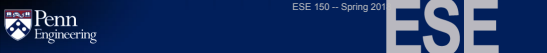



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Lecture #4 – Converting from time to frequency domain

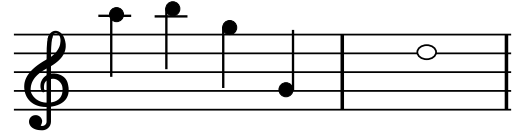
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TEASER

× Play this on piano:

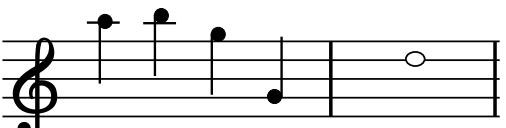


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TEASER

× Play



4 quarter notes 1 whole note

Cheat: A5, B5, G5, G4, D5

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INFORMATION

× 1s / quarter note → 8s of sound

× How many bits to represent 8s of sound with 16b samples and 44KHz sampling?

+ 44K Hz x 16b/sample x 8s = 5632K = 5Mbits



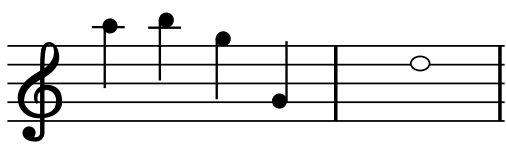
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REPRESENTATION

× How does musical staff represent sound?

- + What does vertical position represent?
- + Note shape?



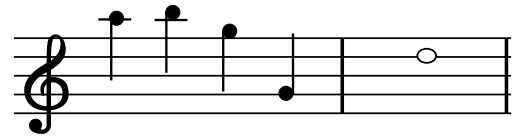
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FREQUENCY REPRESENTATION

× There are other ways to represent

- + Frequency representation particularly efficient



880 988 784 392 587


Frequencies in Hertz

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FREQUENCY REPRESENTATION

- × How much information is this musical staff communicating?
- × How many keys on piano? → bits/note



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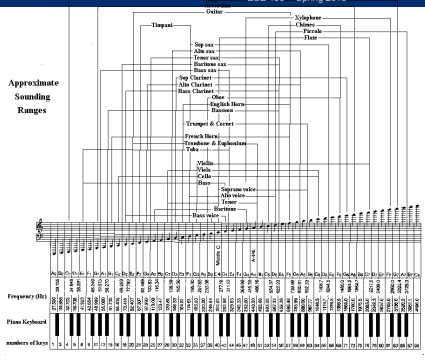
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Hamburg Steinway D-274 Piano photo by Karl Kunde
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Approximate Sounding Ranges

Frequency (Hz)

Piano Keyboard

numbers of keys


Larry Solomn: <http://solomonsmusic.net/insrange.htm>

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FREQUENCY REPRESENTATION

- × How much information is this musical staff communicating?
- × How many keys on piano? → bits/note
- × Let's say 8b duration
- × How many bits for 5 notes?
 - + $(7b/note + 8b/duration) \times 5 \text{ note} = 75 \text{ bits}$



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LAB 2 POSTLAB


- × You reproduced 800 samples of a 300Hz sine wave at 1000Hz with 8b precision
 - + 6400b
- × What did you need to specify to do that?
- × How many bits to represent that?

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CONCLUDE

- × Can represent common sounds much more compactly in frequency domain than in time-sample domain
 - + Frequency domain ~ 75b
 - + Time-sample domain ~ 5Mb



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LECTURE TOPICS

- × Teaser: frequency representation
- × Where are we on course map?
- × What we did in lab last week
 - + How it relates to this week
- × The Fourier Series – can represent any signal
- × The Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) – can translate
 - + Change of basis
- × Next Lab
- × References

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COURSE MAP

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COURSE MAP – WEEK 5

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WHAT WE DID IN LAB...

