

Differentiation of Fourier Series

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ periodic & continuous (on all of \mathbb{R}) and piecewise C^1 ,

then the Fourier coeffs of f' are $c'_n = i n c_n$

if f is piecewise C^2 and continuous, then

$$\left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\theta} \right)' = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} i n c_n e^{in\theta}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\theta) \right)' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -n a_n \sin(n\theta) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n b_n \cos(n\theta)$$

Fourier series of f converges uniformly & absolutely:

note $|e^{in\theta}| = 1$

$$\left| \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{in\theta} \right| \leq \sum_{n=-N}^N |c_n| = \sum_{\substack{n=-N \\ n \neq 0}}^N \left| \frac{c'_n}{i n} \right| = \sum_{\substack{n=-N \\ n \neq 0}}^N \frac{|c'_n|}{n}$$

$$\text{now } \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2 = (\alpha - \beta)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \geq \alpha\beta$$

$$\text{now take } \alpha = \frac{1}{n} \quad \beta = |c'_n|$$

$$\leq \sum_{\substack{n=-N \\ n \neq 0}}^N \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + |c'_n|^2 \right) \Rightarrow \text{Fourier series for } f \text{ converges unif. \& abs.}$$

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 converges converges
 (p-test) (bessel's)

Note: periodic extension of $f(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{2}$ is not continuous

and $f(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(n\theta)$ does not converge absolutely or uniformly.

$$\dots, \quad \frac{1}{2k-1}, \quad \dots, \quad k$$

... $+ (\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(n\theta)$ does not converge uniformly.

Ex: $f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2k-1}}{2k-1} (-1)^k$ does not converge absolutely.

If $C_0 \neq 0$ then $\int \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{in\theta} d\theta$ can't be periodic

However if $C_0 = 0$ and $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is piecewise smooth & periodic

then $\int_0^\theta f(t) dt$ is 2π -periodic.

Modifications of Fourier series to functions of arbitrary period:

Suppose $g(x)$ is $2L$ -periodic. Then $f(\theta) = g\left(\frac{L}{\pi} \theta\right)$ is 2π -periodic

$$(f(\theta + 2\pi) = g\left(\frac{L}{\pi} \theta + 2L\right))$$

If g is piecewise smooth then

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

call this $x \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{L} x$

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) dx$$

Similarly $b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) dx$

Fourier studied the following problem.



thin rod insulated with
+ temperature varying along rod

$u(x,t)$ = temperature of rod at $x \in [0, l]$ at time $t \geq 0$

u satisfies the heat equation (1) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = K \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ for some $K > 0$.

(2) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,t) = 0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(l,t)$ (heat does not leave ends of rod)

(3) $u(x,0) = f(x)$ is initial temp. dist. along rod

(1) & (2) are additive conditions: if u_1, u_2 satisfy (1) and (2)

So does $\alpha u_1 + \beta u_2$. and any constant function satisfies (1) and (2)

Hence we expect that the solution of (1), (2) and (3) was to look
like a constant + $u(x,t)$

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0 as $t \rightarrow \infty$

i.e. rod will reach thermal equilibrium after a suff. long time.

FOURIER looked for solutions of (1) and (2) that have the form

$$u(x,t) = \varphi(x) \psi(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \varphi''(x) \psi(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \varphi(x) \psi'(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(x) \psi'(t) = K \varphi''(x) \psi(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\psi'(t)}{K \psi(t)} = \frac{\varphi''(x)}{\varphi(x)}$$

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func of only t func of only x \Rightarrow these two must be constant, and negative since $u(x, \infty) = 0$.

$$\frac{\psi'(t)}{\kappa \psi(t)} = -\lambda^2 = \frac{\varphi''(x)}{\varphi(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi'(t) = -\lambda^2 \kappa \psi(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi''(x) = -\lambda^2 \varphi(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(t) = C_0 e^{-\lambda^2 \kappa t} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(x) = a \cos(\lambda x) + b \sin(\lambda x)$$

Plugging φ into (2), $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \varphi'(x) \psi(t) \Rightarrow \varphi'(0) = \varphi'(l) = 0$

$$\varphi'(x) = -a\lambda \sin(\lambda x) + b\lambda \cos(\lambda x), \quad \varphi'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$\varphi(l) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda l = n\pi \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{n\pi}{l}$$

upshot: $\varphi(x) = a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{l} x\right)$

Fourier guessed the general solution of (1), (2), and (3) would

have to look like $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{l^2} \kappa t} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{l} x\right)$

(3) tells us $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{l} x\right)$