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# Chapter 04 : Fourier Series.

By adding infinite sin or cos waves we can make other functions.

We use fourier series to represent a periodic signal as an infinite sum of sin (or cos) waves.

## 4.1) Determination of fourier coefficient

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

- Full series of sin and cos with a name of all coefficients, where;
- $f(x)$  is the function that we want (square wave)
- $L$  is the half of the period of the function
- $a_0, a_n, b_n$  are the coefficients that we need to calculate.

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$$a_0, \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right) \quad a_n = \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{L}\right) \dots$$

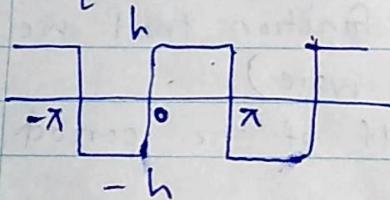
 $a_0, a_n, b_n$ 

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

$$2) \quad a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$3) \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

Ex: Square Wave



$$2L = 2\pi \\ L = \pi$$

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

$a_0 = 0$  (Because net area is positive ( $0$  to  $\pi$ ) and negative ( $-\pi$  to  $0$ ) same value)

$$2) \quad a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

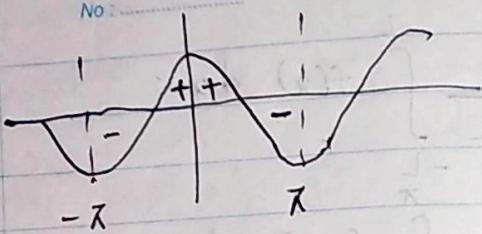
( $-\pi$  to  $0$ ) and ( $0$  to  $\pi$ )

w.r.t  $x$ 

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (-h) \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

$$a_1 = -\frac{h}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos x dx$$

w.r.t  $x$   
area.

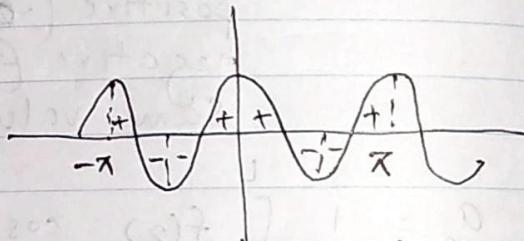


$$\therefore a_1 = 0$$

When  $n=2$

$$a_2 = -\frac{h}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos 2x \, dx$$

$$a_2 \neq 0$$



$\therefore a_n \neq 0$  (we can extend this idea to every value of  $n$ )

$$3) b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(x) \sin \left( \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) dx$$

When  $n=1$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(x) dx$$

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$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 f(x) \sin(x) dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 -h \sin x \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} h \sin x \, dx \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \, dx = \left[ -\cos x \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= -\cos 0 - (-\cos(-\pi))$$

$$= -1 - (1)$$

$$= -2$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin x \, dx = -\frac{h}{\pi} (-2 = \frac{2h}{\pi})$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \, dx = \left[ -\cos x \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= -\cos \pi - (-\cos(-\pi))$$

$$= -(-1) - (1) = 1 + 1$$

$$= 2$$

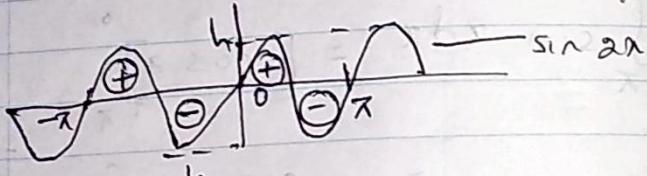
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin x \, dx = \frac{h \times 2}{\pi} = \frac{2h}{\pi}$$

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$$b_1 = \frac{2h}{\pi} + \frac{2h}{\pi} = \frac{4h}{\pi}$$

 $n=2$ 

$$b_2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(2x) dx.$$



$$b_2 = \int_{-\pi}^{0} (-h) \sin 2x dx$$

$$(i) = -h \int_{-\pi}^{0} \sin 2x dx \quad \left[ \right]_0$$

$$(ii) = h \int_0^{\pi} \sin 2x dx \quad \left[ \right]$$

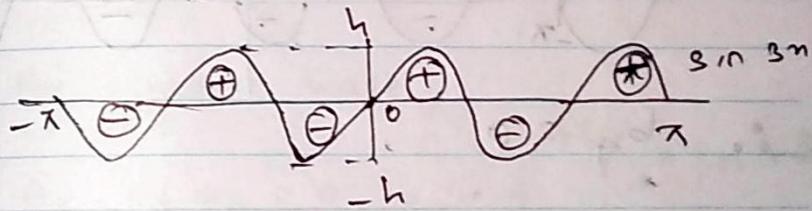
$$\therefore b_2 = 0$$

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 $n=3$ 

$$b_3 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin 3x dx.$$

$$b_3 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin 3x dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin 3x dx$$

$$= -\frac{h}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{0} \sin 3x dx + \frac{h}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin 3x dx$$



