

EECE 301  
Signals & Systems  
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**Note Set #8**

- C-T Signals: Computing the FS Coefficients

# Analytically Finding FS Coefficients

**Q: How do we find the Exponential Form FS Coefficients?**

**A: Use this: (it can be proved but we won't do that here!)**

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

**Integrate over  
any complete  
period**

Some books use  
only  $t_0 = 0$ .

where:  $T$  = fundamental period of  $x(t)$  (in seconds)

$\omega_0$  = fundamental frequency of  $x(t)$  (in rad/second)

$$= 2\pi/T$$

$t_0$  = any time point (you pick  $t_0$  to ease calculations)

$k \in$  all integers (... -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...)

Looks like we have to  
do this integral  
infinitely many  
times!!!

But... Usually you  
can do the integral in  
terms of arbitrary  $k$ !

Comment: Note that for  $k = 0$  this gives

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} x(t) dt$$

$c_0$  is the "DC offset", which is the  
time-average over one period

**Q: How do we find the Sine-Cosine Form FS Coefficients?**

**A: Use these: (can be proved but we won't do that here!)**

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} x(t) dt$$

$a_0$  is the “DC offset”, which is the time-average over one period

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

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

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$$= 2\pi/T$$

$t_0$  = any time point (you pick  $t_0$  to ease calculations)

$k \in$  all integers

**Q: How do we find the Amplitude-Phase Form FS Coefficients?**

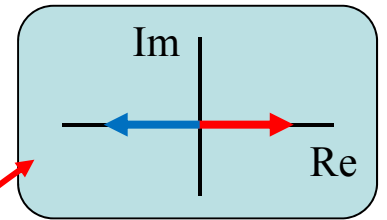
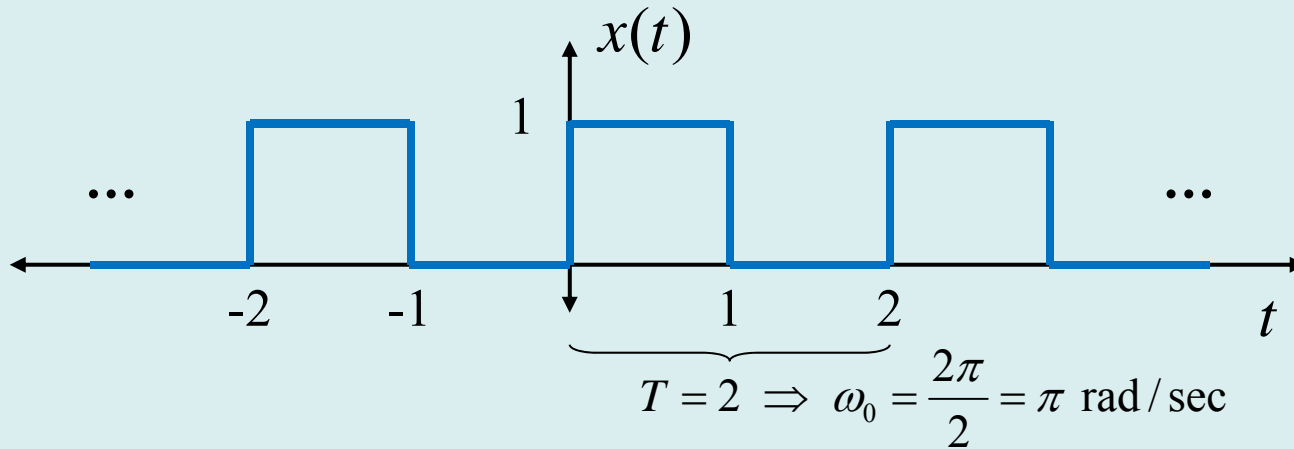
**A: No easy direct way! So convert from one of the other forms!**

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= a_0 \\ A_k &= \sqrt{a_k^2 + b_k^2} \\ \theta_k &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-b_k}{a_k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= c_0 \\ \left. \begin{aligned} A_k &= 2|c_k| \\ \theta_k &= \angle c_k \end{aligned} \right\} k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

- Recall... you can convert from any form into any other form using some simple equations!
- Thus... I tend to always find the  $c_k$  and then convert to other forms if needed.
- Why do I prefer to find the  $c_k$ ?
  - Only one integral to actually do (although it is complex valued!)
  - Integrals involving exponential are usually easier than for sinusoids!

