

# FOURIER ANALYSIS OF DISCRETE TIME SYSTEMS

## FOURIER ANALYSIS: DISCRETE SYSTEMS

- The Fourier Analysis of Discrete Time Signals & Systems is quite similar to that of Continuous Time Signals and Systems; yet there are key differences that we will point out along the way.
- We will also point out the relationship between the continuous time representations and the corresponding discrete time versions as appropriate.
- Our goal, as will be demonstrated in Ch. 9 discussion, will be to compute the Fourier Transform of continuous time signals on a digital computer.
- Note: Because a discrete "time" signal or system need not be derived from a continuous system, the Fourier Analysis of Discrete Time Systems can stand on its own.

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- $x(n)$  is periodic with fundamental period  $N$ , if  $k$  is any integer.
- $x(n) = x(n + kN)$ , where  $k$  is any integer.

• The fundamental frequency of  $x(n)$  is given by

$$\omega_1 = \frac{2\pi}{N} \text{ radians}$$

• In chapter 6, we observed that for any periodic  $N$  distinct

• Signal  $x(n)$ , there were only DC (0 or  $2\pi$  radians) harmonics, including

$$\omega_k = \frac{2\pi k}{N}$$

$k$ -th harmonic

• Unlike the continuous time case, the discrete

• time periodic signal can be always sum of its expressed as a finite weighted harmonics.

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We can write the discrete Fourier Series (DFS) of a periodic signal  $x(n)$  with fund. period  $N$ :

$$x(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} c_k \cdot e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} k \cdot n} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) \cdot e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} nk} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

DFS  
coefficients  $\rightarrow$

Note that in (1), the variable of summation is "k", the frequency index; in (2), the variable of summation is the time index, "n". It is important to remember the time & frequency indexes in discrete time systems, as they are easily confused.

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(continued)

We can show that

$$\left\{ e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} k \cdot n} \right\}_{k=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1}$$

are orthogonal over one period,  $N$  samples.

That is:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} k \cdot n} \right] \left[ e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} l \cdot n} \right]^*$$

freq. variables

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k \neq l \\ N & \text{if } k = l \end{cases}$$

integer

This can be written as:

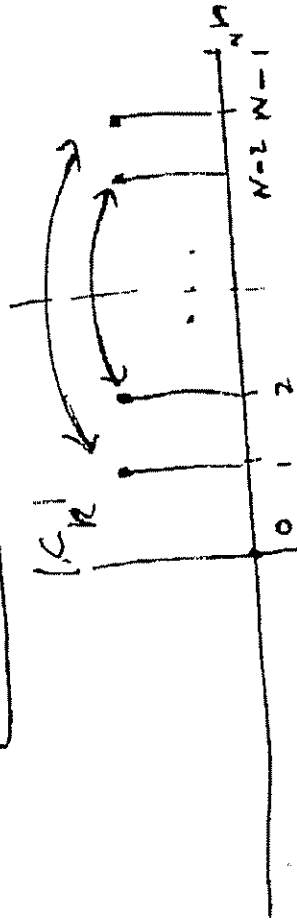
$$\left[ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} (k-l)n} \right] \right] = N \cdot \delta(k-l)$$

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Note:

- Equation ① & ② could be computed over any one period, i.e.  $N$  samples.
- $a_k$  is periodic with  $N$ , i.e.  $a_k = a_{k+N}$ .
- If  $x(n)$  is real-valued, then

$$c_k = c_{N-k}^*$$



- You can think of  $c_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{N-1}{2}$  as "positive freq.;" and  $k = (N-1), (N-2), \dots, \frac{N}{2}$  as "negative freq.;" as in cont. time EFS.

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Examples:  
Ex. (7.2.2):

$$x(n) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{9}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{7} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$\downarrow$   
 $N_1, 2\pi f_1$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $N_1 = 18, f_1 = \frac{1}{18}$

$\downarrow$   
 $N_2, 2\pi f_2$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $f_2 = \frac{1}{14}, N_2 = 14$

$N = \text{LCM}(N_1, N_2) = \text{LCM}(18, 14) = 126$  samples.