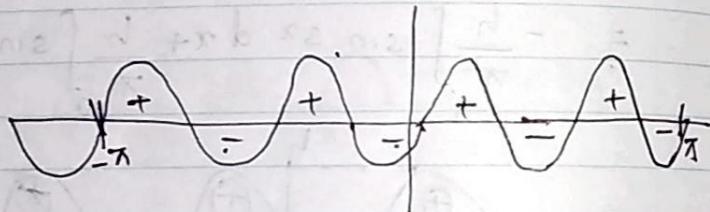
$$b_3 = \frac{b_1}{3} = \frac{4h}{3\pi}$$

Two areas cancelled and one is remaining  
So it is like  $b_1$  integral, but only one-third of the area.

$n=4$

$$b_4 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(4x) dx$$

$$= -h \int_{-\pi}^0 \sin 4x dx + \frac{h}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin 4x dx$$

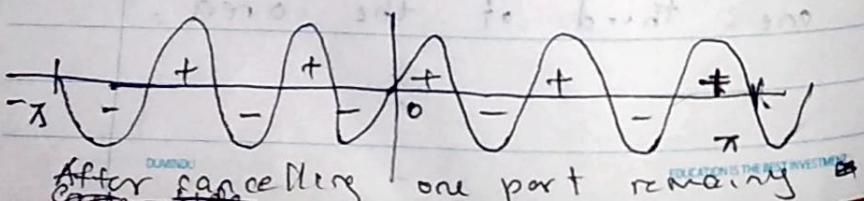


$$\therefore b_4 = 0$$

$n=5$

$$b_5 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(5x) dx$$

$$= -h \int_{-\pi}^0 \sin 5x dx + \frac{h}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin 5x dx$$



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$$b_5 = \frac{b_1}{5}$$

For even

$$b_n = 0$$

For odd

$$b_n = \frac{b_1}{n} h = \frac{4h}{n\pi}$$

(all except one are cancel, for a result of  $b_n$ )

For square wave,

$$a_0 = 0, a_n = 0, b_n = \begin{cases} \frac{4h}{n\pi}; n \text{ odd} \\ 0; n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

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

$$= 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4h}{n\pi}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$= \frac{4h}{\pi} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ \text{odd}}}^{\infty} \left( \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)$$

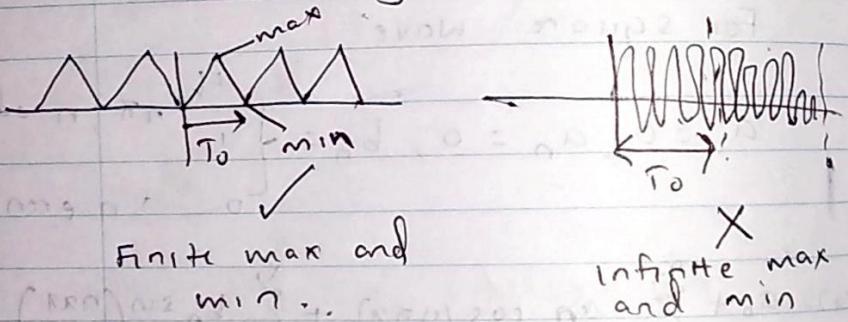
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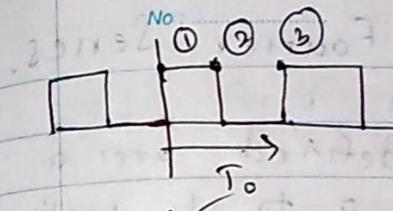
$$= \frac{4h}{\pi} \left[ \sin(\alpha) + \frac{\sin(3\alpha)}{3} + \frac{\sin(5\alpha)}{5} \right]$$

Conditions for existence of  
fourier series  
(Dirichlet conditions)

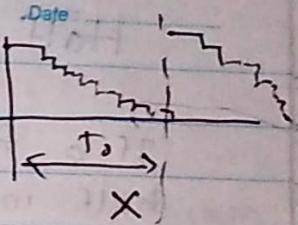
- (1) function should have finite number of maxima and minima over the range of time period.



