

## FREQUENCY DOMAIN AND FOURIER SERIES

• What is "Fourier analysis"?

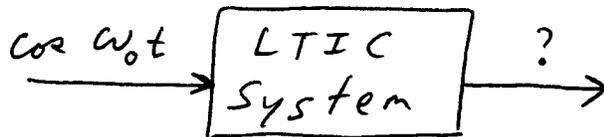
Loose statement: "Any" signal can be expressed as a sum of sine waves with different frequencies, amplitudes, and phases.

Fourier series is for periodic signals.

Fourier transform is for non-periodic signals.

• Why do we use sine waves?

Recall this property of sine waves when applied to linear, time-invariant, continuous-time (LTIC) systems:



- Sinusoids are easy to deal with in LTIC systems,
- "Any" input signal is a sum of sine waves (by Fourier)

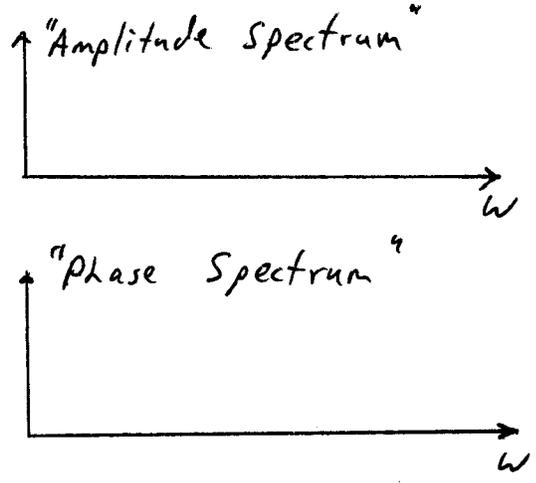
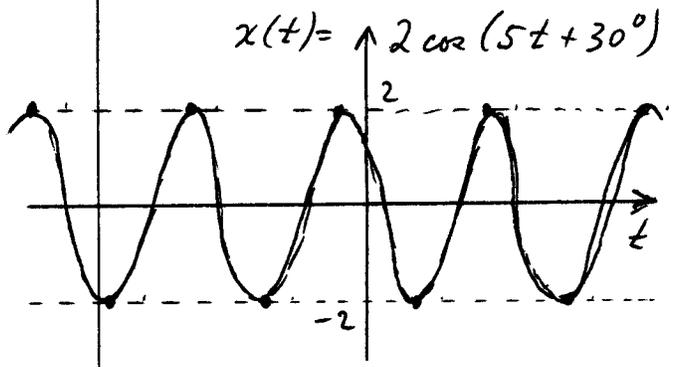
∴ Linearity  $\Rightarrow$  System output is the sum of responses to individual sine waves.

(This leads to frequency response of systems!)

Time Domain

vs.

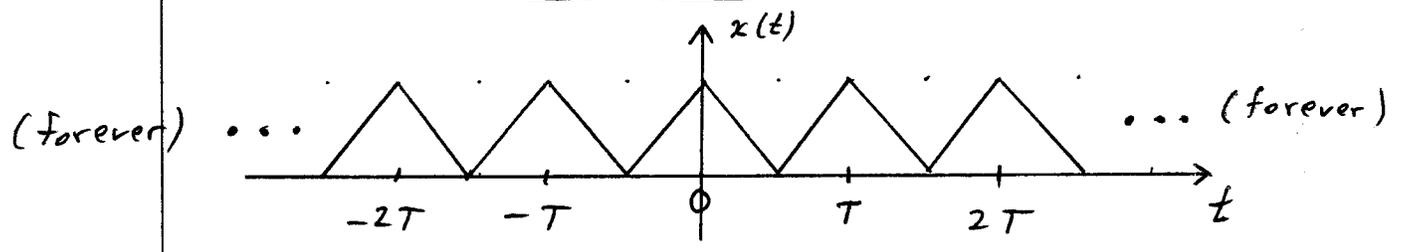
Frequency Domain



- Time and frequency domains are two ways to view the same signal.
- Fourier analysis lets us represent "any" signal in the frequency domain.

FOURIER SERIES

- What is a periodic signal?  $x(t) = x(t+T)$



Which sine wave frequencies can we use to build this  $x(t)$ ?