$x(n)$  is periodic with fundamental freq. is:  $e^{j\frac{2\pi n}{126}}$  or  $e^{j\frac{\pi n}{63}}$ .

The fundamental identity, we have the DFS:

Using Euler's identity, we have the DFS:  $\left[ e^{j\left(\frac{\pi n}{7} + \frac{1}{2}\right)} - e^{-j\left(\frac{\pi n}{7} + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \right]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(n) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{j\frac{\pi n}{9} - j\frac{\pi n}{9}} + e^{-j\frac{\pi n}{9} + j\frac{\pi n}{9}} \right] + \frac{1}{2j} \left[ e^{j\frac{\pi n}{7} - j\frac{\pi n}{7} + \frac{1}{2}} - e^{-j\frac{\pi n}{7} + j\frac{\pi n}{7} - \frac{1}{2}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} e^{j\frac{\pi n}{9} - j\frac{\pi n}{9}} + \frac{1}{2j} e^{j\frac{\pi n}{7} - j\frac{\pi n}{7} + \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2j} e^{-j\frac{\pi n}{7} + j\frac{\pi n}{7} - \frac{1}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Harmonic # 7  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{1}{2j} e^{j\frac{\pi n}{7} - j\frac{\pi n}{7} + \frac{1}{2}}$   
 Harmonic # 9  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{1}{2} e^{j\frac{\pi n}{9} - j\frac{\pi n}{9}}$   
 Harmonic # 119  $\rightarrow$   $-\frac{1}{2j} e^{-j\frac{\pi n}{7} + j\frac{\pi n}{7} - \frac{1}{2}}$  (126-7)=119  
 Harmonic # 117  $\rightarrow$   $-\frac{1}{2j}$  (126-9)=117

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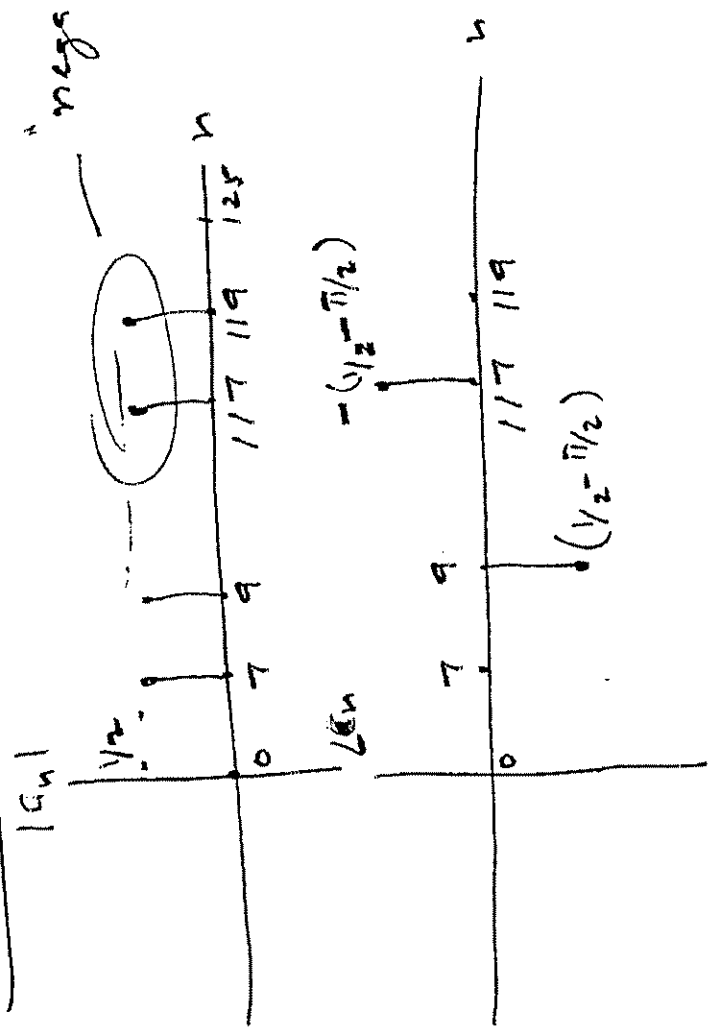
Examples (continued)

EX. 7.2.2

$$c_7 = \frac{1}{2} \quad j^{1/2} e = \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{j(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2})}$$

$$c_{119} = \frac{1}{2} \quad -j^{1/2} e = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{-j(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2})}$$

"negative freq."





