

Math 3550 - Fourier Series and the Wave Equation

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Abstract

This paper initially covers the wave equation and derives its solution. From there, several orthonormality identities of the wave equation are proven, and the requirements of the wave equation's coefficients are determined. Then, several functions' Fourier series are computed and MATLAB is used for error comparison. Finally, Fourier series are used to determine the 1-D wave equation for a string of fixed length.

1 Introduction and Overview

The goal of Fourier series is to express complicated periodic signals as linear combinations of sines and cosines or, in other words, to express these periodic signals as the superposition of a variety of waves.

1.1 Periodic Functions

Suppose that $f(t)$ is periodic with period T , i.e., $f(t) = f(t + nT), t \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. On the interval $[0, T]$, $f(t)$ will produce the same function output on any other interval of length T . Suppose a wave was generated on the interval $[0, T]$, the period of the wave, T_{wave} , must follow the statement: $T_{wave}|T$. Following this, the circular frequency of such a wave would be $\omega_{wave} = \frac{2\pi}{T_{wave}} = \frac{2\pi n}{T}$. Collecting all sines and cosines with the mentioned frequencies with a constant function $f(t)$ can be written as follows:

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(\frac{2\pi nt}{T}) + b_n \sin(\frac{2\pi nt}{T})], 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (1)$$

It should be noted that the convergence of (1) is not guaranteed for all a_n and b_n values. However, explaining why is beyond the scope of this paper, and for the purposes of this paper, there should be no issues of convergence. However, the coefficients a_n and b_n are still required to represent the function $f(t), 0 \leq t \leq T$. These proper coefficients will be discussed further later on in the paper.

The Fourier series can be related to differential equations. For example, consider the general second order differential equation with constant coefficients

$$x''(t) + px'(t) + qx(t) = f(t).$$

From this, we can define a linear differential operator T , such that $T[x] = x'' + px' + qx$. From the operator's linearity, the principle of superposition leads to the following relationship $T(x_1) = f_1$ and $T(x_2) = f_2 \implies T(x_1 + x_2) = f_1 + f_2$.

From this result, the Fourier series can be used. Clearly, solving the non-homogeneous differential equation above, where f represents an arbitrary periodic function, can be done by replacing f by its Fourier series and solving the differential equations

$$x''(t) + px'(t) + qx(t) = a_n \cos(\frac{2\pi nt}{T}) + b_n \sin(\frac{2\pi nt}{T})$$

for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{nonneg}$

1.2 The Wave Equation

Consider a vibrating string of length l oriented on the x -axis such that its left end is at $x = 0$. Let $u(x, t)$ represent the vertical displacement of the string at the position $0 < x < l$ and time t . The string's motion can be described with a partial differential equation (PDE) called the *wave equation*

$$u_{xx}(x, t) = \frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt}(x, t), 0 < x < l, t > 0,$$

where $c > 0$ is the *wavespeed* and the subscripts denote partial derivatives of u w.r.t. x and t .

The wave equation can be solved by separating the space x and time variables t expressed as $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$. From this assumption, $u_{xx} = X''(x)T(t)$ and $u_{tt} = X(x)T''(t)$, reducing the wave equation to

$$\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)}$$

Notice the left-hand side of the equation above is time-independent, and the right-hand side is space independent. Assuming these ratios are constant and equivalent to $-\sigma$ leads to the formation of two ordinary differential equations: $X''(x) + \sigma X(x) = 0$ and $T''(t) - c^2 \sigma T(t) = 0$. The wave equation can then be solved by solving each of the above differential equations and substituting them into $u(x, t)$. This will be explored further in the paper below.

