

# FOURIER TRANSFORM WITH ITS APPLICATION

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# TEXTBOOK: FOURIER ANALYSIS, STEIN

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- Reading process:
  - Chapters: 1-6
- Why do we need Fourier analysis?
  - In Taylor's theorem, we can expand arbitrarily "good" functions as the sum of polynomials,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$ . In Fourier analysis, by the same analogy, we want to expand functions as the sum of sin and cos!

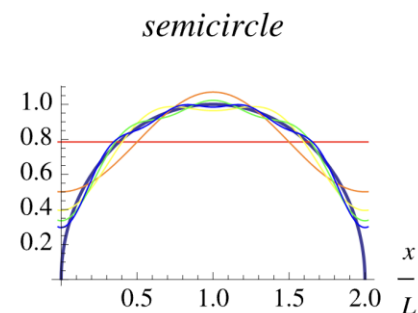
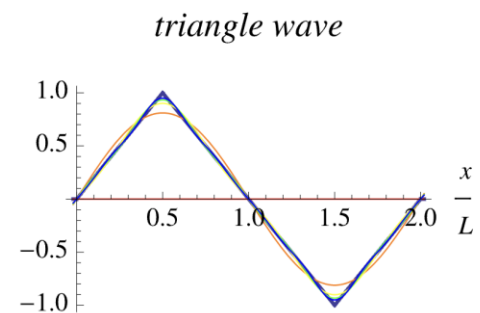
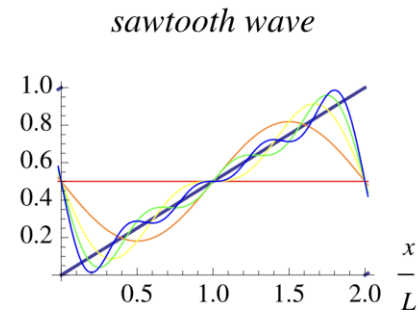
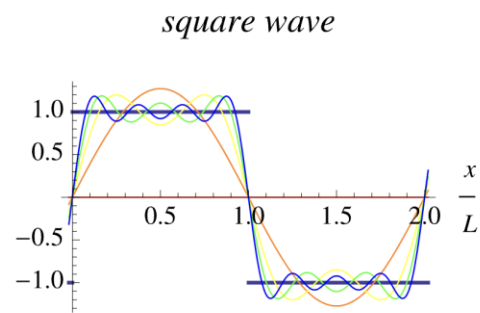
# “FOURIER TRANSFORM” VS “TAYLOR EXPANSION”

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- 1. "Good" functions have a wide range of general functions that varied based on the functions. However, Fourier analysis only uses sin/cos functions, well-known and lots of good properties (ex. Periodic, continuous,...)
- 2. Sin and Cos functions have property of oscillation, making the phenomena more intensified than Taylor expansion.
- 3. By restraint of Taylor expansion,  $f$  should belong to class of  $C^\infty$ . But by Fourier transform, the functions are less dependent on the "smoothness" and thus less restricted.

# WHY WE NEED FOURIER TRANSFORM

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- A tool for estimating equations and feedback images
- A tool that can be used to restore images
- A simplifying tool for complicated functions

# HOW THIS TOOL WORKS

Given a function  $f$  on  $[0, \pi]$  (with  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$ ), can we find coefficients  $A_m$  so that

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m \sin mx ?$$

can ask if an even function  $g(x)$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  can be expressed as a cosine series, namely

$$g(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A'_m \cos mx.$$

More generally, since an arbitrary function  $F$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  can be expressed as  $f + g$ , where  $f$  is odd and  $g$  is even,<sup>3</sup> we may ask if  $F$  can be written as

$$F(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m \sin mx + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A'_m \cos mx,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx &= \int_0^{\pi} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m \sin mx \right) \sin nx \, dx \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m \int_0^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = A_n \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n, \\ \pi/2 & \text{if } m = n. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the guess for  $A_n$ , called the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fourier sine coefficient of  $f$ , is

$$(6) \quad A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx.$$



# DEFINITION AND BACKGROUND

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Fourier series are part of a larger family called the **trigonometric series** which, by definition, are expressions of the form  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{2\pi i n x / L}$  where  $c_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . If a trigonometric series involves only finitely many non-zero terms, that is,  $c_n = 0$  for all large  $|n|$ , it is called a **trigonometric polynomial**; its **degree** is the largest value of  $|n|$  for which  $c_n \neq 0$ .

