

## Advanced Digital Signal Processing

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## Fourier Series Coefficients

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- Work with the Fourier Series Integral

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi k/T_0)t} dt$$

- **ANALYSIS** via Fourier Series
  - For **PERIODIC** signals:  $x(t+T_0) = x(t)$
  - Spectrum from the Fourier Series

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## HISTORY

- Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier
  - 1807 thesis (memoir)
    - On the Propagation of Heat in Solid Bodies
  - Heat !
  - Napoleonic era
- <http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/Mathematicians/Fourier.html>

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Joseph Fourier

lived from 1768 to 1830

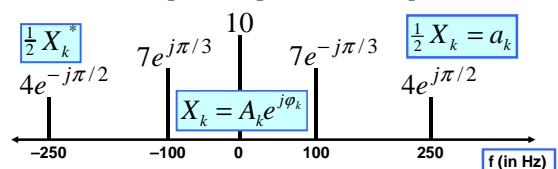
Fourier studied the mathematical theory of heat conduction. He established the partial differential equation governing heat diffusion and solved it by using infinite series of trigonometric functions.

Find out more at:  
<http://www-history.mcs.st-andrews.ac.uk/history/Mathematicians/Fourier.html>

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## SPECTRUM DIAGRAM

- Recall Complex Amplitude vs. Freq



$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^N \{ a_k e^{j2\pi f_k t} + a_k^* e^{-j2\pi f_k t} \}$$

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## Harmonic Signal

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$$

PERIOD/FREQUENCY of COMPLEX EXPONENTIAL:

$$2\pi(f_0) = \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T_0} \quad \text{or} \quad T_0 = \frac{1}{f_0}$$

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## Fourier Series Synthesis

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{2} X_k = \frac{1}{2} A_k e^{j\phi_k}$$

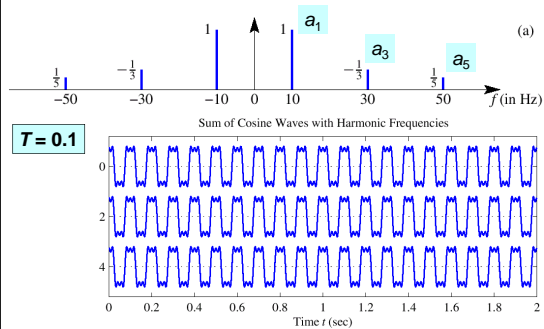
$$x(t) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^N A_k \cos(2\pi k f_0 t + \phi_k)$$

$$X_k = A_k e^{j\phi_k}$$

COMPLEX AMPLITUDE

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## Harmonic Signal (3 Freqs)



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## SYNTHESIS vs. ANALYSIS

- SYNTHESIS
  - Easy
  - Given  $(\omega_k, A_k, \phi_k)$  create  $x(t)$
- ANALYSIS
  - Hard
  - Given  $x(t)$ , extract  $(\omega_k, A_k, \phi_k)$
  - How many?
  - Need algorithm for computer
- Synthesis can be HARD
  - Synthesize Speech so that it sounds good

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## STRATEGY: $x(t) \rightarrow a_k$

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$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j\omega_0 k t} dt$$

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## INTEGRAL Property of $\exp(j)$

- INTEGRATE over ONE PERIOD

$$\int_0^{T_0} e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)mt} dt = \frac{T_0}{-j2\pi m} e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)mt} \Big|_0^{T_0} = \frac{T_0}{-j2\pi m} (e^{-j2\pi m} - 1)$$

$$\int_0^{T_0} e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)mt} dt = 0 \quad m \neq 0 \quad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T_0}$$

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## ORTHOGONALITY of $\exp(j)$

- PRODUCT of  $\exp(+j)$  and  $\exp(-j)$

$$\frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} e^{j(2\pi/T_0)\ell t} e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt = \begin{cases} 0 & k \neq \ell \\ 1 & k = \ell \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} e^{j(2\pi/T_0)(\ell-k)t} dt$$

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## Isolate One FS Coefficient

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j(2\pi/T_0)kt}$$

$$\frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)\ell t} dt = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j(2\pi/T_0)kt} \right) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)\ell t} dt$$

$$\frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)\ell t} dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k \left( \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} e^{j(2\pi/T_0)kt} e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)\ell t} dt \right) = a_\ell$$

Integral is zero except for  $k = \ell$

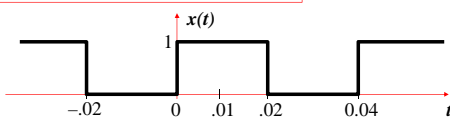
$$\Rightarrow a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt$$

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## SQUARE WAVE EXAMPLE

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < \frac{1}{2}T_0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}T_0 \leq t < T_0 \end{cases}$$

for  $T_0 = 0.04$  sec.