- (2) Function should have finite number of discontinuities over the range of the time period.

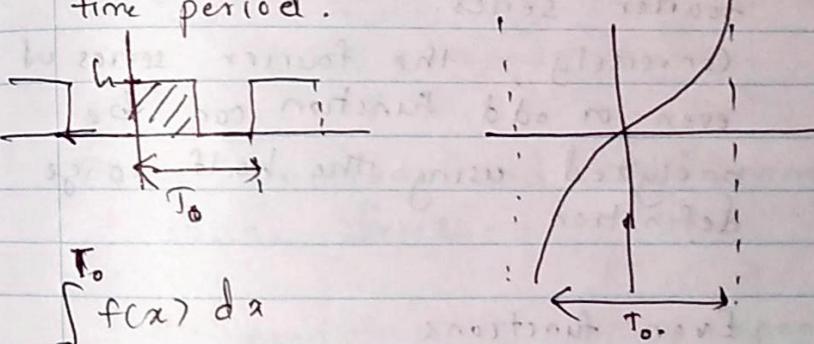


Finite number of discontinuities.



Infinite number of discontinuities.

- (3) Function should be absolutely integrable over the range of the time period.



Not absolutely integrable over the time period.

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If a function defined over a half range say 0 to L instead of the full range -L to +L, it may be expanded in a series of sine terms only or cosine terms only. The series produced is then called a half range Fourier series.

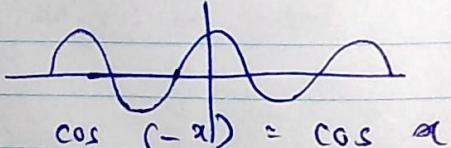
Conversely, the Fourier series of even or odd function can be analyzed using the half range definition.

Even functions

Symmetric about the y-axis,

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

Eg: cos function.



$$\cos(-x) = \cos x$$

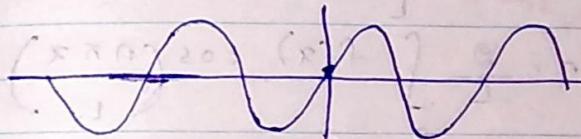
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odd functions

Symmetric about the origin

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

Eg:- sin function



$$\sin(-x) = -\sin x$$

Even functions and half range cosine series.

An even function can be expanded using half its range from 0 to L or -L to 0 or L to 2L. That is the range of integration is L. The Fourier series of the half range even function is given by

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$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Where

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx.$$

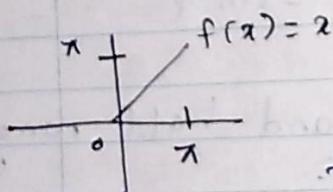


Figure 1

In figure 1,  $f(x) = x$  is sketched from  $x=0$  to  $x=\pi$ .

- An even function means that it must be symmetrical about the y-axis /  $f(x)$  axis; and this is shown in the following figure 2, by dotted lines.

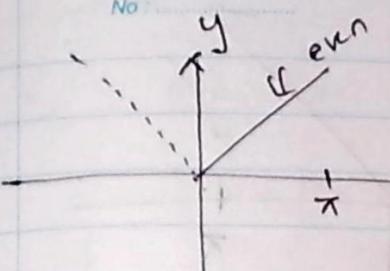
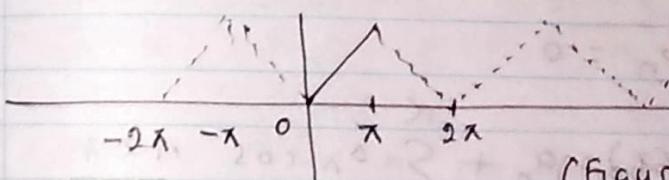


Figure 2.

- Assume that the triangular wave formed produce is periodic with period  $2\pi$ . (figure 3)

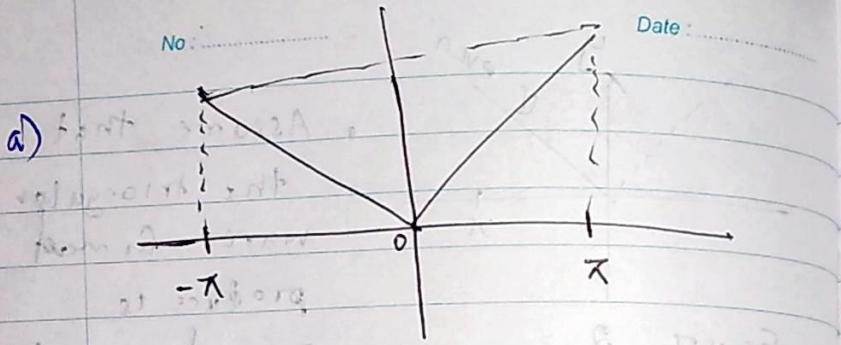


(Figure 3)

Ex:  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & \text{if } -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \pi \end{cases}$

&  $f(x)$  is periodic with period  $2\pi$

- Sketch the function.
- Find the Fourier series using half range series.



