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Suppose we have two signals with the same period,  $T = \frac{1}{F}$ ,

$$u(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n e^{i2\pi n F t}$$

$$\Rightarrow u^*(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n^* e^{-i2\pi n F t} \quad [u(t) = u^*(t) \text{ if real}]$$

$$v(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} V_n e^{i2\pi n F t}$$

Now multiply  $u^*(t)$  and  $v(t)$  together and take the average over  $[0, T]$ .

[Use different "dummy variables",  $n$  and  $m$ , so they don't get mixed up]

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u^*(t)v(t) \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n^* e^{-i2\pi n F t} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} V_m e^{i2\pi m F t} \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n^* \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} V_m \langle e^{-i2\pi n F t} e^{i2\pi m F t} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n^* \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} V_m \langle e^{i2\pi(m-n) F t} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

The quantity  $\langle \dots \rangle$  equals 1 if  $m = n$  and 0 otherwise, so the only non-zero element in the second sum is when  $m = n$ , so the second sum equals  $V_n$ .

Hence Parseval's theorem:  $\langle u^*(t)v(t) \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n^* V_n$

If  $v(t) = u(t)$  we get:  $\langle |u(t)|^2 \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n^* U_n = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |U_n|^2$

# [Manipulating sums]

If you have a multiplicative expression involving two or more sums, then you must use different dummy variables for each of the sums:

$$\sum_n af(n) \sum_m bg(m)$$

(1) You can always move any quantities to the right

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_n af(n) \sum_m bg(m) &= \sum_n a \sum_m bf(n)g(m) \\ &= \sum_n \sum_m abf(n)g(m)\end{aligned}$$

(2) You can move quantities to the left past a summation provided that they do not involve the dummy variable of the summation:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_n \sum_m abf(n)g(m) &= \sum_n af(n) \sum_m bg(m) \\ &\neq \sum_n af(n)g(m) \sum_m b\end{aligned}$$

The last expression doesn't make sense in any case since  $m$  is undefined outside  $\sum_m$

(3) You can swap the summation order if the sum converges absolutely

$$\sum_n \sum_m h(n, m) = \sum_m \sum_n h(n, m) \quad \text{provided that } \sum_n \sum_m |h(n, m)| < \infty$$

The equality on the left is not necessarily true if the sum does not converge absolutely. Of course, if the sum has only a finite number of terms, it is bound to converge absolutely.

# Power Conservation

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The **average power** of a periodic signal is given by  $P_u \triangleq \langle |u(t)|^2 \rangle$ .

This is the average electrical power that would be dissipated if the signal represents the voltage across a  $1 \Omega$  resistor.

**Parseval's Theorem:** 
$$P_u = \langle |u(t)|^2 \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |U_n|^2$$

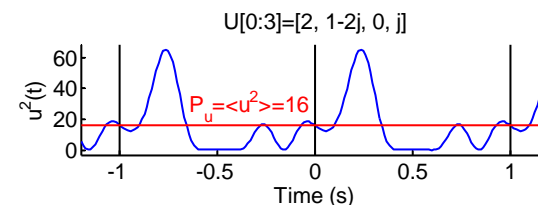
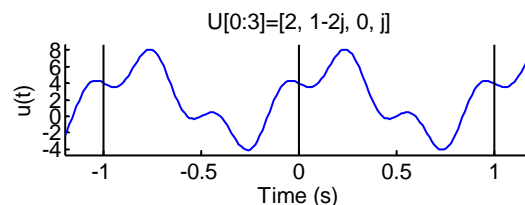
$$= |U_0|^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |U_n|^2 \quad [\text{assume } u(t) \text{ real}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \quad [U_{+n} = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2}]$$

Parseval's theorem  $\Rightarrow$  **the average power in  $u(t)$  is equal to the sum of the average powers in each of its Fourier components.**

**Example:** 
$$u(t) = 2 + 2 \cos 2\pi Ft + 4 \sin 2\pi Ft - 2 \sin 6\pi Ft$$

$$\langle |u(t)|^2 \rangle = 4 + \frac{1}{2} (2^2 + 4^2 + (-2)^2) = 16$$



$$U_{0:3} = [2, 1 - 2i, 0, i] \quad \Rightarrow \quad |U_0|^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |U_n|^2 = 16$$

# Magnitude Spectrum and Power Spectrum

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The *spectrum* of a periodic signal is the values of  $\{U_n\}$  versus  $nF$ .

The *magnitude spectrum* is the values of  $\{|U_n|\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a_{|n|}^2 + b_{|n|}^2} \right\}$ .

The *power spectrum* is the values of  $\{|U_n|^2\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{4} (a_{|n|}^2 + b_{|n|}^2) \right\}$ .

