

Chapter 16: Fourier Series

Periodic Function \Rightarrow Repeats itself every T seconds, where T is the period

$$f(t) = f(t \pm nT)$$

Fourier \Rightarrow found that a periodic function can be represented by an infinite sum of sine and cosine functions

$$f(t) = a_v + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t))$$

where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$a_v, a_n, b_n \Rightarrow$ Fourier Coefficients

$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} \Rightarrow$ Fundamental Frequency

Multiples of $\omega_0, 2\omega_0, 3\omega_0, 4\omega_0, \dots \Rightarrow$ harmonic frequencies

Conditions for a convergent Fourier Series

- 1) $f(t)$ must be single-valued
- 2) $f(t)$ must have a finite number of discontinuities in the periodic interval
- 3) $f(t)$ must have a finite number of maxima & minima in the periodic interval

4) $\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} |f(t)| dt$ must exist

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Determining the Fourier Coefficients

$$a_v = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) dt \quad \left. \vphantom{\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T}} \right\} \text{average value of } f(t)$$

$$a_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) \cos(k\omega_0 t) dt$$

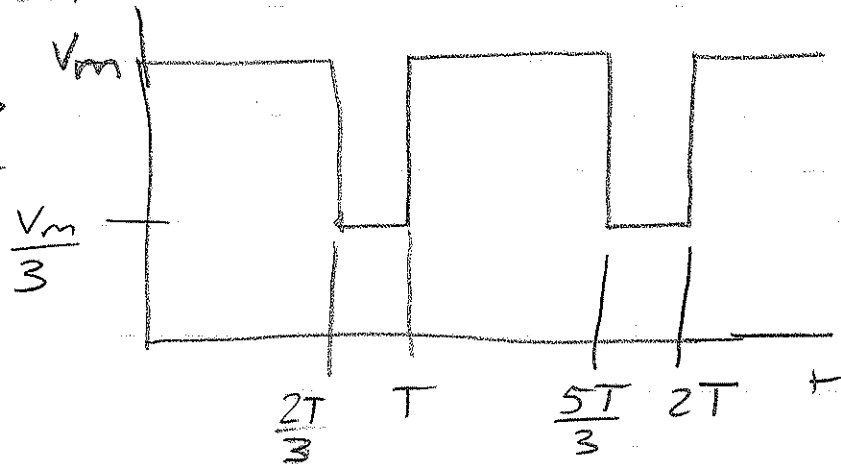
$$b_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt$$

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Derive expressions for a_v , a_k , and b_k if $v_m = 9\pi V$ 

$$a_v = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{2T/3} v_m dt + \frac{1}{T} \int_{2T/3}^T \frac{v_m}{3} dt$$

$$= \frac{9\pi}{T} \left(\frac{2T}{3} - 0 \right) + \frac{9\pi}{3T} \left(T - \frac{2T}{3} \right)$$

$$= 6\pi + 3\pi - 2\pi = 7\pi = \boxed{21.99V}$$

$$a_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) \cos(k\omega_0 t) dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left\{ \int_0^{2T/3} v_m \cos(k\omega_0 t) dt + \int_{2T/3}^T \frac{v_m}{3} \cos(k\omega_0 t) dt \right\}$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left\{ \frac{9\pi}{k\omega_0} \sin k\omega_0 t \Big|_0^{2T/3} + \frac{3\pi}{k\omega_0} \sin(k\omega_0 t) \Big|_{2T/3}^T \right\}$$

$$= \frac{6\pi}{k\omega_0 T} \left\{ 3 \sin \left(k\omega_0 \left(\frac{2T}{3} \right) \right) + \sin(k\omega_0 T) - \sin \left(k\omega_0 \frac{2T}{3} \right) \right\}$$

$$a_k = \frac{6\pi}{k\omega_0 T} \left\{ 2 \sin \left(\frac{2k\omega_0 T}{3} \right) + \sin(k\omega_0 T) \right\}$$

