

Fourier Series for the Periodic Waveform $x(t)$

$$x(t) = X_{DC} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n\omega t + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\omega t$$

where

$$X_{DC} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x(\omega t) d(\omega t)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x(\omega t) \cos n\omega t d(\omega t)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x(\omega t) \sin n\omega t d(\omega t)$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

Alternate Form for the Fourier Series

$$x(t) = X_{DC} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \cos(n\omega t - \psi_n)$$

where

$$c_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$$

$$\psi_n = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{b_n}{a_n} \right] \quad (\text{four-quadrant arctangent})$$

Waveform Attributes for the Periodic Waveform $x(t)$

DC (average) value:

$$X_{DC} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x(\omega t) d(\omega t)$$

RMS value:

$$X_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x^2(t) dt} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x^2(\omega t) d(\omega t)}$$

or in terms of Fourier components

$$X_{rms} = \sqrt{X_{DC}^2 + \frac{a_1^2}{2} + \frac{b_1^2}{2} + \frac{a_2^2}{2} + \frac{b_2^2}{2} + \dots}$$

or

$$X_{rms} = \sqrt{X_{DC}^2 + \frac{c_1^2}{2} + \frac{c_2^2}{2} + \dots}$$

Average power conveyed by the $v(t)$ - $i(t)$ pair:

$$P_{AVG} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v(t) i(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} v(\omega t) i(\omega t) d(\omega t)$$

or in terms of the Fourier components

$$P_{AVG} = V_{DC} I_{DC} + \frac{a_{v,1} a_{i,1}}{2} + \frac{b_{v,1} b_{i,1}}{2} + \frac{a_{v,2} a_{i,2}}{2} + \frac{b_{v,2} b_{i,2}}{2} + \dots$$

or

$$P_{AVG} = V_{DC} I_{DC} + \frac{c_{v,1} c_{i,1}}{2} \cos(\psi_{v,1} - \psi_{i,1}) + \frac{c_{v,2} c_{i,2}}{2} \cos(\psi_{v,2} - \psi_{i,2}) + \dots$$

Useful Trigonometric Identities

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin(x) = \sin(x \pm \pi) \quad \text{and} \quad \cos(-x) = \cos(x) = -\cos(x \pm \pi)$$

$$\sin x = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

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

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \mp B) = \cos A \cos B \pm \sin A \sin B$$

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(A + B) + \cos(A - B)]$$

$$\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)]$$

$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)]$$

$$\sin A \pm \sin B = 2 \sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(A \pm B)\right] \cdot \cos\left[\frac{1}{2}(A \mp B)\right]$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos\left[\frac{1}{2}(A + B)\right] \cdot \cos\left[\frac{1}{2}(A - B)\right]$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(A + B)\right] \cdot \sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(A - B)\right]$$

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$$

$$\sin \frac{x}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos x)} \quad \pm \text{ depends on the quadrant of } \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\cos \frac{x}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos x)} \quad \pm \text{ depends on the quadrant of } \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\tan \frac{x}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}} \quad \pm \text{ depends on the quadrant of } \frac{x}{2}$$

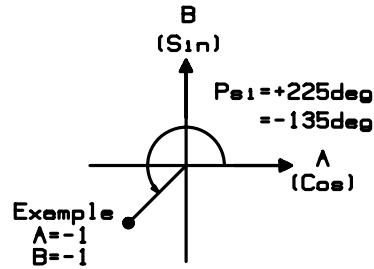
$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x)$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x)$$

$$a \cos \omega t + b \sin \omega t = c \cos(\omega t - \psi)$$

where $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

and $\psi = \tan^{-1}[\frac{b}{a}]$



Four-quadrant arc tangent (not principal value).

