

Euler's Formulae! The Fourier series for the function $f(x)$ in the interval $\alpha < x < \alpha + 2\pi$ is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2\pi} f(x) dx$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx.$$

--- (2)

Case ① for $\alpha = 0$, interval becomes $0 < x < 2\pi$ and ② becomes

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Case ② for $\alpha = -\pi$, interval becomes $-\pi < x < \pi$ and ② becomes

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Case ③ for any interval of length $2l$, i.e. $x \in (\alpha, \alpha + 2l)$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{l} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2l} f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2l} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2l} f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

--- (6)

Note!:- for $l = \pi$ or $2l = 2\pi$ interval length ⑥ & ② are identical.

Ex ① Find the Fourier series expression for $f(x) = x + x^2$ in $[-\pi, \pi]$

and hence deduce that $\frac{\pi^2}{6} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$

Solⁿ Let $x + x^2 = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$ — (1)

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x + x^2) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{\pi^3}{3} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{3} \right] = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x + x^2) \cos nx dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[(x + x^2) \frac{\sin nx}{n} - (2x + 1) \frac{(-\cos nx)}{n^2} + (2) \frac{(-\sin nx)}{n^3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[(2\pi + 1) \frac{\cos n\pi}{n^2} - (-2\pi + 1) \frac{\cos(-n\pi)}{n^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[4\pi \frac{\cos n\pi}{n^2} \right] = \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}$$

$$\therefore a_1 = -4, a_2 = \frac{4}{2^2} = 1, a_3 = -\frac{4}{3^2}, a_4 = \frac{4}{4^2}, \dots$$

Some Results

- $\therefore \sin n\pi = 0$
- $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$
- $\sin \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi = (-1)^n$
- $\cos \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi = 0$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[(x + x^2) \frac{(-\cos nx)}{n} - (2x + 1) \frac{(-\sin nx)}{n^2} + 2 \frac{(\cos nx)}{n^3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-(\pi + \pi^2) \frac{\cos n\pi}{n} + 2 \frac{\cos n\pi}{n^3} + (-\pi + \pi^2) \frac{\cos n\pi}{n} - 2 \frac{\cos n\pi}{n^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos n\pi \right] = -\frac{2}{n} (-1)^n$$

$$\therefore b_1 = 2, b_2 = -\frac{2}{2}, b_3 = \frac{2}{3}, b_4 = -\frac{2}{4}, \dots$$

Substituting a_0, a_n and b_n in (1) we have

$$x + x^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \left[-\cos x + \frac{1}{2^2} \cos 2x - \frac{1}{3^2} \cos 3x + \dots \right] \\ - 2 \left[-\sin x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x - \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x + \dots \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

put $x = \pi$ in (2)

$$\Rightarrow \pi + \pi^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots \right] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

and put $x = -\pi$ in (2)

$$\Rightarrow -\pi + \pi^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots \right] \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Adding (3) and (4)

$$2\pi^2 = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} + 8 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4\pi^2}{3} = 8 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$$

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

Exercise Prove that $x^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos nx}{n^2}$, $-\pi < x < \pi$

Hence show that

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

[Hint put $x = \pi$]

$$\textcircled{ii} \frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{12}$$

[put $x = 0$]

$$\textcircled{iii} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

[Add (i) & (ii)]

$$\textcircled{iv} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$$

Conditions for a Fourier Series Expansion:-

OR Dirichlet's Conditions

Any function $f(x)$ can be developed as a Fourier Series

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

where a_0, a_n, b_n are constants provided:

(i) $f(x)$ is periodic, single-valued and finite.

(ii) $f(x)$ has a finite number of discontinuities in any one period.

(iii) $f(x)$ has at the most a finite number of maxima & minima.

— The infinite series $\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$ converges to $f(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ at all values of x for which $f(x)$ is continuous and the sum of the series is equal to $\frac{1}{2}[f(x-0) + f(x+0)]$ at point of discontinuity.

— Expressing $f(x)$ as Fourier series depends upon the evaluation of integrals.

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int f(x) \cos nx dx \text{ and } \frac{1}{\pi} \int f(x) \sin nx dx \text{ for interval of } 2\pi,$$

If the intervals are $(0, 2\pi)$, $(-\pi, \pi)$ or $(\alpha, \alpha + 2\pi)$, $f(x)$ must be defined for all values of x in $(0, 2\pi)$, $(-\pi, \pi)$ or $(\alpha, \alpha + 2\pi)$.

Problem: (i) Give reason why the following functions can not be expanded in Fourier Series in $[-\pi, \pi]$

(i) $f(x) = \csc x$ (ii) $f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$ (iii)

(iii) $f(x) = \frac{1}{3-x}$ in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

Complex Form of Fourier Series:-

The Fourier series of a periodic function $f(x)$ of period $2l$ is

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

$$\text{Since } \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}) \text{ and } \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (1) \Rightarrow f(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ a_n \left(\frac{e^{in\pi x/l} + e^{-in\pi x/l}}{2} \right) + b_n \left(\frac{e^{in\pi x/l} - e^{-in\pi x/l}}{2i} \right) \right\} \\ &= c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ c_n e^{in\pi x/l} + c_{-n} e^{-in\pi x/l} \right\} \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}, \quad c_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2}, \quad c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}$$

Now by definition of a_n & b_n

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2l} \left\{ \int_{-l}^l f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx - i \int_{-l}^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) \left(\cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} - i \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) e^{-in\pi x/l} dx$$

$$\text{Similarly } c_{-n} = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) \left(\cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + i \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) e^{in\pi x/l} dx.$$

Combining c_n and c_{-n} we have.

