

# SHORT TIME FOURIER TRANSFORMS

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## Overview

- Fourier Transforms

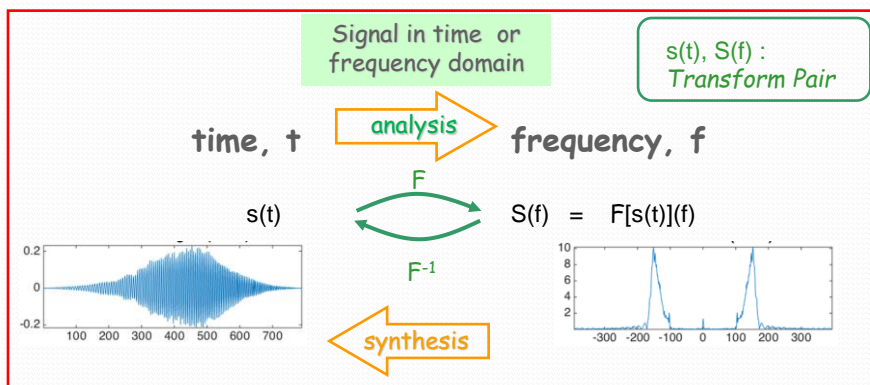
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# Fourier Transforms

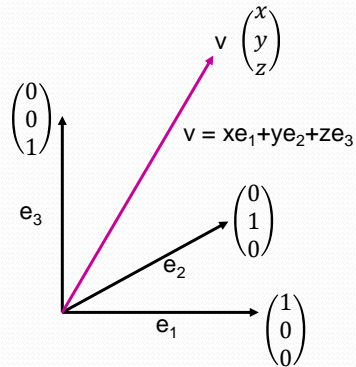
- Frequency analysis
- A tour of Fourier Transforms
- Continuous Fourier Series (FS)
- Discrete Fourier Series (DFS)

# Frequency Analysis

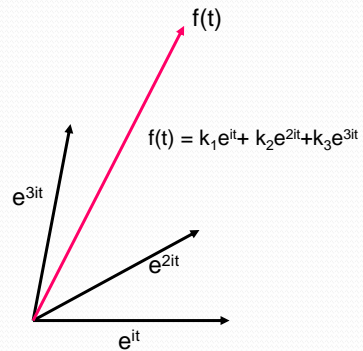
- **Fast & efficient insight on the signal's components.**
- **Powerful & complementary to time domain analysis techniques.**
- Simplifies the original problem - Filtering, solving Part.Diff.Eqns. (PDE),...
- Many transforms: **Fourier, Discrete Cosine, Laplace, z, Wavelet, etc.**



# Bases of Vector Spaces

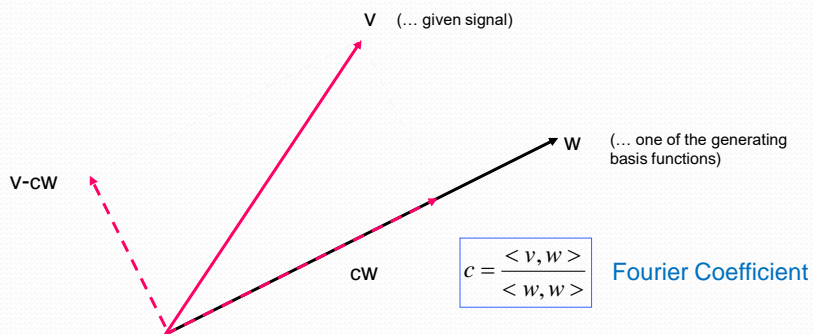


$v$  is a linear combination of the basis vectors  $e_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ )



$f$  is a linear combination of the basis functions  $e^{it}, e^{2it}, e^{3it}$

# Fourier Coefficients



Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  an in-product for our vector space  $V$ .  
 Then we calculate the Fourier coefficient  $c$  of  $v$  in  $V$  with respect to (basis) vector  $w$  by:

$$c = \frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\langle w, w \rangle}$$

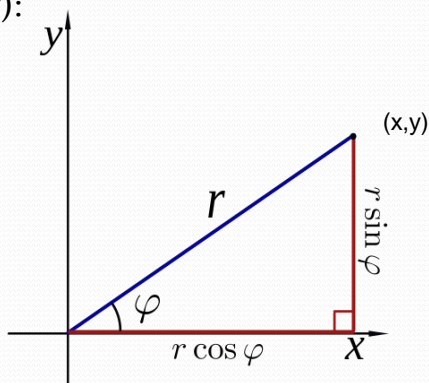
$\Rightarrow cw$  is the component of  $v$  along the direction of  $w$ .