See example figure above; example below.

$$-\cos \omega t - \sin \omega t = \sqrt{2} \cos(\omega t - 225^\circ) = \sqrt{2} \cos(\omega t + 135^\circ)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \cos(\omega t - n \frac{2\pi}{M}) = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \sin(\omega t - n \frac{2\pi}{M}) = 0 \quad (\text{complete phasor set identity, } M \text{ phases})$$

$$\cos(\omega t) + \cos(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}) + \cos(\omega t - \frac{4\pi}{3}) = 0 \quad (\text{the three-phase case})$$

Useful Integrals (n and m are integers)

$$\int \sin x \sin mx \, dx = \frac{\sin(n-m)x}{2(n-m)} - \frac{\sin(n+m)x}{2(n+m)} \quad \text{if } n^2 \neq m^2$$

$$\int \sin x \cos mx \, dx = \frac{-\cos(n-m)x}{2(n-m)} - \frac{\cos(n+m)x}{2(n+m)} \quad \text{if } n^2 \neq m^2$$

$$\int \cos nx \cos mx \, dx = \frac{\sin(n-m)x}{2(n-m)} + \frac{\sin(n+m)x}{2(n+m)} \quad \text{if } n^2 \neq m^2$$

$$\int x \sin(ax) \, dx = \frac{1}{a^2} \sin ax - \frac{x}{a} \cos ax$$

$$\int x \cos(ax) \, dx = \frac{1}{a^2} \cos ax + \frac{x}{a} \sin ax$$

$$\int \sin^2 nx \, dx = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin 2nx}{4n}$$

$$\int \cos^2 nx \, dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2nx}{4n}$$

$$\int \sin nx \cos nx \, dx = - \frac{\cos 2nx}{4n}$$

Useful Definite Integrals (n and m are integers)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin nx \sin mx \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \sin nx \cos mx \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos nx \cos mx \, dx = 0 \text{ if } n^2 \neq m^2$$

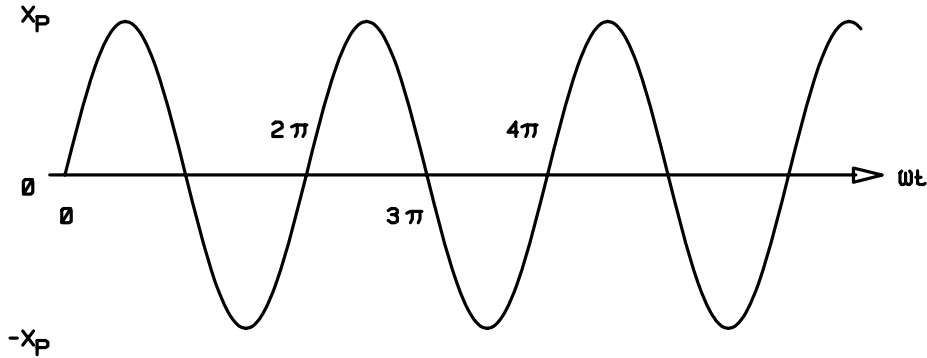
$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 nx \, dx = \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2 nx \, dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ for } n \neq 0$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 nx \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 nx \, dx = \pi \text{ for } n \neq 0$$

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Attributes of Common Waveforms

A. Sine Wave $x(t)$

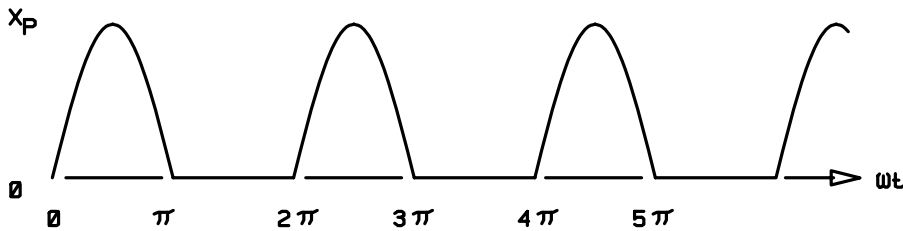


average value $X_{dc} = 0$

rms value $X_{rms} = \frac{X_P}{\sqrt{2}}$

Fourier series $x(t) = X_P \sin \omega t$

B. Half-Wave Rectified Sine Wave $x(t)$



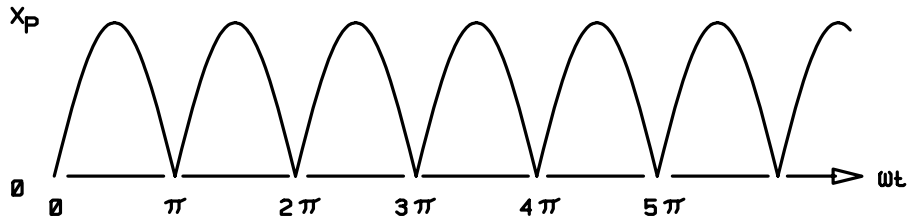
average value $X_{dc} = \frac{X_P}{\pi}$

