

# 01:640:423 - Chapter 5

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## Introducing Fourier Series

$f(x)$  is a  $2\pi$  periodic function. ie  $f(x) = f(2\pi + x)$

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

Some underlying assumptions:

$f(x)$  is integrable on a finite interval. eg bounded; continuous on  $R$  except for finitely many points in each bounded interval.

Also consider complex form:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(nx) &= \frac{e^{inx} + e^{-inx}}{2} \\ \sin(nx) &= \frac{e^{inx} - e^{-inx}}{2i} \\ e^{inx} &= \cos(nx) + i\sin(nx)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_N(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx) \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{b_n}{2i} \right) e^{inx} + \left( \frac{a_n}{2} - \frac{b_n}{2i} \right) e^{-inx}\end{aligned}$$

Rename:  $c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}, c_n = \frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{b_n}{2i}, c_{-n} = \frac{a_n}{2} - \frac{b_n}{2i}$

$$\begin{aligned}S_N(x) &= c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e^{inx} + \sum_{n=1}^N c_{-n} e^{-inx} \\ &= c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e^{inx} + \sum_{n=N}^1 c_n e^{inx} \\ &= \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{inx}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_n &= \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} \\
c_{-n} &= \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2} \\
c_0 &= \frac{a_0}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= c_n + c_{-n} \\
b_n &= i(c_n - c_{-n})
\end{aligned}$$

Assume  $f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$ . How to find  $c_n$ ?

Recall  $\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2(-\pi, \pi)} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$

Lemma for orthogonality:  $\{e^{inx}\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$  is orthogonal with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^2(-\pi, \pi)}$

$$\langle e^{inx}, e^{imx} \rangle_{L^2(-\pi, \pi)} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{inx} \overline{e^{imx}} dx = 2\pi \delta_{nm}$$

So if we consider  $f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle f, e^{imx} \rangle_{L^2(-\pi, \pi)} &= \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \langle e^{inx}, e^{imx} \rangle_{L^2(-\pi, \pi)} = 2\pi c_m \\
c_m &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \langle f, e^{imx} \rangle_{L^2(-\pi, \pi)}
\end{aligned}$$

More explicitly,

$$c_m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-imx} dx$$

Now we can solve for  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  using  $c_n$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= c_n + c_{-n} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{inx} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) (e^{-inx} + e^{inx}) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= i(c_n - c_{-n}) \\
&= i \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{inx} dx \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) (e^{-inx} - e^{inx}) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the interval of integration is  $(-\pi, \pi)$  because  $f(x)$  is  $2\pi$  periodic.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $F(x)$  be a  $2\pi$  periodic function. Then  $\int_a^{a+2\pi} F(x)dx$  doesn't depend on  $a$ .*

*Proof.*

$$I(a) = \int_0^{a+2\pi} F(x)dx - \int_0^a F(x)dx$$

$$I'(a) = F(a+2\pi) - F(a) = 0$$

□

**Remark.**  $a_0 = \cos$  stuff with  $n = 0$

That is why we have  $\frac{a_0}{2}$

**Remark.**  $c_0$  is the average of the function on the interval

**Definition.**  $f(x)$   $2\pi$  periodic function and integrable on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ . then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$$

where  $c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$

or

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

where  $a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$  and  $b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$

**Remark.**  $\sim$  means correspondence as we don't know if the FS converges to  $f(x)$  if at all.

Observations: if  $f(x)$  is even, then  $b_n = 0$   
if  $f(x)$  is odd, then  $a_n = 0$

**Remark.**  $a_n, b_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

and  $c_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \pm\infty$

this is due to oscillations and cancellations

*Proof.* Assume  $f$  is differentiable.

$$\pi a_n = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \frac{\sin(nx)'}{n} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} [f(x) \sin(nx)]_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

The first item is 0 because  $f(x)$  is  $2\pi$  periodic.

$$|a_n| = \frac{1}{\pi n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f'(x)| dx \rightarrow 0$$

□

**Example.**  $f(x) = x$  on  $(-\pi, \pi]$

Extend it to  $\mathbb{R}$  periodically.

