

**Solution Set for Homework #3 on Fourier Series and Sampling***By Prof. Brian L. Evans and Mr. Firas Tabbara*

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**PROBLEM 1: FOURIER ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS**

**Prologue:** The purpose of this problem is to use properties of the continuous-time Fourier series in computing the Fourier series coefficients. Throughout the remainder of the course, we'll be using properties of continuous-time Fourier transforms and other transforms to simplify the computation of the transform.

**Problem:** *Signal Processing First*, problem P-3.14, page 67. The problem gives an example of a signal  $x(t)$  that has period  $T_0$  and another signal  $y(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t)$ . The Fourier series coefficients  $b_k$  for  $y(t)$  can be computed from the Fourier series coefficients  $a_k$  for  $x(t)$  using  $b_k = (j k \omega_0) a_k$  where  $\omega_0 = 2 \pi f_0$ .

**Solution for part (a):** Here are two different solutions for  $y(t) = A x(t)$ .

Solution #1 for part (a)

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

Let  $y(t) = A x(t)$ :

$$y(t) = A \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} \right)$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} A a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} (A a_k) e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} b_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

$$b_k = A a_k$$

Solution #2 for part (a)

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

$$b_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} y(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

Let  $y(t) = A x(t)$ :

$$b_k = \int_0^{T_0} A x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

$$b_k = A \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

$$b_k = A a_k$$

When scaling any signal in amplitude, the Fourier Series coefficients are scaled by the same amount.

**Solution for part (b):** Here are two different solutions for  $y(t) = A x(t - t_d)$ .

Solution #1 for part (b)

Let  $y(t) = x(t - t_d)$ :

$$x(t - t_d) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0(t-t_d)}$$

$$x(t - t_d) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_k e^{-jk\omega_0 t_d} e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} b_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

$$b_k = e^{-jk\omega_0 t_d} a_k$$

Solution #2 for part (b)

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

$$b_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} y(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

Let  $y(t) = x(t - t_d)$ :

$$b_k = \int_0^{T_0} x(t - t_d) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

Using a substitution of variables with  $\lambda = t - t_d$  and  $d\lambda = dt$ . The limits of integration  $t \rightarrow 0$  becomes  $\lambda \rightarrow -t_d$  and  $t \rightarrow T_0$  becomes  $\lambda \rightarrow T_0 - t_d$ .

$$b_k = \int_0^{T_0} x(\lambda) e^{-jk\omega_0(\lambda+t_d)} dt$$

$$b_k = \int_{-t_d}^{T_0-t_d} x(\lambda) e^{-jk\omega_0 t_d} e^{-jk\omega_0 \lambda} d\lambda$$

$$b_k = e^{-jk\omega_0 t_d} \int_{-t_d}^{T_0-t_d} x(\lambda) e^{-jk\omega_0 \lambda} d\lambda$$

$$b_k = e^{-jk\omega_0 t_d} a_k$$

When delaying a signal, the Fourier Series coefficients are multiplied by  $e^{-jk\omega_0 t_d}$ . This is another example of a shift in time causing shift in phase.

$$(c) y(t) = 2x\left(t - \frac{1}{4}T_0\right)$$

Using the conclusion derived in parts (a) and (b) with  $A = 2$  and  $t_d = \frac{1}{4}T_0$ ,

$$b_k = 2 e^{-jk\omega_0\left(\frac{1}{4}T_0\right)} a_k$$

$$\text{Given } \omega_0 = 2\pi f_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T_0},$$