rms value $X_{rms} = \frac{X_P}{2}$

Fourier series $x(t) = \frac{X_P}{\pi} + \frac{X_P}{2} \sin \omega t - \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n\omega t}{(n+1)(n-1)}$ n even only

$$= \frac{X_P}{\pi} + \frac{X_P}{2} \sin \omega t - \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{3} \cos 2\omega t + \frac{1}{15} \cos 4\omega t + \frac{1}{35} \cos 6\omega t + \dots \right]$$

C. Full-Wave Rectified Sine Wave $x(t)$



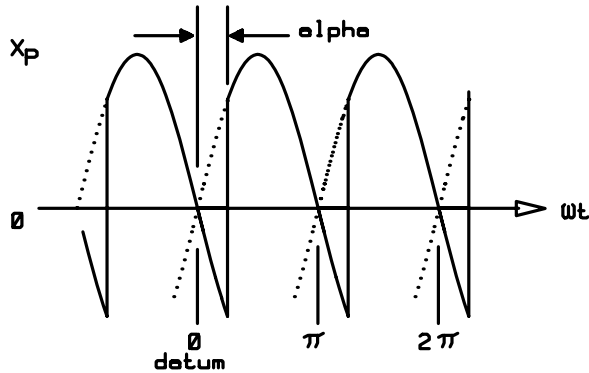
average value $X_{dc} = \frac{2X_P}{\pi}$

rms value $X_{rms} = \frac{X_P}{\sqrt{2}}$

Fourier series $x(t) = \frac{2X_P}{\pi} - \frac{4X_P}{\pi} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n\omega t}{(n+1)(n-1)}$ n even only

$$= \frac{2X_P}{\pi} - \frac{4X_P}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{3} \cos 2\omega t + \frac{1}{15} \cos 4\omega t + \frac{1}{35} \cos 6\omega t + \dots \right]$$

D. Two-Pulse Controlled Rectifier Waveform $x(t)$



average value $X_{dc} = \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \cos a$

rms value $X_{rms} = \frac{X_P}{\sqrt{2}}$

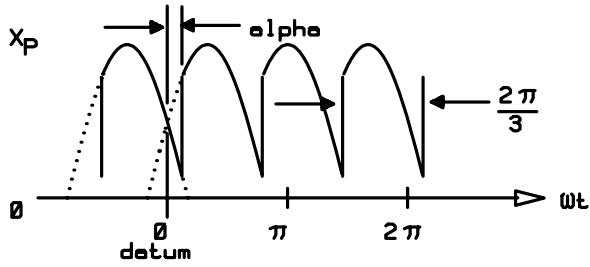
Fourier series

$$x(t) = \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \cos a + \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \cos p\pi \left\{ \frac{\cos[2p\omega t + (2p+1)a]}{2p+1} - \frac{\cos[2p\omega t + (2p-1)a]}{2p-1} \right\}$$

or $x(t) = \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \cos a + \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} c_{2p} \cos(2p\omega t + \phi_{2p})$

where $c_{2p} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2p+1)^2} - \frac{2 \cos 2a}{(2p+1)(2p-1)} + \frac{1}{(2p-1)^2}}$

E. Three-Pulse Controlled Rectifier Waveform $x(t)$



average value $X_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} X_P}{2\pi} \cos a$

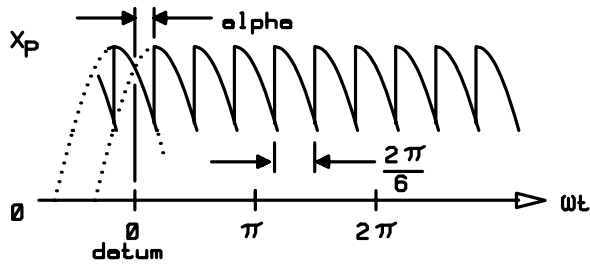
rms value $X_{rms} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} X_P}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi^2}{27} + \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}} \cos 2a}$

