

Harmonic Analysis : Recitations

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1 Instructor Information

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Part I

Fourier Series

1 Fourier Series

Definition 1 (Real Fourier series). Let $f : [-L, L] \in \mathbb{C}$ be a piecewise continuous function.

The series

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

is called the Fourier series of $f(x)$, where

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos(nx) \, dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin(nx) \, dx$$

Theorem 1. If $f(x)$ is an even function, then the appropriate Fourier series is

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

If $f(x)$ is an odd function, then the appropriate Fourier series is

$$f(x) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx)$$

Definition 2 (Complex Fourier series). Let $f : [-L, L] \in \mathbb{C}$ be a piecewise continuous function.

The series

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

If $f(x)$ is odd, its graph always passes through the origin. Therefore, it can be represented by a summation of sine functions, which also pass through the origin, and there is no need for a term, i.e. $\frac{a_0}{2}$, to change its position at the origin.

is called the complex Fourier series of $f(x)$, where

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

Recitation 1 – Exercise 1.

Calculate the real Fourier series of

$$f(x) = 2x - 2\pi$$

Recitation 1 – Solution 1.

As x is an odd function, the real Fourier series of x , in the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ is

$$x \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(x \int \sin(nx) dx - \int 1 \left(\int \sin(nx) dx \right) dx \right) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-\frac{x \cos(nx)}{n} \right) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-\frac{\pi \cos(n\pi) + \pi \cos(-n\pi)}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \xrightarrow{0} \\ &= -\frac{\cos(n\pi) + \cos(n\pi)}{n} \\ &= -2 \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n} \\ &= -2 \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$x \approx 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(nx)$$

Therefore,

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

2 Bessel's Inequality

Definition 3 (Piecewise continuous functions). $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be piecewise continuous if, for every finite interval $[a, b]$ there is a finite number of discontinuity points, and the one-sided limits at each of these points are also finite.

Definition 4 (Piecewise continuously differentiable functions). $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be piecewise continuously differentiable if it is piecewise continuous, and

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x^+)}{h} < \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x^-)}{h} < \infty$$

Theorem 2 (Bessel's Inequality). *Let $f(x)$ be a piecewise continuous function defined on $[-L, L]$. Then*

$$\frac{1}{2}a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + b_n^2 \leq \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x)^2 dx$$

3 Riemann-Lebesgue's Lemma

Theorem 3 (Riemann-Lebesgue's Lemma). *If $f(x)$ is piecewise continuous on $[-L, L]$, then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$$

4 Dirichlet's Kernel

Definition 5 (Dirichlet kernel).

$$\begin{aligned} D_m(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-m}^m e^{-int} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^m \cos(nt) \\ &= \frac{\sin\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)t\right)}{2 \sin \frac{t}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

is called the Dirichlet kernel of order m .

Theorem 4 (Second representation of Dirichlet's kernel). *Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, for $t \neq 2\pi k$, where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,*

$$\begin{aligned} D_m(t) &= \frac{1}{2} + \cos(t) + \cos(2t) + \cdots + \cos(mt) \\ &= \frac{\sin\left(\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)t\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 5. *Let*

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

Then,

$$S_m(f, x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^m \cos(nt) \right) dt$$

Theorem 6 (Dirichlet Theorem). *Let $f : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a piecewise continuously differentiable function.*

Then, $\forall x \in (-\pi, \pi)$,

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

and for $x = \pi$ or $x = -\pi$,

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

Recitation 2 – Exercise 1.

The Fourier series of x^2 is given to be

$$x^2 \approx \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx)$$

Calculate

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Recitation 2 – Solution 1.

As x^2 is continuous, with a continuous derivative, Dirichlet Theorem is applicable.

Therefore, let

$$x = \pi$$

Therefore, by Dirichlet Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) &= \frac{(\pi^-)^2 + ((-\pi)^+)^2}{2} \\ \therefore \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} (-1)^n &= \pi^2 \\ \therefore \frac{\pi^2}{4} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} &= \pi^2 \\ \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\pi^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Recitation 2 – Exercise 2.

