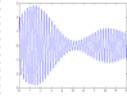


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Introduction to
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Lecture #2: Review of the Fourier
Series



Overview

- The Objectives of Today's Lecture
 - Overview/Motivation for Fourier Theory
 - Review of the Fourier Series
 - Relationship to the Fourier Transform

- Reading
 - Appendix 2

Motivation

- If a system is linear, the response due to a sum of signals is the sum of the responses to each individual signal
- System analysis can be simplified by decomposing an input signal into a sum of simpler signals
 - The system output can then be found as the sum of the system responses to these simpler signals
- A physically meaningful way of decomposing signals is to represent them as a sum (or integral) of sinusoids
 - Periodic signals – Fourier Series
 - Aperiodic signals – Fourier Transform
 - Periodic signals can also be represented using the Fourier Transform
- This gives rise to the idea of the *frequency domain*

Fourier Theory

- Two basic types of signals
 - Power signals
 - Energy signals
- We can represent a signal in time or in frequency
- Fourier Representations
 - Fourier Series
 - Representation valid for all time if signal is periodic (i.e., power signals)
 - Representation is valid only over a certain interval for aperiodic signals
 - Fourier Transform
 - Applies directly to energy signals
 - Requires introduction of the impulse for application to power signals

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Fourier Theory (cont.)

- Fourier Theory tells us that signals can be represented as weighted sums (or integrals) of sinusoids.
- The "amount" of each sinusoid is equivalent to the "frequency domain" information of a particular signal
- If the signal is periodic, the signal can be represented as an infinite sum of sinusoids whose frequencies are integer multiples of the fundamental frequency, f_0 .
- If a signal is aperiodic we can take the limit of the Fourier Series as the period goes to infinity. The result is the Fourier Transform
- The Fourier Transform doesn't technically apply to periodic signals.
 - However we can create a FT through the use of the delta function

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Motivation (revisited)

- Assume that I want to transmit a signal through a linear system
- I know that the system output is
$$y(t) = x(t) \otimes h(t)$$
- If I know the time domain description of the signal, $x(t)$ and the impulse response of the channel $h(t)$ can I mentally determine $y(t)$?

$$x(t) = \cos(200\pi t)$$

$$h(t) = \text{sinc}(50t)$$

$$y(t) = ?$$

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Motivation (cont.)

- Now assume that I know the frequency domain description of the signal and the channel.

$$Y(f) = X(f)H(f)$$

- Knowing $X(f)$ and $H(f)$ can I easily determine $Y(f)$?

$$X(f) = \frac{1}{2} \{ \delta(f-100) + \delta(f+100) \}$$

$$H(f) = \frac{1}{50} \text{rect}\left(\frac{f}{50}\right)$$

$$Y(f) = ?$$

In-class Drill

- Determine the output of a linear time-invariant system if the input and impulse response of the system are

Motivation (cont.)

- Many aspects of communication system analysis are simplified through the use of the frequency domain
- The Fourier Series represents any periodic signal as an infinite sum of sinusoids. The weights of the sinusoids provide "frequency domain" information of the signal
- Unfortunately, the Fourier Series is not applicable to energy signals (e.g., aperiodic signals)
- Thus, while we will review Fourier Series and the concept is important, we will typically use a more general technique of converting time domain signals into the frequency domain – the Fourier Transform

Example 2.1 (cont.)

- Since the terms for positive and negative n can be combined using Euler's Identity we can write the equation for the original signal as

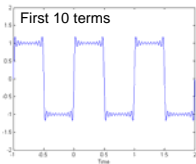
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- Since the even terms are zero we could also rewrite this as

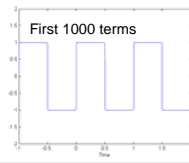
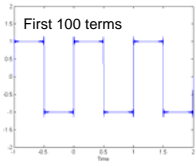
$$x(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)} \sin(2\pi(2n-1)f_0 t)$$

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Example 2.1 - Plots



- As we continue to add the sinusoidal terms our representation is closer and closer to the original signal *over the interval of interest*.
- When the number of terms goes to infinity the representation is *exact*



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Table of Fourier Series Coefficients

Time Domain Function	Fourier Series Coefficients
$x(t) = e^{j2\pi f_0 t}$	$c_n = \delta[n-1]$
$x(t) = \sin(2\pi f_0 t)$	$c_n = \frac{j}{2} \{ \delta[n+1] - \delta[n-1] \}$
$x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$	$c_n = \frac{1}{2} \{ \delta[n+1] + \delta[n-1] \}$
$x(t) = 1$	$c_n = \delta[n]$
$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{rect}\left(\frac{t-n\tau}{T}\right)$	$c_n = \frac{T}{\tau} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{T}{\tau} n\right)$
$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{tri}\left(\frac{t-n\tau}{T}\right)$	$c_n = \frac{T}{\tau} \text{sinc}^2\left(\frac{T}{\tau} n\right)$

