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## DEFINITION 1

### Inner Product of Function

The ***inner product*** of two functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  on an interval  $[a, b]$  is the number

$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int_a^b f_1(x) f_2(x) dx$$

## DEFINITION 2

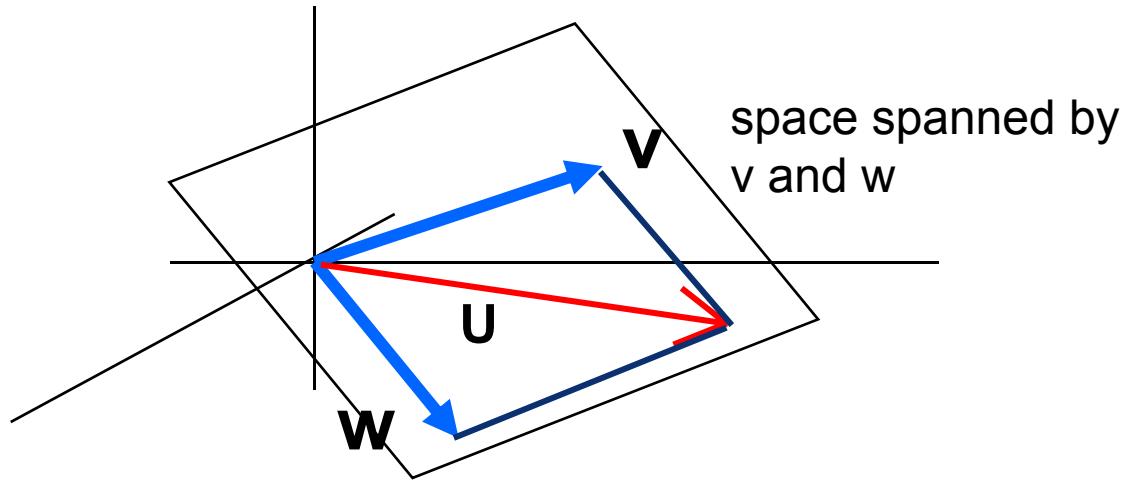
### Orthogonal Function

Two functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are said to be ***orthogonal*** on an interval  $[a, b]$  if

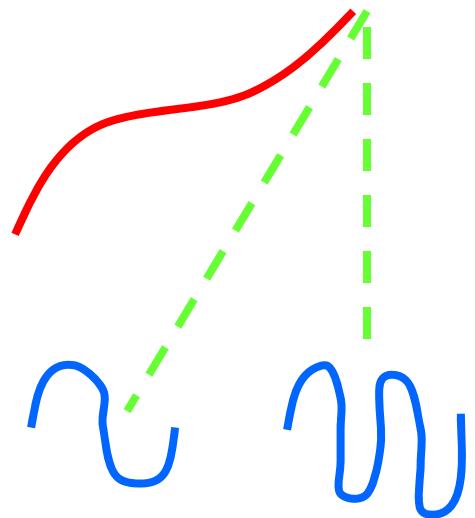
$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int_a^b f_1(x) f_2(x) dx = 0$$

# Fourier Series

## Conceptual analogy



$$\mathbf{u} \approx \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \mathbf{v} + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \mathbf{w}$$



$$f(t) \approx c_1 e^{j\omega_0 t} + c_2 e^{j2\omega_0 t} \text{ where}$$

$$c_k = \langle f(t), e^{jk\omega_0 t} \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$$

**Example:1.** Show that  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  are orthogonal on  $[-1, 1]$

**Solution:**

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x \cdot x^2 dx = \int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx = \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = 0.$$

as  $\langle f, g \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  are orthogonal on  $[-1, 1]$

**Example:2.** Find value of  $c$  for which  $f(x)=x$  and  $g(x)=2+3cx$  are orthogonal on  $[0,1]$ .

**Solution:**

$$\boxed{\text{Inner product } \langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f, g \rangle &= \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (2x + 3cx^2) dx \\ &= \left[ x^2 + cx^3 \right]_0^1 = 0 \\ 1 + c &= 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c = -1\end{aligned}$$

$f(x) = x, g(x) = 2+3x$  are Orthogonal function on  $[0,1]$

DEFINITION 3

## Inner Product of Function

A set of real-valued functions  $\{\phi_0(x), \phi_1(x), \phi_2(x), \dots\}$  is said to be **orthogonal** on an interval  $[a, b]$  if

$$\langle \phi_m, \phi_n \rangle = \int_a^b \phi_m(x) \phi_n(x) dx = 0, \quad m \neq n$$

# Orthonormal Sets

- The expression  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) = ||\mathbf{u}||^2$  is called the ***square norm***. Thus we can define the square norm of a function as

$$\|\phi_n(x)\|^2 = \int_a^b \phi_n^2 dx, \quad \|\phi_n(x)\| = \sqrt{\int_a^b \phi_n^2(x) dx}$$

- If  $\{\phi_n(x)\}$  is an orthogonal set on  $[a, b]$  with the property that  $||\phi_n(x)|| = 1$  for all  $n$ , then it is called an ***orthonormal set*** on  $[a, b]$ .

## Set of orthogonal function

A set of real valued functions  $f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots$  on interval  $[a, b]$  is orthogonal if

$$\langle f_m, f_n \rangle = \int_a^b f_m(x) f_n(x) dx = 0, \quad \text{if } m \neq n$$

## Set of Ortho-normal Function

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad & \langle f_m, f_n \rangle = 0 \\ 2. \quad & \|f_n\| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Norm of function

$$\|f_n\| = \sqrt{\langle f_n, f_n \rangle}$$

$$\langle f_n, f_n \rangle = \int_a^b f_n^2(x) dx$$

$$\|f_n(x)\| = \sqrt{\langle f_n, f_n \rangle} = \left[ \int_a^b f_n^2(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**Example 3** Show that the set  $\{1, \cos x, \cos 2x, \dots\}$  is orthogonal on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

**Solution**

Let  $\phi_0(x) = 1$ ,  $\phi_n(x) = \cos nx$ , we show that

$$\begin{aligned}(\phi_0, \phi_n) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi_0(x)\phi_n(x)dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx dx \\&= \frac{1}{n} \sin nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0, \text{ for } n \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and } (\phi_m, \phi_n) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi_m(x)\phi_n(x)dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \cdot \cos nx dx \\&= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [\cos(m+n)x + \cos(m-n)x] dx \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\sin(m+n)x}{m+n} + \frac{\sin(m-n)x}{m-n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0, m \neq n\end{aligned}$$

## Example 4

Find the norms of each functions in Example 3.

### Solution

$$\phi_0 = 1, \|\phi_0\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx = 2\pi \Rightarrow \|\phi_0\| = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$\phi_n = \cos nx,$$

$$\|\phi_n\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 nx dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1 + \cos 2nx) dx = \pi$$

$$\|\phi_n\| = \sqrt{\pi}, n > 0$$

## Vector Analogy

- Recalling from the vectors in 3-space that

we have  $\mathbf{u} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3,$

Thus we can make an analogy between vectors and functions.

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_1)}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 + \frac{(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_2)}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2} \mathbf{v}_2 + \frac{(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_3)}{\|\mathbf{v}_3\|^2} \mathbf{v}_3 = \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_n)}{\|\mathbf{v}_n\|^2} \mathbf{v}_n$$

# Orthogonal Series Expansion

- Suppose  $\{\phi_n(x)\}$  is an orthogonal set on  $[a, b]$ . If  $f(x)$  is defined on  $[a, b]$ , we first write as

$$f(x) = c_0\phi_0(x) + c_1\phi_1(x) + \cdots + c_n\phi_n(x) + \cdots ?$$

- Then 
$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b f(x)\phi_m(x) dx \\ &= c_0 \int_a^b \phi_0(x)\phi_m(x) dx + c_1 \int_a^b \phi_1(x)\phi_m(x) dx + \cdots \\ & \quad + c_n \int_a^b \phi_n(x)\phi_m(x) dx + \cdots \\ &= c_0(\phi_0, \phi_m) + c_1(\phi_1, \phi_m) + \cdots + c_n(\phi_n, \phi_m) + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

- Since  $\{\phi_n(x)\}$  is an orthogonal set on  $[a, b]$ , each term on the right-hand side is zero except  $m = n$ . In this case we have

$$\int_a^b f(x) \phi_n(x) dx = c_n (\phi_n, \phi_n) = c_n \int_a^b \phi_n^2(x) dx$$

$$c_n = \frac{\int_a^b f(x) \phi_n(x) dx}{\int_a^b \phi_n^2(x) dx}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

In other words,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x),$$

Then (7) becomes

$$c_n = \frac{\int_a^b f(x) \phi_n(x) dx}{\|\phi_n(x)\|^2}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(f, \phi_n)}{\|\phi_n(x)\|^2} \phi_n(x)$$

## DEFINITION 4

**Orthogonal Set/Weight Function**

A set of real-valued functions  $\{\phi_0(x), \phi_1(x), \phi_2(x), \dots\}$  is said to be orthogonal with respect to a weight function  $w(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ , if

$$\int_a^b w(x) \phi_m(x) \phi_n(x) dx = 0, m \neq n$$

- Under the condition of the above definition, we have

$$c_n = \frac{\int_a^b f(x) w(x) \phi_n(x) dx}{\| \phi_n(x) \|^2}$$

$$\| \phi_n(x) \|^2 = \int_a^b w(x) \phi_n^2(x) dx$$

**Generalized Fourier Series** Suppose  $\{\phi_n(x)\}$  is an infinite orthogonal set of functions on an interval  $[a, b]$ . We ask: If  $y = f(x)$  is a function defined on the interval  $[a, b]$ , is it possible to determine a set of coefficients  $c_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , for which  $f(x) = c_0\phi_0(x) + c_1\phi_1(x) + \dots + c_n\phi_n(x) + \dots$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x)\phi_m(x) dx &= c_0 \int_a^b \phi_0(x)\phi_m(x) dx + c_1 \int_a^b \phi_1(x)\phi_m(x) dx + \dots + c_n \int_a^b \phi_n(x)\phi_m(x) dx + \dots \\ &= c_0(\phi_0, \phi_m) + c_1(\phi_1, \phi_m) + \dots + c_n(\phi_n, \phi_m) + \dots.\end{aligned}$$

By orthogonality each term on the right-hand side of the last equation is zero *except* when  $m = n$ . In this case we have

$$\int_a^b f(x)\phi_n(x) dx = c_n \int_a^b \phi_n^2(x) dx.$$

It follows that the required coefficients are

$$c_n = \frac{\int_a^b f(x)\phi_n(x) dx}{\int_a^b \phi_n^2(x) dx}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

In other words,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x),$$

where

$$c_n \equiv \frac{\int_a^b f(x) \phi_n(x) dx}{\|\phi_n(x)\|^2}.$$

With inner product notation,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(f, \phi_n)}{\|\phi_n(x)\|^2} \phi_n(x).$$

## Important Results

$$1. \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx dx = \frac{\sin nx}{n} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{n} [\sin n\pi - \sin(-n\pi)] = \frac{1}{n} [0 - 0] = 0$$
$$\sin n\pi = 0 \quad \sin(-n\pi) = -\sin n\pi = 0$$

$$2. \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx dx = -\frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = -\frac{1}{n} [\cos n\pi - \cos(-n\pi)] = -\frac{1}{n} [\cos n\pi - \cos n\pi] = 0$$

$$\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$$

$$\cos(-n\pi) = \cos n\pi = (-1)^n$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin nx dx = -\frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} = -\frac{1}{n} [\cos n\pi - \cos 0] = -\frac{1}{n} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

$$\int e^{ax} \cos bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} [a \cos bx + b \sin bx]$$

$$\int e^{ax} \sin bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} [a \sin bx - b \cos bx]$$

$$\int x \sin nx dx = -x \frac{\cos nx}{n} + \frac{\sin nx}{n^2}$$

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

$$\int x^2 \sin nx dx = -x^2 \frac{\cos nx}{n} + 2x \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} - 2 \frac{\cos nx}{n^3}$$

$$\int x^2 \cos nx dx = x^2 \frac{\sin nx}{n} + 2x \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} + 2 \frac{\sin nx}{n^3}$$

$$\sin a \sin b = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(a - b) - \cos(a + b)]$$

$$\cos a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(a - b) + \cos(a + b)]$$

$$\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(a + b) + \sin(a - b)]$$

$$\cos a \sin b = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(a + b) - \sin(a - b)]$$

## **Example:**

If  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  are orthogonal function on  $[-2,2]$ . Find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $h(x) = x + c_1x^2 + c_2x^3$  is orthogonal to both  $f$  and  $g$  on  $[-2,2]$ . Also find norms of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$

## **Solution:**

If  $f$  and  $g$  are orthogonal to  $h$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, h \rangle &= \int_{-2}^2 x(x + c_1x^2 + c_2x^3) dx = \int_{-2}^2 (x^2 + c_1x^3 + c_2x^4) dx = 0 \\ &= \frac{x^3}{3} + c_1 \frac{x^4}{4} + c_2 \frac{x^5}{5} \Big|_{-2}^2 = 0, \\ &= \frac{8}{3} + \frac{8}{3} + c_1 \frac{16}{4} - c_1 \frac{16}{4} + c_2 \frac{32}{5} + c_2 \frac{32}{5} = 0, \\ &\quad \frac{16}{3} + \frac{64}{5}c_2 = 0, \\ c_2 &= -\frac{16}{3} + \frac{5}{64} = -\frac{5}{12} \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{5}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle g, h \rangle &= \int_{-2}^2 x^2 (x + c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^3) dx = \int_{-2}^2 (x^3 + c_1 x^4 + c_2 x^5) dx = 0 \\
&= \frac{x^4}{4} + c_1 \frac{x^5}{5} + c_2 \frac{x^6}{6} \Big|_{-2}^2 = 0 \\
\frac{16}{4} - \frac{16}{4} + c_1 \frac{32}{5} + c_1 \frac{32}{5} + c_2 \frac{64}{6} - c_2 \frac{64}{6} &= 0 \\
\frac{64}{5} c_1 &= 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_1 = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

$h(x) = x - \frac{5}{12}x^3$  is orthogonal to both  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$

NORMS.  $\|f(x)\|^2 = \int_{-2}^2 (f(x))^2 dx = \int_{-2}^2 x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_{-2}^2 = \frac{8}{3} - \left(\frac{-8}{3}\right) = \frac{16}{3}$

$$\|f(x)\| = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\|g(x)\|^2 = \int_{-2}^2 (g(x))^2 dx = \int_{-2}^2 x^4 dx = \frac{x^5}{5} \Big|_{-2}^2 = \frac{32}{5} - \left(\frac{-32}{5}\right) = \frac{64}{5}$$

$$\|g(x)\| = \frac{8}{\sqrt{5}}$$

## **Example:**

Show that  $f(x) = e^{2x}$  and  $g(x) = e^{-2x}(x-1)$  are orthogonal on  $[0,2]$ .

