

## COMPLEX EXPONENTIAL FOURIER SERIES

**Given:**  $x(t)$  is continuous-time *periodic* function: Period  $T \rightarrow x(t) = x(t + T)$ .

**Series:**  $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_k e^{j2\pi kt/T}$ ;  $x_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) e^{-j2\pi kt/T} dt$ .

Discrete in frequency  $\Leftrightarrow$  Periodic in time.

### Dirichlet (Sufficient) Conditions for Convergence:

**Histo-** (Bracewell p.205) At a meeting of the Paris Academy in 1807:

**rical** Fourier claimed any periodic function could be expanded in sinusoids.

**Note:** Lagrange stood up and said he was wrong. Led to Riemann integral.

**If:** Over each period (any interval of length  $T$ ):

1.  $x(t)$  has a **finite number** of discontinuities, maxima, and minima;
2.  $x(t)$  is **absolutely integrable**:  $\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |x(t)| dt < \infty$ .

**Then:**  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} |x(t) - \sum_{k=-N}^N x_k e^{j2\pi kt/T}| = 0$  for all  $t$

**where:** at discontinuities of  $x(t)$  at  $t_i$ , convergence is to  $\frac{1}{2}(x(t_i^+) + x(t_i^-))$ .

**None:**  $x(t) = 1/(1-t) \rightarrow$  no Fourier series: not absolutely integrable.

**None:**  $x(t) = \sin(1/t) \rightarrow$  no Fourier series:  $\infty$  maxima and minima.

Finite energy in one period  $\rightarrow$  Mean-square convergence (MSC)(weaker):

**MSC:**  $\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |x(t)|^2 dt < \infty \rightarrow \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |x(t) - \sum_{k=-N}^N x_k e^{j2\pi kt/T}|^2 dt = 0$ .

### PROPERTIES OF FOURIER SERIES

1. Can also use  $x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos(2\pi kt/T) + b_k \sin(2\pi kt/T)$ .

$$a_0 = x_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int x(t) dt \text{ (integrate over 1 period; use everywhere below).}$$

$$a_k = x_k + x_{-k} = 2 \operatorname{Re}[x_k] = \frac{2}{T} \int x(t) \cos(2\pi kt/T) dt. \quad \mathbf{x}_k = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a}_k - j\mathbf{b}_k)$$

$$b_k = j(x_k - x_{-k}) = -2 \operatorname{Im}[x_k] = \frac{2}{T} \int x(t) \sin(2\pi kt/T) dt. \text{ Note signs!}$$

2. **Parseval:** Power  $= \frac{1}{T} \int |x(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x_k|^2 = a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k^2 + b_k^2)$ .

3. **Even/odd:**  $x_o(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin(2\pi kt/T)$ ;  $x_e(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \cos(2\pi kt/T)$ .

4. **Orthogonality:**  $\int_0^T e^{-j2\pi mt/T} e^{j2\pi nt/T} dt = T \delta(m - n)$ . **If:**  $m, n \neq 0$ :

$$\int_0^T \cos(2\pi \frac{mt}{T}) \cos(2\pi \frac{nt}{T}) dt = \int_0^T \sin(2\pi \frac{mt}{T}) \sin(2\pi \frac{nt}{T}) dt = \frac{T}{2} \delta(m - n).$$

5.  $x(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq |t| < \frac{\tau}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{\tau}{2} < |t| \leq \frac{T}{2} \end{cases} \rightarrow x_k = \frac{\tau}{T} \frac{\sin(\pi k \tau / T)}{\pi k \tau / T}$ . **Note:** Duty cycle  $= \frac{\tau}{T}$ .

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**COMPUTATION OF FOURIER SERIES USING INTEGRALS**


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**Given:**  $x(t) = \begin{cases} +\pi/4 & \text{for } 0 < t < \pi \\ -\pi/4 & \text{for } \pi < t < 2\pi \end{cases}$  and periodic with period =  $T = 2\pi$ . **Goal:** Compute its Fourier series.

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**Hard**  $a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} x(t) \cos(\frac{2\pi}{T}nt) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-\frac{\pi}{4}) \cos(nt) dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\frac{\pi}{4}) \cos(nt) dt$

**Way:**  $= -\frac{1}{4n} \sin(nt)|_{-\pi}^0 + \frac{1}{4n} \sin(nt)|_0^{\pi} = 0 - 0 + 0 - 0 = 0$  since  $\sin(n\pi) = 0$ .

