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# **ELEG 3124 SYSTEMS AND SIGNALS**

## **Ch. 4 Fourier Series**

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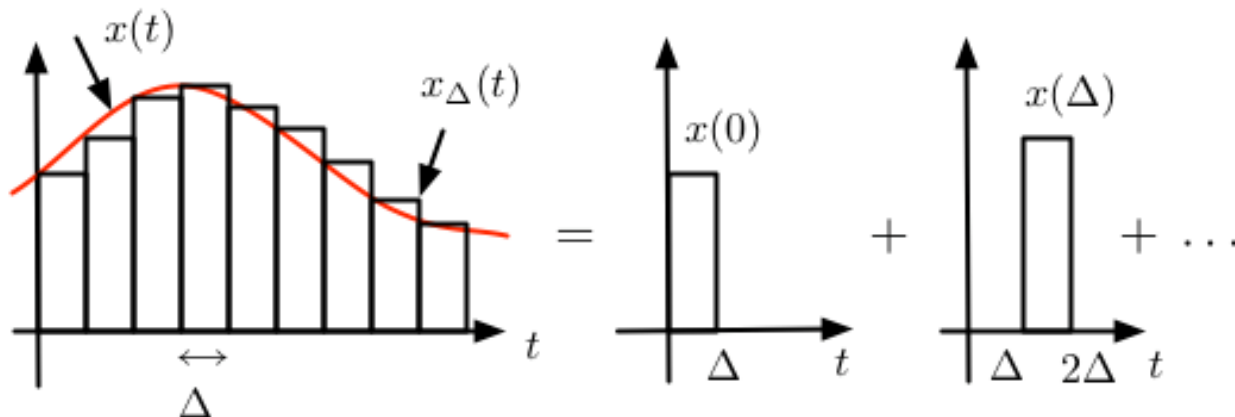
- **Introduction**
- **Fourier series**
- **Properties of Fourier series**
- **Systems with periodic inputs**

# INTRODUCTION: MOTIVATION

- **Motivation of Fourier series**

- Convolution is derived by decomposing the signal into the sum of a series of delta functions
  - Each delta function has its unique delay in time domain.
  - Time domain decomposition

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} x(n\Delta) \delta(t - n\Delta) \Delta$$



# INTRODUCTION: MOTIVATION

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- **Can we decompose the signal into the sum of other functions**

- Such that the calculation can be simplified?
- Yes. We can decompose periodic signal as the sum of a sequence of **complex exponential signals** → Fourier series.

$$e^{j\Omega_0 t} = e^{j2\pi f_0 t}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{\Omega_0}{2\pi}$$

- **Why complex exponential signal?** (what makes complex exponential signal so special?)
  - 1. Each complex exponential signal has a unique frequency → frequency decomposition
  - 2. Complex exponential signals are periodic

# INTRODUCTION: REVIEW

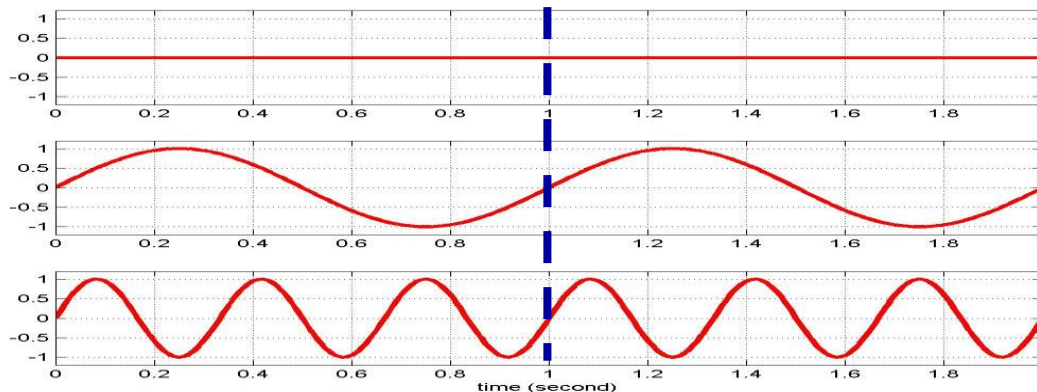
- **Complex exponential signal**

$$e^{j2\pi ft} = \cos(2\pi ft) + j \sin(2\pi ft)$$

- Complex exponential function has a one-to-one relationship with sinusoidal functions.
- Each sinusoidal function has a unique frequency:  $f$

- **What is frequency?**

- Frequency is a measure of how fast the signal can change within a unit time.
  - Higher frequency  $\rightarrow$  signal changes faster