## **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f, g \rangle &= \int_0^2 e^{2x} \cdot e^{-2x}(x-1) dx \\ &= \int_0^2 (x-1) dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} - x \Big|_0^2 = \frac{4}{2} - 2 = 2 - 2 = 0\end{aligned}$$

$f$  and  $g$  are orthogonal on  $[0,2]$

## Example:

Show that  $f(x) = \cos x$  and  $g(x) = \sin^2 x$   
are orthogonal on  $[0, \pi]$

## Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f, g \rangle &= \int_0^\pi \cos x \cdot \sin^2 x \, dx \\ &= \frac{\sin^3 x}{3} \Big|_0^\pi\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \sin x, du = \cos x \, dx \\ \int u^2 \, du &= \frac{u^3}{3} = \frac{\sin^3 x}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(\sin \pi)^3}{3} - \frac{(\sin 0)^3}{3} = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$f(x) = \cos x, g(x) = \sin^2 x$  are orthogonal on  $[0, \pi]$

## Example:

Find whether the functions  $f(x) = e^{-x}, g(x) = \cos x$

are orthogonal on  $\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}\right]$

## Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, g \rangle &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{5\pi}{4}} e^{-x} \cos x dx = \frac{e^{-x}}{1+1} (-\cos x + \sin x) \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{5\pi}{4}} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\frac{5\pi}{4}}}{2} \left[ +\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] - \frac{e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] = 0 - 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$f$  and  $g$  are orthogonal on  $\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}\right]$

$$\text{Note: } \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} = \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

**Note: For Ortho-normal set**

$$(i) \langle f_n, f_m \rangle = 0. \quad (ii) \|f_n(x)\| = 1.$$

Note

$\{f_n(x)\}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is orthogonal set on  $[a, b]$ , if

$$\langle f_n, f_m \rangle = \int_a^b f_n(x) f_m(x) dx = 0 \quad , n \neq m$$

Norm let  $n = m$

$$\|f_n\|^2 = \int_a^b (f_n(x))^2 dx$$

**Example:** Show that

$\sin x, \sin 2x, \sin 3x, \dots$  is a set of orthogonal functions on  $[0, \pi]$ . Find the norm.

**Solution.**

$$f(x) = \{\sin nx\}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$n \neq m \quad (\sin nx, \sin mx) = \int_0^\pi \sin nx \sin mx dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi [\cos(n-m)x - \cos(n+m)x] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sin(n-m)x}{n-m} - \frac{\sin(n+m)x}{n+m} \right) \Big|_0^\pi = 0$$

$\{\sin nx\}$  is set of orthogonal function

$$\begin{aligned}\|\sin nx\|^2 &= \int_0^\pi \sin^2 nx dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi (1 - \cos 2nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( x - \frac{\sin 2nx}{2n} \right) \Big|_0^\pi = \frac{\pi}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\|\sin nx\| = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

Note       $\text{Sin(integer)} \pi = 0$

$\text{Sin}0 = 0$

## Example:

Show that  $\{1, \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}\}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is a set of orthogonal functions on  $[0, L]$ . Find the norms.

## Solution:

$$\{1, f_n(x)\}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$f_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

To discuss orthogonality, we will find inner products

$$\langle 1, f_n \rangle, \langle f_n, f_m \rangle$$

To calculate norm, we will find  $\|1\|$  and  $\|f_n(x)\|$

$$\begin{aligned}
(f_n(x), f_m(x)) &= \int_0^L \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cdot \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \left[ \cos \frac{(n+m)\pi}{L} x + \cos \frac{(n-m)\pi}{L} x \right] dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{L}{(n+m)\pi} \sin \frac{(n+m)\pi}{L} x + \frac{L}{(n-m)\pi} \sin \frac{(n-m)\pi}{L} x \right]_0^L \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{L}{(n+m)\pi} (\sin(n+m)\pi - \sin 0) + \frac{L}{(n-m)\pi} (\sin(n-m)\pi - \sin 0) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(0 + 0) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$(1, f_n)$  and  $(f_n, f_m)$  are orthogonal, hence  $\left\{1, \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x\right\}$  is orthogonal on  $[0, L]$

## Norms

$$\|1\|^2 = \int_0^L 1^2 dx = \int_0^L dx = x \Big|_0^L = L, \quad \|1\| = \sqrt{L}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|f_n(x)\|^2 &= (f_n(x), f_n(x)) = \int_0^L \cos^2 \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \left[ 1 + \cos \frac{2n\pi}{L} x \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ x + \frac{L}{2n\pi} \sin \frac{2n\pi}{L} x \Big|_0^L \right] \\ &= \frac{L}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\|f(x)\| = \sqrt{\frac{L}{2}}$$

**Example:**

Show that the set of function

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \dots \right\}$$

is an orthonormal set on  $[-\pi, \pi]$

**Solution:**

We will prove that the inner products  $\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right), \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right), \left( \frac{\cos nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)$   
 $\left( \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right), \left( \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)$  are all zero.

and to regarding norms we will prove that  $\left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\| = 1, \left\| \frac{\cos nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\| = 1, \left\| \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\| = 1$

$$1. \quad \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\cos nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{n} \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0$$

$$2. \quad \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{n} \frac{\cos nx}{\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0$$

$$3. \quad \left( \frac{\cos nx}{\pi}, \frac{\cos mx}{\pi} \right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \cdot \cos mx dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [\cos(n-m)x + \cos(n+m)x] dx = 0$$

$$4. \quad \left( \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \cdot \sin mx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [\cos(n-m)x - \cos(n+m)x] dx = 0$$

$$5. \quad \left( \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \cos mx dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [\sin(n-m)x + \sin(n+m)x] dx = 0$$

$$\left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^2 dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} x \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} [\pi - (-\pi)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot 2\pi = 1$$

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

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

$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is ortho-normal set.

# Fourier Series

# The Fourier Series



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**Fourier** studied the mathematical theory of heat conduction. He established the partial differential equation governing heat diffusion and solved it by using infinite series of trigonometric functions.

# The Fourier Series

## Definition

$$N \rightarrow \infty$$

A **Fourier Series** is an accurate representation of a periodic signal and consists of the sum of sinusoids at the fundamental and harmonic frequencies. One of the advantages of a Fourier representation over some other representation, such as a Taylor series, is that it may represent a discontinuous function, for example the saw-tooth wave . The waveform  $f(t)$  depends on the **amplitude** and **phase** of every harmonic components, and we can generate any non-sinusoidal waveform by an appropriate combination of sinusoidal functions.

To be described by the Fourier Series the waveform  $f(t)$  must satisfy the following mathematical properties (The Dirichlet conditions):

1.  $f(t)$  is a **single-value function** except at possibly a finite number of points.
2. The integral  $\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} |f(t)| dt < \infty$  for any  $t_0$ .
3.  $f(t)$  has a finite number of **discontinuities** within the period  $T$ .
4.  $f(t)$  has a finite number of **maxima** and **minima** within the period  $T$ .

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## Criterion for Convergence

Let  $f$  and  $f'$  be piecewise continuous on the interval  $(-p, p)$ ; That is, let  $f$  and  $f'$  be continuous except at a finite number of points in the interval and have only finite discontinuous at these points. Then the Fourier series of  $f$  on the interval converge to  $f(x)$  at a point of continuity. At a point of discontinuity, the Fourier series converges to the average

$$\frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2}$$

where  $f(x+)$  and  $f(x-)$  denote the limit of  $f$  at  $x$  from the right and from the left, respectively.

## The Fourier Series of a function

Let  $f(x)$  is periodic function of period  $2T$  on the interval  $-T \leq x \leq T$ ,  
then  $f(x)$  has a Fourier series

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

where the fourier coefficients  $a_0, a_n$  and  $b_n$  are

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi}{T} x dx \rightarrow 3$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{T} x dx \rightarrow 4 \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

**Note.1.** The Fourier series (1) converges to  $f(x)$  at all points where  $f(x)$  is continuous.

**Note.2.** The Fourier series (1) converges to

$$\frac{1}{2}[f(x+0)+f(x-0)] \quad \text{at all points of jump discontinuity of } f(x)$$

**Note.3.** Periodic Function: Any function which repeats itself after a certain period is known as perdiodic function.

**Examples :**

$$\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin x \quad , \text{Period } 2\pi$$

$$\cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos x \quad , \text{Period } 2\pi$$

$$f(x + 2T) = f(x) \quad , \text{Period } 2T$$

$$\sin(x + 2n\pi) = \sin x \quad , \text{Period } 2\pi$$

$$f(x) = f(x + P) = f(x + 2P) = f(x + 3P) = \dots, \quad \text{Period } P.$$

## Special Case

If  $f(x)$  is a periodic function of period  $2\pi$  on interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ,  
the Fourier series is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \rightarrow 5$$

$$\text{where } a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \rightarrow 6$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \rightarrow 7$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \rightarrow 8 \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

A function  $f(t)$  is said to be periodic with period  $T$  if there is a number  $T > 0$  such that

$$f(t + T) = f(t)$$

for all  $t$ . Every integer multiple of the period is also a period:

$$f(t + nT) = f(t), \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Consider the function

$$f(t) = \cos(2\pi t) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4\pi t)$$

The individual terms are periodic with periods 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , respectively, but the sum is periodic with period 1.

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

$$\begin{aligned}f(t+1) &= \cos(2\pi(t+1)) + \frac{1}{2}\cos(4\pi(t+1)) \\&= \cos(2\pi t + 2\pi) + \frac{1}{2}\cos(4\pi t + 4\pi) \\&= \cos(2\pi t)\cos(2\pi) - \sin(2\pi t)\sin(2\pi) \\&\quad + \frac{1}{2}[\cos(4\pi t)\cos(4\pi) - \sin(4\pi t)\sin(4\pi)] \\&= \cos(2\pi t) + \frac{1}{2}\cos(4\pi t) \\&= f(t)\end{aligned}$$

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

Suppose that  $f(t)$  is a function defined on the real line such that  $f(t + T) = f(t)$  for all  $t$ . Such functions are said to be periodic with period  $T$ , or  $T$ -periodic. A continuous **Fourier series** of a function with period  $T$  can be written:

$$f(t) = a_0 + a_1 \cos(\omega t) + b_1 \sin(\omega t) + a_2 \cos(2\omega t) + \\ b_2 \sin(2\omega t) + a_3 \cos(3\omega t) + b_3 \sin(3\omega t) + \dots$$

or more concisely,

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\omega t) + b_n \sin(n\omega t))$$

where  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  is called the fundamental frequency and its constant multiples  $2\omega, 3\omega$ , etc are called harmonics.

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

Recall the formulas

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin(\theta) = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$$

Hence

$$\cos(n\omega t) = \frac{e^{in\omega t} + e^{-in\omega t}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin(n\omega t) = \frac{e^{in\omega t} - e^{-in\omega t}}{2i}$$

Also the formulas

$$e^{in\omega t} = \cos(n\omega t) + i \sin(n\omega t)$$

$$e^{-in\omega t} = \cos(n\omega t) - i \sin(n\omega t)$$

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

The series in (13.21) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}f(t) &= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \left( \frac{e^{in\omega t} + e^{-in\omega t}}{2} \right) + b_n \left( \frac{e^{in\omega t} - e^{-in\omega t}}{2i} \right) \right] \\&= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ e^{in\omega t} \left( \frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{b_n}{2i} \right) + e^{-in\omega t} \left( \frac{a_n}{2} - \frac{b_n}{2i} \right) \right] \\&= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ e^{in\omega t} \left( \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} \right) + e^{-in\omega t} \left( \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2} \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Now, letting

$$c_0 = a_0, \quad c_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2}, \quad c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}$$

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

The expression for  $f(t)$  becomes

$$f(t) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n e^{in\omega t} + c_{-n} e^{-in\omega t})$$

The coefficients  $c_n$  are complex numbers and they satisfy

$$c_{-n} = \overline{c_n}$$

Notice that when  $n = 0$  we have  $c_0 = \overline{c_0}$  which implies that  $c_0$  is a real number.