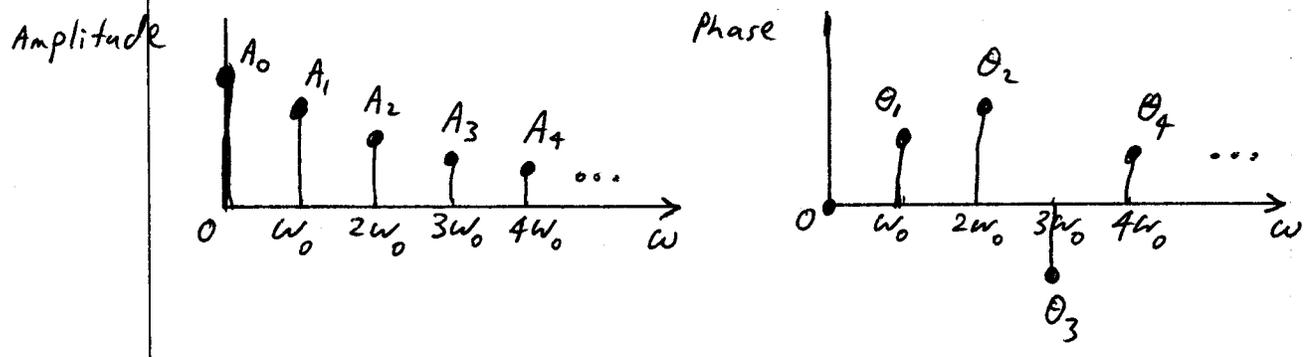
Fundamental frequency:  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  (rad/sec)

Harmonics:  $2\omega_0, 3\omega_0, \dots, n\omega_0, \dots$

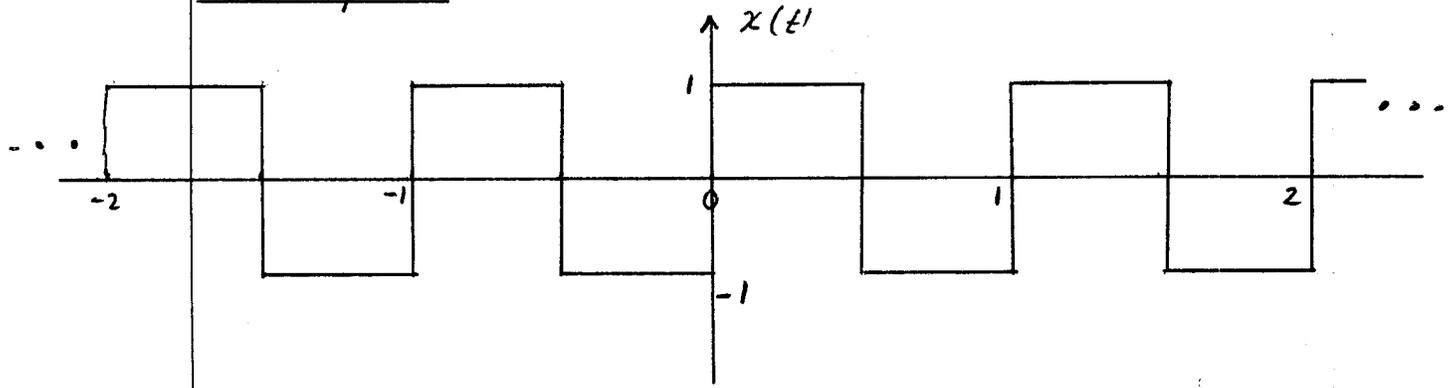
Trigonometric Fourier series:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= A_0 + A_1 \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta_1) \\
 &\quad + A_2 \cos(2\omega_0 t + \theta_2) \\
 &\quad + A_3 \cos(3\omega_0 t + \theta_3) + \dots \\
 &= A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \theta_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Frequency domain: (1-sided spectra)



Example: Square wave.



