

**Exercises:**

1. Compute the Fourier coefficients,  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  for the “flipped” bipolar, triangle wave, in the time domain:

$$f(\theta) = f(kx) = -(2/\pi)\theta \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \theta < \pi/2$$

$$f(\theta) = f(kx) = +(2/\pi)\theta - 2 \quad \text{for } \pi/2 \leq \theta < 3\pi/2$$

$$f(\theta) = f(kx) = -(2/\pi)\theta + 4 \quad \text{for } 3\pi/2 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

Compare these Fourier coefficients with those obtained above for the “unflipped” bipolar triangle wave.

2. Compute the Fourier coefficients,  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  for the “shifted” bipolar triangle wave, in the time domain:

$$f(\theta) = f(kx) = +(2/\pi)\theta - 1 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \theta < \pi$$

$$f(\theta) = f(kx) = -(2/\pi)\theta + 3 \quad \text{for } \pi \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

Compare these Fourier coefficients with those obtained above for the “unflipped” and “flipped” bipolar triangle waves.

3. Work your way through the details of computing the Fourier coefficients,  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  for the above-discussed *specific* case of the bipolar sawtooth wave.
4. Concoct a waveform shape of your own interest, write out its mathematical representation,  $f(\theta)$  over the interval  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , and compute the Fourier coefficients,  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  associated with your waveform.
5. For each of the above exercises, use e.g. *MathLab*, or a spreadsheet program, such as *Excel* to make plots of the harmonic amplitudes,  $|r_n|$ , the loudness ratios,  $L_n/L_1$  and Fourier construction of the original waveform, for e.g. the first few harmonics.

**References for Fourier Analysis and Further Reading:**

1. Fourier Series and Boundary Value Problems, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Ruel V. Churchill, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1969.
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3. Mathematical Methods of Physics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Jon Matthews and R.L. Walker, W.A. Benjamin, Inc., 1964.