$f = 0$  Hz

$f = 1$  Hz

$f = 3$  Hz

# INTRODUCTION: ORTHONORMAL SIGNAL SET

- **Definition: orthogonal signal set**

- A set of signals,  $\{\phi_0(t), \phi_1(t), \phi_2(t), \dots\}$ , are said to be orthogonal over an interval  $(a, b)$  if

$$\int_a^b \phi_l(t) \phi_k^*(t) dt = \begin{cases} C, & l = k \\ 0, & l \neq k \end{cases}$$

- **Example:**

- the signal set:  $\phi_k(t) = e^{jk\Omega_0 t}$ ,  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$  are orthogonal over the interval  $[0, T_0]$ , where  $\Omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T_0}$

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# FOURIER SERIES

- **Definition:**

- For any **periodic signal** with **fundamental period**  $T_0$ , it can be decomposed as the sum of a set of complex exponential signals as

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{jn\Omega_0 t}$$

$$\Omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T_0}$$

- $c_n, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$  , **Fourier series coefficients**

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{\langle T_0 \rangle} x(t) e^{-jn\Omega_0 t} dt$$

- derivation of  $c_n$  :



# FOURIER SERIES

- **Fourier series**

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{jn\Omega_0 t}$$

- The periodic signal is decomposed into the **weighted summation** of a set of **orthogonal complex exponential functions**.
- The frequency of the n-th complex exponential function:  $n\Omega_0$ 
  - The periods of the n-th complex exponential function:  $T_n = \frac{T_0}{n}$
- The values of coefficients,  $c_n, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ , depend on  $x(t)$ 
  - Different  $x(t)$  will result in different  $c_n$
  - There is a one-to-one relationship between  $x(t)$  and  $c_n$

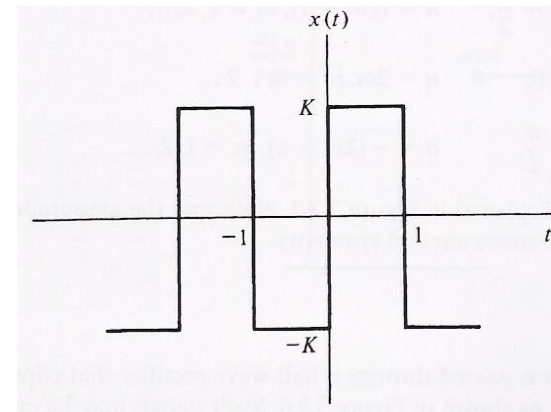
$$s(t) \longleftrightarrow [\dots, c_{-2}, c_{-1}, c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots]$$

For a periodic signal, it can be either represented as  $s(t)$ , or represented as  $c_n$

# FOURIER SERIES

- **Example**

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} -K, & -1 < t < 0 \\ K, & 0 < t < 1 \end{cases}$$



# FOURIER SERIES

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- **Amplitude and phase**

- The Fourier series coefficients are usually complex numbers

$$c_n = a_n + jb_n = |c_n|e^{j\theta_n}$$

- Amplitude line spectrum: amplitude as a function of  $n\Omega_0$

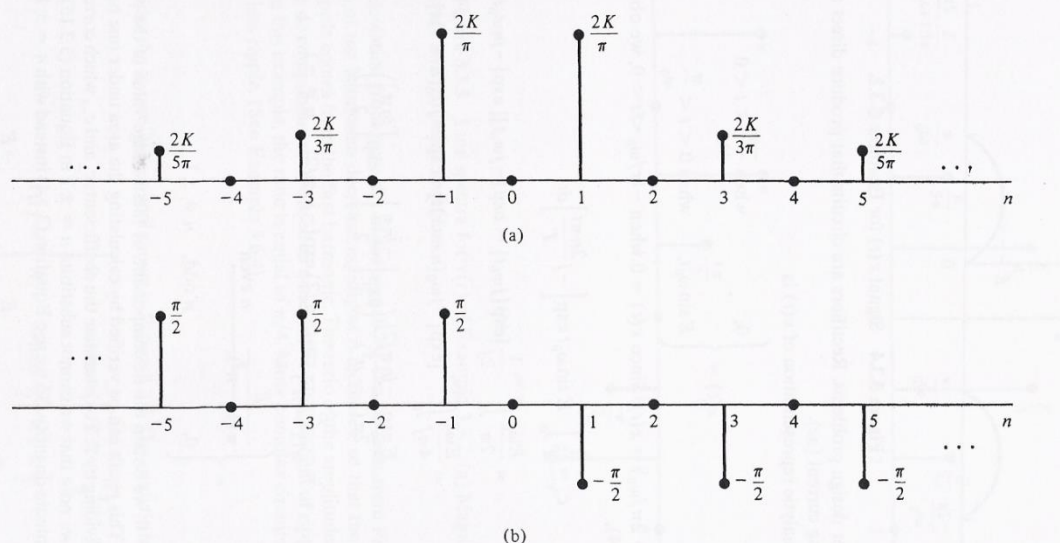
$$|c_n| = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$$