Period:  $T =$  \_\_\_\_\_

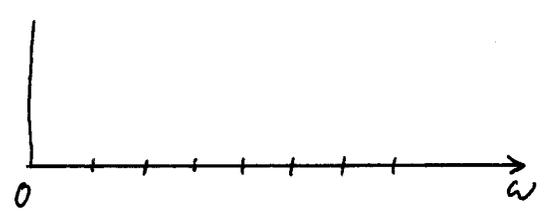
Fundamental:  $\omega_0 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

We found that:

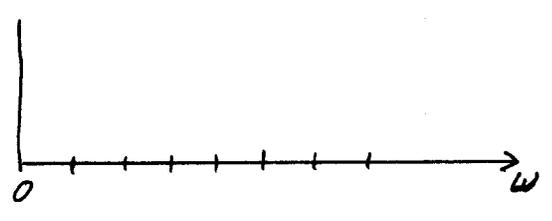
$$x(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin(2\pi t) + \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \sin(2\pi \cdot 3t) + \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \sin(2\pi \cdot 5t) + \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \sin(2\pi \cdot 7t) + \dots$$

Plot 1-sided amplitude and phase spectra for this square wave:

Amplitude



Phase



How can we find the Fourier series coefficients  $\{A_n, \theta_n : n=0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  for an arbitrary, periodic signal?

It is simpler to use complex exponentials in the Fourier series rather than cosines.

- Easier to compute
- Better for EE applications

Recall Euler's Formula + some derived relations:

$$e^{j\phi} = \cos \phi + j \sin \phi \quad (\text{Euler's formula})$$

$$e^{-j\phi} =$$

$$e^{j\phi} + e^{-j\phi} =$$

$$e^{j\phi} - e^{-j\phi} =$$

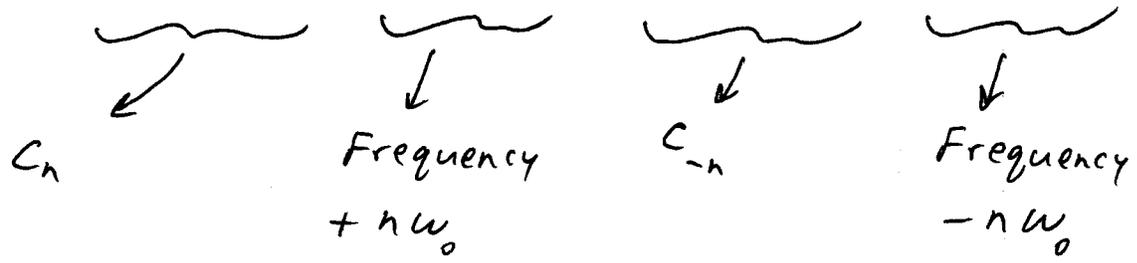
$$\cos \phi =$$

$$\sin \phi =$$

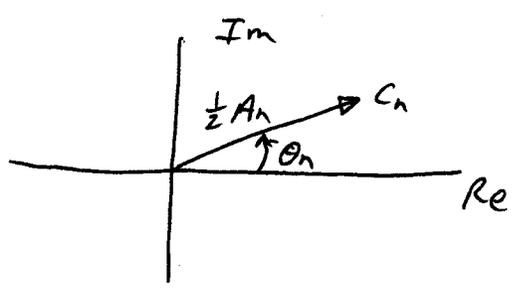
Apply to terms of trig. Fourier series:

$$A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \theta_n) = \frac{1}{2} A_n e^{j(n\omega_0 t + \theta_n)} + \frac{1}{2} A_n e^{-j(n\omega_0 t + \theta_n)}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2} A_n e^{j\theta_n} \right) e^{jn\omega_0 t} + \left( \frac{1}{2} A_n e^{-j\theta_n} \right) e^{-jn\omega_0 t}$$



$$= C_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} + C_{-n} e^{-jn\omega_0 t}$$

