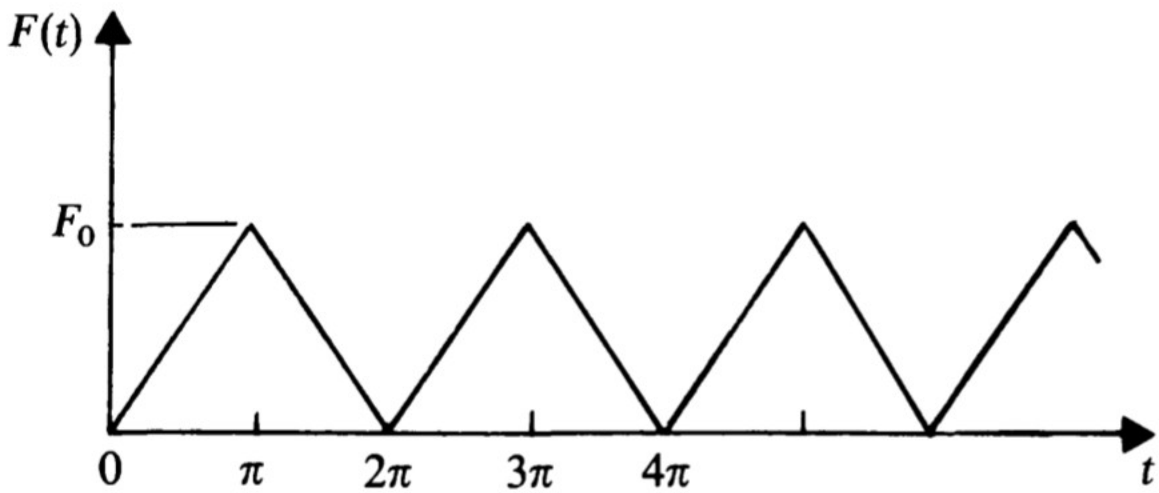
Practice Problem Set 5A

Fourier Series Approx of Periodic Forcing Function

Do the following problems from the book:

5.6: Find the Fourier series expansion of the function shown below:



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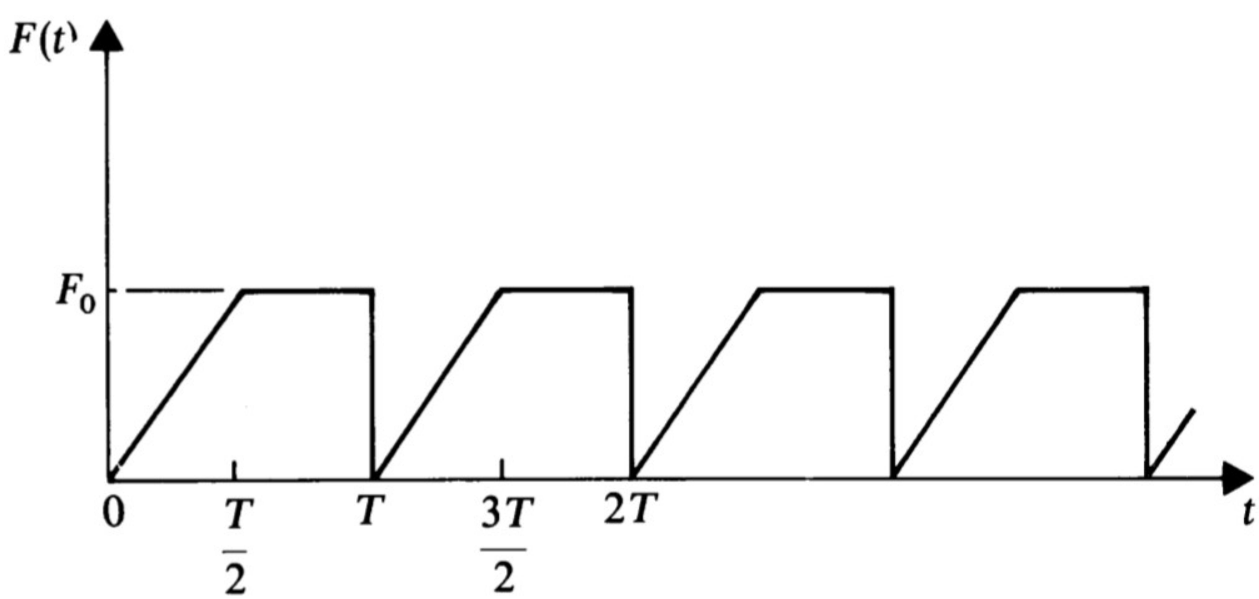

SCROLL

DOWN

FOR

SOLUTION

(But don't get tempted by the dark side. Resist! Use the, um, Force?)

ARE

YOU

SURE?

(Go back up and think harder? Also, what exactly are you looking for in the solution below?)