The function  $f(x)$  is odd. So  $a_n = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{x \cos(nx)}{n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi \sin(n\pi)}{n} + \frac{\pi \sin(n\pi)}{n} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(nx) \\ f(x) &= 2(\sin(x) - \frac{\sin(2x)}{2} + \frac{\sin(3x)}{3} - \frac{\sin(4x)}{4} + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

**Note.** No convergence test from calc 2 applies to this

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(nx)$$

$$S_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(nx)$$

$$f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(x)$$

**Example.**

$$f(x) = |x| \text{ on } (-\pi, \pi]$$

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

**Remark.** Limit and convergence are not easy as we see in ex 1. but convergence can be easy, but limit is not easy

**Remark.** Decay of four coefficients: Ex 1:  $\frac{1}{n}$ , Ex 2:  $\frac{1}{n^2}$  This gives faster decay for ex 2 over ex 1

Fast decay of coefficients  $\implies$  faster convergence  $\implies$  better approximation with less terms

## 1 5.3 and 5.4

**Definition.**  $f$  is piecewise continuous on  $[a, b]$  if it is continuous on  $[a, b]$  except for finitely many points where it has finite jumps ie  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  and  $f(p_i^\pm)$  exists for all  $i$

**Remark.** if  $a$  or  $b$  is one of the exceptional points we only require existence of  $f(a^+)$  or  $f(b^-)$

**Definition.**  $f \in p.w.C^1[a, b]$  if  $f$  and  $f'$  are piecewise continuous on  $[a, b]$

Whats allowed? Finitely many jumps (discontinuities of  $f$ ) and finitely many corners or cusps (discontinuities of  $f'$ )

**Definition.**  $f \in p.w.C(R)$  if  $f$  is piecewise continuous on  $(a, b)$  for any  $a, b \in R$

**Theorem 1.** If  $f$  is  $2\pi$  periodic and  $\in p.w.C^1(R)$  then

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

where  $c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$   $a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$   $b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$

**Remark.** if  $f$  is continuous at  $x$  then  $f(x^-) = f(x^+) = f(x)$  and the sum of the Fourier series at  $x$  is  $f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} S_n(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx) \\ &= \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{inx} \end{aligned}$$

Goal:  $S_n(x) \rightarrow \frac{f(x^-)+f(x^+)}{2}$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

Take  $x$  fixed

$$\begin{aligned} S_N(x) &= \sum_{n=-N}^N \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) e^{-iny} dy \cdot e^{inx} \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \left( \sum_{n=-N}^N \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{in(x-y)} \right) dy \end{aligned}$$

The item in the parenthesis is the Dirichlet kernel  $D_N(x-y)$

$$D_N(z) = \sum_{n=-N}^N \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{inz}$$

$$S_N(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) D_N(x-y) dy$$

Note that  $D_N(z) = D_N(-z)$

Change of variables:  $z = x - y$

$$S_N(x) = \int_{-\pi-x}^{\pi-x} f(x+z) D_N(z) dz = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+z) D_N(z) dz$$

**Lemma 2.**

$$D_N(z) = \frac{\sin((N + \frac{1}{2})z)}{\sin(z/2)}$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi D_N(z) &= e^{-inz} \sum_{n=1}^{2N} e^{inz} \\ &= e^{-inz} \frac{e^{i(2N+1)z} - 1}{e^{iz} - 1} \\ &= \frac{e^{i(N+1)z} - e^{-i(N)z}}{e^{iz} - 1} \cdot \frac{e^{-iz/2}}{e^{-iz/2}} \\ &= \frac{e^{i(N+1/2)z} - e^{i(N+1/2)z}}{e^{iz/2} - e^{-iz/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\sin(z) = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}$