Fourier series $x(t) = \frac{3\sqrt{3} X_P}{2\pi} \cos a + \frac{3\sqrt{3} X_P}{2\pi} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \cos p\pi \left\{ \frac{\cos[3p\omega t + (3p+1)a]}{3p+1} - \frac{\cos[3p\omega t + (3p-1)a]}{3p-1} \right\}$

or $x(t) = \frac{3\sqrt{3} X_P}{2\pi} \cos a + \frac{3\sqrt{3} X_P}{2\pi} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} c_{3p} \cos(3p\omega t + \phi_{3p})$

where $c_{3p} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(3p+1)^2} - \frac{2 \cos 2a}{(3p+1)(3p-1)} + \frac{1}{(3p-1)^2}}$

F. Six-Pulse Controlled Rectifier Waveform $x(t)$



average value $X_{dc} = \frac{3X_p}{\pi} \cos a$

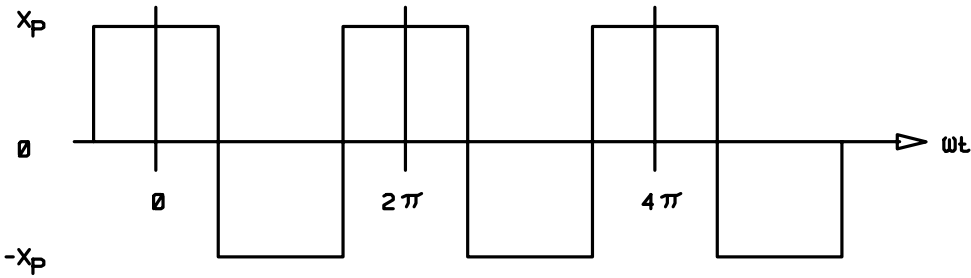
rms value $X_{rms} = \frac{3X_p}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{18} + \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{3}} \cos 2a}$

Fourier series $x(t) = \frac{3X_p}{\pi} \cos a + \frac{3X_p}{\pi} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{\cos[6p\omega t + (6p+1)a]}{6p+1} - \frac{\cos[6p\omega t + (6p-1)a]}{6p-1} \right\}$

or $x(t) = \frac{3X_p}{\pi} \cos a + \frac{3X_p}{\pi} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} c_{6p} \cos(6p\omega t + \phi_{6p})$

where $c_{6p} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(6p+1)^2} - \frac{2 \cos 2a}{(6p+1)(6p-1)} + \frac{1}{(6p-1)^2}}$

G. Square Wave $x(t)$



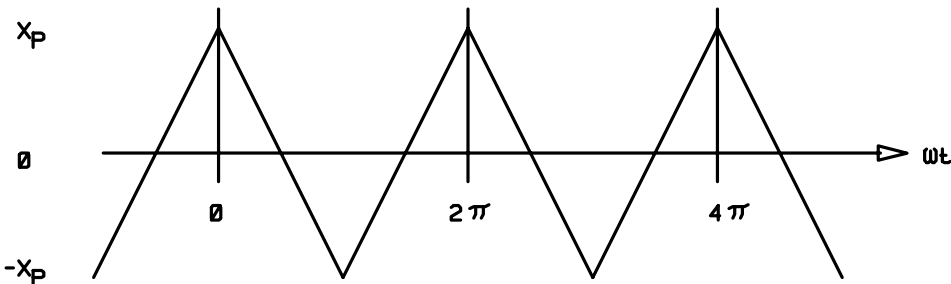
average value $X_{dc} = 0$

rms value $X_{rms} = X_P$

Fourier series $x(t) = 0 + \frac{4X_P}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\frac{\pi}{2})}{n} \cos n\omega t$ for n odd only

$$= \frac{4X_P}{\pi} \left[\cos \omega t - \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\omega t + \frac{1}{5} \cos 5\omega t - \frac{1}{7} \cos 7\omega t + \dots \right]$$

