

## 6. Fourier series:

\* Every "well-behaved" periodic function (think: arbitrary sound wave) can be decomposed into sine & cosine waves.

We'll learn how to do this. It will be necessary for the study of partial differential equations. (e.g.,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x,t) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x,t)$ ).

Motivation:  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a set of vectors

We can add & subtract vectors, and we know how to

"measure" their lengths:  $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$ .

e.g.,  $\|(4,3)\| = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5$ .

We can also project a vector onto a unit vector using the dot product.

Example: let  $\vec{v} = (4,3)$  and let  $\vec{e}_1 = (1,0)$ ,  $\vec{e}_2 = (0,1)$  "unit basis vectors"

Q: How long is  $\vec{v}$  in the x-direction?

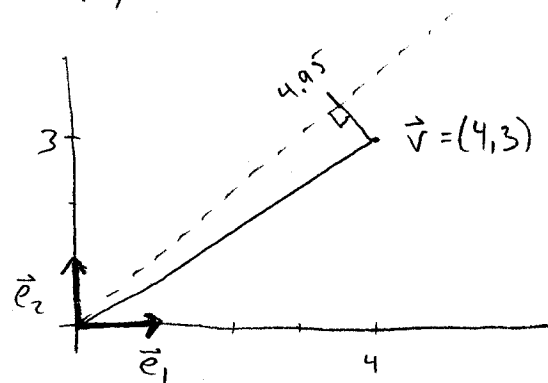
A:  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_1 = (4,3) \cdot (1,0) = 4$ .

Q: How long is  $\vec{v}$  in the y-direction?

A:  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_2 = (4,3) \cdot (0,1) = 3$

Q: How long is  $\vec{v}$  in the "northeast," or  $(1,1)$ -direction?

A:  $\vec{v} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = (4,3) \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{2} \approx 4.95$ .



↖ unit vector in the "(1,1)-direction"

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The unit basis vectors  $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  have some nice properties:

(i)  $\|\vec{e}_i\| = \sqrt{\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_i} = 1$  ( $\vec{e}_i$  has length 1)

(ii) If  $i \neq j$ , then  $\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = 0$  ( $\vec{e}_i$  &  $\vec{e}_j$  are orthogonal (perpendicular)).

Together, we can summarize this by  $\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$ .

Def: A set of vectors is orthonormal if they satisfy conditions

(i) & (ii) above.

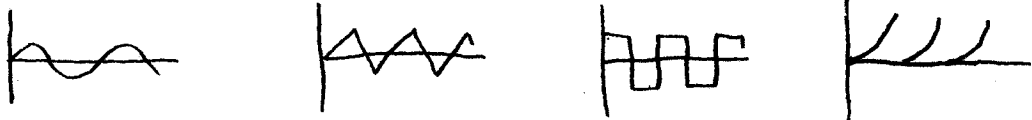
Easy fact:  $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Because of this, we can decompose any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into components, by projecting onto the basis vectors.

e.g.,  $\vec{v} = (5, 4, 3) = 5\vec{e}_1 + 4\vec{e}_2 + 3\vec{e}_3 = (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_1)\vec{e}_1 + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_2)\vec{e}_2 + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_3)\vec{e}_3$ .

This is precisely the technique that we'll use to decompose a periodic function into sine & cosine waves!

\* Let  $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$  be the set of  $2\pi$ -periodic piecewise continuous functions.

e.g.,  etc.

We can think of these functions as vectors.

We can add & subtract these "vectors" & multiply them by scalars.

We need to define a "dot product," (called an inner product)

so we can measure their lengths.

Define  $\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x) dx$

Remark:  $\langle f, g \rangle$  is just a preferred notation for " $f \cdot g$ ".

This defines "length";  $\|\vec{v}\|^2 = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle$  (as in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

$$\text{so } \|f(x)\|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx$$

\* Key fact: The set  $\mathcal{B}_{2\pi} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \cos x, \cos 2x, \cos 3x, \dots \right\}$   
 $\left\{ \sin x, \sin 2x, \sin 3x, \dots \right\}$

is an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$ , given our definition of length!

$$\text{i.e., } \langle \cos nx, \cos mx \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \cos mx dx = \begin{cases} 1 & n=m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \sin nx, \sin mx \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \sin mx dx = \begin{cases} 1 & n=m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \cos nx, \sin mx \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \sin mx dx = 0.$$

Now, we automatically know how to decompose a periodic function into sines & cosines - just "project" onto the basis vectors in  $\mathcal{B}_{2\pi}$ .