For any value of  $n$ , the magnitudes of  $c_n$  and  $c_{-n}$  are equal:

$$|c_n| = |c_{-n}|$$

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

Then the series

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\omega t) + b_n \sin(n\omega t))$$

can be written as

$$f(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\omega t}$$

where, they are both called the Fourier series of  $f$ .

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

Hence, the only term in the series that survives the integration is the term with  $n = k$ , and we obtain

$$\int_0^T f(t) e^{-ik\omega t} dt = c_n T$$

In other words, relabeling the integer  $k$  as  $n$ , we have the formula for the coefficients  $c_n$ :

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-in\omega t} dt$$

which are the coefficients for the series  
straightforward to find the coefficients

It is then

## Example 0

Expand  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi < x < 0 \\ \pi - x, & 0 \leq x < \pi \end{cases}$

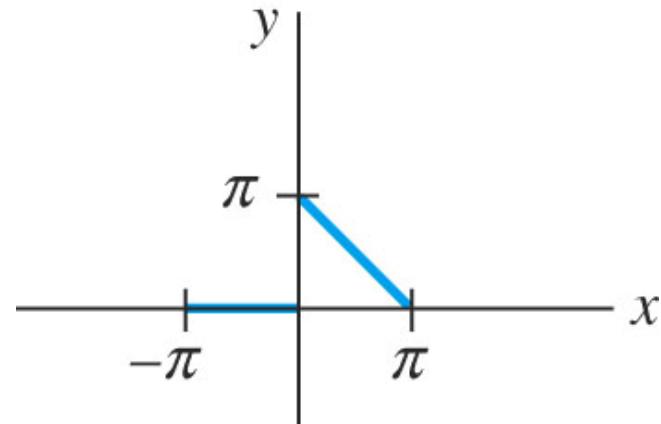
in a Fourier series.

### Solution

The graph of  $f$  is shown in the Figure with  $p = \pi$ .

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - x) dx \right]$$

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



$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 0 \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - x) \cos nx \, dx \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ (\pi - x) \frac{\sin nx}{n} \Big|_0^\pi + \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{n\pi} \frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_0^\pi \\
&= \frac{-\cos n\pi + 1}{n^2\pi} = \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n^2\pi} \quad \text{← cos } n\pi = (-1)^n \\
b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - x) \sin nx \, dx = \frac{1}{n} \\
f(x) &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n^2\pi} \cos nx + \frac{1}{n} \sin nx \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

## Example: 1.

Find the Fourier series of the function

$$f(x) = x \quad , \quad -\pi < x < \pi \quad , \quad f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$$

### Solution:

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x dn = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{-\pi^2}{2} \right] = 0$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} [0 - 0] + \frac{1}{\pi} [0] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -x \frac{\cos nx}{n} - \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -x \frac{\cos nx}{n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} + 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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

**Substituting values of  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$**

$$f(x) = -2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \sin nx, \text{ is Fourier series of } f(x) = x, -\pi \leq x \leq \pi$$

## Example:2

Find the Fourier senie of the function

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad , \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1 \quad , \quad f(x+2) = f(x)$$

### Solution:

$$2T = 2 \Rightarrow T = 1$$

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

$$\text{where } a_0 = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx$$

$$a_n = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \cos n\pi x dx$$

$$b_n = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \sin n\pi x dx$$

$$a_0 = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \cos n\pi x dx = \left[ x^2 \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} + 2x \frac{\cos n\pi x}{n^2\pi^2} - 2 \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n^3\pi^3} \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{4\cos n\pi}{n^2\pi^2} = \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2\pi^2}, \quad n=1,2,3 \\ b_n &= \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \sin n\pi x dx = \left[ -x^2 \frac{\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} + 2x \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n^2\pi^2} + 2 \frac{\cos n\pi x}{n^3\pi^3} \right]_{-1}^1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The Fourier series of  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $-1 < x < 1$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\approx \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2\pi^2} \cos n\pi x \\ &\approx \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos n\pi x \end{aligned}$$

### Example:3.

Find the Fourier series for the square wave

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

### Solution:

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 0 \cdot dx + \int_0^{\pi} 1 \cdot dx \right] = \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} x \right]_0^{\pi} = 1$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sin nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin nx dx = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_0^\pi \\
&= \frac{-\left[(-1)^n - 1\right]}{n\pi}
\end{aligned}$$

The Fourier series of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi < x < 0 \\ 1, & 0 \leq x < \pi \end{cases}$   $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

is 
$$f(x) \approx \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-\left[(-1)^n - 1\right]}{n\pi} \sin nx$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left[(-1)^n - 1\right]}{n\pi} \sin nx$$

## **Example: 4.**

Find the Fourier series of

$$f(x) = e^{-x} \quad , \quad -\pi < x < \pi$$

**Solution:**

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-x} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} (-e^{-x}) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} [-e^{-\pi} + e^{\pi}]$$

$$a_0 = \frac{e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi}}{\pi}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-x} \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{-x}}{1+n^2} (-\cos nx + n \sin nx) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{-\pi}}{1+n^2} (-\cos n\pi + n \sin n\pi) - \frac{e^\pi}{1+n^2} (-\cos(-n\pi) + n \sin(-n\pi)) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi(1+n^2)} \left[ e^{-\pi} \cdot \left[ -(-1)^n \right] - e^\pi \left( -(-1)^n \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi(1+n^2)} \left[ e^\pi - e^{-\pi} \right] \quad n=1,2,3,\dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-x} \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{-x}}{1+n^2} (-\sin nx + n \cos nx) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{-n}{\pi(1+n^2)} \left[ e^{-x} \cos nx \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{-n}{\pi(1+n^2)} \left[ e^{-\pi} \cos n\pi - e^{\pi} \cos(-n\pi) \right] \\
&= \frac{-n}{\pi(1+n^2)} \left[ e^{-\pi} (-1)^n - e^{\pi} (-1)^n \right] \\
&= \frac{n(-1)^n}{\pi(1+n^2)} \left[ e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi} \right] \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &\approx \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi}}{\pi} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi(1+n^2)} \left[ e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi} \right] \cos nx + \frac{n(-1)^n}{\pi(1+n^2)} \left[ e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi} \right] \sin nx \right]
\end{aligned}$$

# Even and Odd functions

## Even function

A function  $f(x)$  is an even function, if  $f(-x) = f(x)$ .

## Odd function

A function  $f(x)$  is an odd function, if  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ .

# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

A useful observation is

$$\int_{-a}^a F(x) dx = \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a F(x) dx & \text{if } F \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } F \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Function  $F$  is **even** if  $F(-x) = F(x)$  and **odd** if  $F(-x) = -F(x)$ .

Since  $\cos(n\omega t)$  is even and  $\sin(n\omega t)$  is odd, we have:

$$\text{if } f \text{ is even: } a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = 0$$

$$\text{if } f \text{ is odd: } a_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(n\omega t) dt$$

# Example

Use the (continuous) Fourier series to approximate the square or rectangular wave function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } -T/2 < t < -T/4 \\ 1 & \text{for } -T/4 < t < T/4 \\ -1 & \text{for } T/4 < t < T/2 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

We first calculate

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \left( \int_{-T/2}^{-T/4} -dt + \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} dt - \int_{T/4}^{T/2} dt \right) = 0$$

# Example

Then the coefficient  $a_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt \\ &= \frac{2}{T} \left[ - \int_{-T/2}^{-T/4} \cos(n\omega t) dt + \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} \cos(n\omega t) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{T/4}^{T/2} \cos(n\omega t) dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

Solving term by term:

$$-\frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{-T/4} \cos(n\omega t) dt = -\frac{2}{T} \cdot \frac{1}{n\omega} \left[ \sin(n\omega t) \right]_{-T/2}^{-T/4}$$

# Example

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{-T/4} \cos(n\omega t) dt &= -\frac{2}{nT\omega} \left[ \sin\left(-\frac{n\omega T}{4}\right) - \sin\left(-\frac{n\omega T}{2}\right) \right] \\&= -\frac{1}{n\pi} \left[ \sin\left(-\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - \sin(-n\pi) \right] \\&= \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

from which, the solutions for each sequence:

$$n = 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \quad n = 3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3\pi} \quad n = 5 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5\pi} \quad n = 7 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{7\pi}$$

$$n = 2 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 4 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 6 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 8 \rightarrow 0$$

# Example

The middle term gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} \cos(n\omega t) dt &= \frac{2}{nT\omega} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{n\omega T}{4}\right) - \sin\left(-\frac{n\omega T}{4}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n\pi} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - \sin\left(-\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Checking the solutions for each  $n$ :

$$n = 1 \rightarrow \frac{2}{\pi} \quad n = 3 \rightarrow -\frac{2}{3\pi} \quad n = 5 \rightarrow \frac{2}{5\pi} \quad n = 7 \rightarrow -\frac{2}{7\pi}$$

$$n = 2 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 4 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 6 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 8 \rightarrow 0$$

# Example

And the last term gives

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{2}{T} \int_{T/4}^{T/2} \cos(n\omega t) dt &= -\frac{2}{nT\omega} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{n\omega T}{2}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{n\omega T}{4}\right) \right] \\&= -\frac{1}{n\pi} \left[ \sin(n\pi) - \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right] \\&= \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Checking the solutions for each  $n$ :

$$n = 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \quad n = 3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3\pi} \quad n = 5 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5\pi} \quad n = 7 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{7\pi}$$

$$n = 2 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 4 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 6 \rightarrow 0 \quad n = 8 \rightarrow 0$$

# Example

Collecting all solutions from all terms gives us

$$\text{for } n = 1 \longrightarrow \quad a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} = \frac{4}{\pi}$$

$$\text{for } n = 3 \longrightarrow \quad a_3 = -\frac{1}{3\pi} - \frac{2}{3\pi} - \frac{1}{3\pi} = -\frac{4}{3\pi}$$

$$\text{for } n = 5 \longrightarrow \quad a_5 = \frac{1}{5\pi} + \frac{2}{5\pi} + \frac{1}{5\pi} = \frac{4}{5\pi}$$

$$\text{for } n = 7 \longrightarrow \quad a_7 = -\frac{1}{7\pi} - \frac{2}{7\pi} - \frac{1}{7\pi} = -\frac{4}{7\pi}$$

$$\text{for } n = 9 \longrightarrow \quad a_9 = \frac{1}{9\pi} + \frac{2}{9\pi} + \frac{1}{9\pi} = \frac{4}{9\pi}$$

etc.

## Example

In general

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{n\pi} & \text{for } n = 1, 5, 9, \dots \\ -\frac{4}{n\pi} & \text{for } n = 3, 7, 11, \dots \\ 0 & \text{for } n = \text{even integers} \end{cases}$$

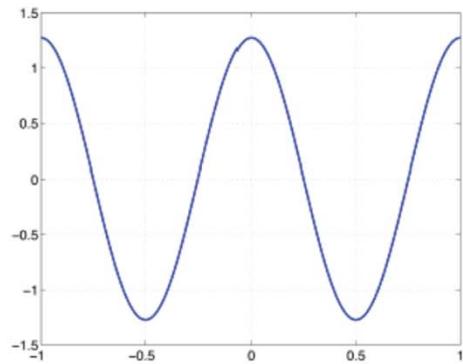
Similarly, it can be determined that all the  $b$ 's = 0. Therefore the Fourier series approximation is

$$f(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \cos(\omega t) - \frac{4}{3\pi} \cos(3\omega t) + \frac{4}{5\pi} \cos(5\omega t) + \dots$$

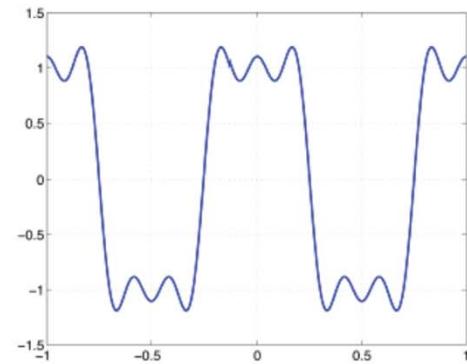
# Example

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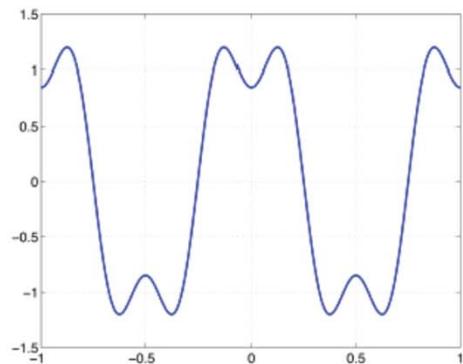
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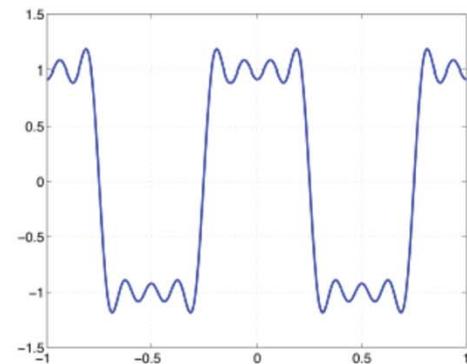
$n = 5$