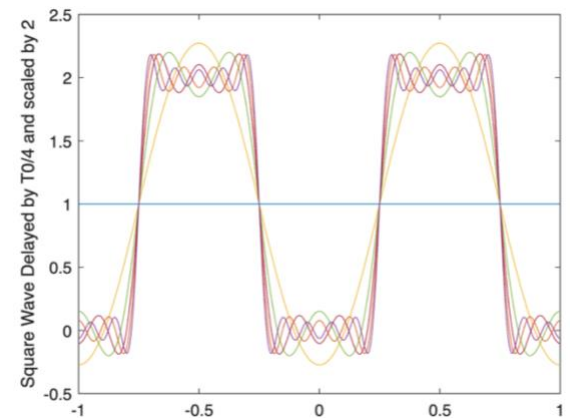
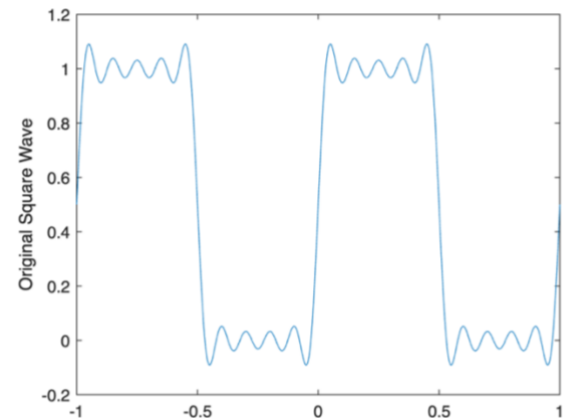
$$b_k = 2 e^{-jk\frac{\pi}{2}} a_k$$

- (d) Below, the plots of  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  are plotted for two periods to better show the shift in time  
 $y(t) = 2x\left(t - \frac{1}{4}T_0\right)$ . Note the doubling in amplitude for  $y(t)$ .

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% Fourier synthesis for square wave
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% Written in Fall 2017
% Version 2.0
%
% Fourier series coefficients ak for a square
% wave with period T0 that is
% 1 for 0 <= t < T0/2
% 0 for T0/2 <= t < T0
%
% Derivation is in Sec. 3-6.1 in Signal
% Processing First (2003) on pages 52-53
% Pick a value for the period of x(t)
T0 = 1;
f0 = 1 / T0;
% Pick number of terms for Fourier synthesis
N = 10;
fmax = N * f0;
% Define a sampling rate for plotting
fs = 24 * fmax;
Ts = 1 / fs;
% Define samples in time for one period
%t = -0.5*T0 : Ts : 0.5*T0;
t = -T0 : Ts : T0;
% First Fourier synthesis term
a0 = 0.5;
b0 = 2*a0;
x = a0 * ones(1, length(t));
y = b0 * ones(1, length(t));
figure;
plot(t, y);
ylabel('Square Wave Delayed by T0/4 and scaled by 2')
hold on;
% Generate each pair of synthesis terms
for k = 1 : N
    % Define Fourier coefficients at k and -k
    akpos = (1 - (-1)^k) / (j*2*pi*k);
    akneg = (1 - (-1)^(-k)) / (j*2*pi*(-k));
    bkpos = 2*(exp(-j*2*pi*k*(1/4)*T0))*akpos;
    bkneg = 2*(exp(-j*2*pi*(-k)*(1/4)*T0))*akneg;
    theta = j*2*pi*k*f0*t;
    x = x + akpos * exp(theta) + akneg * exp(-theta);
    y = y + bkpos * exp(theta) + bkneg * exp(-theta);
    % Plot Fourier synthesis for indices -k ... k
    plot(t, y);
    pause(0.5);
end
hold off;
figure;
plot(t, x);
ylabel('Original Square Wave')

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**PROBLEM 2: SAMPLING**

**Prolog:** Periodicity is a bit different for discrete-time signals than continuous-time signals because the discrete-time domain is on an integer grid whereas the continuous-time domain is on a real number line.