Let  $f(x)$  be a piecewise continuous  $2\pi$ -periodic function.

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

$a_n$  = "length of  $f(x)$  in the  $(\cos nx)$ -direction"

$b_n$  = "length of  $f(x)$  in the  $(\sin nx)$ -direction."

$$\text{and } a_n = \langle f(x), \cos nx \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx$$

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

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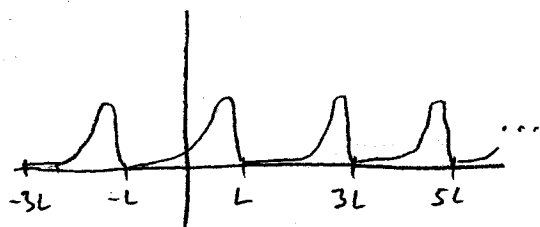
Note: This formula works for  $a_0$  too:  $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$ .

Remark: This easily generalizes to functions of period  $2L$  (not just  $2\pi$ ):

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

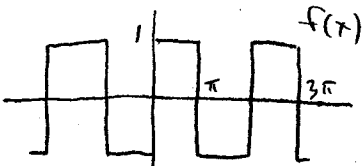
$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$



[Show demo: [www.falstad.com/fourier](http://www.falstad.com/fourier)]

However, the math is messier for  $L \neq \pi$ , so we'll just stick with  $2\pi$ -periodic functions in this class.

Example 1: Square wave: 

Find the Fourier series of  $f(x)$ :

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -1 dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 dx = 0$$

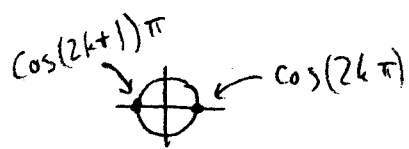
$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -1 \cos nx dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 \cos nx dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n\pi} \sin nx \Big|_{-\pi}^0 + \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin nx \Big|_0^{\pi} = 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -1 \sin nx dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 \sin nx dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{n\pi} \cos nx \Big|_{-\pi}^0 - \frac{1}{n\pi} \cos nx \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{1}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) - \frac{1}{n\pi} (\cos n\pi - 1)$$

$$= \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi)$$

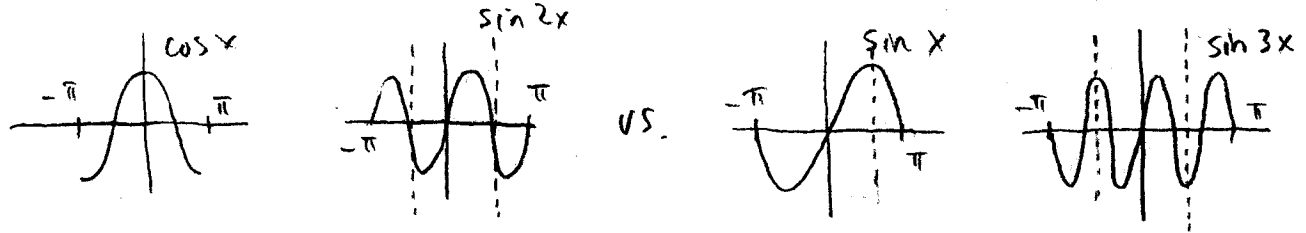


Note:  $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$

Therefore,  $b_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ \frac{4}{n\pi} & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

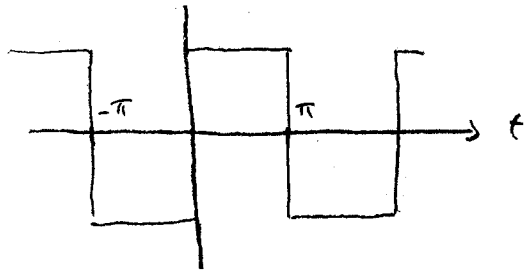
i.e.,  $f(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin x + \frac{4}{3\pi} \sin 3x + \frac{4}{5\pi} \sin 5x + \frac{4}{7\pi} \sin 7x + \dots$

Note: All cosine terms, and "even-index" sine terms are zero. (Why?)