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Properties of the Fourier Series

□ Important Properties of the Fourier Series

- Linearity
 - The FS of a sum of two functions is the sum of the individual FS
- Time-shifting
 - Time-shift corresponds to phase shift in FS coefficients
- Frequency-shifting
 - Frequency shift corresponds to multiplying the time signal by a complex sinusoid
- Time reversal
- Time scaling

Properties of the Fourier Series

- Time differentiation
 - Differentiating in time corresponds to multiplying the FS coefficients by f
- Time integration
 - Integrating in time corresponds to dividing the FS coefficients by f
- Multiplication-Convolution
 - Convolution of two functions in time corresponds to a convolution sum of Fourier Series coefficients
- Parseval's Theorem – Avg. power is the same in both domains

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0} |x(t)|^2 dt}_{\text{Average power of } x(t)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$$

Use of Tables

- In general we use properties and tables of pairs to find new pairs.

Property	
Conjugation	$x^*(t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} c_{-n}^*$
Linearity	$\alpha x(t) + \beta y(t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} \alpha c_n^x + \beta c_n^y$
Time-shifting	$x(t - t_0) \xleftrightarrow{FS} e^{-j2\pi f_0 t_0} c_n$
Frequency-shifting	$e^{j2\pi n_0 f_0 t} x(t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} c_{n-n_0}$
Time reversal	$x(-t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} c_{-n}$
Time-derivative	$\frac{d}{dt} \{x(t)\} \xleftrightarrow{FS} (j2\pi n f_0) c_n$
Time-integration	$\int x(\tau) d\tau \xleftrightarrow{FS} \frac{1}{j2\pi n f_0} c_n$

Properties (cont.)

Property	
Time-scaling (integer a) $T_f = T_o$	$x(at) \xleftrightarrow{FS} \begin{cases} c_n^x & \frac{n}{a} = \text{integer} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$
Multiplication	$x(t)y(t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} c_q^x c_{n-q}^y$
Convolution	$x(t) \otimes y(t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} T_o c_n^x c_n^y$
Conjugation	$x^*(t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} c_{-n}^*$

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Example 2.2

- Find the Continuous Time Fourier Series of

$$x(t) = \cos(50\pi t - \pi/4)$$

for $T_o = T_o = 1/f_o = 1/25$

We can use

$$\cos(2\pi f_o t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} \frac{1}{2} \delta[n-1] + \frac{1}{2} \delta[n+1]$$

and

$$x(t - t_o) \xleftrightarrow{FS} e^{-j2\pi n f_o t_o} c_n$$

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Example 2.2 (cont.)

- Re-writing the original equation

$$x(t) = \cos(50\pi t - \pi/4)$$

$$= \cos\left(50\pi\left(t - \frac{\pi/4}{50\pi}\right)\right)$$

$$= \cos\left(50\pi\left(t - \frac{1}{200}\right)\right)$$

$$c_n = e^{-j2\pi n * 25(1/200)} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \delta[n-1] + \frac{1}{2} \delta[n+1] \right\}$$

$$= e^{-j2\pi n/8} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \delta[n-1] + \frac{1}{2} \delta[n+1] \right\}$$

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The Fourier Transform (cont.)

- Using this region of integration

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \Delta f \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} x(\tau) e^{-j2\pi n \Delta f \tau} d\tau \right\} e^{j2\pi n \Delta f t}$$

- Now in the limit as T_0 approaches infinity, the periodic signal becomes aperiodic, Δf approaches the differential df , $n\Delta f$ becomes a continuous variable f and

$$x(t) = \lim_{T_0 \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \Delta f \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} x(\tau) e^{-j2\pi n \Delta f \tau} d\tau \right\} e^{j2\pi n \Delta f t} \right\}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f \tau} d\tau \right\} e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

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The Fourier Transform

- We then define the Continuous Time Fourier Transform as

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

$$= F \{x(t)\}$$

and the original signal can be written in terms of the Fourier Transform as

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

$$= F^{-1} \{X(f)\}$$

This is typically called the *inverse Fourier Transform*

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The Frequency Domain

- The original signal $x(t)$ is said to be in the *time domain* since its argument represents time
- The Fourier Transform $X(f)$ representation is said to be in the *frequency domain* since its argument f represents frequency

- Notes:

- Frequency is the reciprocal of time
- The Fourier Transform is referred to as an *analysis* of the signal $x(t)$ since it extracts the components of $x(t)$ at each value of f
- The Inverse Fourier Transform is referred to as *synthesis* since it recombines the components $X(f)$ to obtain the original signal $x(t)$
- The physical meaning of $X(f)$ depends on the meaning of $x(t)$. If $x(t)$ has units of volts, $X(f)$ has units volts/Hz.
 - Thus it represents how much of the overall voltage signal is present at each frequency.