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Exmpl. 7.2.4 Let  $x(n)$  be the periodic extension (what is this?)

of the sequence  $\{2, -1, 1, 2\}$  and  $N=4$

The fundamental period is  $e^{j\frac{2\pi}{4}n}$  and the fundamental frequency is  $e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn}$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn}$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{4} [2 - 1 + 1 + 2] = 1$$

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{4} [2 \cdot 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 1} + (-1) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 3} + (1) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 1} + (2) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 3}] = \frac{1}{4} [1 + 3j]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [2 + j + (-1) + (2) \cdot (+j)] = \frac{1}{4} [1 + 3j]$$

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Example 7.2.4 (continued)

$$-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot 1 + (1) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 2} + (2) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 3}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{4} (2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 2} + (1) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 2} + (2) \cdot e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 3})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [2 + 1 + 1 - 2] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$c_3 = a_{4-1} = a_1^* = \left[ \frac{1}{4} [1 + 3j] \right]^* = \frac{1}{4} [1 - 3j]$$

Example 7.2.5

A periodic sequence  $x(n)$  has the following

$$0 \leq k \leq 11$$

Fourier coefficients.

$$c_k = \frac{1}{6} \sin \frac{k\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{12} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2}$$

We want to find  $x(n)$ .

Note that

$$N = 12$$

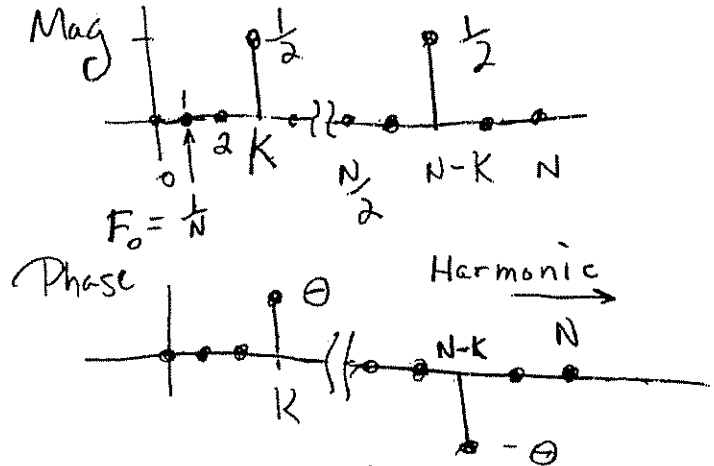
ANSWER:  $\{0, j, 0, 1/2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1/2, 0, -j\}$

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# Discrete Fourier Series Representation of Cosine