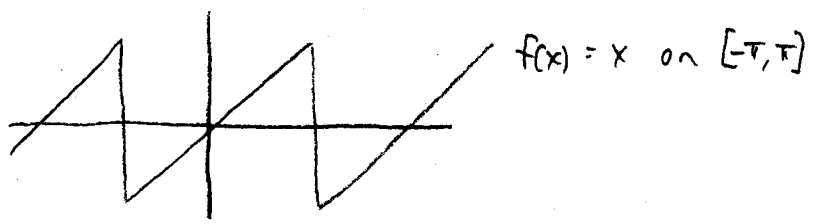


Look at the "symmetries" of  $f(x)$ :

This "looks" like a sine wave, and "more like" a  $\sin x$ ,  $\sin 3x$ , etc. than a  $\sin 2x$ ,  $\sin 4x$ , etc. function.



Example 2: Sawtooth wave:



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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \, dx = 0 \quad (\text{By symmetry; area under the curve})$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \cos nx \, dx \quad \begin{matrix} \text{let } u = x & v = \frac{1}{n} \sin nx \\ du = dx & dv = \cos nx \, dx \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{n} x \sin nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx = \frac{1}{n^2\pi} \cos nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{n^2\pi} [\cos(\pi x) - \cos(-\pi x)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2\pi} [\cos \pi x - \cos n\pi] = 0.$$

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

$$\text{Let } u = x \\ du = dx$$

$$v = -\frac{1}{n} \cos nx \\ dv = \sin nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{n} x \cos nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \, dx \right]$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos(n\pi) \right] = -\frac{2}{n} \cos n\pi = -\frac{2}{n} (-1)^n = \frac{2}{n} (-1)^{n+1} = \begin{cases} -2/n & n \text{ even} \\ 2/n & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) = 2 \sin x - \frac{2}{2} \sin 2x + \frac{2}{3} \sin 3x - \frac{2}{4} \sin 4x + \frac{2}{5} \sin 5x + \dots$$

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Think: How does this relate to music, sound waves, & harmonics?

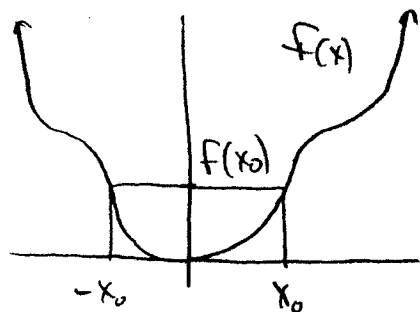
Exploiting symmetry:

Why are many of the  $a_n$ 's &  $b_n$ 's zero?

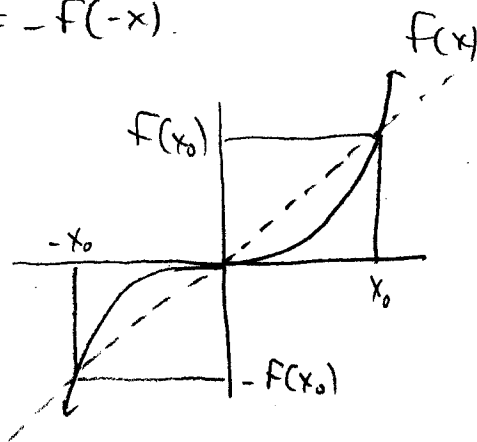
Def:  $f(x)$  is an even function if  $f(x) = f(-x)$

$f(x)$  is an odd function if  $f(x) = -f(-x)$ .

Graphically,



$f(x)$  even  $\Leftrightarrow$  symmetric about the  $y$ -axis.



$f(x)$  odd  $\Leftrightarrow$  symmetric about the origin.

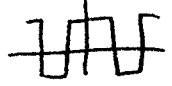
Why we care:

- If  $f(x)$  is even, then  $\int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^L f(x) dx$
  - If  $f(x)$  is odd, then  $\int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = 0$ .
- } Look at the area under the curve to see why!