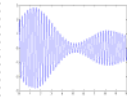
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Summary

- Today we have begun our discussion of the frequency domain by briefly reviewing the Fourier Series
- The Fourier Series allows us to represent any periodic signal (power signals) as a weighted sum of sinusoids.
 - The weights associated with each sinusoid can be interpreted as the frequency domain information
- The Fourier Transform is a generalization of the Fourier Series that allows us to analyze aperiodic signals (such as energy signals)
 - We will spend more time on this tool next lecture.

Supplemental Material

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Trigonometric Fourier Series

- The form of the Fourier Series discussed in this lecture is termed the *complex form* of the Fourier Series which is the most general.
- For *real* functions, we can also define a *trigonometric form* of the Fourier Series. This is described in the following slide and demonstrated in the following example

Example 2.3 (cont.)

□ Thus, we can write the sine terms as

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi n} (1 - \cos(\pi n))$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & n = \text{even} \\ \frac{2}{\pi n} & n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

□ Thus we have

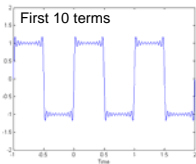
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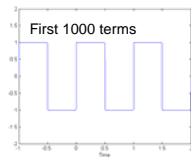
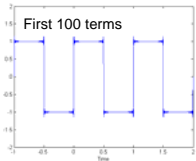
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Example 2.3 - check

□ Does this agree with our previous result?

$$a_0 = c_0$$

$$b_0 = 0$$

$$a_n = \frac{c_n + c_n^*}{2} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{j(c_n - c_n^*)}{2}$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-2j}{\pi n} + \frac{2j}{\pi n} \right) = 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ \frac{j}{2} \left(\frac{-2j}{\pi n} - \frac{2j}{\pi n} \right) = \frac{2}{\pi n} & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad \text{Agrees!}$$

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Impact of the Signal Period

- Aperiodic signals
 - A Fourier Series representation can be calculated for an aperiodic signal, however it will only be valid over the interval of the original signal
 - See next example
- We have assumed thus far that we use the period of the signal as the fundamental interval of the Fourier Series
 - This is not necessary but is the most convenient
 - We can actually use any integer multiple of the period as the interval of interest
 - If we change the interval of interest from T_o to kT_o , for integer k , the Fourier Series coefficients are related to the original coefficients as

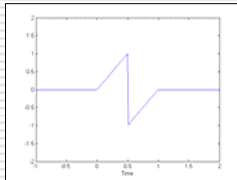
$$\tilde{c}_n = \begin{cases} c_{n/k} & n/k = \text{integer} \\ 0 & n/k \neq \text{integer} \end{cases}$$

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Example 2.4 – Aperiodic signals

- Let's consider a sawtooth waveform

$$x(t) = 2 * \text{ramp}(t) \{u(t) - u(t - \frac{1}{2})\} + \{2 * \text{ramp}(t - \frac{1}{2}) - 2\} \{u(t - \frac{1}{2}) - u(t - 1)\}$$



Note that this signal is NOT periodic

- Define the time interval to be $0 < t < 1$
- $T_o = 1, f_o = 1$

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Example 2.4 (cont.)

- The trigonometric Fourier Series is

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{a_n \cos(2\pi n f_o t) + b_n \sin(2\pi n f_o t)\}$$

- Looking at the cosine terms

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{T_o} \int_0^{T_o} x(t) \cos(2\pi n f_o t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{0.5} 2t \cos(2\pi n t) dt + \int_{0.5}^1 (2t - 2) \cos(2\pi n t) dt \\ &= \frac{2}{(2\pi n)^2} \left[\cos(2\pi n t) + 2\pi n t \sin(2\pi n t) \right] \Big|_0^{0.5} + \frac{2}{(2\pi n)^2} \left[\cos(2\pi n t) + 2\pi n t \sin(2\pi n t) \right] \Big|_{0.5}^1 \\ &= \frac{2}{2\pi n} \left[\sin(2\pi n) \right] \Big|_{0.5}^1 \\ &= \frac{2}{(2\pi n)^2} \left[\cos(2\pi n) + 2\pi n \sin(2\pi n) - \cos(0) - \sin(0) \right] - \frac{2}{2\pi n} \left[\sin(2\pi n) - \sin(\pi n) \right] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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