$$x(n) = \cos\left[\frac{2\pi K n}{N} + \theta\right]$$

$$0 \leq K < \frac{N}{2}$$



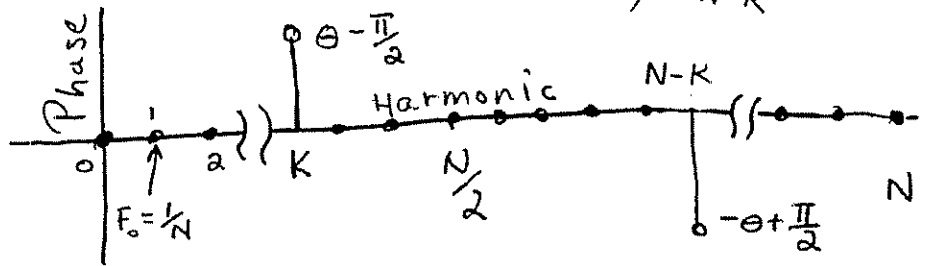
$$\begin{aligned} x(n) &= \cos\left[\frac{2\pi K n}{N} + \theta\right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{j(2\pi K n/N + \theta)} + e^{-j(2\pi K n/N + \theta)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{j(2\pi n K/N + \theta)} + e^{j(2\pi n (-K)/N - \theta)} \right] \text{ periodic in } N \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ e^{j[2\pi n K/N + \theta]} + e^{j[2\pi n (-K)/N - \theta]} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ e^{j(2\pi F_0 n K + \theta)} + e^{j[2\pi F_0 n (N-K) - \theta]} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ C_K e^{j(2\pi F_0 n K + \theta)} + C_{N-K} e^{j[2\pi F_0 n (N-K) - \theta]} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$x(n) = \sin\left[\frac{2\pi K n}{N} + \theta\right] = \cos\left[\frac{2\pi K n}{N} + \theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$0 \leq K < \frac{N}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{j(2\pi F_0 n K + \theta - \frac{\pi}{2})} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j[2\pi F_0 n (N-K) - \theta + \frac{\pi}{2}]}$$

Same  
Magnitude  
Plot as  
cos()



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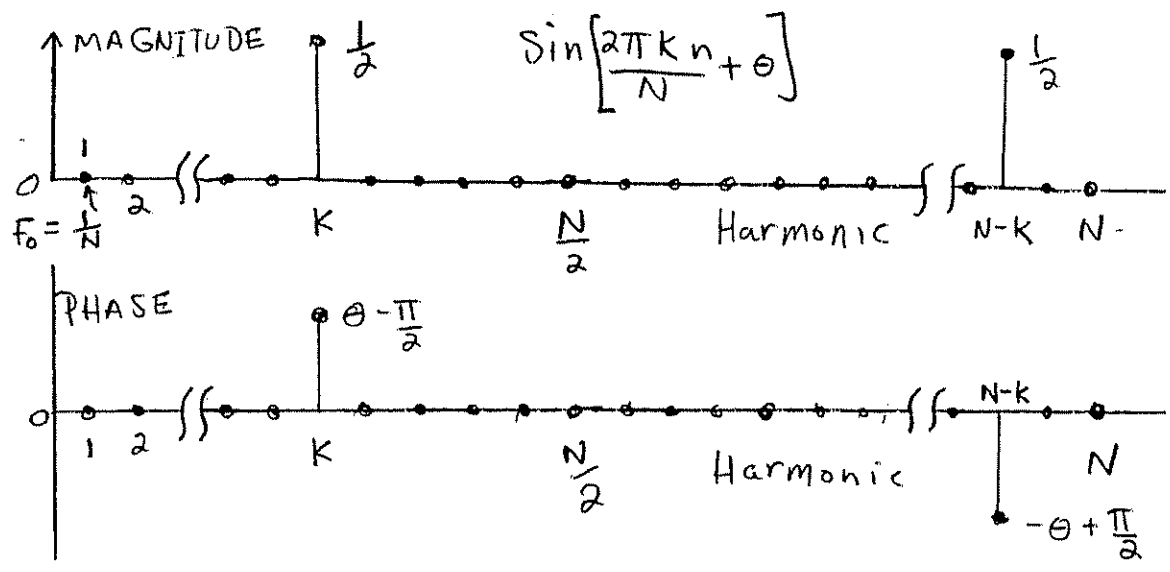
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## Discrete Fourier Series Representation of Sine

$$x(n) = \sin\left[\frac{2\pi K n}{N} + \theta\right] = \frac{1}{2j} \left[ e^{j(2\pi K n/N + \theta)} - e^{-j(2\pi K n/N + \theta)} \right]$$

