Chapter 3

Fourier Series Representation

Introduction

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- Born in Auxerre, France
- Mathematician and physicist
- Developed Fourier series, Fourier transforms and their applications on heat and vibration
- Life span: 21 March 1768 16 May 1830
- Also known as an Egyptologist.



The response of LTI systems to complex exponentials

- For the study of LTI systems we represent signals as linear combinations of *basic signals* (unit impulse $\delta(t)$, complex exponential e^{st} ,...).
- The response of an LTI system to a complex exponential input is the same complex exponential with only a change in amplitude.

Continuous time: $e^{st} \rightarrow H(s)e^{st}$ Discrete time: $z^n \rightarrow H(z)z^n$

H(s) and H(z) are the amplitude factor (complex function of complex variable).

• A signal for which the system output is a (possibly complex) constant times the input is referred to as an *eigenfunction* of the system, and the amplitude factor is referred to as the system's eigenvalue.



Continuous time case

Complex exponentials are *eigenfunctions* of LTI systems

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) x(t-\tau) d\tau \qquad \qquad x(t) \longrightarrow \qquad \text{LTI System} \\ h(t) \qquad \qquad y(t) = H x(t)$$

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IF:
$$x(t) = e^{st}$$
 (a complex exponential) $\Rightarrow y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{s(t-\tau)} d\tau \leftarrow convolution$
 $\Rightarrow y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{st} e^{-s\tau} d\tau = e^{st} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau$
 $\Rightarrow y(t) = H(s) e^{st}$ Where: $H(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau$

The complex constant H(s) for a specific value of *s* is the '*eigenvalue*' associated with the *eigenfunction* e^{st} .

Discrete time case

Complex exponential sequences are eigenfunctions of discrete-time LTI systems.

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[n-k]$$

$$x[z] \longrightarrow h[z] \longrightarrow y[n] = Hx[n]$$

$$F: x[n] = z^{n} \text{ (input the sequence)} \Rightarrow y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[n-k]$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] z^{n-k} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] z^{n} z^{-k} = z^{n} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] z^{-k}$$

 \Rightarrow $y[n] = H[z] z^n$ With $H[z] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] z^{-k}$

- The complex exponentials are '*eigenfunctions*' of LTI systems.
- The constant H(z) for a specific value of z is the 'eigenvalue' associated with the eigenfunction zⁿ.

Fourier Series Representation of Continuous Time Periodic Signals

1. Linear combination of harmonically related complex exponentials

A signal is periodic, if, for some positive value of T, x(t) = x(t+T), for all t (1) The *fundamental period* of x(t) is the minimum, positive, nonzero value of T for which equation (1) is satisfied.

Basic periodic signals: Sinusoidal: $x(t) = cos(\omega_0 t)$ Complex exponential: $x(t) = e^{j\omega_0 t}$

fundamental frequency: 2π

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

Harmonically related signals with the complex exponential:

$$\phi_k(t) = e^{jk\omega_0 t} = e^{jk(2\pi/T)t}, \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Fourier series representation of a periodic signal x(t) with period T

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk(2\pi/T)t}$$

The term for k = 0 is a constant. The terms for $k = \pm 1$ are the 'first harmonic components' or 'fundamental' components'. The terms for $k = \pm 2$ are the 'second harmonic components'. The terms for $k = \pm N$ are the 'Nth harmonic components'.

