

Find Fourier series for $v(t)$.

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$$v(t) = \frac{V_m}{\pi} + \frac{V_m}{2} \sin \omega_0 t + \frac{2V_m}{\pi} \sum_{k=3,4,6,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-k^2} \cos k\omega_0 t$$

sol'n:
$$v(t) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos k\omega_0 t + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin k\omega_0 t \quad V \quad \omega_0 \equiv \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Fourier series for $v(t)$. Now we find the coefficients, a_0 , a_k , and b_k .

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v(t) dt \quad \text{where} \quad v(t) = \begin{cases} V_m \sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{T}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{T}{2} \leq t \leq T \end{cases}$$

Because $v(t)$ is defined to have a different functional form on different intervals, we break \int_0^T into those intervals, $\int_0^{T/2}$ and $\int_{T/2}^T$, and we sum the results.

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{T/2} v(t) dt + \frac{1}{T} \int_{T/2}^T v(t) dt$$

$$\text{or } a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{T/2} V_m \sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} dt + \frac{1}{T} \int_{T/2}^T 0 dt$$

Note: We may divide \int_0^T into any number of integrals over subintervals. The only requirement is that those subintervals, placed end-to-end, cover exactly the interval $[0, T]$. The subintervals need not all be the same size, either.

Here, our integrand over the second subinterval, $[T/2, T]$ is zero. Thus, the second integral is zero.

$$\therefore a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{T/2} V_m \sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} dt$$

Change variables to simplify notation:

$$\theta \equiv \frac{2\pi t}{T} \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{2\pi}{T} \Rightarrow d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{T} dt \quad dt = \frac{T}{2\pi} d\theta$$

$$t=0 \Rightarrow \theta=0 \quad t=\frac{T}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

Substitute for \int limits: $t=0 \Rightarrow \theta=0$, $t=\frac{T}{2} \Rightarrow \theta=\pi$

Substitute for $\frac{2\pi t}{T}$: $\sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} \Rightarrow \sin \theta$

Substitute for dt : $dt = \frac{T}{2\pi} d\theta$

$$a_{\nu} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{\pi} V_m \sin(\theta) \cdot \frac{T}{2\pi} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{T} \frac{T}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} (-\cos \theta) \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} (-\cos \pi - -\cos 0)$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} (-(-1) - -1)$$

$$= \frac{2V_m}{2\pi}$$

$$a_{\nu} = \frac{V_m}{\pi}$$

For a_k and b_k we also break \int_0^T into $\int_0^{T/2} + \int_{T/2}^T$

and $\int_{T/2}^T = 0$ as it does for a_{ν} .

$$\therefore a_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{T/2} V_m \sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} \cos \frac{2\pi k t}{T} dt, \quad b_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{T/2} V_m \sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} \sin \frac{2\pi k t}{T} dt$$

Change variables, as before:

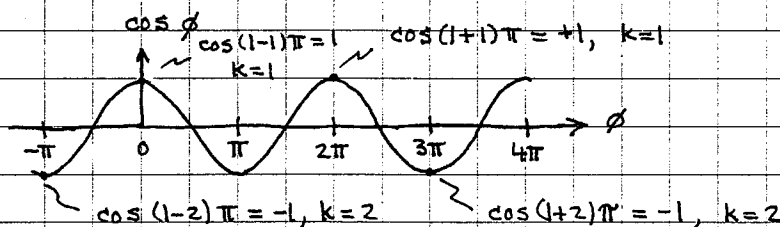
$$a_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{\pi} V_m \sin \theta \cos k\theta \frac{T}{2\pi} d\theta \quad b_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{\pi} V_m \sin \theta \sin k\theta \frac{T}{2\pi} d\theta$$

We could look up these \int 's directly, (see Text p. 1009), but, for the sake of pedagogy, we'll use trigonometric identities to find a_k and complex exponentials to find b_k .

$$\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{\sin(\alpha + \beta)}{2} + \frac{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}{2} \quad (\text{Text p. 1007})$$

