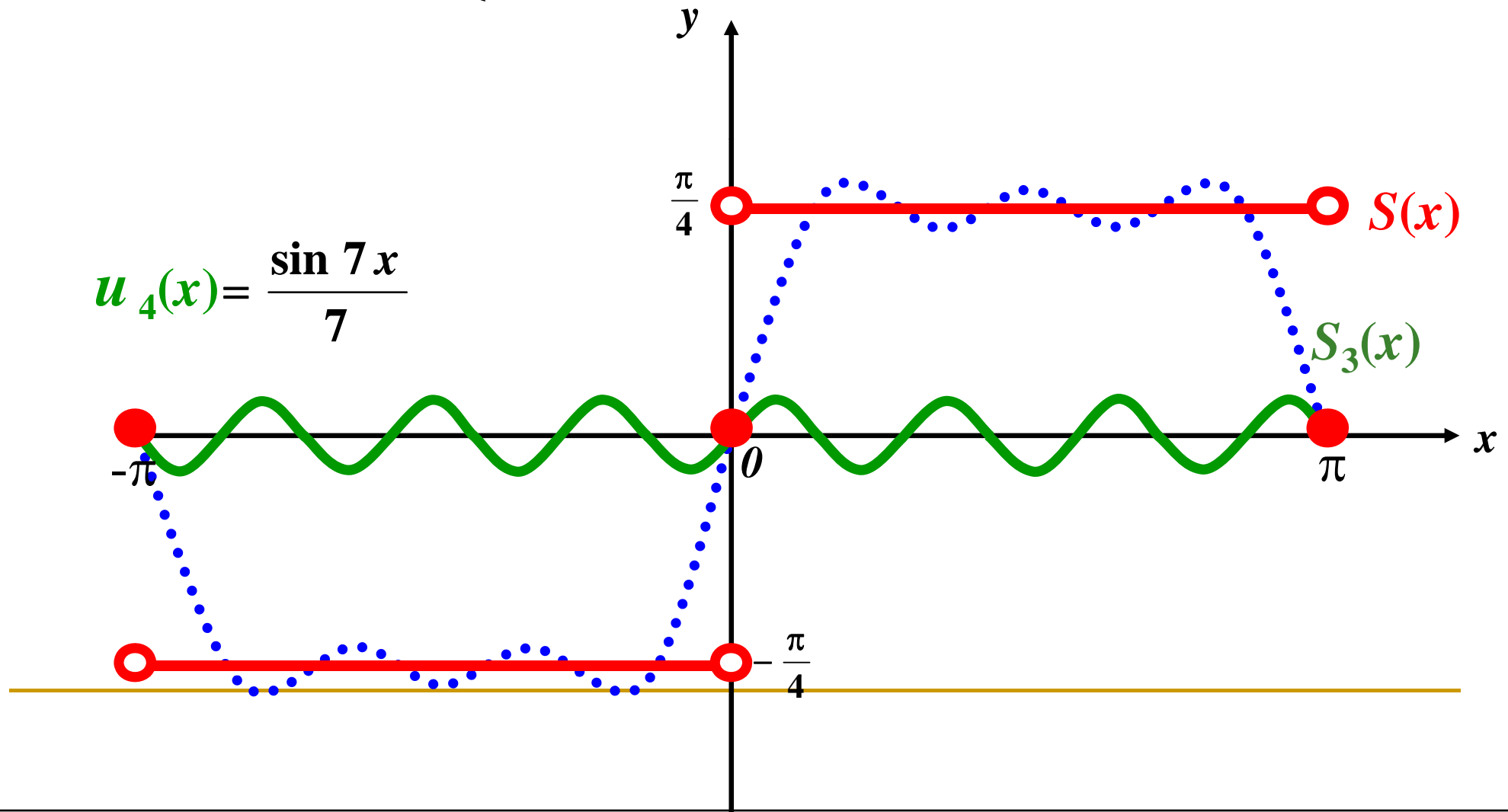
$$S_3(x) = S_2(x) + u_3(x)$$



Application of the Fourier series 12

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (0, \pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (-\pi, 0) \end{cases} = S(x)$$