(b) Since the function is even

$$b_n = 0$$

$$(c) f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(x) dx$$

$2L = 2\pi$   
 $L = \pi$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x & dv &= \cos nx \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= 1 & v &= \frac{\sin nx}{n} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\int x \cos(nx) dx = x \frac{\sin nx}{n} - \int \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx$$

$$= n \frac{\sin nx}{n} - \frac{-\cos nx}{n^2}$$

$$= \frac{n}{n^2} \frac{\sin nx + \cos nx}{n^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} [\cos(nx) + nx \sin(nx)]$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \cos(nx) + nx \sin(nx) \right]_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi n^2} [(\cos(n\pi) + 0) - (\cos 0 + 0)]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi n^2} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

n even,

$$= \frac{2}{n^2\pi} [1 - 1] = 0$$

n odd

$$= \frac{2}{n^2\pi} [-1 - 1] = -\frac{4}{n^2\pi}$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ \text{odd}}}^{\infty} -\frac{4}{n^2\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \left(\frac{4}{\pi}\right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{L}\right)$$

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

$$\boxed{\cos n\pi = (-1)^n}$$

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(02) Expand  $f(x) = x$ ,  $0 < x < 2\pi$  in a half-range Fourier series

(a) Sine series

(b) Cosine series.

(a) Sine Series

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx. \quad L = 2 - 0$$

$$= 2.$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\sin nx - xn \cos(nx)}{n^2} \right]_0^2$$

$$= \left[ -\frac{2x}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) + \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right]_0^n$$

$$= -\frac{4}{n\pi} (-1)$$

$$f(x) = -\frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (-1)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

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

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

(b) Cosine series.

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

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 x dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^2 = \left[ \frac{4}{2} - 0 \right] = 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{2x}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) + \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right]_0^2 \\ &= \frac{4}{n\pi} \left( 0 + \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} (-1)^n \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} (-1)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(n\pi)} \left( (-1)^n - 1 \right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \left( (-1)^n - 1 \right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Odd functions and half range sine series.

Odd function can be expanded using half it's range from 0 to  $\pi$ . That is the range of integration has value  $\pi$ .

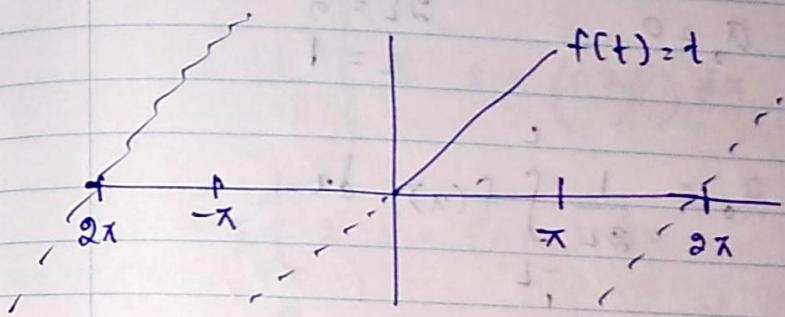
The fourier series of an odd function.

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$a_n = 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

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



It is then assumed that the wave form produced is periodic of period  $2\pi$ , outside of this range shown by the dotted lines.

Ex:- Compute the fourier series of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3, & 0 < x < 1 \\ -3, & -1 < x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\& f(x) = f(x+2)$$

$$f(x) = f(x+2)$$

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2L &= 2 \\ L &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &:= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 3 dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [3x]_{-1}^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [3 - 3]$$

$$= 0$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{1} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{1} \int_{-1}^1 3 \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

$$= 3 \int_{-1}^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

$$= 6 \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx \quad [\text{half range}]$$

$$\left( 1 - \cos(n\pi x) \right)_0^1$$

$$= -b \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= -b \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n\pi}$$

$$= -b \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n\pi}$$

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$$b_n = -\frac{6}{n\pi} [(-1)^{n-1}]$$

$$x = \begin{cases} 0 & ; n \text{ even} \\ \frac{12}{n\pi} & ; n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{12}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x); n = \text{odd}$$

(odd)