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**Hard**  $b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} x(t) \sin(\frac{2\pi}{T}nt) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-\frac{\pi}{4}) \sin(nt) dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\frac{\pi}{4}) \sin(nt) dt$

**Way:**  $= \frac{1}{4n} \cos(nt)|_{-\pi}^0 - \frac{1}{4n} \cos(nt)|_0^{\pi} = \frac{1}{4n}(1 - \cos(-\pi n)) - \frac{1}{4n}(\cos(\pi n) - 1)$   
 $= \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(\pi n)) = \begin{cases} 1/n & \text{for } n \text{ odd;} \\ 0 & \text{for } n \text{ even} \end{cases}$  since  $\cos(\pi n) = (-1)^n$ .

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**Note:** This is awful! Isn't there any way to simplify this computation?

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**Def:** An *even* function has  $x(t) = x(-t) \Leftrightarrow$  *symmetric* about the  $t = 0$  axis.

**Ex:**  $\cos(\omega t), 1, t^2, t^4 \dots$  Note  $x(0)$  can be anything.

**Def:** An *odd* function has  $x(t) = -x(-t) \Leftrightarrow$  *antisymmetric* about  $t = 0$  axis.

**Ex:**  $\sin(\omega t), t, t^3, t^5 \dots$  Note  $x(0) = 0$  if  $x(0)$  defined.

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**So?**  $\int_{-any}^{+any} odd(t) dt = 0$  and  $\int_{-any}^{+any} even(t) dt = 2 \int_0^{+any} even(t) dt$ .

**Also:** (even)(even)=even; (odd)(odd)=even; (even)(odd)=odd functions.

**Here:** Above  $x(t)$  is an **odd** function (reflect it about both [not each] axes).

**Then:** Instead of computing four integrals, compute only one integral:

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**Try:**  $a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} x(t) \cos(\frac{2\pi}{T}nt) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (odd)(even) dt = 0$ .

**this**  $b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} x(t) \sin(\frac{2\pi}{T}nt) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (odd)(odd) dt = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (even) dt$

**again**  $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\frac{\pi}{4}) \sin(nt) dt = \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(\pi n)) = \text{the above result.}$

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**Computation of Complex Exponential Fourier Series:**

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**Still:**  $x_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} x(t) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{T}nt} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-\frac{\pi}{4}) e^{-jnt} dt + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\frac{\pi}{4}) e^{-jnt} dt$

**easier**  $= \frac{1}{8jn} e^{-jnt}|_{-\pi}^0 - \frac{1}{8jn} e^{-jnt}|_0^{\pi} = \frac{1}{4jn}(1 - e^{-j\pi n}) = \frac{-j}{2n} = \frac{1}{2jn}$  if  $n$  odd.

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**Plug**  $x(t) = \frac{1}{2j} e^{jt} + \frac{1}{6j} e^{j3t} + \frac{1}{10j} e^{j5t} + \frac{1}{14j} e^{j7t} + \frac{1}{18j} e^{j9t} + \dots$

**in:**  $-\frac{1}{2j} e^{-jt} - \frac{1}{6j} e^{-j3t} - \frac{1}{10j} e^{-j5t} - \frac{1}{14j} e^{-j7t} - \frac{1}{18j} e^{-j9t} - \dots$

$\rightarrow x(t) = \sin(t) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3t) + \frac{1}{5} \sin(5t) + \frac{1}{7} \sin(7t) + \frac{1}{9} \sin(9t) + \dots$

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## LINE SPECTRA WITH SQUARES AND TIME DELAYS

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**Given:**  $x(t)$  has spectrum  $3\delta[f] + 2\delta[f + 7] + 2\delta[f - 7] + 4\delta[f + 14] + 4\delta[f - 14]$   
**and:**  $y(t) = 2 + 4\cos(14\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}) + 12\cos^2(14\pi t)$ .  
**Goal:** Compute spectrum of  $x(t + \frac{1}{56}) + y(t)$ . Here  $\delta[f - 7]$  = line at 7 Hz.