For instance, if  $f$  is an integrable function on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , then the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fourier coefficient of  $f$  is

$$\hat{f}(n) = a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) e^{-in\theta} d\theta, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and the Fourier series of  $f$  is

$$f(\theta) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e^{in\theta}.$$

# NATURAL Q: PARTIAL SUM = FUNCTION?

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**Problem:** In what sense does  $S_N(f)$  converge to  $f$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ?

$$(1) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(f)(\theta) = f(\theta) \quad \text{for every } \theta?$$

Note:

1. It is natural to assume  $f$  is continuous, as the Riemann integrable is mainly based on partitions.  
(i.e., we can change the integral function without changing  $S_n$ )
2. But, Is continuous property enough? Ans: Not always!

# CONTINUITY OF FUNCTIONS

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**Corollary 2.3** *Suppose that  $f$  is a continuous function on the circle and that the Fourier series of  $f$  is absolutely convergent,  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)| < \infty$ . Then, the Fourier series converges uniformly to  $f$ , that is,*

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(f)(\theta) = f(\theta) \quad \text{uniformly in } \theta.$$

Note: For certain functions, continuity is enough, but what if its Fourier series diverges?



# A CONTINUOUS FUNCTION WITH DIVERGENT FOURIER SERIES

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Finally, we need to find a convergent series of positive terms  $\sum \alpha_k$  and a sequence of integers  $\{N_k\}$  which increases rapidly enough so that:

- (i)  $N_{k+1} > 3N_k$ ,
- (ii)  $\alpha_k \log N_k \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

We choose (for example)  $\alpha_k = 1/k^2$  and  $N_k = 3^{2^k}$  which are easily seen to satisfy the above criteria.

Finally, we can write down our desired function. It is

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k P_{N_k}(\theta).$$

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $\{K_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a family of good kernels, and  $f$  an integrable function on the circle. Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f * K_n)(x) = f(x)$$

*whenever  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ . If  $f$  is continuous everywhere, then the above limit is uniform.*

## SOME THEOREM

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## Dirichlet Kernel

EXAMPLE 4. The trigonometric polynomial defined for  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$  by

$$D_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{inx}$$

is called the  $N^{\text{th}}$  **Dirichlet kernel** and is of fundamental importance in the theory (as we shall see later). Notice that its Fourier coefficients  $a_n$  have the property that  $a_n = 1$  if  $|n| \leq N$  and  $a_n = 0$  otherwise. A closed form formula for the Dirichlet kernel is

## Fourier series

$$\begin{aligned} S_N(f)(x) &= \sum_{n=-N}^N \hat{f}(n) e^{inx} \\ &= \sum_{n=-N}^N \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) e^{-iny} dy \right) e^{inx} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \left( \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{in(x-y)} \right) dy \\ &= (f * D_N)(x), \end{aligned}$$

EASY APPROACH:  
SPECIAL  
CONSIDERATION  
AND DEF

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## Def for Good Kernel

(a) For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(x) dx = 1.$$

(b) There exists  $M > 0$  such that for all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |K_n(x)| dx \leq M.$$

(c) For every  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\int_{\delta \leq |x| \leq \pi} |K_n(x)| dx \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Note: No restriction on continuity!  
Integrability is enough!

## Convolution

Given two  $2\pi$ -periodic integrable functions  $f$  and  $g$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , we define their **convolution**  $f * g$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  by

$$(2) \quad (f * g)(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) g(x-y) dy.$$

“Major way to do approximation”

# LOGIC: IF $D_N(x)$ IS GOOD KERNEL AND $f$ IS CONTINUOUS, THEN WE ARE DONE.

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- However, Dirichlet Kernel is not a good kernel!

continuous at  $x$ . Unfortunately, this is not the case. Indeed, an estimate shows that  $D_N$  violates the second property; more precisely, one has (see Problem 2)

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |D_N(x)| dx \geq c \log N, \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

- We need to pose more constraints on  $f(x)$ !



