

**PROBLEM:**

A periodic signal  $x(t)$  with a period  $T_0 = 10$  is described *over one period*,  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ , by the equation

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t \leq 5 \\ 2 & 5 < t \leq 10. \end{cases}$$

This signal can be represented by the Fourier series

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t},$$

which is valid for all time  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .

- (a) Sketch the periodic function  $x(t)$  for  $-10 < t < 20$ .
- (b) Determine  $a_0$ , the D.C. coefficient of the Fourier Series.
- (c) Use the Fourier analysis integral <sup>1</sup> (for  $k \neq 0$ )

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

to find the first ( $k = 1$ ) Fourier series coefficient,  $a_1$ . Note:  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T_0$ .

- (d) If we add a constant value of one to  $x(t)$ , we obtain the signal  $y(t) = 1 + x(t)$  with  $y(t)$  given over one period by

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t \leq 5 \\ 3 & 5 < t \leq 10. \end{cases}$$

This signal can also be represented by a Fourier series,

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} b_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}.$$

Explain how  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  are related to  $a_0$  and  $a_1$ . (Note: You should not have to evaluate any new integrals explicitly to answer this question.)

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<sup>1</sup>The Fourier integral can be done over any period of the signal; in this case, the most convenient choice is from  $-5$  to  $0$ .