

Harmonic Analysis

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2 Required Reading

1. Folland, G.B.: Fourier Analysis and its applications, Wadsworth & Brooks/Cole mathematics series, 1992

3 Additional Reading

1. Katznelson, Yitzhak. An introduction to Harmonic analysis. Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Part I

Basic Definitions and Theorems

1 Sequences and Series

Definition 1 (Convergent series). The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ is said to converge if the sequence of partial sums $S_N = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n$ converges to a finite limit.

Definition 2 (Pointwise convergence of sequence of functions). Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, and $\{f_n(x) : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ be a sequence of functions. $f_n(x)$ is said to converge pointwise, to a limit function $f(x)$ on D , if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall x \in D, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $\forall n > N, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$.

Definition 3 (Uniform convergence of sequence of functions). Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, and $\{f_n(x) : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ be a sequence of functions. $f_n(x)$ is said to converge uniformly to $f(x)$ on D if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$, such that, $\forall n > N, \forall x \in D, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$.

Theorem 1. If $\{f_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ are continuous functions, and $f_n(x) \xrightarrow{U} f(x)$, then $f(x)$ is also continuous.

Theorem 2. If a sequence of functions converges pointwise as well as uniformly, then the limit function must be the same.

Theorem 3 (Weierstrass M-test). If $|u_k(x)| \leq c_k$ on D for $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and the numerical series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k$ converges, then the series of functions $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x)$ converges uniformly on D .

2 Periodic Functions

Definition 4 (Periodic functions). A function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be periodic if $\exists 0 < L \in \mathbb{R}$, such that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$f(x) = f(x + L)$$

For a function $f(x) = k$, as any positive number is a period, there is no minimum L . Hence, $\nexists L^*$.

If there exists a minimum L , it is called L^* , the fundamental period.

3 Odd and Even Functions

Definition 5 (Odd functions). A function is said to be odd if $f(-x) = -f(x)$.

Odd functions are symmetric about the origin.

Definition 6 (Even functions). A function is said to be even if $f(-x) = f(x)$.

Even functions are symmetric about the y -axis.

Theorem 4. *If $h(x)$ is odd,*

$$\int_{-L}^L h(x) \, dx = 0$$

Part II

Introduction to Fourier Series

1 Real Fourier Series

Definition 7. Let $f : [-L, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $L > 0$. If $\forall x \in [-L, L]$, then

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

Theorem 5. Let $L > 0$, $m \in \mathbb{W}$, $n \in \mathbb{W}$.

Then

$$\int_{-L}^L \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & ; \quad m \neq n \\ L & ; \quad m = n \neq 0 \\ 2L & ; \quad m = n = 0 \end{cases}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \int_{-L}^L \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx \\ &= \int_{-L}^L \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos\left((m+n)\frac{\pi}{L}x\right) + \cos\left((m-n)\frac{\pi}{L}x\right) \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

\because
 $\left(\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(\alpha + \beta) + \cos(\alpha - \beta)) \right)$

If $m \neq n$,

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sin\left((m+n)\frac{\pi}{L}x\right)}{(m+n)\frac{\pi}{L}} + \frac{\sin\left((m-n)\frac{\pi}{L}x\right)}{(m-n)\frac{\pi}{L}} \right) \Bigg|_{-L}^L \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

If $m = n \neq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \int_{-L}^L \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos\left(2m\frac{\pi}{L}x\right) + 1 \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-L}^L \cos\left(2m\frac{\pi}{L}x\right) dx + \frac{1}{2}x \Bigg|_{-L}^L \\ &= L \end{aligned}$$

If $m = n = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \int_{-L}^L \cos(0) \cos(0) \, dx \\ &= x \Big|_{-L}^L \\ &= 2L \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 6. Let $L > 0$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \, dx = \begin{cases} 0 & ; \quad m \neq n \\ L & ; \quad m = n \end{cases}$$

Theorem 7. Let $L > 0$, $m \in \mathbb{W}$, $n \in \mathbb{W}$.

Then

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \, dx = 0$$

Assuming $f(x)$ is known, and assuming that it can be integrated term by term,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \, dx &= \int_{-L}^L \frac{1}{2} a_0 \, dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{-L}^L \cos\left(n \frac{\pi}{L} x\right) \, dx + b_n \int_{-L}^L \sin\left(n \frac{\pi}{L} x\right) \, dx \\ \therefore \int_{-L}^L f(x) \, dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-L}^L a_0 \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a_0 \cdot 2L \\ \therefore a_0 &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, multiplying the series with $\cos\left(m \frac{\pi}{L} x\right)$ for $m \neq 0$ and integrating,

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

for $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Similarly, for $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$,

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

Definition 8. The expansion

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

where, for $m \in \mathbb{N}$,

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

and, for $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$,

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

is called the Fourier Series of $f(x)$.

2 Complex Fourier Series

By Euler's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}) \\ \sin \theta &= \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{2i} = -\frac{i}{2}$$

Therefore, substituting in the Fourier series,

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

2.1 Bessel's Inequality

Definition 9 (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 10 (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 8 (Bessel's Inequality). *Let $f(x)$ be a piecewise continuous function defined on $[-L, L]$. Then*

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