

# Signals and Systems 3.1

## --- Fourier series

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Reference:

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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

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## Outline of Today's Lecture

### ■ Fourier series and transform

- Fourier series
- Dirichlet conditions
- Gibbs phenomenon

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## 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 <http://www.falstad.com/fourier/>

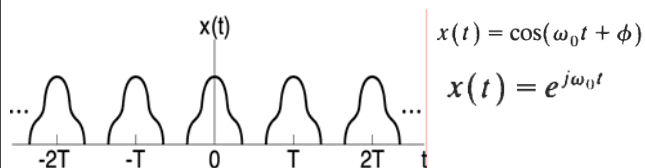


## Period signal

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

a positive nonzero value of  $T$

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



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## 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:

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t) \quad (1)$$

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

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

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) dt = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 dt + \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t) \right] dt$$

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## Trigonometric Fourier Series 2

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) dt = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 + \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t) \right] dt$$

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

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

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## Trigonometric Fourier Series 3

To find a formula for  $a_n$  it is necessary to multiply both sides of eqn(1) by  $\cos(m\omega_0 t)$  and then integrate over the same limits:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(m\omega_0 t) dt &= \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 \cos(m\omega_0 t) dt \\ &+ \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m\omega_0 t) a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m\omega_0 t) b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t) \right] dt \end{aligned}$$

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:

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## Trigonometric Fourier Series 4

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m\omega_0 t) \cdot a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) dt$$

$$a_n \frac{1}{2} (\cos((m+n)\omega_0 t) + \cos((m-n)\omega_0 t))$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(m\omega_0 t) dt &= \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_0 \cos(m\omega_0 t) dt + \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} a_m \frac{1}{2} \cos((0)\omega_0 t) dt \\ &+ \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m\omega_0 t) a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(m\omega_0 t) b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(m\omega_0 t) dt = (a_m/2) \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} 1 dt = a_m \cdot T/2$$

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## Trigonometric Fourier Series 5

BUT  $m=n$ , so:

$$\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(n\omega_0 t) dt = a_n/2 \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} 1 dt = a_n \cdot T/2$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos(n\omega_0 t) dt$$

And by similar reasoning:

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \sin(n\omega_0 t) dt$$

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## Trigonometric Fourier Series 6

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

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

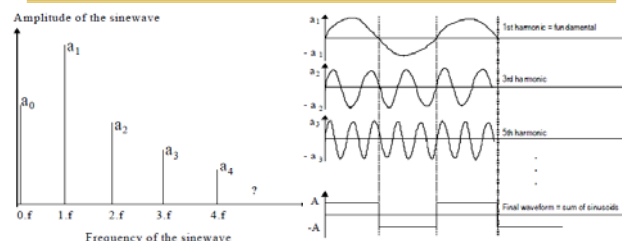
$$A_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

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

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## Fourier series



This diagram represents the frequency domain

This diagram represents the time domain

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## Convergence (收斂) 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

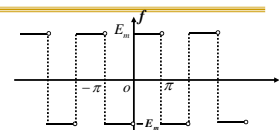
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## Application of the Fourier series 1

■ A rectangle impulse with period  $2\pi$

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



Determine if it is Fourier series representation

it satisfies the Dirichlet conditions.

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos ntdt \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-E_m) \cos ntdt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} E_m \cos ntdt = 0 \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin ntdt \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-E_m) \sin ntdt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} E_m \sin ntdt \end{aligned}$$

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## Application of the Fourier series 2

$$= \frac{2E_m}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) = \frac{2E_m}{n\pi} [1 - (-1)^n]$$

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

So, the Fourier series representation

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

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## Application of the Fourier series 3

If set  $E_m = 1$ , Period =  $2\pi$ ,

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

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

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

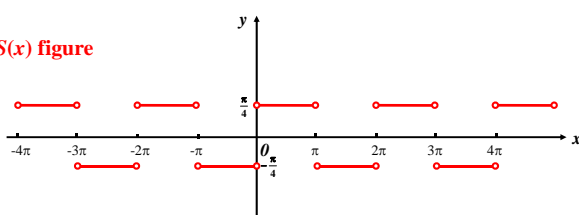
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## Application of the Fourier series 4