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) e^{-in\pi x/l} dx \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$

and the series (2) can be completely written as:-

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\pi x/l} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

which is called as
Complex form of Fourier
Series & coefficients
given by (3)

So

$$f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{\frac{i n \pi x}{l}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

to get the formula for Fourier coefficients C_n

multiply (4) by $e^{-\frac{i n \pi x}{l}}$ both sides and integrate from

α to $\alpha+2l$ for interval $[\alpha, \alpha+2l]$ of length $2l$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2l} f(x) e^{-\frac{i n \pi x}{l}} dx &= C_n \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2l} e^{\frac{i n \pi x}{l}} \cdot e^{-\frac{i n \pi x}{l}} dx \\ &= C_n \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2l} dx = C_n [x]_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2l} = C_n (2l) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C_n = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2l} f(x) e^{-\frac{i n \pi x}{l}} dx}$$

In particular if interval is $[-\pi, \pi]$ of length 2π

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-i n x} dx$$

$$\text{and } f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{i n x}$$

Ex ① Find complex form of Fourier series of the function $f(x) = x^2$ in the interval $[-1, 1]$.

Solⁿ Here $l=1$ the coefficient C_0 is given by

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [1^3 - (-1)^3] = \frac{1}{3}$$

for $n \neq 0$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) e^{-\frac{in\pi x}{l}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 e^{-in\pi x} dx$$

integrating by parts twice, we obtain.

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{x^2 e^{-in\pi x}}{-in\pi} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 - \int_{-1}^1 \frac{2x e^{-in\pi x}}{-in\pi} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{x^2 e^{-in\pi x}}{-in\pi} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 + \frac{2}{in\pi} \int_{-1}^1 x e^{-in\pi x} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2in\pi} \left[e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi} - \frac{2}{in\pi} (e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi}) + \frac{2}{(in\pi)^2} (e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi}) \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{n\pi} \frac{e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi}}{2i} + \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \frac{e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi}}{2} - \frac{2}{n^3\pi^3} \frac{e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi}}{2i} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin n\pi + \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \cos n\pi - \frac{2}{n^3\pi^3} \sin n\pi \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \because \sin n\pi = 0 \\ \cos n\pi = (-1)^n \end{array} \right]$$

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

thus Fourier series in complex form is given by

$$f(x) = x^2 = \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} (-1)^n e^{in\pi x} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(-n)^2\pi^2} (-1)^{-n} e^{-in\pi x}$$

$$\text{As } (-1)^{-n} = (-1)^n$$

$$f(x) = x^2 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \frac{e^{in\pi x} + e^{-in\pi x}}{2} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos n\pi x$$

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Ex ① obtain complex form of Fourier series of $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi < x < 0 \\ 1 & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$

$$\text{Sol}^n \quad C_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(\because a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 dx = 1 \right) \text{ and } C_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}$$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-in\pi} dx. \quad (\because L = \pi)$$

$$\boxed{C_0 = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 0 \cdot e^{-in\pi} dx + \int_0^{\pi} 1 \cdot e^{-in\pi} dx \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} e^{-in\pi} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{e^{-in\pi}}{-in} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2n\pi i} [e^{-in\pi} - 1] = \frac{1}{2n\pi i} [e^{in\pi} - 1]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2n\pi i} ((-1)^n - 0 - 1) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{in\pi} & n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{i\pi} \left[\frac{e^{i\pi}}{1} + \frac{e^{3i\pi}}{3} + \frac{e^{5i\pi}}{5} + \dots \right] + \frac{1}{i\pi} \left[\frac{e^{-i\pi}}{-1} + \frac{e^{-3i\pi}}{-3} + \frac{e^{-5i\pi}}{-5} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{i\pi} \left[(e^{i\pi} - e^{-i\pi}) + \frac{1}{3} (e^{3i\pi} - e^{-3i\pi}) + \frac{1}{5} (e^{5i\pi} - e^{-5i\pi}) + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\sin x + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x + \frac{1}{5} \sin 5x + \dots \right]$$

Exercise find complex form of Fourier series and hence show that

~~①~~ ① $f(x) = e^{-x}$ in $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$e^{-x} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (1 - in\pi)}{1 + n^2 \pi^2} \sinh 1 \cdot e^{in\pi x}$$

② $f(x) = e^{ax}$ in $-l \leq x < l$

$$e^{ax} = \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^{2ix} + e^{-2ix}}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{e^{4ix} + e^{-4ix}}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{e^{6ix} - e^{-6ix}}{5 \cdot 7} + \dots \right]$$

③ $f(x) = \cos ax$ in $-\pi < x < \pi$

$$\cos ax = \frac{a}{\pi} \sin a\pi \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2} \frac{e^{in\pi x}}{-n^2}$$