# Polar Coordinates in $\mathbb{R}^2$

Relation between **Polar coordinates**  $(r, \varphi)$  and **Cartesian coordinates**  $(x, y)$ :

$$x = r \cos \varphi$$

$$y = r \sin \varphi$$



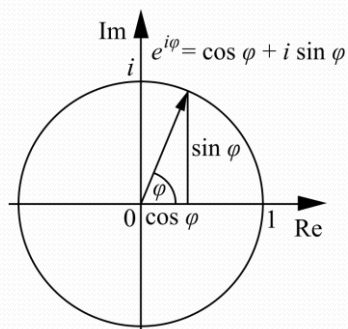
# Complex Numbers

Define  $e^{i\varphi} = \cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi$

Note: you can write any complex number

$$z = a + bi \text{ as:}$$

$$z = r e^{i\varphi}, \text{ with } r = |z|$$

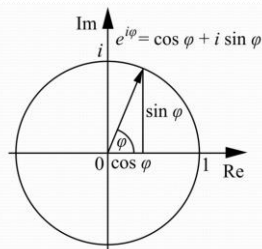


# Complex Numbers and Functions

Let  $z = r e^{i\varphi}$ , then  $\bar{z} = r e^{-i\varphi}$  (alternative notation:  $z^*$ )

Let  $z_1 = r_1 e^{-i\varphi_1}$ , and  $z_2 = r_2 e^{-i\varphi_2}$ , then

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 e^{-i(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)}$$

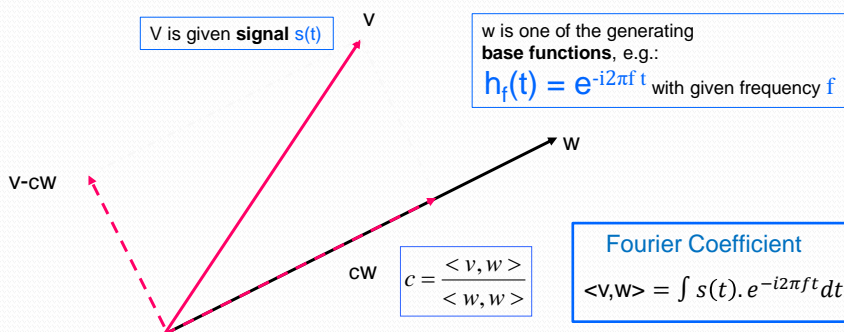


Let  $f$  a given frequency.

Let  $h(t) = e^{i2\pi ft}$  then  $h(t) = \cos 2\pi ft + i \sin 2\pi ft$ , thus

$h(t)$  is a function that is 'repeating' over time with frequency  $f$

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**Fourier Coefficient**  
 $\langle v, w \rangle = \int s(t) \cdot e^{-i2\pi f t} dt$

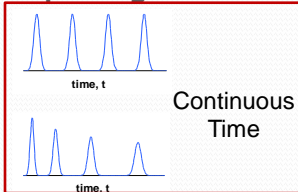
Note  $\langle w, w \rangle = 1$  for orthonormal basis functions.

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# Fourier Analysis – Different ‘Flavours’

## Input Signal in Time Domain

## Frequency spectrum



Continuous Time

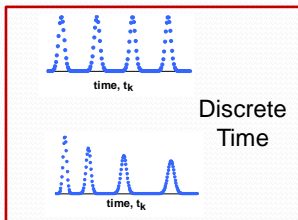
Periodic (period  $T$ )  
Aperiodic

FS  
FT

Discrete  
Continuous

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \cdot \int_0^T s(t) \cdot e^{-ik\omega t} dt$$

$$S(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s(t) \cdot e^{-i2\pi f t} dt$$



Discrete Time

Periodic (period  $T$ )

Aperiodic

DFS\*\*  
DTFT  
DFT\*\*

Discrete  
Continuous  
Discrete

$$\tilde{c}_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} s[n] \cdot e^{-i \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

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Note:  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $\omega = 2\pi/T$ ,  $s[n]=s(t_n)$ ,  $N = \text{No. of samples}$

\*\* Calculated using FFT

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## A Short History of Fourier Transform (1/2)

- **1669:** Newton: light spectra (*specter* = ghost) but no “frequency” concept (no waves).
- **18<sup>th</sup> century:** two important problems
  - [celestial bodies orbits](#): Lagrange, Euler & Clairaut approximate observation data with **linear combination of periodic functions**; Clairaut, 1754(!) first DFT formula.
  - [vibrating strings](#): Euler describes vibrating string motion by sinusoids (wave equation).
  - But consensus was: **sum of sinusoids only represents smooth curves**.
- **1807:** Fourier presents his work on heat conduction ⇒ Fourier analysis born.
  - [Diffusion equation](#) ⇔ series (infinite) of sines & cosines.
  - Strong criticism by peers blocks publication.
  - **Work published, 1822** (“*Theorie Analytique de la chaleur*”).

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## A Short History of Fourier Transform (2/2)

➤ 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> century: two paths for Fourier analysis - Continuous & Discrete.