Note  $2\pi D_N(0) = 2N + 1$

$2\pi D_N(\pm\pi) = (-1)^N$

□

*pick up  $f(x+z)$  at  $z=0$  like dirac delta function*

**Theorem 2.**  $f$  is  $2\pi$  periodic and  $\in p.w.C^1(R)$  then  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(x) = \frac{f(x^-) + f(x^+)}{2}$  for all  $x$

$$S_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{inx} = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

where  $c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) e^{-iny} dy$

We can also write  $S_N(x)$  as

$$S_N(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+z) D_N(z) dz$$

If  $f$  is not continuous at  $x$  then

$$S_N(x) = \int_{-\pi}^0 f(x+z) D_N(z) dz + \int_0^{\pi} f(x+z) D_N(z) dz$$

$$\frac{f(x^-) + f(x^+)}{2} = \int_{-\pi}^0 f(x^-) D_N(z) dz + \int_0^{\pi} f(x^+) D_N(z) dz = \frac{1}{2} f(x^-) + \frac{1}{2} f(x^+)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_N(x) - \frac{f(x^-) + f(x^+)}{2} &= \int_{-\pi}^0 (f(x+z) - f(x^-)) D_N(z) dz + \int_0^{\pi} (f(x+z) - f(x^+)) D_N(z) dz \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary.**  $f, g$  are  $2\pi$  periodic and  $\in p.w.C^1(R)$ .

If  $f, g$  have the same Fourier coefficients then  $\frac{f(x^-) + f(x^+)}{2} = \frac{g(x^-) + g(x^+)}{2}$  for all  $x$

In particular  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x$  in which  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous

Functions on  $[\pi, \pi]$   $f$  is piecewise continuous on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ; extend  $f$  to  $R$  periodically

Use  $f$  on  $(-\pi, \pi]$  to construct  $\tilde{f}$  on  $R$

now  $\tilde{f}$  is  $2\pi$  periodic and  $\in p.w.C^1(R)$

Now we can see that  $c_n = \frac{\tilde{f}(x^-) + \tilde{f}(x^+)}{2}$

Clearly  $f(x^-) = \tilde{f}(x^-)$  and with more work (noticing we can go to the next period) we can show  $f(-x^+) = \tilde{f}(x^+)$

Functions on  $[0, \pi]$

$f$  is piecewise continuous on  $[0, \pi]$ ; extend  $f$  to  $R$  periodically

We have a two stage extension process:  $f$  on  $[0, \pi]$  to  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  to  $\tilde{f}$  on  $R$

When we do our first extension we can do even or odd extensions:

$$f_{\text{even}}(x) \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{for } x \in [0, \pi] \\ f(-x) & \text{for } x \in [-\pi, 0) \end{cases}$$

$$f_{odd}(x) \begin{cases} f(x) \text{ for } x \in (0, \pi] \\ 0 \text{ for } x = 0 \\ -f(-x) \text{ for } x \in [-\pi, 0) \end{cases}$$

For  $f_{even}$  we have the Fourier series be

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) \\ &= \frac{f_{even}(x^-) + f_{even}(x^+)}{2} \\ & \begin{cases} f(0^+) \text{ at } x = 0 \\ f(\pi^-) \text{ at } x = \pi \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For  $f_{odd}$  we have the Fourier series be

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) \\ &= \frac{f_{odd}(x^-) + f_{odd}(x^+)}{2} \\ & \begin{cases} 0 \text{ at } x = 0 \\ 0 \text{ at } x = \pi \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Example.**  $f(x) = x$  on  $[0, \pi]$

$$f_{even}(x) = \begin{cases} x \text{ for } x \in [0, \pi] \\ -x \text{ for } x \in [-\pi, 0) \end{cases}$$

$$f_{odd}(x) = \begin{cases} x \text{ for } x \in (0, \pi] \\ 0 \text{ for } x = 0 \\ x \text{ for } x \in [-\pi, 0) \end{cases}$$

We know  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \in \text{odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos(nx)$  and  $x = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\sin(nx)}{n}$

Functions of  $[-l, l]$

$f$  is piecewise continuous on  $[-l, l]$ ; extend  $f$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  periodically

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= f(lx/\pi) \text{ for } x \in [-\pi, \pi] \\ c_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(lx/\pi) e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(y) e^{-iny\pi/l} dy \end{aligned}$$



