

Tutorial 8 Fourier's theorem

1. $f(x + 2L) = f(x)$ for all x and $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -L < x < 0, \\ 1, & 0 \leq x \leq L, \end{cases}$
- (a) Sketch the function $f(x)$ in the range $-2L < x < 2L$.
- (b) To what does the series converge when $x = -L, 0, \frac{L}{2}, \frac{3L}{2}$.
2. The function $f(x)$ is defined $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & -L \leq x < 0 \\ x, & 0 \leq x < L \end{cases}$ and $f(x + 2L) = f(x)$.
- (a) Sketch $f(x)$ in $-3L < x < 3L$.
- (b) State the values the Fourier series will converge to at $x = -\frac{L}{2}, 0, \frac{L}{3}, L$.
- (c) Find the Fourier series of $f(x)$ and give the first three non-zero terms.
- (d) By choosing an appropriate value for x in the Fourier series for $f(x)$, show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8}.$$

3. The function $f(x)$ is defined $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & -L \leq x < 0 \\ L, & 0 \leq x < L \end{cases}$, $f(x + 2L) = f(x)$.
- (a) Sketch $f(x)$ in $-3L < x < 3L$.
 - (b) To what does the series converge when $x = -\frac{L}{2}, 0, \frac{L}{2}, L$.
 - (c) Find its Fourier series.
 - (d) Give the first three non-zero terms.