H. Triangle Wave $x(t)$



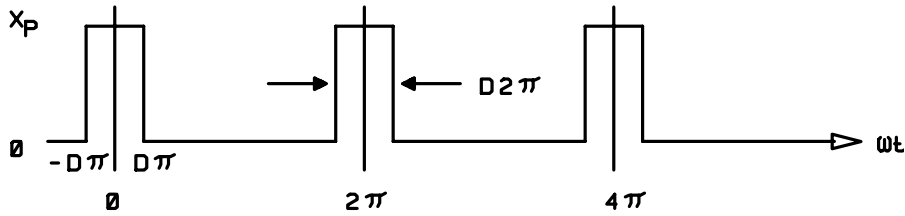
average value $X_{dc} = 0$

rms value $X_{rms} = \frac{X_P}{\sqrt{3}}$

Fourier series $x(t) = 0 + \frac{8X_P}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\frac{\pi}{2})}{n^2} \cos n\omega t$ for n odd only

$$= \frac{8X_P}{\pi^2} \left[\cos \omega t - \frac{1}{9} \cos 3\omega t + \frac{1}{25} \cos 5\omega t - \frac{1}{49} \cos 7\omega t + \dots \right]$$

I. Pulse Waveform $x(t)$ (“D” is the duty factor)



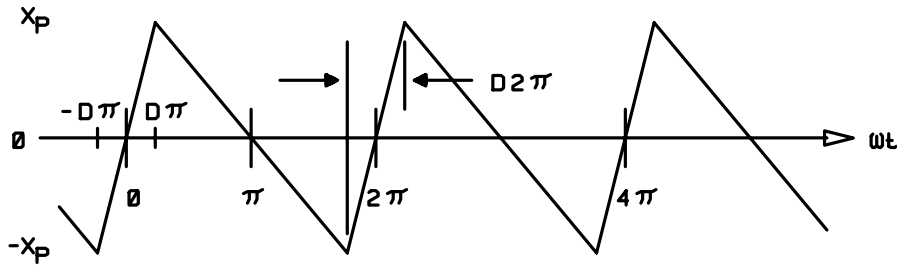
average value $X_{dc} = D X_P$

rms value $X_{rms} = \sqrt{D} X_P$

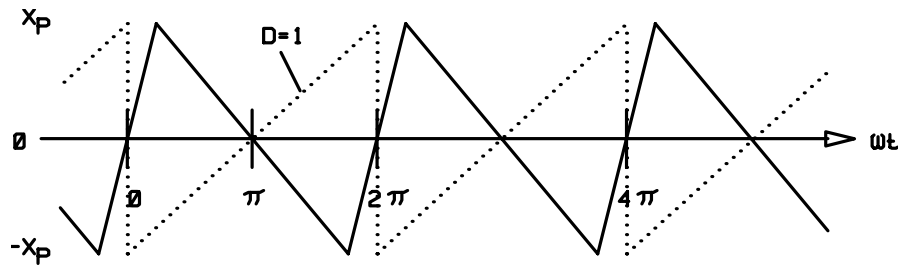
Fourier series $x(t) = D X_P + \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin n D \pi}{n} \right) \cos n \omega t$ for all n

$$= D X_P + \frac{2X_P}{\pi} \left[\sin D \pi \cdot \cos \omega t + \frac{\sin 2 D \pi}{2} \cdot \cos 2 \omega t + \frac{\sin 3 D \pi}{3} \cdot \cos 3 \omega t + \dots \right]$$

J. General Sawtooth Ramp Waveform $x(t)$ (“D” is the duty factor of the rising slope)



The “sweep” waveform is either of two special cases: $D = 1$, illustrated below, or $D = 0$, not shown.



Notes on Mathematics for Power Electronics
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average value $X_{dc} = 0$

rms value $X_{rms} = \frac{X_P}{\sqrt{3}}$

Fourier series $x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\omega t$ for all n

where

$$b_n = \frac{2X_P}{n^2\pi^2} \frac{\sin(nD\pi)}{D(1-D)}$$

and for the two special cases:

$$b_n = \frac{2X_P}{n\pi} \quad \text{for } D = 0$$

$$b_n = -\frac{2X_P}{n\pi} \cos n\pi \quad \text{for } D = 1$$

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