- Phase line spectrum: phase as a function of  $n\Omega_0$

$$\theta_n = \tan^{-1} \frac{b_n}{a_n}$$

# FOURIER SERIES: FREQUENCY DOMAIN

- Signal represented in frequency domain: line spectrum



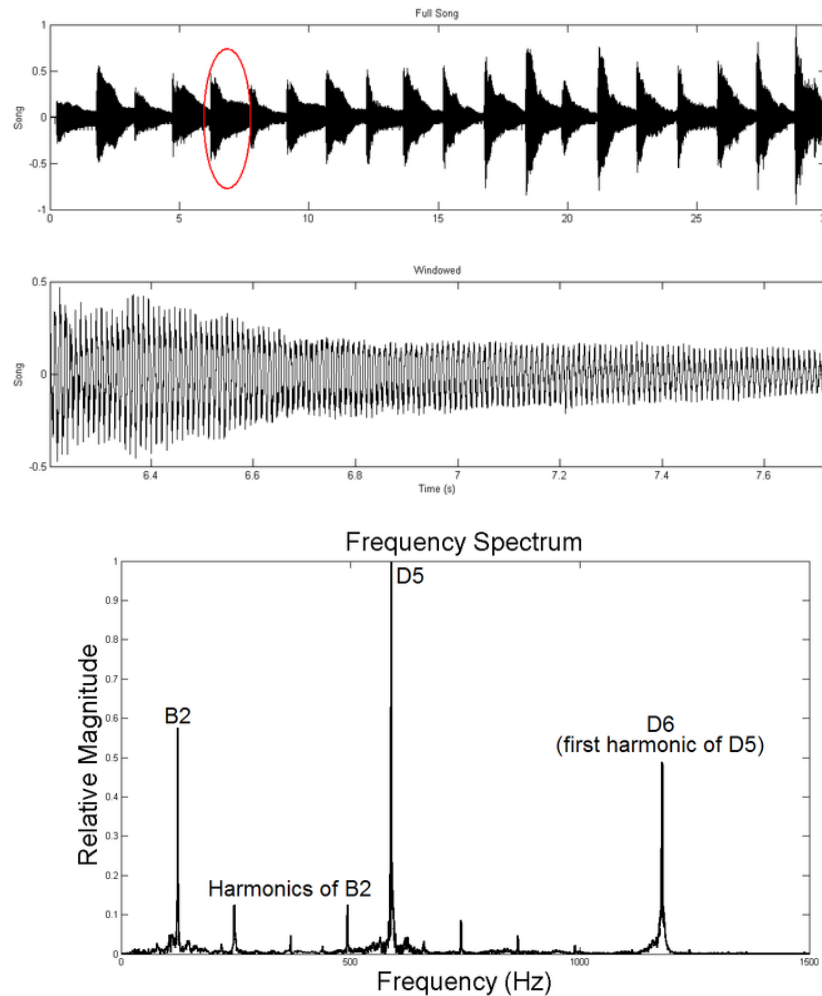
amplitude

phase

- Each  $c_n$  has its own frequency  $n\Omega_0$
- The signal is decomposed in **frequency domain**.
- $c_n$  is called the **harmonic** of signal  $s(t)$  at frequency  $n\Omega_0$
- Each signal has many frequency components.
  - The power of the harmonics at different frequencies determines how fast the signal can change.

