

## Fourier Series of Periodic Functions.

- A function defined over the whole real line (instead of  $[-L, L]$ ) can also be expanded in a f.s. if it is periodic;
- $f(x)$  is a periodic function of period  $2L$ , if  $f(x+2L) = f(x)$  for all  $x$ ; for example  $\sin(x)$  is periodic of period  $2\pi$ ;
- if  $f(x)$  has period  $2L$ , then its graph from  $L$  to  $3L$  duplicates its graph from  $-L$  to  $L$ ; similarly, the graph from  $3L$  to  $5L$ ,  $5L$  to  $7L$ , ...,  $-3L$  to  $-L$ ,  $-5L$  to  $-3L$ , ... is identical to the graph between  $-L$  to  $L$ ;
- if  $f(x)$  is periodic of period  $2L$ , then the Fourier's expansion on  $[-L, L]$  automatically extends to the intervals  $[L, 3L]$ ,  $[3L, 5L]$ , ...,  $[-3L, -L]$ ,  $[-5L, -3L]$ , ... . Convergence ~~on~~ on each interval reflects convergence on  $[-L, L]$ , which in many cases, can be determined by Fourier Convergence Theorem discussed ~~earlier~~ earlier.

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## Fourier Sine and Cosine Series:

→ on an interval  $[-L, L]$  the function  $g(x)$  is even if  $g(-x) = g(x)$  and ~~and~~ the graph from  $-L$  to  $0$  (zero) looks like that from  $0$  to  $L$  ~~reflected~~ reflected back through the  $y$ -axis; (i.e., symmetric about the  $y$ -axis);

→  $g(x)$  is odd if  $g(x) = -g(-x)$  and the graph from  $-L$  to  $0$  (zero) looks like that which we would obtain by taking the graph from  $0$  to  $L$  and reflecting down through the  $x$ -axis and ~~back~~ then back across the  $y$ -axis (i.e., symmetric about the origin);

→ a function need not be either even or odd;

→ the graph  $y = x^2$  is even on any interval  $[-L, L]$ ;

→ the graph  $y = x^3$  is odd on any interval  $[-L, L]$ ;

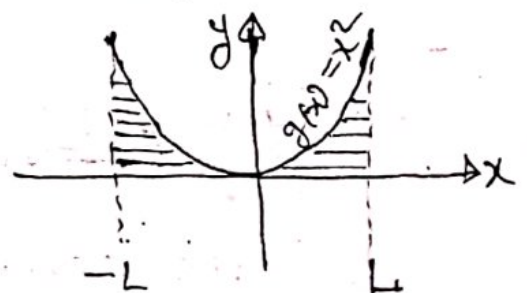
→ the graph  $y = \cos(x)$  is even on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ;

→ the graph  $y = 2x^2 + x - 1$  is neither even, nor odd on, say  $[-4, 4]$ ;

→ if  $g(x)$  is even on  $[-L, L]$ , then:

$$\int_{-L}^L g(x) dx = 2 \int_0^L g(x) dx, \text{ this}$$

is because the "area" under



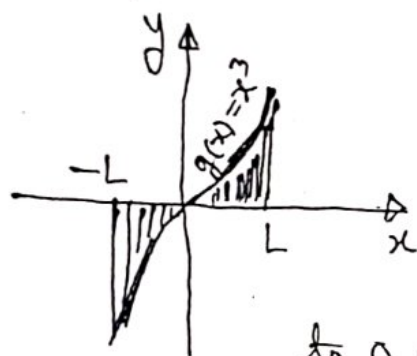


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under  $y = g(x)$  from  $-L$  to  $0$  (zero) is exactly the same as that under the graph from  $0$  to  $L$ ;



→ If  $g(x)$  is odd on  $[-L, L]$ , then;

$\int_{-L}^L g(x) dx = 0$ ; this is because the "area" determined from  $-L$  to  $0$  (zero) is negative to that from

$0$  to  $L$ ;

→ a product of two even or two odd function is even;

→ a product of an even and an odd function is odd;

→ for example, if  $f(x)$  is odd on  $[-L, L]$ , then the product  $f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  is odd and so each  $a_n = 0$ ;

Illustration: The function  $f(x) = x$  is odd on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . The F.S. of  $f(x) = x$  for

$-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  is:

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

where:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\pi}\right) dx = 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\pi}\right) dx \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right] \\ = 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ 0 + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(nx) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  If  $f(x)$  is even, then  $f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  is odd, and so  $b_n = 0$ ; and  $f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  is even, and

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx; \text{ thus, for example}$$

if  $f(x) = |x|$ , then  $f(x) = |x|$  is even on

$[-\pi, \pi]$  and the F.S. has only the Cosine terms:  
 $f(x) = |x| = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-4}{(2n-1)^2 \pi} \cos[(2n-1)x].$

In general: (i) If  $f(x)$  is even on  $(-L, L)$ , then only the cosine and constant terms ( $\frac{a_0}{2}$ ) appear in the F. expansion of  $f(x)$  on  $[-L, L]$ ; and

(ii) If  $f(x)$  is odd on  $(-L, L)$ , then only the sine term appears in the F. expansion on  $[-L, L]$ .