$n = 3$



$n = 7$



**Example:** Test the nature of function

$$(i) \quad f(x) = x^2$$

$$(ii) \quad f(x) = x^3$$

$$(iii) \quad f(x) = \cos x$$

**Solution:**

$$(i) \quad f(x) = x^2$$

$$f(-x) = (-x)^2 = x^2 \Rightarrow f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{is even.}$$

$$(ii) \quad f(x) = x^3$$

$$f(-x) = (-x)^3 = -x^3 \Rightarrow f(x) = x^3 \quad \text{is odd.}$$

$$(iii) \quad f(x) = \cos x$$

$$f(-x) = \cos(-x) = \cos x \Rightarrow f(x) = \cos x \quad \text{is even.}$$

<i>Function</i>	<i>Classification</i>
$x^2$	<b>even</b>
$x^3$	<b>odd</b>
$\cos x$	<b>even</b>
$\sin x$	<b>odd</b>
$ x $	<b>even</b>
$3x+2$	<b>neither</b>
$x + x^2 \sin x$	<b>odd</b>
$\sin x + \cos x$	<b>neither</b>

THEOREM 2

## Properties of Even/Odd Functions

- (a) The product of two even functions is even.
- (b) The product of two odd functions is even.
- (c) The product of an even function and an odd function is odd.
- (d) The sum (difference) of two even functions is even.
- (e) The sum (difference) of two odd functions is odd.
- (f) If  $f$  is even then  $\int_{-a}^a f(x)dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x)dx$
- (g) If  $f$  is odd then  $\int_{-a}^a f(x)dx = 0$

DEFINITION 6

## Fourier Cosine and Sine Series

(i) The Fourier series of an even function  $f$  on the interval  $(-p, p)$  is the **cosine series**

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

where

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

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

DEFINITION 6

## Fourier Cosine and Sine Series

(ii) The Fourier series of an odd function  $f$  on the interval  $(-p, p)$  is the **sine series**

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

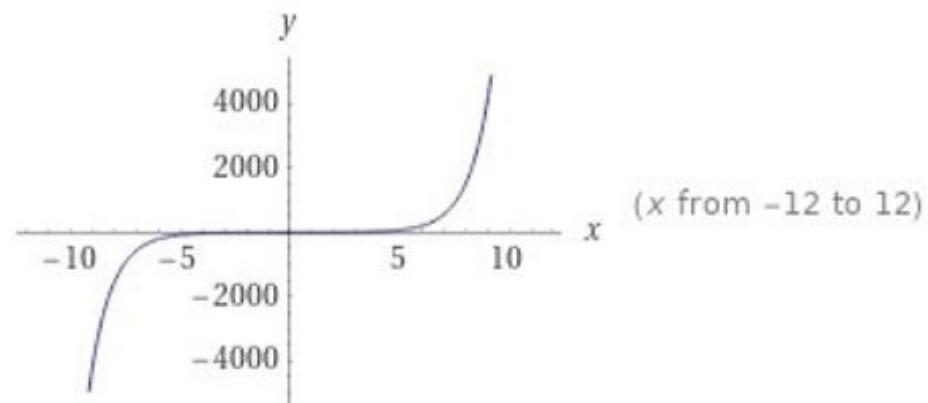
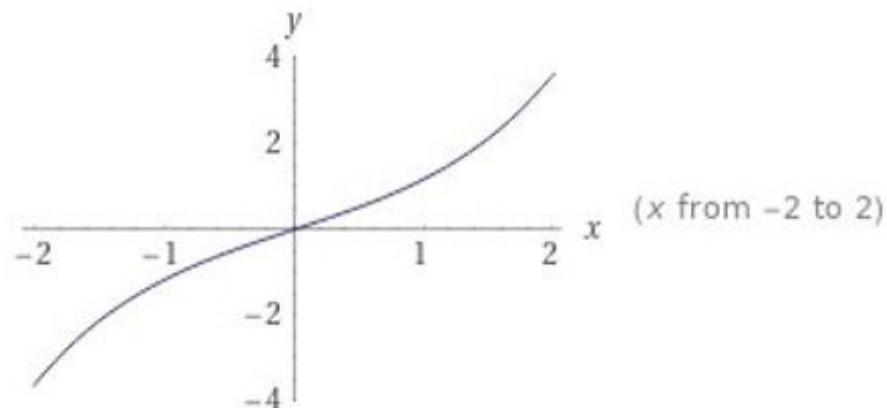
where

$$b_n = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{p} x \, dx$$

Input:

$\sinh(x)$

Plots:



cosh(x)

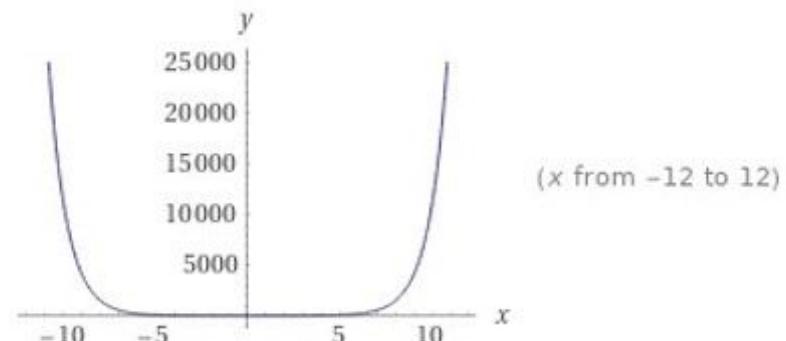
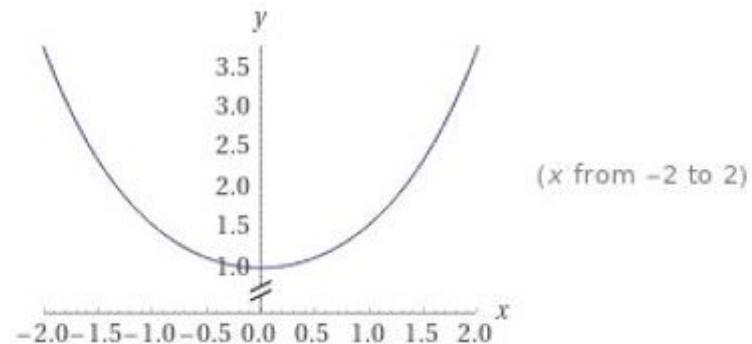
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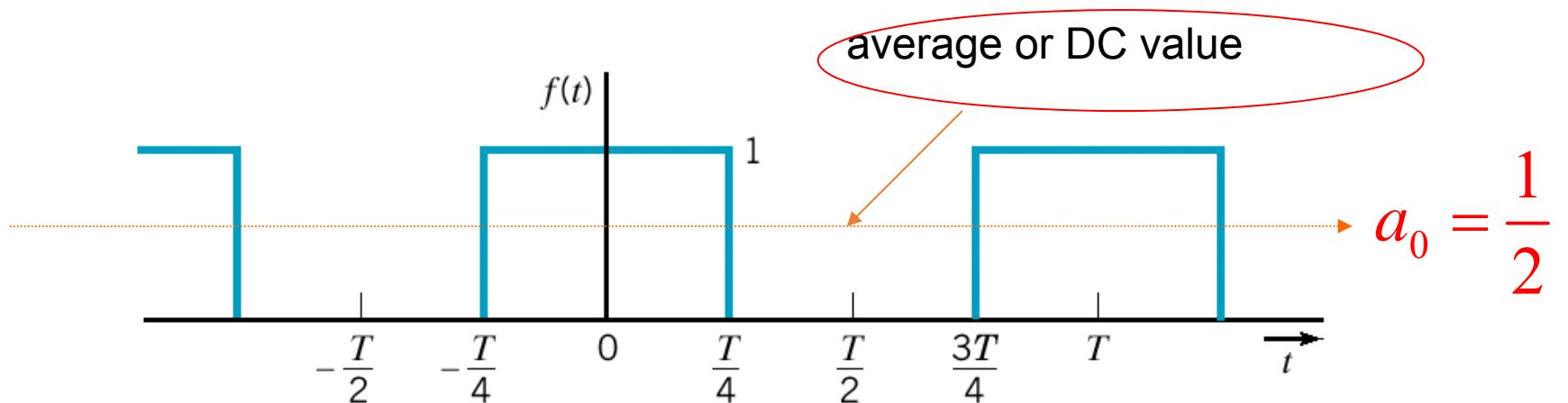
Input:

$\cosh(x)$

Plots:



## Example determine Fourier Series and plot for N = 7



$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} 1 dt = \frac{1}{2}$$

An **even function** exhibits symmetry around the vertical axis at  $t = 0$  so that  $f(t) = f(-t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore b_n &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \\ &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} 1 \sin n\omega_0 t dt = 0\end{aligned}$$

Determine only  $a_n$

$$\begin{aligned}a_n &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} 1 \cos n\omega_0 t dt \\ &= \frac{2}{T\omega_0 n} \sin n\omega_0 t \Big|_{-T/4}^{T/4}\end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi n} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{2}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{-\pi n}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$a_n = 0 \text{ when } n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$$

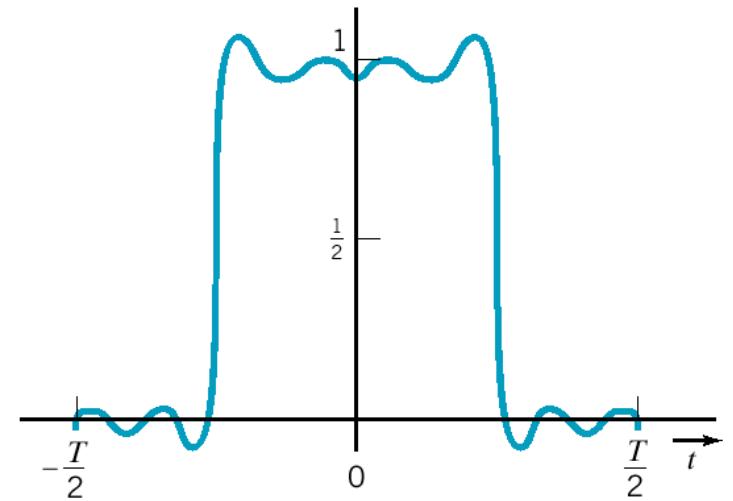
and

$$a_n = \frac{2(-1)^q}{\pi n} \text{ when } n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$$

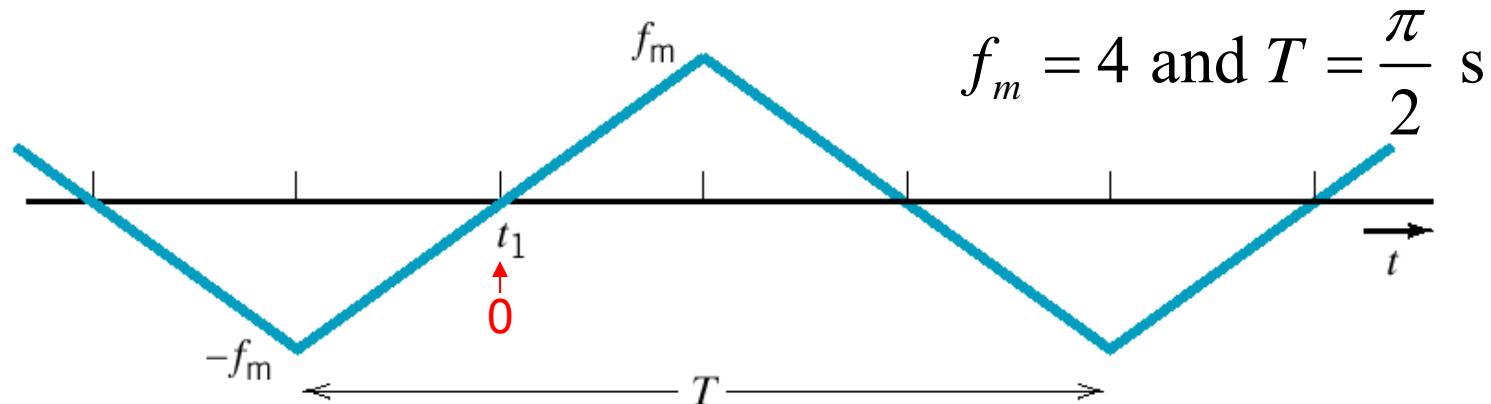
where  $q = \frac{(n-1)}{2}$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1, odd}^N \frac{2(-1)^q}{\pi n} \cos n\omega_0 t$$

$$a_1 = \frac{2}{\pi}, a_3 = \frac{-2}{3\pi}, a_5 = \frac{2}{5\pi}, a_7 = \frac{-2}{7\pi}$$



## Example determine Fourier Series



$$T = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \therefore \quad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 4 \text{ rad/s}$$

To obtain the most advantages form of symmetry,  
we choose  $t_1 = 0$  s  $\Rightarrow$  Odd & Quarter-wave