$$u_4(x) = \frac{\sin 7x}{7}$$

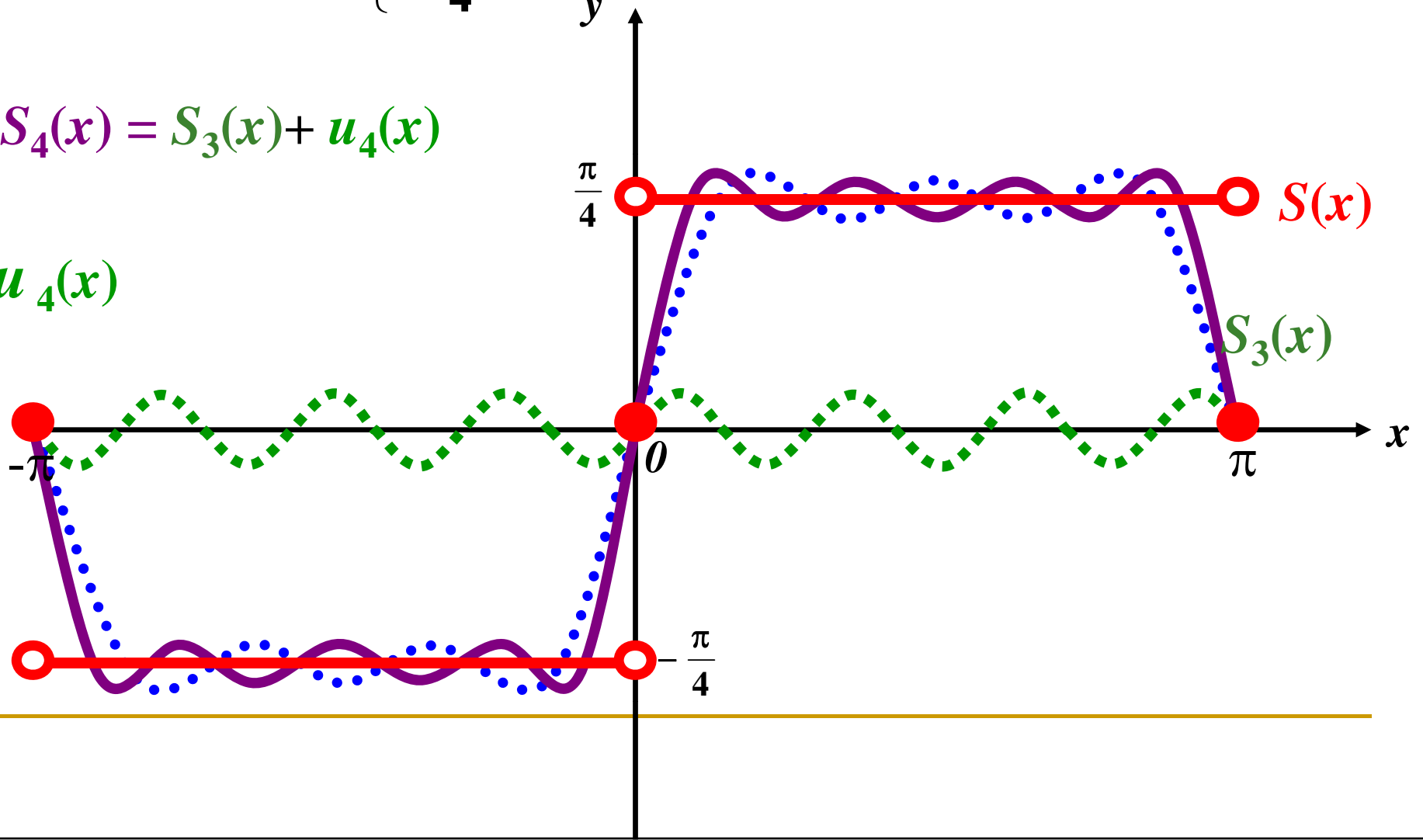


Application of the Fourier series 13

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (0, \pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (-\pi, 0) \end{cases} = S(x)$$

