Read Chapter 2, pp. 9–23.

## 1 Goals

1. Description of a sinusoid

- (a) Plotting a sinusoid
- (b) Recognizing parameters from a plot
- 2. Method of combining two or more sinusoids of the same frequency

## 2 A Sinusoid

1. (Definition) A sinusoid is a signal that can be described in the following form.

 $x(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi), \quad A \ge 0, \quad \omega_0 \ge 0, \quad \phi \in \mathbb{R}.$ 

- (a) Amplitude: A
- (b) Angular frequency or radian frequency:  $\omega_0$  [rad/s]
- (c) Phase or Phase angle:  $\phi$  usually  $[-\pi,\pi]$  or  $[0,2\pi]$
- 2. (Example)  $x(t) = 3\cos(2t+2)$ . Convert it to  $x(t) = 3\cos(2(t+1))$ 
  - (a) Plot  $\cos(t)$ : the basic form



(b) Plot  $\cos(2t)$ : time-scaling



(c) Plot  $\cos(2\Box)|_{\Box=t+1}$ : time-shifting by 1 to the left



(d) Magnitude Scale by 3



- 3. (Notes)
  - (a) A sinusoid is also called a *sinusoidal signal*, but rarely a cosinusoidal signal.

$$A\sin(\omega_0 t + \phi) = A\cos\left(\omega_0 t + \phi - \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

The choice for the standard form seems somewhat arbitrary.

- i. Either choice does not lose generality: one is a phase-shifted version of the other.
- ii. The cos form is preferred. One reason is that its Fourier transform is real, as opposed to complex.
- (b) The amplitude of a sinusoid is nonnegative.

(Example) Find the amplitude, radian frequency, and phase angle of  $x(t) = -3\cos(2t+2)$ 

$$x(t) = -3\cos(2t+2) = 3\cos(2t+2\pm\pi),$$

where is used a trigonometric identity  $\cos(\theta \pm \pi) = -\cos\theta$ .

- (c) The argument of a sinusoid is angle  $\omega_0 t + \phi$  measured in *radians*.
- (d) The angle increases  $\omega_0$  rad/s, which is called the *angular velocity* in physics. We call it the angular frequency.
- (e) A sinusoid is a periodic signal.
- (f) The **fundamental period**  $T_0$  is given by

$$T_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$$

To find the fundamental period,

- i. Find a positive T such that x(t+T) = x(t) for all t.
- ii. Find the smallest such T, if exists.

$$x(t+T) = x(t) \implies A\cos(\omega_0(t+T) + \phi) = A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$
$$\implies \omega_0 T = 2\pi n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Then

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

- 4. Two forms of frequency
  - (a) (Frequency) Instead of the angular (radian) frequency, we often use *frequency* as the number of periods per second.

$$\frac{1}{T_0} = \frac{\text{no. of fundamental periods}}{\text{second}} = \frac{\text{no. of cycles}}{\text{second}} = f_0$$

The unit is cycles/s or Hertz [Hz].

(b) (Frequency Relationship)

$$T_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}, \quad f_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}$$
$$\implies f_0 = \omega_0 2\pi \quad \text{or} \quad \omega_0 = 2\pi f_0.$$

5. (Phase angle or phase shift) The phase angle  $\phi$  is equivalent to *time-shift* by  $\phi/\omega_0$  to the left.

$$x(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi), \quad y(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t)$$
$$\implies \quad x(t) = y\left(t + \frac{\phi}{\omega_0}\right) = A\cos\left(\omega_0(t + \frac{\phi}{\omega_0})\right).$$

6. (Zero Frequency) For  $\omega_0 = 0$  or  $f_0 = 0$ 

$$x(t) = A\cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi) = A\cos\phi.$$

A constant (dc) signal is a degenerated case of a sinusoid.

7. (Negative Frequency for Sinusoids?)

$$\cos(-2\pi f_0 t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \cos(-2\pi f_0 t + \phi) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t - \phi)$$

We require that  $f_0$  be nonnegative by convention. We do *not* lose generality in so doing.

## **3** Parameter Identification

Statement Given a plot of a sinusoid

$$x(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) = A\cos\left(\omega_0\left(t + \frac{\phi}{\omega_0}\right)\right),$$

identify A,  $\omega_0$  and  $\phi$ .

1.  $A = \max_{t} x(t)$ 

2.  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T_0}$ , where  $T_0$  is the fundamental period, which equals the time span for one cycle.

3. The "first" maximum occurs at  $t = -\frac{\phi}{\omega_0}$ . Measure  $t_z$  and then

$$t_z = \frac{\phi}{\omega_0} \implies \phi = \omega_0 t_z.$$



## 4 Sums of Sinusoids

We will develop systematic methods to find and simplify a sum of sinusoids using complex exponential signals.

1. (Fact) A sum of multiple sinusoids of the same frequency is a sinusoid of that frequency.

$$A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) + B\cos(\omega_0 t + \psi) = C\cos(\omega_0 t + \theta)$$

- 2. (Fact) A sum of two sinusoids of the different frequencies is not a sinusoid.
  - (a) If the ratio of the periods is rational, then it is periodic.
  - (b) Otherwise, it is aperiodic.
- 3. We will develop a method, where we utilize

sinusoid = Real Part of a complex exponential signal.