



Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), *Academic Festival Overture* (1880). Lived with the Schumanns (Robert and Clara) for a while, "uncle" to the Schumann seven kids.

Also *Sprach Zarathustra* (1896), Theme for the Movie

2001

(1968).

Use of harmonics at the beginning: brass H2-H3-H4-H5.

Composer: Richard

Strauss

(1864-1949).

The diagram shows a piano keyboard with keys labeled H1 through H8. Below the keyboard, two musical staves are shown. The left staff, labeled "Physicist's Scale", shows a treble clef with notes corresponding to H1 through H8. The right staff, labeled "Musician's Scale", shows a treble clef with notes corresponding to Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti, Do. A red box below the right staff contains the text "Musician's Scale" and "Do Re Mi Fa Sol La Ti Do".

Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908) "the resonance of different harmonic parts must be equally balanced."

Peter Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), the usual use of the harmonics in composition – playing many together at the same time to achieve the full satisfying sound. Ex. *Fourth Symphony*. He uses harmonics H1 through H8 except for H7 (the jazzy one).

Complex Wave: any wave that is not a sine wave

Periodic complex wave: periodic wave that is not a sine wave

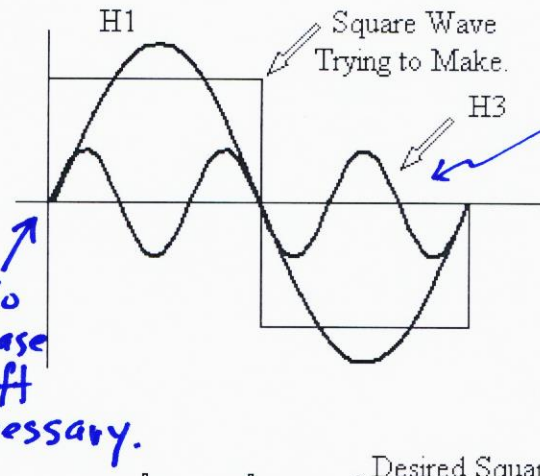
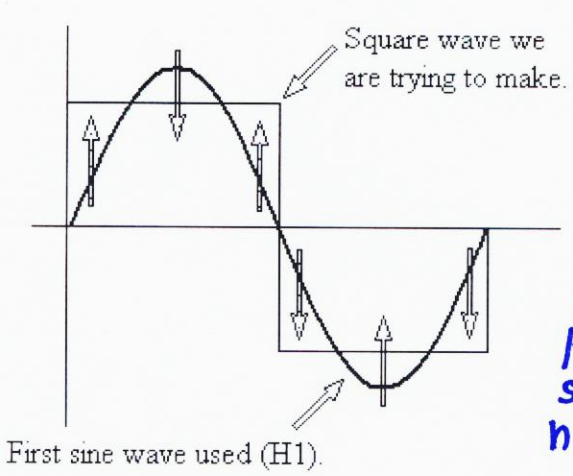
Fourier's Theorem: you can synthesize a periodic wave of frequency  $f$  with the harmonics (sine waves) with frequencies  $f, 2f, 3f,$  and so on. These are called partials.

Fourier series is like c o o k i n g food, where the harmonics serve as all the i n g r e d i e n t s you ever need. You need the right r e c i p e. We will do this for the square wave.

One decides on each harmonic's amplitude and phase.

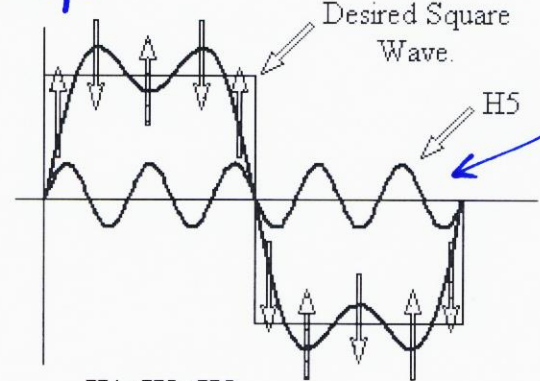
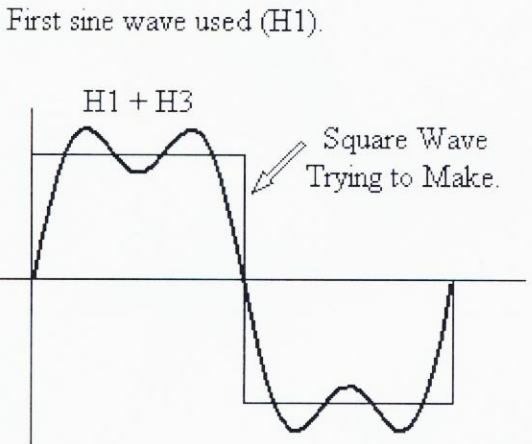
How much of each

You might have to shift a harmonic for the best results.

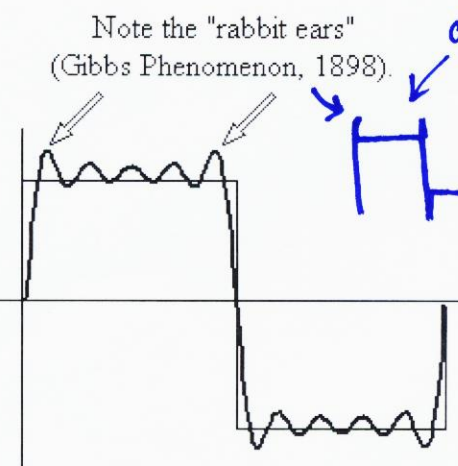


Best amount is  $\frac{1}{3}$  compared to H1 which we take to be "1" full cup.

No phase shift necessary.



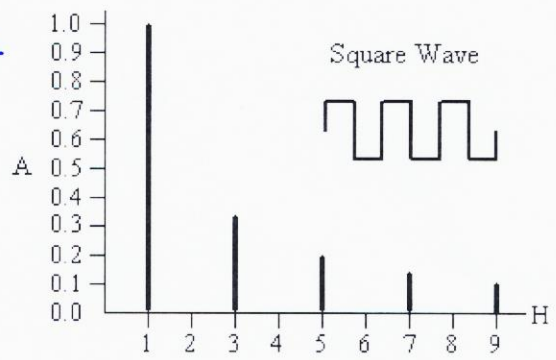
Best amplitude is  $\frac{1}{5}$ .



as you add "zillions" of harmonics still there but close shut. Perfect acoustic match.

**First 9 Fourier Amplitudes for Each Waveform.**

	H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	H7	H8	H9
Sine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Triangle	1	0	1/9	0	1/25	0	1/49	0	1/81
Square	1	0	1/3	0	1/5	0	1/7	0	1/9
Ramp	1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9
Pulse Train	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



Above is a bar graph of the first 9 Fourier amplitudes for the square wave.

Brahms: *First Piano Concerto* (1858). Progression: 1 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1. Brahms: *First Hungarian Dance*.