

Week 11 Summary:

- Solving ODEs with power series & generalized power series.

Singular points: Consider $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$.

* x_0 is ordinary if " $P(x_0)$ and $Q(x_0)$ are defined" (technically, "real analytic")

* x_0 is singular, otherwise. In this case,

- x_0 is regular if $(x-x_0)P(x)$ and $(x-x_0)^2Q(x)$ are real analytic.

- x_0 is irregular, otherwise.

Theorem of Frobenius:

* If x_0 is an ordinary point, then there is a power series sol'n

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n$$

* If x_0 is a regular singular point, then there is a generalized

power series sol'n $y(x) = (x-x_0)^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n$.

Moreover, the radius of convergence is $R = \min\{R_p, R_q\}$.

• Basic linear algebra:

* A vector space X is a set closed under addition & scalar mult.

* A basis for X is a min'l set of vectors that spans X .

* The dot product allows us to project vectors onto unit vectors, and measure lengths & angles.

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Let's extend the notion of a dot product in \mathbb{R}^n to an arbitrary vector space (we call it an "inner product").

Def: Let X be a vector space. An inner product is a function (denoted, e.g., $\langle u, v \rangle$) such that:

- (i) $\langle u+v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$ (additive)
- (ii) $\langle cu, v \rangle = c \langle u, v \rangle$ (constants pull out)
- (iii) $\langle v, w \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle$ (symmetric)
- (iv) $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ (non-negative)
- (v) $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$ iff $v=0$

Def: • If $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$, then v & w are orthogonal (perpendicular).

• A set of vectors $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is orthonormal if they are all unit-length and mutually orthogonal (i.e., $v_i \cdot v_j = 0$ if $i \neq j$).

* Big idea: Orthonormal bases are really nice!

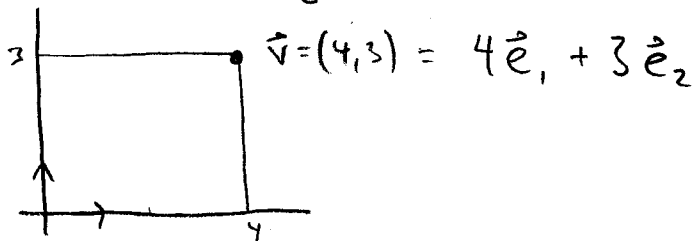
Ex: Consider \mathbb{R}^3 , let $\vec{v} = (4, 3, 2)$.

$$\vec{v} = (4, 3, 2) = (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_1, \vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_2, \vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_3)$$

This works because with the dot product, $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$ is an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 :

* Unit length: $\|e_i\| = 1$, i.e., $\langle e_i, e_i \rangle = 1$

* Orthogonality (perpendicular): $\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = 0$ if $i \neq j$



Now, we'll do the same thing in $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$, the space of 2π -periodic functions.

Define an inner product on $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$ as follows:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) g(t) dt$$

Fact 1: $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \cos t, \cos 2t, \dots, \sin t, \sin 2t, \dots \right\}$ is a basis of $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$.

Fact 2: This inner product makes \mathcal{B} an orthonormal basis of $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$!

$$\text{i.e., } \langle \cos nt, \cos mt \rangle := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nt \cos mt dt = \begin{cases} 1 & n=m \\ 0 & n \neq m, \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \sin nt, \sin mt \rangle := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nt \sin mt dt = \begin{cases} 1 & n=m \\ 0 & n \neq m, \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \cos nt, \sin mt \rangle := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nt \sin mt dt = 0.$$

* Big idea: Since \mathcal{B} is a basis, every 2π -periodic function can

be written as
$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt$$

* Since \mathcal{B} is orthonormal, we can use our inner product to decompose vectors into components by projection:

Compare: In \mathbb{R}^2 , $(4,3) \cdot (1,0) = 4$ "magnitude in the x-direction"

In $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$, $\langle f, \cos 2t \rangle = a_2$ "magnitude in the $\cos 2t$ -direction"

Thus, we have a formula for the coefficients a_n & b_n :

$$a_n = \langle f(t), \cos nt \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos nt dt$$

$$b_n = \langle f(t), \sin nt \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin nt dt$$

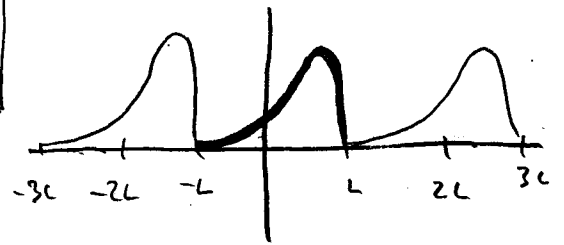
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Note: This easily generalizes to functions of period $2L$ (not just 2π)