## Example: FS of Rectangular Pulse Train



$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

choose  $t_0 = 0$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 x(t) e^{-jk\pi t} dt$$

$$= \frac{j}{2(k\pi)} [e^{-jk\pi} - 1]$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1, & k \text{ even} \\ -1, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 1 e^{-jk\pi t} dt + \int_1^2 0 \times e^{-jk\pi t} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 e^{-jk\pi t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{-jk\pi} e^{-jk\pi t} \right]_0^1$$

Not valid for  $k = 0 \dots$  so have to do that case separately!

$$c_k = \begin{cases} 0, & k \text{ even, } \neq 0 \\ \frac{-j}{k\pi}, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 1 e^{-j0\pi t} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 1 dt$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2}$$

DC Level (also called DC Offset)

So... we've found the exponential FS to be:

$$x(t) = \dots + \frac{-j}{-3\pi} e^{-j3\omega_0 t} + \frac{-j}{-1\pi} e^{-j1\omega_0 t} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{-j}{1\pi} e^{j1\omega_0 t} + \frac{-j}{3\pi} e^{j3\omega_0 t} + \dots$$

$$c_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & k = 0 \\ 0, & k \text{ even}, \neq 0 \\ \frac{-j}{k\pi}, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = c_0$$

$$a_k = 2 \operatorname{Re}\{c_k\}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$b_k = -2 \operatorname{Im}\{c_k\}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & k = 0 \\ 0, & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$b_k = \begin{cases} 0, & k \text{ even} \\ \frac{2}{k\pi}, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{1\pi} \sin(1\omega_0 t) + \frac{2}{3\pi} \sin(3\omega_0 t) + \frac{2}{5\pi} \sin(5\omega_0 t) + \dots$$

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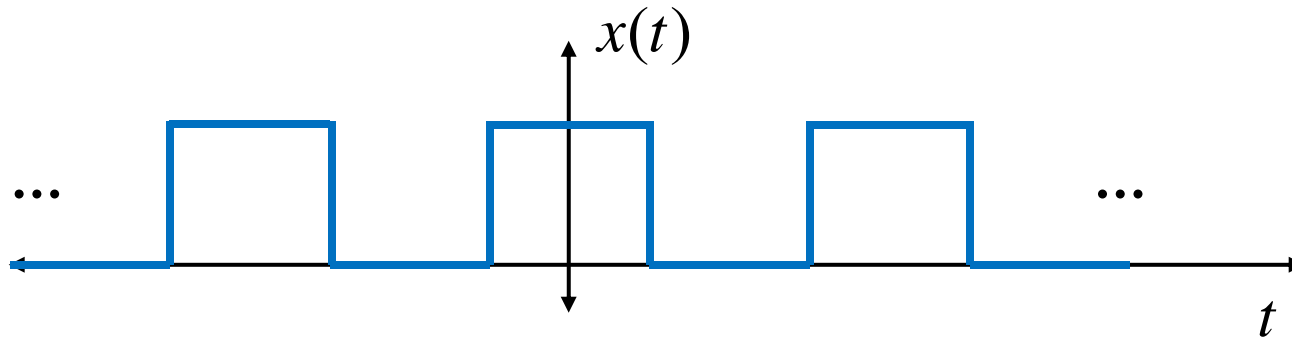
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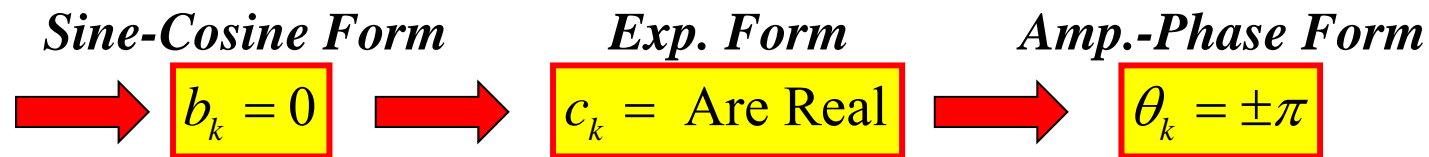
$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{1\pi} \cos(1\omega_0 t - \pi/2) + \frac{2}{3\pi} \cos(3\omega_0 t - \pi/2) + \frac{2}{5\pi} \cos(5\omega_0 t - \pi/2) + \dots$$