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$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$a_k = \frac{6\pi}{k\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)(T)} \int_0^T 2\sin\left(\frac{2k\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)t}{3}\right) + \sin\left(k\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)t\right) dt$$

$$a_k = \frac{3}{k} \int_0^T \left\{ 2\sin\left(\frac{4k\pi t}{3}\right) + \sin\left(\cancel{2k\pi t} \right) \right\} dt \quad \rightarrow 0$$

$$a_k = \frac{6}{k} \sin\left(\frac{4k\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$b_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{\frac{2T}{3}} v_m \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt + \int_{\frac{2T}{3}}^T \frac{v_m}{3} \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left\{ -\frac{9\pi}{k\omega_0} \cos(k\omega_0 t) \Big|_0^{\frac{2T}{3}} - \frac{3\pi}{k\omega_0} \cos(k\omega_0 t) \Big|_{\frac{2T}{3}}^T \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{6\pi}{T k \omega_0} \left\{ 3 \cos\left(k\omega_0 \left(\frac{2T}{3}\right)\right) - 3(1) + \cos(k\omega_0 T) - \cos\left(k\omega_0 \frac{2T}{3}\right) \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{6\pi}{T k \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)} \left\{ -3 + 2\cos\left(k\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)\left(\frac{2T}{3}\right)\right) + \cos\left(k\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)T\right) \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{k} \left\{ -3 + 2\cos\left(\frac{4\pi k}{3}\right) + \cos(2\pi k) \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{k} \left\{ -2 + 2\cos\left(\frac{4\pi k}{3}\right) \right\}$$

$$b_k = \frac{6}{k} \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{4\pi k}{3}\right) \right)$$

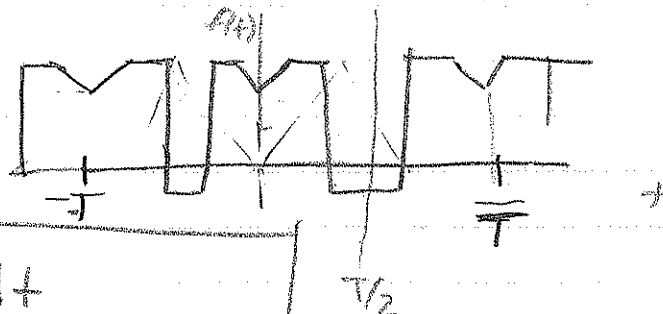
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Effect of Symmetry on the Fourier Coefficient

Even Function

$$f(t) = f(-t)$$



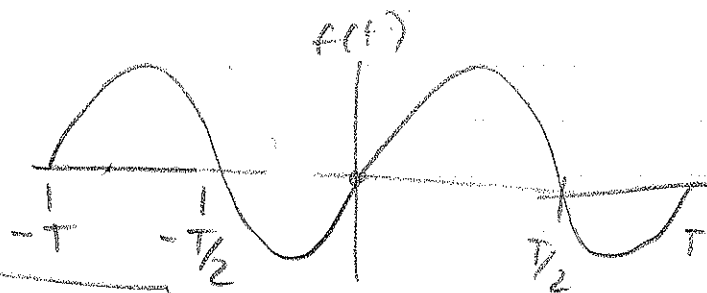
$$a_v = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) dt$$

$$a_k = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos(k\omega_0 t) dt$$

$$b_k = 0 \quad \text{for all } k$$

Odd - Function

$$f(t) = -f(-t)$$



$$a_v = 0$$

$$a_k = 0 \quad \text{for all } k$$

$$b_k = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt$$

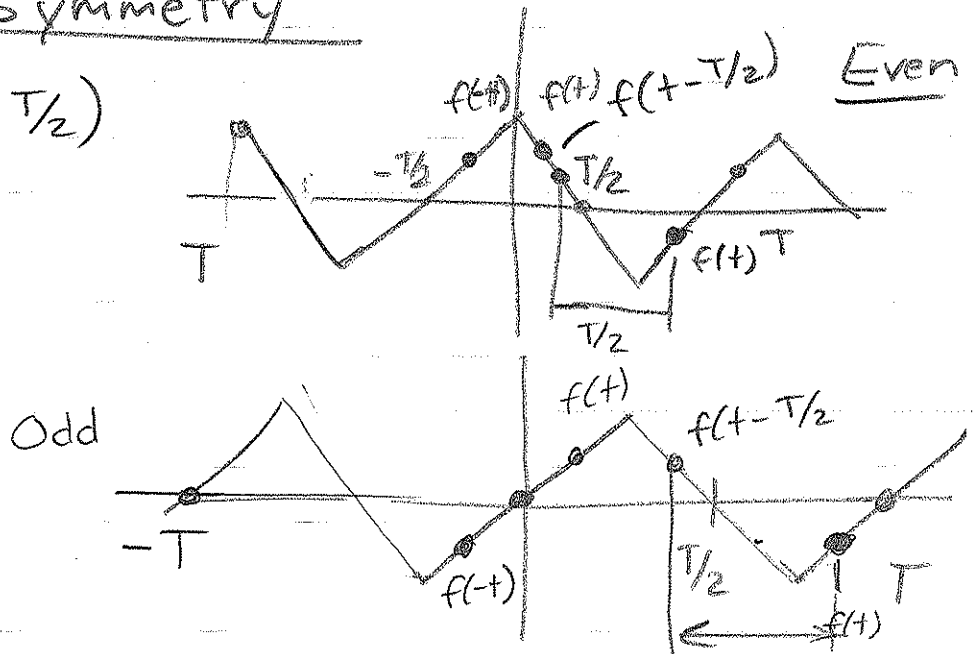
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Half-Wave Symmetry