All  $a_n = 0$  and  $b_n = 0$  for even values of  $n$  and  $a_0 = 0$

$$b_n = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^{T/4} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \quad ; \text{ for odd } n$$

$$f(t) = \frac{f_m}{T/4} t = \frac{4f_m}{T} t \quad ; \quad 0 \leq t \leq T/4$$

$\frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\therefore f(t) = \frac{32}{\pi} t \quad ; \quad 0 \leq t \leq T/4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{8}{T} \left( \frac{32}{\pi} \right) \int_0^{T/4} t \sin n\omega_0 t \, dt \\
 &= \frac{512}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{\sin n\omega_0 t}{n^2 \omega_0^2} - \frac{t \cos n\omega_0 t}{n\omega_0} \right]_0^{T/4} \\
 &= \frac{32}{\pi^2 n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \quad ; \quad \text{for odd } n
 \end{aligned}$$

The Fourier Series is

$$f(t) = 3.24 \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \sin n\omega_0 t \quad ; \text{ for odd } n$$

$\frac{32}{\pi^2}$

The first 4 terms (upto and including N = 7)

$$f(t) = 3.24 \left( \sin 4t - \frac{1}{9} \sin 12t + \frac{1}{25} \sin 20t - \frac{1}{49} \sin 28t \right)$$

Next harmonic is for N = 9 which has magnitude  
 $3.24/81 = 0.04 < 2 \% \text{ of } b_1 (= 3.24)$

Therefore the first 4 terms (including N = 7) is enough for the desired approximation

# Fourier series expansion of the function f(x)

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} [a_r \cos\left(\frac{2\pi rx}{L}\right) + b_r \sin\left(\frac{2\pi rx}{L}\right)]$$

$a_0, a_r, b_r$  are called Fourier coefficients, obtained by orthogonal properties

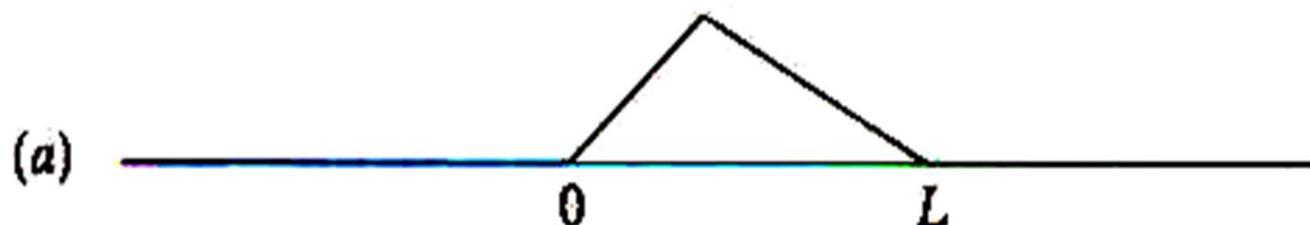
$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+L} f(x) dx$$

Similarly

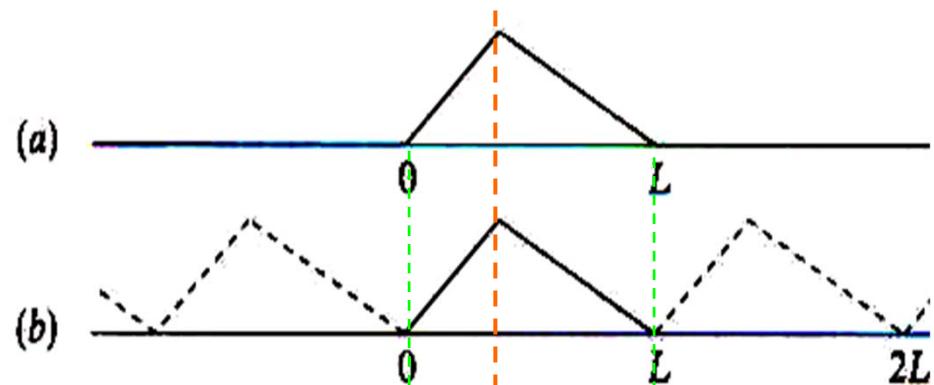
$$a_r = \frac{2}{L} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+L} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi rx}{L}\right) dx \quad \text{for } r \geq 0$$

$$b_r = \frac{2}{L} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+L} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi rx}{L}\right) dx \quad \text{for } r \geq 0$$

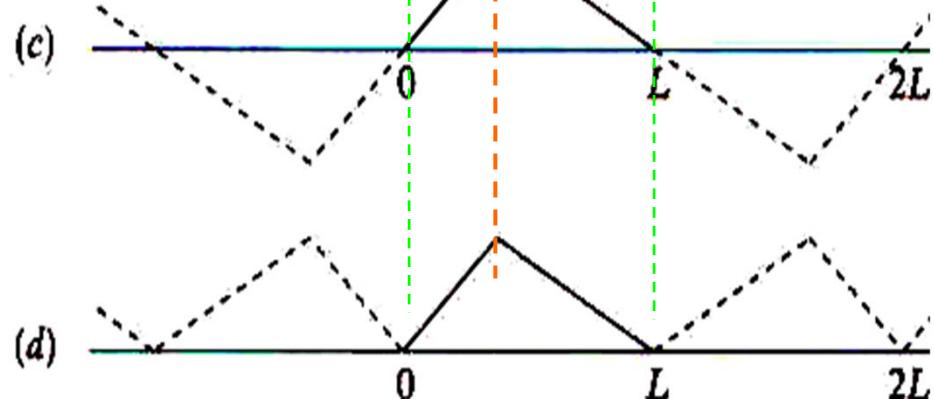
## Non-periodic functions:



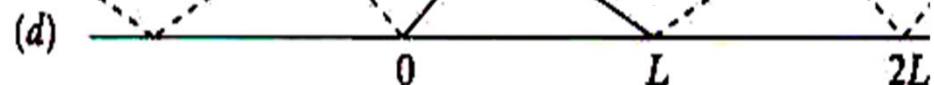
## Non-periodic functions: (cont.)



period=L, no particular symmetry



period=2L, anti-symmetry; odd fun



period=2L, symmetry; even fun

# Half Range Fourier Series

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

Conversely, the Fourier Series of an even or odd function can be analysed using the half range definition.

## Even Function 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  $2L$

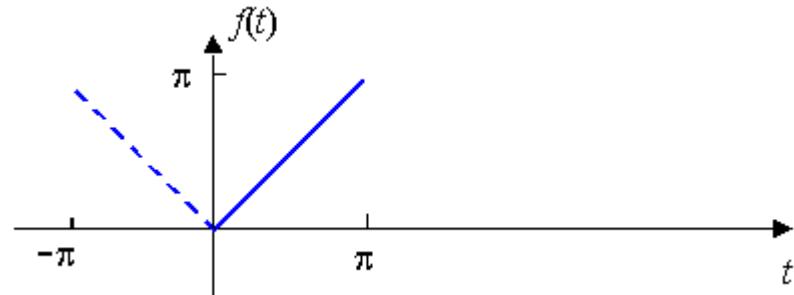
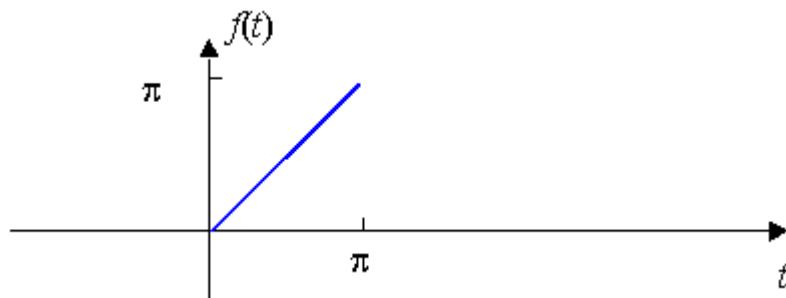
That is, the range of integration =  $L$ . The Fourier series of the **half range even function** is given by:

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \text{ where}$$

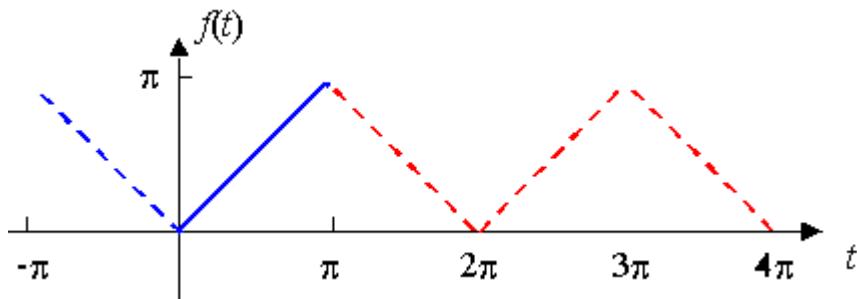
$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt \quad b_n = 0$$

In the figure below,  $f(t) = t$  is sketched from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \pi$ .



An even function means that it must be symmetrical about the  $f(t)$  axis and this is shown in the following figure by the broken line between  $t = -\pi$  and  $t = 0$ .



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

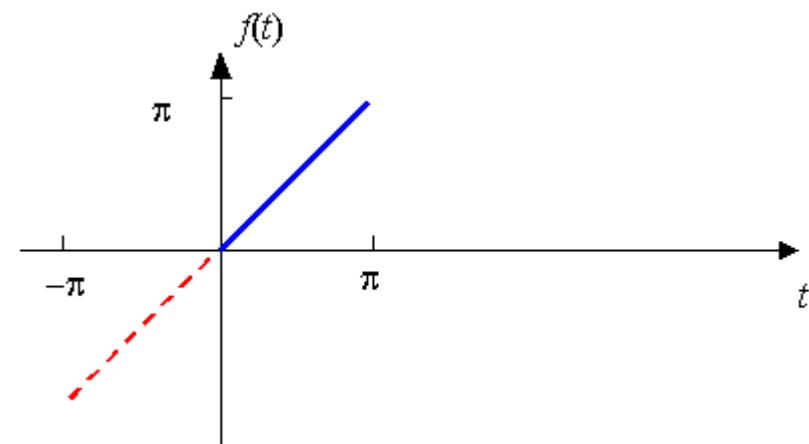
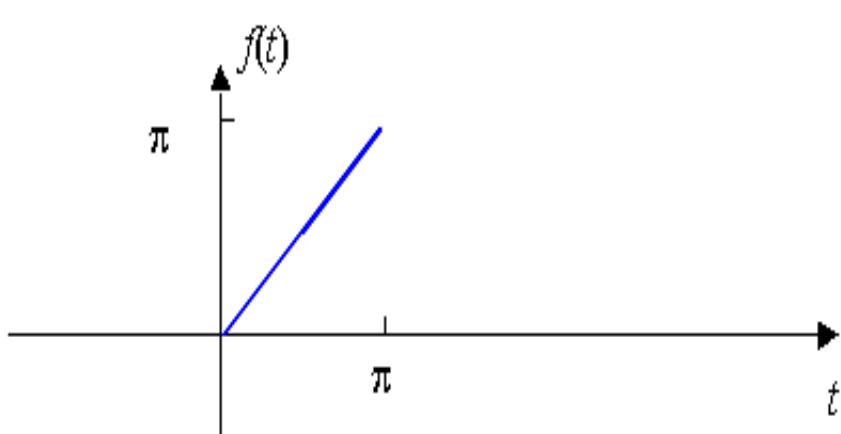
## Odd Function and Half Range Sine Series

An odd function can be expanded using half its range from 0 to  $L$ , i.e. the range of integration =  $L$ . The Fourier series of the odd function is:

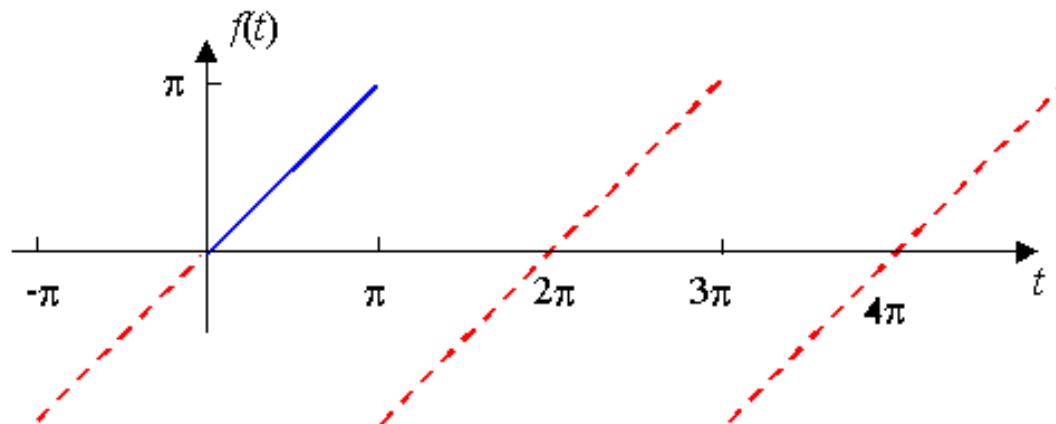
Since  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_n = 0$ , we have:  $f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt$$

In the figure below,  $f(t) = t$  is sketched from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \pi$ , as before.



