

Recall

$$\left\{ \sin kx \cdot \frac{2\pi}{T}, \cos kx \cdot \frac{2\pi}{T} \right\} \text{ form}$$

"orthonormal basis" of space of T -periodic functions.

The inner product is given by $\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f \cdot g \, dx$

Def. Fourier series

$$n \geq 0 \quad a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right) dx$$

$$n > 0 \quad b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right) dx$$

$$F_N f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right) \right]$$

Fourier series of order N .

$$Ff(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right) \right].$$

Theorem (Dirichlet)

For $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ T -periodic, piecewise regular
then for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$Ff(x)$ converges and $Ff(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x-t) + f(x+t)}{2}$

If f is continuous
at x , this limit
is equal to
 $f(x)$.

Example Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 1 & 0 \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$

extended by 2-periodicity.

Then $a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2} \cdot n x\right) dx = \int_{-1}^0 -\cos(\pi n x) dx + \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 \cos(\pi n x) dx = \\ &= -\left[\frac{\sin(\pi n x)}{\pi n}\right]_{-1}^0 + \left[\frac{\sin(\pi n x)}{\pi n}\right]_0^1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$b_n = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2} nx\right) dx = \int_{-1}^0 -\sin(\pi nx) dx + \int_0^1 \sin(\pi nx) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{\cos(\pi nx)}{\pi n} \right]_{-1}^0 - \left[\frac{\cos(\pi nx)}{\pi n} \right]_0^1 =$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi n} (1 - \cos(\pi n)) = \frac{2}{\pi n} (1 - (-1)^n) =$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{\pi n} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow Ff(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(2k+1)\pi} \cdot \sin((2k+1) \cdot \pi x)$$

Now notice that $f(x)$ is piecewise regular, so we get:

$$Ff(x) = f(x) \quad \text{for } x \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$Ff(k) = 40 \quad \text{for every } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

In particular we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{1} &= f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = Ff\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1} \sin\left((2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Dirichlet can produce a lot of non-trivial identities in this way. Another example: $f(x) = x^2$ on $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$

Some consequences of Dirichlet:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } Ff(x) &= \frac{1}{12} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 \pi^2} \cos(2\pi n x) \\ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \end{aligned}$$

If f is piecewise regular, T -periodic then

Ff is T -periodic and:

1) if f is even ($f(x) = f(-x)$) then $b_n = 0$

$$Ff(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} n x\right) \right)$$

2) if f is odd ($f(-x) = -f(x)$) then $a_n = 0$

$$\text{and } Ff(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(n \left(\frac{2\pi}{T} x\right)\right).$$

We can use complex numbers to write

Fourier series:

$$Ff(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{i \frac{2\pi n}{T} x} \quad \text{with} \quad c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_1^T f(x) e^{-i \frac{2\pi n}{T} x} dx$$

Complex Fourier coefficients are related to real in the following way:

Proposition Let f be T -periodic, piecewise regular

Then:

1. $\forall n \geq 1$ we have $c_n = \frac{a_n - i b_n}{2}$ and

$\forall n \leq -1$ we have $c_n = \frac{a_n + i b_n}{2}$ and

$$c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}$$

2. $\forall n \geq 1 \quad a_n = c_n + c_{-n} \quad ; \quad b_n = i(c_n - c_{-n})$

$$a_0 = 2c_0$$

3. $F_N f(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{i \frac{2\pi}{T} nx} \quad Ff(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{i \frac{2\pi}{T} nx}$

Idea of proof: $e^{-i \frac{2\pi}{T} nx} =$

$$= \cos\left(-\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right).$$

Properties of Fourier series

Theorems 14.5
14.6

Differentiation term by term:

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a T -periodic function, continuous
s.t. f' is piecewise regular, ~~then~~. And let

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T} x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T} x\right) \right\}$$

be its Fourier series then we have:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\pi n}{T} \left\{ b_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T} x\right) - a_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T} x\right) \right\}$$

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f'(x-t) + f'(x+t)}{2}$$

Integration

Integration term by term:

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a piecewise-regular,
 T -periodic Function with series
 Fourier series:

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T}x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T}x\right) \right\}$$

Then:

for every $x, x_0 \in [0, T]$

$$\int_{x_0}^x f(t) dt = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{a_0}{2} dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{x_0}^x \left\{ a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T}t\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{T}t\right) \right\} dt$$

Theorem 14.7 (Parseval Identity) For $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 a T -periodic piecewise regular function we get:

$$\frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(x)^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) = 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |c_n|^2$$

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Real Fourier coefficients Complex Fourier coeff.

Example:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = -\pi \\ \frac{x}{2} & x \in (-\pi, \pi) \\ 0 & x = \pi \end{cases}$$

1st. $f(x)$ is odd $\Rightarrow a_n = 0$

b_n can be computed to be $\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x}{2} \sin(nx) dx$$

So we get:

$$\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + b_n^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x^2}{4} dx = \frac{\pi^3}{6}$$

So by Parseval we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$