2 The Fourier Series Explored

2.1 Orthonormality identities of the wave equation

The following orthonormality identities can be proven, where $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^{nonneg}$

A:

$$\int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = 0$$

B:

$$\int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ \frac{\tau}{2} & m = n \neq 0 \\ \tau & m = n = 0 \end{cases}$$

C:

$$\int_0^\tau \sin\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ \frac{\tau}{2} & m = n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

2.1.1 Proof A:

The calculation is relatively straightforward using the periodicity of *sine* and *cosine*

Let $\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{\tau}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\tau \cos(\alpha mx) \sin(\alpha nx) dx, \left| \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{u} = \cos(\alpha mx) & \mathbf{u}' = -\alpha m \sin(\alpha mx) \\ v' = \sin(\alpha nx) & v = -\frac{\cos(\alpha nx)}{n\alpha} \end{array} \right| \\ \Rightarrow & \left. \frac{-\cos(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx)}{\alpha n} \right|_0^\tau + \frac{m}{n} \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha mx) \cos(\alpha nx) dx, \left| \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{u} = \cos(\alpha nx) & \mathbf{u}' = -\alpha n \sin(\alpha nx) \\ v' = \sin(\alpha mx) & v = -\frac{\cos(\alpha mx)}{m\alpha} \end{array} \right| \\ \Rightarrow & \left. \frac{-\cos(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx)}{\alpha n} \right|_0^\tau + \frac{m}{n} \left[\left. \frac{-\cos(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx)}{\alpha m} \right|_0^\tau - \frac{n}{m} \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx) dx \right], \\ \Rightarrow & \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left. \frac{-2 \cos(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx)}{\alpha n} \right|_0^\tau \right] = \left[\frac{-\cos(2n\pi) \cos(2m\pi + \cos(2n\pi) \cos(2m\pi))}{\alpha n} \right] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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2.1.2 Proof B:

Let $\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{\tau}$,
case a: $m \neq n$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\tau \cos(\alpha mx) \cos(\alpha nx) dx, \left| \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{u} = \cos(\alpha mx) & \mathbf{u}' = -\alpha m \sin(\alpha mx) \\ v' = \cos(\alpha nx) & v = \frac{\sin(\alpha nx)}{n\alpha} \end{array} \right| \\
& \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx)}{\alpha n} \Big|_0^\tau + \frac{m}{n} \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha nx) \sin(\alpha mx) dx, \left| \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{u} = \sin(\alpha nx) & \mathbf{u}' = \alpha n \cos(\alpha nx) \\ v' = \sin(\alpha mx) & v = -\frac{\cos(\alpha mx)}{m\alpha} \end{array} \right| \\
& \Rightarrow \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{\sin(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx)}{\alpha n} \Big|_0^\tau + \frac{m}{n} \left[\frac{-\sin(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx)}{\alpha m} \Big|_0^\tau + \frac{n}{m} \int_0^\tau \cos(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx) dx \right], \\
& \Rightarrow \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \left[\frac{\sin(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx) - \sin(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx)}{\alpha n} \right] \Big|_0^\tau + \frac{n}{m} \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx. \\
& \Rightarrow \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{n}{m} \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx. \\
& \therefore \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = 0, m \neq n
\end{aligned}$$

case b: $m = n \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x(m+n)}{\tau}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x(m-n)}{\tau}\right) dx, m = n = 1 \\
& \Rightarrow \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{4\pi x}{\tau}\right) + 1 dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[T + \frac{T \sin(4\pi)}{2\pi} \right] = \frac{T}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

case c: $m = n = 0$ Using the formula above

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x(m+n)}{\tau}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x(m-n)}{\tau}\right) dx, m = n = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{\tau}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\tau}\right) dx = \int_0^\tau dx = \tau
\end{aligned}$$

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2.1.3 Proof C:

Let $\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{\tau}$,
case a: $m \neq n$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha mx) \sin(\alpha nx) dx, \left| \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{u} = \sin(\alpha mx) & \mathbf{u}' = \alpha m \cos(\alpha mx) \\ v' = \sin(\alpha nx) & v = -\frac{\cos(\alpha nx)}{n\alpha} \end{array} \right| \\
& \Rightarrow \frac{-\sin(\alpha mx) \cos(\alpha nx)}{\alpha n} \Big|_0^\tau + \frac{m}{n} \int_0^\tau \cos(\alpha nx) \cos(\alpha mx) dx, \left| \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{u} = \cos(\alpha nx) & \mathbf{u}' = -\alpha n \sin(\alpha nx) \\ v' = \cos(\alpha mx) & v = \frac{\sin(\alpha mx)}{m\alpha} \end{array} \right| \\
& \Rightarrow \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha mx) \sin(\alpha nx) dx = \frac{-\sin(\alpha mx) \cos(\alpha nx)}{\alpha n} \Big|_0^\tau + \frac{m}{n} \left[\frac{\sin(\alpha mx) \cos(\alpha nx)}{\alpha m} \Big|_0^\tau + \frac{n}{m} \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha mx) \sin(\alpha nx) dx \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \left[\frac{-\sin(\alpha m x) \cos(\alpha n x) - \sin(\alpha m x) \cos(\alpha n x)}{\alpha n} \right] \Big|_0^\tau + \frac{n}{m} \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha m x) \sin(\alpha n x) dx. \\
&\Rightarrow \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha m x) \sin(\alpha n x) dx = \frac{n}{m} \int_0^\tau \sin(\alpha m x) \sin(\alpha n x) dx. \\
&\quad \therefore \int_0^\tau \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m x}{\tau}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{\tau}\right) dx = 0, m \neq n
\end{aligned}$$

case b: $m = n \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^\tau \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m x}{\tau}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\tau \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x(m-n)}{\tau}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x(m+n)}{\tau}\right) dx, m = n = 1 \\
&\Rightarrow \int_0^\tau \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m x}{\tau}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\tau 1 - \cos\left(\frac{4\pi x}{\tau}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\tau - \frac{\tau \sin(4\pi)}{2\pi} \right] = \frac{\tau}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

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2.2 Expressing $f(x)$ as a Fourier series

Assuming $f(x)$ may be expressed using the Fourier series (1), then the coefficients of the series must be given by

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau f(x) dx \quad a_n = \frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{\tau}\right) dx \quad b_n = \frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{\tau}\right) dx \quad \text{where } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

2.2.1 Proof a_n :

To compute the values of the coefficients, one can be computed and the process can be extended to other coefficients.

Assuming the right hand side of the Fourier coefficient formula is

$$\frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n_0 x}{\tau}\right) dx$$

where $f(x)$ is the periodic function mentioned above, and n_0 represents the n th coefficient of a_n . Suppose we want to find the a_2 term, plugging in (1) with $n_0 = 2$ yields

$$\frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau a_0 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi x}{\tau}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{T}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{T}\right)] \cos\left(\frac{4\pi x}{\tau}\right) dx$$

Notice: Orthonormality relations imply that every term in the summation will integrate to zero, with the exception of the $n_0 = 2$ term showing

$$\frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau a_2 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi x}{T}\right)^2 dx = a_2$$

This argument can be extended to any a_n showing that

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{\tau}\right) dx$$

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2.2.2 Proof a_0 :

A similar argument follows for a_0 , plugging in $n_0 = 0$ in the above equation yields

$$\frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau a_0 \cos(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(\frac{2\pi nx}{T}) + b_n \sin(\frac{2\pi nx}{T})] \cos(0) dx$$

By orthonormality rules, all the summation terms go to zero, showing

$$a_n = 2a_0 \implies a_0 = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau f(x) dx$$

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2.2.3 Proof b_n :

This can be extended again to the b_n terms

Assuming the right hand side of the Fourier coefficient formula is

$$\frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau f(x) \sin(\frac{2\pi n_0 x}{T}) dx$$

where $f(x)$ is the periodic function mentioned above, and n_0 represents the n th coefficient of b_n . Suppose we want to find the b_2 term, plugging in (1) with $n_0 = 2$ yields

$$\frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau a_0 \sin(\frac{4\pi x}{T}) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(\frac{2\pi nx}{T}) + b_n \sin(\frac{2\pi nx}{T})] \sin(\frac{4\pi x}{T}) dx$$