- × **Week 1: Converted Sound to analog voltage signal**
 - × a "pressure wave" that changes air molecules w/ respect to time
 - × a "voltage wave" that changes amplitude w/ respect to time
- × **Week 2: Sampled voltage, then quantized it to digital sig.**
 - × **Sample:** Break up independent variable, take discrete 'samples'
 - × **Quantize:** Break up dependent variable into n-levels (need 2ⁿ bits to digitize)
- × **Week 3: Compress digital signal**
 - + Use even less bits without using sound quality!
- × **Week 4 (upcoming): Before we compress...**
 - + Put our 'digital' data into another form...BEFORE we compress...less stuff to compress!

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Background

WHAT IS THE FREQUENCY DOMAIN?

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MUSICAL REPRESENTATION

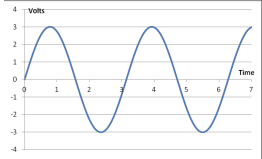
- × **With this compact notation**
 - + Could communicate a sound to pianist
 - + Much more compact than 44KHz time-sample amplitudes (fewer bits to represent)
 - + Represent frequencies

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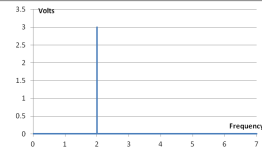
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TIME-DOMAIN & FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- ✦ As an example...let's say we have a pure tone
 - If period: $T = \pi$ and Amplitude = 3 Volts
 - $s(t) = A \sin(2\pi ft) = 3 \sin(2t)$



Time domain representation



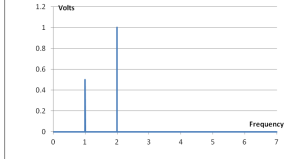
Frequency domain representation

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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

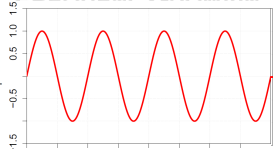
- ✦ Of course, not all signals are this simple
- ✦ For example, consider $s(t) = \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{2}\sin(t)$
 - Question: What will the frequency representation look like?



Above is called an "amplitude spectrum" plot, we also have "phase spectrum" plots in the frequency domain

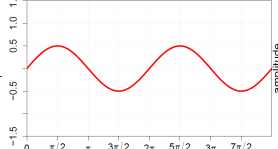
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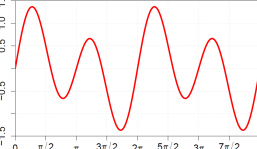
FREQUENCY-DOMAIN



How about the time-domain?

- Plot $\sin(2t)$
- Plot $\frac{1}{2}\sin(t)$
- Sum: $s(t) = \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{2}\sin(t)$
- Notice how it was easier to plot the frequency domain representation

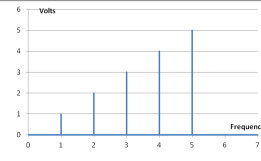


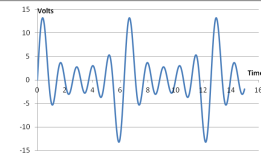


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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- ✦ Another example





The time domain plot on the right is really the sum of 5 sinusoids, where 5 Hz is the strongest component of the signal

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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- ✦ So far...
 - we have seen how a signal written as:
 - ✦ a sum of sines of different frequencies
 - can have a **frequency domain representation**
- ✦ Each sine component...
 - is more or less important depending on its **coefficient**
 - Example: $s(t) = 1\sin(2t) + \frac{1}{2}\sin(t)$
- ✦ Can any arbitrary signal be represented as a sum of sines?
 - No. But the idea has potential, let's explore it!

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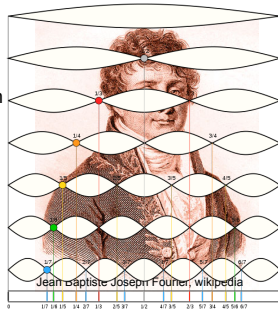
The frequency domain &
THE FOURIER SERIES

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HISTORY...