An **odd function means that it is symmetrical about the origin and this is shown by the red broken lines between  $t = -\pi$  and  $t = 0$ .**



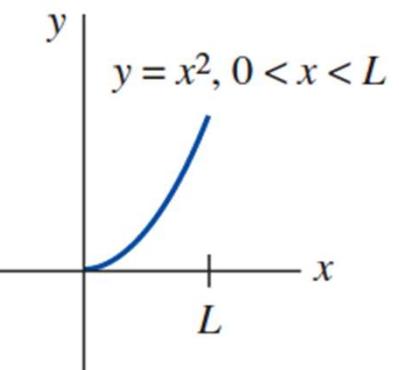
## Expansion in Three Series

Expand  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $0 < x < L$ , (a) in a cosine series, (b) in a sine series, (c) in a Fourier series.

**SOLUTION** The graph of the function is given in **FIGURE**

(a) We have

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3} L^2, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x^2 \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx = \frac{4L^2(-1)^n}{n^2\pi^2},$$



where integration by parts was used twice in the evaluation of  $a_n$ . Thus

$$f(x) = \frac{L^2}{3} + \frac{4L^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x. \quad (8)$$

(b) In this case we must again integrate by parts twice:

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x^2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx = \frac{2L^2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} + \frac{4L^2}{n^3\pi^3} [(-1)^n - 1].$$

Hence 
$$f(x) = \frac{2L^2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} + \frac{2}{n^3\pi^2} [(-1)^n - 1] \right\} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x. \quad (9)$$

(c) With  $p = L/2$ ,  $1/p = 2/L$ , and  $n\pi/p = 2n\pi/L$ , we have

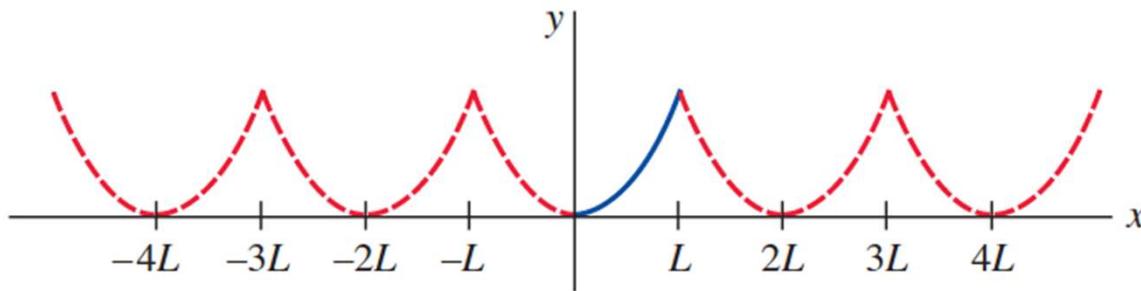
$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3} L^2, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x^2 \cos \frac{2n\pi}{L} x dx = \frac{L^2}{n^2 \pi^2}$$

and

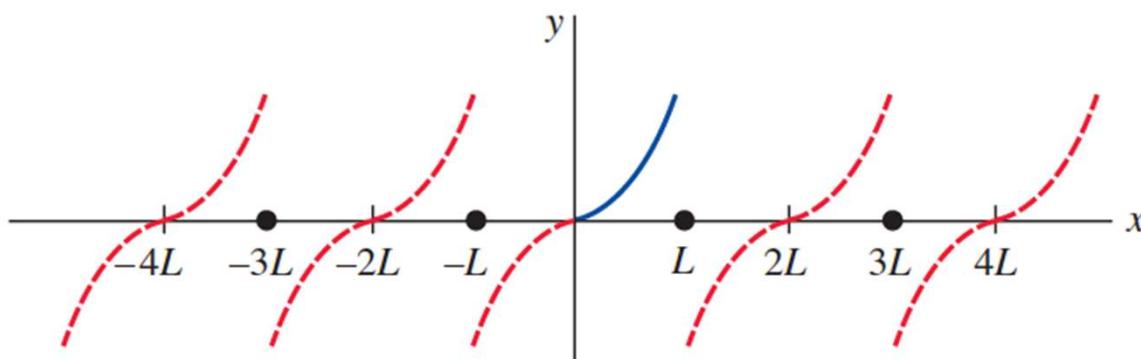
$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x^2 \sin \frac{2n\pi}{L} x dx = -\frac{L^2}{n\pi}.$$

Therefore  $f(x) = \frac{L^2}{3} + \frac{L^2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{n^2 \pi} \cos \frac{2n\pi}{L} x - \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{2n\pi}{L} x \right\}. \quad (10)$

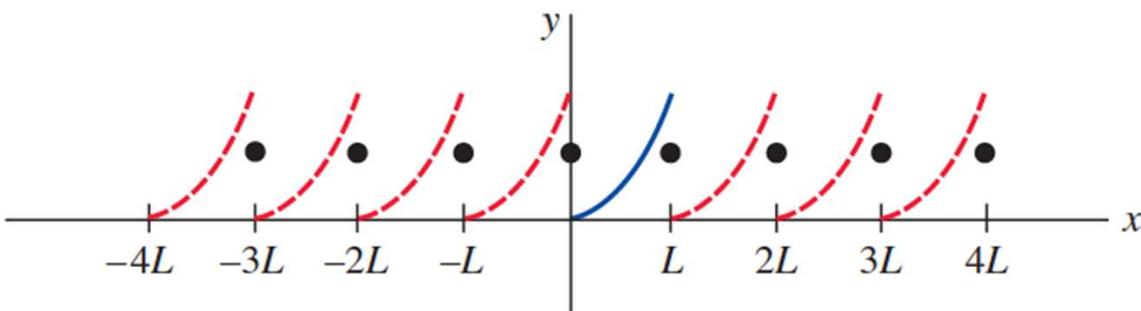
The series (8), (9), and (10) converge to the  $2L$ -periodic even extension of  $f$ , the  $2L$ -periodic odd extension of  $f$ , and the  $L$ -periodic extension of  $f$ , respectively. The graphs of these periodic extensions are shown in **FIGURE**



(a) Cosine series



(b) Sine series



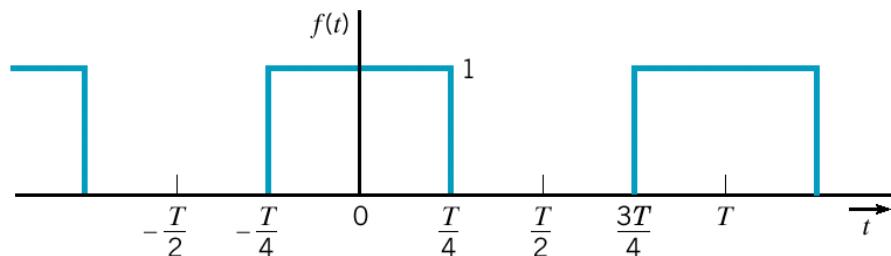
(c) Fourier series

# Symmetry of the Function

## Four types

1. Even-function symmetry
2. Odd-function symmetry
3. Half-wave symmetry
4. Quarter-wave symmetry

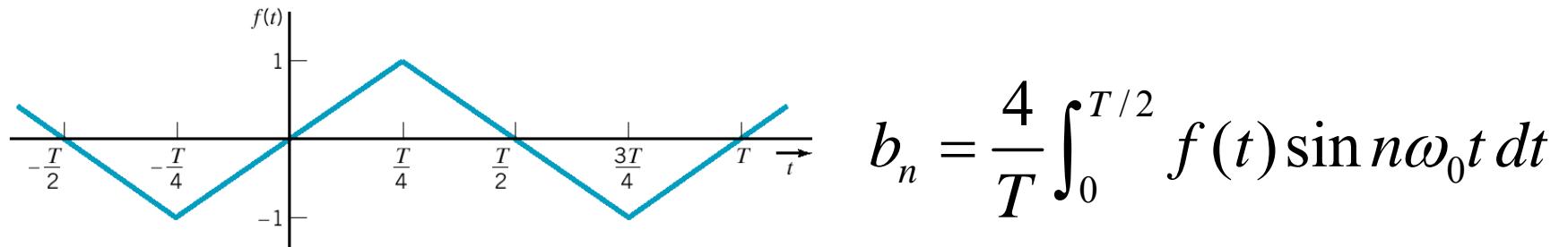
**Even function**  $f(t) = f(-t)$  All  $b_n = 0$



$$a_n = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt$$

## Symmetry of the Function

**Odd function**  $f(t) = -f(-t)$  All  $a_n = 0$

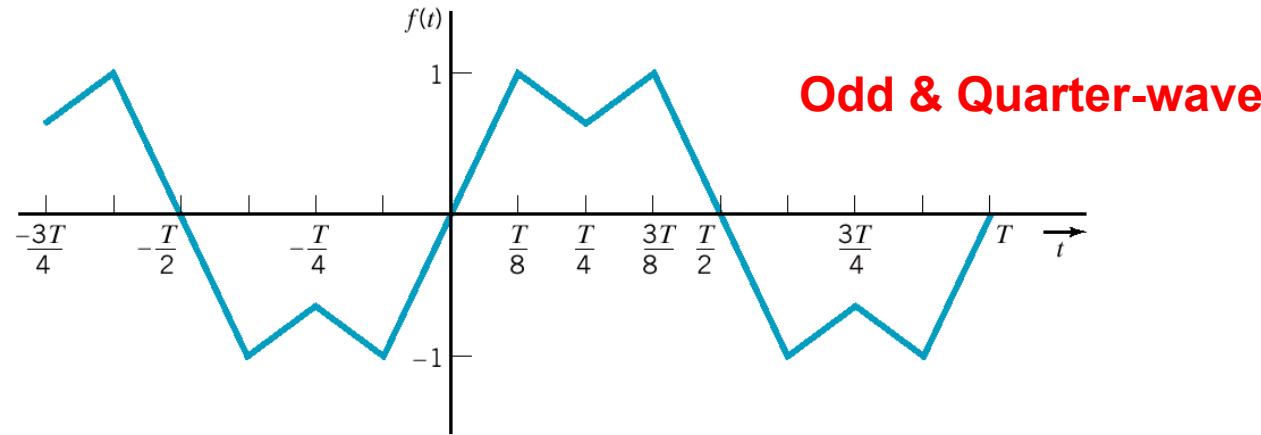


**Half-wave symmetry**  $f(t) = -f(t - \frac{T}{2})$

$a_n$  and  $b_n = 0$  for even values of  $n$  and  $a_0 = 0$

# Symmetry of the Function

## Quarter-wave symmetry



All  $a_n = 0$  and  $b_n = 0$  for even values of  $n$  and  $a_0 = 0$

$$b_n = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^{T/4} f(t) \sin n\omega_0 t dt \quad ; \text{ for odd } n$$

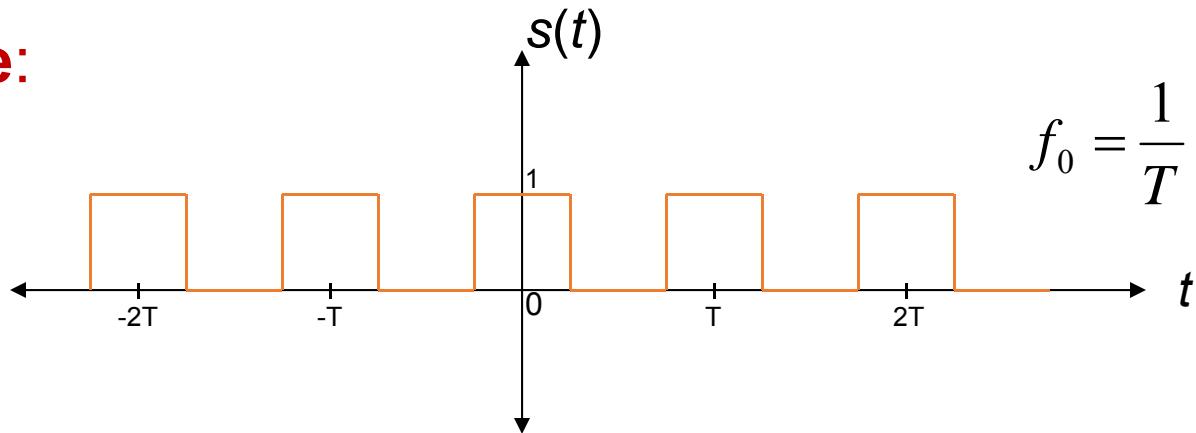
## For Even & Quarter-wave

All  $b_n = 0$  and  $a_n = 0$  for even values of  $n$  and  $a_0 = 0$

$$a_n = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^{T/4} f(t) \cos n\omega_0 t dt \quad ; \text{ for odd } n$$

