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# Training package in **Fourier Series** For students of second class

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# 1/ Over view

## 1 / A –Target population :-

For students of second class in  
Communications Techniques Engineering Department

## 1 / B –Rationale :-

In this package, we succeeded in representing periodic signals as a sum (everlasting) sinusoids or exponentials.

## **1 / C –Central Idea :-**

- 1. Definition**
- 2. Trigonometric Fourier series**
- 3. Exponential Fourier series**

## **1 / D –Objectives:-**

- Fourier series used to analyze periodic signals**
- The harmonic content of the signals is analyzed with the help of the Fourier series.**
- Fourier series can be developed for continuous time as well as discrete time signals.**

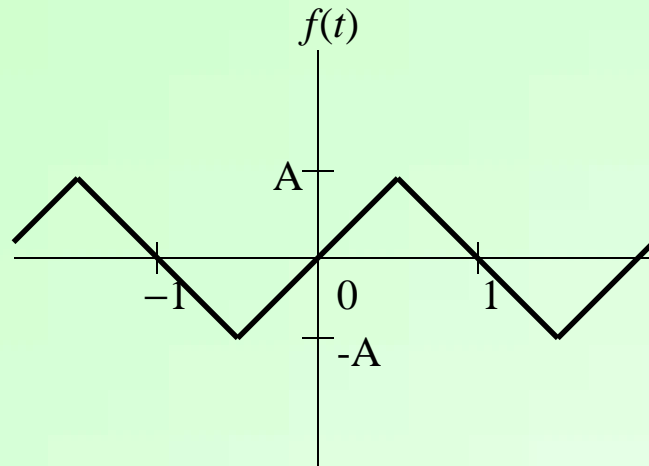
## 2/ Pre test :-

### 1. What are the Dirichlet conditions

- (i) The function  $f(t)$  is single valued within the interval  $T_0$ .
- (ii) The function  $f(t)$  has a finite number of discontinuities and a finite number of maxima and minima in the interval  $T_0$ .
- (iii) The function  $f(t)$  is absolutely integrable, that is,

$$\int_{-T_0}^{T_0} |f(t)| dt < r$$

## 2. Find the Fourier series coefficients of



- Fundamental period  
 $T_0 = 2$
- Fundamental frequency  
 $f_0 = 1/T_0 = 1/2$  Hz  
 $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T_0 = \pi$  rad/s

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

$$a_0 = 0 \quad (\text{by inspection of the plot})$$

$$a_n = 0 \quad (\text{because it is odd symmetric})$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{f} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} 2A t \sin(n t) dt +$$

$$\frac{2}{f} \int_{1/2}^{3/2} (2A - 2A t) \sin(n t) dt$$

$$b_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{8A}{n^2 f^2} & n = 1, 5, 9, 13, \dots \\ -\frac{8A}{n^2 f^2} & n = 3, 7, 11, 15, \dots \end{cases}$$

### 3/ Performance Objectives :-

## Periodic Signals

- **$f(t)$**  is periodic if, for some positive constant  $T_0$   
For all values of  $t$ ,  $f(t) = f(t + T_0)$   
Smallest value of  $T_0$  is the period of  $f(t)$ .  
 $\sin(2\pi f_0 t) = \sin(2\pi f_0 t + 2\pi) = \sin(2\pi f_0 t + 4\pi)$ : period  $2\pi$ .
- A periodic signal  **$f(t)$**   
Unchanged when time-shifted by one period  
Two-sided: extent is  $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
May be generated by periodically extending one period  
Area under  $f(t)$  over any interval of duration equal to the period is the same; e.g., integrating from 0 to  $T_0$  would give the same value as integrating from  $-T_0/2$  to  $T_0/2$

# Sinusoids

- $f_0(t) = C_0 \cos(2 \pi f_0 t + \theta_0)$
- $f_n(t) = C_n \cos(2 \pi n f_0 t + \theta_n)$
- The frequency,  $n f_0$ , is the  $n$ th harmonic of  $f_0$
- Fundamental frequency in Hertz is  $f_0$
- Fundamental frequency in rad/s is  $\omega = 2 \pi f_0$
- $C_n \cos(n \omega_0 t + \theta_n) =$   
 $C_n \cos(\theta_n) \cos(n \omega_0 t) - C_n \sin(\theta_n) \sin(n \omega_0 t) =$   
 $a_n \cos(n \omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n \omega_0 t)$



# Fourier series

The Fourier series exists only when the function  $f(t)$  satisfies the following three conditions called Dirichlet conditions

- (i) The function  $f(t)$  is single valued within the interval  $T_0$ .
- (ii) The function  $f(t)$  has a finite number of discontinuities and a finite number of maxima and minima in the interval  $T_0$ .
- (iii) The function  $f(t)$  is absolutely integrable, that is,

$$\int_{-T_0}^{T_0} |f(t)| dt < \infty$$

# Fourier Series

- General representation of a periodic signal

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\check{S}_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\check{S}_0 t)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} f(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} f(t) \cos(n\check{S}_0 t) dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} f(t) \sin(n\check{S}_0 t) dt$$

- Fourier series coefficients

$$f(t) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \cos(n\check{S}_0 t + \varphi_n)$$