Example

Consider a periodic signal x(t) with fundamental frequency 2π , expressed as:

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-3}^{3} a_k e^{jk2\pi t}$$

where,

 $x(t) = 1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(e^{j2\pi t} + e^{-j2\pi t} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j4\pi t} + e^{-j4\pi t} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j6\pi t} + e^{-j6\pi t} \right)$





 $x_0(t) = 1$



 $x(t) = x_0(t) + x_1(t) + x_2(t) + x_3(t)$

with,
$$2\cos(\omega t) = e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t}$$

We obtain,

$$x(t) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\cos(2\pi t) + \cos(4\pi t) + \frac{2}{3}\cos(6\pi t)$$

Determination of the Fourier Series Representation of a Continuous-time Periodic Signal

We need to determine the *coefficients* a_k , in order to express a periodic continuous signal x(t) with a fundamental period Tand a fundamental frequency $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ as a *Fourier series*





Fourier Series Representation : Continued

$$\int_{0}^{T} x(t)e^{-jn\omega_{0}t}dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_{k} \int_{0}^{T} e^{j(k-n)\omega_{0}t}dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_{k}T \,\delta_{kn} = a_{n}T \implies a_{n} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} x(t)e^{-jn\omega_{0}t}dt$$

$$a_{k} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} x(t)e^{-jk\omega_{0}t}dt \qquad a_{k} \text{ are called Fourier series coefficients,} \text{ or spectral coefficients}$$

Synthesis equation:
$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk(2\pi/T)t}$$

Analysis equation: $a_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{T} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} x(t) e^{-jk(2\pi/T)t} dt$

 a_0 : is the DC component

A CT signal with fundamental frequency ω_0 : $x(t) = sin(\omega_0 t)$, determine its Fourier series

Using E

Euler's formula:
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^{j\theta} = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta}{e^{-j\theta} = \cos\theta - j\sin\theta} &\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{1}{2j} \left[e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta} \right] \\ x\left(t\right) = \sin(\omega_0 t) = \frac{1}{2j} e^{j\omega_0 t} - \frac{1}{2j} e^{-j\omega_0 t} \end{aligned}$$
(1)

Comparing with Fourier synthesis equation(matching terms of (1) and (2)):

 $a_{-1} = (-1/2j) = \frac{-1}{2i} \times \frac{j}{i} = \frac{1}{2}j$

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} = \dots + a_{-2} e^{-j2\omega_0 t} + a_{-1} e^{-j\omega_0 t} + a_0 + a_1 e^{j\omega_0 t} + a_2 e^{j2\omega_0 t} + \dots$$
(2)
$$a_0 = 0;$$

We get, $a_1 = (1/2j) = \frac{1}{2j} \times \frac{j}{j} = -\frac{1}{2}j$ and

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and
$$a_k = 0$$
, for $|k| > 1$

Determine Fourier series of: $x(t) = 1 + \sin(\omega_0 t) + 2\cos(\omega_0 t) + \cos(2\omega_0 t + \pi/4)$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= 1 + \frac{1}{2j} \left[e^{j\omega_0 t} - e^{-j\omega_0 t} \right] + \frac{2}{2} \left[e^{j\omega_0 t} + e^{-j\omega_0 t} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{j(2\omega_0 t + \pi/4)} + e^{-j(2\omega_0 t + \pi/4)} \right] \\ &= 1 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{2j} \right) e^{j\omega_0 t} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2j} \right) e^{-j\omega_0 t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{j\pi/4} \right) e^{j2\omega_0 t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{-j\pi/4} \right) e^{-j2\omega_0 t} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing with Fourier series expansion,



Plots of the magnitude and phase of the Fourier coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 1 \\ a_1 &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2j}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}j; \ a_{-1} &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2j}\right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}j \\ a_2 &= \frac{1}{2}e^{j\pi/4} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}j\right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(1+j) \\ a_{-2} &= \frac{1}{2}e^{-j\pi/4} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}j\right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(1-j) \\ a_k &= 0, \quad \text{for } |k| > 2 \end{aligned}$$