The Fourier series of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ 0 & ; \quad -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

is given to be

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

Let this Fourier series be denoted by $S(x)$.

Calculate

1. $1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots$

2. $S\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Recitation 2 – Solution 2.

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$$1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2}$$

Therefore, for $x = 0$, by Dirichlet Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(0) - \frac{2}{\pi(2n-1)^2} \cos(0) \right) &= \frac{f(0^-) + f(0^+)}{2} \\ \therefore \frac{\pi}{4} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{\pi(2n-1)^2} \right) &= 0 \\ \therefore \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \right) &= 0 \\ \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} &= \frac{\pi^2}{8} \end{aligned}$$

2. By Dirichlet Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} S\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= \frac{f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}^-\right) + f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}^+\right)}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 7. *If f is a piecewise continuous and periodic function with period of 2π , then*

$$\begin{aligned} S_m(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^m (a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) D_m(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Recitation 3 – Exercise 1.

Calculate the limit

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-n}^n \sin\left(\frac{2n+1}{2}t\right) \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + t\right) + \pi^2}{\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)} dt$$

Recitation 3 – Solution 1.

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-n}^n \sin\left(\frac{2n+1}{2}t\right) \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + t\right) + \pi^2}{\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)} dt \\ &= 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + t\right) + \pi^2\right) \frac{\sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}t\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)} dt \\ &= 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + t\right) + \pi^2\right) D_n(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$f(x) = \cos^2 x + \pi^2$$

Let S_n be the partial sum of the Fourier series.

Therefore,

$$S_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_n(t) (\cos^2(x+t) + \pi^2) dt$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} L &= 2\pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + t\right) + \pi^2\right) D_n(t) dt \\ &= 2\pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= 2\pi \frac{f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}^+\right) + f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}^-\right)}{2} \\ &= 2\pi f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= 2\pi \left(\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \pi^2\right) \\ &= \pi + 2\pi^3 \end{aligned}$$

5 Fourier Series in a General Interval

Definition 6. Let f be a piecewise continuous function defined on $[a, b]$. The Fourier series over $[a, b]$ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\approx \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \left(\frac{2\pi nx}{b-a} \right) + b_n \sin \left(\frac{2\pi nx}{b-a} \right) \right) \\ &\approx \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{\frac{2\pi i n x}{b-a}} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \\ a_n &= \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \cos \frac{2\pi nx}{b-a} \, dx \\ b_n &= \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \sin \frac{2\pi nx}{b-a} \, dx \\ c_n &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) e^{\frac{2\pi i n x}{b-a}} \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Recitation 3 – Exercise 2.

Develop the Fourier series for $\text{sign}(x)$ over $[0, \pi]$.

Recitation 3 – Solution 2.

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{sign}(x) \, dx \\ &= 2 \\ a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{sign}(x) \cos \left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\pi} \right) \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(2nx) \, dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{sign}(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{\pi}\right) dx \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(2nx) dx \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, over $[0, \pi]$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{sign}(x) &= \frac{2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0 \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 8. *Let f be continuous in $[-\pi, \pi]$, with piecewise continuous derivative, and $f(-\pi) = f(\pi)$. Then, the Fourier series converges uniformly on $[-\pi, \pi]$.*

Theorem 9 (Parseval Equality). *Let f be a piecewise continuous function in $[-\pi, \pi]$. Then,*

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx &= \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \\
&= 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2
\end{aligned}$$

Recitation 4 – Exercise 1.

Use the Fourier series

$$x^2 \approx \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{4}{n^2} \cos(nx)$$

to calculate $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$.

Recitation 4 – Solution 1.

