

Phys 5053 -- Assignment 5

Due Fri, Nov 5

1. Generate a sine wave $y = 10 \sin(2\pi t/64)$ for $0 < t < 256$. Using a numerical code of your choosing, compute the Fourier transform and show that you can identify the frequency of $y(t)$. Does it agree with the true value?
2. The file 'Star.txt' contains brightness records for a variable star on 600 successive midnights. Find any characteristic periods (or frequencies) in the signal. Compare the results of the autocorrelation analysis with Fourier analysis.
3. The plot shows a signal produced by a superposition of two sinusoids. Sketch the Fourier spectrum of this signal. Mark the axes.