$$S_4(x) = S_3(x) + u_4(x)$$

$$u_4(x)$$



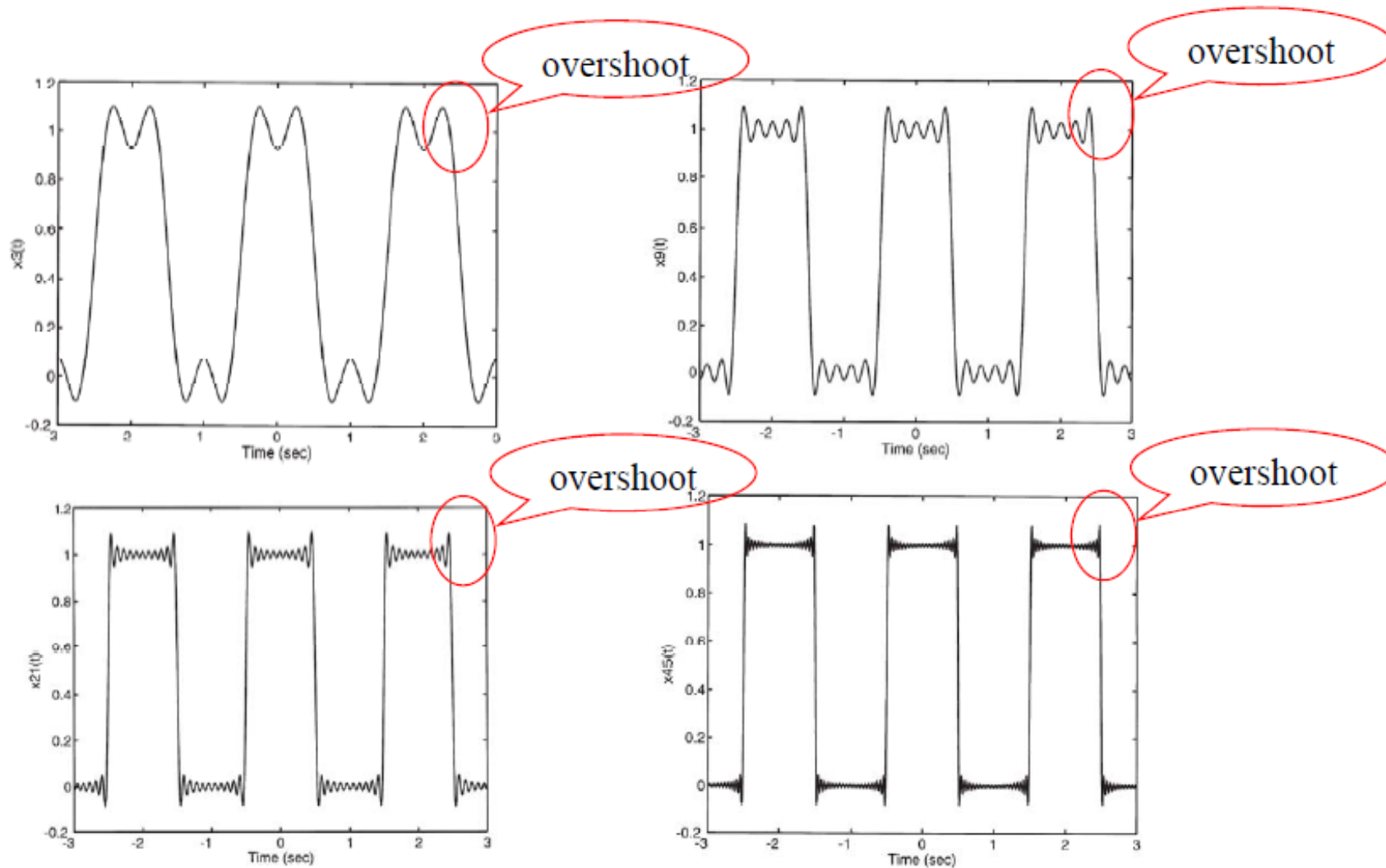
Application of the Fourier series 14

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (0, \pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{4}, & x \in (-\pi, 0) \end{cases} = S(x)$$

We can see, $S_n(x)$ stepwise
near with $S(x)$



Gibbs Phenomenon 1



Anything in common of the four diagrams?

Gibbs Phenomenon 2

- The overshoot at the corners is still present even in the limit as N approaches to infinity.
 - This characteristic was first discovered by Josiah Willard Gibbs (1893-1903), and thus overshoot is referred to as the *Gibbs phenomenon*.
 - Now let $x(t)$ be an arbitrary periodic signal. As a consequence of the Gibbs phenomenon, the Fourier series representation of $x(t)$ is not actually equal to the true value of $x(t)$ at any points where $x(t)$ is discontinuous.
 - If $x(t)$ is discontinuous at $t=t_1$, the Fourier series representation is off by approximately 9% at t_1^- and t_1^+
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The exponential form of the Fourier series

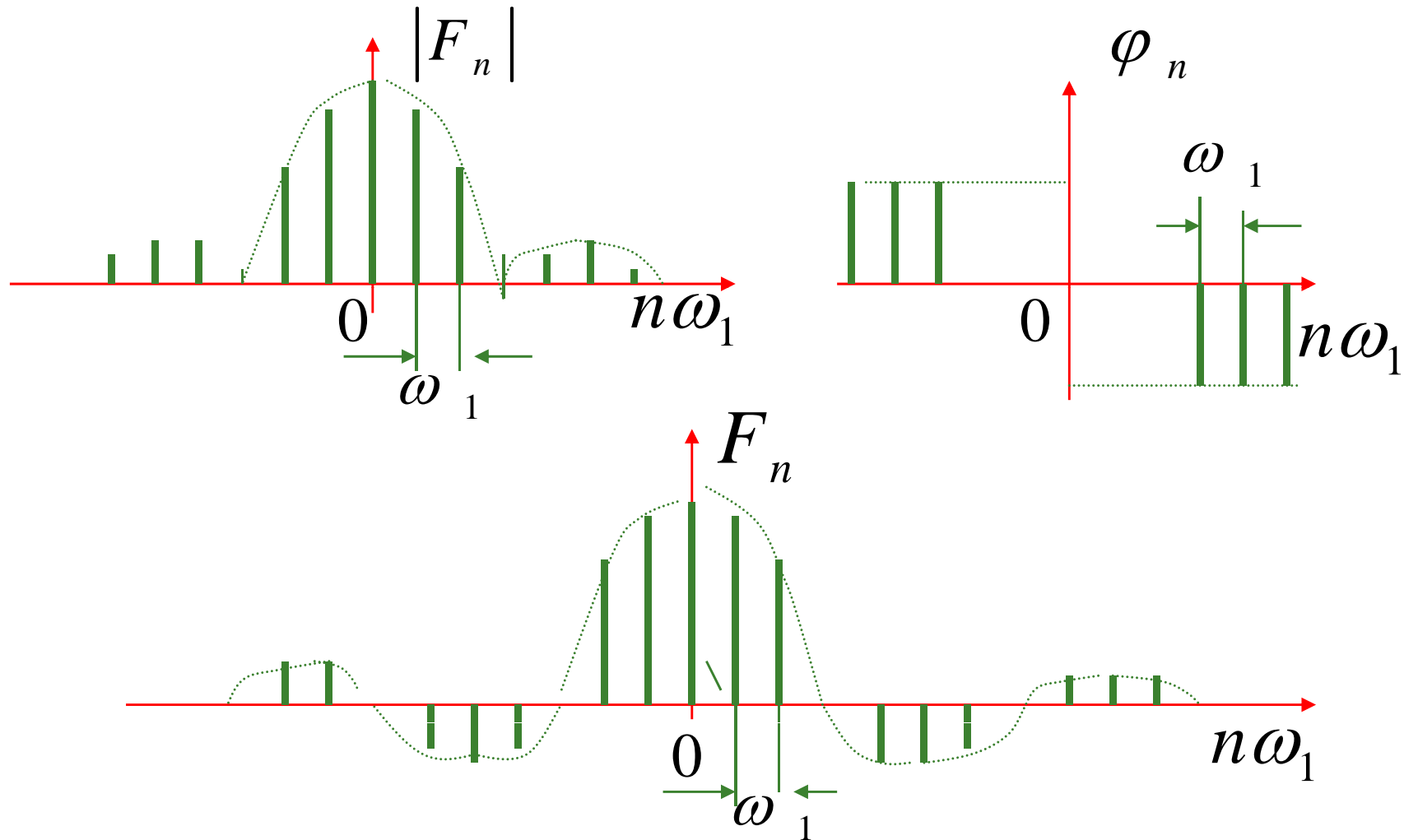
$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_1 t + b_n \sin n\omega_1 t)$$