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

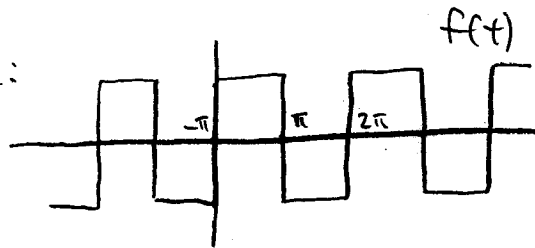
$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

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



[SHOW DEMO: www.falstad.com/fourier]

EX 1: Square wave:



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

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -1 dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 dt = 0.$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos nt dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -1 \cos nt dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 \cos nt dt$$

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin nt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -1 \sin nt dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 \sin nt dt$$

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

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

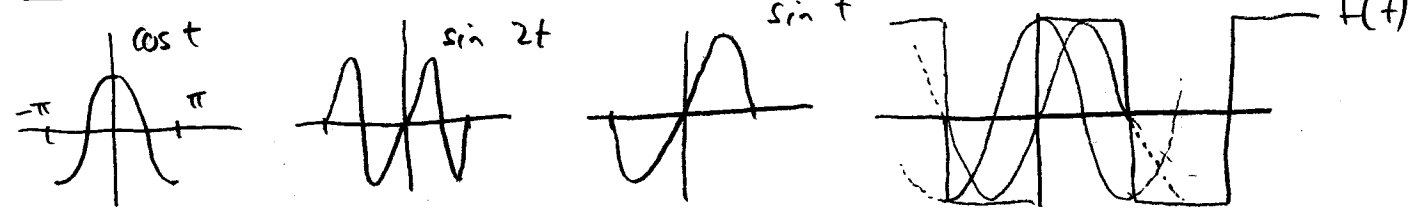
Note: $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$



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

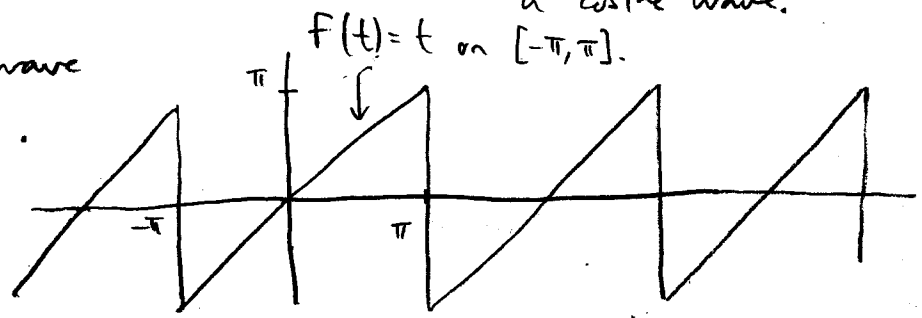
i.e., $f(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin t + \frac{4}{3\pi} \sin 3t + \frac{4}{5\pi} \sin 5t + \frac{4}{7\pi} \sin 7\pi t + \dots$

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



This "looks more like a sine than a cosine wave."

Ex 2: Sawtooth wave



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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t dt = 0. \quad (\text{By symmetry})$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t \cos nt dt \quad \begin{matrix} \text{let } u=t & v = \frac{1}{n} \sin nt \\ du=dt & dv = \cos nt dt \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{n} t \sin nt \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nt dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{n\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nt = \frac{1}{n^2\pi} \cos nt \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{n^2\pi} [\cos \pi t - \cos(-\pi t)]$$

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t \sin nt dt \quad \begin{matrix} \text{let } u=t & v = -\frac{1}{n} \cos nt \\ du=dt & dv = \sin nt dt \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{n} t \cos nt \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nt dt \right]$$

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

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

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

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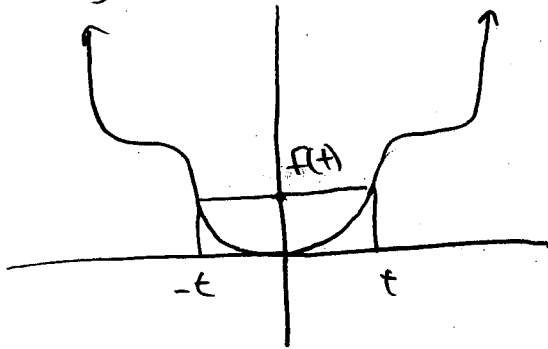
Think: How does this relate to music, sound waves, etc, harmonics?

