

Lec 04: Fourier series finis

we want to make sense of infinite

sum's

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{2\pi i k t}$$

* The Fourier coefficients $\hat{f}(k)$. The problem's in general, how do we make sense of such infinite sum? The tricky thing about it is that, if we think in terms of sin's & cosines these terms, functions are oscillating b/w +ve and -ve, so for this thing to converge there is got to be some conspiracy cancellation's that's making it work, ofcourse the size of the coefficients is gonna play a role, but its more than that, oscillating that makes it trickier to study.

if $f(t)$ is periodic with period 1

we want to write with some confidence that

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{2\pi i k t}$$

* Any small lack of smoothness in the function or in any of its derivatives, gonna force to infinite terms.

* A finite number of terms will be infinitely smooth, the function and all its derivatives is gonna be continuous.

\Rightarrow Any lack of smoothness forces infinite terms

where
$$\hat{f}(k) = \int_0^1 e^{-2\pi i k t} f(t) dt$$

if $f(t)$ is continuous, smooth, then we get satisfactory convergence results.

Important condition: in integrability,
instead of smoothness & differentiability
we care about integrability of $f(t)$

Say $f(t)$ is square integrable

$$f \in L^2([0,1]) \quad \text{Lebesgue square}$$

$$\text{if } \int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt < \infty \quad (\text{finite energy condition})$$

where $|f(t)|^2 =$ absolute value squared

$\Rightarrow |f(t)| = f(t)$ for real function.

if $f(t)$ is periodic, square integrable, then
we have from Fourier coefficients

$$\hat{f}(k) = \int_0^1 e^{-2\pi i k t} f(t) dt$$

we have

$$\int_0^1 \left| f(t) - \sum_{k=-n}^n \hat{f}(k) e^{2\pi i k t} \right|^2 dt \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Remember in solving fourier coefficients
we used

$$\int_0^1 e^{2\pi i n t} \cdot e^{-2\pi i m t} dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ 1 & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$$

Cornerstone for understanding these
spaces, and to introducing geometry
into those spaces.

This simple fact is the cornerstone for
introducing "geometry" into space of
square integrable function $L^2([0,1])$

Geometry: Allows one to define orthogonality
via inner product or dot product.

f, g square-integrable on $[0,1]$

inner product: Generalization of the dot
product for vectors.

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt$$

$\Rightarrow f, g$ are orthogonal if

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt = 0$$

Norm of f is

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_2 &= \langle f, f \rangle^{1/2} \\ &= \left[\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt \right]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Complex exponential's are orthonormal functions of length 1

$$\langle e^{2\pi i n t}, e^{2\pi i m t} \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ 1 & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$$

use inner product to define and compute projection.

Fourier coefficients is exactly projection onto complex exponential

$$\hat{f}(k) = \langle f(t), e^{2\pi i k t} \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t) e^{\overline{2\pi i k t}} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{f}(k) = \int_0^1 f(t) e^{-2\pi i k t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f, e^{2\pi i k t} \rangle e^{2\pi i k t}$$

\Rightarrow The complex exponential functions form an orthonormal basis for the square integrable functions $L^2([0,1])$

$\{ e^{2\pi i k t} \}$ form orthonormal basis.

Rayleigh's Identity :

$$\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2$$

Proof:

$$\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt = \|f\|^2$$

$$= \langle f, f \rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f, e_n \rangle e_n, \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f, e_m \rangle e_m \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2$$