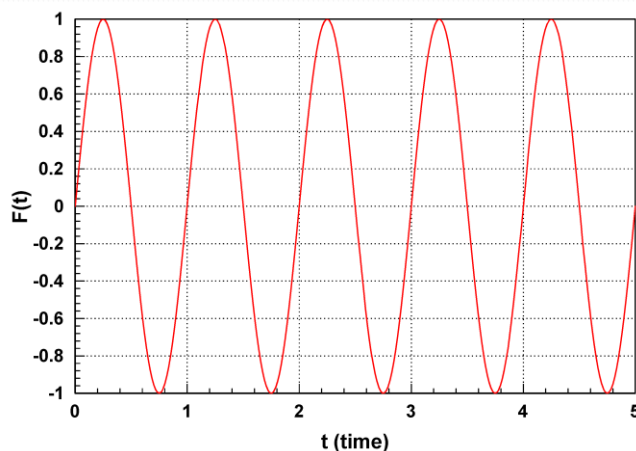
### CONTINUOUS

- Fourier extends the analysis to arbitrary functions (Fourier Transform).
- Dirichlet, Poisson, Riemann, Lebesgue address Fourier Series convergence.
- Other FT variants born from varied needs (ex.: Short Time FT - speech analysis).

### DISCRETE: Fast calculation methods (FFT) For us: $O(N^2)$ → $O(N\log N)$

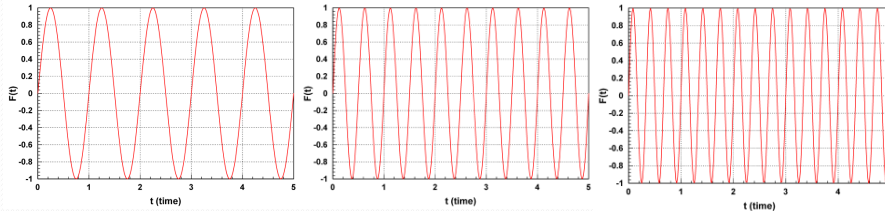
- 1805 - Gauss, first usage of FFT (manuscript in Latin went unnoticed!!! Published 1866).
- 1965 - IBM's Cooley & Tukey "rediscover" FFT algorithm ("*An algorithm for the machine calculation of complex Fourier series*").
- Other DFT variants for different applications (ex.: Warped DFT - filter design & signal compression).
- FFT algorithm refined & modified for most computer platforms.
- *Fastest Fourier Transform in the West (FFTW)*

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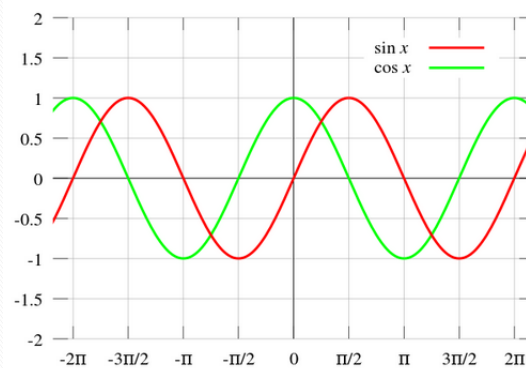
$$F(t) = \cos(2\pi \cdot 2t)$$

$$F(t) = \cos(2\pi \cdot 3t)$$

$\{ \cos(2\pi \cdot kt), \sin(2\pi \cdot kt) \}_k$  forms an orthogonal basis

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# Sine vs Cosine Graphs



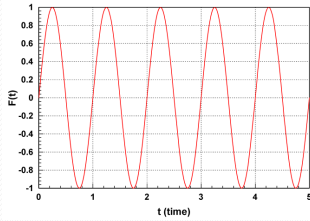
$$\sin(\varphi + \pi/2) = \cos(\varphi)$$

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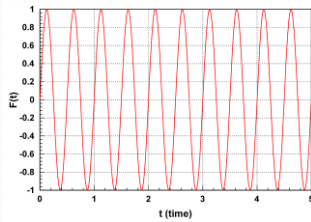
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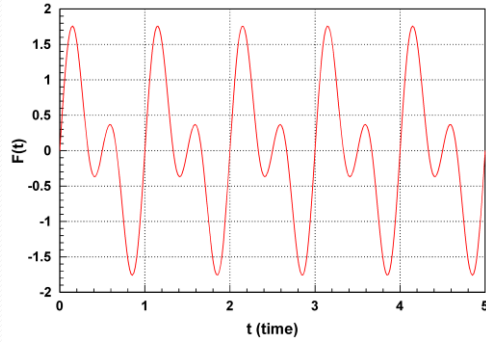
## Linear Combination of Functions