# DIFFERENT CONSTRAINT ON $F(X)$

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- Case I: twice differentiable continuous

**Corollary 2.4** *Suppose that  $f$  is a twice continuously differentiable function on the circle. Then*

$$\hat{f}(n) = O(1/|n|^2) \quad \text{as } |n| \rightarrow \infty,$$

*so that the Fourier series of  $f$  converges absolutely and uniformly to  $f$ .*

# DIFFERENT CONSTRAINT ON $F(X)$

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- Case II: Hölder condition

a **Hölder condition** of order  $\alpha$ , with  $\alpha > 1/2$ , that is,

$$\sup_{\theta} |f(\theta + t) - f(\theta)| \leq A|t|^{\alpha} \quad \text{for all } t.$$

- The main idea of these two constraints, is to make the function “smooth”. (i.e., to make the function decay rapidly so that the Fourier coefficient can catch up with it)

# EXTANSION TO THE WHOLE REAL LINE

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- Q: What if function is not periodic?
- Ans: We can still use Fourier series to describe!

- Note:

“Just as we discussed before, we still need our function to be smooth enough”

The **Fourier transform** of a function  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  is defined by

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx.$$

Some simple properties of the Fourier transform are gathered in the following proposition. We use the notation

$$f(x) \longrightarrow \hat{f}(\xi)$$

to mean that  $\hat{f}$  denotes the Fourier transform of  $f$ .

are **rapidly decreasing**, in the sense that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |x|^k |f^{(\ell)}(x)| < \infty \quad \text{for every } k, \ell \geq 0.$$

We denote this space by  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ , and again, the reader should verify that  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Moreover, if  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ , we have

$$f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{and} \quad xf(x) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}).$$

# EXAMPLE FOR HOW TO ANALYSIS "FOURIERSLY"

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**Theorem 2.1** *Suppose that  $f$  is an integrable function on the circle with  $\hat{f}(n) = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $f(\theta_0) = 0$  whenever  $f$  is continuous at the point  $\theta_0$ .*

Thus, in terms of what we know about the set of discontinuities of integrable functions,<sup>5</sup> we can conclude that  $f$  vanishes for “most” values of  $\theta$ .



# KEY IDEA AND INDICATOR

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- Main idea: Proof by Contradiction.
  - ie. If  $f$  not equal to 0 its continuity, then it can not have a Fourier coefficients equal to 0
- Notable construction:
  - A trigonometric family of peak index. (Magnifiers, to zoom in the behavior of function as 0)
  - Division for certain interval.

# FUNCTION SETTING AND PEAK CONSTRUCTION

1. Suppose  $f$  is real-valued.
2. WLOG,  $f$  is defined on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , that  $\theta=0$ , and  $f(0)>0$
3.  $p(\theta) = \epsilon + \cos \theta$ ,  $p_k(\theta) = [p(\theta)]^k$ .

image:  $\theta$  on  $[0, \pi]$ .



Since  $f$  is continuous at 0, we can choose  $0 < \delta \leq \pi/2$ , so that  $f(\theta) > f(0)/2$  whenever  $|\theta| < \delta$ .

ie. take  $\epsilon = f(0)/2$ , we have  $|f(\theta) - f(0)| < f(0)/2 \Rightarrow f(\theta) > f(0)/2 > 0$ .

Let  $p(\theta) = \epsilon + \cos \theta$  (trigonometric function), "continuous"

where  $\epsilon > 0$  is small enough that  $|p(\theta)| < 1 - \epsilon/2$ , whenever  $\delta \leq |\theta| \leq \pi$ .