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•  $x(t) = 3 + 4\cos(14\pi t) + 8\cos(28\pi t)$  (note  $\omega = 2\pi f$ ; watch amplitudes).  
 $\rightarrow x(t + \frac{1}{56}) = 3 + 4\cos(14\pi(t + \frac{1}{56})) + 8\cos(28\pi(t + \frac{1}{56}))$   
 $\rightarrow x(t + \frac{1}{56}) = 3 + 4\cos(14\pi t + \frac{\pi}{4}) + 8\cos(28\pi t + \frac{\pi}{2})$  (delay  $\rightarrow$  phase).

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•  $y(t) = 2 + 4\cos(14\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}) + 12(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos(28\pi t))$  [Using  $\cos^2(x) =$   
 $\rightarrow y(t) = 8 + 4\cos(14\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}) + 6\cos(28\pi t)$  [ $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos(2x)$  here]

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• Phasors of sum: **f=0:**  $3+8=11$ . **f=7:**  $4e^{j\pi/4} + 4e^{-j\pi/4} = 4\sqrt{2}$ .  
**f=14:**  $8e^{j\pi/2} + 6 = 6 + j8 = 10e^{j0.927}$ . Line spectrum of sum:  
•  $x(t + \frac{1}{56}) + y(t) = 11 + 4\sqrt{2}\cos(14\pi t) + 10\cos(28\pi t + 0.927)$  has  
 $11\delta[f] + 2\sqrt{2}\delta[f + 7] + 2\sqrt{2}\delta[f - 7] + 5e^{-j0.927}\delta[f + 14] + 5e^{j0.927}\delta[f - 14]$ .

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### Parseval's Theorem: Power in Time or Frequency

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**Lemma:**  $MS(x+y) = MS(x) + MS(y) + \frac{1}{T}C(x, y) + \frac{1}{T}C(y, x)$ ,  $MS(x) = \int |x(t)|^2 dt$

**Proof:**  $MS(x+y) = \frac{1}{T} \int |x+y|^2 dt = \frac{1}{T} \int (x+y)(x+y)^* dt$ ,  $C(x, y) = \int x(t)y(t)^* dt$   
 $= \frac{1}{T} \int xx^* + \frac{1}{T} \int yy^* + \frac{1}{T} \int xy^* + \frac{1}{T} \int yx^* =$  above expression.

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**Def:**  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  are *uncorrelated* (also known as) *orthogonal* if  $C(x, y) = 0$ .

**Corol-**  $MS(x+y) = MS(x) + MS(y)$  if & only if  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  are *orthogonal*.

**lary:** Average power of sum = sum of average powers, for orthogonal signals.

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**Lemma:**  $\cos(i\omega_0 t)$  and  $\cos(j\omega_0 t)$  are orthogonal unless  $i = j$ .

**Lemma:**  $\cos(i\omega_0 t)$  and  $\sin(j\omega_0 t)$  are orthogonal even if  $i = j$ .

**Proof:** See first Fourier series handout. **Note:**  $i$  and  $j$  must be **integers**.

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**Thm: Parseval's Thm:**  $\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |x(t)|^2 dt = a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum (a_n^2 + b_n^2) = \sum |x_n|^2$ .

**Proof:** Average power of  $a_n \cos(\frac{2\pi}{T}nt) = a_n^2/2$  unless  $n = 0$  (then it's  $a_0^2$ ).

**and:** Average power of  $b_n \sin(\frac{2\pi}{T}nt) = b_n^2/2$  (recall **rms** on a handout).

**Now:** Average power of  $x(t)$  = Average power of sum of its Fourier series  
 $=$  Sum of average powers of terms of Fourier series since orthogonal.

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**EX:** For above  $x(t)$ :  $\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |x(t)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |\pm \frac{\pi}{4}|^2 dt = \pi^2/16$  (try it!)

**and:**  $a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum (a_n^2 + b_n^2) = 0 + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots) = \pi^2/16$  (try summing).

**Complex**  $\sum |x_n|^2 = 2(|\frac{1}{2j}|^2 + |\frac{1}{6j}|^2 + |\frac{1}{10j}|^2 + \dots) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots) = \pi^2/16$ .

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