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F(n\omega_1) e^{jn\omega_1 t}$$

$$F(0) = a_0 \quad F(n\omega_1) = \frac{1}{2}(a_n - jb_n) \quad F(-n\omega_1) = \frac{1}{2}(a_n + jb_n)$$

$$F(n\omega_1) = F_n \quad F_n = \frac{1}{T_1} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T_1} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_1 t} dt$$

The exponential form of the Fourier series



The exponential form of the Fourier series

- Let's recall the original form of Fourier series:

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\omega t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\omega t)$$

- In order to reduce the amount of 'writing out' the Fourier series, an exponential form can be expressed as:

$$a_n \cos(n\omega t) = (a_n/2) \cdot [e^{jn\omega t} + e^{-jn\omega t}]$$

$$b_n \sin(n\omega t) = (b_n/2j) \cdot [e^{jn\omega t} - e^{-jn\omega t}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n \cos(n\omega t) + b_n \sin(n\omega t) &= (a_n/2) [e^{jn\omega t} + e^{-jn\omega t}] + (b_n/2j) [e^{jn\omega t} - e^{-jn\omega t}] \\ &= X_n \cdot e^{jn\omega t} + X_{-n} \cdot e^{-jn\omega t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where: } X_n = \frac{1}{2} (a_n - j b_n) \quad n \neq 0$$

$$X_{-n} = \frac{1}{2} (a_n + j b_n) \quad n \neq 0$$

So the original Fourier Series can be written out as:

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X_n \cdot e^{jn\omega t}$$

Where we have defined: $X_0 = a_0$

The Relationships of coefficients

$$F_n = |F_n| e^{j\varphi_n} = \frac{1}{2} (a_n - jb_n) \quad F_0 = c_0 = d_0 = a_0$$

$$F_{-n} = |F_{-n}| e^{-j\varphi_n} = \frac{1}{2} (a_n + jb_n)$$

$$|F_n| = |F_{-n}| = \frac{1}{2} c_n = \frac{1}{2} d_n = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$$

$$|F_n| + |F_{-n}| = c_n$$

$$F_n + F_{-n} = a_n \quad j(F_n - F_{-n}) = b_n$$

$$c_n^2 = d_n^2 = a_n^2 + b_n^2 = 4F_n F_{-n}$$

Summary of the Fourier series

- ◆ Three forms

- Original (sine and cosine components)

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\omega t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\omega t)$$

- Cosine-with-phase form

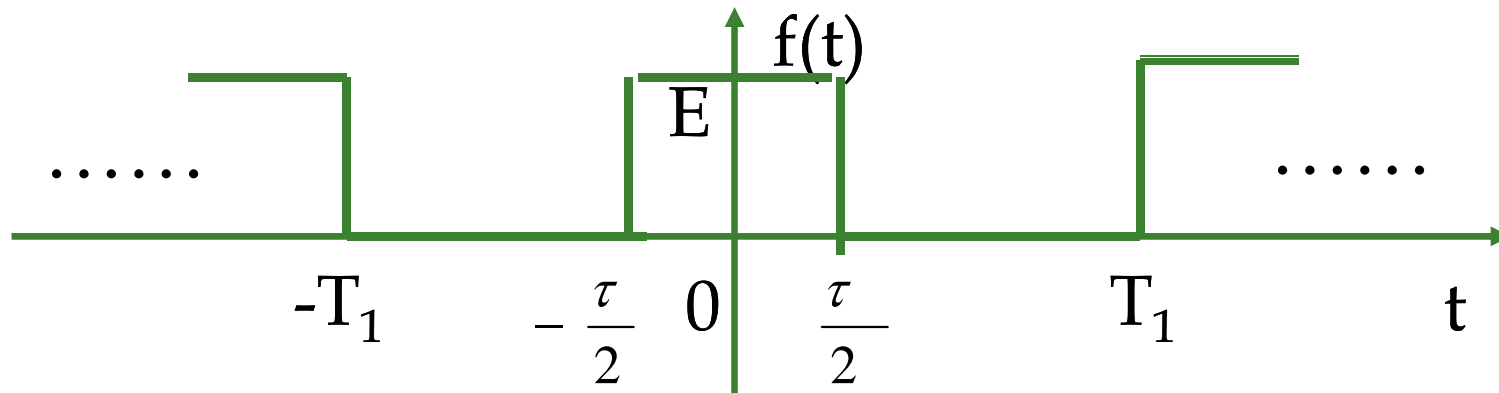
$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega t + \theta_k) \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