# FOURIER SERIES: FREQUENCY DOMAIN

- Example: Piano Note



**B2: 123.47 Hz**  
**B3: 246.94 Hz**  
**D5: 587.33 Hz**  
**D6: 1,174.66 Hz**

# FOURIER SERIES

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- **Example**

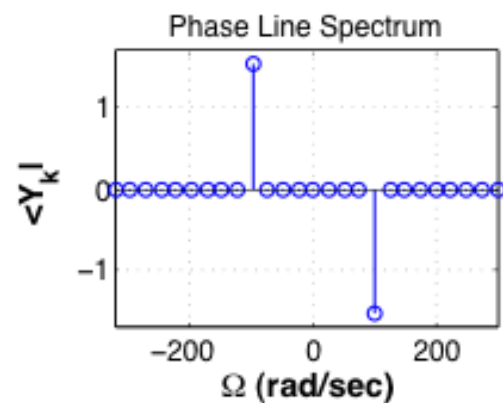
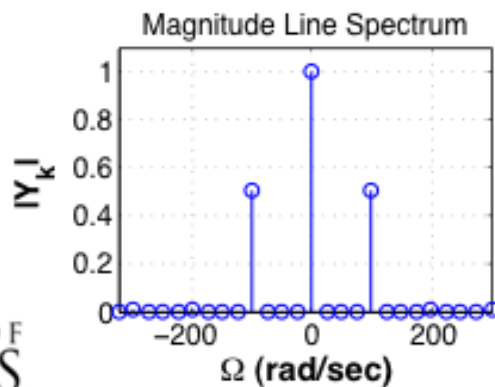
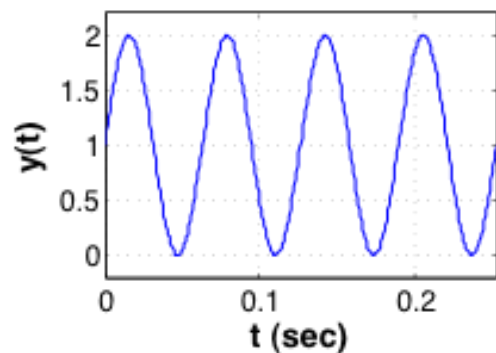
- Find the Fourier series of  $s(t) = \exp(j\Omega_0 t)$

# FOURIER SERIES

- **Example**

- Find the Fourier series of  $s(t) = B + A\cos(\Omega_0 t + \theta)$

$$y(t) = 1 + \sin(100t)$$

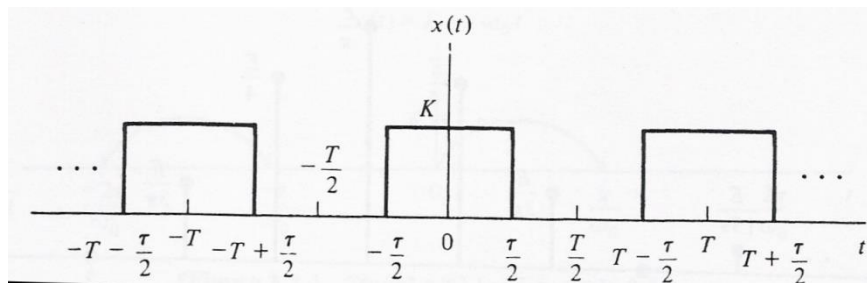


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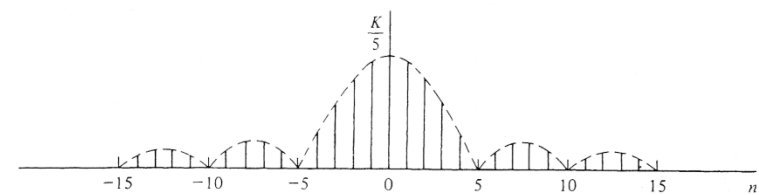
## • Example

– Find the Fourier series of

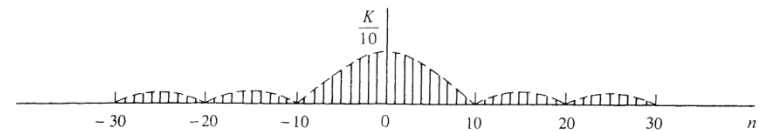
$$s(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & -T/2 < t < -\tau/2 \\ K, & -\tau/2 < t < \tau/2 \\ 0, & \tau/2 < t < T/2 \end{cases}$$



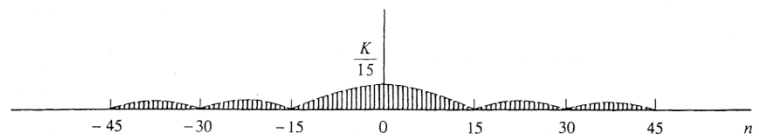
$$c_n = \frac{K\tau}{T} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{n\tau}{T}\right)$$



$$\tau = 1, T = 5$$



$$\tau = 1, T = 10$$



$$\tau = 1, T = 15$$

frequency domain



# FOURIER SERIES: DIRICHLET CONDITIONS

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- **Can any periodic signal be decomposed into Fourier series?**
  - Only signals satisfy Dirichlet conditions have Fourier series
- **Dirichlet conditions**
  - 1.  $x(t)$  is absolutely integrable within one period

$$\int_{\langle T \rangle} |x(t)| dt < \infty$$

- 2.  $x(t)$  has only a finite number of maxima and minima.
- 3. The number of discontinuities in  $x(t)$  must be finite.