Example:

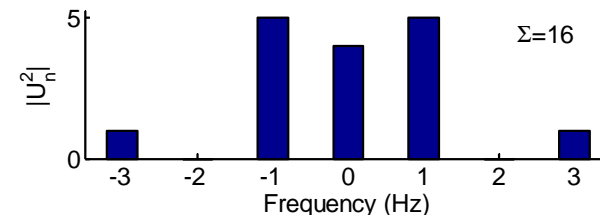
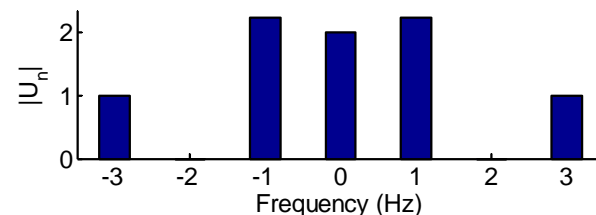
$$u(t) = 2 + 2 \cos 2\pi Ft + 4 \sin 2\pi Ft - 2 \sin 6\pi Ft$$

Fourier Coefficients:  $a_{0:3} = [4, 2, 0, 0]$        $b_{1:3} = [4, 0, -2]$

Spectrum:  $U_{-3:3} = [-i, 0, 1 + 2i, 2, 1 - 2i, 0, i]$

Magnitude Spectrum:  $|U_{-3:3}| = [1, 0, \sqrt{5}, 2, \sqrt{5}, 0, 1]$

Power Spectrum:  $|U_{-3:3}^2| = [1, 0, 5, 4, 5, 0, 1]$        $[\Sigma = \langle u^2(t) \rangle]$



The **magnitude** and **power** spectra of a real periodic signal are **symmetrical**.

A **one-sided power spectrum** shows  $U_0$  and then  $2|U_n|^2$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

# Product of Signals

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If  $w(t) = u(t)v(t)$  then  $W_r = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} U_{r-m} V_m \triangleq U_r * V_r$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} w(t) &= u(t)v(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n e^{i2\pi n F t} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} V_m e^{i2\pi m F t} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n V_m e^{i2\pi(m+n) F t} \end{aligned}$$

Now we change the summation variable to use  $r$  instead of  $n$ :

$$r = m + n \Rightarrow n = r - m$$

This is a one-to-one mapping: every pair  $(m, n)$  in the range  $\pm\infty$  corresponds to exactly one pair  $(m, r)$  in the same range.

$$w(t) = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} U_{r-m} V_m e^{i2\pi r F t} = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} W_r e^{i2\pi r F t}$$

$$\text{where } W_r = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} U_{r-m} V_m \triangleq U_r * V_r.$$

$W_r$  is the sum of all products  $U_n V_m$  for which  $m + n = r$ .

The spectrum  $W_r = U_r * V_r$  is called the **convolution** of  $U_r$  and  $V_r$ .

# Convolution Properties

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Convolution behaves algebraically like multiplication:

- 1) **Commutative:**  $U_r * V_r = V_r * U_r$
- 2) **Associative:**  $U_r * V_r * W_r = (U_r * V_r) * W_r = U_r * (V_r * W_r)$
- 3) **Distributive over addition:**  $W_r * (U_r + V_r) = W_r * U_r + W_r * V_r$
- 4) **Identity Element or "1":** If  $I_r = \begin{cases} 1 & r = 0 \\ 0 & r \neq 0 \end{cases}$ , then  $I_r * U_r = U_r$

Proofs: (all sums are over  $\pm\infty$ )

- 1) Substitute for  $m$ :  $n = r - m \Leftrightarrow m = r - n$  [1  $\leftrightarrow$  1 for any  $r$ ]  
$$\sum_m U_{r-m} V_m = \sum_n U_n V_{r-n}$$
- 2) Substitute for  $n$ :  $k = r + m - n \Leftrightarrow n = r + m - k$  [1  $\leftrightarrow$  1]  
$$\begin{aligned} \sum_n ((\sum_m U_{n-m} V_m) W_{r-n}) &= \sum_k ((\sum_m U_{r-k} V_m) W_{k-m}) \\ &= \sum_k \sum_m U_{r-k} V_m W_{k-m} = \sum_k (U_{r-k} (\sum_m V_m W_{k-m})) \end{aligned}$$
- 3)  $\sum_m W_{r-m} (U_m + V_m) = \sum_m W_{r-m} U_m + \sum_m W_{r-m} V_m$
- 4)  $I_{r-m} U_m = 0$  unless  $m = r$ . Hence  $\sum_m I_{r-m} U_m = U_r$ .

