

# Fourier series of odd & even functions.

A. Odd function.

Let  $f(x)$  be an odd function defined in  $[-l, l]$ .

$$\text{i.e. } f(-x) = -f(x) \quad \forall x \in [-l, l].$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) dx = 0.$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l \frac{f(x)}{\text{odd}} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx = 0.$$

odd      even

$$b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l \frac{f(x)}{\text{odd}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

odd      odd

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}.$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}; \quad -l \leq x \leq l.$$

## B. Even function

Let  $f(x)$  be an even function defined in  $[-l, l]$ .

$$\text{So, } f(-x) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in [-l, l].$$

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{even}} \underbrace{\cos \frac{n\pi x}{l}}_{\text{even}} dx = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx.$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{even}} \underbrace{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}}_{\text{odd}} dx = 0.$$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \overset{=0}{=} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}.$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l}; \quad -l \leq x \leq l.$$

Find Fourier series of  $f(x)$ :

$$\text{Ex-1. } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{-(\pi+x)}{2}, & -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ \frac{\pi-x}{2}, & 0 \leq x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi-x}{2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi \quad \text{According to the given form of } f(x)$$

$$f(-x) = \frac{\pi+x}{2}. \quad \text{So, } f(-x) = -f(x).$$

$\therefore$  given  $f(x)$  is an odd function.

$\therefore$  In the Fourier series expansion of  $f(x)$ ,

$$a_0 = 0, \quad a_n = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\pi-x}{x} \sin nx dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ (\pi-x) \frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos nx}{n} dx \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi}{n} - \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \Big|_0^\pi \right] = \frac{1}{n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore f(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin nx \\
 &= \sin x + \frac{\sin 2x}{2} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 2. Find F. S. of  $f(x) = x^2$  in  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .

Note that  $f(x)$  is an even func.  $\therefore$  its F. S. expansion will contain the constant term & cosine terms.

i.e it is of the form.

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx.$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nx \quad \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

## Half range fourier series in $[0, l]$

To get either a fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  or, to " a " sine series of  $f(x)$  in  $[0, l]$ .

**Half-range Fourier Sine Series of  $f(x)$  in  $[0, l]$**

Define a new function  $\phi(x)$  in  $[-l, l]$  such that

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{in } [0, l] \\ -f(-x) & \text{in } [-l, 0] \end{cases}$$

$\therefore \phi(x)$  is an odd function in  $[-l, l]$ .

$$\therefore \phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} ; -l \leq x \leq l.$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} ; 0 \leq x \leq l.$$

because  $f(x) = \phi(x)$  in  $0 \leq x \leq l$ .

## Half-range Fourier cosine series of $f(x)$ in $[0, l]$

Define  $\phi(x)$  in  $[-l, l]$  as

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{in } [0, l] \\ f(-x) & \text{in } [-l, 0] \end{cases}$$

$\therefore \phi(x)$  is an even func. in  $[-l, l]$ .

$$\therefore \phi(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} ; -l \leq x \leq l.$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} ; 0 \leq x \leq l.$$

Ex1. Find a series of cosine Fourier cosine series for the funct.  $f(x) = x$ , on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Solution. Define  $\phi(x)$  such that -

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{in } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ f(-x) & \text{in } -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Then,  $\phi(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx, \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi.$

$\therefore f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx; \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi.$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \phi(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x dx.$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi} = \pi.$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \phi(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx.$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ x \cdot \frac{\sin nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} [\cos nx]_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{n^2 \pi} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ (-1)^n - 1 \right\} \cos nx; \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi.$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \left\{ \cos x + \frac{\cos 3x}{3^2} + \frac{\cos 5x}{5^2} + \dots \right\}$$

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2. Find fourier sine series for  
 $f(x) = x^2$  in  $[0, \pi]$ .

Sol. Define  $\phi(x)$  in  $[-\pi, \pi]$  such that-

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) ; & x \in [0, \pi] \\ -f(-x) ; & x \in [-\pi, 0] \end{cases}$$

$\therefore \phi(x)$  is an odd funct. of  $x$  in  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

$$\therefore \phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \quad x \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx \cdot \begin{cases} x \in [0, \pi] \\ = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \phi(x) \sin nx dx \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi(x) \sin nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx,$$

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

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ x^2 \frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} + \int_0^{\pi} 2x \frac{\cos nx}{n} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi^2}{n} (-1)^n + 2 \left\{ x \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} dx \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi^2}{n} (-1)^n + \frac{2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{n} (-1)^{n+1} + \frac{2}{n^3} \left\{ (-1)^n - 1 \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^{n+1} + \frac{4}{\pi n^3} \left\{ (-1)^n - 1 \right\} .$$

$$\therefore x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx ; \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi.$$

$$b_n = \frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^{n+1} + \frac{4}{\pi n^3} \left\{ (-1)^n - 1 \right\} /.$$

① Represent-

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0, & \frac{1}{2} < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

in (a) a Fourier sine series.