# Symmetry “Tricks” for Finding FS Coefficients

**Even Symmetry:**  $x(-t) = x(t)$  (“flipping” around  $t = 0$  does nothing)



Noting that cosines have even symmetry and sines have odd symmetry it is not surprising that an even  $x(t)$  needs only cosine components in the Sine-Cosine Form:

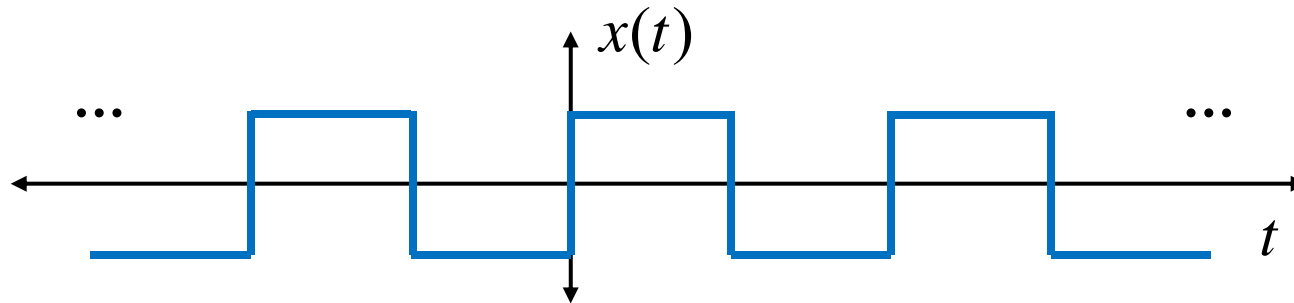


$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_0 &= a_0 \\ c_k &= \frac{1}{2}(a_k - jb_k) \\ c_{-k} &= \frac{1}{2}(a_k + jb_k) \end{aligned} \right\} k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