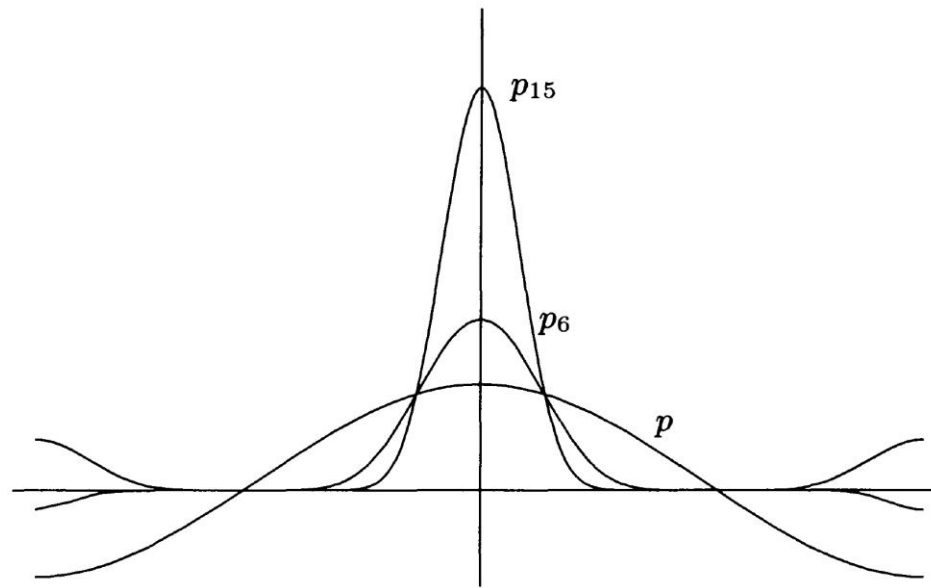
Then, choose a positive  $\eta$  with  $\eta < \delta$ , so that  $p(\theta) \geq 1 + \epsilon/2$  for  $|\theta| < \eta$ .

Let  $p_k(\theta) = [p(\theta)]^k$ , and select  $B$ , so that  $|f(\theta)| \leq B$  for all  $\theta$ . " $f \in R(x)$  Riemann-integrable"

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 trigonometric polynomial.

# EXAMPLE

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**Figure 3.** The functions  $p$ ,  $p_6$ , and  $p_{15}$  when  $\epsilon = 0.1$

## ANALYSIS PROCESS/ESTIMATION

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key point, since  $\hat{f}(n) = 0$  by Assumption for all  $n$ , we must have  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) P_k(\theta) d\theta = 0$  for all  $k$ .

Estimate: ①  $\left| \int_{\delta \leq |\theta|} f(\theta) \cdot P_k(\theta) d\theta \right| \leq \overset{\text{"length"}}{2\pi} \cdot \underline{B \cdot (1 - \epsilon/2)^k} \text{ (upper bound).}$

$$\textcircled{2} \int_{0 \leq |\theta| < \delta} f(\theta) \cdot P_k(\theta) d\theta \geq 0.$$

ie,  $f(\theta) > f(0)/2 > 0$   $P_k(\theta) = [p(\theta)]^k = [\epsilon + \cos\theta]^k > 0$  "Since  $|\theta| \leq \pi/2$ ,  $\cos\theta \geq 0$ "

$$\textcircled{3} \int_{|\theta| < \eta} P_k(\theta) \cdot f(\theta) d\theta \geq 2\eta \cdot \frac{f(0)}{2} \cdot (1 + \epsilon/2)^k \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} \infty$$

Therefore,  $\int_{|\theta| \leq \pi} P_k(\theta) \cdot f(\theta) = \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} \rightarrow \infty$ , where ① bounded ② non-negative, ③ close to infinity.

hence, contradicted to the fact that  $\hat{f}(n) = 0$  for all  $n$ .



## EXTENDED TO COMPLEX FIELD

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when  $f$  is real-valued. In general, write  $f(\theta) = u(\theta) + iv(\theta)$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are real-valued. If we define  $\overline{f}(\theta) = \overline{f(\theta)}$ , then

$$u(\theta) = \frac{f(\theta) + \overline{f}(\theta)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad v(\theta) = \frac{f(\theta) - \overline{f}(\theta)}{2i},$$

and since  $\hat{\overline{f}}(n) = \overline{\hat{f}(-n)}$ , we conclude that the Fourier coefficients of  $u$  and  $v$  all vanish, hence  $f = 0$  at its points of continuity. The idea

# THANKS FOR YOUR LISTENING!!!

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