$$F(t) = \sin(2\pi.t)$$



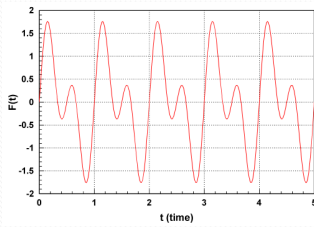
$$F(t) = \sin(2\pi.2t)$$



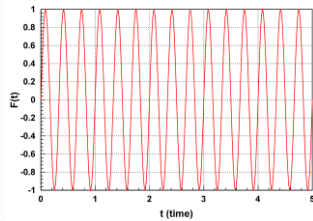
$$F(t) = \sin(2\pi.t) + \sin(2\pi.2t)$$

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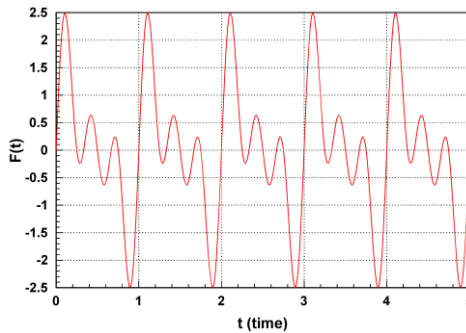
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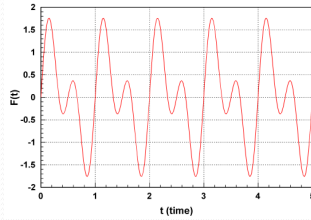
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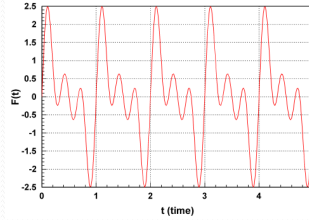
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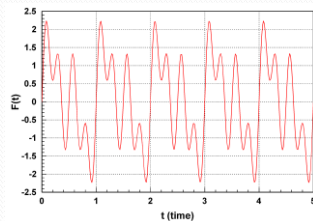
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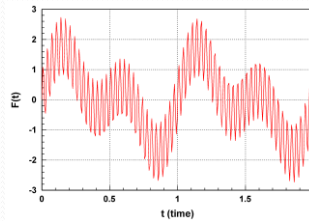
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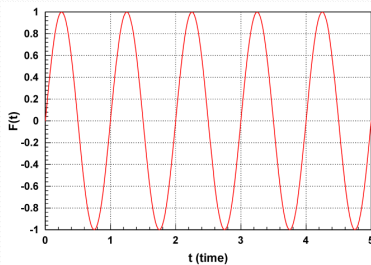
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$$F(t) = \sin(2\pi.t) + \sin(2\pi.2t) + \sin(2\pi.30t)$$

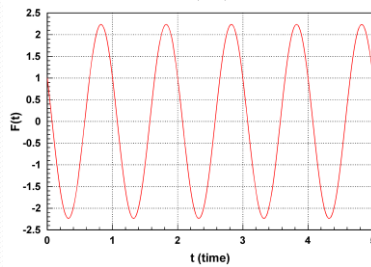
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## Linear Combination of Functions



Phase Shift:

$$F(t) = \sin(2\pi.t)$$

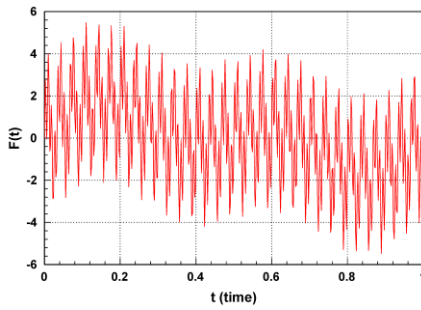


$$F(t) = \cos(2\pi.t) - 2.\sin(2\pi.t)$$

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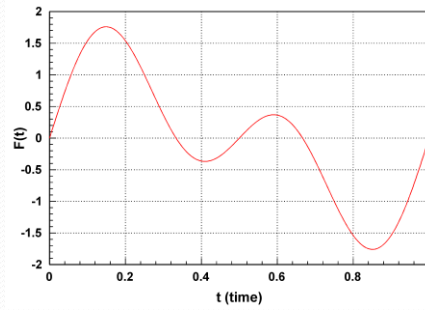
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## Low Band Pass Filters



$$F(t) = \sin(2\pi \cdot t) + \sin(2\pi \cdot 2t) + \sin(2\pi \cdot 30t) + \sin(2\pi \cdot 120t)$$

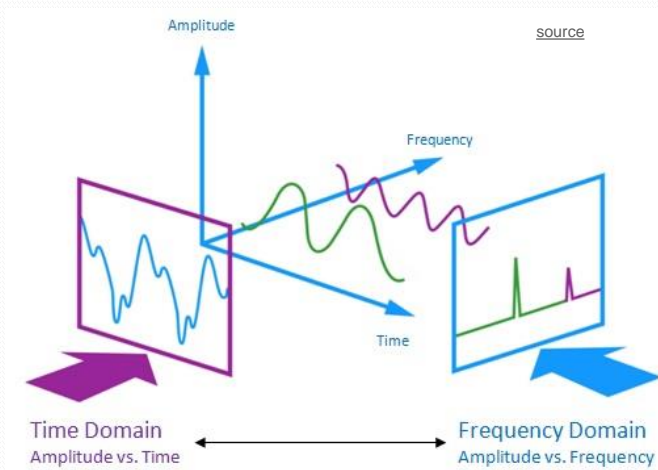
<- low freq.  
<- high freq.