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## FS for a SQUARE WAVE $\{a_k\}$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt \quad (k \neq 0)$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{.04} \int_0^{.02} 1 e^{-j(2\pi/.04)kt} dt = \frac{1}{.04(-j2\pi k/.04)} e^{-j(2\pi/.04)kt} \Big|_0^{.02}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(-j2\pi k)} (e^{-j(\pi)k} - 1) = \frac{1 - (-1)^k}{j2\pi k}$$

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## DC Coefficient: $a_0$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt \quad (k = 0)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) dt = \frac{1}{T_0} (\text{Area})$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{.04} \int_0^{.02} 1 dt = \frac{1}{.04} (.02 - 0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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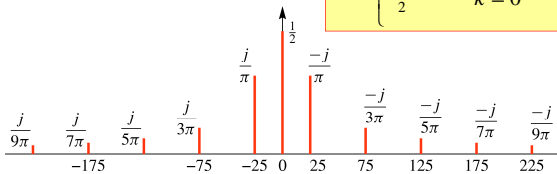
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### Spectrum from Fourier Series

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi / (0.04) = 2\pi(25)$$

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{-j}{\pi k} & k = \pm 1, \pm 3, \dots \\ 0 & k = \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots \\ \frac{1}{2} & k = 0 \end{cases}$$



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### Fourier Series Integral

- HOW do you determine  $a_k$  from  $x(t)$  ?

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt$$

Fundamental Frequency  $f_0 = 1/T_0$

$a_{-k} = a_k^*$  when  $x(t)$  is real

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) dt \quad (\text{DC component})$$

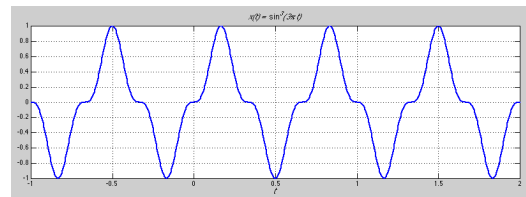
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### Fourier Series & Spectrum

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### Example

$$x(t) = \sin^3(3\pi t)$$



$$x(t) = \left(\frac{j}{8}\right) e^{j9\pi t} + \left(\frac{-3j}{8}\right) e^{j3\pi t} + \left(\frac{3j}{8}\right) e^{-j3\pi t} + \left(\frac{-j}{8}\right) e^{-j9\pi t}$$

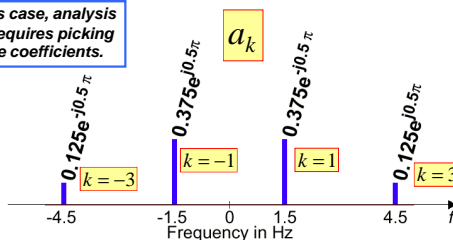
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In this case, analysis just requires picking off the coefficients.



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### FS: Rectified Sine Wave $\{a_k\}$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt \quad (k \neq \pm 1)$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0/2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0}t\right) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0/2} \frac{e^{j(2\pi/T_0)t} - e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)t}}{2j} e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{j2T_0} \int_0^{T_0/2} e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)(k-1)t} dt - \frac{1}{j2T_0} \int_0^{T_0/2} e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)(k+1)t} dt$$

$$= \frac{e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)(k-1)T_0/2}}{j2T_0(-j(2\pi/T_0)(k-1))} \Big|_0^{T_0/2} - \frac{e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)(k+1)T_0/2}}{j2T_0(-j(2\pi/T_0)(k+1))} \Big|_0^{T_0/2}$$


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$$= \frac{1}{4\pi(k-1)} (e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)(k-1)T_0/2} - 1) - \frac{1}{4\pi(k+1)} (e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)(k+1)T_0/2} - 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi(k-1)} (e^{-j\pi(k-1)} - 1) - \frac{1}{4\pi(k+1)} (e^{-j\pi(k+1)} - 1)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1-k-1)}{4\pi(k^2-1)} (-(-1)^k - 1) = \begin{cases} 0 & k \text{ odd} \\ \pm \frac{1}{j4} & k = \pm 1 \\ \frac{-1}{\pi(k^2-1)} & k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

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### Fourier Series Synthesis

- HOW do you **APPROXIMATE**  $x(t)$  ?

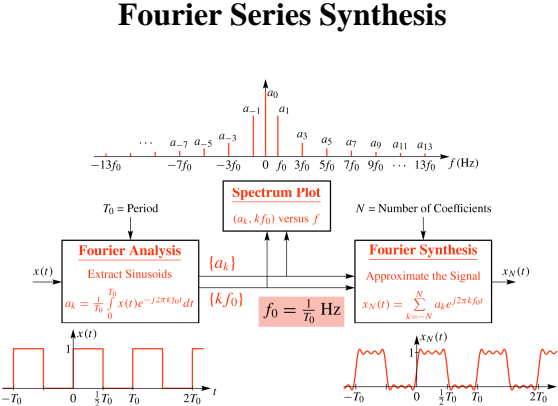
$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j(2\pi/T_0)kt} dt$$

- Use FINITE number of coefficients

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-N}^N a_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} \quad a_{-k} = a_k^* \text{ when } x(t) \text{ is real}$$