$$f(t) = -f(t - T/2)$$

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$$a_v = 0$$

$$a_k = 0 \text{ for } k \text{ even}$$

$$a_k = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos(k\omega_0 t) dt \text{ for } k \text{ odd}$$

$$b_k = 0 \text{ for } k \text{ even}$$

$$b_k = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt \text{ for } k \text{ odd}$$

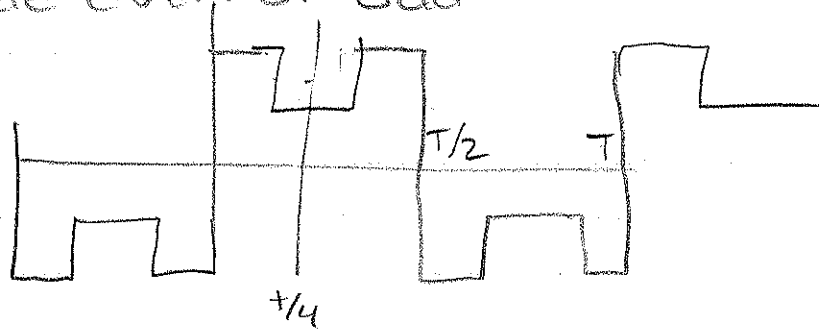
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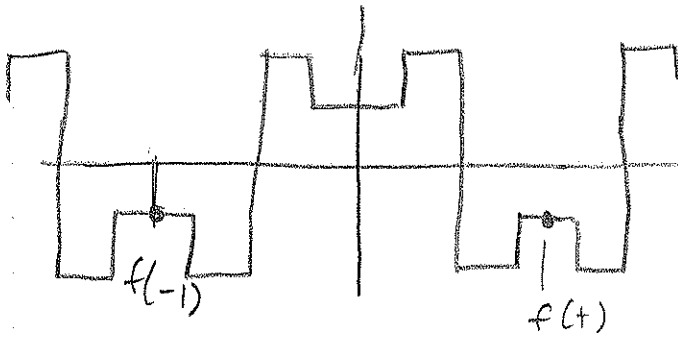
Quarter-Wave Symmetry

Half-Wave Symmetry & symmetry about the half-cycles

Can be made even or odd



Odd



Even

If Odd Function

$a_v = 0$ (half)

$a_k = 0$ for all k (odd)

$b_k = 0$ for k even

$b_k = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^{T/4} f(t) \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt$ for k odd

If Even Function

$a_v = 0$

$a_k = 0$ for k even

$a_k = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^{T/4} f(t) \cos(k\omega_0 t) dt$

$b_k = 0$ for all k

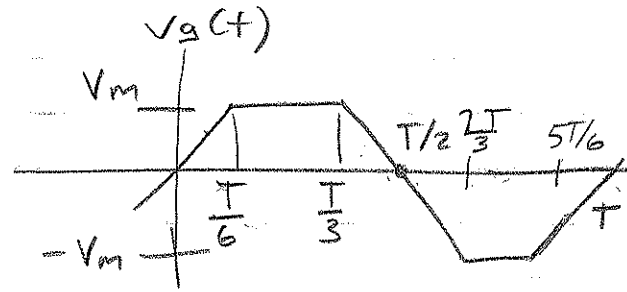
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Derive the Fourier Series for the periodic voltage, v_g