$$F(t) = \sin(2\pi \cdot t) + \sin(2\pi \cdot 2t)$$

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## Fourier Series



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# Fourier Series (FS)

\* see next slide

A periodic function  $s(t)$  satisfying Dirichlet's conditions \* can be expressed as a Fourier series, with harmonically related sine/cosine terms.

synthesis

$$s(t) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} [a_k \cdot \cos(k\omega t) - b_k \cdot \sin(k\omega t)]$$

Inverse Fourier Transform

For all  $t$  but discontinuities

$t$ : ~ time

$a_0, a_k, b_k$ : Fourier coefficients.

$k$ : ~ frequency, harmonic number

$T$ : period,  $\omega = 2\pi/T$

analysis

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T s(t) dt$$

Fourier Transform

*( $a_0$  is signal average over a period, i.e. Direct Current (DC) term & zero-frequency component.)*

$$a_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T s(t) \cdot \cos(k\omega t) dt$$

$$-b_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T s(t) \cdot \sin(k\omega t) dt$$

Note:  $\{\cos(k\omega t), \sin(k\omega t)\}_k$  form orthogonal base of function space.

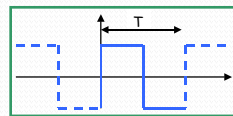
$s(t) \leftrightarrow S(k) = (a_k, b_k)$

# Fourier Series Convergence

## Dirichlet conditions

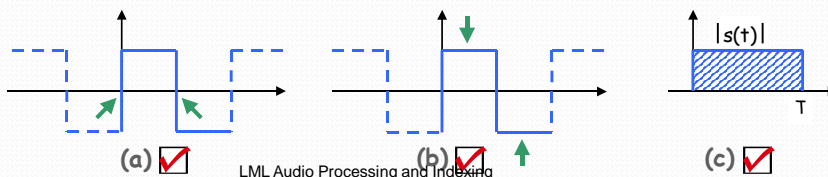
- In any period:
- (a)  $s(t)$  piecewise-continuous;
  - (b)  $s(t)$  piecewise-monotonic;
  - (c)  $s(t)$  absolutely integrable,  $\int_0^T |s(t)| dt < \infty$

Example: square wave



## Rate of convergence

if  $s(t)$  discontinuous then  $|a_k| < M/k$  for large  $k$  ( $M > 0$ )



# Fourier Series Analysis - 1

Fourier series of square wave  $sw(t)$ :

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} dt + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} (-1) dt \right\} = 0 \quad (\text{zero average})$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} \cos kt dt - \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \cos kt dt \right\} = 0$$

$$-b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} \sin kt dt - \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \sin kt dt \right\} = \dots = \frac{2}{k \cdot \pi} \cdot (1 - \cos k\pi) =$$

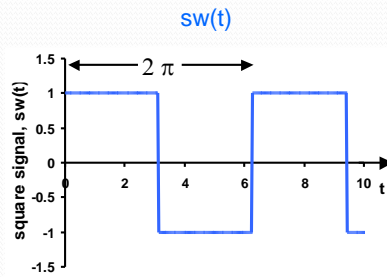
$$= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{k \cdot \pi}, & k \text{ odd} \\ 0, & k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$sw(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \sin t + \frac{4}{3 \cdot \pi} \cdot \sin 3 \cdot t + \frac{4}{5 \cdot \pi} \cdot \sin 5 \cdot t + \dots$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T s(t) dt$$

$$a_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T s(t) \cdot \cos(k\omega t) dt$$

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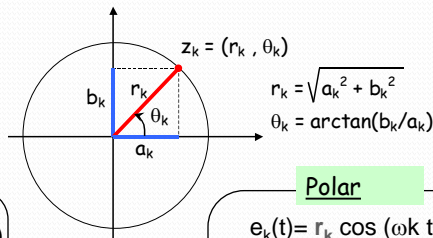


$$T = 2\pi \Rightarrow \omega = 1$$

# Fourier Series Analysis - 2

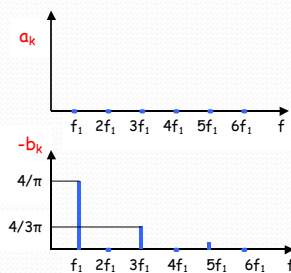
Fourier spectrum representations (in  $k$ )

$$s(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_k(t)$$



**Rectangular**

$$e_k(t) = a_k \cos(\omega k t) - b_k \sin(\omega k t)$$



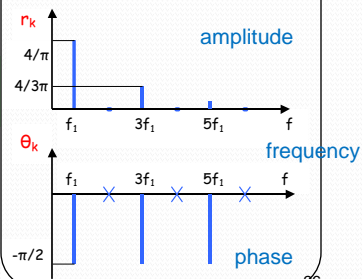
$r_k$  = amplitude,  
 $\theta_k$  = phase

$$f_k = k \omega / 2\pi$$

Fourier spectrum of square-wave.