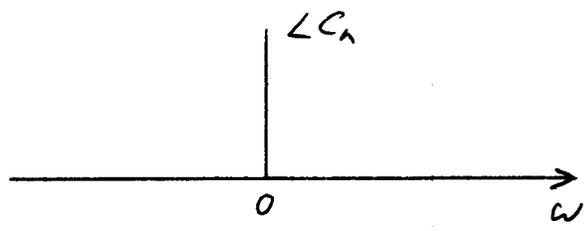
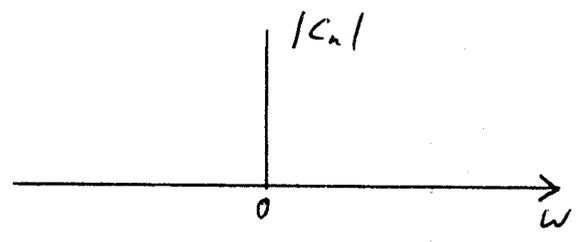
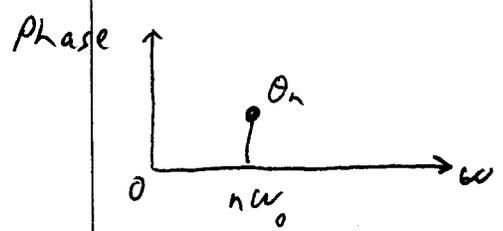
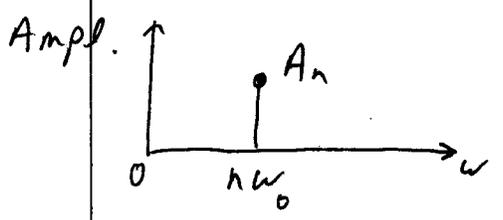


$$|C_n| = \frac{1}{2} A_n$$

$$\angle C_n = \theta_n$$

1-sided Spectrum

2-sided Spectrum



Need "positive" and "negative" frequency to produce a single real cosine:

$$\cos \omega t = \frac{1}{2} e^{+j\omega t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\omega t}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Exponential Fourier series:  $\left( \begin{array}{l} x(t) = x(t+T) \\ \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} \end{array} \right)$

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

The coefficients  $c_n$  for a given signal  $x(t)$  are obtained from

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

Integrate over one complete period

Ex:  $[0, T]$ ,  $[-\frac{T}{2}, \frac{T}{2}]$ ,  $[-\frac{T}{4}, \frac{3T}{4}]$ , etc

Example: Find exponential Fourier series coefficients  $C_n$  for the square wave on page ③ of these notes.

$$T = 1, \text{ so } \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{1} = 2\pi$$

$$C_n = \int_0^1 x(t) e^{-j2\pi n t} dt \quad \text{where } x(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t \leq .5 \\ -1, & .5 \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$= \int_0^{.5} (1) \cdot e^{-j2\pi n t} dt + \int_{.5}^1 (-1) e^{-j2\pi n t} dt$$

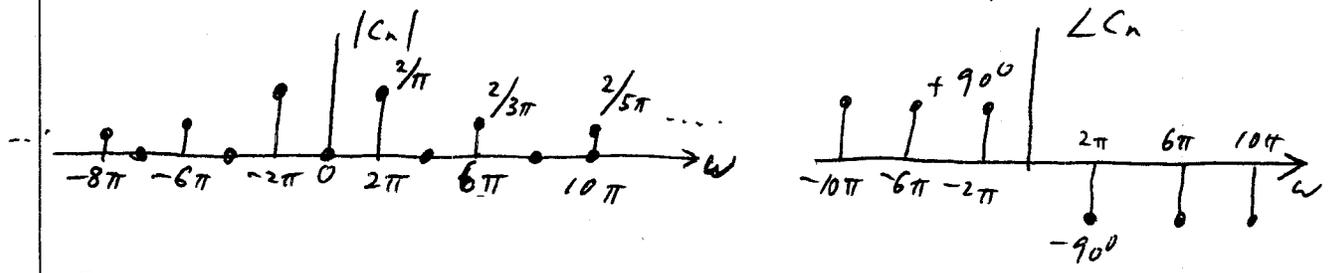
$$= \frac{1}{-j2\pi n} e^{-j2\pi n t} \Big|_0^{.5} + \frac{-1}{-j2\pi n} e^{-j2\pi n t} \Big|_{.5}^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{-j2\pi n} [e^{-j\pi n} - 1] + \frac{1}{j2\pi n} [e^{-j2\pi n} - e^{-j\pi n}]$$

Note that  $e^{-j\pi n} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \\ +1 & \text{for } n \text{ even} \end{cases}$

and  $e^{-j2\pi n} = +1$  for all integer  $n$ .

$$\therefore C_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{j\pi n} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi |n|} \angle \pm 90^\circ, & n \text{ odd} \\ 0, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$



[See MATLAB program fs\_trun.m on web page.]