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$S(x)$  figure



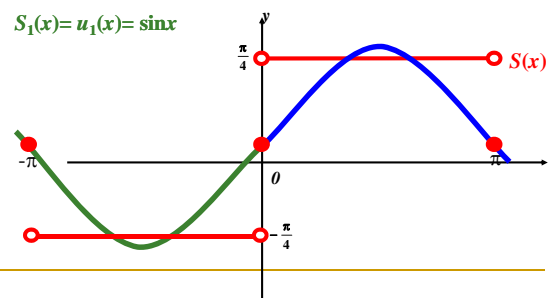
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## Application of the Fourier series 5

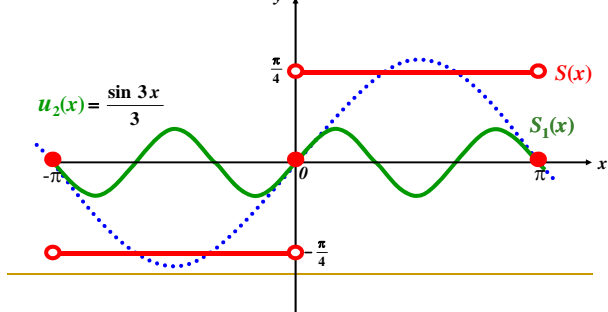
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$$S_1(x) = u_1(x) = \sin x$$