## 2 $L^2$ Theory for Fourier series

$L^2 := L^2(-\pi, \pi) = \{f : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)^2 dx < \infty\}$

Ex: any continuous  $f$  is in  $L^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|^2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)^2 dx \\ \langle f, g \rangle &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx \\ \langle f, f \rangle &= \|f\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Example.**

$$\begin{aligned} e^{inx} &\in L^2 \\ \langle e^{inx}, e^{imx} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{inx} \overline{e^{imx}} dx = \delta_{nm} \\ f(x) &\sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} \\ c_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx \\ \phi_n(x) &= e^{inx} \\ c_n &= \langle f, \phi_n \rangle \\ f(x) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f, \phi_n \rangle \phi_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

## 3 $L^2$ theory for Fourier series

$$\begin{aligned} f &: [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \|f\|^2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx \\ L^2 &= \{f : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \|f\| < \infty\} \\ \langle f, g \rangle &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx \end{aligned}$$

We can prove this by  $a * b \leq |a|^2/2 + |b|^2/2$  since  $0 \leq (a - b)^2$

*Proof.*  $|f \cdot g| = |f||g| \leq \frac{|f|^2}{2} + \frac{|g|^2}{2}$   
Integrate by  $x$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)g(x)| dx \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|f(x)|^2}{2} dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|g(x)|^2}{2} dx$$

We know the RHS is finite so the LHS is finite

□

We can also do this by Cauchy Schwarz inequality

### Theorem 3.

$$|| \langle f, g \rangle || \leq ||f|| \cdot ||g||$$

*Proof.* Consider  $f - tg$  where  $t$  is a parameter

$$0 \leq ||f - tg||^2 = \langle f - tg, f - tg \rangle = ||f||^2 - 2t \langle f, g \rangle + t^2 ||g||^2$$

### Properties

- $\langle f, g_1 + g_2 \rangle = \langle f, g_1 \rangle + \langle f, g_2 \rangle$
- $\langle f_1 + f_2, g \rangle = \langle f_1, g \rangle + \langle f_2, g \rangle$
- $\langle af, g \rangle = a \langle f, g \rangle$
- $\langle f, ag \rangle = \bar{a} \langle f, g \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} ||f - tg||^2 &= ||f||^2 - t \langle g, f \rangle - \overline{t \langle g, f \rangle} + |t|^2 ||g||^2 \\ -t \langle g, f \rangle - \overline{t \langle g, f \rangle} &= 2\operatorname{Re}[t \langle g, f \rangle] ||f - tg||^2 = ||f||^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}[t \langle g, f \rangle] + |t|^2 ||g||^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t \geq 0$

$$0 \leq ||f||^2 - 2t\operatorname{Re}(\langle g, f \rangle) + t^2 ||g||^2$$

minimize in  $t$  for a critical point:

$$0 = -2\operatorname{Re}(\langle g, f \rangle) + 2t ||g||^2$$

$$t = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\langle g, f \rangle)}{||g||^2}$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq ||f||^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}[\langle g, f \rangle] \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\langle g, f \rangle)}{||g||^2} + \frac{|\langle g, f \rangle|^2}{||g||^2} ||g||^2 \\ &\leq ||f||^2 - \frac{|\langle g, f \rangle|^2}{||g||^2} (\operatorname{Re}(\langle g, f \rangle))^2 \leq ||f||^2 ||g||^2 |\operatorname{Re}(\langle g, f \rangle)| \leq ||f|| ||g|| \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $t = \frac{\overline{\langle g, f \rangle}}{||g||^2}$

□

$$\phi_n(x) = e^{inx}$$

$$\langle \phi_n, \phi_m \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{inx} \overline{e^{imx}} dx = \delta_{nm}$$

Thus  $\{\phi_n\}$  is an orthonormal set in  $L^2$

Which means that it is orthogonal and  $\|\phi_n\| = 1$

Fourier series  $f \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f, \phi_n \rangle \phi_n$

**Lemma 3.** Fourier sum as best approximation in  $L^2$

$f \in L^2$ ,  $N$  is a fixed integer.