- Exponential form

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X_n e^{jn\omega t} \quad X_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-jn\omega t} dt$$

- ◆ Dirichlet conditions
 - ◆ Gibbs phenomenon
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Example: Fourier series of Rectangle pulse



$$f(t) = \begin{cases} E & (|t| \leq \frac{\tau}{2}) \\ 0 & (|t| > \frac{\tau}{2}) \end{cases}$$

Example: Fourier series of Rectangle pulse

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F_n e^{jn \omega_1 t}$$

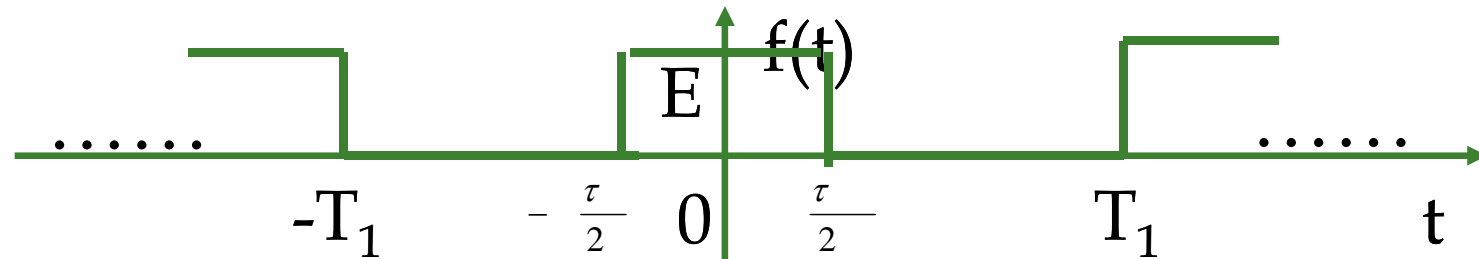
$$F_n = \frac{1}{T_1} \int_{-\frac{\tau}{2}}^{\frac{\tau}{2}} E e^{-jn \omega_1 t} dt$$

$$= \frac{E}{T_1 (-jn \omega_1)} (e^{-jn \omega_1 \tau / 2} - e^{jn \omega_1 \tau / 2})$$

$$= \frac{E \tau}{T_1} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n \omega_1 \tau}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{n \omega_1 \tau}{2}\right)}$$