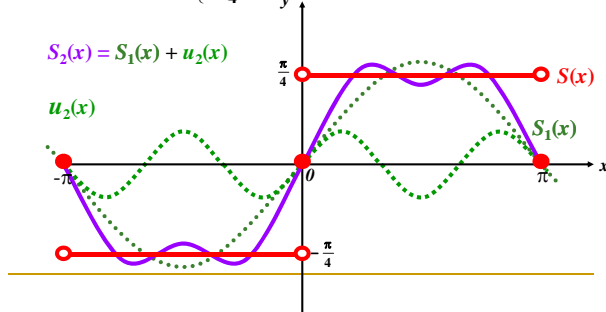
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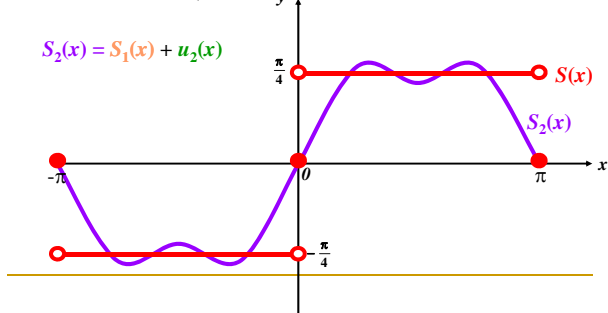
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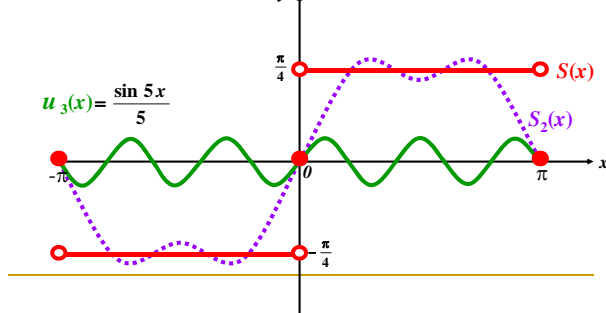
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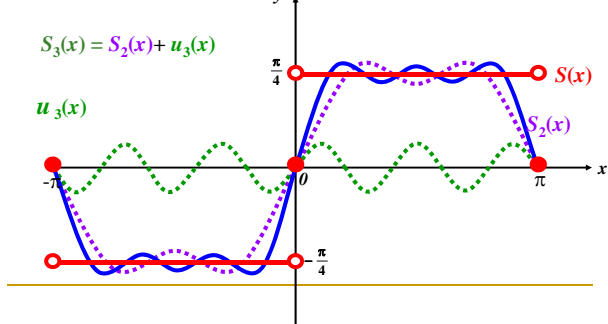
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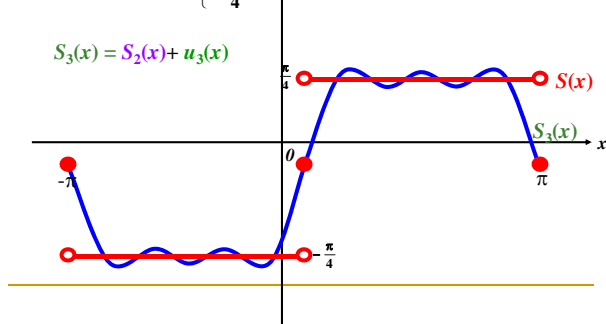
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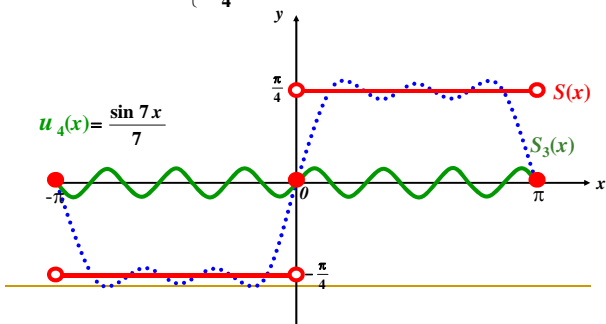
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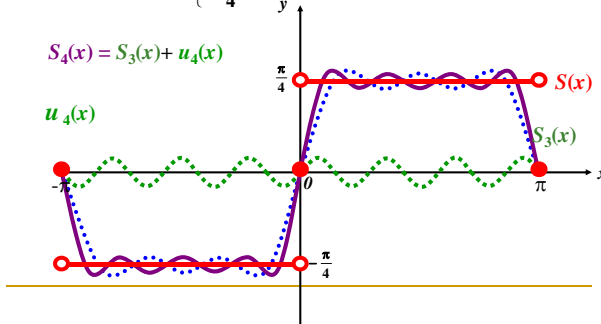
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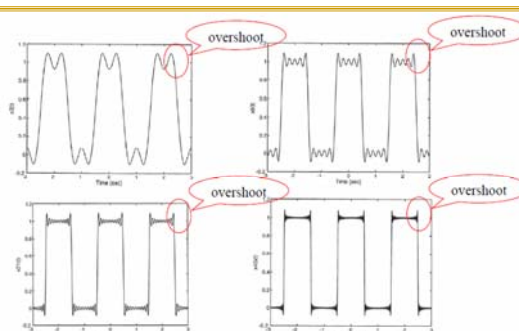
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We can see,  $S_4(x)$  stepwise near with  $S(x)$



### 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  $t_1^+$

### The exponential form of the Fourier series

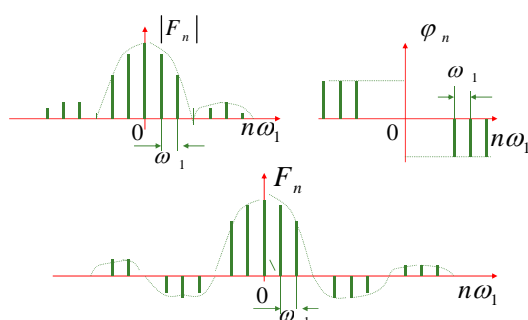
$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_1 t + b_n \sin n\omega_1 t)$$

