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SCHOOL of ELECTRICAL and COMPUTER ENGINEERING

**ECE 2025 Spring 2003**  
**Problem Set #5**

Assigned: 31-Jan-03

Due Date: Week of 10-Feb-03

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Reading: In *SP First*, Chapter 3: *Spectrum Representation*, Sections 3-4, 3-5 and 3-6.

Start reading Chapter 4: *Sampling and Aliasing*.

⇒ Please check the “Bulletin Board” often. All official course announcements are posted there.

ALL of the **STARRED** problems will have to be turned in for grading. A solution will be posted to the web. Some problems have solutions similar to those found on the CD-ROM.

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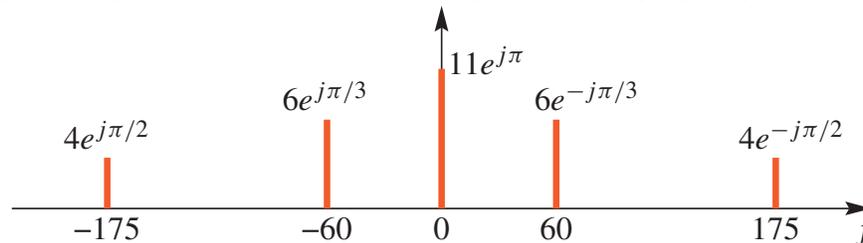
**Your homework is due in recitation at the beginning of class.** After the beginning of your assigned recitation time, the homework is considered late and will be given a zero.

Please follow the format guidelines (cover page, etc.) for homework.

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**PROBLEM 5.1\*:**

Shown in the figure is a spectrum plot for the periodic signal  $x(t)$ . The frequency axis has units of Hz.



- Determine the period  $T_0$  of  $x(t)$ .
- Determine the fundamental frequency  $\omega_0$  of this signal.
- Determine the DC value of this signal.
- A periodic signal of this type can be represented as a Fourier series of the form

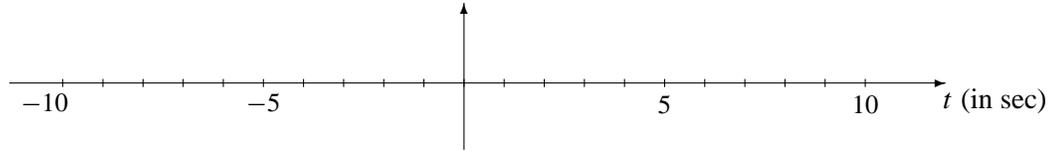
$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j\omega_0 k t}.$$

If the Fourier series coefficients of  $x(t)$  are denoted by  $a_k$ ,  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$ , determine which coefficients have non-zero value. List these Fourier series coefficients and their values in a table.

**PROBLEM 5.2\*:**

Suppose that a periodic signal is defined (over one period) as:  $x(t) = \begin{cases} 35 & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{for } 3 < t < 7 \end{cases}$

- (a) Assume that the period of  $x(t)$  is 7 sec. Draw a plot of  $x(t)$  over the range  $-10 \leq t \leq 10$  sec.



- (b) Determine the DC value of  $x(t)$  from the Fourier series integral.  
 (c) Determine a general expression for the Fourier series coefficients  $a_k$ .  
 (d) Make a spectrum plot of this signal showing the frequency range  $-\frac{1}{2} < f < \frac{1}{2}$  Hz.

**PROBLEM 5.3\*:**

A signal  $x(t)$  is periodic with period  $T_0 = 3$ . Therefore, it can be represented as a Fourier series of the form

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j(2\pi/3)kt}$$

It is known that the Fourier series coefficients for this representation of a particular signal  $x(t)$  are given by the integral

$$a_k = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-1}^0 e^{2t} e^{-j(2\pi/3)kt} dt$$

- (a) In the expression for  $a_k$  above, the integral and its limits effectively define the signal  $x(t)$ . Determine an equation for  $x(t)$  that is valid over one period.  
 (b) Using your result from part (a), draw a plot of  $x(t)$  over the range  $-4 \leq t \leq 4$  seconds. Label it carefully.  
 (c) Determine  $a_0$ , the DC value of  $x(t)$  found in part (a).

**PROBLEM 5.4\*:**

A periodic signal  $x(t)$  is described over one period  $-2 \leq t < 2$  by the equation

$$x(t) = e^{-|t|/2} \quad \text{for } -2 \leq t < 2$$

The period of this signal is  $T_0 = 4$  sec.

- Sketch the periodic function  $x(t)$  for  $-6 \leq t < 6$ .
- Determine  $a_0$ , the DC coefficient for the Fourier series.
- Set up the *Fourier analysis* integral for determining  $a_k$  for  $k \neq 0$ . (Insert proper limits and integrand.)
- Evaluate the integral in part (c) and obtain an expression for  $a_k$  that is valid for all  $k \neq 0$ .
- Make a plot of the spectrum over the range  $-3\omega_0 \leq \omega \leq 3\omega_0$ , where  $\omega_0$  is the fundamental frequency of the signal in rad/s. Use MATLAB or a calculator to determine the complex numerical values (in polar form) for each of the Fourier coefficients corresponding to this range of frequencies.

**PROBLEM 5.5\*:**

The periodic signal  $x(t)$  is described over one period  $-2 \leq t < 2$  by the equation

$$x(t) = e^{-|t|/2} \quad \text{for } -2 \leq t < 2$$

can be represented by the Fourier series

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j(\pi/2)kt}$$

- If we add a constant value of five to  $x(t)$ , we obtain a new signal  $w(t) = 5 + x(t)$ . Make a plot of the periodic signal  $w(t)$  over the time interval  $-6 \leq t < 6$ .
- The new signal  $w(t)$  can also be represented by a Fourier series,  $w(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} b_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$ , because it is periodic with period  $T_0$ . Explain how  $b_0$  and  $b_k$  are related to  $a_0$  and  $a_k$ .  
*Hint:* You should not have to evaluate any new integrals explicitly to answer this question.
- Sketch the waveform of another new signal  $y(t) = 5x(t - 2)$  over the time interval  $-6 \leq t < 6$ .
- Determine the spectrum for the signal  $y(t)$  defined in part (c), and make a plot of its spectrum over the range  $-3\omega_0 \leq \omega \leq 3\omega_0$ , where  $\omega_0$  is the fundamental frequency of the signal in rad/s. Label all the frequencies and complex amplitudes in the spectrum.  
*Hint:* If you denote the coefficients in the Fourier series for  $y(t)$  as  $c_k$ , then

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

By substituting the Fourier series expansion for  $x(t)$  into the definition of  $y(t)$ , you should be able to find a simple relationship between  $c_k$  and  $a_k$ , the Fourier series coefficients of  $x(t)$ .