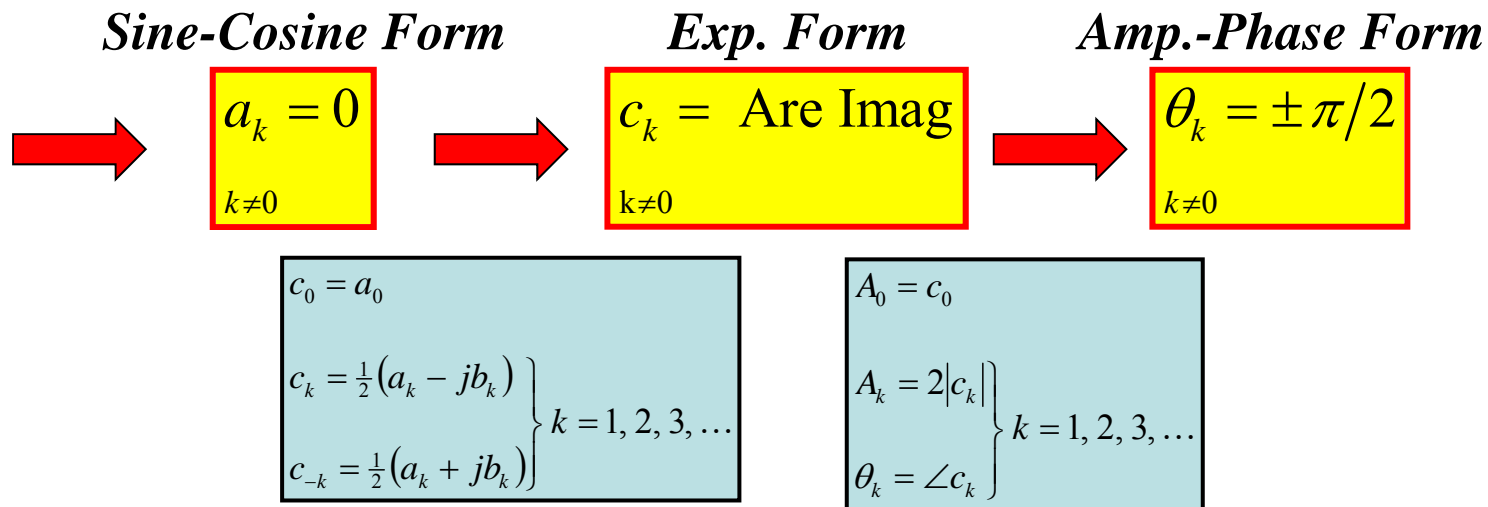
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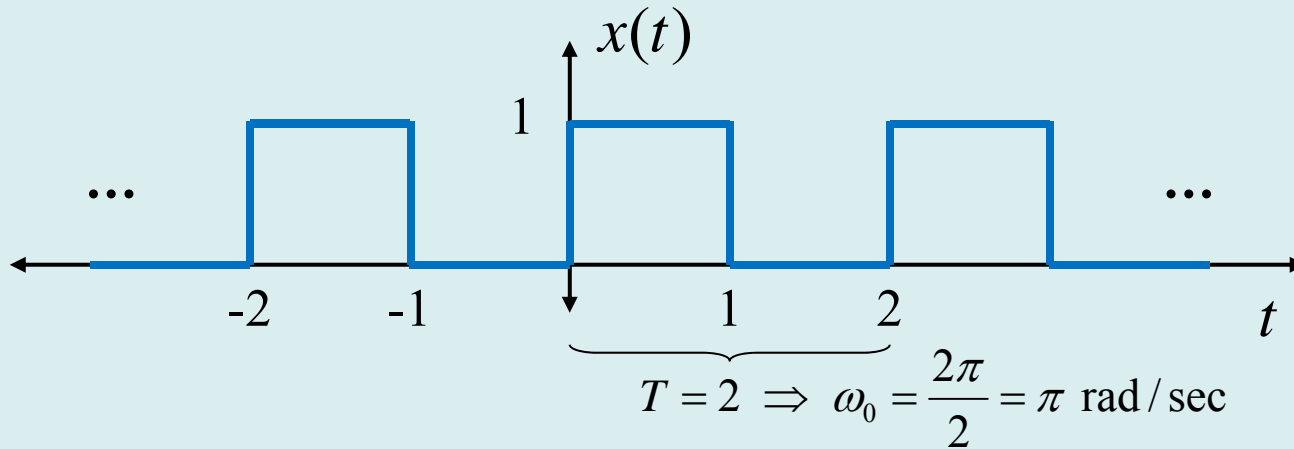
**Odd Symmetry**:  $x(-t) = -x(t)$  (“flipping” around  $t = 0$  negates  $x(t)$ )



Noting that cosines have even symmetry and sines have odd symmetry it is not surprising that an ODD  $x(t)$  needs only sine components in the Sine-Cosine Form:



## Recall Example: FS of Rectangular Pulse Train



*Sine-Cosine Form*

$$a_k = 0$$

$k \neq 0$



*Exp. Form*

$$c_k = \text{Re} \text{ and } \text{Imag}$$

$k \neq 0$



*Amp.-Phase Form*

$$\theta_k = \pm \pi/2$$

$k \neq 0$

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & k = 0 \\ 0, & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$b_k = \begin{cases} 0, & k \text{ even} \\ \frac{2}{k\pi}, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

