

# Fourier Series

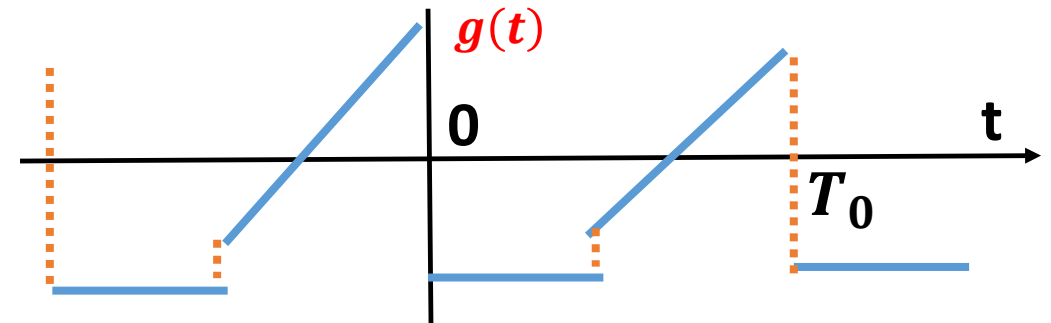
- Let  $g(t)$  be a periodic function of time with period  $T_0 = \frac{1}{f_0}$  such that
  - The function  $g(t)$  is absolutely integrable over one period, i.e.,  $\int_0^{T_0} |g(t)| dt < \infty$
  - Any discontinuities in  $g(t)$  are finite (the amount of jump at points of discontinuity is finite).
  - $g(t)$  has only a finite number of discontinuities and only a finite number of maxima and minima in the period
- When these conditions (called the **Dirichlet's conditions**) apply,  $g(t)$  may be expanded in a trigonometric Fourier series of the form

- $g(t) \sim a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t)$ , where,

- $a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) dt$  ; (dc or average value)

- $a_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt$

- $b_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt$



- These conditions are sufficient (but not necessary)
- In this representation, we can associate with  $g(t)$  a FS. This does not mean equality.
- At points where  $g(t)$  is continuous, the FS converges to the function  $g(t)$
- At a point of discontinuity  $t_0$ , the FS converges to  $\frac{1}{2} (g(t_0 -) + g(t_0 +))$

# Coefficients of the Fourier Series

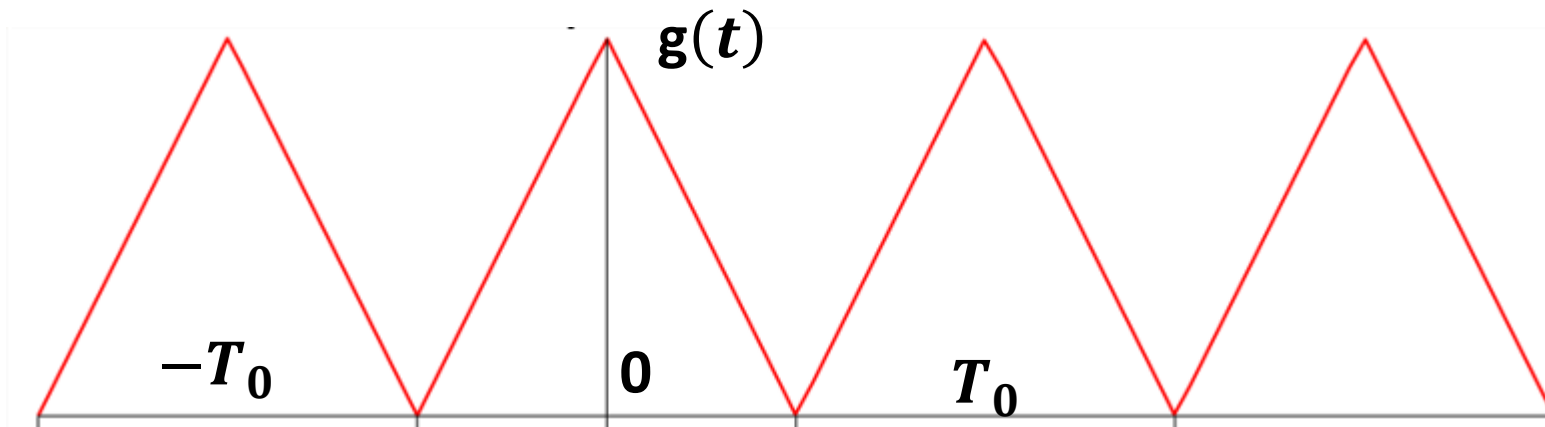
- $g(t) \sim a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t)$ , (1)
- Orthogonality Relations: You can easily verify the following relations:
  - $\int_0^{T_0} \cos n\omega_0 t \cos m\omega_0 t = \begin{cases} \frac{T_0}{2} & , n = m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$ ,
  - $\int_0^{T_0} \sin n\omega_0 t \sin m\omega_0 t = \begin{cases} \frac{T_0}{2} & , n = m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$
  - $\int_0^{T_0} \sin n\omega_0 t \cos m\omega_0 t = 0$  for all n and m.
- To get  $a_0$ , we integrate both sides of (1) with respect to t over one period.
- $\int_0^{T_0} g(t) dt \sim \int_0^{T_0} a_0 dt + \int_0^{T_0} [\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t)] dt$
- **Result:**  $a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) dt$  ; (dc or average value)