As x^2 is continuous, by Parseval Equality,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x^2|^2 dx &= \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + b_n^2 \\ &= \frac{2\pi^4}{9} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{n^2}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^4 dx - \frac{2\pi^4}{9} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left. \frac{x^5}{5} \right|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{2\pi^4}{9} \\ &= \frac{2\pi^4}{5} - \frac{2\pi^4}{9} \\ &= \frac{8}{45} \pi^4 \\ \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} &= \frac{\pi^4}{90}\end{aligned}$$

Recitation 4 – Exercise 2.

Use the Fourier series

$$e^x \approx \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi}}{2\pi(1 - in)} e^{inx}$$

to calculate $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$.

Recitation 4 – Solution 2.

As x^2 is continuous, by Parseval Equality,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |e^x|^2 dx &= 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})^2}{4\pi^2 |1 - in|^2} \\ &= \frac{2(e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})^2}{4\pi^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1} &= \frac{4\pi}{2(e^\pi - e^{-\pi})^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |e^x|^2 dx \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{2(e^\pi - e^{-\pi})^2} \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} |e^x|^2 dx \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{2(e^\pi - e^{-\pi})^2} \frac{e^{2\pi} - e^{-2\pi}}{2} \\
&= \frac{e^{2\pi} - e^{-2\pi}}{(e^\pi - e^{-\pi})^2} \\
&= \frac{(e^\pi + e^{-\pi})(e^\pi - e^{-\pi})}{(e^\pi - e^{-\pi})^2} \\
&= \frac{e^\pi + e^{-\pi}}{e^\pi - e^{-\pi}}
\end{aligned}$$

Recitation 5 – Exercise 1.

Use

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

to compute the Fourier series of

$$\text{sign}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; \quad x \geq 0 \\ -1 & ; \quad x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Recitation 5 – Solution 1.

As $|x|$ is continuous, piecewise differentiable, and $|- \pi| = |\pi|$, its Fourier series converges uniformly. Hence, the Fourier series can be differentiated term by term.

Therefore,

$$|x|' = \text{sign}(x)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{sign}(x) &\approx \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)^2} \cos((2n-1)x) \right)' \\
&\approx \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)} \sin((2n-1)x)
\end{aligned}$$

Recitation 5 – Exercise 2.

f is given to be continuous, piecewise differentiable, and periodic with period 2π . Also

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

Determine whether the following are true or false.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nb_n = 0$$

True or false.

Recitation 5 – Solution 2.

na_n and nb_n are the Fourier coefficients for $f'(x)$. Therefore, as f is piecewise differentiable, and by Riemann-Lebesgue's Lemma,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nb_n = 0$$

Hence, the statement is true.

Theorem 10. *If f is piecewise continuous with Fourier series*

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

the, for all $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$,

$$\int_0^x f(t) dt = \frac{a_0}{2}x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} \sin(nx) - \frac{b_n}{n} (\cos(nx) - 1)$$

This is not a Fourier series due to the x in $\frac{a_0}{2}x$.

Therefore, substituting the Fourier series of x ,

$$\int_0^x f(t) dt = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_n + (-1)^n a_0}{n} \sin(nx) - \frac{b_n}{n} \cos(nx) \right)$$

Recitation 6 – Exercise 1.

Let f be piecewise continuous with Fourier series

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

Prove

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n} \leq \infty$$

Recitation 6 – Solution 1.

Let

$$F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

Therefore, as $f(x)$ is piecewise continuous, $F(x)$ is also piecewise continuous. Therefore,

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

Therefore, the Fourier series of $F(x) - \frac{a_0}{2}x$ is

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) - \frac{a_0}{2}x &\approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} \sin(nx) - \frac{b_n}{n} (\cos(nx) - 1) \\ &\approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} \sin(nx) - \frac{b_n}{n} \cos(nx) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, as $F(x) - \frac{a_0}{2}x$ is piecewise continuous and finite, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n}$ is also finite.

Theorem 11. *If f is 2π periodic and k times differentiable, such that the k derivatives are continuous and $f^{(k+1)}(x)$ is piecewise continuous, then,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |n^{k+1}a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |n^{k+1}b_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |n^{k+1}c_n| = 0$$

Theorem 12. *If the Fourier coefficients of a 2π periodic function satisfy*

$$|c_n| \leq \frac{c}{n^{k+1+\varepsilon}}$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$, and c is constant, then f is k times differentiable.