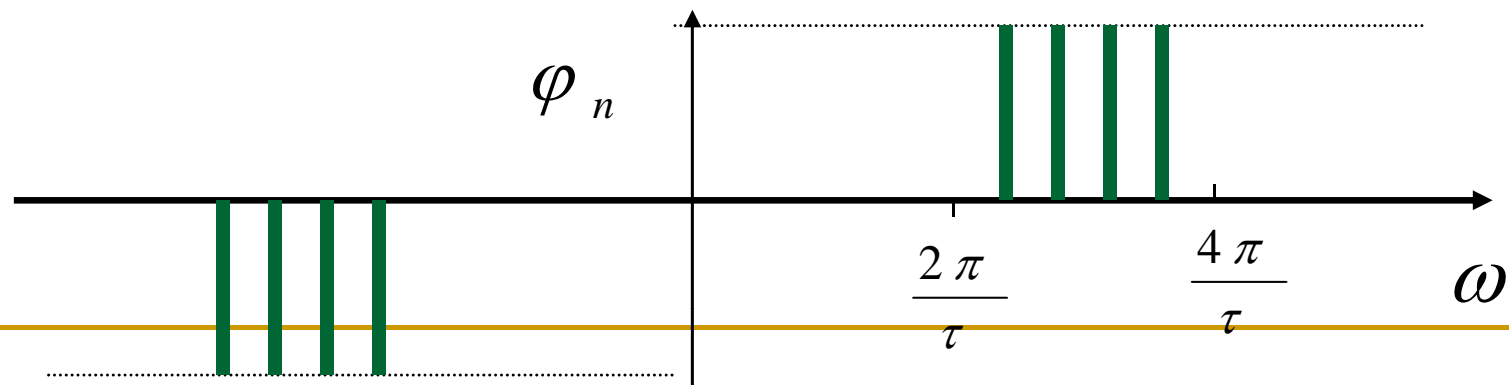
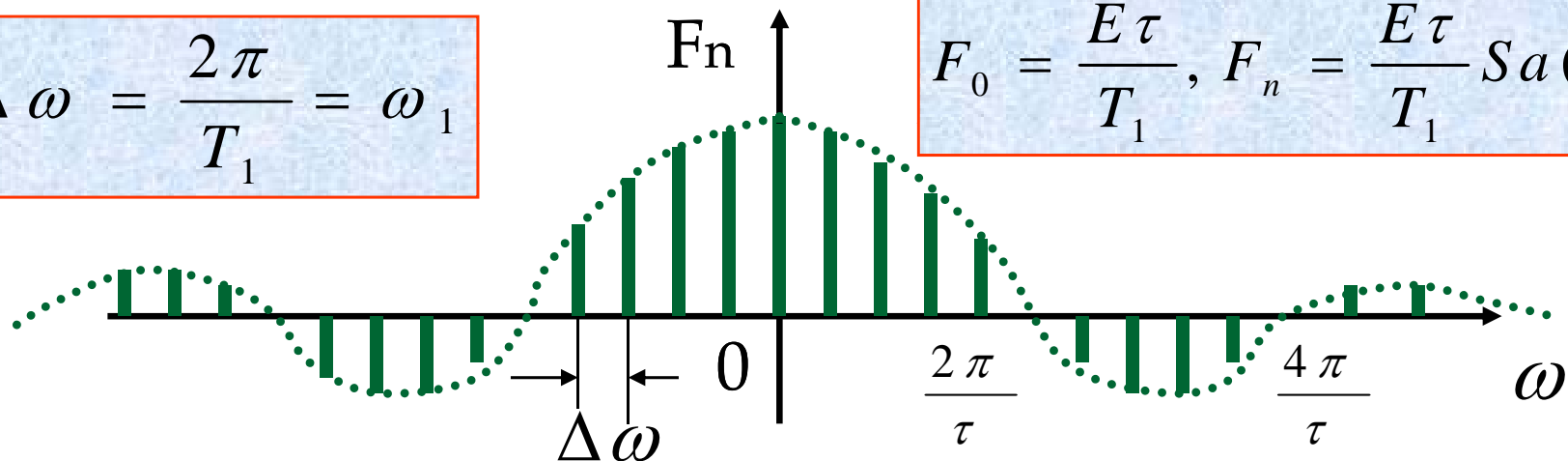
$$\text{Sa}\left(\frac{n \pi \tau}{T_1}\right)$$