# Coefficients of the Fourier Series

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- To get  $a_n$ , we multiply both sides of (1) by  $\cos m\omega_0 t$ , integrate over one period and use the orthogonality relations.
- $\int_0^{T_0} g(t) \cos m\omega_0 t dt \sim \int_0^{T_0} a_0 \cos m\omega_0 t dt$   
 $+ \int_0^{T_0} [\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t) \cos m\omega_0 t] dt$
- **Result:**  $a_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt$
- To get  $b_n$ , we multiply both sides of (1) by  $\sin m\omega_0 t$ , integrate over one period and use the orthogonality relations.
- $\int_0^{T_0} g(t) \sin m\omega_0 t dt \sim \int_0^{T_0} a_0 \sin m\omega_0 t dt$   
 $+ \int_0^{T_0} [\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t) \sin m\omega_0 t] dt$
- **Result:**  $b_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt$

# Example: Existence of Fourier Series

- The Dirichlet conditions apply to the waveform given below.
- The function  $g(t)$  is absolutely integrable, i.e.,  $\int_0^{T_0} |g(t)| dt < \infty$ .
- The function  $g(t)$  is continuous over the period (no discontinuities)
- Has one maximum and one minimum within one period.
- Therefore, **the FS exists**. Moreover, the **FS converges to  $g(t)$  at all points**. That is,
- **$g(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t)$** ; Note the equality sign

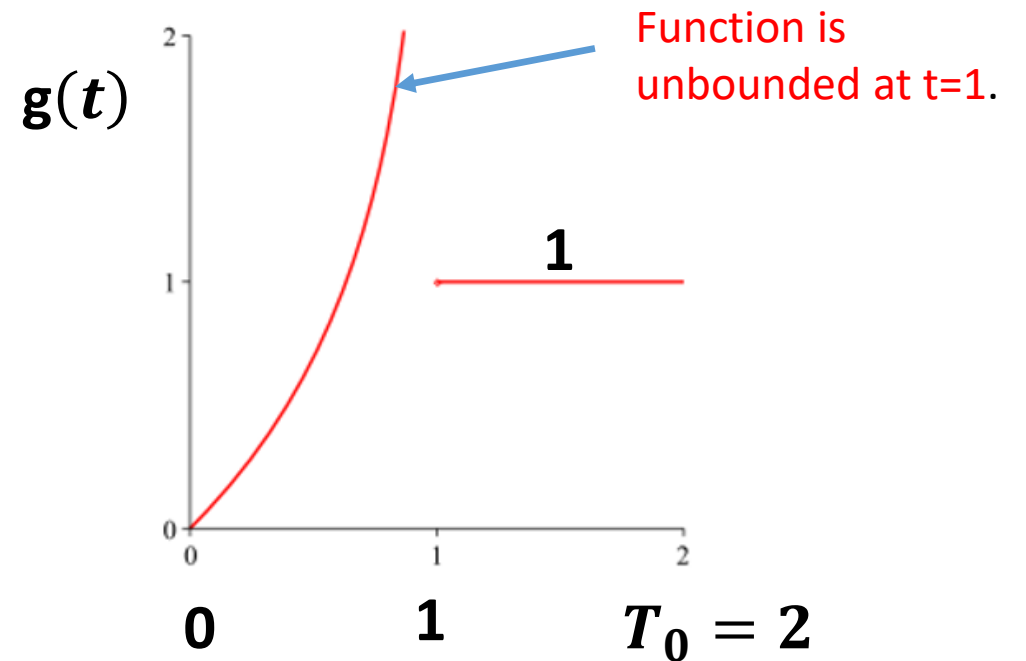


# Example: Existence of Fourier Series

- Let  $g(t)$ , defined over one period, be given by

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} -\ln(1-t), & 0 < t < 1 \\ 1, & 1 < t < 2 \end{cases}$$