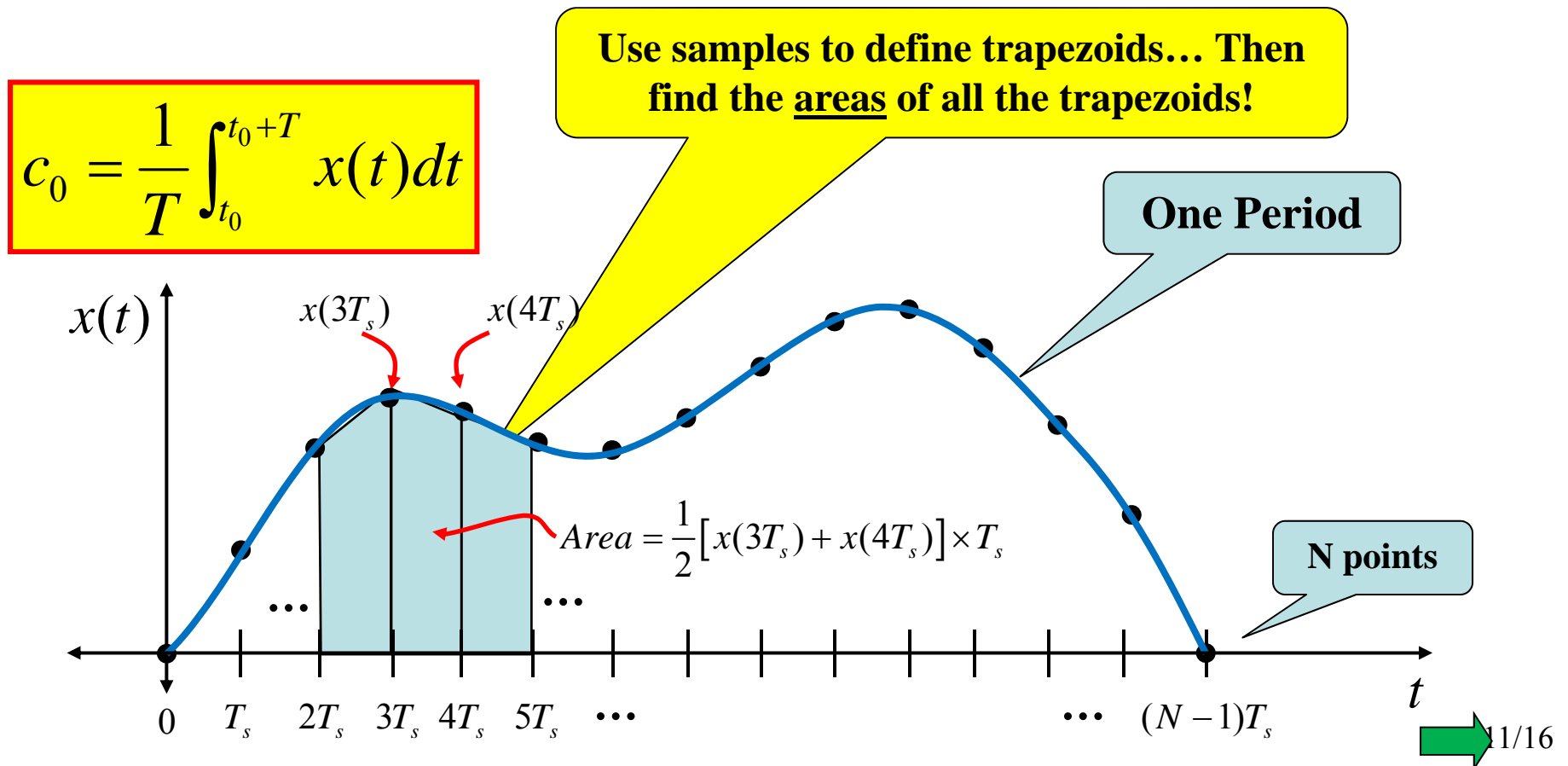
$$c_k = \begin{cases} 0, & k \text{ even}, \neq 0 \\ \frac{-j}{k\pi}, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\theta_k = \begin{cases} \text{N/A}, & k = 0 \\ \text{N/A}, & k \text{ even} \\ -\frac{\pi}{2}, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

# Numerically Finding FS Coefficients

Suppose you have a periodic signal and you want to find the FS coefficients... BUT it does not have a nice mathematical function that defines it (or it does but it is hard or impossible to do the integral)?

- We can numerically compute the integral!
- Remember that an integral finds the area under a curve...



So... we can use samples of the integrand to compute all the trapezoid areas and then use those to approximate the integral.

Fortunately, MATLAB has a command called “trapz” that does just this!