# Fourier Series

**Example:**



$$f_0 = \frac{1}{T}$$

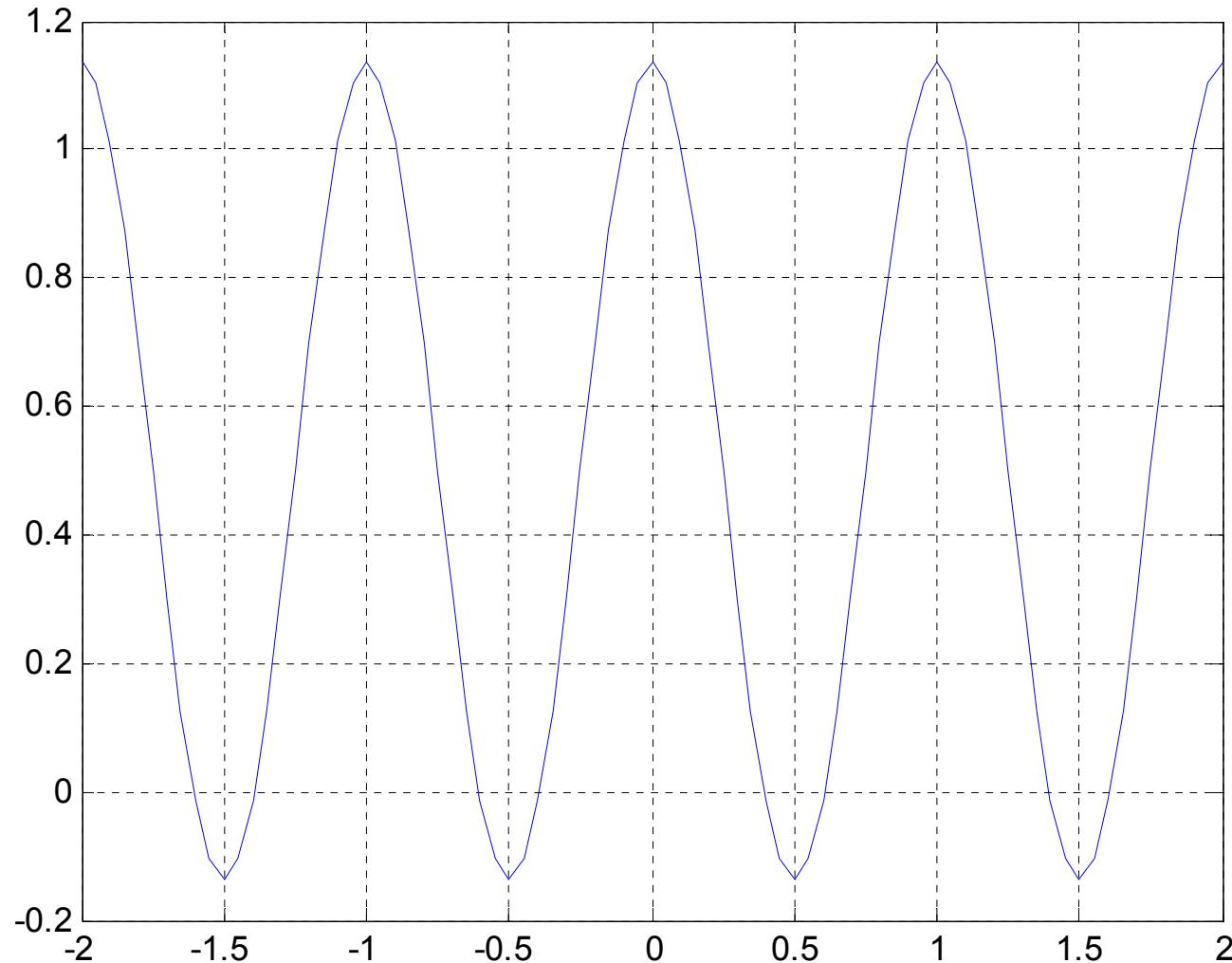
$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T s(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{T/2} 1 \cdot dt = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T s(t) \cos 2\pi n f_0 t dt = \frac{2 \sin(n\pi/2)}{n\pi}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T s(t) \sin 2\pi n f_0 t dt = 0$$

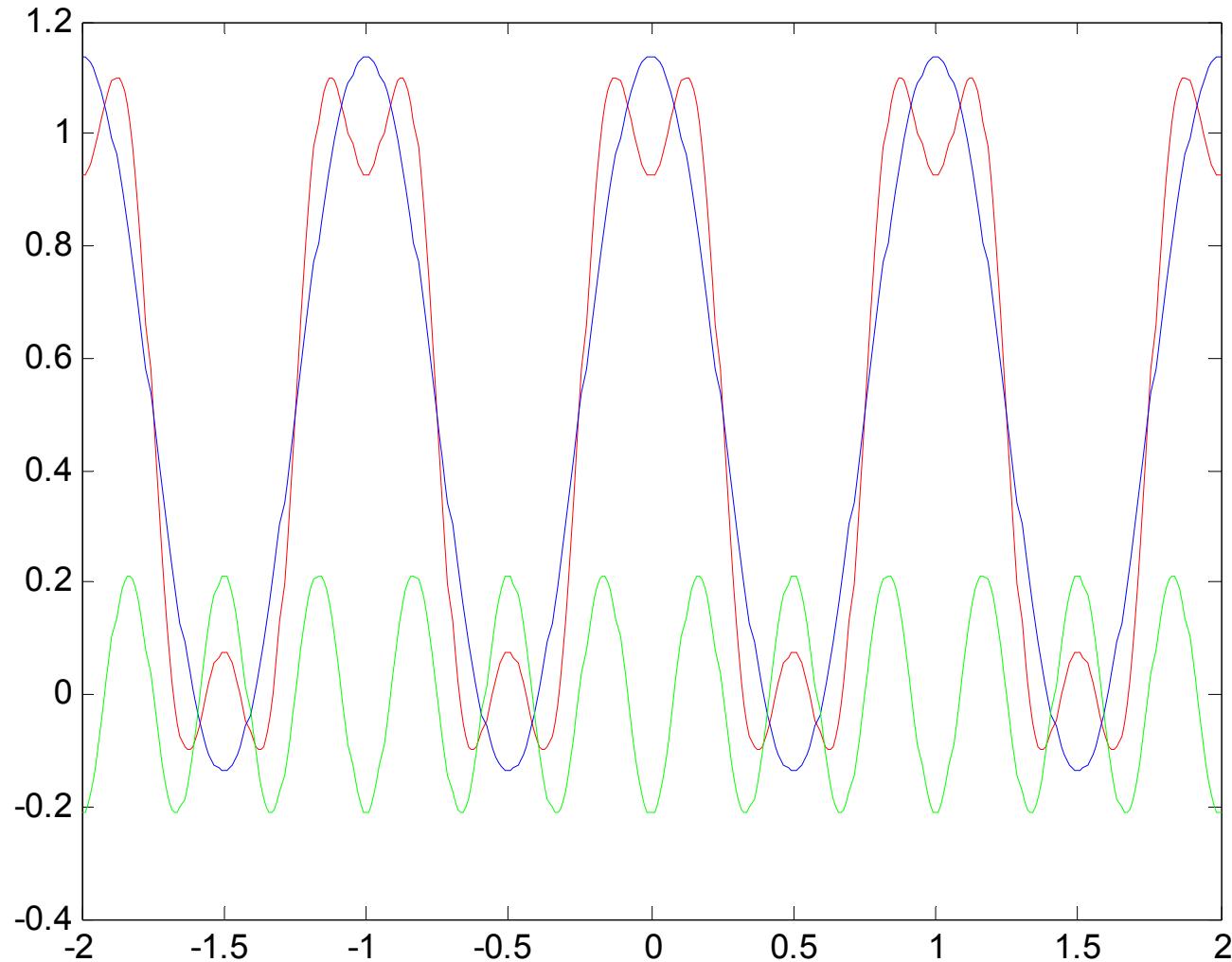
$$s(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \cos(2\pi f_0 t) - \frac{1}{3} \cos(6\pi f_0 t) + \frac{1}{5} \cos(10\pi f_0 t) - \dots \right)$$

# Fourier Series



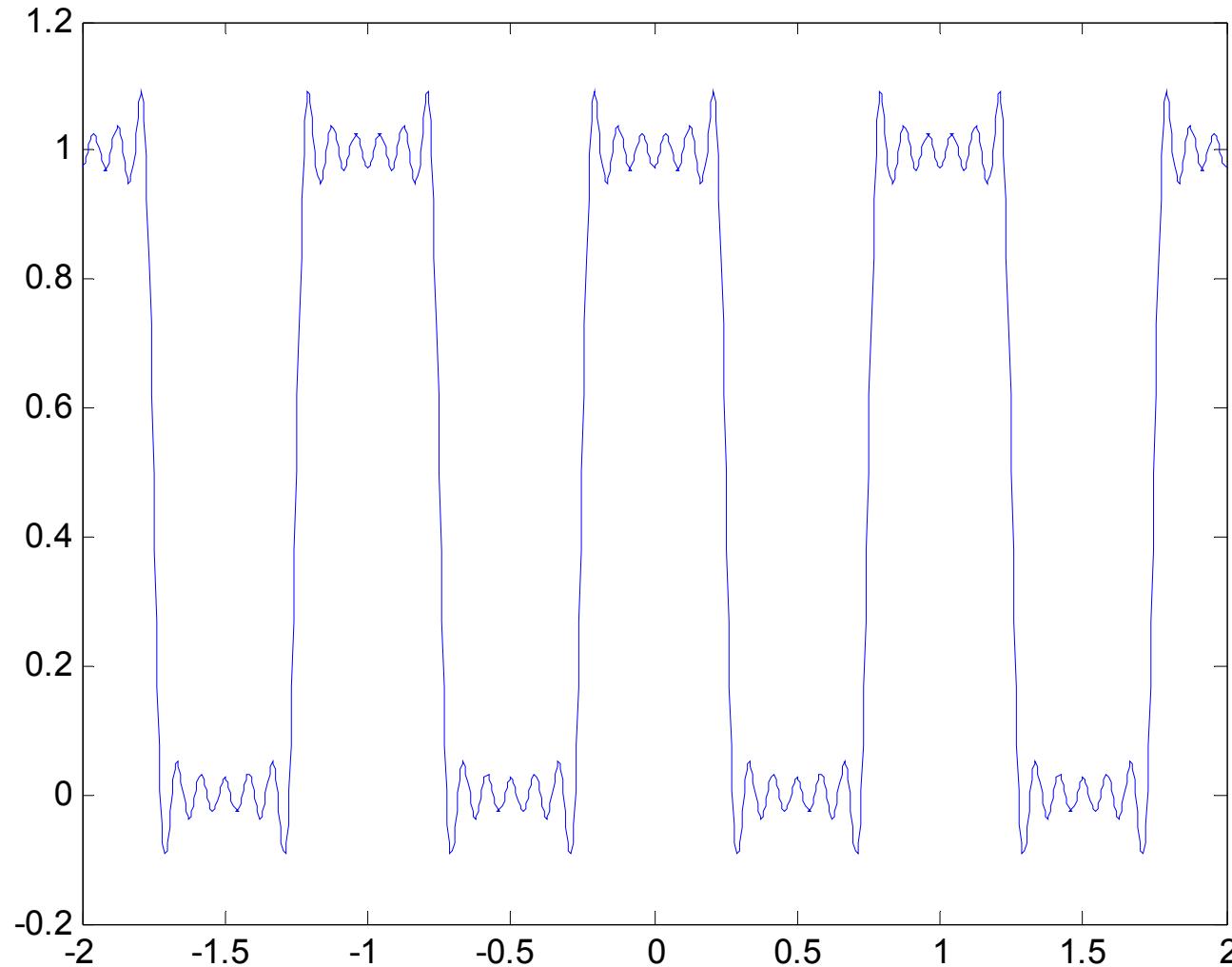
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# Fourier Series



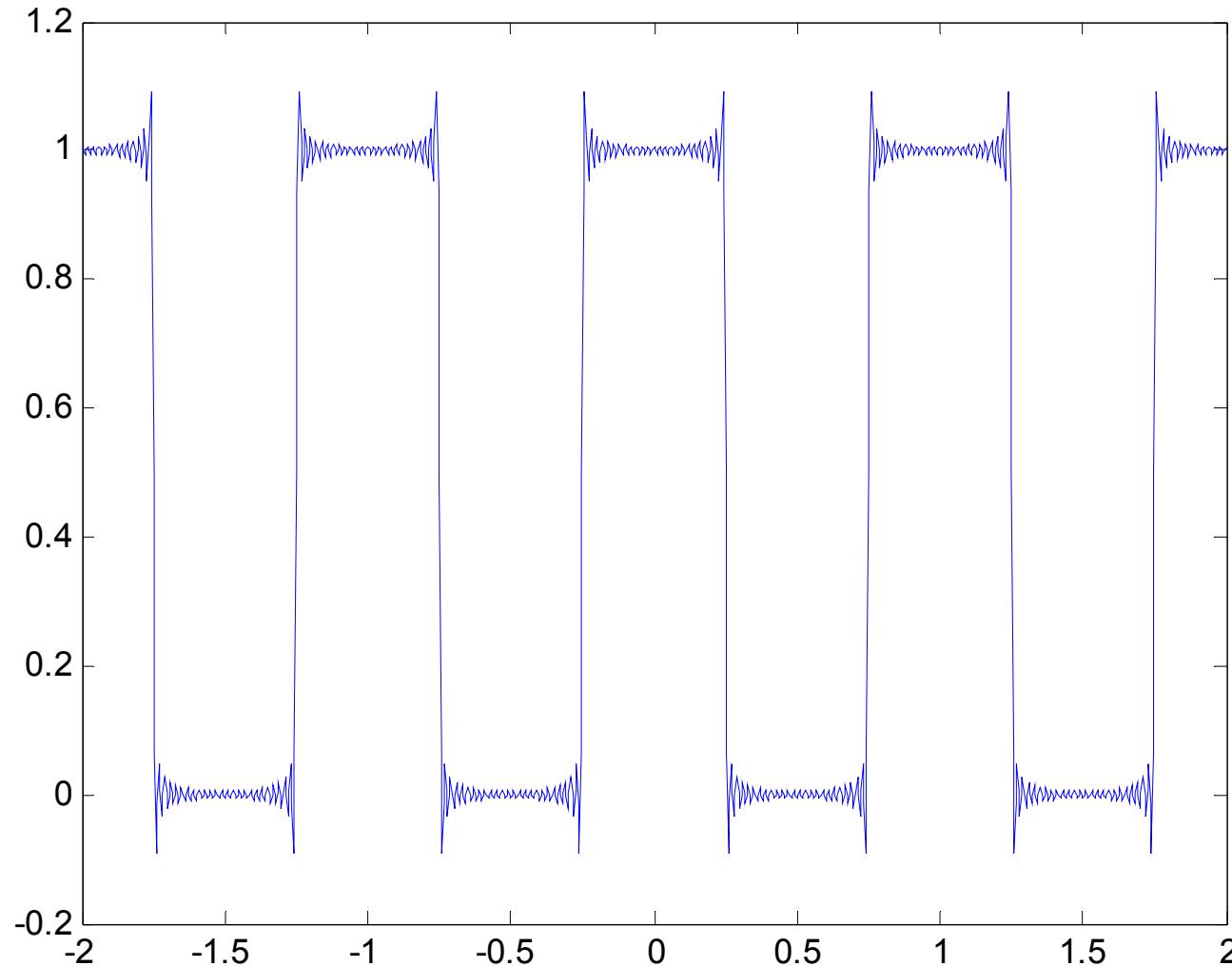
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# Fourier Series



