



TMA4135 - MATEMATIKK 4D

## Exercise #9

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## Problem 1.

a) *Smallest fundamental period.*

Let  $f$  be periodic, such that  $f(x+p) = f(x)$  for all  $x$  when  $p > 0$ . Claim: *Every periodic function has a fundamental period..* In other words, there exist some smallest  $p > 0$  satisfying  $f(x+p) = f(x)$  for all  $x$ .

This claim is false, shown with a counter example. Consider the function  $f(x) = 0$ . This is a periodic function, because there exist at least one  $p > 0$  such that  $f(x+p) = f(x)$ . In fact every real number bigger than 0 is satisfactory:  $f(x+p) = f(x) = 0$ .

For any  $p$  satisfying the equation,  $p' = \frac{p}{2}$ , will also satisfy the equation. There is no smallest real number bigger than 0.

b) *Find fundamental periods*

$\sin ax + b$  and  $\cos ax + b$  are  $2\pi$  periodic. That means the fundamental period is given by  $T = \frac{2\pi}{a}$ . One way to find this formula is to realise that the fundamental period must be equal to the distance between peaks of the functions. With sine for example,  $T = x_1 - x_0$ , where  $x_1 = \frac{5\pi}{2}$  and  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

To find this difference expressed with  $a$  and  $b$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \sin ax + b &= a \cos ax + b = 0 \\ \Rightarrow ax_1 + b &= 2\pi, ax_0 + b = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x_1 &= \frac{2\pi - b}{a}, x_0 = -\frac{b}{a} \\ \Rightarrow T &= x_1 - x_0 = \frac{2\pi}{a}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly for cosine. From this we can find the fundamental periods of each function.

- $f(x) = \sin(3x + 2)$

From formula above:  $T = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

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

$T = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi} = 1$

- $f(x) = \cos \frac{2\pi}{m+1}x + \sin \frac{2\pi}{n-1}x$

$T_1 = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{2\pi}{m+1}} = m+1, T_2 = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{2\pi}{n-1}} = n-1$

The period for  $f$  is the least common multiple of  $m+1$  and  $n-1$ .

## Problem 2.

Fourier series of functions. We have that  $L = \pi$ .

a)

Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi < x < 0, \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi \\ x & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$ . To find the Fourier series, we first need to find  $a_0$ ,  $a_k$  and  $b_k$ :

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x dx = \frac{2}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} x^2 \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi}{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \cos(kx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{k\pi} \sin(kx) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} - \frac{1}{k\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(kx) dx = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right)}{2k} + \frac{1}{k^2\pi} \cos(kx) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2k} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{k^2\pi} \left( \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \sin(kx) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{k\pi} \cos(kx) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} + \frac{1}{k\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos(kx) dx = -\frac{\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right)}{2k} + \frac{1}{k^2\pi} \sin(kx) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{k^2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2k} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We can see that in both  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  the sine and cosine functions are evaluated at every  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . This is really annoying, because there is no clean way to simplify the expressions (as I am aware of at least). The only solution I could come up with was to look at what happens for  $k=1, 5, \dots$ ,  $k=2, 6, \dots$  and so on.

k	$a_k$	$b_k$
k=1,5,...	$\frac{\pi}{2k} - \frac{1}{k^2}$	$\frac{1}{k^2}$
k=2,6,...	$-\frac{2}{k^2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2k}$
k=3,7,...	$-\frac{\pi}{2k} - \frac{1}{k^2}$	$-\frac{1}{k^2}$
k=4,8,...	0	$-\frac{\pi}{2k}$

So the final Fourier series is:

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \frac{\pi}{16} + \sum_{k=1,5,\dots}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\pi}{2k} - \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \cos(kx) + \left( \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \sin(kx) \\
&+ \sum_{k=2,6,\dots}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{2}{k^2} \right) \cos(kx) + \left( \frac{\pi}{2k} \right) \sin(kx) \\
&+ \sum_{k=3,7,\dots}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{\pi}{2k} - \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \cos(kx) + \left( -\frac{1}{k^2} \right) \sin(kx) \\
&+ \sum_{k=4,8,\dots}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{\pi}{2k} \right) \sin(kx)
\end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi < x < 0 \\ x & 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \pi - x & \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi \end{cases} . \text{ Find } a_0, a_k \text{ and } b_k:$$

$a_0 = \frac{\pi}{8}$ , because it must be twice as large as in a). Last time  $f$  was half a triangle, and now it is double in size.

$$\begin{aligned}
a_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \cos(kx) dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} (\pi - x) \cos(kx) dx \\
&= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right)}{2k} + \frac{\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right)}{k^2\pi} - \frac{1}{k^2\pi} - \frac{\cos(k\pi)}{k^2\pi} - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right)}{2k} - \frac{\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right)}{k^2\pi} \\
&= -\frac{1}{k^2\pi} (\cos(k\pi) + 1) \quad \cos(k\pi) \text{ is } -1 \text{ for all } k. \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \sin(kx) dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} (\pi - x) \sin(kx) dx \\
&= \frac{\sin(k\pi/2)}{k^2\pi} - \frac{\cos(k\pi/2)}{2k} + \frac{\sin(k\pi/2)}{k^2\pi} + \frac{\cos(k\pi/2)}{2k} - \frac{\sin(k\pi)}{k^2\pi} \quad \sin(k\pi) \text{ is } 0 \text{ for all } k \\
&= \frac{2\sin(k\pi/2)}{k^2\pi} \quad \sin(k\pi/2) \text{ evaluates to } 1 \text{ for } k=1,5,\dots \text{ and } -1 \text{ for } k=3,7,\dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx) - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=3,7,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx)$$

See sketches at the bottom of the page.