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

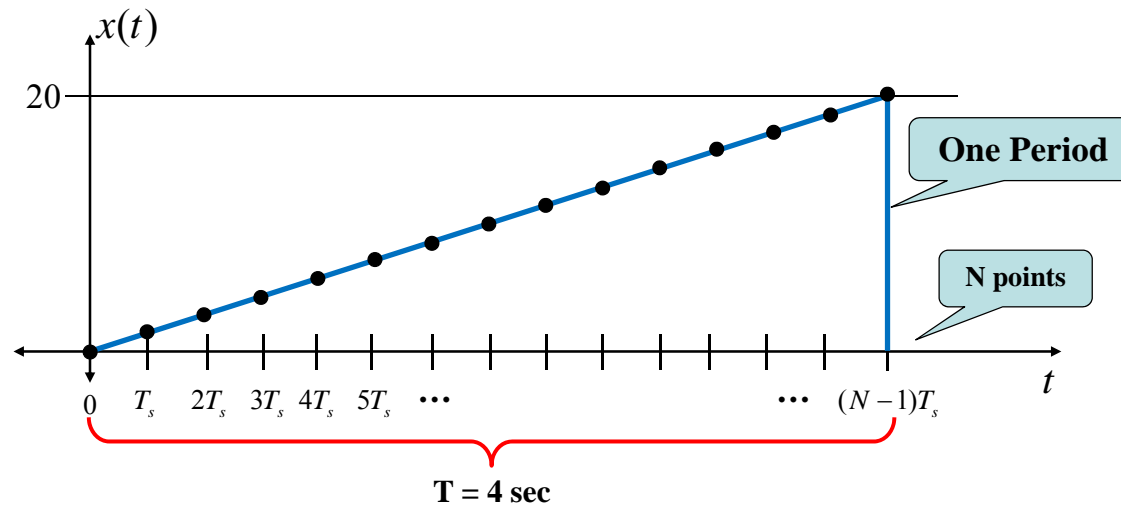
“dot star” is needed  
for point-by-point  
multiply

>> c\_k = (1/T)\*trapz(x.\*exp(-j\*k\*wo\*t))\*Ts

trapz assumes “unit spacing”  
... so you need this

x is the vector that holds the signal samples over one period  
t is a vector that holds the time values spaced Ts seconds apart  
T is the period of the signal  
wo is the fundamental frequency in rad/sec

## Example



On the command line:

```
>> T = 4;  
>> wo = 2*pi/T;  
>> Ts = 0.2;  
>> t = 0:0.2:T;  
>> x = (20/T)*t;  
>> c_0 = (1/T)*trapz(x.*exp(-j*0*wo*t))*Ts;  
>> c_1 = (1/T)*trapz(x.*exp(-j*1*wo*t))*Ts;  
>> c_2 = (1/T)*trapz(x.*exp(-j*2*wo*t))*Ts;
```

**Etc...**

Stored in an m-file script:

```
T = 4;           % Specify period in seconds  
wo = 2*pi/T;    % Compute fund. freq. in rad/sec  
K = 10;         % specify largest k value  
Ts = 0.05;      % Specify sample spacing  
t = 0:Ts:T;     % Compute vector of time samples  
x = (20/T)*t;   % Compute vector of signal samples  
for k = (-K):K  % loop through "all" coefficients  
    c(k+K+1) = (1/T)*trapz(x.*exp(-j*k*wo*t))*Ts;  
end
```

Important Issues:

- How to choose sampling interval  $T_s$ ?
- How to set largest  $k$  value??

**These  
Are  
Related!!**

## Choosing the Sampling Interval: $T_s$

Once we set  $K$  (the largest  $k$  value) the FS we can compute is truncated

$$x(t) \approx \sum_{k=-K}^K c_k e^{jk2\pi f_0 t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_o &= 2\pi f_o \\ \Rightarrow f_o &= 1/T\end{aligned}$$

So the highest frequency (in Hz) is  $Kf_o$

...so to avoid aliasing we need sampling frequency  $F_s > 2Kf_o$

```
T = 4;           % Specify period in seconds
wo = 2*pi/T;    % Compute fund. freq. in rad/sec
fo = 1/T;       % Compute fund. freq. in Hz
K = 10;         % specify largest k value
Fs = 4*K*fo;    % Compute sampling rate (set here to twice the minimum value of 2Kfo)
Ts = 1/Fs;      % Compute sample spacing
t = 0:Ts:T;     % Compute vector of time samples
x = (20/T)*t;   % Compute vector of signal samples
for k = (-K):K % loop through "all" coefficients
    c(k+K+1) = (1/T)*trapz(x.*exp(-j*k*wo*t))*Ts;
end
```

**Ends up being 0.1  
rather than 0.05 as  
specified above!**

Important Issue Remains:

- How to set largest  $k$  value??