- Compact Fourier series

where  $c_0 = a_0$ ,  $c_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$ , and

$$\varphi_n = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-b_n}{a_n} \right)$$

# Existence of the Fourier Series

- Existence

$$\int_0^{T_0} |f(t)| dt < \infty$$

- Convergence for all  $t$

$$|f(t)| < \infty \quad \forall t$$

- Finite number of maxima and minima in one period of  $f(t)$

# Periodic Signals

- For all  $t$ ,  $\mathbf{x}(t + T) = \mathbf{x}(t)$

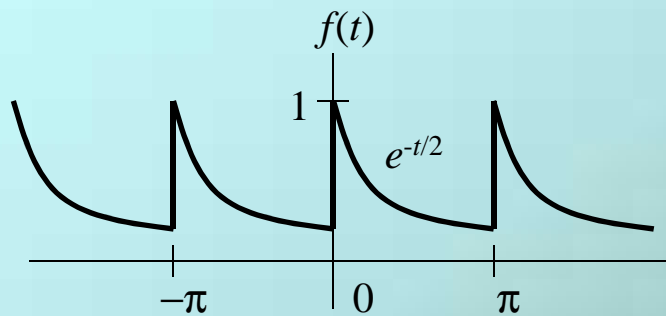
$x(t)$  is a period signal

- Periodic signals have a Fourier series representation

$$x(t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{j2f\left(\frac{m}{T}\right)t}$$
$$C_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} x(t) e^{-j2f\left(\frac{m}{T}\right)t} dt$$

- $\mathbf{C}_n$  computes the projection (components) of  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  having a frequency that is a multiple of the fundamental frequency  $\mathbf{1/T}$ .

# Example #1



- Fundamental period  
 $T_0 = \pi$
- Fundamental frequency  
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$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(2nt) + b_n \sin(2nt)$$

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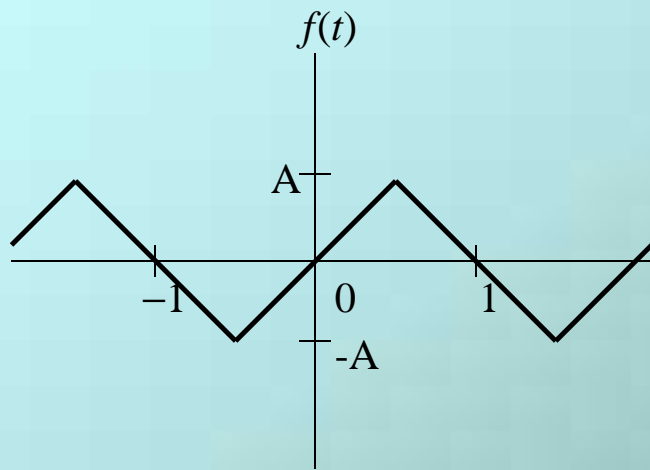
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$a_n$  and  $b_n$  decrease in amplitude as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$f(t) = 0.504 \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+16n^2} (\cos(2nt) + 4n \sin(2nt)) \right]$$

# Example #2



- Fundamental period  
 $T_0 = 2$
- Fundamental frequency

$$f_0 = 1/T_0 = 1/2 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi/T_0 = \pi \text{ rad/s}$$

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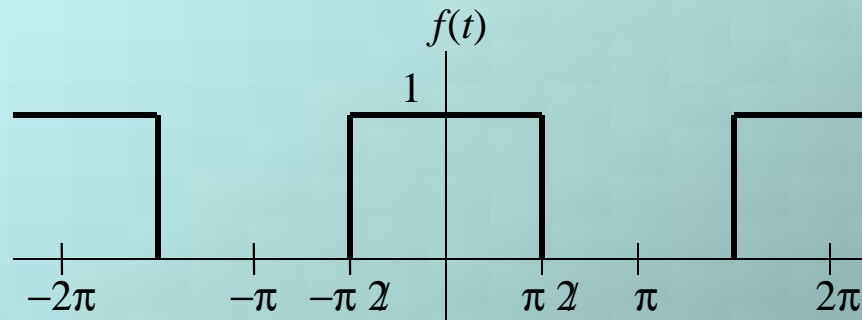
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# Example #3



- Fundamental period

$$T_0 = 2\pi$$

- Fundamental frequency

$$f_0 = 1/T_0 = 1/2\pi \text{ Hz}$$

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi/T_0 = 1 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for all } n \neq 3, 7, 11, 15, \dots \\ -f & n = 3, 7, 11, 15, \dots \end{cases}$$

## Quiz /

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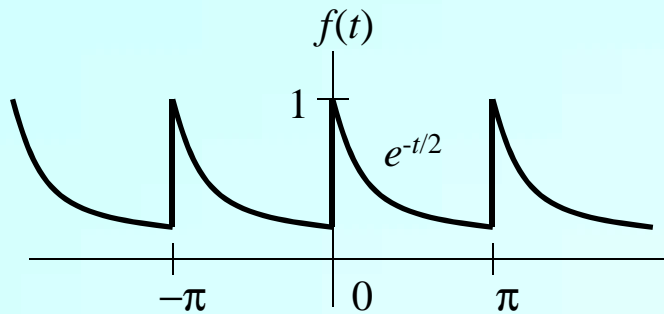
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## 5/ Post test :-

Find the Fourier series of



Solution

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