**Goal** approximate  $f$  with  $S_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N a_n e^{inx}$  in the  $L^2$  sense

**Claim**  $\|f - \sum_{n=-N}^N a_n \phi_n\|$  is the minimized for  $a_n = \langle f, \phi_n \rangle$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - \sum_{n=-N}^N a_n \phi_n\|^2 &= \|f\|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}[\langle f, \sum_{n=-N}^N a_n \phi_n \rangle] + \|\sum_{n=-N}^N a_n \phi_n\|^2 \\ &= \|f\|^2 - 2 \sum_{n=-N}^N \operatorname{Re}[\overline{a_n} \langle f, \phi_n \rangle] + \sum_{n=-N}^N |a_n|^2 \|\phi_n\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Also consider

$$\langle \sum_n a_n \phi_n, \sum_m a_m \phi_m \rangle = \sum_n \sum_m a_n \overline{a_m} \langle \phi_n, \phi_m \rangle = \sum_n |a_n|^2 \|\phi_n\|^2$$

Aka pythagorean theorem:  $|u + v|^2 = |u|^2 + |v|^2$  if  $u, v$  orthogonal

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - \sum_{n=-N}^N a_n \phi_n\|^2 &= \|f\|^2 - 2 \sum_{n=-N}^N \operatorname{Re}[\overline{a_n} c_n] + \sum_{n=-N}^N |a_n|^2 \\ &= \|f\|^2 + \sum_{n=-N}^N |a_n|^2 - 2 \sum_{n=-N}^N \operatorname{Re}[\overline{a_n} c_n] + c_n^2 - c_n^2 \\ &= \|f\|^2 + \sum_{n=-N}^N |a_n - c_n|^2 - \sum_{n=-N}^N |c_n|^2 \end{aligned}$$

We can see that this is minimize if  $a_n = c_n$  for all  $n$

□

**Definition.** distance between  $f, g$  is

$$d(f, g) = \|f - g\|$$

**Definition.**  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^2$  if  $d(f_n, f) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\|f_n - f\| \rightarrow 0$$

This is called Mean Square Convergence

**Example.**  $L^2$  convergence is different from pointwise convergence

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} n^p & \text{for } x \in [0, 1/n] \\ 0 & \text{for } x \in (1/n, 1] \end{cases}, \quad p > 0$$

$$\|f_n - 0\|^2 = \int_0^1 f_n(x)^2 dx = n^{2p-1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } 2p - 1 < 0 \implies p < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_n(x) \not\rightarrow 0 \text{ pointwise}$$

*Metric space  $X$  with a notion of distance  $d(x, y) \forall x, y \in X$*

**Example.**

$$\mathbb{R} \text{ with } d(x, y) = |x - y|$$

$$L^2 \text{ with } d(f, g) = \|f - g\|$$

**Definition.** Hueristic definition:

$X$  is complete if it has no holes

**Example.**  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not complete because  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$

$\mathbb{R} = \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  completeness of  $\mathbb{Q}$  fill in the holes

**Definition.**  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy if its terms get arbitrarily close to each other as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N > 0, \text{ such that } d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon, \forall n, m > N$$

**Definition.**  $(X, d)$  is called complete if any Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to a point in  $X$

$$L^2 \leftrightarrow \text{Lebesgue space}$$

$L^2$ -integral is lebesgue integral, it generalize the reiman integral and improper integral