### Fourier Cosine Series

The F. cosine series for  $f(x)$  on  $[0, L]$  is same as F. Series of  $g(x)$  on  $[-L, L]$ , where:

$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ f(-x), & -L \leq x < 0 \end{cases}$ ; and the F. Cosine series of  $f(x)$  on  $[0, L]$  is:

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \text{ where, } a_0 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx \text{ and}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Example: Given  $f(x) = e^{2x}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Find the F. Cosine series on  $[0, 1]$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $a_0 = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 e^{2x} dx = e^2 - 1$ ; and for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 e^{2x} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) dx = \frac{4}{4 + n^2\pi^2} \left[ e^2 \cos(n\pi) - 1 \right]$$

(By doing integration by parts)

$\therefore$  Therefore F. Cosine series of  $e^{2x}$  on  $[0, 1]$  is:

$$\frac{e^2 - 1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{4 + n^2\pi^2} \left[ e^2 \cos(n\pi) - 1 \right] \cos(n\pi x) \quad \square$$



H.W. # 39 Let  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ . Find the f. cosine series of  $f(x)$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) dx = \frac{4}{\pi}$  and for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

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

$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) \cos(nx) dx$

$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n=1 \\ \frac{1}{\pi(n-1)} \left\{ 1 - \cos[(1-n)\pi] \right\} + \frac{1}{\pi(n+1)} \left\{ 1 - \cos[(1+n)\pi] \right\}, & \text{if } n=2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$

$\therefore \sin(mx) \cos nx = \frac{1}{2} \sin[(m+n)x] + \frac{1}{2} \sin[(m-n)x]$

$\therefore$  The f. cosine series of  $\sin(x)$  on  $[0, \pi]$  is :

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

Now,  $\cos[(1-n)\pi] = (-1)^{1-n}$  and  $\cos[(1+n)\pi] = (-1)^{1+n}$ ; and

also,  $(-1)^{1-n} = (-1)^{1+n}$ ; thus, the f. cosine series becomes:

$\sin(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1 - (-1)^{n+1}}{1 - n^2} \right] \cos(nx)$   
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2nx)}{1 - 4n^2} \quad \left( \because 1 + (-1)^{n+1} = \begin{cases} 0, & n \text{ odd} \\ 2, & n \text{ even} \end{cases} \right)$

F. Sine Series: The F. Sine series for  $f(x)$  on  $[0, L]$  is the same as F. Series of  $h(x)$  on  $[-L, L]$  where:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ -f(-x), & -L \leq x < 0 \end{cases}; \text{ and the}$$

F. ~~series~~ Sine Series for  $f(x)$  on  $[0, L]$  is:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \text{ where}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, \text{ for } n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Example: Given  $f(x) = e^{2x}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Find the F. Sine series for  $f(x)$  on  $[0, 1]$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $b_n = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 e^{2x} \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{2n\pi}{4+n^2\pi^2} [1 - e^2 \cos(n\pi)]$

Thus, the F. ~~series~~ sine series of  $e^{2x}$  on  $[0, 1]$  is:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n\pi}{4+n^2\pi^2} [1 - e^2 \cos(n\pi)] \sin(n\pi x).$$

H. W. Given  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ . Find the F. sine series of  $f(x)$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) \sin(nx) dx$

$$= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n=1 \\ 0, & \text{if } n=2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$$

∴ The required f. sine series becomes:

$$1 \left( \sin \left[ \frac{1 \pi x}{\pi} \right] \right) + (0) \cdot \sin \left( \frac{2 \pi x}{\pi} \right) + \dots$$

$$= \sin(x) + 0 + 0 + \dots = \sin(x) \quad \square$$



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## Convergence of Fourier Cosine Series

Let  $f(x)$  be sectionally continuous on  $[0, L]$ ; then:

(i) If  $0 < x_0 < L$  and both right and left derivatives exist at  $x_0$  the Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  converges to:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \lim_{x \uparrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \downarrow x_0} f(x) \right]$$

(ii) If  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , then the Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  converges to  $f(x_0)$  (at  $x_0$ ); and

(iii) At  $0$ , if  $f'_R(0)$  exists, then the series converges to  $f(0^+)$ ; at  $x=L$ , if  $f'_L(L)$  exists, then the Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  converges to  $f(L^-)$ : ~~this is because~~

For  $x=0$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0+h) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0-h) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(h) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [f(0^+) + f(-0^+)] = \frac{1}{2} [f(0^+) + f(0^+)] = f(0^+)$$

Similarly: For  $x=L$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(L+h) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(L-h) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \right]$$

## Convergence of Fourier Sine Series:

Let  $f(x)$  be sectionally continuous on  $[0, L]$ . Then:

(i) If  $0 < x_0 < L$  and both right and left derivatives exist at  $x_0$ , then at  $x=x_0$  the Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$  converges to the average of the left and right limits at  $x_0$ .

(ii) If  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , then Fourier sine series converges to  $f(x_0)$ ; and

(iii) At  $0$  and  $L$ , the Fourier sine series converges to  $0$  (zero);

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = 0 \text{ if } \begin{cases} x=0 \text{ and} \\ x=L \end{cases}$$

for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$