Even or Odd

Half-Wave Yes

Quarter-Wave? Yes

$a_v = 0$ for all k

$a_k = 0$ for all k

$b_k = 0$ for even k

$$b_k = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^{T/4} f(t) \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt \quad \text{for } k \text{ odd}$$

$$b_k = \frac{8}{T} \left\{ \int_0^{T/6} \left(\frac{6V_m}{T} \right) + \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt + \int_{T/6}^{T/4} V_m \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt \right\}$$

$$b_k = \frac{8}{T} \left\{ \frac{6V_m}{T} \left(\frac{1}{(k\omega_0)^2} \sin(k\omega_0 t) - \frac{t}{k\omega_0} \cos(k\omega_0 t) \right) \Big|_0^{T/6} - \frac{1}{k\omega_0} (V_m \cos(k\omega_0 t)) \Big|_{T/6}^{T/4} \right\}$$

$$b_k = \frac{8}{T} \left\{ \frac{6V_m}{T k\omega_0} \left[\frac{1}{k\omega_0} \left(\sin\left(\frac{k\omega_0 T}{6}\right) - \frac{T}{6} \cos\left(k\omega_0 \frac{T}{6}\right) \right) - \frac{T}{6} \cos\left(k\omega_0 \frac{T}{4}\right) + \frac{T}{6} \cos\left(k\omega_0 \frac{T}{6}\right) \right] \right\}$$

$$b_k = \frac{8}{T} \left\{ \frac{6V_m}{T k\omega_0} \left(\frac{1}{k\omega_0} \sin\left(\frac{k\omega_0 T}{6}\right) - \frac{T}{6} \cos\left(\frac{k\omega_0 T}{4}\right) \right) \right\}$$

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$$b_k = \frac{48V_m}{T^2 k^2 \omega_0^2} \sin\left(\frac{k\omega_0 T}{6}\right) - \frac{8V_m}{Tk\omega_0} \cos\left(\frac{k\omega_0 T}{4}\right)$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$b_k = \frac{48V_m}{T^2 k^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2} \sin\left(\frac{kT}{6} \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)\right) - \frac{8V_m}{Tk \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)} \cos\left(\frac{kT}{4} \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)\right)$$

$$b_k = \frac{12V_m}{k^2 \pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{3}\right) - \frac{4V_m}{k\pi} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right)$$

for k odd $\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) = 0$

$$b_k = \frac{12V_m}{k^2 \pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$V_g(t) = a_v + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t))$$

$$V_g(t) = \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{12V_m}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) \sin(n\omega_0 t)$$

$$V_g(t) = \frac{12V_m}{\pi^2} \sum_{\substack{n=1,3,5,\dots \\ n=\text{odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\pi/3)}{n^2} \sin(n\omega_0 t)$$

Alternative Trigonometric Form of the Fourier Series

$$f(t) = a_v + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t))$$

$$= a_v + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \cos(n\omega_0 t - 90^\circ) \right]$$

Phasors $\Rightarrow a_n \angle 0^\circ$

$$= b_n \angle -90^\circ = -j b_n$$

$$a_n - j b_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \angle -\theta_n$$

$$= A_n \angle -\theta_n$$

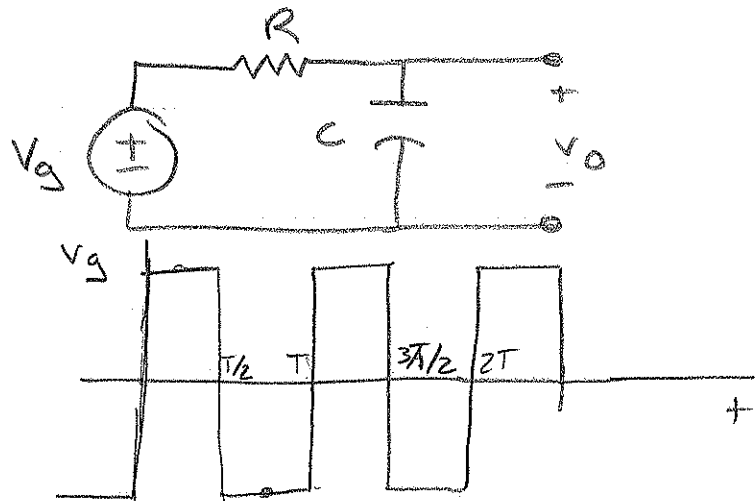
$$f(t) = a_v + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t - \theta_n)$$