x(4) Determine Fourier series of periodic square wave, defined over one period as: $x(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & |t| < T_1 \\ 0, & T_1 < |t| < T/2 \end{cases}$ Analysis equation: Periodic square wave $a_{k} = \frac{1}{T} \int x(t) e^{-jk(2\pi/T)t} dt$ -T \underline{T} $-T_1$ T_1 \underline{T} -2T 2T $a_{0} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{T} x(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{T}^{T_{1}} dt = \frac{2T_{1}}{T} \quad \checkmark \quad k = 0$ $= \left(\frac{1}{k\pi}\right) \left| \frac{e^{jk(2\pi/T)T_{\mu}} - e^{-jk(2\pi/T)T_{1}}}{2i} \right|$ $a_{k} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^{T/2} x(t) e^{-jk(2\pi/T)t} dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^{T_{1}} e^{-jk(2\pi/T)t} dt$ $\Rightarrow a_k = \frac{\sin\left(k\frac{2\pi}{T}T_1\right)}{k\pi} = \frac{\sin\left(k\omega_0T_1\right)}{k\pi}, \quad \text{for } k \neq 0$ $=\frac{1}{T}\cdot\frac{-1}{jk(2\pi/T)}e^{-jk(2\pi/T)t}\Big|_{-T_{1}}^{T_{1}}$ πa_k Plots of the scaled Fourier $= \frac{1}{k \pi} \left(\frac{-1}{2 i} \right) \left[e^{-jk (2\pi/T)T_1} - e^{jk (2\pi/T)T_1} \right]$ series coefficients for $T = 4T_1$ 202

Fourier series representation of the square wave

Fourier series can be used to represent (*approximating*) an extremely large class of periodic signals, including the square wave, by a linear combination of a finite number of harmonically related complex exponentials $r_{v}(t)$



Convergence of the Fourier series representation of a square wave

A continuous-time periodic signal x(t) is real valued and has a fundamental period T = 8. The non-zero Fourier series coefficients for x(t) are $a_1 = a_{-1} = 2$, $a_3 = a_{-3}^* = 4j$. Express x(t) in the form: $x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k cos(\omega_k t + \varphi_k)$ Find $A_k, \omega_k, and \varphi_k$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\,\omega_0 t} = \sum_{k=-3}^{3} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} \\ &= a_1 e^{j\omega_0 t} + a_{-1} e^{-j\omega_0 t} + a_3 e^{j3\omega_0 t} + a_{-3} e^{-j3\omega_0 t} \\ &= 2 e^{j\omega_0 t} + 2 e^{-j\omega_0 t} + 4j e^{j3\omega_0 t} - 4j e^{-j3\omega_0 t} \\ &= 4 \left[\frac{e^{j\omega_0 t} + e^{-j\omega_0 t}}{2} \right] + 8(-1) \left[\frac{e^{j3\omega_0 t} - e^{-j3\omega_0 t}}{2j} \right] \\ &= 4 \cos(\omega_0 t) - 8\sin(3\omega_0 t) \\ &= 4 \cos(\omega_0 t + 0) - 8\cos(3\omega_0 t + \pi/2) \end{aligned}$$

For the continuous-time periodic signal, $x(t) = 2 + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}t\right) + 4\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}t\right)$

Determine the fundamental frequency ω_0 and the Fourier series coefficients a_k such that:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= 2 + (1/2) \left[e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}t} + e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}t} \right] + (4/2j) \left[e^{j\frac{5\pi}{3}t} - e^{-j\frac{5\pi}{3}t} \right] \\ &= 2 + (1/2) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}t} + (1/2) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}t} + (-2j) e^{j\frac{5\pi}{3}t} + (2j) e^{-j\frac{5\pi}{3}t} \\ &x(t) &= a_0 + a_1 e^{j\omega_0 t} + a_{-1} e^{-j\omega_0 t} \\ &+ a_2 e^{j2\omega_0 t} + a_{-2} e^{-j2\omega_0 t} \\ &+ a_3 e^{j3\omega_0 t} + a_{-3} e^{-j3\omega_0 t} \\ &+ a_4 e^{j4\omega_0 t} + a_{-4} e^{-j4\omega_0 t} \\ &+ a_5 e^{j5\omega_0 t} + a_{-5} e^{-j5\omega_0 t} + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_{0} = \frac{\pi}{3}, a_{0} = 2$$

$$a_{2} = 1/2, \quad a_{-2} = 1/2$$

$$a_{5} = -2j, \quad a_{-5} = 2j$$
for all other $k, a_{k} = 0$

 $x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k e^{jk \omega_0 t}$

Properties of Continuous-Time Fourier Series

Fourier series representations possess a number of important properties that are useful for reducing the complexity of the evaluation of the Fourier series of many signals.