- × **Fourier series:**
 - + Any **periodic** signal can be represented as a sum of simple periodic functions: *sin* and *cos*

$\sin(nt)$ and $\cos(nt)$
where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
These are called the **harmonics** of the signal



Jean-Baptiste Joseph Fourier, wikipedia

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FOURIER SERIES IN A NUTSHELL

- × States that any **PERIODIC** function can be written as a sum of sines and cosines!
 - + This is huge!
 - + It also gives us a way to breakup a periodic function into its sine/ cosine parts
- × **Why do we care?**
 - + Well if music was periodic, we could break it into its sine/cosine pieces and store only the amp/freq/phase
 - Huge storage advantage
 - + But also, once we break it down, we could modify them
 - Say we want to enhance the bass or treble of a signal?
 - By increasing amplitude of bass frequencies, we'll get more bass

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FOURIER SERIES IN A NUTSHELL

- × **Other implications...**
 - + If a signal is periodic, we can convert it from time to frequency
- × **Imagine anything periodic**
 - + If Earthquake vibrations could be separated into sinusoids...
 - Think vibrations at different speeds and strengths
 - + We could design buildings/bridges to avoid interacting with the strongest frequency vibrations (and not just "all of them")
 - + If a radio-wave is our signal and its periodic
 - We could hone in on a particular "channel" and listen only to that one...like a radio/TV!
 - + It has endless applications in: communications, astronomy, geology, optics
- × **There is one problem...**
 - + The above examples aren't exactly periodic!
 - + But we'll address that soon...first let's see the Fourier series

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FOURIER SERIES – MORE FORMALLY

The Fourier Theorem states that any **periodic** function $f(t)$ of period T can be cast in the form:

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t))$$

Where ω_0 is the fundamental angular frequency of $f(t)$ $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

The summation is an infinite series whose first pair of terms (for $n=1$) involve: $\cos(\omega_0 t)$ and $\sin(\omega_0 t)$.
Higher values of n involve sine and cosine function at harmonic multiples of ω_0

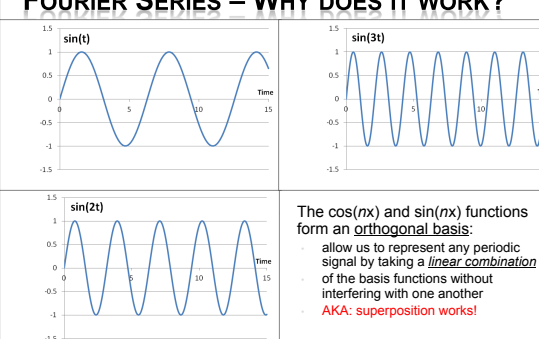
The constants: a_0 , a_n , and b_n are called the **Fourier coefficients** of $f(t)$
Their values are determined by evaluating integral expressions involving $f(t)$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt \quad a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega_0 t) dt \quad b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(n\omega_0 t) dt$$

a_n and b_n act as the "weights" for contributions for each harmonic

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FOURIER SERIES – WHY DOES IT WORK?



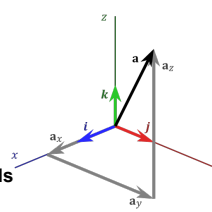
The $\cos(nx)$ and $\sin(nx)$ functions form an **orthogonal basis**:

- allow us to represent any periodic signal by taking a **linear combination**
- of the basis functions without interfering with one another
- **AKA: superposition works!**

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ORTHOGONAL BASIS

- × **What is an orthogonal basis?**
- × **Example: 3D space**
 - + **Basis:** $[i \ j \ k]$
 - + **Linear combination:** $x i + y j + z k$
 - + Coordinate representation: $[x \ y \ z]$
- × **Example: Quadratic polynomials**
 - + **Basis:** $[x^2 \ x \ 1]$
 - + **Linear combination:** $ax^2 + bx + c$
 - + Coordinate representation: $[a \ b \ c]$
- × **All vectors in the space can be represented as sequences of coordinates, or ordered coefficients of the basis vectors**
 - + This is what the Fourier Series does...
 - just uses $\cos(nt)$ and $\sin(nt)$ as its "Basis"

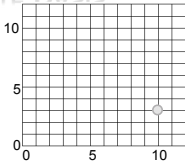


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FOURIER SERIES HAS INFINITE BASIS...

