

Chapter 15. Fourier series and transform

Let $f(x)$ be continuous or have finite number of first-type discontinuities, and it is periodic with period $2l$. Then the Fourier series

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos \omega_n x + b_n \sin \omega_n x), \quad (1)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\ell} \int_{-\ell}^{\ell} f(x) dx, \quad (2)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\ell} \cdot \int_{-\ell}^{\ell} f(x) \cdot \cos \omega_n x dx \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots), \quad (3)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\ell} \cdot \int_{-\ell}^{\ell} f(x) \cdot \sin \omega_n x dx \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots). \quad (4)$$

$$\omega = n\pi/l$$

converges at any x , and its sum

$S(x)=f(x)$ at points of continuity,

$S(x)= [f(x-0)+f(x+0)]/2$ at discontinuities.

If $f(x)$ is even, then Fourier series simplifies:

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \omega_n x,$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\ell} \cdot \int_0^{\ell} f(x) \cdot \cos \omega_n x dx \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots), \quad (5)$$

Example

$l=1$, $f(x)=x$ (even at $-1 \leq x \leq 1$) $\omega = n\pi/l = n\pi$

Scilab:

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clear
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l=1:1:11
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for n=1:11
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nn=n-1
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l(n)=2*integrate('x*cos(%pi*x*nn)','x', 0, 1)
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end
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//disp(l)
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//plot(l,'r')
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//xgrid
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for i=1:30
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xx(i)=0.1*(i-1)
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x=xx(i)
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yy(i)=0.5*l(1)+l(2)*cos(%pi*x)...  
+l(3)*cos(%pi*x*2)...
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+l(4)*cos(%pi*x*3)...
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+l(5)*cos(%pi*x*4)...
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+l(6)*cos(%pi*x*5)
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end
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```
plot(xx,yy)
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```
xgrid()
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Fouries transform for non-periodic functions

Fourier transform is a mathematical model that decomposes a function or signal into its constituent frequencies. It helps to transform the signals between two different domains like **transforming the frequency domain to the time domain**. It is a powerful tool **used in many fields, such as signal processing, physics, and engineering**, to analyze the frequency content of signals or functions that vary over time or space.

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) \exp(-i\omega x) dx$$
$$A(\omega) = |F(\omega)|, \quad \text{tg } \alpha(\omega) = \arg F(\omega)$$

Inverse Fourier transform:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\omega) \exp(i\omega x) d\omega$$

Example

1D FFT (of a vector):

$$f(t) = \sin(2\pi 50t) + \sin(2\pi 200t + \pi/4) + 2\sin(2\pi 400t) + \text{noise}$$

```
clear
//Frequency components of a signal
// build a noised signal sampled at 1000hz containing pure frequencies at 50
// and 70 Hz
sample_rate = 1000;
t = 0:1/sample_rate:0.6;
N = size(t, '*'); //number of samples
f = sin(2*%pi*50*t) + sin(2*%pi*200*t+%pi/4) + ...
2*sin(2*%pi*400*t) + grand(1,N,'nor',0,1);
F=fft(f); // !!!
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// f is real so the fft response is conjugate symmetric and we retain only the first N/2 points

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ff = sample_rate*(0:(N/2))/N; //associated frequency vector
n = size(ff, '*')
clf()
plot(ff, abs(F(1:n)))
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