Basic facts:

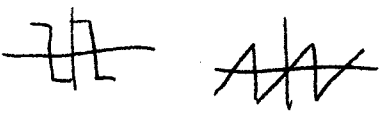
- If  $f$  &  $g$  are even, then  $f(x)g(x)$  is even.
- If  $f$  &  $g$  are odd, then  $f(x)g(x)$  is even.
- If  $f$  is even &  $g$  is odd, then  $f(x)g(x)$  is odd.

Examples:

- Even functions:  $8, x^2, 3x^6 + x^2 - 5, |x|$ , 

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$$

$$\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

- Odd functions:  $2x, 8x^3 - 5x$ , 

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$$

$$\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

- Neither:  $x^2 - 3x + 2, x^5 + x^3 + x + 1, e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

Off-hand remarks:

- \*  $\cos x = \cosh ix$
- \*  $i \sin x = \sinh ix$
- \*  $e^x = \cosh x + \sinh x = \cos x + i \sin x$

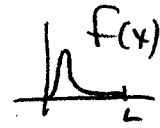
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Key point:

- If  $f(x)$  is even, then  $f(x) \cos nx$  is even  $\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx$   
and  $f(x) \sin nx$  is odd  $\Rightarrow b_n = 0$  (all  $n$ )
- If  $f(x)$  is odd, then  $f(x) \cos nx$  is odd  $\Rightarrow a_n = 0$  (all  $n$ )  
and  $f(x) \sin nx$  is even  $\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx$

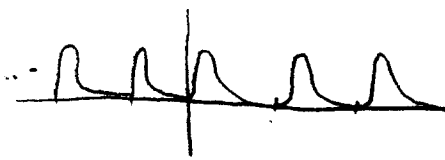
Fourier sine & cosine series

Idea: Consider a function defined on  $[0, L]$

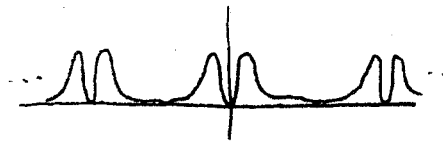


Write  $f(x)$  as a Fourier series.

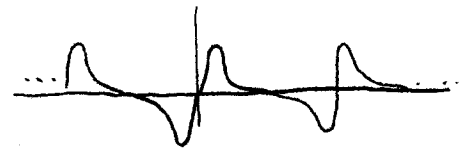
First, we need to make  $f(x)$  periodic.



A naive extension.



The even extension



The odd extension.

Def: The Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  is the Fourier series of the even extension of  $f(x)$

$$\begin{cases} a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \\ b_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

Def: The Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$  is the Fourier series of the odd extension of  $f(x)$

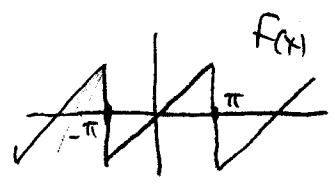
$$\begin{cases} a_n = 0 \\ b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \end{cases}$$



Example 3: let  $f(x) = x$  on  $[0, \pi]$

Compute the Fourier sine & cosine series of  $f(x)$ .

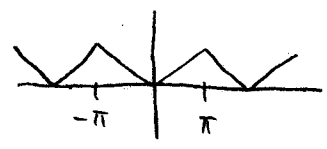
Fourier sine series: Odd extension:



This was Example 2, on p. 5-6.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \quad b_n = \begin{cases} -2/n\pi & n \text{ even} \\ 2/n\pi & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Fourier cosine series: Even extension:



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

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \, dx = \frac{x^2}{\pi} \Big|_0^{\pi} = \pi$$