- + Consider the xy-plane:
 - + We can address a point by its two coordinates (x,y)
 - × the grey point is located at (10, 3)



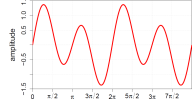
- In Fourier series, we have a basis with *infinite* dimension!
 - so we sum up over an infinite number of **harmonics**
 - harmonics are 1, cos(t), cos(2t), cos(3t), ..., sin(t), sin(2t), ...

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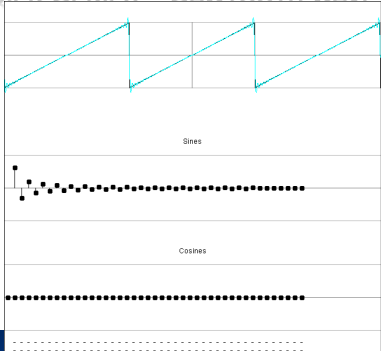
FOURIER SERIES HAS INFINITE BASIS...

- × + Although we have an infinite number of basis elements, we don't need to use all of them
- + The components with the **largest** coefficients are the most significant
 - × Recall: $s(t) = 1 \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(t)$
- + More components we add, the closer to function we get.
 - × i.e.: As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $error \rightarrow 0$
- + Let's show some examples now!



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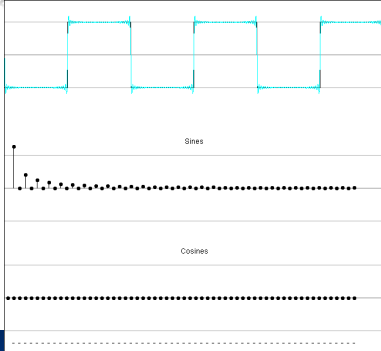
FOURIER SERIES – SAWTOOTH WAVE



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FOURIER SERIES – SQUARE WAVE



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FOURIER SERIES (REVIEW OF KEY POINTS)

- × **The idea of the series:**
 - + Any **PERIODIC** wave can be represented as simple sum of sine waves
- × **2 Caveats:**
 - + Linearity:
 - × The series only holds while the system it is describing is *linear* because it relies on the superposition principle
 - × -aka – adding up all the sine waves is superposition in action
 - + Periodicity:
 - × The series only holds if the waves it is describing are periodic
 - × Non-periodic waves are dealt with by the Fourier Transform
 - × We will examine that in the 2nd half of lecture

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NYQUIST

- × **Remember we said we needed to sample at twice the maximum frequency**
 - + Now see all signals can be represented as a linear sum of frequencies
- + ...and the frequency components are orthogonal
 - × Can be extracted and treated independently

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INTERLUDE

- ✘ **Close Encounters Mothership**
- ✘ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4PYI6TzqYk>

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THE FOURIER TRANSFORM

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WHAT NOW?

- ✘ **In the first half of the lecture we introduced:**
 - + The idea of frequency domain
 - + The Fourier Series
- ✘ **In the second half of the lecture:**
 - + Fourier Transform
 - + See how to perform this time-frequency translation
 - + Examples

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PRECLASS 4

$$\frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N \text{Sample}[i] \times \sin\left(\frac{2\pi ki}{N}\right)$$

- ✘ **Compute Dot Products with frequencies**
- + (equivalently, compute Fourier Components)

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
time	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
Sample	0	0.95	0.59	-0.59	-0.95	0	0.95	0.59	-0.59	-0.95	0

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
k=1	0.00	0.59	0.95	0.95	0.59	0.00	-0.59	-0.95	-0.95	-0.59	0.00
k=2	0.00	0.95	0.59	-0.59	-0.95	0.00	0.95	0.59	-0.59	-0.95	0.00
k=3	0.00	0.95	-0.59	-0.59	0.95	0.00	-0.95	0.59	0.59	-0.95	0.00
k=4	0.00	0.59	-0.95	0.95	-0.59	0.00	0.59	-0.95	0.95	-0.59	0.00
k=5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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OBSERVE

- ✘ **Can identify frequencies with dot product**
 - + Identifying projection onto each basis vector in Fourier Series
- ✘ **Works because they are orthogonal**
- ✘ **Performing a change of basis**
 - + From time-sample basis
 - + To Fourier (sine, cosine) basis

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EULER'S FORMULA

Two Paths, Same Result

$e^{ik} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$

angle & distance

Describing A Circular Path

Frequency domain

Phase angle (starting point)

Another basis

Another choice of bases. Change of basis.