$0 \leq K < N/2$  ;  $F_0 = 1/N$  Fundamental Frequency

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{-j}{2} \left\{ e^{j(2\pi K n/N + \theta)} - e^{+j[2\pi(-K)n/N - \theta]} \right\} \\
 &\quad \text{(Periodic in N)} \\
 &= \frac{-j}{2} \left\{ e^{j(2\pi K n/N + \theta)} + e^{+j[2\pi(N-K)n/N - \theta]} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} e^{j(2\pi F_0 n K + \theta - \frac{\pi}{2})} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-j\pi} e^{j[2\pi F_0(N-K)n - \theta]} \\
 &\quad \text{Period in } 2\pi \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} e^{j(2\pi F_0 n K + \theta - \frac{\pi}{2})} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j(2\pi - \frac{3\pi}{2})} e^{j[\dots]} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} e^{j(2\pi F_0 n K + \theta - \frac{\pi}{2})} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j[2\pi F_0(N-K)n - \theta + \frac{\pi}{2}]} \\
 &\quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow C_K & \nearrow C_K & \nearrow C_{N-K} & \nearrow C_{N-K} \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



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## USEFUL IDENTITIES FOR DISCRETE SINUSOIDS

$$1) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n k}{N} + \theta\right) = \frac{1}{2} e^{j\left(\frac{2\pi n k}{N} + \theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j\left(\frac{2\pi(N-k)n}{N} - \theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}$$

$$\text{since } \cos \phi = \sin\left(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$2) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n k}{N} + \theta\right) = \frac{1}{2} e^{j\left(\frac{2\pi n k}{N} + \theta\right)} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j\left(\frac{2\pi(N-k)n}{N} - \theta\right)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \delta(k-k) e^{j\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \delta(k-N+k) e^{-j\theta}$$

1) & 2) are true for  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$  &  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{N}{2}-1$

Let  $\omega_k = \frac{2\pi k}{N}$ ; The following are useful identities:

$$3) \cos(\omega_k n + \theta) = \cos[\omega_k(n \pm mN) + \theta] = \cos[\omega_k n + (\theta \pm 2m\pi)]$$

for  $m$  any integer.

$$4) \cos(\omega_k n + \theta) = \sin\left(\omega_k n + \theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\omega_k n + \theta - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

For complex exponentials the identities are similar:

$$5) \exp[j(\omega_k n + \theta)] = \exp\{j[\omega_k(n \pm mN) + \theta]\} = \exp\{j[\omega_k n + (\theta \pm 2m\pi)]\}$$

$$\text{for } n=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1; \omega_k = \frac{2\pi k}{N} \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

ALL of the above 1)-5) are true whether using discrete

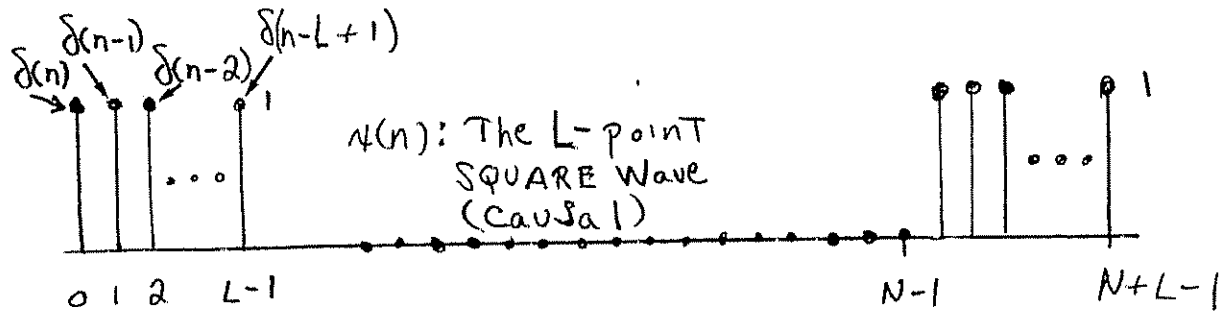
frequencies  $\omega_k = \frac{2\pi k}{N}$ , or continuous frequencies

$$\Omega = 2\pi f/F_s \quad \text{where } 0 \leq \Omega \leq 2\pi$$

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## Discrete Fourier Series Representation of L-Point Square Wave



$$c_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} \left( e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{N}n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1 - \left( e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{N}} \right)^L}{1 - e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{N}}} = \frac{1}{N} \left[ \frac{e^{j\frac{\pi k}{N}L} - e^{-j\frac{\pi k}{N}L}}{e^{j\frac{\pi k}{N}} - e^{-j\frac{\pi k}{N}}} \right] \frac{e^{-j\frac{\pi k}{N}L}}{e^{-j\frac{\pi k}{N}}}$$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi L k}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right)} e^{-j\frac{\pi k}{N}(L-1)}$$

