

## Tune-Up Tuesday for September 14, 2021

% This problem uses Fourier series to synthesize a periodic waveform  
% one term at a time. The problem revisits homework problem 2.4(a).

% (a) Use the Matlab code below that generates a cosine signal  
%  $x_0(t) = 0.5 \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$  with  $f_0 = 440$  Hz for 3 seconds at  
% a sampling rate of  $f_s = 48000$  Hz and play it as a note.  
% The gain of 0.5 is to prevent clipping when using the sound command.

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fs = 48000;           % sampling rate
Ts = 1/fs;           % sampling time
tmax = 3;            % 3 sec
t = 0 : Ts : tmax;
f0 = 440;
x0 = 0.5*cos(2*pi*f0*t);
sound(x0, fs);
pause(tmax+1);
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% (b) create  $y(t) = |x_0(t)|$  and play  $y(t)$  as sound.  
% Describe the difference in the sound in (b) vs. the sound in (a).  
% Answer: The sound in (b) has a higher pitch (frequency) than the  
% sound in (a). Per part (c), the principal frequency in the sound in (b)  
% is twice the principal frequency of the sound in (a), i.e one octave higher.

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y = abs(x0);
sound(y, fs);
pause(tmax+1);
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% (c) plot  $y(t)$  for 5 periods of  $x_0(t)$ .  
% How many periods of  $y(t)$  are there?  
% Answer: 10 periods of  $y(t)$  in the same duration of 5 periods of  $x_0(t)$ .  
% The fundamental period of  $y(t)$  is half that of  $x_0(t)$  and hence the  
% the fundamental frequency of  $y(t)$  is twice that of  $x_0(t)$ .

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t5periods = 5/f0;
n5periods = round(t5periods/Ts);
figure;
plot( t(1:n5periods), y(1:n5periods) );
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% (d) using Fourier series synthesis, use an increasing number  
% of terms  $N = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ , and play each synthesized sound.  
% The Fourier series coefficient formulas from homework  
% problem 2.4(a) are the following after accounting for the  
% gain of 0.5:  $A_0 = 1/\pi$  and  $A_k = \cos(\pi k) / (\pi (1 - 4k^2))$ .  
% Comment: The values of  $A_k$  decay in absolute value at a  
% rate of  $1/k^2$ . We won't need many terms for the synthesized  
% sound to match the sound in (b).

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% Create an array to hold the synthesized sound for efficiency
numSamples = length(t);
synthSound = zeros(1, numSamples);
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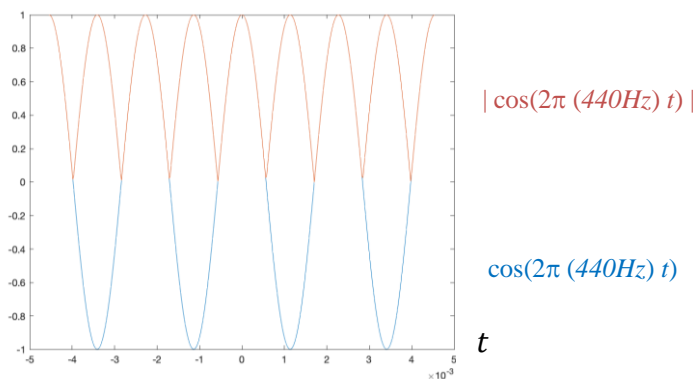
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% Add the first term
A0 = 1/pi;
synthSound = synthSound + A0*ones(1, numSamples);

f0y = 2*f0;
for k = 1:5
    % Add in terms for +k and -k
    Ak = cos(pi*k) / ( pi*(1 - 4*k^2) );
    fk = k * f0y;
    synthSound = synthSound + Ak*exp(j*2*pi*fk*t);
    kneg = -k;
    Akneg = cos(pi*kneg) / ( pi*(1 - 4*kneg^2) );
    fkneg = kneg * f0y;
    synthSound = synthSound + Akneg*exp(j*2*pi*fkneg*t);
    sound(synthSound, fs);
    pause(tmax+1);
end

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Although not asked, here's a plot of a cosine at 440 Hz and its absolute value to show that the fundamental period for the absolute value is half of the period for the cosine at 440 Hz; in other words, the fundamental frequency doubles.



Although not asked, here's a plot of the  $A_k$  coefficients as a function of  $k$ . In this case, the values of  $A_k$  are real-valued and even symmetric.

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k = -10 : 10;
Ak = cos(pi*k) ./ ( pi*(1 - 4*k.^2) );
stem(k, Ak);

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