Notice: Orthonormality relations imply that every term in the summation will integrate to zero, with the exception of the $n_0 = 2$ term showing

$$\frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau b_2 \sin(\frac{4\pi x}{T})^2 dx = b_2$$

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2.3 Comparing Graphs: Periodic Functions and the Fourier Series

Assuming the given functions are periodic with a period T , their Fourier series and general formulas for a_n and b_n can be found. (a) Let $\tau = 1$ and $f_1(x) = \cos(7\pi x)$ (b) Let $\tau = 1$ and $f_2(x) = 2x - 1, 0 \leq x \leq 1$. (c)

Let $\tau = 2$ and $f_3(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ -1 & 1 \leq x < 2. \end{cases}$

2.3.1 A:

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \int_0^1 \cos(7\pi x) dx = \frac{\sin(7\pi x)}{7\pi} \Big|_0^1 = 0 \\ a_n &= 2 \int_0^1 \cos(7\pi x) \cos(2\pi nx) dx = \frac{-4n \sin(2\pi n)}{\pi(4n^2 - 49)} \\ b_n &= 2 \int_0^1 \cos(7\pi x) \sin(2\pi nx) dx = \frac{8n \cos^2(\pi n)}{\pi(4n^2 - 49)} \\ \implies f_1(t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{-4n \sin(2\pi n)}{\pi(4n^2 - 49)} \cos(2\pi nt) + \frac{8n \cos^2(\pi n)}{\pi(4n^2 - 49)} \sin(2\pi nt) \right], 0 \leq t \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

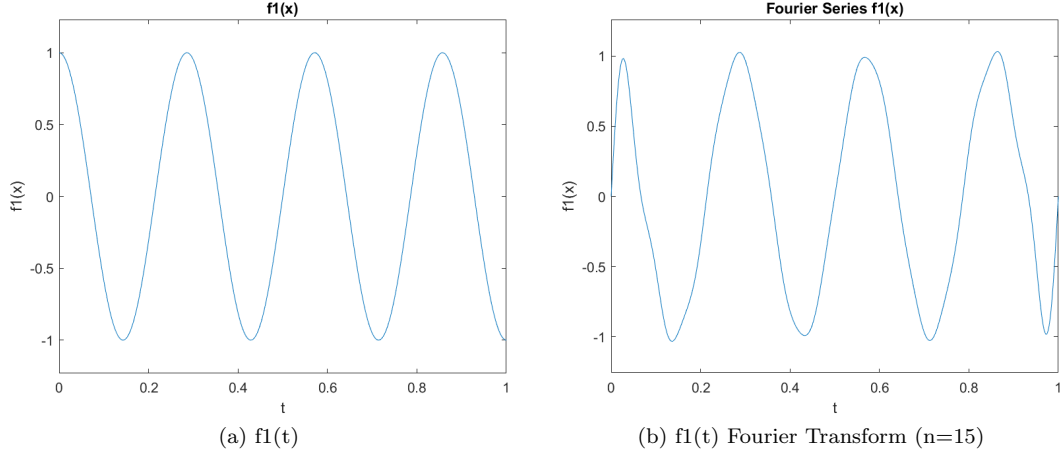


Figure 1: $f_1(t)$ compared to Fourier Series of $f_1(t)$.