- $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} (g(t)) = -\ln(1-t) \rightarrow \infty$
- the function  $g(t)$  has a discontinuity. However, this discontinuity is infinite.
- Therefore, the FS does not exist**



## Example: Fourier Series Coefficient Evaluation

- **Example:** Find the trigonometric Fourier series of the periodic rectangular signal defined over one period  $T_0$  as:

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} +A, & -T_0/4 \leq t \leq T_0/4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Solution:** The FS is given as  $g(t) \sim a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t)$

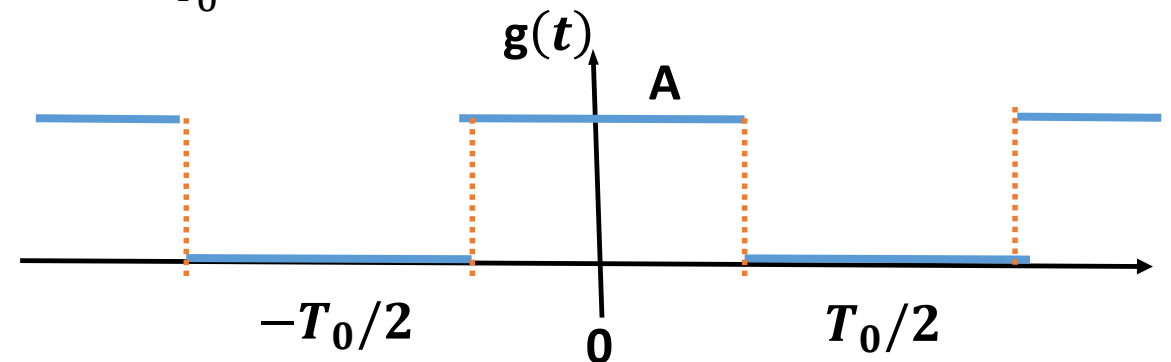
- $a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) dt = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/4}^{T_0/4} A dt = A/2$

Dirichlet conditions apply.  
Therefore, a FS exists

- $b_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/4}^{T_0/4} A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt = 0$

- $a_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/4}^{T_0/4} A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt$