**Summation of dc term plus the first 11 harmonics**

# Fourier Series



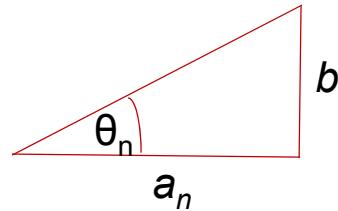
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# The Fourier Series

The expression for a **Fourier Series** is

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \omega_n t + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \omega_n t \quad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos \omega_n t + b_n \sin \omega_n t)$$


$$= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \left( \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}} \cos \omega_n t + \frac{b_n}{\sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}} \sin \omega_n t \right)$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} (\cos \theta_n \cos \omega_n t + \sin \theta_n \sin \omega_n t)$$

$$= C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \cos(\omega_n t - \theta_n)$$

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An alternative form

$$f(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \cos(\omega_n t - \theta_n)$$

$C_0$  is the average (or DC) value of  $f(t)$

harmonic amplitude

phase angle

**Fourier Series** = a finite sum of harmonically related sinusoids

$$\theta_n = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b_n}{a_n}\right) \quad C_0 = \frac{a_0}{2} \quad C_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$$

For  $n = 1$  the corresponding sinusoid is called **the fundamental**

$$C_1 \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta_1)$$

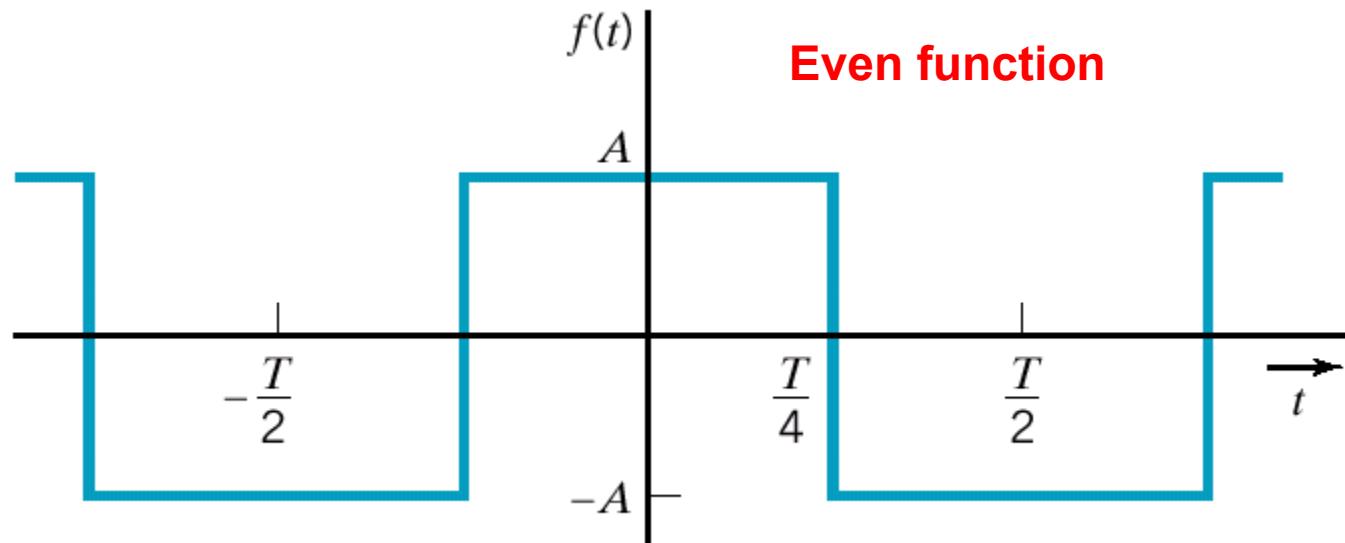
For  $n = k$  the corresponding sinusoid is called **the  $k^{th}$  harmonic term**

$$C_k \cos(k\omega_0 t + \theta_k)$$

Similarly,  $\omega_0$  is call the **fundamental frequency**

$k\omega_0$  is called the  **$k^{th}$  harmonic frequency**

## Example determine complex Fourier Series



The average value of  $f(t)$  is zero  $\therefore C_0 = 0$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

We select  $t_0 = -\frac{T}{2}$  and define  $j n \omega_0 = m$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{-T/4} -Ae^{-mt} dt + \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} Ae^{-mt} dt + \frac{1}{T} \int_{T/4}^{T/2} -Ae^{-mt} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{A}{mT} \left( e^{-mt} \Big|_{-T/2}^{-T/4} - e^{-mt} \Big|_{-T/4}^{T/4} + e^{-mt} \Big|_{T/4}^{T/2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{A}{jn\omega_0 T} \left( 2e^{jn\pi/2} - 2e^{-jn\pi/2} + e^{-jn\pi} - e^{jn\pi} \right)$$

$$= \frac{A}{2\pi n} \left( 4 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - 2 \sin(n\pi) \right) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; \text{ for even } n \\ \frac{2A}{n\pi} \sin n \frac{\pi}{2} & ; \text{ for odd } n \end{cases}$$

$$= A \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad \text{where } x = \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

Since  $f(t)$  is even function, all  $C_n$  are real and = 0 for  $n$  even

For  $n = 1$

$$C_1 = \frac{A \sin \pi / 2}{\pi / 2} = \frac{2A}{\pi} = C_{-1}$$

For  $n = 2$

$$C_2 = A \frac{\sin \pi}{\pi} = 0 = C_{-2}$$

For  $n = 3$

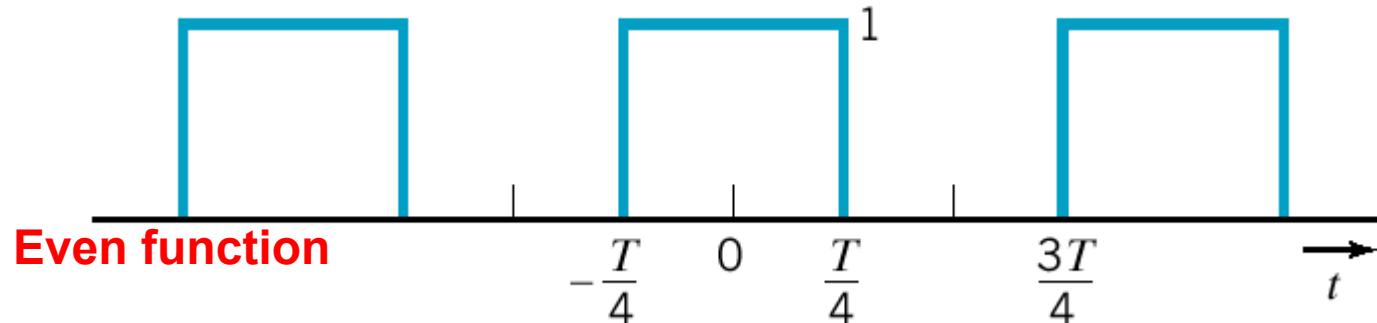
$$C_3 = \frac{A \sin(3\pi / 2)}{3\pi / 2} = \frac{-2A}{3\pi} = C_{-3}$$

The complex Fourier Series is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(t) &= \dots + \frac{-2A}{3\pi} e^{-j3\omega_0 t} + \frac{2A}{\pi} e^{-j\omega_0 t} + \frac{2A}{\pi} e^{j\omega_0 t} + \frac{-2A}{3\pi} e^{j3\omega_0 t} + \dots \\
 &= \frac{2A}{\pi} \left( e^{j\omega_0 t} + e^{-j\omega_0 t} \right) + \frac{-2A}{3\pi} \left( e^{j3\omega_0 t} + e^{-j3\omega_0 t} \right) + \dots \\
 &= \frac{4A}{\pi} \cos \omega_0 t - \frac{4A}{3\pi} \cos 3\omega_0 t + \dots \\
 &= \frac{4A}{\pi} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n=odd}}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^q}{n} \cos n\omega_0 t \quad \text{where } q = \frac{n-1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

For real  $f(t)$   $\Rightarrow |C_n| = |C_{-n}|$

## Example determine complex Fourier Series



Use  $jn\omega_0 = m$

$$\begin{aligned} C_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} 1 e^{-mt} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{-mT} e^{-mt} \Big|_{-T/4}^{T/4} \\ &= \frac{1}{-mT} \left( e^{-mT/4} - e^{+mT/4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_n &= \frac{1}{-jn2\pi} \left( e^{-jn\pi/2} - e^{+jn\pi/2} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & ; \text{ } n \text{ even, } n \neq 0 \\ (-1)^{(n-1)/2} & ; \text{ } n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

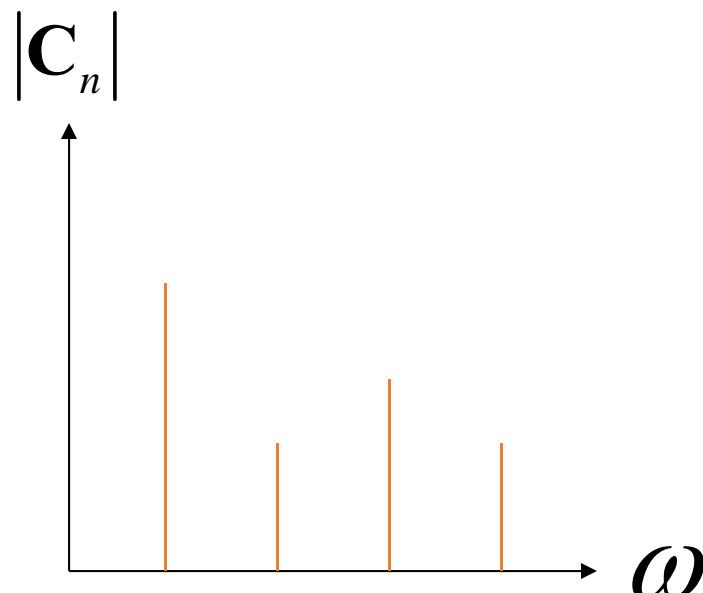
To find  $C_0$

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/4}^{T/4} 1 dt = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

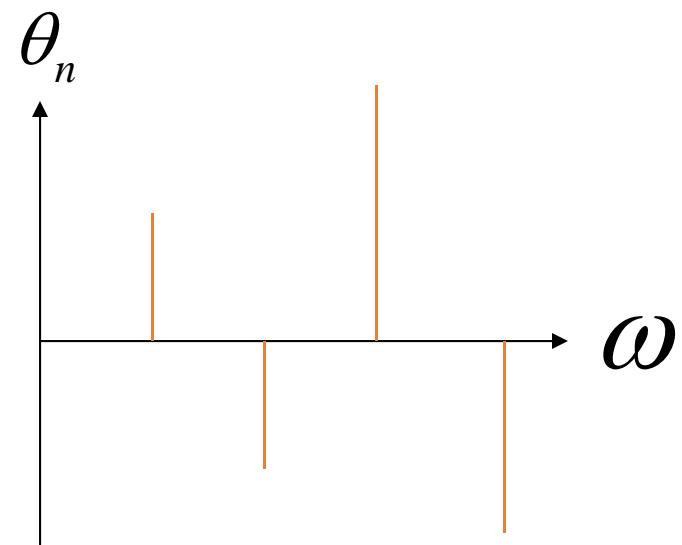
# The Fourier Spectrum

The complex Fourier coefficients

$$\mathbf{C}_n = |\mathbf{C}_n| \angle \theta_n$$



Amplitude spectrum



Phase spectrum