SOLUTION

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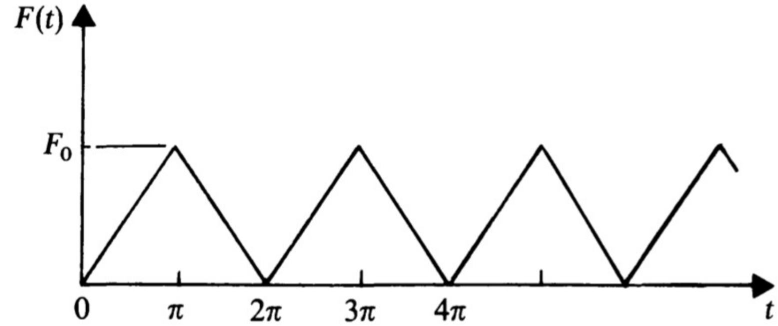

(6)

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{F_o}{\pi} t & 0 \le t \le \pi \\ -\frac{F_o}{\pi} t & -\pi \le t \le 0 \end{cases}$$

$$T_f = 2\pi \quad , \quad \omega_f = \frac{2\pi}{T_f} = 1$$

$$F(t) = F(-t)$$

$\Rightarrow$ $F(t)$ is an even function

$$b_n = 0$$

$$F(t) = \frac{a_o}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n\omega_f t$$

$$a_o = \frac{2}{T_f} \int_{-\frac{T_f}{2}}^{\frac{T_f}{2}} F(t)\, dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^{0} \frac{(-F_o)}{\pi} t\, dt + \int_{0}^{\pi} \frac{F_o}{\pi} t\, dt \right.$$

$$= F_o$$

(6) Cont'd

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T_f} \int_{-\frac{T_f}{2}}^{\frac{T_f}{2}} F(t) \cos n\omega_f t\, dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^{0} \frac{(-F_o)}{\pi} t \cos nt\, dt + \int_{0}^{\pi} \frac{F_o}{\pi} t \cos nt\, dt \right.$$

$$= \frac{2F_o}{(n\pi)^2} \left[(-1)^n - 1 \right]$$

$$\therefore \quad a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{-4F_o}{(n\pi)^2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$F(t) = \frac{F_o}{2} - \sum_{n=1,3,5}^{\infty} \frac{4F_o}{(n\pi)^2} \cos nt$$

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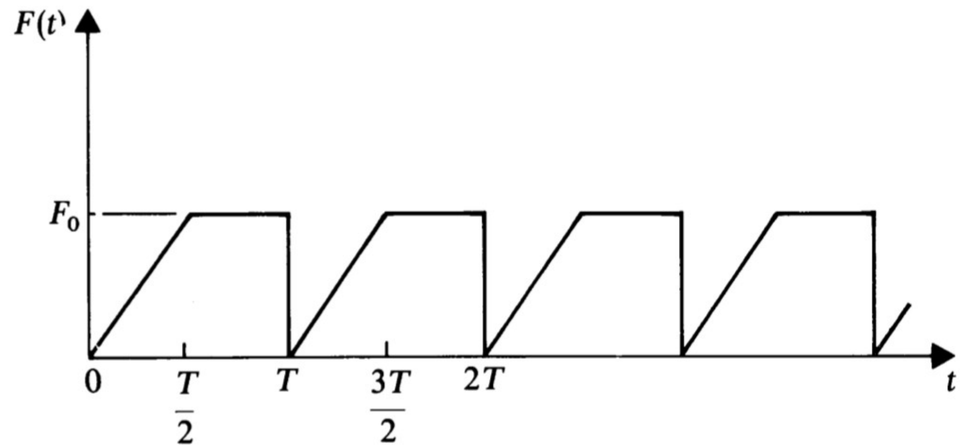

(13)

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2F_o}{T} t & 0 \le t \le \frac{T}{2} \\ F_o & -\frac{T}{2} \le t \le 0 \end{cases}$$

$$T_f = T, \quad \omega_f = \frac{2\pi}{T_f} = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$F(t) = \frac{a_o}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega_f t + b_n \sin n\omega_f t)$$

$$a_o = \frac{2}{T_f} \int_{-\frac{T_f}{2}}^{\frac{T_f}{2}} F(t)\,dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left(\int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{0} F_o\,dt + \int_0^{\frac{T}{2}} \frac{2F_o}{T} t\,dt \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} F_o$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T_f} \int_{-\frac{T_f}{2}}^{\frac{T_f}{2}} F(t) \cos n\omega_f t\,dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left(\int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{0} F_o \cos \frac{2n\pi}{T} t\,dt + \int_0^{\frac{T}{2}} \frac{2F_o}{T} t \cos \frac{2n\pi}{T} t\,dt \right)$$

$$= \frac{F_o}{(n\pi)^2} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{-2F_o}{(n\pi)^2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

(13) Cont'd

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T_f} \int_{-\frac{T_f}{2}}^{\frac{T_f}{2}} F(t) \sin n\omega_f t\,dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left(\int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{0} F_o \sin \frac{2n\pi}{T} t\,dt + \int_0^{\frac{T}{2}} \frac{2F_o}{T} t \sin \frac{2n\pi}{T} t\,dt \right)$$

$$= -\frac{F_o}{n\pi}$$

$$\therefore F(t) = \frac{3}{4} F_o - \sum_{n=1,3,5}^{\infty} \frac{2F_o}{(n\pi)^2} \cos \frac{2n\pi}{T} t - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_o}{n\pi} \sin \frac{2n\pi}{T} t$$