

Fourier Series of a Square Wave.

Let one period of a periodic signal of fundamental period T_0 be defined by

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} A, & |t| < T_0 / 4 \\ -A, & T_0 / 4 < |t| < T_0 / 2 \end{cases}$$

Its CTFS harmonic function (with $T = T_0$) is

$$c_x[k] = 1/T_0 \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} x(t) e^{-j2\pi kt/T_0} dt = 1/T_0 \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} x(t) [\cos(2\pi kt/T_0) - j\sin(2\pi kt/T_0)] dt$$

$$c_x[k] = 2/T_0 \int_0^{T_0/2} x(t) \cos(2\pi kt/T_0) dt = \frac{2A}{T_0} \left[\int_0^{T_0/4} \cos(2\pi kt/T_0) dt - \int_{T_0/4}^{T_0/2} \cos(2\pi kt/T_0) dt \right]$$

$$c_x[k] = \frac{2A}{T_0} \left[\frac{\sin(2\pi kt/T_0)}{2\pi k/T_0} \Big|_0^{T_0/4} - \frac{\sin(2\pi kt/T_0)}{2\pi k/T_0} \Big|_{T_0/4}^{T_0/2} \right]$$

$$c_x[k] = A \left[\frac{\sin(\pi k/2)}{\pi k/2} - \frac{\sin(\pi k)}{\pi k} \right] = A [\text{sinc}(\pi k/2) - \text{sinc}(\pi k)]$$

$$c_x[0] = 0$$

This is the average value of the function and must be zero.