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

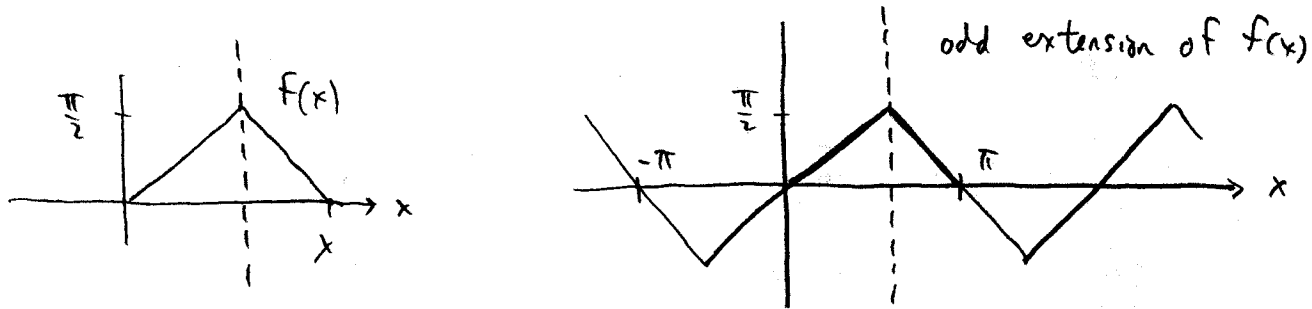
$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } u=x \quad v = \frac{1}{n} \sin nx \\ du = dx \quad dv = \cos nx \, dx \end{aligned} \quad = \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \cos nx \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{n^2 \pi} [\cos n\pi - 1]$$
$$= \frac{2}{\pi n^2} [(-1)^n - 1] = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ -\frac{4}{\pi n^2} & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \cos x - \frac{4}{9\pi} \cos 3x - \frac{4}{25\pi} \cos 5x - \frac{4}{49\pi} \cos 7x - \dots$$

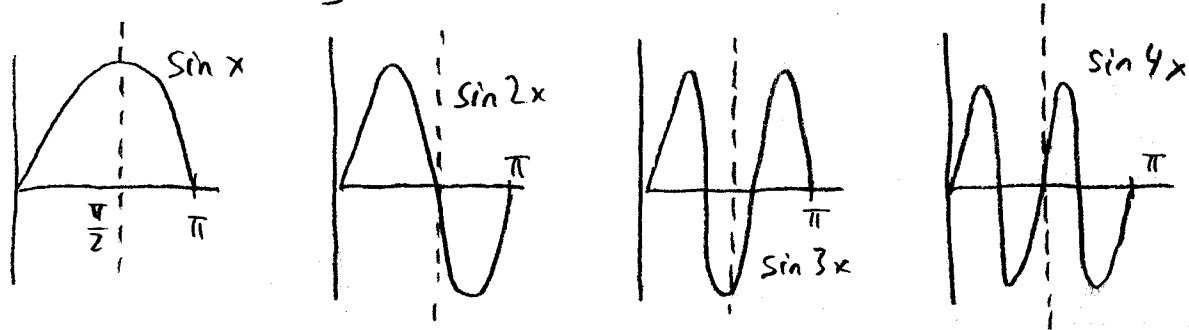
Example 4: let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x < \pi/2 \\ \pi-x & \pi/2 \leq x < \pi \end{cases}$

Compute the Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$ .

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Observe the symmetry about the line  $x = \pi/2$ .



\*  $\sin nx$  has odd symmetry about the line  $x = \pi/2$  if  $n$  is even

\*  $\sin nx$  has even symmetry about the line  $x = \pi/2$  if  $n$  is odd.

Conclusion: If  $n$  is even, then  $b_n = 0$ .

If  $n$  is odd, then  $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} f(x) \sin nx \, dx$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \sin nx \, dx = \frac{4}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x}{n} \cos nx \Big|_0^{\pi/2} + \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{n} \cos nx \, dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \left[ \frac{-\pi}{2n} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - 0 + \frac{1}{n^2} \sin nx \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \right] \quad n \text{ odd} \Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right] \quad \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & n=4k \\ 1 & n=4k+1 \\ 0 & n=4k+2 \\ -1 & n=4k+3 \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $b_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n=4k \\ 4/n^2\pi & n=4k+1 \\ 0 & n=4k+2 \\ -4/n^2\pi & n=4k+3 \end{cases}$

So,  $f(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin x - \frac{4}{9\pi} \sin 3x + \frac{4}{25\pi} \sin 5x - \frac{4}{49\pi} \sin 7x + \dots$

## Complex Form of Fourier Series

Recall:  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \cos x, \cos 2x, \cos 3x, \dots \right\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$

$\left\{ \sin x, \sin 2x, \sin 3x, \dots \right\}$

Fact:  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ 1, e^{ix}, e^{2ix}, e^{3ix}, \dots \right\}$  is also a basis for  $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$ .