↑ "Zero-Phase" term
← Linear Phase term

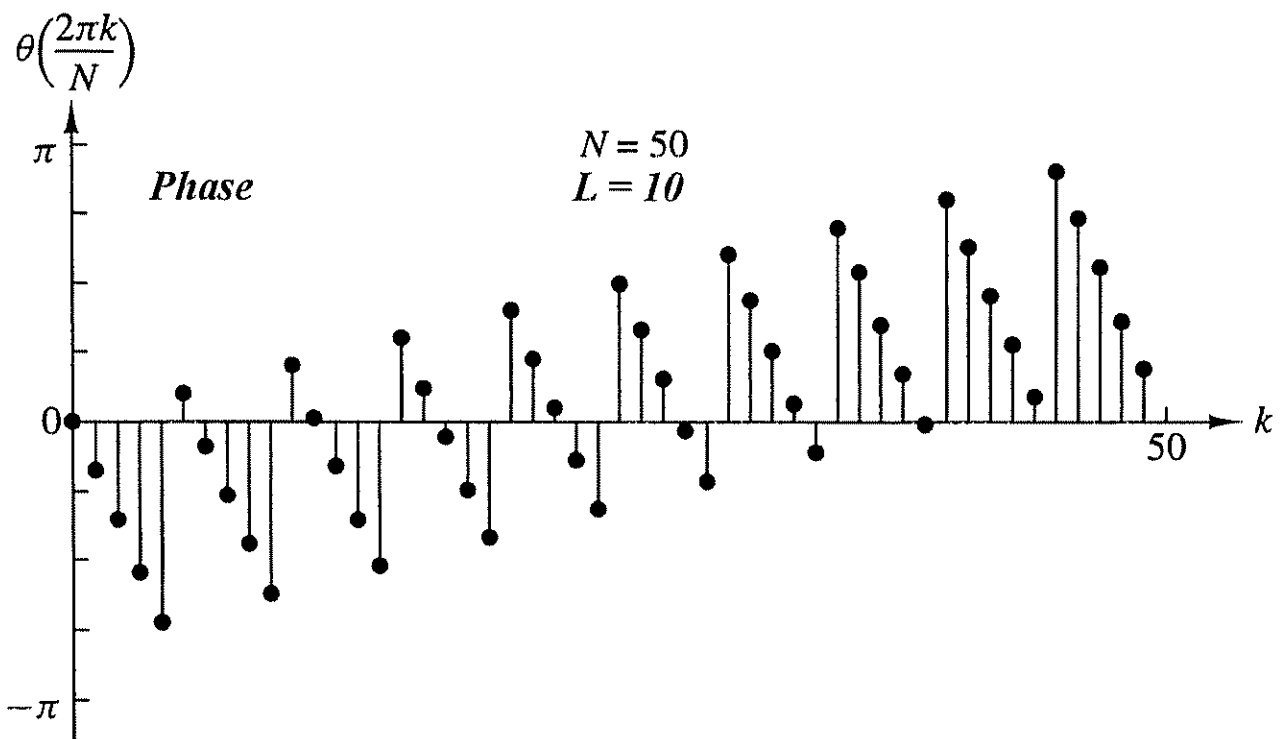
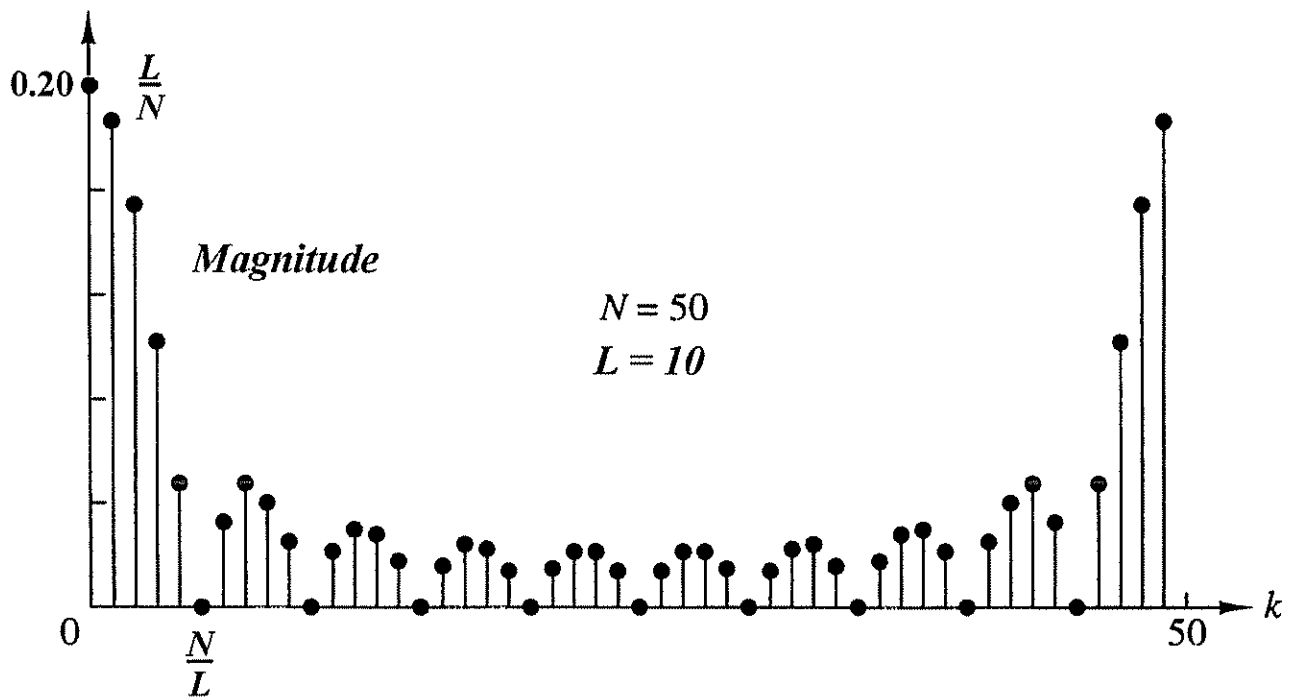
Phase of "Zero Phase" term =  $\text{PHASE} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi L k}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right)} \right] = \begin{cases} \pi; & \text{if } \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi L k}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right)} < 0 \\ 0; & \text{if } \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi L k}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right)} \geq 0 \end{cases}$

$$\angle c_k = \underbrace{-\frac{\pi(L-1)k}{N}}_{\text{Linear Phase}} + \text{PHASE} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi L k}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right)} \right] \leftarrow \text{Zero Phase term}$$

$$|c_k| = \frac{1}{N} \left| \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi L k}{N}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right)} \right| \quad \text{Note: } |c_0| = \frac{L}{N} \text{ from L'Hospital's Rule}$$

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## Discrete Fourier Series Representation of the L-Point Square Wave



## POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY OF PERIODIC SIGNALS

The power of a periodic signal  $x(n)$  with a fundamental period  $N$  is given by

$$P_x = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x(n)|^2.$$

Writing  $x(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} c_k e^{j \frac{2\pi k}{N} n}$  in the expression for  $P_x$ , we can show and substituting

$$\text{that } P_x = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |c_k|^2.$$

Thus, (Parseval's theorem)

$$P_x = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |x(n)|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |c_k|^2$$

is the power of the  $k$ -th harmonic component of the periodic signal  $x(n)$ . The description of power as a function of frequency can be described by

the plot of  $|c_k|^2$  vs  $k$ , and is called the

Power Spectral Density of the periodic signal.