### Problem 3.

Find Fourier coefficients of the following functions.

a)  $f(x) = 1/2 + \cos(2x) - 4\sin(4x)$

The fundamental period is  $\pi$  because period of  $\cos(2x)$  is  $\frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$  and  $\sin(4x)$  is  $\frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .  $LCM(\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}) = \pi$ .

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \frac{1}{2} + \cos(2x) - 4\sin(4x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} + \cos(2x) - 4\sin(4x) dx$$

Here sine and cosine integrate to 0, because they are integrated over full periods.

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} x \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\pi}{2} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$a_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \cos(2x) - 4\sin(4x) \right) \cos(kx) dx$$

$\frac{\cos(kx)}{2}$  will integrate to 0 for the same reason as above.  $\cos(2x)\cos(kx)$  will integrate to 0 unless  $k = 2$ . This is because they form orthogonal basis in the vector space. But not when dotted with itself.  $\sin(4x)\cos(kx)$  will integrate to 0 because they are orthogonal for all  $k$ . This gives us

$$a_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos(2x)\cos(2x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\pi}{2} = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

$b_k$  will also be 1 for the same reason.

b)  $f(x) = |\cos(3\pi x)|$

Period is  $2/3$  for normal  $\cos(3\pi x)$ , but for absolute value, the negative values gets mirrored over the x-axis. This halves the period, giving us  $1/3$ .

If we only look at one period of the function, we can work with it as if the absolute value was not there. This makes life easier. Period from  $x = -1/6$  to  $x = 1/6$ .

$$a_0 = 3 \int_{-1/6}^{1/6} \cos(3\pi x) dx = 6 \int_0^{1/6} \cos(3\pi x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin(3\pi x) \Big|_0^{1/6} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{1}{6} \int_{-1/6}^{1/6} \cos(3x) \cos(kx) dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{1/6} \cos(3x) \cos(3x) dx \quad \text{similar to a)} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$b_k$  is 0, because all  $\sin(kx)$  is orthogonal to  $\cos(3x)$ .

## Problem 4.

a) Show that if  $f(x)$  is odd, then  $h(x) := f^2(x)$  is even.

$h(-x) = f^2(-x)$ . Square this equation and use  $f(-x) = -f(x)$

$$[f(-x)]^2 = (f(x))^2 = f^2(x).$$

Shows that  $h(-x) = f^2(x)$ .

Since  $h(-x) = h(x) = f^2(x)$ ,  $h$  must be even.

b) Show that if  $f(x)$  is odd,  $g(x)$  is even, then  $h(x) := f(x)g(x)$  is odd.

$$h(-x) = f(-x)g(-x) = (-f(x))(g(x)) = -[f(x)g(x)] = -h(x).$$

$h$  satisfies the definition of an odd function.

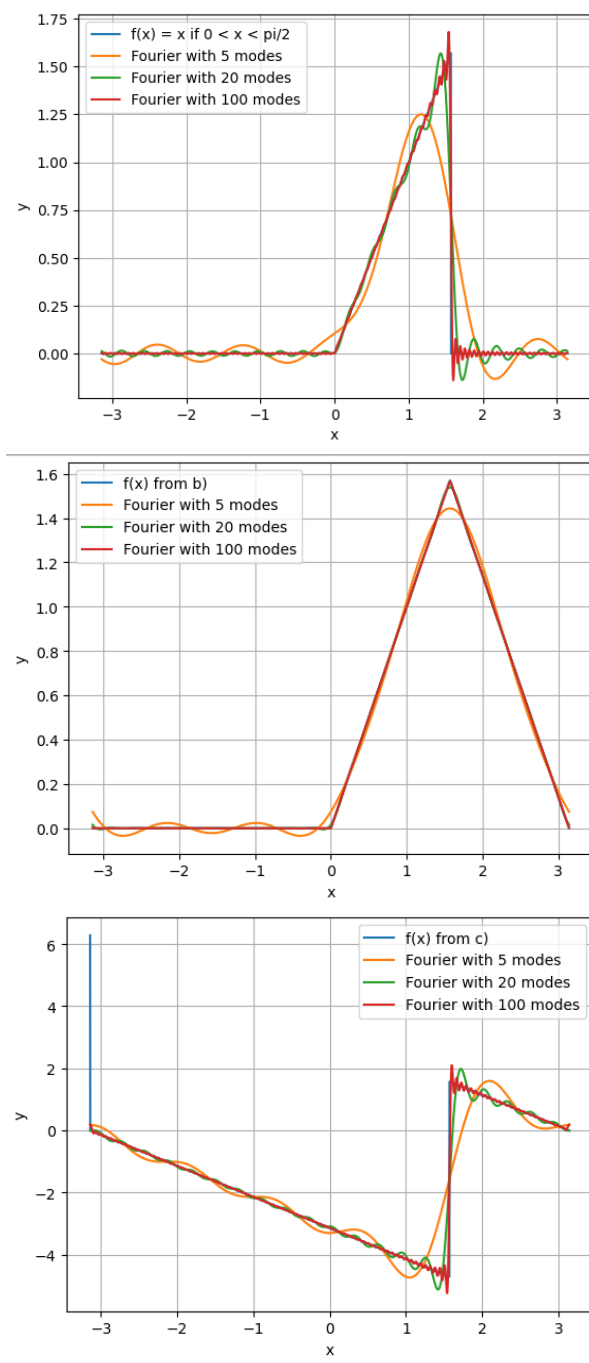


Figure 1: Sketching of the fourier series in exercise 2.