We identify $\alpha \equiv \theta$ $\beta \equiv k\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{2}{T} V_m \frac{T}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta \cos k\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta \cos k\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin(\theta + k\theta)}{2} + \frac{\sin(\theta - k\theta)}{2} d\theta \\ &= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin[(1+k)\theta] + \sin[(1-k)\theta] d\theta \\ &= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{-\cos[(1+k)\theta]}{1+k} - \frac{-\cos[(1-k)\theta]}{1-k} \right\} \Big|_0^{\pi} \end{aligned}$$



From the plot of $\cos(\cdot)$, we see that:

$$\cos(1+k)\theta \Big|_0^{\pi} = \begin{cases} +1 & k \text{ odd} \\ -1 & k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$\cos(1-k)\theta \Big|_0^{\pi} = \begin{cases} +1 & k \text{ odd} \\ -1 & k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Also, $\cos(1+k) \cdot 0 = \cos = 1$ and $\cos(1-k) \cdot 0 = 1$.

Note: we should be more careful for $k=1$, since that gives us $\sin(1-k)\theta = \sin 0 = 0$. $\int 0 = 0$, not $\frac{\cos 0}{0}$. We were lucky and got the right answer anyway, but we are not always so lucky...

k odd $a_k = -\frac{V_m}{2\pi} \left(\overset{\text{move minus sign out front}}{\cancel{+1/k}} - \cancel{+1/k} + \cancel{1/k} - \cancel{1/k} \right) = 0$

k even $a_k = -\frac{V_m}{2\pi} \left(\frac{-1}{1+k} - \frac{1}{1+k} + \frac{-1}{1-k} - \frac{1}{1-k} \right)$

$$= -\frac{V_m}{2\pi} \left(\frac{-2}{1+k} + \frac{-2}{1-k} \right)$$

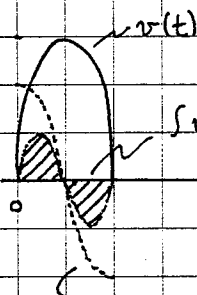
$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{1+k} + \frac{1}{1-k} \right)$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[\frac{1-k}{(1+k)(1-k)} + \frac{1+k}{(1-k)(1+k)} \right]$$

$$a_k = \frac{V_m}{\pi} \frac{2}{1-k^2}$$

Summary: $a_k = \begin{cases} 0 & k \text{ odd} \\ \frac{2V_m}{\pi(1-k^2)} & k \text{ even} \end{cases}$

Note: The a_k terms are zero because of symmetry.



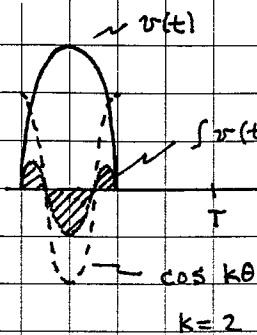
$\int v(t) \cos k\theta$ has equal positive and negative area

$$\therefore \int = 0 \Rightarrow a_{k \text{ odd}} = 0$$

Areas cancel for all $\cos k\theta$, k odd.

Reason: these $\cos()$'s are equal and opposite around $\frac{T}{4}$, the midpoint of the $v(t)$ lobe.

The a_k for k even are not zero.



$\int v(t) \cos k\theta$ has more negative area than positive area when k even,
 $\Rightarrow a_{k \text{ even}} < 0$

Note that $1 - k^2 < 0$
 $\Rightarrow a_k \text{ (calculated above)} < 0$.

We use complex exponentials for b_k calculation (for sake of illustration).

$$b_k = \frac{T}{2\pi T} \int_0^\pi V_m \sin \theta \sin k\theta \, d\theta \quad \text{from above}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{j2} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2} \quad \text{(for reference)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore b_k &= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin \theta \sin k\theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{j2} \cdot \frac{e^{jk\theta} - e^{-jk\theta}}{j2} \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{e^{j(1+k)\theta} + e^{-j(1+k)\theta} - (e^{j(1-k)\theta} + e^{-j(1-k)\theta})}{-4} \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

↻ 1st · 3rd + 2nd · 4th + 1st · 4th + 2nd · 3rd

Note: We multiply the exponentials in a particular order that gives successive exponents of equal size but opposite signs; e.g. $j(1+k)\theta$, $-j(1+k)\theta$. This procedure allows us to convert back to $\sin()$ or $\cos()$ later on.

