

Fourier Integral Theorem

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Fourier Integral Theorem:

It states that, fourier integral of a function $f(x)$ is

$$f(x) = \int_0^{\infty} [A(\omega) \cos \omega x + B(\omega) \sin \omega x] d\omega$$

, where

$$A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega t dt$$

and

$$B(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t dt$$

Proof: We know, the fourier series of function $f(x)$ of period $2L$ defined on the interval $(-L, L)$ is a trigonometric series of the form

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

where

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) dt,$$

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

and

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi t}{L} \right) dt$$

Substituting the values of a_0 , a_n and b_n in equation (1) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) = & \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) dt + \\
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \cdot \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right] \\
 & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or, } f(x) = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \quad \times$$

$$\left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \cos \left(\frac{n\pi t}{L} \right) \cdot \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) + \sin \left(\frac{n\pi t}{L} \right) \cdot \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \right\} \right] dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \cos \left(\frac{n\pi t}{L} - \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \right\} \right] dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t - x) \right\} \right] dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \left[\cos 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t-x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t-x) \right] dt$$

$$\left[\because 1 = \cos 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \left[\cos 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t-x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (-)(t-x) \right] dt$$

$$[\because \cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \left[\cos 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t-x) + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t-x) \right] dt$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \left[\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t-x) \right] dt$$

$$\left[\because \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} + 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \right]$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \left[\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{L} \right) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t - x) \right] dt \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Let us assume that L increases indefinitely, so that we may write

$$\frac{n\pi}{L} = \omega$$

and

$$\frac{(n+1)\pi}{L} = \omega + d\omega$$

$$i.e. \quad d\omega = \frac{(n+1)\pi}{L} - \frac{n\pi}{L} = \frac{\pi}{L}$$

i.e. in limiting case, when $L \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{L} \right) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} (t-x) \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos \omega (t-x) d\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \left[\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \right] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{ and } \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{L} = d\omega \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \cos \omega (t-x) d\omega \end{aligned}$$

So, from equation (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \left[2 \int_0^{\infty} \cos \omega (t - x) d\omega \right] dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi} f(t) \cos(\omega t - \omega x) dt \right] d\omega \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \left[\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(t) (\cos \omega t \cdot \cos \omega x + \sin \omega t \cdot \sin \omega x) dt \right] d\omega$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \left[\left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(t) \cos \omega t dt \right\} \cos \omega x + \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(t) \sin \omega t dt \right\} \sin \omega x \right] d\omega$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \int_0^{\infty} [A(\omega) \cos \omega x + B(\omega) \sin \omega x] d\omega$$

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This completes the proof of the theorem.