$\left\{ e^{-ix}, e^{-2ix}, e^{-3ix}, \dots \right\}$

and is orthonormal if  $\langle f, g \rangle := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$ .

Therefore, if  $f(x)$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic, we can write  $f(x)$  as

$$f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n e^{inx} + c_{-n} e^{-inx})$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

This is the complex form of the Fourier series of  $f(x)$ .

Recall:  $\cos nx = \frac{1}{2}(e^{inx} + e^{-inx})$ ,  $\sin nx = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{inx} - e^{-inx})$

$$e^{inx} = \cos nx + i \sin nx, \quad e^{-inx} = \cos nx - i \sin nx$$

Therefore,

$$c_n = \frac{a_n - i b_n}{2}, \quad c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + i b_n}{2}$$

and

$$a_n = c_n + c_{-n}, \quad b_n = i(c_n - c_{-n})$$

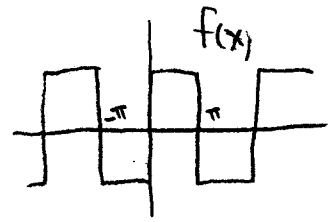
Note:  $c_0$  is the constant term in the complex version of the Fourier series.

$a_0 = 2c_0 \Rightarrow \frac{a_0}{2}$  is the const. term in the real version.

Remark: The const. term  $c_0$  (or  $\frac{a_0}{2}$ ) is the average value of  $f(x)$  (why?)

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Example 1: Compute the complex Fourier series of



$C_0 = 0$  (average value of  $f(x)$ ).

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -e^{-inx} dx + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} e^{-inx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{in} e^{-inx} \right]_{-\pi}^0 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{in} e^{-inx} \right]_0^{\pi}$$



$$= \frac{1}{2\pi in} (1 - e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi} + 1)$$

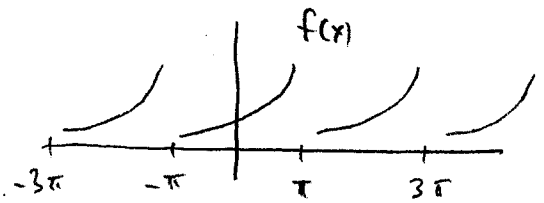
Note:  $e^{-in\pi} = e^{in\pi} = (-1)^n = (-1)^{-n}$ .

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{\pi in} (1 - (-1)^n)} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi in} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Thus, 
$$f(x) = \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \neq 0}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi in} (1 - (-1)^n) e^{inx} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi in} (1 - (-1)^n) (e^{inx} - e^{-inx})$$

Example 2: Compute the complex Fourier series of the  $2\pi$ -periodic extension of  $e^x$  (defined on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ).

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^x dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^x \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2\pi} (e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})}$$



$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^x e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{(1-in)x} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi(1-in)} e^{(1-in)x} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

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

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

$$C_n = \boxed{\frac{(-1)^n (e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})}{2\pi(1+n^2)} (1+in)}$$

Now, derive the real Fourier coefficients:

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

$$b_n = i(C_n - C_{-n}) = \frac{-(-1)^n n (e^\pi - e^{-\pi})}{\pi (1+n^2)}$$

Parseval's identity: If  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \quad [\text{Note: this is just } \langle f(x), f(x) \rangle!]$$

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \underbrace{\left( \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx \right)}_{f(x)} dx \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx}_{a_n} + b_n \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx}_{b_n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \end{aligned}$$

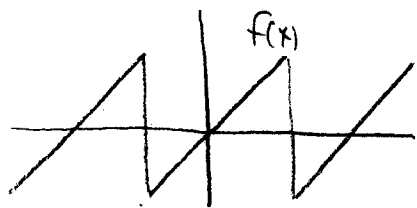
Neat application: Compute  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots$

Let  $f(x) = x$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

$a_n = 0$  (since  $f(x)$  is odd)

$$b_n = -\frac{2}{n} (-1)^n \quad (\text{Example 2, p. 5-6})$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n^2 = \frac{4}{n^2}$$



Apply Parseval's identity:  $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3} \pi^2$  (LHS)

RHS:  $\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + b_n^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2}$

Equate LHS & RHS:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}}$$