**Problem:** *Signal Processing First*, problem P-4.2, page 96, with an additional part (d).

$$x(t) = 7 \sin(11\pi t) = 7 \cos\left(11\pi t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

In the continuous-time domain, the fundamental period is (2/11) seconds:

$$\omega_0 = 11\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{11\pi}{2\pi} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}$$

$$T_0 = \frac{2}{11} \text{ s}$$

$$\phi = -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad}$$

$$(a) \hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s} = 2\pi \frac{5.5 \text{ Hz}}{10 \text{ Hz}} = \frac{11}{10} \pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sample}}$$

Due to sampling at  $f_s = 10 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $x[n] = x(n T_s) = x\left(\frac{n}{f_s}\right)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= 7 \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{10} n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= 7 \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{10} n - 2\pi n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= 7 \cos\left(-\frac{9\pi}{10} n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= 7 \cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{10} n + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$A = 7, \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad}$$

$$(b) \hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi \frac{5.5 \text{ Hz}}{5 \text{ Hz}} = \frac{11}{5} \pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sample}}$$

Due to sampling at  $f_s = 5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $x[n] = x(n T_s) = x\left(\frac{n}{f_s}\right)$ :

$$x[n] = 7 \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{5} n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

This signal is undersampled, because  $f_0 > f_s / 2$ . The following equation shows the effect of aliasing (but not related to folding) caused by the undersampling:

$$x[n] = 7 \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{5} n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 7 \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{5} n - 2\pi n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 7 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{5} n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$A = 7, \phi = -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad}$$

$$(c) \hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi \frac{5.5 \text{ Hz}}{15 \text{ Hz}} = \frac{11}{15} \pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sample}}$$

This signal is 15/11 times oversampled because  $f_0 < f_s / 2$

$$x[n] = 7 \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{15}n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$A = 7, \varphi = -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad}$$

(d) As shown at the beginning of this problem's solution:

$$f_0 = \frac{11\pi}{2\pi} = 5.5 \text{ Hz} \text{ and } T_0 = \frac{2}{11} \text{ s}$$

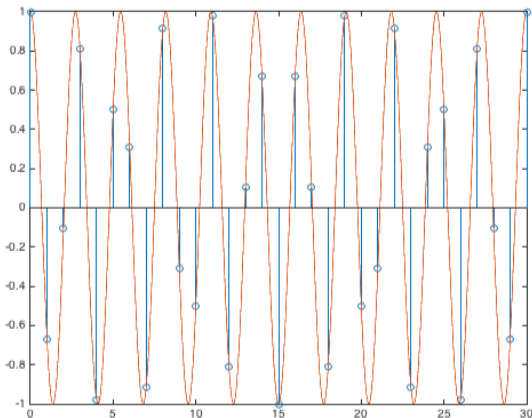
According to the hint that is provided for this solution, which comes from [Handout D on Discrete-Time Periodicity](#),  $x[n]$  is periodic with a discrete-time period of  $N_0$  samples if  $x[n] = x[n + N_0]$  for all possible integer values of  $N_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x[n + N_0] &= 7 \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{15}(n + N_0) - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= 7 \cos\left(2\pi \frac{11}{30}n + 2\pi \frac{11}{30}N_0 - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= 7 \cos\left(2\pi \frac{11}{30}n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Because 11 and 30 are relatively prime, the smallest possible positive integer for  $N_0$  is 30 samples. Therefore, the fundamental period of  $x[n]$  is 30 samples. Those 30 samples contain 11 continuous-time periods, which corresponds to 2.67 samples in each continuous-time period.

Although not required, here's a way to visualize differences in periodicity by superimposing plots of  $x(t)$  and  $x[n]$ . In  $x[n]$ , the amplitude of 1 at  $n = 0$  does not repeat until  $n = 30$ .

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fs = 15;
Ts = 1/fs;
wHat = 2*pi*f0/fs;
N0 = 30;
n = 0 : N0;
yofn = cos(wHat*n);
t = 0 : 0.01 : N0;
yoft = cos(wHat*t);
figure;
stem(n, yofn);
hold;
plot(t, yoft);
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**Epilogue:** For a sinusoidal signal with discrete-time frequency  $\hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s} = 2\pi \frac{N}{L}$  where the common factors in  $f_0$  and  $f_s$  have been removed so that  $N$  and  $L$  are relatively prime, the discrete-time signal has a fundamental period of  $L$  samples. The fundamental period of  $L$  samples contains  $N$  periods of a continuous-time sinusoid with frequency  $f_0$ . Please see [Handout D on Discrete-Time Periodicity](#).