

Conditions for a Fourier Expansion

Dirichlet's Conditions

Any function $f(x)$ can be expressed in a Fourier series

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right), \text{ where } a_0, a_n, b_n \text{ are}$$

Constants, provided,

- (i) $f(x)$ is periodic, single valued and finite.
- (ii) $f(x)$ has a finite number of discontinuities in any period.
- (iii) $f(x)$ has at the most a finite number of maxima and minima in any one period.

Ex 9.1

(34) Obtain the Fourier series expansion of the periodic function $f(x) = e^x$, $-\pi < x < \pi$, $f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$. Hence find the sum of the series $\frac{1}{1+2^2} - \frac{1}{1+3^2} + \frac{1}{1+4^2} - \dots - \frac{(-1)^n}{1+n^2} + \dots$

Sol: $f(x) = e^x, -\pi < x < \pi$

The Fourier expansion of $f(x)$ is given by

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

$$\text{Where } a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} [e^x]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} [e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi}]$$

$\sinh ax = \frac{e^{ax} - e^{-ax}}{2}, \cosh ax = \frac{e^{ax} + e^{-ax}}{2}$

$a_0 = \frac{2 \sinh \pi}{\pi}$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-n}^n e^x \cos nx \, dx$$

$$\int e^{ax} \cos bx \, dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} (a \cos bx + b \sin bx) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^x}{1+n^2} (\cos nx + n \sin nx) \right]_{-n}^n$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^n}{1+n^2} (\cos nn + n \sin nn) - \frac{e^{-n}}{n^2+1} (\cancel{\sin} \cos nn - n \sin nn) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^n}{n^2+1} (-1)^n - \frac{e^{-n}}{n^2+1} (-1)^n \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{(-1)^n}{n^2+1} (e^n - e^{-n}) \right]$$

$$a_n = \frac{2(-1)^n \sinh n}{\pi(n^2+1)}$$

$$\sinh ax = \frac{e^{ax} - e^{-ax}}{2}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-n}^n e^x \sin nx \, dx$$

$$\int e^{ax} \sin bx \, dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} (a \sin bx - b \cos bx) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^x}{n^2+1} (\sin nx - n \cos nx) \right]_{-n}^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^n}{n^2+1} (-n(-1)^n) - \frac{e^{-n}}{n^2+1} (-n(-1)^n) \right]$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{-n(-1)^n}{n^2+1} \right) \left[\frac{e^n - e^{-n}}{2} \right]$$

$$b_n = \frac{-2n(-1)^n}{\pi(n^2+1)} \sinh n$$

$$e^x = \frac{\sinh n}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n(n^2+1)} \sinh n \cos nx - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n^2+1} \sinh n \sin nx$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x = \frac{\sinh n}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sinh n \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2+1} \cos nx - \frac{2}{\pi} \sinh n \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n^2+1} \sin nx$$

$$= \frac{\sinh n}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sinh n \left[\frac{-1}{1^2+1} \cos x + \frac{1}{2^2+1} \cos 2x - \frac{1}{3^2+1} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{4^2+1} \cos 4x + \dots \right]$$

$$- \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{-1}{1^2+1} \sin x + \frac{1}{2^2+1} (2) \sin 2x - \frac{3}{3^2+1} \sin 3x + \dots \right] \sinh n$$

Put $x=0$.

$$e^0 = \frac{\sinh n}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sinh n \left[\frac{-1}{2} + \frac{1}{1+2^2} - \frac{1}{1+3^2} + \frac{1}{1+4^2} - \dots \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{\sinh n}{n} + \frac{2 \sinh n}{n} \left[\frac{-1}{2} + \frac{1}{1+2^2} - \frac{1}{1+3^2} + \frac{1}{1+4^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{\sinh n}{n} \right) \times \frac{n}{2 \sinh n} = \frac{-1}{2} + \frac{1}{1+2^2} - \frac{1}{1+3^2} + \frac{1}{1+4^2} \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{n - \sinh n}{n} \right) \frac{n}{2 \sinh n} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{1+2^2} + \frac{1}{1+3^2} + \frac{1}{1+4^2} \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n - \cancel{\sinh n} + \cancel{\sinh n}}{2 \sinh n} = \frac{1}{1+2^2} - \frac{1}{1+3^2} + \frac{1}{1+4^2} \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{1+2^2} - \frac{1}{1+3^2} + \frac{1}{1+4^2} \dots = \frac{n}{2 \sinh n}}$$

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Expand $f(x) = x \sin x$ as a Fourier series in the interval $0 < x < 2\pi$.