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# PROPERTIES: LINEARITY

- **Linearity**

- Two periodic signals with the same period  $T_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega_0}$

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \alpha_n e^{jn\Omega_0 t} \qquad y(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta_n e^{jn\Omega_0 t}$$

- The Fourier series of the superposition of two signals is

$$k_1 x(t) + k_2 y(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} (k_1 \alpha_n + k_2 \beta_n) e^{jn\Omega_0 t}$$

- If

$$x(t) \Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \qquad y(t) \Leftrightarrow \beta_n$$

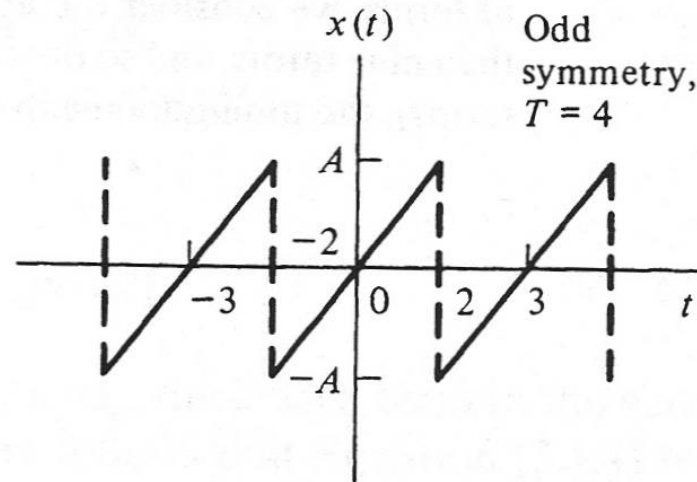
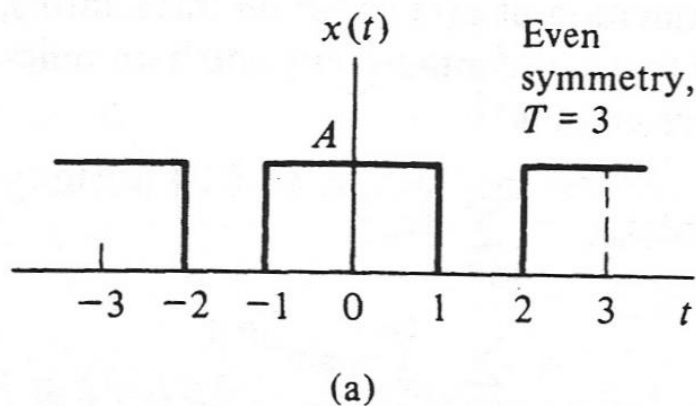
- then

$$k_1 x(t) + k_2 y(t) \Leftrightarrow (k_1 \alpha_n + k_2 \beta_n)$$

# PROPERTIES: EFFECTS OF SYMMETRY

- **Symmetric signals**

- A signal is even symmetry if:  $x(t) = x(-t)$
- A signal is odd symmetry if:  $x(t) = -x(-t)$
- The existence of symmetries simplifies the computation of Fourier series coefficients.



# PROPERTIES: EFFECTS OF SYMMETRY

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- **Fourier series of even symmetry signals**

- If a signal is even symmetry, then

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_n \cos(n\Omega_0 t)$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0/2} x(t) \cos(n\Omega_0 t) dt$$

- **Fourier series of odd symmetry signals**

- If a signal is odd symmetry, then

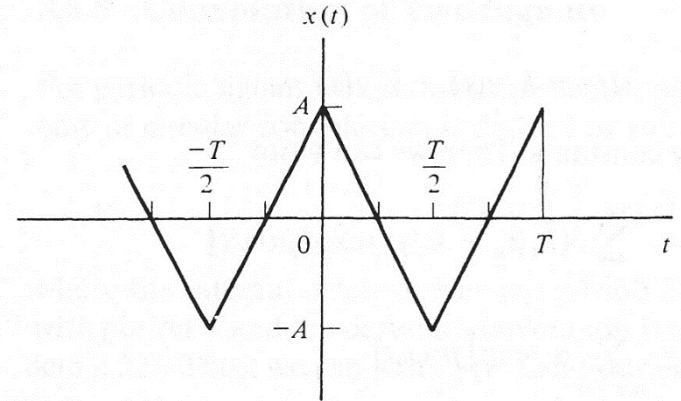
$$x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} b_n \sin(n\Omega_0 t)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0/2} x(t) \sin(n\Omega_0 t) dt$$