Exploiting Symmetry

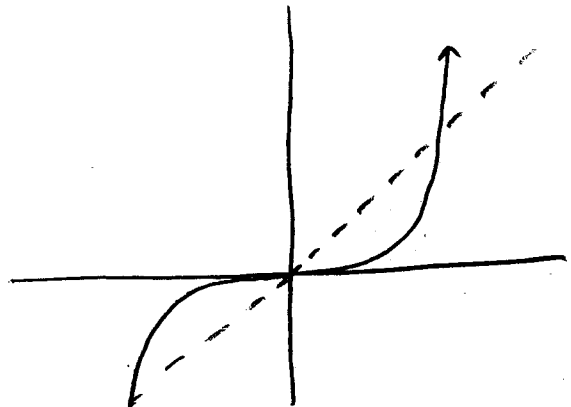
Why are many of the a_n 's and b_n 's zero?

- Def:
- $f(t)$ is an even function if $f(t) = f(-t)$
 - $f(t)$ is an odd function if $f(t) = -f(-t)$.

Graphically:



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




$f(t)$ odd \Leftrightarrow symmetric about the origin

Why we care:

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

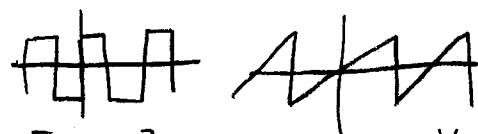
- Facts:
- If f & g are even, then $f(t)g(t)$ is even
 - If f & g are odd, then $f(t)g(t)$ is even
 - If f is even & g is odd, then $f(t)g(t)$ is odd.

Examples:

- Even Functions: $8, t^2, 3t^6 + t^2 - 5, |t|$ 

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

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

- Odd Functions: $2t, 8t^3 - 5t,$ 

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

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

- Neither: $t^2 - 3t + 2, e^t = 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} + \dots = \cosh t + \sinh t.$

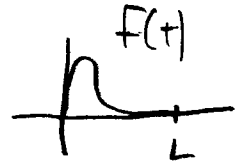
Note:

- If $F(t)$ is even, then $f(t) \cos nt$ is even $\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$
and $f(t) \sin nt$ is odd $\Rightarrow b_n = 0$ (all n)
- If $F(t)$ is odd, then $f(t) \cos nt$ is odd $\Rightarrow a_n = 0$ (all n)
and $f(t) \sin nt$ is even $\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$

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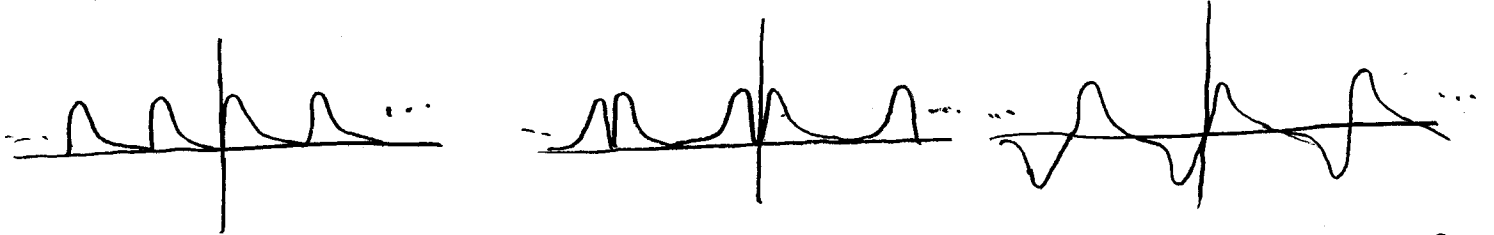
Fourier sine & cosine series

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



Find "the Fourier series of $f(t)$."

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



A naive extension

The even extension of $f(t)$

The odd extension of $f(t)$

• Fourier series of the even extension:
$$\begin{cases} a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \\ b_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

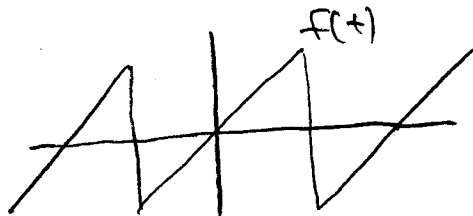
(called the Fourier cosine series of $f(t)$)

• Fourier series of the odd extension:
$$\begin{cases} a_n = 0 \\ b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \end{cases}$$

Example: let $f(t) = t$ on $[0, t]$

Compute the Fourier sine & cosine series.

odd extension:

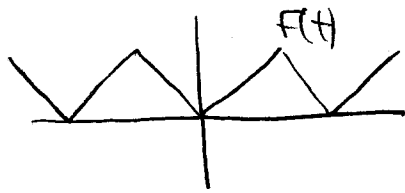


Fourier sine series:
$$f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nt$$

$$b_n = \begin{cases} -2/n\pi & n \text{ even} \\ 2/n\pi & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

(we already did this).

even extension



Fourier cosine series: $f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} t dt = \frac{t^2}{\pi} \Big|_0^{\pi} = \pi$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} t \cos nt dt = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{t}{n} \sin nt \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{n} \sin nt dt \right]$$