Application

Even or Odd

Half-Wave? Yes

Quarter Wave? Yes



$$a_v = 0$$

$$a_k = 0 \text{ for all } k$$

$$b_k = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^{T/4} v_m \sin(k\omega_0 t) dt \quad \text{for } k \text{ odd}$$

$$= \frac{-8V_m}{T k \omega_0} \cos(k\omega_0 t) \Big|_0^{T/4}$$

$$= \frac{-8V_m}{T k \omega_0} \left[\cos\left(k\omega_0 \frac{T}{4}\right) - 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{-8V_m}{T k \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)} \left[\cos\left(k \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right) \left(\frac{T}{4}\right)\right) - 1 \right]$$

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$$b_k = \frac{-4V_m}{k\pi} \left(\underbrace{\cos\left(k\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}_{=0 \text{ for } k \text{ odd}} - 1 \right)$$

$$b_k = \frac{4V_m}{k\pi}$$

$$V_g = \frac{4V_m}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(n\omega_0 t)$$

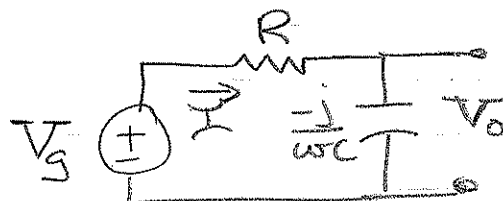
Expand the series

$$V_g = \frac{4V_m}{\pi} \sin(\omega_0 t) + \frac{4V_m}{3\pi} \sin(3\omega_0 t) + \frac{4V_m}{5\pi} \sin(5\omega_0 t) + \frac{4V_m}{7\pi} \sin(7\omega_0 t) + \dots$$

Voltage Source $\overset{(V_g)}{\Rightarrow}$ infinitely many series-connected sinusoidal sources.

$$-V_g + I\left(R - \frac{j}{\omega c}\right) = 0$$

$$I = \frac{V_g}{R - \frac{j}{\omega c}}$$



$$V_o = I \left(\frac{-j}{\omega c} \right)$$

$$V_o = \frac{-j V_g}{\omega c \left(R - \frac{j}{\omega c} \right)} = \frac{-j V_g}{\omega R C - j} \left(\frac{j}{j} \right)$$

$$\boxed{V_o = \frac{V_g}{1 + j\omega RC}} \quad \text{for each source.}$$

Since sources are sine functions, use phasors in terms of sine instead of cosine
For the fundamental frequency ($n=1$)

$$\bar{V}_{o1} = \frac{4V_m}{\pi} \angle 0^\circ = \frac{4V_m}{\pi \sqrt{1 + \omega_0^2 R^2 C^2}} \angle \beta_1$$

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$$\beta_1 = \tan^{-1}(\omega_0 RC)$$

$$V_{01} = \frac{4V_m}{\pi \sqrt{1 + \omega_0^2 R^2 C^2}} \angle -\beta_1$$

$$V_{01} = \frac{4V_m}{\pi \sqrt{1 + \omega_0^2 R^2 C^2}} \sin(\omega_0 t - \beta_1)$$

Third harmonic component (n=3)

$$V_{03} = \frac{\frac{4V_m}{3\pi} \angle 0^\circ}{1 + j3\omega_0 RC} = \frac{4V_m \angle -\beta_3}{3\pi \sqrt{1 + 9\omega_0^2 R^2 C^2}}$$

$$\beta_3 = \tan^{-1}(3\omega_0 RC)$$

$$V_{03} = \frac{4V_m}{3\pi \sqrt{1 + 9\omega_0^2 R^2 C^2}} \sin(3\omega_0 t - \beta_3)$$

In General for the kth harmonic component

$$V_{0k} = \frac{4V_m}{k\pi \sqrt{1 + k^2 \omega_0^2 R^2 C^2}} \sin(k\omega_0 t - \beta_k) \quad (k \text{ odd})$$

$$\beta_k = \tan^{-1}(k\omega_0 RC) \quad (k \text{ odd})$$

Fourier Series Representation (sum V_{0k} 's)

$$V_0(t) = \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{4V_m}{n\pi \sqrt{1 + n^2 \omega_0^2 R^2 C^2}} \sin(n\omega_0 t - \beta_n)$$

$$V_0(t) = \frac{4V_m}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\omega_0 t - \beta_n)}{n \sqrt{1 + (n\omega_0 RC)^2}}$$