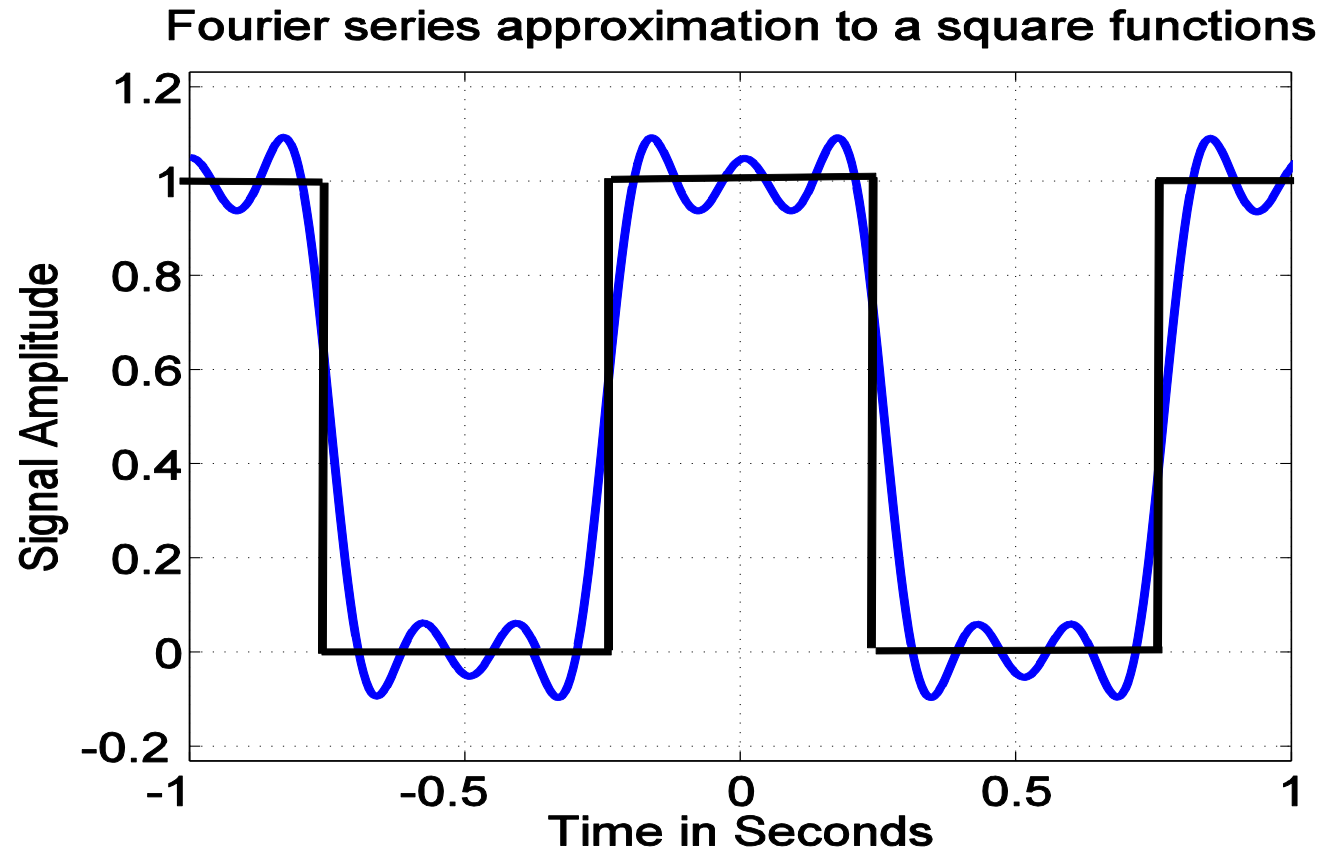
- $a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2A}{n\pi}, & n = 1, 5, 9, \dots \\ \frac{-2A}{n\pi}, & n = 3, 7, 11, \dots \\ 0, & n = 2, 4, 6, \dots \end{cases}$



## Example: Convergence of Fourier Series

- The first four terms in the expansion of  $g(t)$  are:
- $$\tilde{g}(t) = \frac{A}{2} + \frac{2A}{\pi} \left\{ \cos(2\pi f_0 t) - \frac{1}{3} \cos(2\pi 3f_0 t) + \frac{1}{5} \cos(2\pi 5f_0 t) \right\}$$
- The function  $\tilde{g}(t)$  along with  $g(t)$  are plotted in the figure for  $-1 \leq t \leq 1$  assuming  $A = 1$  and  $f_0 = 1$

**Comments:** As more terms are added to  $\tilde{g}(t)$ ,  $\tilde{g}(t)$  becomes closer to  $g(t)$  and in the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\tilde{g}(t)$  becomes equal to  $g(t)$  at all points except at the points of discontinuity.



# Convergence of the Fourier Series

The Fourier series of the signal  $g(t) = \begin{cases} +A, & -T_0/4 \leq t \leq T_0/4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  is given by

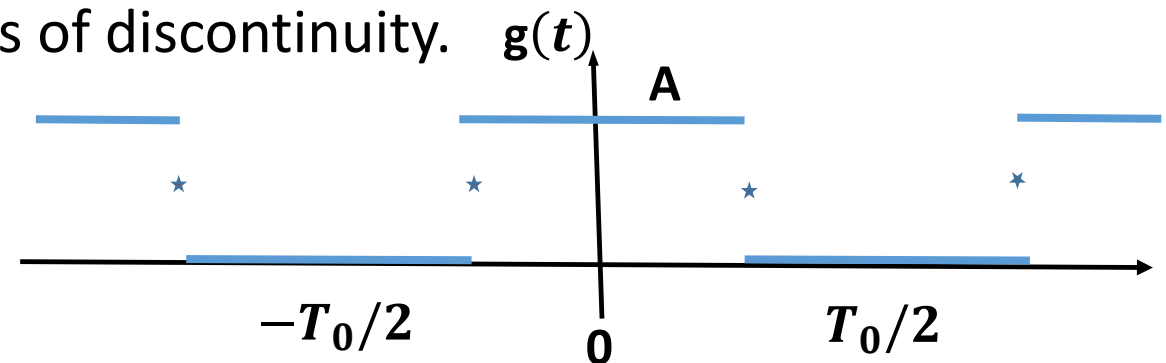
- $g(t) \sim a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t)$ . The FS is shown in the figure below