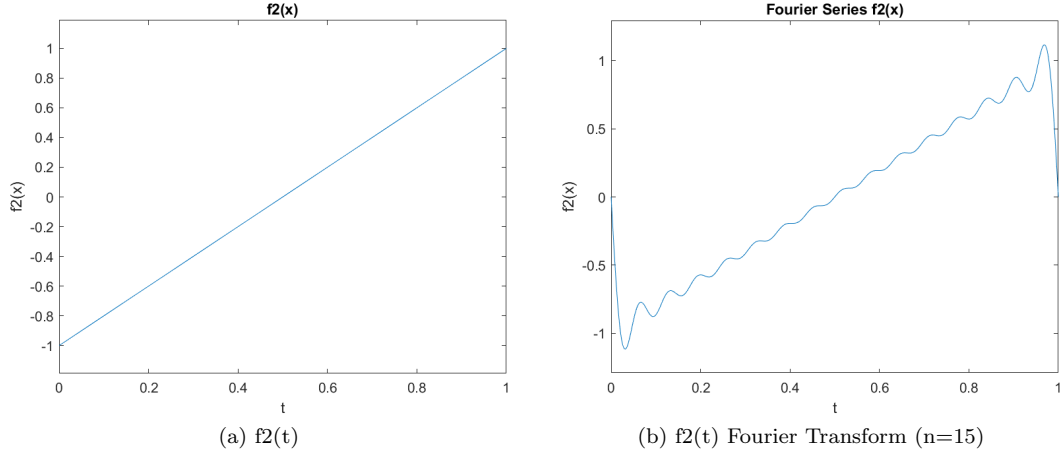


Figure 2: $f_2(t)$ compared to Fourier Series of $f_2(t)$.

2.3.2 B:

$$a_0 = \int_0^1 2x - 1 dx = x(x - 1) \Big|_0^1 = 0$$

$$a_n = 2 \int_0^1 (2x - 1) \cos(2\pi n x) dx = \frac{2 \sin(\pi n)(\pi n \cos(\pi n) - \sin(\pi n))}{(\pi n)^2}$$

$$b_n = 2 \int_0^1 \cos(7\pi x) \sin(2\pi n x) dx = \frac{2 \cos(\pi n)(\sin(\pi n) - \pi n \cos(\pi n))}{(\pi n)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_2(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{2 \sin(\pi n)(\pi n \cos(\pi n) - \sin(\pi n))}{(\pi n)^2} \cos(2\pi n t) + \frac{2 \cos(\pi n)(\sin(\pi n) - \pi n \cos(\pi n))}{(\pi n)^2} \sin(2\pi n t) \right], 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

2.3.3 C:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 dx = 0$$

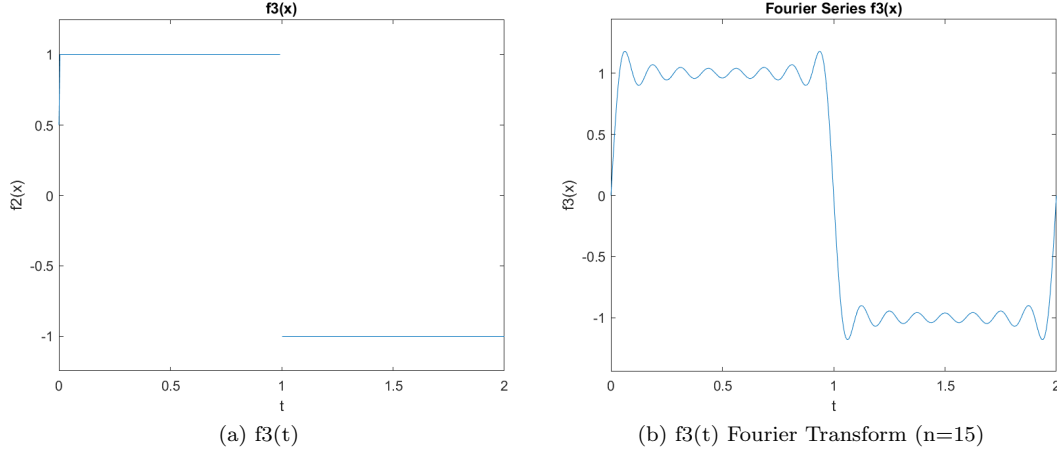


Figure 3: $f_3(t)$ compared to Fourier Series of $f_3(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \int_0^1 \cos(\pi n x) dx - \int_1^2 \cos(\pi n x) dx = \frac{2 \sin(\pi n) - \sin(2\pi n)}{\pi n} \\
 b_n &= \int_0^1 \sin(\pi n x) dx - \int_1^2 \sin(\pi n x) dx = \frac{1 - 2 \cos(\pi n) + \cos(2\pi n)}{\pi n} \\
 \Rightarrow f_3(t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{2 \sin(\pi n) - \sin(2\pi n)}{\pi n} \cos(\pi n t) + \frac{1 - 2 \cos(\pi n) + \cos(2\pi n)}{\pi n} \sin(\pi n t) \right], 0 \leq t \leq 2
 \end{aligned}$$