**We'll address this  
next and also in the  
next set of notes**

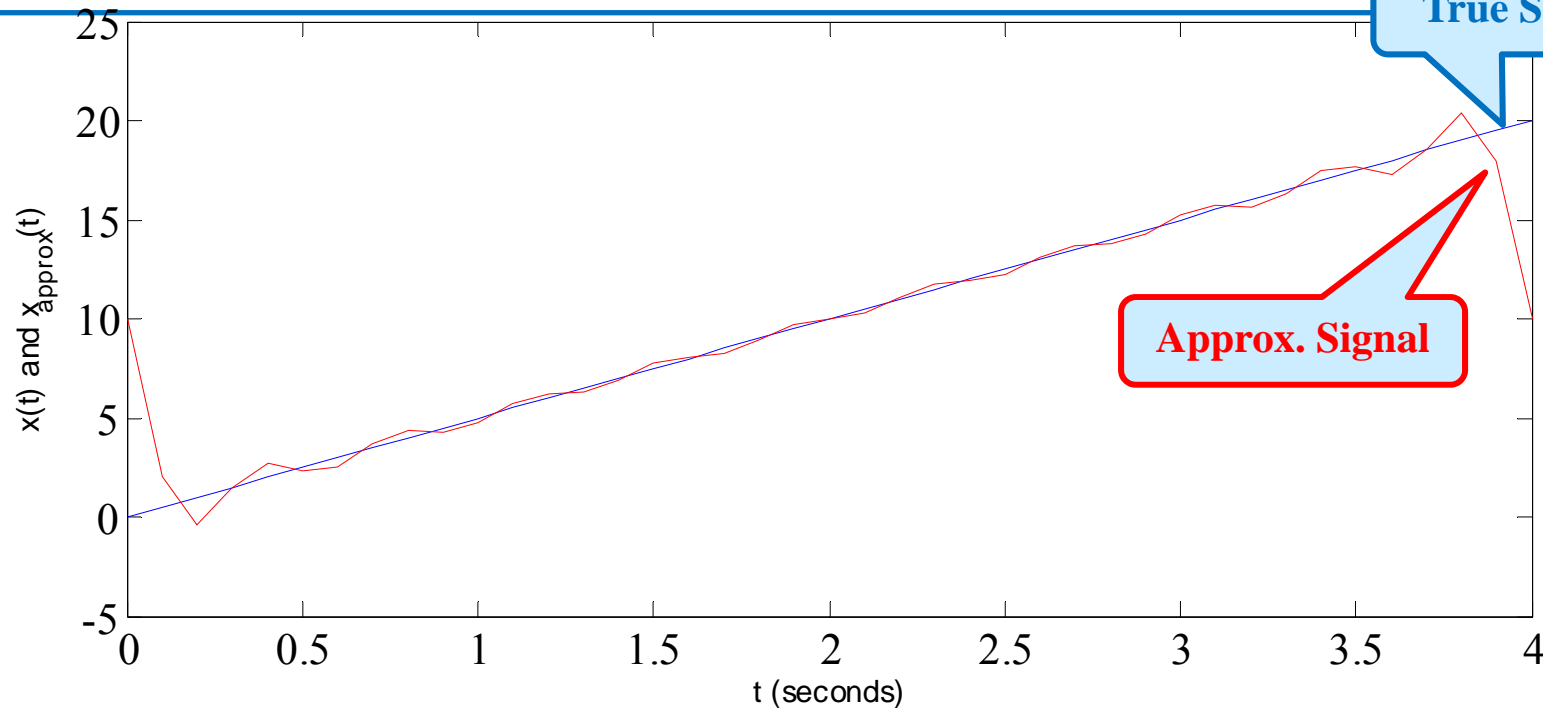
## Computing the Approximate Signal

Once we have the FS coefficients... can compute the truncated series:

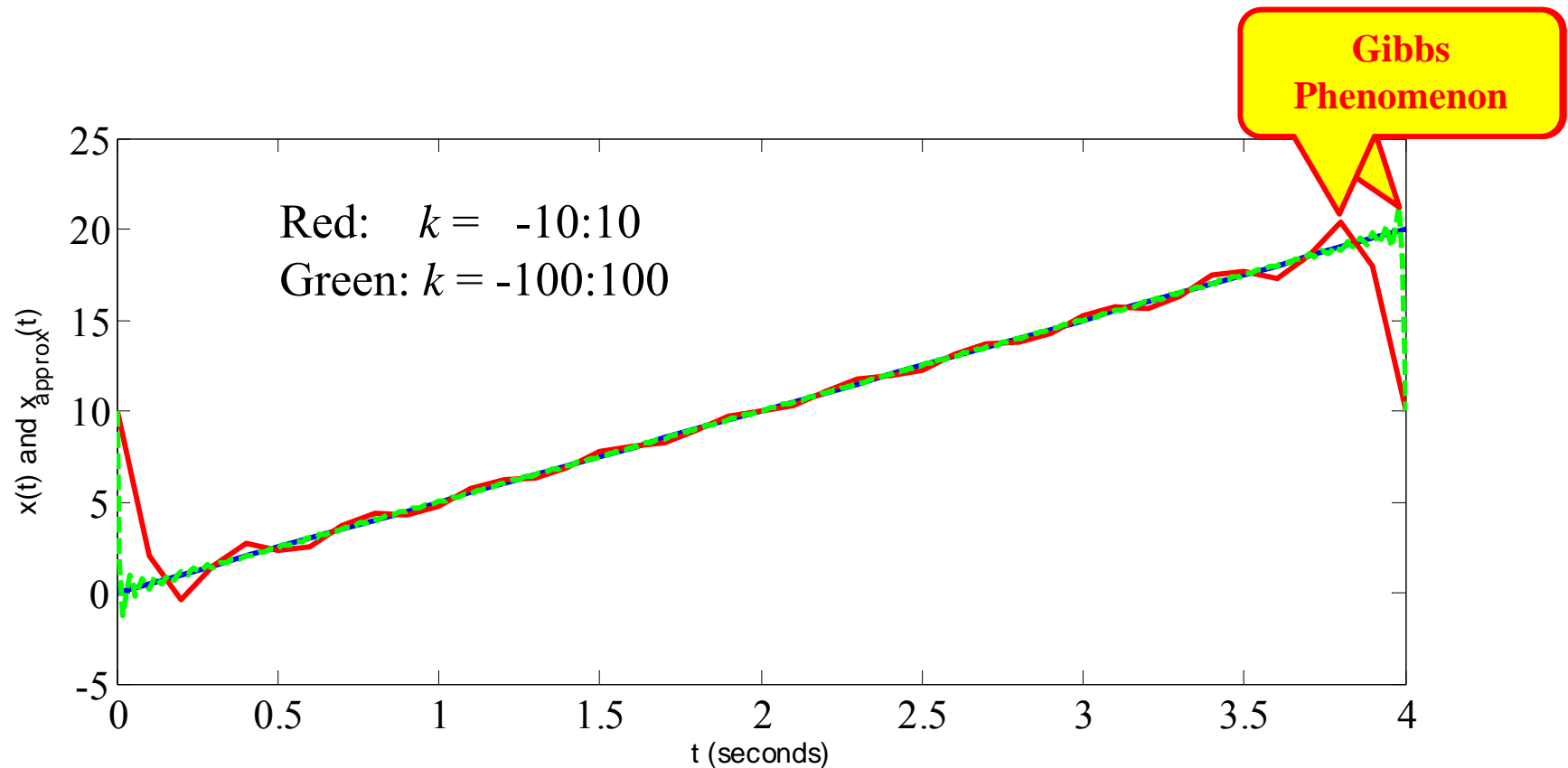
$$x(t) \approx \sum_{k=-K}^K c_k e^{jk2\pi f_0 t}$$

```
% Assume we have these quantities found previously: c, wo, K, Ts
t = 0:Ts:T; % computes over one period... but could compute over larger range
x_aprx = zeros(size(t)); % sets up vector of zeros as first "partial sum"
for k = (-K):K % loop through "all" coefficients
    x_aprx = x_aprx + c(k+K+1)*exp(j*k*wo*t); % Add current term to partial sum
end
x_aprx = real(x_aprx); % theory says imaginary parts cancel... so enforce this in case
% of numerical round-off issues
```

**Must be appropriate  
for largest frequency  
term used**



## Improving the Approximate Signal by using More Terms



- Note that more terms gives a better approximation... but there is still “ringing” error at the discontinuities regardless of how many terms are included.
- This is called the Gibbs Phenomenon.