# PROPERTIES: EFFECTS OF SYMMETRY

- **Example**

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} A - \frac{4A}{T}t, & 0 < t < T/2 \\ \frac{4A}{T}t - 3A, & T/2 < t < T \end{cases}$$



# PROPERTIES: SHIFT IN TIME

- **Shift in time**

- If  $x(t)$  has Fourier series  $c_n$ , then  $x(t-t_0)$  has Fourier series

$$c_n e^{-jn\Omega_0 t_0}$$

**if  $x(t) \leftrightarrow c_n$ , then  $x(t-t_0) \leftrightarrow c_n e^{-jn\Omega_0 t_0}$**

- Proof:

# PROPERTIES: PARSEVAL'S THEOREM

- **Review: power of periodic signal**

$$P = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |x(t)|^2 dt$$

- **Parseval's theorem**

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{if } x(t) \longleftrightarrow \alpha_n \\ \text{then } \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |x(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\alpha_m|^2 \end{array}$$

– Proof:

The power of signal can be computed in frequency domain!



# PROPERTIES: PARSEVAL'S THEOREM

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- **Example**

- Use Parseval's theorem find the power of  $x(t) = A\sin(\Omega_0 t)$

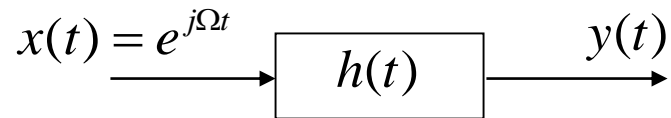
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## PERIODIC INPUTS: COMPLEX EXPONENTIAL INPUT

- **LTI system with complex exponential input**



$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= x(t) \otimes h(t) = h(t) \otimes x(t) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau) x(t - \tau) d\tau \\ &= \exp(j\Omega t) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau) \exp(-j\Omega \tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

- **Transfer function**

$$H(\Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau) \exp(-j\Omega \tau) d\tau$$

- For LTI system with complex exponential input, the output is

$$y(t) = H(\Omega) \exp(j\Omega t)$$

- It tells us the system response at different frequencies

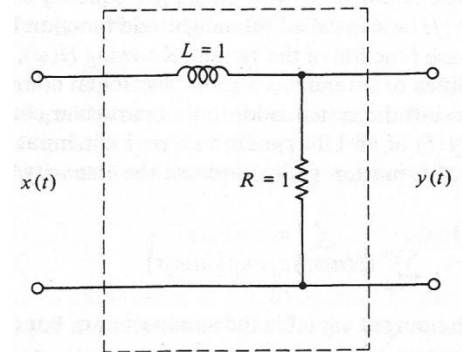
# PERIODIC INPUT

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- **Example:**
  - For a system with impulse response  $h(t) = \delta(t - t_0)$   
find the transfer function

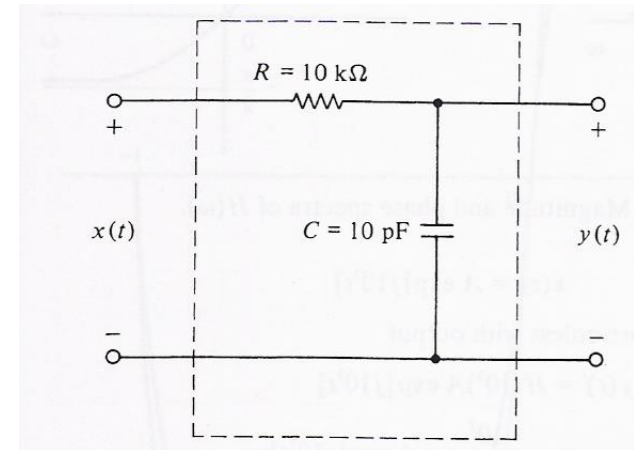
# PERIODIC INPUT:

- **Example**
  - Find the transfer function of the system shown in figure.