For a periodic signal x(t) with period T and fundamental frequency $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$

Periodic signal $x(t) \stackrel{FS}{\leftrightarrow} a_k$ Fourier series coefficients

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_k e^{jkw_0 t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_k e^{jk(2\pi/T)t}$$
 Synthesis Equation

$$a_{k} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{T} x(t) e^{-jkw_{0}t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_{T} x(t) e^{-jk(2\pi/T)t} dt$$
Analysis Equation



Problem 1

Consider three continuous-time periodic signals whose Fourier series representations are as follows:

Use Fourier series properties to help answer the following questions:

(a) Which of the three signals is/are even?(b) Which of the three signals is/are real valued?

$$x_{1}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{100} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k} e^{jk(2\pi/50)t}$$
$$x_{2}(t) = \sum_{k=-100}^{100} \cos(k\pi) e^{jk(2\pi/50)t}$$
$$x_{3}(t) = \sum_{k=-100}^{100} j \sin(k\pi/2) e^{jk(2\pi/50)t}$$

Fourier series representation: $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$ For $x_1(t)$ $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{50}$ For $x_1(t)$ to be real: $a_{-k}^* = a_k$ For $x_1(t)$ to be even: $x_1(t) = x_1(-t)$ $a_{\rm k} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$, for $k = 0, 1, 2, \cdots, 100$ $x_1(-t) = \sum_{k=0}^{100} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k e^{-jk\left(\frac{2\pi}{50}\right)t} = \sum_{k=0}^{100} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-k} e^{jk\left(\frac{2\pi}{50}\right)t} \neq \sum_{k=0}^{100} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k e^{jk\left(\frac{2\pi}{50}\right)t} = x_1(t)$ $a_{k} = 0$, for k > 100 and k < 0However, here $a_{10} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$ $x_1(t)$ is not even. $a_{-10} = 0, \qquad a_{10} \neq a_{-10}^*$ $x_1(t)$ is not real.

For
$$x_2(t)$$
 $x_2(t) = \sum_{k=-100}^{100} \cos(k\pi) e^{jk(2\pi/50)t}$
 $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{50}$ $a_k = \cos(k\pi), \text{ for } -100 \le k \le 100$
 $a_k = 0, \text{ otherwise}$
For $x_1(t)$ to be real: $a_{-k}^* = a_k$
 $a_{-k}^* = (\cos(-k\pi))^* = \cos(k\pi) = a_k$
 $Re\{a_k\} = \cos(k\pi), \quad Re\{a_{-k}\} = \cos(-k\pi) = \cos(k\pi)$
 $Re\{a_k\} = Re\{a_{-k}\}$
 $Im\{a_k\} = 0 = Im\{a_{-k}\}$
 $|a_k| = |a_{-k}|, \quad \measuredangle a_k = 0 = \measuredangle a_{-k}$
 $x_2(t)$ is real.

For $x_1(t)$ to be even: $x_1(t) = x_1(-t)$, and $a_k = a_{-k}$ $a_k = cos(k\pi)$ $a_{-k} = cos(-k\pi) = cos(k\pi)$ $\Rightarrow a_k = a_{-k}$ $x_2(t)$ is even.