Recitation 7 – Exercise 1.

The Fourier series of f is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^4} e^{inx}$$

If f differentiable four times?

Recitation 7 – Solution 1.

As $f(x)$ equals its Fourier series, $f(x)$ must also be periodic with period 2π . If possible, let f be differentiable 4 times, with all derivatives being continuous, and let the fifth derivative be piecewise continuous. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |n^5 c_n| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| n^5 \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^4} \right| \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, as the limit is not zero, f is not differentiable 4 times.

Recitation 7 – Exercise 2.

Let

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{n^{2.01}} e^{inx}$$

Give an upper bound for the number of times it is differentiable.

Recitation 7 – Solution 2.

$f(x)$ is 2π periodic.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| n^3 \frac{1}{n^{2.01}} \right| = \infty$$

Therefore, f is differentiable at most twice. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} |c_n| &= \frac{1}{n^{2.01}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{1+1+0.01}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is differentiable once.

6 Inner Product Spaces

Definition 7 (Norm). Let V be a vector space. A function $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, such that

1. $\forall v \in V$

$$\|v\| \geq 0$$

and $\|v\| = 0$ if and only if $v = \vec{0}$.

2. $\forall v \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$,

$$\|\alpha v\| = |\alpha| \|v\|$$

3. $\forall u, v \in V$,

$$\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$$

is called a norm.

It is usually defined as

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

Theorem 13 (Pythagoras Theorem). *If $u, v \in V$ are orthogonal vectors in an inner product space, then*

$$\|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$$

Proof. As u and v are orthogonal,

$$\langle u, v \rangle = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u + v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle \\ &= \langle u + v, u \rangle + \langle u + v, v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle \\ &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

□

Recitation 8 – Exercise 1.

Let the inner product of two functions over the vector space $C^0[-\pi, \pi]$, i.e. the set of all continuous functions over $[-\pi, \pi]$ be defined as

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x) \, dx$$

Find the norm of f in this space.
Show

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sin(nx)\| &= 1 \\ \|\cos(nx)\| &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Recitation 8 – Solution 1.

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

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\cos(nx)\| &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(nx) \, dx} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} \pi} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sin(nx)\| &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2(nx) \, dx} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} \pi} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Definition 8. A set is said to be orthonormal if $\forall u, v \in V$,

$$\langle u, v \rangle = 0$$

and

$$\|v\| = 1$$

Theorem 14. In the space $C^0[-\pi, \pi]$ with

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x) \, dx$$

the set $\left\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right\} \cup \{\cos(nx)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \cup \{\sin(nx)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is orthonormal.

Definition 9 (Orthonormal set). A set $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ is said to be orthonormal if

$$\langle c_i, c_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

Definition 10 (Projection). Let W be a subspace of a vector space V , such that

$$W = \text{span}\{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$$

The projection of a vector v with respect to W is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_W(v) &= v_W \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\langle v, c_k \rangle}{\|c_k\|^2} c_k \end{aligned}$$

If W is orthonormal,

$$v_W = \sum_{k=1}^n \langle v, c_k \rangle c_k$$

Theorem 15. Let W be a subspace of a vector space V . Let $v \in V$. Then, v_W is the best approximation for v in W , i.e.

$$\|v - \text{proj}_W(v)\| = \min_{w \in W} \|v - w\|$$

Theorem 16. Let W be a subspace of a vector space V . Let $v \in V$. Then, $v - v_W \in W^\perp$, and $v_W \in W$.

Theorem 17. Let W be a subspace of a vector space V . Let $v \in V$.

$$\|v\|^2 = \|v_W\|^2 + \|v - v_W\|^2$$

Recitation 9 – Exercise 1.