**Polar**

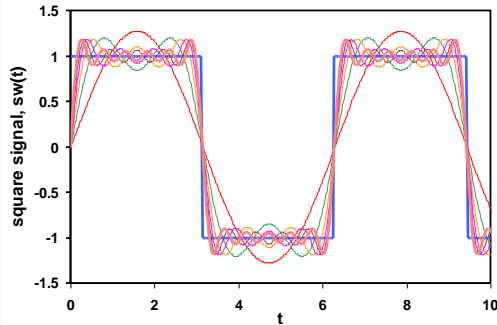
$$e_k(t) = r_k \cos(\omega k t + \theta_k)$$



# Fourier Series Synthesis

Square wave reconstruction from spectral terms

$$sw_9(t) = \sum_{k=1}^9 [b_k \cdot \sin(kt)]$$



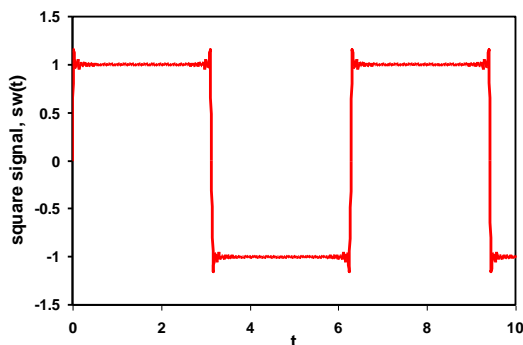
Convergence may be slow ( $\sim 1/k$ ) - ideally need infinite terms.

**Practically**, series truncated when remainder below computer tolerance ( $\Rightarrow$  error). **BUT** ... Gibbs' Phenomenon.

# Gibbs Phenomenon

Overshoot exist at each discontinuity

$$sw_{79}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{79} [-b_k \cdot \sin(kt)]$$



- First observed by Michelson, 1898. Explained by Gibbs.
- Max overshoot pk-to-pk = 8.95% of discontinuity magnitude.
- FS converges to  $(-1+1)/2 = 0$  at discontinuities, *in this case*.

# Complex Fourier Series

Euler's notation:

$$e^{-jt} = (e^{jt})^* = \cos(t) - i \cdot \sin(t)$$

→ "phasor"

$$\cos(t) = \frac{e^{it} + e^{-it}}{2}$$

$$\sin(t) = \frac{e^{it} - e^{-it}}{2 \cdot i}$$

analysis

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \cdot \int_0^T s(t) \cdot e^{-ik\omega t} dt$$

synthesis

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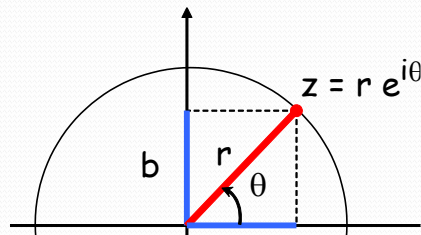
Complex form of FS (Laplace 1782). Harmonics  $c_k$  separated by  $\Delta f = 1/T$  on frequency plot.

Note:  $c_{-k} = (c_k)^*$

Link to FS real coeffs.

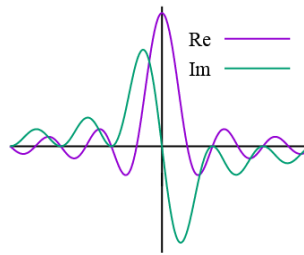
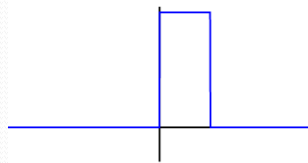
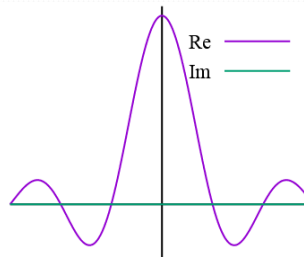
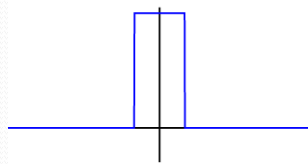
$$c_0 = a_0$$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (a_k + i \cdot b_k) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (a_{-k} - i \cdot b_{-k})$$