2.4 Applications of Fourier Series: The displacement of a string

A Fourier series can be used to determine the displacement of length $l = 1$ if $u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x)$ and $u_t(x, 0) = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 1$. Assuming that $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0 \forall t \geq 0$, meaning the ends of the string are held fixed, and that $c = 2$.

2.4.1 Initial Cases

To solve $X'' + \sigma X = 0$, three cases of sigma ($\sigma < 0, \sigma = 0, \sigma > 0$) must be considered in addition to satisfying the boundary conditions $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$. Only $\sigma > 0$ is possible in this case [1]. This assumption combined with $\lambda^2 = \sigma$ implies the solutions are

$$X(x) = A \cos(\lambda x) + B \sin(\lambda x).$$

For the initial condition of $u(0, t) = 0$ to be satisfied, $X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$. Additionally, $u(l, t) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin(\lambda l) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda l = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. This means $\lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{l}$ and $\sigma_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{l^2}$. Therefore, for each positive integer

$$X_n(x) = B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{l} x\right)$$

2.4.2 The Differential Equation

Each σ_n requires the solution of $T_n''(t) + c^2 \sigma_n T_n(t) = 0$. The characteristic equation for this differential equation is

$$\begin{aligned}
 r^2 + c^2 \sigma_n &= 0, \\
 \Rightarrow r &:= \pm \omega_n i \pm c \sqrt{\sigma_n} i, \forall n \geq 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Notice: the components of $T_n(t)$ are periodic, implying the oscillation of the string is also periodic.

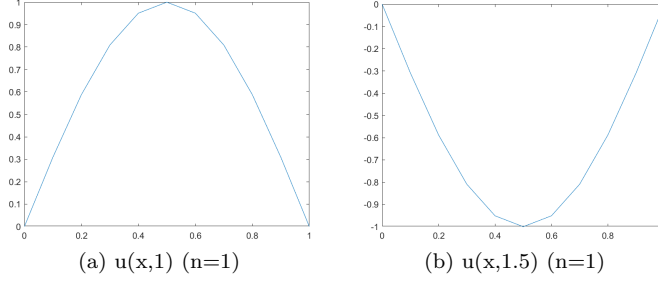


Figure 4: $f_1(t)$ compared to Fourier Series of $f_1(t)$.

2.4.3 General solution of the wave equation

The general solution of the wave equation is given by a linear combination of solutions $X_n(x)T_n(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \sin(\frac{n\pi}{l}x) \cos(\omega_n t) + B_n \sin(\frac{n\pi}{l}x) \sin(\omega_n t)] \\
 \implies u(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(\frac{n\pi}{l}x) \\
 \implies u_t(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_n B_n \sin(\frac{n\pi}{l}x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Both of the two equations above represent a Fourier sine series.

2.4.4 Particular Solution

$u(x, 0)$ and $u_t(x, 0)$ must be considered as odd functions with a domain of $[-l, l]$ by reflection to determine the values of A_n and B_n . For example $u(-x, 0) = -u(x, 0)$, $0 < x < l$. Hence, there will not be any constant or cosine terms in the Fourier series because this is an odd function. Therefore, the coefficients A_n will be the Fourier coefficients of the reflected function. Using a symmetry argument, A_n is

$$A_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l u(x, 0) \sin(\frac{n\pi}{l}x) dx.$$