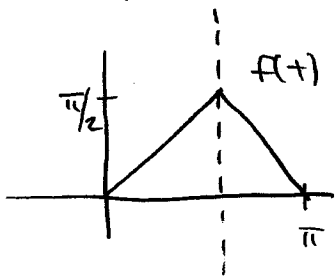
let $u=t$ $v = \frac{1}{n} \sin nt$ $= \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \cos nt \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{n^2 \pi} [\cos n\pi - 1]$
 $du = dt$ $dv = \cos nt dt$

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

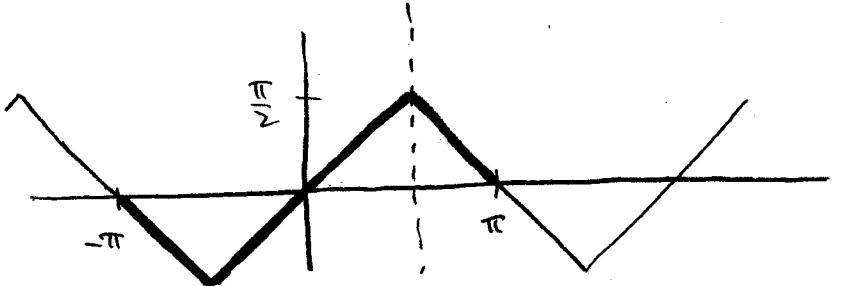
$$f(t) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \cos t - \frac{4}{9\pi} \cos 3t - \frac{4}{25\pi} \cos 5t - \frac{4}{49\pi} \cos 7t - \dots$$

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

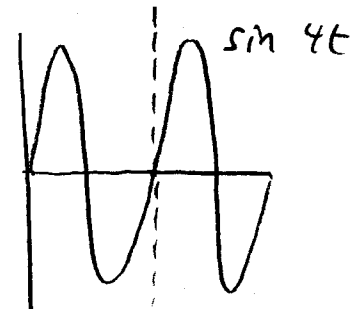
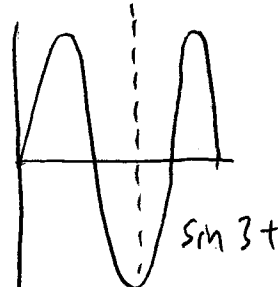
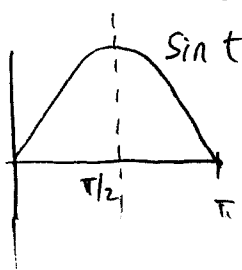
Compute the Fourier sine series.



odd extension:



Observe the symmetry about the line $t = \pi/2$:

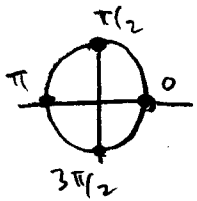


* $\sin nt$ has "even symmetry" about $t = \pi/2$ if n is odd, and "odd symmetry" about $t = \pi/2$ if n is even.

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Since $f(t)$ has "even symmetry about $t = \pi/2$ ", $b_n = 0$ for all even n ,
 and when n is odd, $f(t) \sin nt$ has even symmetry about $t = \pi/2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(t) \sin nt \, dt = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} f(t) \sin nt \, dt \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} t \sin nt \, dt = \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\frac{t}{n} \cos nt \Big|_0^{\pi/2} + \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{n} \cos nt \, dt \right] \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{2n} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - 0 + \frac{1}{n^2} \sin nt \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \right] \quad (\text{since } n \text{ is odd}) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{n^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$



Note: $\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} = \begin{cases} 0 & n=4k \\ 1 & n=4k+1 \\ 0 & n=4k+2 \\ -1 & n=4k+3 \end{cases}$

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

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

Complex form of the Fourier series

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

and is orthonormal if $\langle f, g \rangle := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) g(t) \, dt$

Fact 2: $\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ 1, e^{-it}, e^{-2it}, e^{-3it}, \dots \right\}$ is also a basis,
 $\left\{ e^{it}, e^{2it}, e^{3it}, \dots \right\}$

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

Therefore, if $f(t)$ is 2π -periodic, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{-int} = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n e^{-int} + c_{-n} e^{int}) \\ c_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \, dt, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-int} \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

This is the complex form of the Fourier series of $f(t)$. (11)

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

$$e^{int} = \cos nt + i \sin nt$$

Therefore,
$$\boxed{C_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2}, \quad C_{-n} = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}}$$

and
$$\boxed{a_n = C_n + C_{-n}, \quad b_n = i(C_n - C_{-n})}$$

Note: C_0 is the const. term in the complex form of $f(t)$.

$a_0 = 2C_0 \Rightarrow \frac{a_0}{2}$ is the const. term in the real form.