(b) a Fourier cosine series.

(c) Fourier series with period 1.

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{b-a}\right)x + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{b-a}\right)x \right]$$

Here take  $a=0, b=1$ .

$$a \leq x \leq b$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{b-a}\right)x dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{b-a}\right)x dx$$

(a) Define  $\phi(x)$  :  $\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x); & 0 < x < 1 \\ -f(-x); & -1 < x < 0 \end{cases}$

(b) Define  $\phi(x)$  :  $\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x); & 0 < x < 1 \\ f(-x); & -1 < x < 0 \end{cases}$

Behaviour of F. S. at the end points or at  
of  $f(x)$  in  $[-1, 1]$  interior points.

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}}{l}, [-1, 1]$$

The series converges to  $f(x_0)$  for  $-1 < x_0 < 1$ ,  
 if  $x_0$  is not a discontinuity of  $f(x)$ .

The series converges to  $\frac{f(x_0-0) + f(x_0+0)}{2}$  for  $-1 \leq x_0 \leq 1$ ,  
 if  $x_0$  is an ordinary discontinuity of  $f(x)$ .

At an interior pt.  $x_0$  ( $-1 < x_0 < 1$ ), series  
 converges to  $\frac{f(x_0-0) + f(x_0+0)}{2}$

At the end points  $f(x)$  converges to.  
 (at  $x = \pm 1$ )

$$\frac{1}{2} [f(-1+0) + f(1-0)]$$

Behaviors of half-range Fourier series at intermediate points & at end points.

A. Half-range Fourier cosine series in  $[0, l]$ .

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq l \\ f(-x), & -l \leq x < 0 \end{cases}$$

At an interior pt. ~~f.s.~~ f.s. converges to.

$$\frac{\phi(x_0+0) + \phi(x_0-0)}{2}, \quad x_0 < l.$$

$\therefore$  At a pt.  $x_0$ ;  $[x_0 \in (0, l)]$ , f.s. converges to

$$\frac{\phi(x_0+0) + \phi(x_0-0)}{2}, \quad 0 < x_0 < l.$$

$\therefore$  At a pt.  $x_0$ ,  $[x_0 \in (0, l)]$  f.s. converges

$$\text{to, } \frac{f(x_0+0) + f(x_0-0)}{2}, \quad 0 < x_0 < l.$$

Behaviour of the <sup>half-range cosine</sup> series at ~~at~~  $x = 0$ .

At  $x = 0$ , series converges to  $\frac{\phi(0+0) + \phi(0-0)}{2}$ .

$$\therefore \text{At } x = 0, \text{ series " " } \frac{f(0+0) + f(0-0)}{2} \\ = f(0+0).$$

- At  $x=1$ , series converges to  $\frac{\phi(l-0) + \phi(-l+0)}{2}$

- At  $x=1$ , half range cosine  
" " "  $f(l-0) + f(-l+0)$   
 $= f(l-0)$ .

For a half range F. C. series,  
the series converges to  $\frac{1}{2} \left\{ f(x_0+0) + f(x_0-0) \right\}$ ,  
 $x_0 \in (0, l)$ .

At  $x=0$  it " "  $f(0+0)$ .

At  $x=l$  " "  $f(l-0)$ .

B. Half-range Fourier sine series in  $[0, l]$ .

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq l \\ -f(-x); & -l \leq x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

For a Half-range F. S. series,

the series converges to  $\frac{1}{2} \left\{ f(x_0+0) + f(x_0-0) \right\}$ ,  
 $x_0 \in (0, l)$ .

At  $x=0$ , it converges to 0.

Finding sum of infinite series of constants using Fourier series.

Parseval's theorem.

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{f(x)\}^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2).$$

Pf.  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \quad (1)$ .  
 $\quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi.$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx,$$

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

Multiply both sides of  $(1)$  by  $f(x)$  & integrate between  $-\pi$  and  $\pi$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{f(x)\}^2 dx &= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx f(x) dx \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx f(x) dx. \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} \times \pi a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \times \pi a_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \times \pi b_n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{f(x)\}^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2).$$

1. From F. S. expansion of  $f(x) = x^2$  in  $-\pi < x < \pi$ , prove that-

$$1. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}.$$

$$2. \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}.$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8}.$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nx$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{f(x)\}^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \quad \rightarrow (1).$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}, \quad a_n = \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}; \quad b_n = 0.$$

Subst. in (1),

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2)^2 dx = \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{\pi^4}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16(-1)^{2n}}{n^4}.$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{2\pi} \times \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{\pi^4}{9} + 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}.$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi^5}{5} - \frac{\pi^4}{9} = 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}.$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{4 \cdot \pi^4}{45} \times \frac{1}{8} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}.$$