Signal

Fourier Transformed Signal



Phase Shift

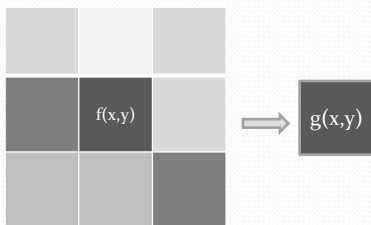
# Fourier Series Properties

	Time (t)	Frequency (f)
<b>Homogeneity</b>	$a \cdot s(t)$	$a \cdot S(f)$
<b>Additivity</b>	$s(t) + u(t)$	$S(f) + U(f)$
<b>Linearity</b>	$a \cdot s(t) + b \cdot u(t)$	$a \cdot S(f) + b \cdot U(f)$
<b>Time reversal</b>	$s(-t)$	$S(-f)$
<b>Multiplication</b>	$s(t) \cdot u(t)$	$\frac{1}{T} \cdot \int_0^T S(f-t) \cdot U(f) dt$
<b>Convolution</b>	$\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} s(m)u(t-m)$	$S(f) \cdot U(f)$
<b>Time shifting</b>	$s(t-t)$	$e^{-i \frac{2\pi f \cdot t}{T}} \cdot S(f)$
<b>Frequency shifting</b>	$e^{+i \frac{2\pi m t}{T}} \cdot s(t)$	$S(f-m)$

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# Image Processing: Convolutional Filters and Kernels



$$g(x, y) = \omega * f(x, y) = \sum_{dx=-a}^a \sum_{dy=-b}^b \omega(dx, dy) f(x + dx, y + dy)$$

Operation	Kernel $\omega$	Image result $g(x,y)$
<b>Identity</b>	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
<b>Edge detection</b>	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	
<b>Sharpen</b>	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kernel\\_\(image\\_processing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kernel_(image_processing))



# Discrete Fourier Series (DFS)

Band-limited signal  $s[n]$ , period =  $N$ .

DFS generate periodic  $c_k$  with same signal period

**DFS defined as:**

FT: analysis

$$\tilde{c}_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} s[n] \cdot e^{-j \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

**Note:**  $\tilde{c}_{k+N} = \tilde{c}_k \leftrightarrow$  same period  $N$   
i.e. time periodicity propagates to frequencies!

IFT: synthesis

$$s[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{c}_k \cdot e^{j \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

Synthesis: finite sum  $\leftarrow$  band-limited  $s[n]$

**Orthogonality in DFS:**

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{j \frac{2\pi n(k-m)}{N}} = \delta_{k,m}$$

↑  
Kronecker's delta

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

$N$  consecutive samples of  $s[n]$  completely describe  $s$  in time or frequency domains.

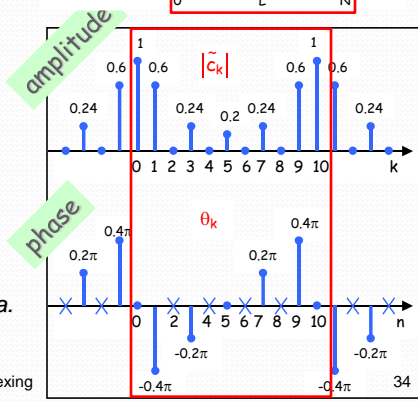
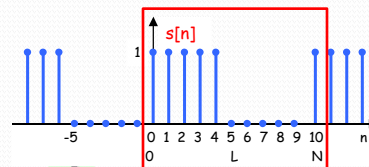
# Discrete Fourier Series Analysis

DFS of periodic discrete 1-Volt square-wave

$s[n]$ : period  $N$ , duty factor  $L/N$

$$\tilde{c}_k = \begin{cases} \frac{L}{N}, & k = 0, +N, \pm 2N, \dots \\ \frac{e^{-j \frac{\pi k(L-1)}{N}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi k L}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right)}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Discrete signals  $\Rightarrow$  periodic frequency spectra.  
Compare to continuous rectangular function (slide # 20)



## Some Discrete Fourier Series Properties

	Time (n)	Frequency (k)
<b>Homogeneity</b>	$a \cdot s[n]$	$a \cdot S(k)$
<b>Additivity</b>	$s[n] + u[n]$	$S(k) + U(k)$
<b>Linearity</b>	$a \cdot s[n] + b \cdot u[n]$	$a \cdot S(k) + b \cdot U(k)$
<b>Multiplication</b>	$s[n] \cdot u[n]$	$\frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{h=0}^{N-1} S(h)U(k-h)$
<b>Convolution</b>	$\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} s[m] \cdot u[n-m]$	$S(k) \cdot U(k)$
<b>Time shifting</b>	$s[n - m]$	$e^{-j \frac{2\pi k \cdot m}{T}} \cdot S(k)$
<b>Frequency shifting</b>	$e^{+j \frac{2\pi h n}{T}} \cdot s[n]$	$S(k - h)$

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## References

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**Schedule (tentative, visit regularly):**

5-9	<a href="#">Organization and Introduction</a>
12-9	<a href="#">Audio Production and Processing</a>
19-9	<a href="#">ADC and an Algebraic Introduction to FT</a>
26-9	FFT
3-10	No class: Leidens Ontzet.
10-10	Project Proposals (presentations by students)
17-10	Audio Features & student paper selection
24-10	Machine Learning
31-10	Student Paper Presentations I
7-11	Student Paper Presentations II
14-11	Student Paper Presentations III
21-11	Student Paper Presentations IV
28-11	<b>TBA</b>
5-12	Final Project Presentations Demo's
19-12	Project Deliverables: - Final Project - Scientific/technical paper (4-8 pages) - Code - Web Site (or github)