- $a_0 = A/2$ ,  $b_n = 0$ ,

- $a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2A}{n\pi}, & n = 1, 5, 9, \dots \\ \frac{-2A}{n\pi}, & n = 3, 7, 11, \dots \\ 0, & n = 2, 4, 6, \dots \end{cases}$

- The FS converges to  $g(t)$  at all points where  $g(t)$  is continuous

- Converges to  $A/2$ , the average value at points of discontinuity.





# Fourier Cosine and Sine Series

- Let  $g(t)$  be a periodic function of time with period  $T_0 = \frac{1}{f_0}$  such that its FS exists.

- **Fourier Cosine Series:**

- Let  $g(t)$  be an even function of  $t$ , then

- $b_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt = 0$

- $a_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt = \frac{4}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0/2} g(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt$

- The FS becomes a Fourier cosine series  $g(t) \sim a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n\omega_0 t$

- **Fourier Sine Series:**

- Let  $g(t)$  be an odd function of  $t$ , then

- $a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) dt = 0, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt = 0$

- $b_n = \frac{2}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} g(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt = \frac{4}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0/2} g(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T_0} t\right) dt$

- The FS becomes a Fourier sine series  $g(t) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\omega_0 t$

## Complex Form of the Fourier Series

The Fourier series can also be expressed in the complex form:

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

where, 
$$C_n = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt.$$

- Note that  $C_n$  is a complex valued quantity, which can be written as
- $C_n = |C_n| e^{j\theta_n}$
- The plot of  $|C_n|$  versus frequency is called the ***Discrete Amplitude Spectrum***.
- The plot of  $\theta_n$  versus frequency is called the ***Discrete Phase Spectrum***.
- The term at  $f_0$  is referred to as the fundamental frequency. The term at  $2f_0$  is referred to as the second order harmonic, the term at  $3f_0$  is referred to as the third order harmonic and so on.

## Parseval's Power Theorem

- The average power of a periodic signal  $g(t)$  is given by:

$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} |g(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |C_n|^2 = |C_0|^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |C_n|^2$$

- $$= |a_0|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2)$$

- **Proof:**  $g(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$ , where,  $C_n = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$ .

- $|g(t)|^2 = g(t)g^*(t) = \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} \right) \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} C_m^* e^{-jm\omega_0 t} \right)$

- $\frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} |g(t)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n C_m^* e^{j(n-m)\omega_0 t} dt$

- Orthogonality:  $\int_0^{T_0} e^{j(n-m)\omega_0 t} dt = \begin{cases} T_0 & , n = m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$

- $\frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} |g(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |C_n|^2 = |C_0|^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |C_n|^2$

# Power Spectral Density

- The plot of  $|C_n|^2$  versus frequency is called the ***power spectral density (PSD)***.
- It displays the power content of each frequency (spectral) component of a signal.
- For a periodic signal, the PSD consists of discrete terms at multiples of the fundamental frequency.
- The next example demonstrate these properties

# Power Spectral Density

- **Example:** Find the power spectral density of the  $g(t)$  shown in the figure.
- Here, we need to find the complex Fourier series expansion, where the period  $T_0 = 2\tau$

- $g(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{jn\omega_0 t};$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} g(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

- $C_n = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{2}, & n = 0 \\ \frac{3A}{|n|\pi}, & n = \pm 1, \pm 5, \pm 9, \dots \\ \frac{-3A}{|n|\pi}, & n = \pm 3, \pm 7, \pm 11, \dots \\ 0, & n = \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots \end{cases}$

$$|C_n|^2 = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{A}{2}\right)^2, & n = 0 \\ \left(\frac{3A}{n\pi}\right)^2, & n: \text{odd} \\ 0, & n: \text{even} \end{cases}$$

$$S_g(f) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |C_n|^2 \delta(f - nf_0)$$