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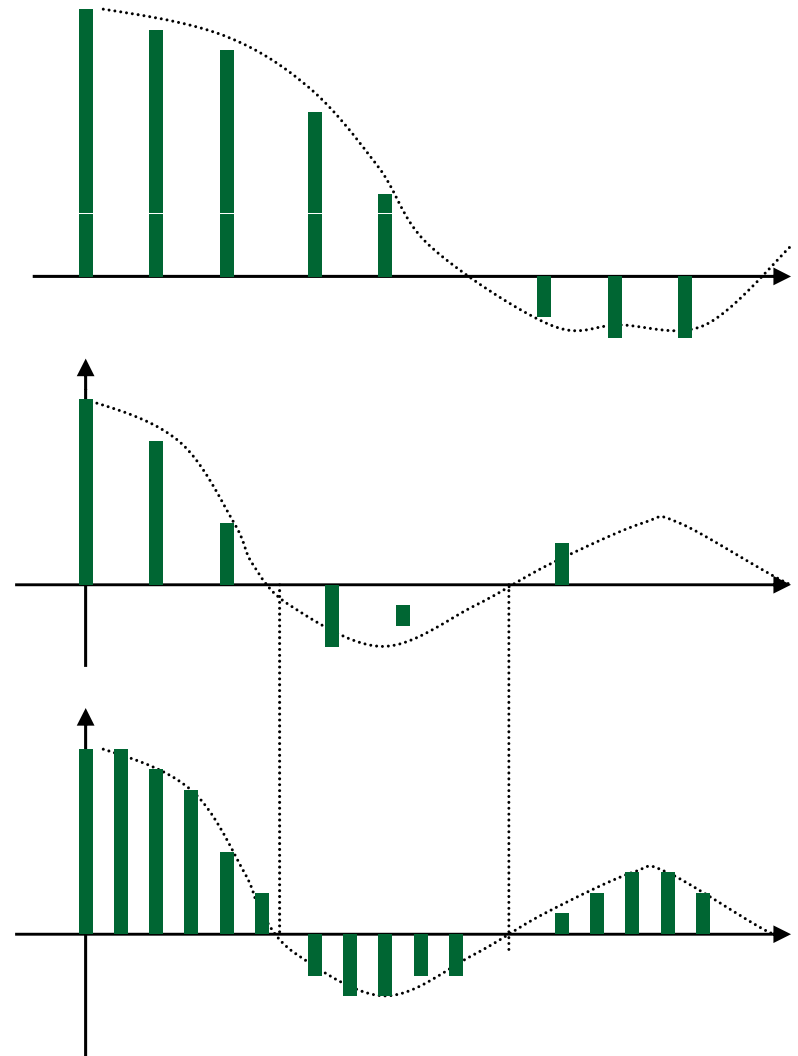
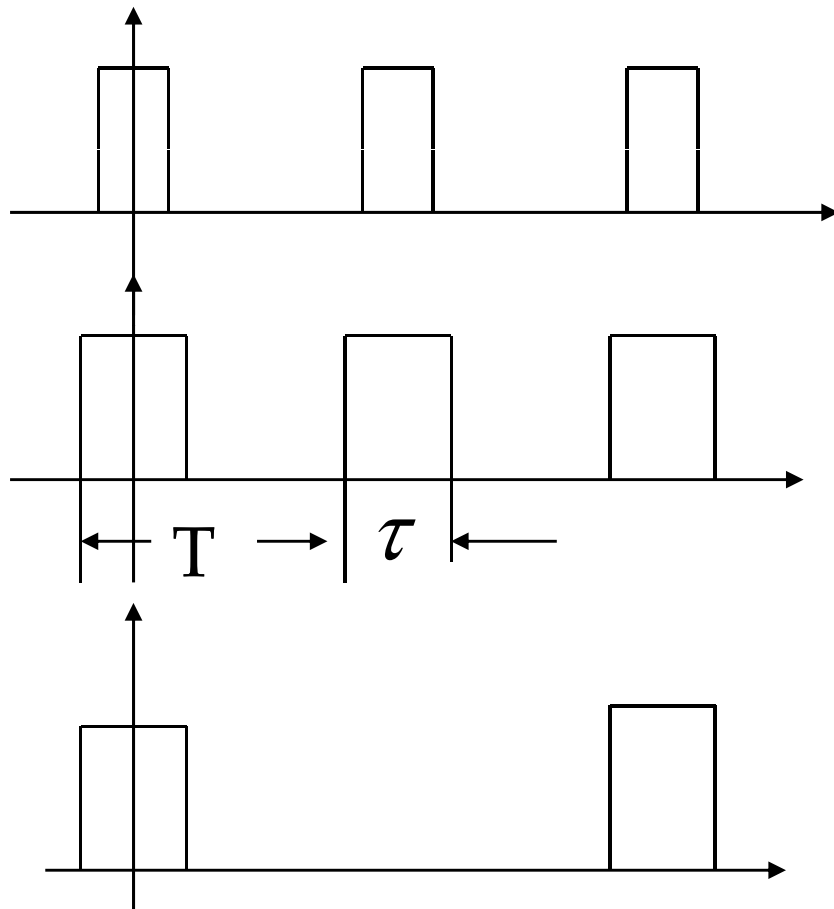