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# PERIODIC INPUTS: TRANSFER FUNCTION

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- **Transfer function**

- For system described by differential equations

$$\sum_{i=0}^n p_i y^{(i)}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m q_i x^{(i)}(t)$$

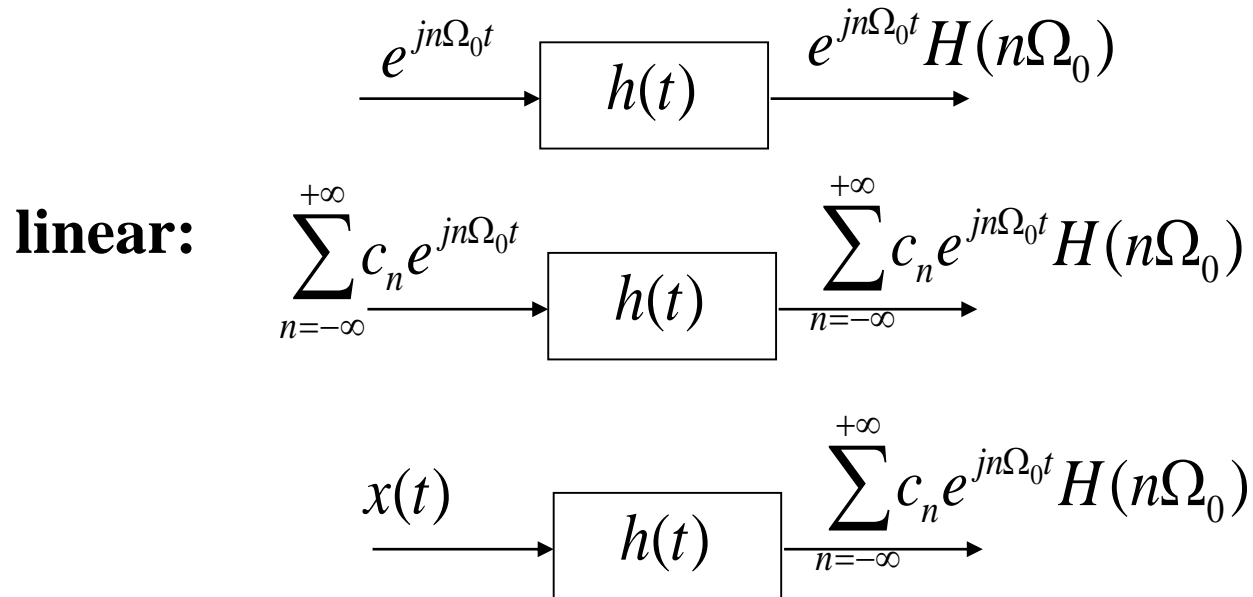
$$H(\Omega) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^m q_i (j\Omega)^i}{\sum_{i=0}^n p_i (j\Omega)^i}$$

# PERIODIC INPUTS

- LTI system with periodic inputs**

- Periodic inputs:  $x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n \exp(jn\Omega_0 t)$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$



For system with periodic inputs, the output is the weighted sum of the transfer function.



# PERIODIC INPUTS

- **Procedures:**

- To find the output of LTI system with periodic input

- 1. Find the Fourier series coefficients of periodic input  $x(t)$ .

$$\alpha_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) e^{-jn\Omega_0 t} dt$$

$$\Omega_0 = 2\pi f_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

- 2. Find the transfer function of LTI system  $H(\Omega)$

period of  $x(t)$

- 3. The output of the system is

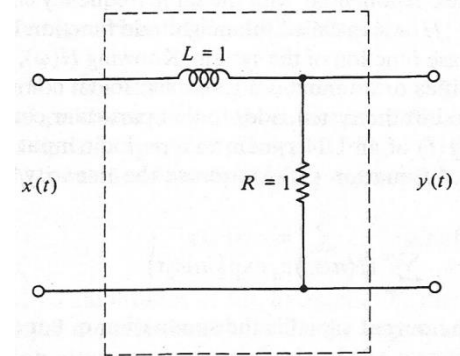
$$y(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{jn\Omega_0 t} H(n\Omega_0)$$

