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Periodic Function

Definition 7. A function $f(t)$ is said to be **periodic of period T** ($\neq 0$) if

$$f(t + T) = f(t)$$

for all t in the domain of f .

Discussion

- What is a periodic function
- Sine/Tangent/general periodic function
- Book pics
- “Windowed” version of a periodic function

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$$f(t) := \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < t < 1, \\ -1, & 1 < t < 2, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } f(t) \text{ has period 2.}$$

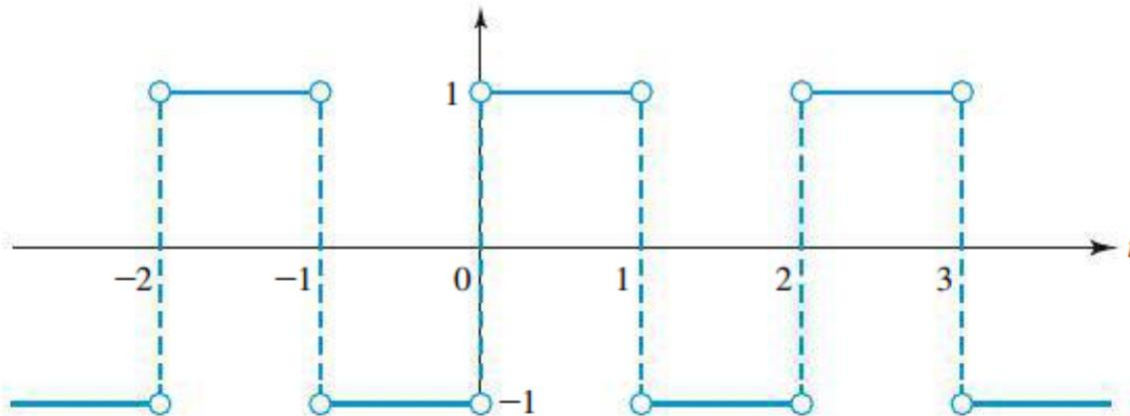


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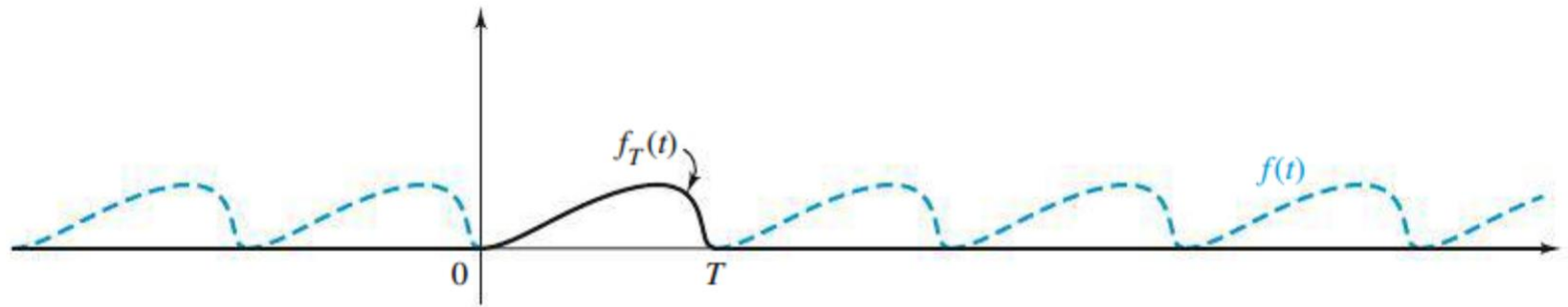


Figure 7.20 Windowed version of periodic function

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It is convenient to introduce a notation for the “windowed” version of a periodic function $f(t)$, using a rectangular window whose width is the period:

$$(2) \quad f_T(t) := f(t)\Pi_{0,T}(t) = f(t)[u(t) - u(t - T)] = \begin{cases} f(t), & 0 < t < T, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Transform of Periodic Function

Theorem 9. If f has period T and is piecewise continuous on $[0, T]$, then the Laplace transforms

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \quad \text{and} \quad F_T(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f_T(t) dt = \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

are related by

$$(3) \quad F_T(s) = F(s) [1 - e^{-sT}] \quad \text{or} \quad F(s) = \frac{F_T(s)}{1 - e^{-sT}}.$$

Proof:

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Example 1 Determine $\mathcal{L}\{f\}$, where f is the periodic square wave function $f(t) := \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < t < 1, \\ -1, & 1 < t < 2, \end{cases}$ and $f(t)$ has period 2.

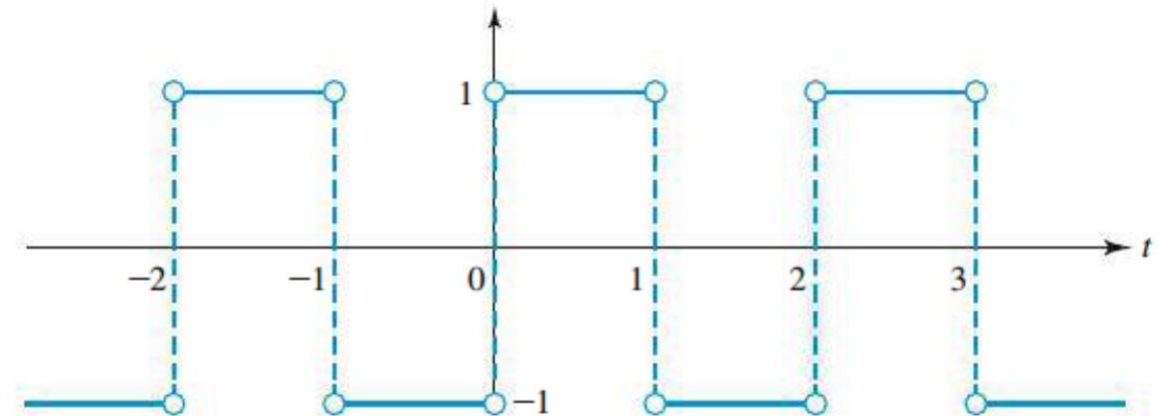


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Transforms of Power Functions (Series)

Discussion

- $\mathcal{L}\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n t^n \} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}\{ c_n t^n \}$

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Transforms of Power Functions (Series)

Example 2 Determine $\mathcal{L}\{f\}$, where $f(t) := \begin{cases} \frac{\sin t}{t}, & t \neq 0, \\ 1, & t = 0. \end{cases}$

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Transforms of Power Functions (Non-Integer Powers)

Discussion

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Notes

- This integral converges for all $r > 0$
- Recursive formula: $\Gamma(r+1) = r\Gamma(r)$
- $\Gamma(1) = 1$
- When n is an integer, $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$
- $\mathcal{L}\{t^r\} = \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{s^{r+1}}$ is true for all $r > -1$ even when r is NOT an integer

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Example 3 Given that $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$, find the Laplace transform of $f(t) = t^{3/2}e^{2t}$.