We break b_k into four pieces:

$$b_k = \frac{V_m}{-4\pi} \left(\int_0^\pi e^{j(1+k)\theta} \, d\theta + \int_0^\pi e^{-j(1+k)\theta} \, d\theta - \int_0^\pi e^{j(1-k)\theta} \, d\theta - \int_0^\pi e^{-j(1-k)\theta} \, d\theta \right)$$

We integrate complex exponentials the same way we integrate real exponentials:

$$\int e^{cx} dx = \frac{e^{cx}}{c} \quad c \text{ real or complex}$$

$$k \neq 1: \quad b_k = -\frac{V_m}{4\pi} \left(\frac{e^{j(1+k)\theta} \Big|_0^\pi}{j(1+k)} + \frac{e^{-j(1+k)\theta} \Big|_0^\pi}{-j(1+k)} - \frac{e^{j(1-k)\theta} \Big|_0^\pi}{j(1-k)} - \frac{e^{-j(1-k)\theta} \Big|_0^\pi}{-j(1-k)} \right)$$

$$e^{\pm j(1+k)\theta} \Big|_0^\pi = e^{j2n\pi} = 1 \quad \text{for } k \text{ odd}$$

$$e^{\pm j(1+k)\theta} \Big|_0^\pi = e^{j(2n+1)\pi} = e^{j\pi} = -1 \quad \text{for } k \text{ even}$$

$$e^{\pm j(1-k)\theta} \Big|_0^\pi = e^{j2n\pi} = 1 \quad \text{for } k \text{ odd}$$

$$e^{\pm j(1-k)\theta} \Big|_0^\pi = e^{j(2n+1)\pi} = e^{j\pi} = -1 \quad \text{for } k \text{ even}$$

$$e^{\pm j(1 \pm k)\theta} \Big|_0 = e^{j0} = 1 \quad \text{for all } k$$

$$k \text{ odd: } b_k = -\frac{V_m}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1-1}{j(1+k)} + \frac{1-1}{-j(1+k)} - \frac{1-1}{j(1-k)} - \frac{1-1}{-j(1-k)} \right)$$

$$b_k = 0$$

$$k \text{ even: } b_k = -\frac{V_m}{4\pi} \left(\frac{-1-1}{j(1+k)} + \frac{-1-1}{-j(1+k)} - \frac{-1-1}{j(1-k)} - \frac{-1-1}{-j(1-k)} \right)$$

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$$b_k = 0$$

\therefore All $b_k = 0$ except (possibly) when $k=1$.

Note: We might have foreseen this, since $v(t)$ on $[0, \frac{T}{2}]$ acts like an even function for frequencies $k=2$ and higher.

Now for $k=1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 k=1: \quad b_1 &= -\frac{V_m}{4\pi} \left(\frac{e^{j2\theta}}{j2} \Big|_0^\pi + \frac{e^{-j2\theta}}{-j2} \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi e^{j \cdot 0 \cdot \theta} d\theta - \int_0^\pi e^{-j \cdot 0 \cdot \theta} d\theta \right) \\
 &= -\frac{V_m}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1-e^{j2\pi}}{j2} + \frac{1-e^{-j2\pi}}{-j2} - \int_0^\pi 1 d\theta - \int_0^\pi 1 d\theta \right) \\
 &= -\frac{V_m}{4\pi} \left(-\theta \Big|_0^\pi - \theta \Big|_0^\pi \right) \\
 &= +\frac{V_m}{4\pi} 2\theta \Big|_0^\pi \\
 &= \frac{V_m}{4\pi} (2\pi - 0) \\
 &= \frac{V_m}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we put the coefficients, a_0, a_k, b_k into the Fourier series to get:

$$v(t) = \frac{V_m}{\pi} + \left(\sum_{\substack{k \text{ even} \\ k > 0}}^{\infty} \frac{2V_m}{\pi(1-k^2)} \cos k\omega_0 t \right) + \frac{V_m}{2} \sin \omega_0 t$$