

Fourier Transform

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1. Orthogonality of trigonometric functions

The trigonometric function system is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\{0, 1, \sin x, \cos x, \sin 2x, \cos 2x, \dots, \sin nx, \cos nx, \dots, \dots\} \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ &\{\sin 0x, \cos 0x, \sin x, \cos x, \sin 2x, \cos 2x, \dots, \sin nx, \cos nx, \dots\} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, +\infty$.

Here, for given $n, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, +\infty$, we calculate the following integrations,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \cos(mx) dx = 0 \quad (2)$$

$\sin(nx) \cos(mx)$ is an odd function, its integration between the symmetric interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ is zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx &= \begin{cases} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 0 dx, n = m = 0 \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{[1 - \cos(2nx)]}{2} dx, n = m \neq 0 \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} [\cos(n-m)x - \cos(n+m)x] dx, n \neq m \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, n = m = 0 \\ \frac{x}{2} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{\sin(2nx)}{4n} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi}, n = m \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{4(n-m)} \sin(n-m)x \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{1}{4(n+m)} \sin(n+m)x \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi}, n \neq m \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, n = m = 0 \\ \pi, n = m \neq 0 \\ 0, n \neq m \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx)\cos(mx)dx &= \begin{cases} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1dx, n = m = 0 \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1 + \cos(2nx)}{2} dx, n = m \neq 0 \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} [\cos(n-m)x + \cos(n+m)x] dx, n \neq m \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} 2\pi, n = m = 0 \\ \pi, n = m \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{4(n-m)} \sin(n-m)x \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{4(n+m)} \sin(n+m)x \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi}, n \neq m \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} 2\pi, n = m = 0 \\ \pi, n = m \neq 0 \\ 0, n \neq m \end{cases}
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

We proved the orthogonality of trigonometric functions.

2. Fourier Series

We assume that a function $f(x)$ has a period 2π , namely $f(x) = f(x + 2\pi)$. If $f(x)$ satisfies *Dirichlet condition*,

1. $f(x)$ has finite discontinuity points of the first kind in a period;
2. $f(x)$ has finite extreme points in a period.

$f(x)$ can be expanded as *Fourier series*.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} [a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)] \tag{5}$$

Here, we usually write eq. (5) as

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} [a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)] \tag{6}$$

where, $\frac{a_0}{2} = [a_0 \cos(0x) + b_0 \sin(0x)]$.

Finding a_0

We integrate $f(x)$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{a_0}{2} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} [a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(0n)\cos(nx)dx + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(0x)\sin(nx)dx] \\
&= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} [a_n \cdot 0 + b_n \cdot 0] \\
&= a_0 \pi
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

So

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)dx \tag{8}$$

Finding a_n

We integrate $f(x)\cos(mx)$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)\cos(mx)dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{a_0}{2}\cos(mx)dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx)\cos(mx)dx \\
 &\quad + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} b_n \sin(nx)\cos(mx)dx \\
 &= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(0x)\cos(mx)dx + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_n \cos(nx)\cos(mx)dx \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} b_n \sin(nx)\cos(mx)dx \\
 &= 0 + \left[\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_1 \cos(1x)\cos(mx)dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_2 \cos(2x)\cos(mx)dx \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \dots + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_n \cos(1x)\cos(mx)dx \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} 0 \\
 &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_n \cos(nx)\cos(nx)dx \quad (n = m) \\
 &= a_n \pi
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

We have

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)\cos(nx)dx \tag{10}$$

Finding b_n

Similarly, we integrate $f(x)\sin(mx)$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)\sin(mx)dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{a_0}{2}\sin(mx)dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n \cos(nx)\sin(mx)dx \\
 &\quad + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)\sin(mx)dx \\
 &= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(0x)\sin(mx)dx + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_n \cos(nx)\sin(mx)dx \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} b_n \sin(nx)\sin(mx)dx \\
 &= 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} 0 + \left[b_1 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(1x)\sin(mx)dx \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + b_2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(2x)\sin(mx)dx + \dots + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx)\sin(mx)dx \right] \\
 &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} b_n \sin(nx)\sin(nx)dx \quad (n = m) \\
 &= b_n \pi
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

So we get

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \quad (12)$$

3. Series expansion of function with a period of $2L$

We have function $f(t)$, and $f(t) = f(t + 2L)$. $2L$ is the minimum of positive period of $f(t)$.