$$\Delta \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T_1} = \omega_1$$

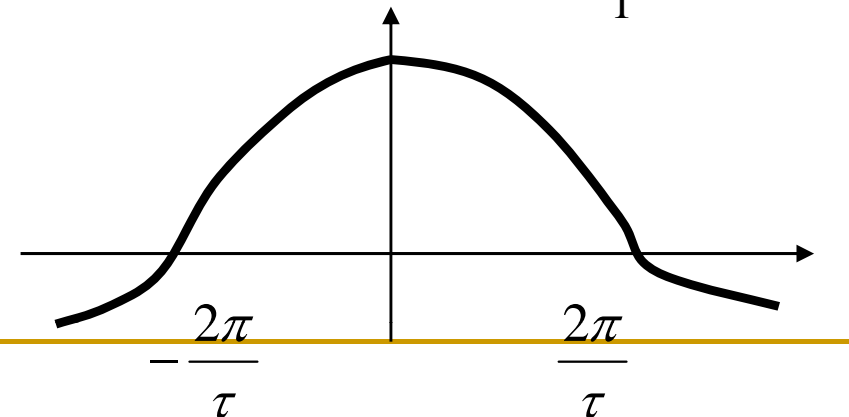
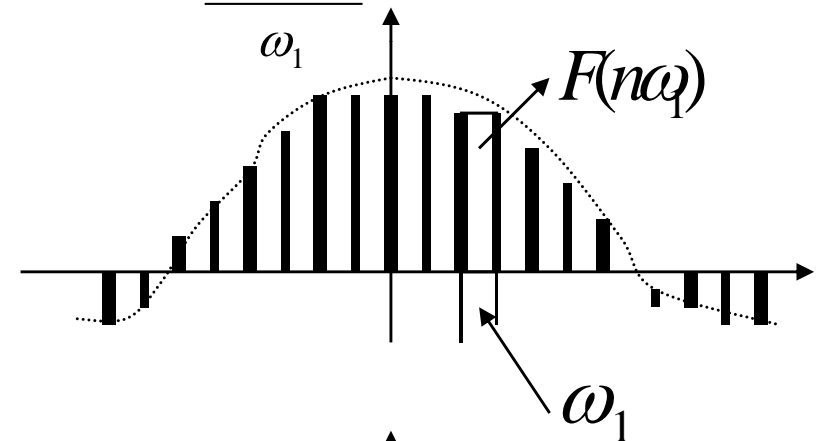
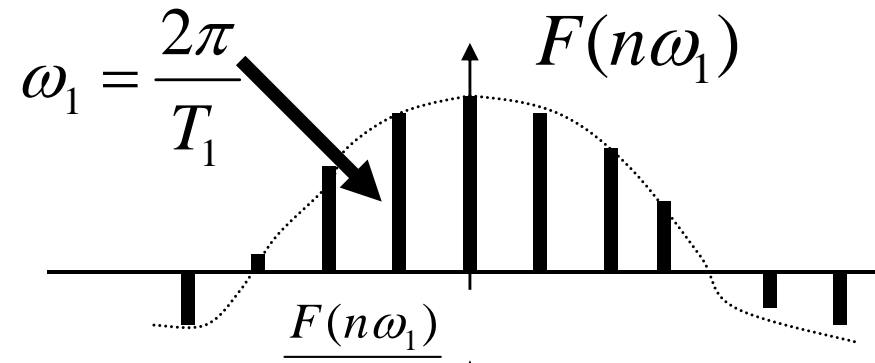
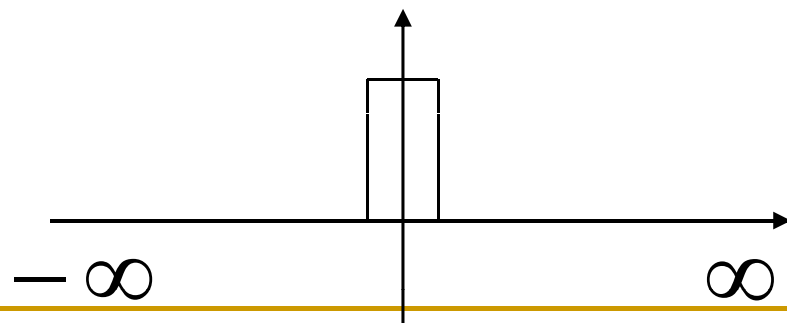
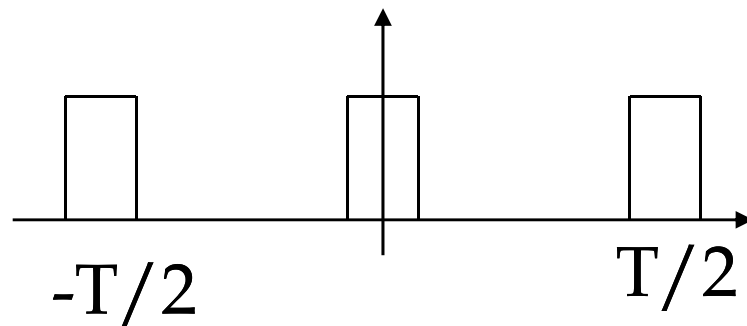
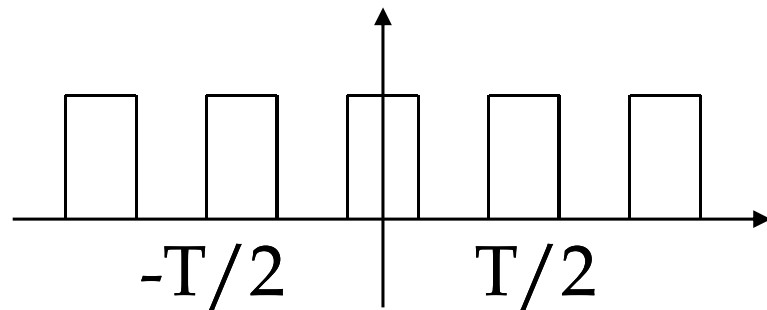
$$F_0 = \frac{E\tau}{T_1}, \quad F_n = \frac{E\tau}{T_1} \text{Sa}\left(\frac{n\pi\tau}{T_1}\right)$$



Example: Fourier series of Rectangle pulse



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Fourier Series \rightarrow Fourier Transform

$$T_1 \rightarrow \infty \quad \omega_1 = \frac{2\pi}{T_1} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow d\omega \quad n\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega$$

$$\tilde{f}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F(n\omega_1) e^{jn\omega_1 t} \quad F(n\omega_1) = \frac{1}{T_1} \int_{-\frac{T_1}{2}}^{\frac{T_1}{2}} \tilde{f}(t) e^{-jn\omega_1 t} dt$$

$$F(n\omega_1) \frac{2\pi}{\omega_1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(t) e^{-jn\omega_1 t} dt$$

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

Inverse Fourier Transform

$$\tilde{f}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F(n\omega_1) \cdot e^{jn\omega_1 t} \quad F(n\omega_1) \rightarrow F(\omega) \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$\tilde{f}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{F(n\omega_1)}{\omega_1} \cdot e^{jn\omega_1 t} \cdot \omega_1 = \frac{T_1}{2\pi} \sum_{\Delta n\omega_1=-\infty}^{\infty} F(n\omega_1) \cdot e^{jn\omega_1 t} \cdot \Delta(n\omega_1)$$

$$T_1 \rightarrow \infty \quad \omega_1 \rightarrow 0 \quad n\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega \quad \Delta(n\omega_1) \rightarrow d\omega$$

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