# Convolution Example

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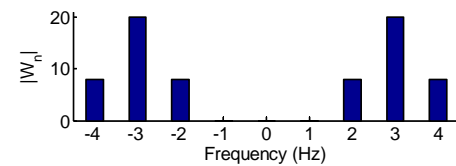
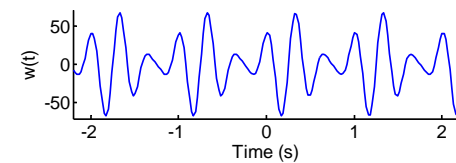
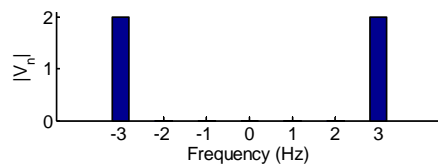
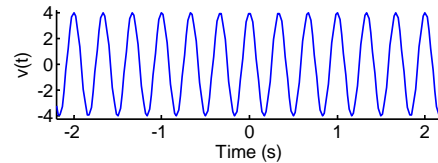
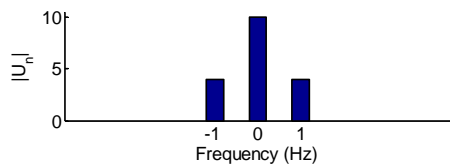
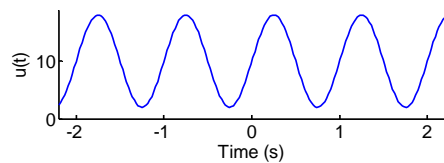
$$u(t) = 10 + 8 \sin 2\pi t$$

$$U_{-1:1} = [4i, \underline{10}, -4i]$$

$$v(t) = 4 \cos 6\pi t$$

$$V_{-3:3} = [2, 0, 0, \underline{0}, 0, 0, 2]$$

$$[\underline{0} = V_0]$$



$$w(t) = u(t)v(t) = (10 + 8 \sin 2\pi t) 4 \cos 6\pi t$$

$$= 40 \cos 6\pi t + 32 \sin 2\pi t \cos 6\pi t$$

$$= 40 \cos 6\pi t + 16 \sin 8\pi t - 16 \sin 4\pi t$$

$$W_{-4:4} = [8i, 20, -8i, 0, \underline{0}, 0, 8i, 20, -8i]$$

To convolve  $U_n$  and  $V_n$ :

Replace each harmonic in  $V_n$  by a scaled copy of the entire  $\{U_n\}$  (or vice versa) and sum the complex-valued coefficients of any overlapping harmonics.



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Two polynomials:  $u(x) = U_3x^3 + U_2x^2 + U_1x + U_0$

$$v(x) = V_2x^2 + V_1x + V_0$$

Now multiply the two polynomials together:

$$\begin{aligned}w(x) &= u(x)v(x) \\ &= U_3V_2x^5 + (U_3V_1 + U_2V_2)x^4 + (U_3V_0 + U_2V_1 + U_1V_2)x^3 \\ &\quad + (U_2V_0 + U_1V_1 + U_0V_2)x^2 + (U_1V_0 + U_0V_1)x + U_0V_0\end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of  $x^r$  consists of all the coefficient pair from  $U$  and  $V$  where the subscripts add up to  $r$ . For example, for  $r = 3$ :

$$W_3 = U_3V_0 + U_2V_1 + U_1V_2 = \sum_{m=0}^2 U_{3-m}V_m$$

If all the missing coefficients are assumed to be zero, we can write

$$W_r = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} U_{r-m}V_m \triangleq U_r * V_r$$

So, to **multiply two polynomials**, you **convolve** their coefficient sequences.

Actually, the complex Fourier Series is just a polynomial:

$$u(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n e^{i2\pi n F t} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n (e^{i2\pi F t})^n$$

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- **Parseval's Theorem:**  $\langle u^*(t)v(t) \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_n^* V_n$ 
  - **Power Conservation:**  $\langle |u(t)|^2 \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |U_n|^2$
  - or in terms of  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ :
$$\langle |u(t)|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4}a_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)$$
- **Linearity:**  $w(t) = au(t) + bv(t) \Leftrightarrow W_n = aU_n + bV_n$
- **Product of signals  $\Leftrightarrow$  Convolution of complex Fourier coefficients:**
$$w(t) = u(t)v(t) \Leftrightarrow W_n = U_n * V_n \triangleq \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} U_{n-m} V_m$$
- **Convolution acts like multiplication:**
  - **Commutative:**  $U * V = V * U$
  - **Associative:**  $U * V * W$  is unambiguous
  - **Distributes over addition:**  $U * (V + W) = U * V + U * W$
  - **Has an identity:**  $I_r = 1$  if  $r = 0$  and  $= 0$  otherwise
- **Polynomial multiplication  $\Leftrightarrow$  convolution of coefficients**

For further details see RHB Chapter 12.8.