Given the initial values

$$A_n = 2 \int_0^1 \sin(\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{2 \sin(n\pi)}{\pi - \pi n^2}.$$

Similarly, an an analogous expression for B_n can be derived

$$B_n = \frac{2}{\omega_n l} \int_0^l u_t(x, 0) \sin(\frac{n\pi}{l}x) dx.$$

Given the initial values

$$B_n = 0.$$

Substituting these in the original equation shows

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\frac{2 \sin(n\pi)}{\pi - \pi n^2} \sin(n\pi x) \cos(2n\pi t)]$$

Note: given the boundary and initial conditions, the wave equation has a unique solution [2], [3].

2.4.5 Animation:

Note: Please load PDF in adobe acrobat reader dc.

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4 MATLAB Code

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% FourierSeries.m
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clear; close all; clc;
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
syms t n k

A_fourierseries = @(t,k) symsum((( -4*n*sin(2*pi*n))/(pi*(4*n^2-49)))*cos(2*pi*n*t)+ ...
    ((8*n*cos(pi*n)^2)/(pi*(4*n^2-49)))* sin(2*pi*n*t), n, 1 ,k);
A_norm = @(t) cos(7*pi*t)
B_fourierseries = @(t,k) symsum((((2*sin(pi*n))*(pi*cos(pi*n)-sin(pi*n)))/(pi*n)^2)*cos(2*pi*n*t)+ ...
    ((2*cos(pi*n)*(sin(pi*n)-pi*n*cos(pi*n)))/(pi*n)^2)*sin(2*pi*n*t) , n, 1 ,k);
B_norm = @(t) 2*t-1;
C_fourierseries = @(t,k) symsum(((2*sin(pi*n)-sin(2*pi*n))/(pi*n))*cos(pi*n*t)+...
    ((1-2*cos(pi*n)+cos(2*pi*n))/(pi*n))*sin(pi*n*t) , n, 1, k);
C_norm = @(t) ((heaviside(t)-2*heaviside(t-1)));

ezplot(A_fourierseries(t,15),0,1);
title('Fourier Series f1(x)'), xlabel('t'), ylabel('f1(x)');
pause(10);
ezplot(A_norm(t),0,1);
title('f1(x)'), xlabel('t'), ylabel('f1(x)');

pause(10);

ezplot(B_fourierseries(t,15),0,1);
title('Fourier Series f2(x)'), xlabel('t'), ylabel('f2(x)');
pause(10);
ezplot(B_norm(t),0,1);
title('f2(x)'), xlabel('t'), ylabel('f2(x)');

pause(10);

ezplot(C_fourierseries(t,15),0,2);
title('Fourier Series f3(x)'), xlabel('t'), ylabel('f3(x)');
pause(10);
ezplot(C_norm(t),0,2);
title('f3(x)'), xlabel('t'), ylabel('f2(x)');

```

Listing 1: Fourier Series code to plot the functions in (2.3).

```

% OneDWave.m
% 05.05.21
% Ammaar Firozi
clear; close all; clc;
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
syms t n k
Time = 0;
nFrames = 15;
fourier_wave = @(t,x, k)symsum(((2*sin(n*pi))/(pi-(pi*n^2)))*sin(n*pi*t)*cos(2*n*pi*x),n,1,k);

%ezplot(fourier_wave(t,1),0,1);
%title('u(x,t)'), xlabel('x'), ylabel('u(x,t)');

h = figure;
axis tight manual

for i = 1:0.5:nFrames
    x = 0:0.1:1;
    y = fourier_wave(x,i, 1);
    plot(x,y)
    drawnow

    frame = getframe(h);
    im = frame2im(frame);
    [img,cmap] = rgb2ind(im,256);
    if i == 1
        imwrite(img,cmap,'animation.gif', 'gif', 'Loopcount' , inf);
    else
        imwrite(img,cmap,'animation.gif', 'gif', 'WriteMode', 'append');
    end
end
end

```

Listing 2: 1D Wave code to plot the functions in (2.4).