Sol:- The required Fourier series expansion is given by

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

where

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[x (-\cos x) - 1(-\sin x) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-x \cos x + \sin x \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-2\pi(1) + 0 + 0 - 0 \right]$$

$$= -\frac{2\pi}{\pi} \Rightarrow \boxed{a_0 = -2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x \cos nx dx$$

$$\boxed{2 \cos A \sin B = \sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{x}{2} \left[\sin(n+1)x - \sin(n-1)x \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin[(n+1)x] dx - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin[(n-1)x] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[x \left(\frac{-\cos(n+1)x}{n+1} \right) - (1) \left(\frac{-\sin(n+1)x}{(n+1)^2} \right) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[x \left(\frac{-\cos(n-1)x}{n-1} \right) - (1) \left(\frac{-\sin(n-1)x}{(n-1)^2} \right) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-\frac{x \cos(n+1)x}{n+1} + \frac{\sin(n+1)x}{(n+1)^2} \right]_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-\frac{x \cos(n-1)x}{n-1} + \frac{\sin(n-1)x}{(n-1)^2} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{-2\pi \cos 2(n+1)\pi}{n+1} + \frac{\sin 2(n+1)\pi}{(n+1)^2} + 0 - 0 \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{-2\pi \cos 2(n-1)\pi}{n-1} + \frac{\sin 2(n-1)\pi}{(n-1)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{-2\pi}{n+1} + 0 \right] - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{-2\pi}{n-1} + 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{-2\pi}{n+1} \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{2\pi}{n-1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n-1} = \frac{-n+1+n+1}{n^2-1} = \frac{2}{n^2-1}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{n^2-1}, \quad n \neq 1.$$

When $n=1$, $a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos x dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos n\pi &= (-1)^n \\ \cos 2(n+1)\pi &= (-1)^{2n+2} \\ &= [(-1)^2]^n (-1)^2 \\ &= 1 \\ \cos 2(n-1)\pi &= (-1)^{2n-2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x \cos x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin 2x dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[x \left(-\frac{\cos 2x}{2} \right) - (1) \left(-\frac{\sin 2x}{4} \right) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-\frac{x \cos 2x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{4} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{-2\pi}{2} \right] = -\frac{1}{2} \quad a_2 \quad a_3 = 1$$

$$\boxed{a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x (\sin nx \sin x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x (\cos(n-1)x - \cos(n+1)x) dx$$

$$\boxed{2 \sin A \sin B = \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \cos[(n-1)x] dx - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \cos[(n+1)x] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[x \frac{\sin(n-1)}{n-1} + (1) \frac{\cos(n-1)}{(n-1)^2} \right]_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[x \frac{\sin(n+1)}{n+1} + \frac{\cos(n+1)}{(n+1)^2} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{\cos 2(n-1)\pi}{(n-1)^2} - \frac{1}{(n-1)^2} \right] - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{\cos 2(n+1)\pi}{(n+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right]$$

$$b_n = 0, n \neq 1.$$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin x \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin^2 x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \, dx - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \cos 2x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[x \frac{\sin 2x}{2} + \frac{\cos 2x}{4} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (4\pi^2) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[0 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right]$$

$$= \pi$$

$$\boxed{b_1 = \pi}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_1 \sin x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$$

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

$$\boxed{x \sin x = -1 - \frac{\cos x}{2} + \pi \sin x + 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-1} \cos nx}$$