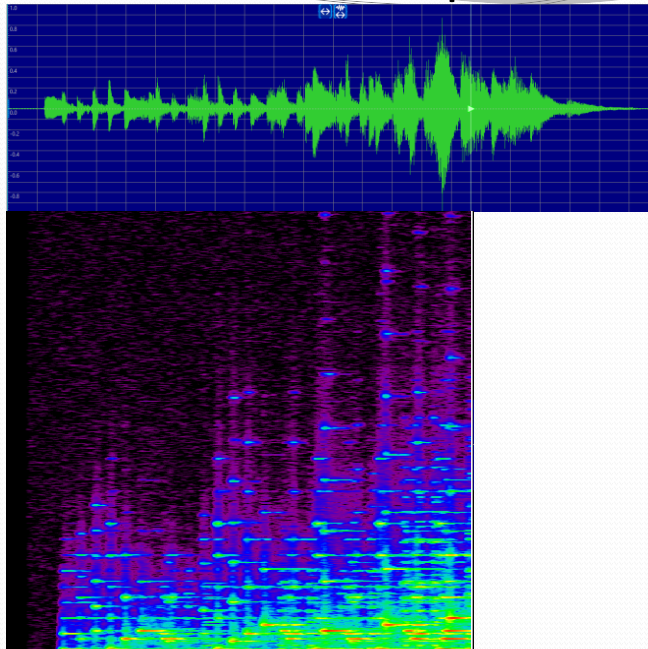
**Assignments (Workshops@Home):**

1. [Vocal Tract Workshop](#). Due: 21-9 2023,
2. [FFT Workshop](#) and [audio\\_data](#). Due: 9-10 2023.
3. Audio Features Workshop. Due TBA
4. Machine Learning Workshop. Due TBA.



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# FFT Workshop



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# API Project Proposals

(October 10<sup>th</sup> 2023)

5 minute Presentations (4 slides) addressing:

- Title + group members (1 – 4 members)
- Problem description
- Challenges
- What will be the goal for the Final Project Presentation/Demo
- Note: If the group consists of more than 1 member, add a 5th slide with an initial global division of the work between project members. This slide does not have to be presented.

Each API Project member should submit a copy of the pdf with the slides of the API Project Proposal Presentation on Bright space before October 9<sup>th</sup> 2023.

# API Project Proposals

(October 10<sup>th</sup> 2023)

For inspiration:

- See previous projects on <https://www.liacs.nl/~erwin/api>
- International Society for Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR)  
<http://www.ismir.net/conferences/>
- INTERSPEECH  
<https://www.isca-speech.org/iscaweb/index.php/online-archive>
- Online proceedings:
  - <https://dblp.org/db/conf/index.html>
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  - Etc.

# Fourier Series Time Shifting

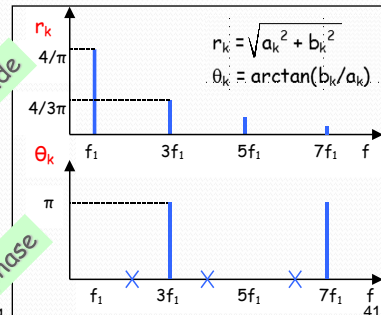
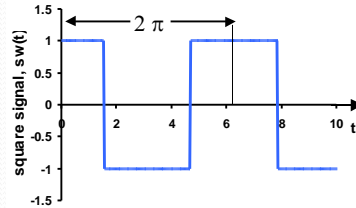
FS of even function:  
 $\pi/2$ -advanced square-wave

$a_0 = 0$  (zero average)

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{k \cdot \pi} & , \text{ k odd, } k=1,5,9\dots \\ -\frac{4}{k \cdot \pi} & , \text{ k odd, } k=3,7,11\dots \\ 0 & , \text{ k even.} \end{cases}$$

$-b_k = 0$  (even function:  $s(-x) = s(x)$ )

Note: amplitudes unchanged **BUT** phases advance by  $k \cdot \pi/2$ .



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# Fourier Transforms

Let  $s(\cdot)$  a signal in the **time domain**:  $s(t)$  values as a function of **time t** ( $-\infty < t < \infty$ )

The same signal can be described as amplitudes and phases (complex values)

$S(\cdot)$  in the **frequency domain**:  $S(f)$  values as a function of **frequency f** ( $-\infty < f < \infty$ )

One can transform the representation  $s(t)$  in the **time domain** to the representation  $S(f)$  in the **frequency domain** by using the Fourier Transform equation:

$$S(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t) \cdot e^{-2\pi i f t} dt$$

And back, using the inverse FT-equation:

$$s(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \cdot e^{2\pi i f t} df$$

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