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EXPONENTIAL FOURIER SERIES

Fourier Series: $f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t)]$

Euler's Identity:
 $\cos n\omega_0 t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{jn\omega_0 t} + e^{-jn\omega_0 t})$
 $\sin n\omega_0 t = \frac{1}{j2}(e^{jn\omega_0 t} - e^{-jn\omega_0 t})$

Euler's Identity in the Fourier Series:
 $f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{a_n}{2}(e^{jn\omega_0 t} + e^{-jn\omega_0 t}) + \frac{b_n}{j2}(e^{jn\omega_0 t} - e^{-jn\omega_0 t}) \right]$
 $= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{a_n - jb_n}{2} \right) e^{jn\omega_0 t} + \left(\frac{a_n + jb_n}{2} \right) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} \right]$
 $= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} + c_{-n} e^{-jn\omega_0 t}]$

Exponential representation:
 $f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$

$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$

$c_n = \frac{a_n - jb_n}{2}$
 and
 $c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + jb_n}{2} = c_n^*$

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FOURIER SERIES/TRANSFORM/DFT

Fourier Series $f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N [a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt)]$

Fourier Transform – for continuous functions:

Output: Frequency Domain
 Input: Time Domain

$$\mathcal{F}\{g(t)\} = G(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{G(f)\} = g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

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VISUAL DEMONSTRATION

- ✗ Instead of thinking only in sinusoids...
 - + Complex sinusoids can be thought of as cycles...
 - + Let's visual complex #s a bit...
 - + <http://betterexplained.com/examples/fourier/>

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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- ✗ How to make a song appear “periodic:”
 - + Treat the entire song as 1 period of a very complicated sinusoid!
 - + This is the assumption of the Fourier Transform

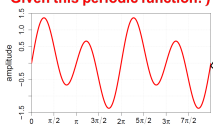
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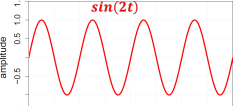
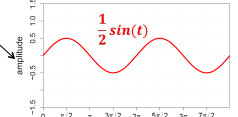
FOURIER SERIES IN GENERAL FORM

Fourier Series in general form:
 $f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N [a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt)]$

Given this periodic function: $f(t)$



Fourier Series says it can be broken into simple sine waves

Fourier Series for this $f(t)$:
 $f(t) = \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(t)$

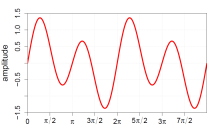
Fourier Series – decomposes $f(t)$ into a “weighted sum” of sine waves
 We only need to store amplitude and frequency of each harmonic of the fund. freq.

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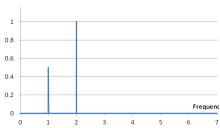
TIME DOMAIN TO FREQUENCY DOMAIN

Periodic Function in Time Domain



Fourier Series for this $f(t)$:
 $f(t) = \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(t)$

Periodic Function in Frequency Domain



Store only frequency information:
 1st Fundamental amplitude: 0.5
 2nd Fundamental amplitude: 1
 And so on...

Alternate view of Fourier Series
 ...converting signals in the “time domain” to the “frequency domain”

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DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORMS

- Fourier Transforms are nice,
 - but we want to store and process our signals with computers
- We extend Fourier Transforms into Discrete Fourier Transforms, or DFT
 - We know our music signal is now discrete: $x(t) \rightarrow x_n$
 - The signal contains **N** samples: $0 \leq n \leq N - 1$
 - Again Euler's formula helps us: $e^{it} = \cos(t) + i \sin(t)$?