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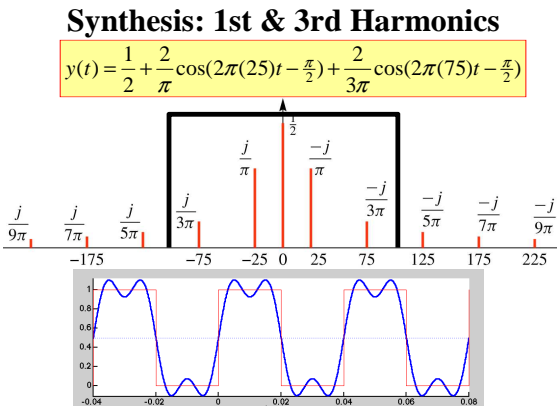
### Fourier Series Synthesis



The flowchart illustrates the process of Fourier Series Synthesis. It starts with a periodic signal  $x(t)$  (a square wave) with period  $T_0$ . **Fourier Analysis** is performed to extract sinusoids, resulting in coefficients  $\{a_k\}$ . A **Spectrum Plot** shows these coefficients versus frequency  $f$ . **Fourier Synthesis** then uses these coefficients to approximate the signal as  $x_N(t) = \sum_{k=-N}^N a_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$ . The fundamental frequency is  $f_0 = 1/T_0$  Hz. The number of coefficients  $N$  is specified.

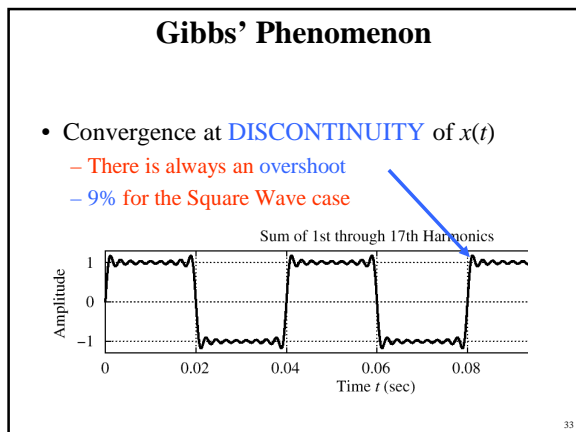
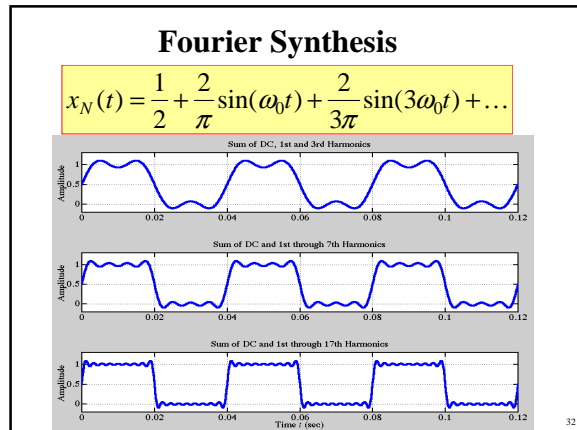
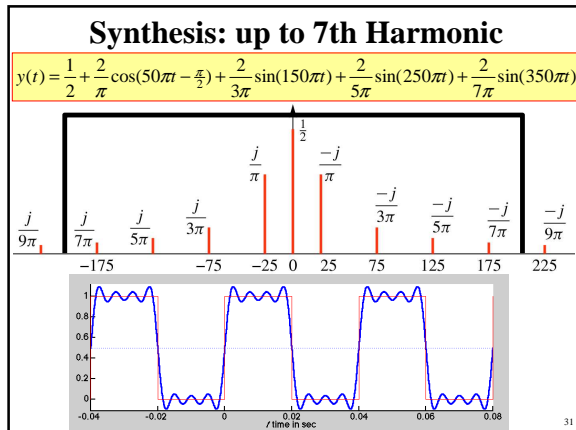
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### Synthesis: 1st & 3rd Harmonics

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \cos(2\pi(25)t - \frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{2}{3\pi} \cos(2\pi(75)t - \frac{\pi}{2})$$


The graph shows the original square wave  $x(t)$  (red) and its approximation  $y(t)$  (blue) using the first and third harmonics. The spectrum plot above shows the coefficients for the 1st and 3rd harmonics:  $\frac{j}{\pi}$  and  $-\frac{j}{\pi}$  for the 1st harmonic, and  $-\frac{j}{3\pi}$  and  $\frac{j}{3\pi}$  for the 3rd harmonic. The x-axis is time in seconds, ranging from -0.04 to 0.08.

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### Fourier Series Demos

- Fourier Series Java Applet
  - Greg Slabaugh
    - Interactive
  - [http://users.ece.gatech.edu/mcclella/2025/Fsdemo\\_Slabaugh/fourier.html](http://users.ece.gatech.edu/mcclella/2025/Fsdemo_Slabaugh/fourier.html)
- MATLAB GUI: fseriesdemo
  - <http://users.ece.gatech.edu/mcclella/matlabGUIs/index.html>