

Problem 4: Finding the sine and cosine Fourier coefficients

Suppose we have a periodic function $f(x)$ that's slightly different than our overview PDF file:

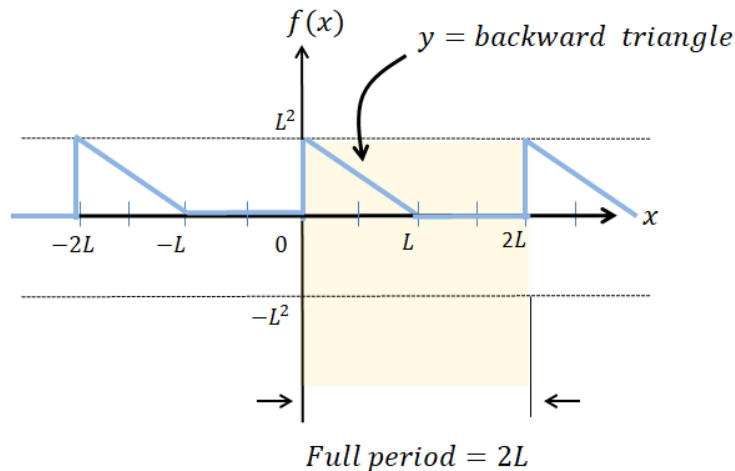


Figure 1: A sawtooth-shaped $f(x)$ that is neither odd nor even

We would like to express $f(x)$ as both a linear combination of the orthogonal basis functions sines or cosines.

$$\psi_m(x) = \left\{ \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right) \right\} \quad \text{and / or} \quad \phi_n(x) = \left\{ \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \right\}$$

Where: $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $n = 1, 2, \dots$ positive integers

Let's write out the reconstruction of our target function (x) :

DC term !!

$$f(x) = a_0 \psi_0(x) + a_1 \psi_1(x) + a_2 \psi_2(x) + \dots + a_m \psi_m(x) \\ + b_1 \phi_1(x) + b_2 \phi_2(x) + \dots + b_n \phi_n(x)$$

We can easily rewrite this in a compact form.... of which you might have seen before in undergrad !

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) = \underbrace{\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \psi_m(x)}_{\text{even basis}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \phi_n(x)}_{\text{odd basis}}$$

Your tasks: (Turn in all blue-highlighted paper-written work, yellow-highlighted echoed parts, matlab codes, and your plots in your matlab publish PDF files)

1. . Using inner products definition over the:

$$\text{full interval } x = [0, 2L], \text{ where } L = 3.$$

and taking advantage of the orthogonality / (norm)² relationships among cosines, sines, write down the general expression for the sine and cosine Fourier coefficients (do the integral on paper.... while leaving the constant "L" as an arbitrary one !!!) , where:

- $a_m =$ The m^{th} - cosine Fourier coefficient
- $b_n =$ The n^{th} - sine Fourier coefficient

2. Numerically evaluate and echo the following in your diary:

- The first 6 cosine coefficients $a_0, a_1 \dots, a_5$.
- The first 5 sine coefficients $b_1 \dots, b_5$.

3. Using the first 6 cosine coefficients (this includes the DC term) and the first 5 sine coefficients , we can reconstruct $f(x)$ with the following expression:

$$f(x) \approx \sum_{m=0}^5 a_m \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right) + \sum_{n=1}^5 b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$$

- Using either the *line* or the *plot* function, plot the original $f(x)$ in the interval $x = [0, 2L]$
- Hold the figure
- Overlay the Fourier series reconstruction of $f(x)$ onto the plot as a different color.
- Add legend to differentiate between the 2 traces !