Let

$$W = \text{span } 1, \cos(2x), \sin(x)$$

and

$$f(x) = x$$

with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x) \, dx$$

1. Find $g \in W$, which is the best approximation for f .
2. Find α, β, γ , so that the function

$$F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \|f - (\alpha + \beta \cos(2x) + \gamma \sin(x))\|$$

is minimal.

Recitation 9 – Solution 1.

1.

$$\text{proj}_W(f) = \frac{\langle f, 1 \rangle}{\|1\|^2} 1 + \frac{\langle f, \cos(2x) \rangle}{\|\cos(2x)\|^2} \cos(2x) + \frac{\langle f, \sin(x) \rangle}{\|\sin(x)\|^2} \sin(x)$$

Comparing to the standard form of the Fourier series,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{\langle f, 1 \rangle}{\|1\|^2} \\ &= 0 \\ a_2 &= \frac{\langle f, \cos(2x) \rangle}{\|\cos(2x)\|^2} \\ &= 0 \\ b_1 &= \frac{\langle f, \sin(x) \rangle}{\|\sin(x)\|^2} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$g(x) = 2 \sin x$$

2. The projection of f onto W is the best approximation of f . Therefore, F is minimal. Hence,

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\beta = 0$$

$$\gamma = 2$$

Definition 11 (Complete set). An orthonormal set $\{u_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is said to be complete if the only vector $v \in V$, such that $\forall k$,

$$\langle v, u_k \rangle = 0$$

is the zero vector.

Definition 12 (Hilbert space). A inner product, normed, complete vector space is said to be a Hilbert space.

Theorem 18 (Central Theorem about Complete Orthonormal Systems). *Let V be a Hilbert space. Then, the following conditions are equivalent for an orthonormal set $\{u_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$,*

1. *For $v \in V$, if $\forall k$,*

$$\langle v, u_k \rangle = 0$$

then

$$v = \vec{0}$$

That is, if any vector is orthogonal to the entire orthonormal set, then the vector must be the zero vector.

2. *For $v \in V$,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n \langle v, u_k \rangle u_k - v \right\| = 0$$

3. For $v \in V$,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\langle v, u_k \rangle|^2 = \|v\|^2$$

That is, Parseval's Equality holds.

Recitation 10 – Exercise 1.

Give an example for an infinite orthogonal set in $L^2([-\pi, \pi])$, which is not a complete set, where $L^2([-\pi, \pi])$ is the space of all functions f such that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f|^2 dx$ is finite.

Recitation 10 – Solution 1.

The set $\{\cos(nx)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is an infinite orthogonal set but it is not a complete set as the function

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

satisfies

$$\langle f, \cos(nx) \rangle = 0$$

even though

$$f \neq 0$$

Recitation 10 – Exercise 2.

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, let

$$h_n(t) = e^{int} - e^{i(n+1)t}$$

1. Prove that $\{h_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ satisfies the condition that if $f \in L^2([-\pi, \pi])$ and $\langle f, h_n \rangle = 0$ for all n , then $f = 0$, where $L^2([-\pi, \pi])$ is the space of all functions f such that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f|^2 dx$ is finite.
2. Is $\{h_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ is orthogonal in $L^2([-\pi, \pi])$, where $L^2([-\pi, \pi])$ is the space of all functions f such that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f|^2 dx$ is finite.

Recitation 10 – Solution 2.

1.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f, h_n \rangle &= \langle f, e^{int} - e^{i(n+1)t} \rangle \\ &= \langle f, e^{int} (1 - e^{it}) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f e^{-int} (1 - e^{-it}) dt \\ \therefore 0 &= \langle f (1 - e^{-it}), e^{int} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, as the set $\{e^{int}\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ is complete, if the dot product of any function with all e^{int} is zero, then the function must be zero. Therefore,

$$f(1 - e^{-it}) = 0$$

Therefore, $f = 0$.

2.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle h_n, h_{n+1} \rangle &= \langle e^{int} - e^{i(n+1)t}, e^{i(n+1)t} - e^{i(n+2)t} \rangle \\ &\neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is not orthogonal.