For
$$x_3(t)$$
 $x_3(t) = \sum_{k=-100}^{100} j \sin(k\pi/2) e^{jk(2\pi/50)t}$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{50} \qquad \begin{aligned} a_k &= j \sin(k\pi/2), for - 100 \le k \le 100 \\ a_k &= 0, \quad otherwise \end{aligned}$$

For $x_1(t)$ to be real: $a_{-k}^* = a_k$ $a_{\mathbf{k}} = j \sin(k\pi/2)$ $a_{-k}^* = -j\sin\left(-\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) = j\sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) = a_k$ $Re\{a_k\} = 0 = Re\{a_{-k}\}$ $\implies Im\{a_k\} = -Im\{a_{-k}\}$ $|a_k| = |j \sin(k\pi/2)| = |\sin(k\pi/2)|$ $|a_{-k}| = |j \sin(-k\pi/2)| = |\sin(k\pi/2)|$ $|a_k| = |a_{-k}|$ $\measuredangle a_{-k} = tan^{-1} \left(\frac{sin(-k\pi/2)}{0} \right) = tan^{-1}(-\infty) = -\pi/2$ $4a_{\mathbf{k}} = -4\dot{a}_{-\mathbf{k}}$

For $x_1(t)$ to be even: $a_k = a_{-k}$

$$a_{-k} = j \sin\left(-\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) = -j \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) = -a_k$$
$$\Rightarrow a_{-k} \neq a_k$$

 $x_3(t)$ is not even.

 $x_3(t)$ is real.

Problem 2

Suppose we are given the following information about a signal x(t):

(1) x(t) is real and odd. (2) x(t) is periodic with period T = 2, and has Fourier coefficients a_k : (3) $a_k = 0$ for |k| > 1. (4) $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 |x(t)|^2 dt = 1$. Specify a signal that satisfies these conditions.

From (2):
Fourier series representation:
$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

 $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$
From (3): $x(t) = a_1 e^{j\omega_0 t} + a_{-1} e^{-j\omega_0 t}$
From (1): $a_0 = 0$, because $x(t)$ is odd.
 $x(t)$ is odd $\Rightarrow a_1 = -a_{-1}$
 $x(t) = a_1 e^{j\omega_0 t} + a_{-1} e^{-j\omega_0 t}$
 $= a_1 (e^{j\omega_0 t} - e^{-j\omega_0 t})$
 $\Rightarrow |x(t)|^2 = a_1^* (e^{-j\omega_0 t} - e^{j\omega_0 t})$

$$|x(t)|^{2} = |x(t) x^{*}(t)| = |a_{1} a_{1}^{*}| |1 - e^{j\omega_{0}t} - e^{-j\omega_{0}t} + 1|$$

= $|a_{1} a_{1}^{*}| |2 - 2\cos(2\omega_{0}t)| = 2|a_{1} a_{1}^{*}| |1 - \cos(2\omega_{0}t)|$

From (4):
$$\frac{1}{2}\int_0^2 |x(t)|^2 dt = 1.$$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\int_0^2 2|a_1 a_1^*||1 - \cos(2\omega_0 t)|dt = 1.$

$$|a_1 a_1^*| \int_0^2 |1 - \cos(2\omega_0 t)| dt = 1$$

$$|a_1 a_1^*| \left[t - \frac{\sin(2\omega_0 t)}{2\omega_0} \right]_0^2 = 1. \quad \Longrightarrow \quad |a_1 a_1^*| \left[2 - 0 - 0 + 0 \right] = 1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad |a_1 a_1^*| = \frac{1}{2}$$

As a_1 is complex: $\{Re(a_1)\}^2 + \{Im(a_1)\}^2 = \frac{1}{2}$ As a_1 is purely imaginary: $\{0\}^2 + \{Im(a_1)\}^2 = \frac{1}{2}$ \implies $Im(a_1) = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$a_1 = \pm j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

 $a_{-1} = -a_1 = \mp j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Therefore, the signals are

$$x_1(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} j e^{j\pi t} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} j e^{-j\pi t} = -\sqrt{2} \sin(\pi t)$$
$$x_2(t) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} j e^{j\pi t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} j e^{-j\pi t} = \sqrt{2} \sin(\pi t)$$