**Theorem 4.**  $L^2$  is complete

**Theorem 5.** Bessel inequality

$f \in L^2$  and  $c_n = \langle f, \phi_n \rangle$  then

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 \leq \|f\|^2$$

*Proof.*

$$S_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n \phi_n(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - S_N\|^2 &= \|f\|^2 - 2 \sum \operatorname{Re}(\langle f, c_n \phi_n \rangle) + \sum |c_n|^2 \\ &= \|f\|^2 - 2 \sum |c_n|^2 + \sum |c_n|^2 \\ &= \|f\|^2 - \sum |c_n|^2 \leq \|f\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary.** Let  $f \in L^2$  then  $c_n = \langle f, \phi_n \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$   
 $c_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \pm\infty$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 &\leq \|f\|^2 < \infty \\ |c_n|^2 &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 6.**  $f \in L^2$  and  $c_n = \langle f, \phi_n \rangle$  and  $S_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n \phi_n(x)$   
 Then  $\{S_N\}$  converges in  $L^2$ .  
 ie there exist  $s \in L^2$  such that  $S_N \rightarrow s$  in  $L^2$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

### Quick Review

- $L^2 = \{f : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \|f\| < \infty\}$
- $\|f\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx$
- $\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$
- $\phi_n(x) = e^{inx}$
- $\langle \phi_n, \phi_m \rangle = \delta_{nm}$
- $f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f, \phi_n \rangle \phi_n(x)$
- $c_n = \langle f, \phi_n \rangle$

**Theorem 7.**  $f \in L^2$  and  $c_n = \langle f, \phi_n \rangle$  and  $S_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n \phi_n(x)$   
 Then  $\{S_N\}$  converges in  $L^2$ .  
 ie there exist  $s \in L^2$  such that  $S_N - s \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^2$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

*Proof.* We will show that  $\{S_N\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^2$

We mean closeness with respect to the  $L^2$  norm/distance

Additionally since  $L^2$  is complete, we know that the sequence converges to a point in  $L^2$

Cauchy:  $\|S_N - S_M\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $N, M \rightarrow \infty$

$$S_N - S_M = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n \phi_n - \sum_{n=-M}^M c_n \phi_n = \sum_{n=-M-1}^{-N} c_n \phi_n + \sum_{n=M+1}^N c_n \phi_n$$

$$\|S_N - S_M\|^2 = \langle S_N - S_M, S_N - S_M \rangle = \sum_{n=-M-1}^{-N} |c_n|^2 + \sum_{n=M+1}^N |c_n|^2$$

because these are tails of a convergent series, they go to 0 as  $N, M \rightarrow \infty$

We know thus by Bessel's inequality:  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 \leq \|f\|^2$

$$\sum_0^N - \sum_0^M = \sum_{M+1}^N |c_n|^2 \rightarrow c - c = 0$$

□

**Remark.** Notation:

$$S_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n \phi_n(x) \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{L^2} s(x)$$

$$s = \sum_{n=-\infty, L^2}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n$$

We can call this  $L^2$  convergence or sum

**Theorem 8.**  $f \in L^2$  and  $c_n = \langle f, \phi_n \rangle$  then

$$f = \sum_{n=-\infty, L^2}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n \phi_n(x)|^2 dx \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$$

Fourier series converges to  $f$  "on average" in the  $L^2$  sense

**Remark.** ①. Assume  $f$  is very nice and prove the theorem for such  $f$

This relies on a notion of uniform convergence

uniform convergence  $\implies$  pointwise convergence &  $L^2$  convergence

$f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $I$  if  $\max_{x \in I} |f_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

We can see that  $\|f_n - f\|^2 = \int_I |f_n(x) - f(x)|^2 dx \leq \int_I \max_{x \in I} |f_n(x) - f(x)|^2 dx \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$

② For general  $f \in L^2$  we can approximate  $f$  a sequence of  $f_n \in L^2$  that are very nice

Then we can see that ① applies to  $f_n$

*Thus  $\{e^{inx}\}$  is a basis for  $L^2$*

*In otherwords it is a complete system*

*$L^2$ -dimensional space, all  $\{e^{inx}\}$  are linearly independent*

**Remark.** A hermitian matrix is a matrix that is equal to its conjugate transpose

If  $A$  is hermitian then  $A$  has a complex orthogonal basis of eigenvectors

$A = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  with BC periodicities of  $u$  and  $u'$ . ie  $\begin{cases} u'' = \lambda u \\ u(-\pi) = u(\pi) \\ u'(-\pi) = u'(\pi) \end{cases}$  The generalization is the

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