Discrete Time to Frequency:

$$DFT(x_n) = X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \times e^{-i \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

The frequency-domain signal: X_k also has N-1 elements: $0 \leq k \leq N - 1$

Frequency back to Time:

$$DFT^{-1}(X_k) = x_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k \times e^{i \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

The time-domain signal: x_n can be reconstructed from X_k

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DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORMS

- A DFT transforms **N** samples of a signal in time domain
 - into a (periodic) frequency representation with N samples
 - So we don't have to deal with real signals anymore
- We work with **sampled signals (quantized in time)**,
 - and the frequency representation we get is also quantized in time!

Music Signal in Discrete Time \rightarrow

$$DFT(x_n) = X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \times e^{-i \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

Music Signal "Transformed" To Frequency Domain \rightarrow

(sepwww.stanford.edu/oldsep/hale/FftLab.html)

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DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORMS

- A smaller sampling period means:
 - \rightarrow more points to represent the signal larger N
 - \rightarrow more harmonics used in DFT N harmonics
 - \rightarrow Smaller error compared to actual analog signal we capture/produce
- DFTs are extensively used in practice, since computers can handle them

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APPROXIMATING THE SAMPLED SIGNAL

- A signal sampled in time can be approximated *arbitrarily* closely from the time-sampled values
- With a DFT, each sample gives us knowledge of one harmonic
- Each harmonic is a component used in the reconstruction of the signal
- The more harmonics we use, the better the reconstruction

{ Cos[0], Sin[1], Cos[1], Sin[2], Cos[2], Sin[3], Cos[3] }

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USUALLY COMPUTED, NOT "SOLVED"

7 Samples; 7 Harmonics 11 Samples; 11 Harmonics 15 Samples; 15 Harmonics

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Measured Data: YET ANOTHER SAMPLED (REAL) SIGNAL

Sampled Signal:

t	v
0	1
1	2
2	1
3	2
4	1
5	2
6	1
7	2
8	1
9	2
10	1
11	2
12	1
13	2
14	1
15	2

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SOME SIGNALS DISLIK SOME HARMONICS

- × **Approximate Reconstruction**
 - + although always achievable
 - + may require a lot of samples
 - + to get good performance

Sometimes time is better than frequency!

15 Samples & Harmonics
21 Samples & Harmonics
31 Samples & Harmonics

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SAVING RESOURCES

- × **However, N can get very large**
 - + e.g., with a sampling rate of 48,000Hz
 - + How big is N for a 4 minute song?
- × **How many operations does this translate to?**
 - + To compute one frequency component?
 - + To compute all N frequency components?
- × **This is not practical. Instead, we use a window of values to which we apply the transform**
 - + Typical size: ..., 512, 1024, 2048, ...

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A WINDOW OPERATION

- × **In the example below, we traverse the signal but only look at 64 samples at a time**

Time
Freq

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RECONSTRUCTION

- × **Not really connect-the-dots in time**
- × **Recall near Nyquist rate**
 - + Could often miss the peak
 - + Get poor sine waves
 - × ...look like peak moves around even if sampled above Nyquist rate
- × **Better reconstruction**
 - + Convert to frequency
 - × Which can perfectly represent up to half sampling rate
 - + Reconstruct from frequency basis

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BIG IDEAS

- × **Can represent signals in frequency domain**
 - + Different basis – basis vectors of sines and cosines
- × **Often more convenient and efficient than time domain**
 - + Remember musical staff
- × **Can convert between time and frequency domain**
 - + Using a dot-product to calculate time or frequency components

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N [a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt)]$$

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THIS WEEK IN LAB

- × **Lab 4:**
 - + You will identify Frequency components using FFT in Matlab
- × **Remember:**
 - + Lab 3 report is due on Friday

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LEARN MORE

- × ESE325 – whole course on Fourier Analysis
- × ESE224 – signal processing
- × ESE215, 319, 419 – reason about behavior of circuits in time and frequency domains

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