Here, we let

$$x = \frac{\pi}{L} t \quad (13)$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= f\left(\frac{L}{\pi} x\right) \\ &= g(x) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The Fourier series of $g(x)$ is given by

$$\begin{cases} g(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} [a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)] \\ a_0 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ a_n = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx \\ b_n = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) dx \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

We change x to t using eq. (13) and we have

$$\begin{cases} \cos(nx) = \cos\left(n \frac{\pi}{L} t\right) \\ \sin(nx) = \sin\left(n \frac{\pi}{L} t\right) \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-L}^L d\frac{\pi}{L} t = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L dt \\ \pi \rightarrow L \\ -\pi \rightarrow -L \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

Using eq. (16), the Fourier series of $f(t)$ can be described as

$$\begin{cases} f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} [a_n \cos(n \frac{\pi}{L} t) + b_n \sin(n \frac{\pi}{L} t)] \\ a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) dt \\ a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \cos(n \frac{\pi}{L} t) dt \\ b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \sin(n \frac{\pi}{L} t) dt \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

Alternatively, we let $2L = T$, and we have

$$\begin{cases} f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} [a_n \cos(n \frac{2\pi}{T} t) + b_n \sin(n \frac{2\pi}{T} t)] \\ a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt \\ a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(n \frac{2\pi}{T} t) dt \\ b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(n \frac{2\pi}{T} t) dt \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

Let $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$, and we change eq. (18) to

$$\begin{cases} f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} [a_n \cos(n\omega t) + b_n \sin(n\omega t)] \\ a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt \\ a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt \\ b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(n\omega t) dt \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

4. Complex number form of Fourier series

The *Euler's* formula is given by

$$\begin{cases} e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \\ \sin\theta = -i \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2} \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

Here, we constitute *Euler's* formula into eq. (19) and we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} [a_n \frac{e^{in\omega t} + e^{-in\omega t}}{2} - ib_n \frac{e^{in\omega t} - e^{-in\omega t}}{2}] \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2} e^{-in\omega t} \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{a_{-n} + ib_{-n}}{2} e^{in\omega t} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^0 \frac{a_0}{2} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{a_{-n} + ib_{-n}}{2} e^{in\omega t} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{in\omega t} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where

$$c_n = \begin{cases} \frac{a_0}{2}, n = 0 \\ \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, +\infty \\ \frac{a_{-n} + ib_{-n}}{2}, n = -1, -2, -3, \dots, -\infty \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

Use eq. (19) and the coefficient c_n is given by

$$c_n = \begin{cases} \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-in\omega t} dt & (n = 0) \\ \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt - \frac{i}{2} \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(n\omega t) dt \\ = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) [\cos(n\omega t) - i \sin(n\omega t)] dt \\ = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-in\omega t} dt & (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, +\infty) \\ \frac{a_{-n} + ib_{-n}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(-n\omega t) dt + \frac{i}{2} \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(-n\omega t) dt \\ = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) [\cos(n\omega t) - i \sin(n\omega t)] dt \\ = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-in\omega t} dt & (n = -1, -2, -3, \dots, -\infty) \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

So

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-in\omega t} dt \quad (24)$$

Let $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$, here we call ω_0 basic frequency, and we have

$$\begin{cases} f_T(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\omega_0 t} \\ = [\dots + c_{-n} e^{i(-n)\omega_0 t} \\ + \dots + c_{-1} e^{i(-1)\omega_0 t} + c_0 e^{i0\omega_0 t} + c_1 e^{i(1)\omega_0 t} \\ + \dots + c_n e^{i(n)\omega_0 t} + \dots] \\ c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f_T(t) e^{-in\omega_0 t} dt \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

If the function $f(t)$ is non-period, namely, $T \rightarrow +\infty$ and $f(t) = \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} f_T(t)$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\omega &= (n+1)\omega_0 - n\omega_0 \\ &= \omega_0 \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{T} \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

and let

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= n\omega_0 \\ &= n\Delta\omega \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-in\Delta\omega t} dt \\ &= \frac{\Delta\omega}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-in\Delta\omega t} dt \\ &= \frac{\Delta\omega}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Constitute eq. (28) to $f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\Delta\omega t}$, and $f(t)$ will be

$$\begin{aligned}
f(t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta\omega}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt e^{-i\omega t} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \right] e^{i\omega t} \Delta\omega \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \boxed{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt} e^{i\omega t} d\omega
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

NOTE

The definition of integration is described by

$$\int h(x) dx = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum h(x) \Delta x$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \boxed{\dots} e^{i\omega t} \Delta\omega = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \boxed{\dots} e^{i\omega d\omega} \text{ described in eq.(29).}$$

Here, we define $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)]$ as the *Fourier Transform* of function $f(t)$, and $F(\omega)$ is closed by black box in eq(29).

Finally, we derive $\mathcal{F}[f(t)]$ and $\mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(\omega)]$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} F(\omega) &= \mathcal{F}[f(t)] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ f(t) &= \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(\omega)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega \end{aligned} \right. \tag{30}$$

where, $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$ is the *inversed Fourier Transform* of $F(\omega)$.

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