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

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

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

## The exponential form of the Fourier series



## The exponential form of the Fourier series

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

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

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

$$a_n \cos(n\omega_1 t) = (a_n/2) \cdot [e^{jn\omega_1 t} + e^{-jn\omega_1 t}]$$

$$b_n \sin(n\omega_1 t) = (b_n/2j) \cdot [e^{jn\omega_1 t} - e^{-jn\omega_1 t}]$$

$$a_n \cos(n\omega_1 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_1 t) = (a_n/2) [e^{jn\omega_1 t} + e^{-jn\omega_1 t}] + (b_n/2j) [e^{jn\omega_1 t} - e^{-jn\omega_1 t}]$$

$$= X_n \cdot e^{jn\omega_1 t} + X_{-n} \cdot e^{-jn\omega_1 t}$$

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

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

$$\text{So the original Fourier Series can be written out as: } x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X_n \cdot e^{jn\omega_1 t}$$

$$\text{Where we have defined: } X_0 = a_0$$

## The Relationships of coefficients

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Summary of the Fourier series

- Three forms

- Original (sine and cosine components)

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

- Cosine-with-phase form

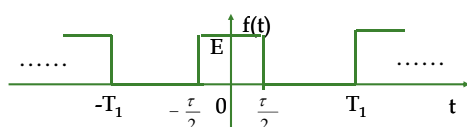
$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_1 t + \theta_k) \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

- Exponential form

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X_n \cdot e^{jn\omega_1 t} \quad X_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-jn\omega_1 t} dt$$

- Dirichlet conditions
- Gibbs phenomenon

## Example: Fourier series of Rectangle pulse



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

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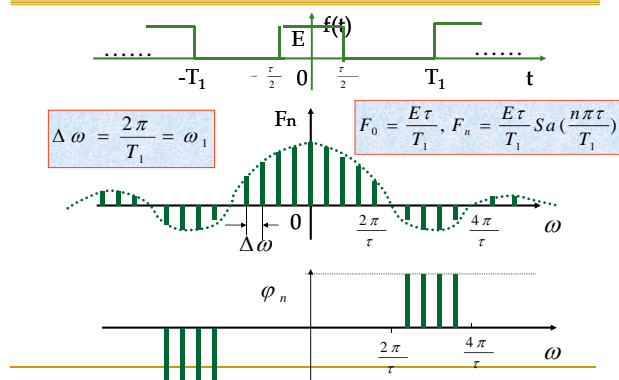
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$$F_n = \frac{1}{T_1} \int_{-\frac{\tau}{2}}^{\frac{\tau}{2}} E e^{-jn\omega_1 t} dt$$

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

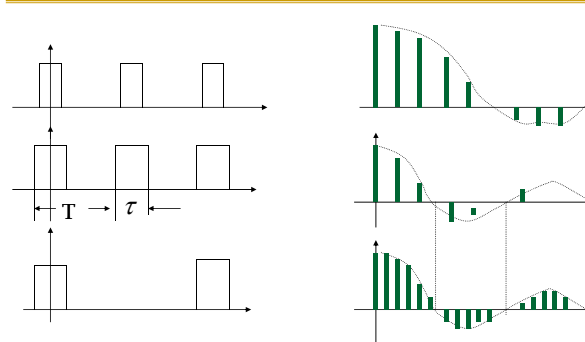
$$= \frac{E \tau}{T_1} \frac{\sin(\frac{n\omega_1 \tau}{2})}{(\frac{n\omega_1 \tau}{2})} \quad \text{Sa}(\frac{n\pi\tau}{T_1})$$

### Example: Fourier series of Rectangle pulse



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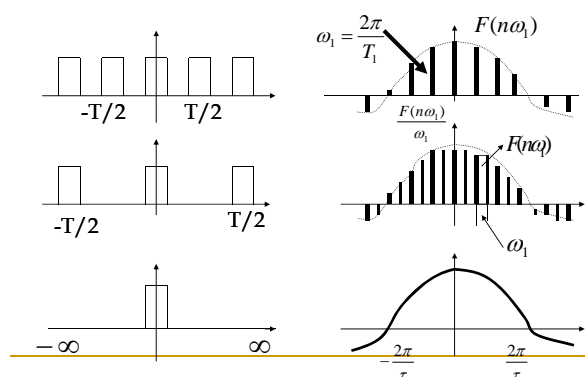
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### Fourier Series → Fourier Transform

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

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

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

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

### Inverse Fourier Transform

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

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

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

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

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