# PERIODIC INPUTS

- **Example**

- Find the response of the system when the input is

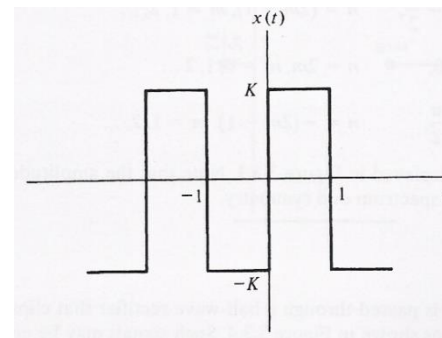
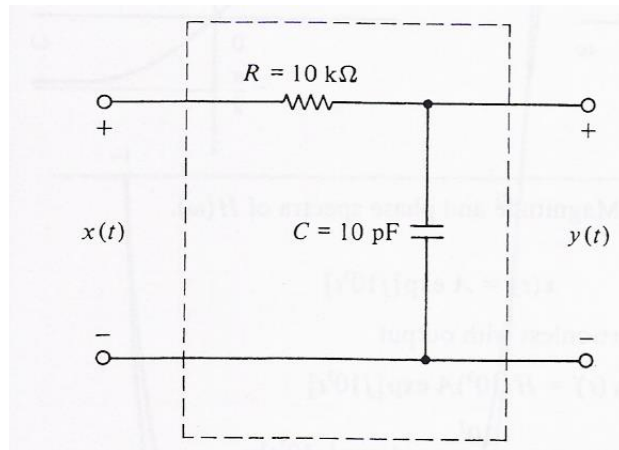
$$x(t) = 4 \cos(t) - 2 \cos(2t)$$



# PERIODIC INPUTS

- **Example**

- Find the response of the system when the input is shown in figure.



# PERIODIC INPUTS: GIBBS PHENOMENON

- **The Gibbs Phenomenon**

- Most Fourier series has infinite number of elements → unlimited bandwidth

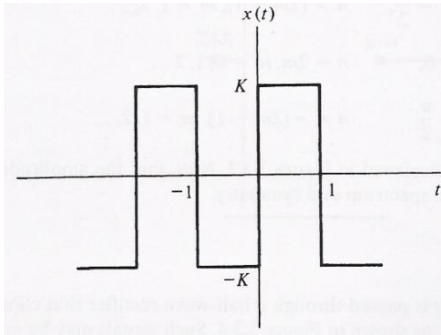
$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{jn\Omega_0 t}$$

- What if we truncate the infinite series to finite number of elements?

$$x_N(t) = \sum_{n=-N}^{+N} c_n e^{jn\Omega_0 t}$$

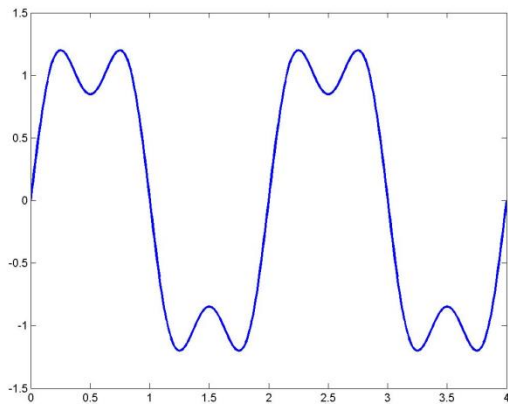
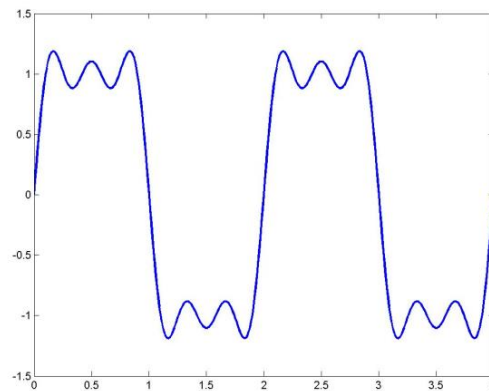
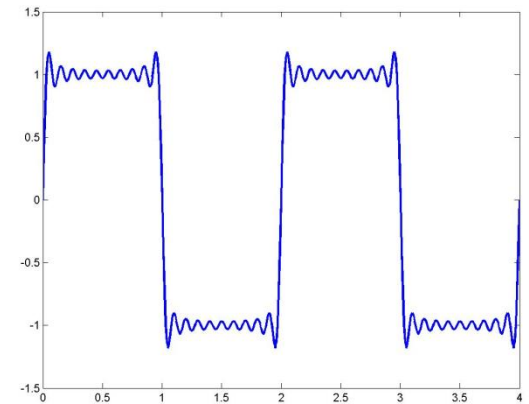
- The truncated signal,  $x_N(t)$ , is an approximation of the original signal  $x(t)$

# PERIODIC INPUTS: GIBBS PHENOMENON



$$c_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2K}{j\pi n}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ 0, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

$$x_N(t) = \sum_{n=-N}^{+N} c_n e^{jn\Omega_0 t}$$


 $x_3(t)$ 

 $x_5(t)$ 

 $x_{19}(t)$

# FOURIER SERIES

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- **Analogy: Optical Prism**
  - Each color is an Electromagnetic wave with a different frequency

