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This report actually starts by giving some historical background and the importance of Fourier series, so as to present some sort of motivation for mathematician on the subject matter.

The main objective of this seminar report is to set the sufficient condition for the convergence of Fourier series of functions. In fact it also delivers a counter example which displays the converse of the statement is not necessarily true.

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## SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

1807, Joseph Fourier, a mathematician and an engineer discovered his series in connection with the theory of heat conduction. Fourier claimed that an arbitrary function, defined in a finite interval by an arbitrary capricious graph, can always be resolved into a sum of pure sine and cosine functions. But further fundamental investigation on Fourier's discovery were made by other mathematicians and finally in 1829, L. Dirichlet circumscribed the function which allows for expansion in Fourier series and set up the theorem of sufficient condition for the convergence of Fourier series.

The theory of representation of functions of real variable by means of Fourier series is of highest importance not only on account of facts that such mode of representation is at present an indispensable tool in the various branches of mathematical physics, but also because this theory has experienced the most far reaching influence up on the development of modern mathematical analysis. It is a significant fact that the theory of this mode of representation of function by a trigonometric series had its own origin in the attempt to investigate the form of a stretching string in a state of vibration.

Trigonometric and Fourier series constitutes one of the oldest parts of analysis. They arose, for instance in classical studies of heat and wave equations. Today they play a central role in the study of sound, heat conduction, electromagnetic waves, mechanical vibrations, signal processing, image analysis and compression.

Fourier series can be used to represent very broad class of functions. For instance trigonometric series is one of the forms:

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

shall be concerned with three main questions in this seminar paper report:

Given a function  $f$ , how do we calculate the coefficients  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ ?

Once the series of  $f$  has been obtained, when does the series converges and it converges to the function value?

Is there a continuous function which is continuous whose Fourier series diverges?

In addition to all those questions listed above, we will also discuss some basic properties of Fourier coefficients of functions. And the result will be very important on answering the last two questions.

To answer the above three basic questions, let us start by revising and developing some elementary concepts from the real analysis in the coming section.

1.1. Periodic Functions

DEFINITION 1.1.1.

If  $T$  is a period of  $f$ , then obviously  $f(x+2T) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $f$  is a periodic function  $f(x)$  of period  $T$ , an interval  $[a, a+T]$  is called a period of  $f$ . The graph of  $f$  is  $T$ -periodic, i.e., the graph repeats itself every  $T$  units.

If  $f$  and  $g$  are periodic of period  $T$ , then their sum  $f+g$  is also of period  $T$ .

DEFINITION 1.1.2.

A periodic function  $f$  is said to be of period  $T$  if  $f(x+T) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

THEOREM 1.1.1. Let  $f$  be a periodic function of period  $T$ . Then for every real number  $x$ , the integral  $\int_x^{x+T} f(t) dt$  is constant.

PROOF. Let  $I(x) = \int_x^{x+T} f(t) dt$ . Then  $I(x+T) = \int_{x+T}^{x+2T} f(t) dt$ .

Let  $u = t - T$ . Then  $I(x+T) = \int_x^x f(u) du = I(x)$ .

## SECTION II

REVISION ON REAL ANALYSIS**Periodic functions**

A function  $f$  is said to have a period  $T > 0$ , or simply periodic with period  $T > 0$ , if

$$f(x + T) = f(x)$$

for each  $x$  in the domain of the definition of  $f$ . (It is understood that both  $x$  and  $x + T$  lies in the domain)

For instance,  $2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, \dots$  are periods of the function  $f(x) = \sin x$  and also  $\frac{2\pi}{n}, n > 0$  is a period of  $\sin nx$  and  $\cos nx$

**Remarks**

- If  $T$  is a period of  $f$ , then obviously,  $f(x + nT) = f(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ .
- If we plot a periodic function  $y = f(x)$  of period  $T$  on a closed interval  $a \leq x \leq a + T$ , we can obtain the entire graph of  $f$  by a corresponding periodic repetition of the portion of the graph corresponding to  $a \leq x \leq a + T$
- If  $f$  and  $g$  are periodic of period  $T$ , then their sum  $f + g$  is also of period  $T$ .

**Proposition 2.1.1**

Let  $f$  be a periodic function of period  $T$ . Suppose that for some  $t_0$ , the integral  $\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) dt$

exists. Then for every real number  $r$ , the integral  $\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t+r) dt$  exists and for every  $t_1$ , the

integral  $\int_{t_1}^{t_1+T} f(t) dt$  exists and these integrals are with the same value.

$f$

To show this WLOG, let us assume that  $0 < r < T$ , and then we have:

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t)dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_0+r} f(t)dt + \int_{t_0+r}^{t_0+T} f(t)dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_0+r} f(t)dt + \int_{t_0}^{t_0+r} f(t+T)dt + \int_{t_0+r}^{t_0+T} f(t)dt$$

considering  $x = t + T - r$  and  $x = t - r$  in the last two respective integrals, we have

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_0+r} f(t+T)dt = \int_{t_0+T-r}^{t_0+T} f(x+r)dx \quad \text{and}$$

$$\int_{t_0+r}^{t_0+T} f(t)dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T-r} f(x+r)dx$$

before

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t)dt &= \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T-r} f(x+r)dx + \int_{t_0+T-r}^{t_0+T} f(x+r)dx \\ &= \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(x+r)dx \end{aligned}$$

to show the second statement

considering  $r = t_1 - t_0$ , in the above result we get

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(x + (t_1 - t_0))dx = \int_{t_1}^{t_1+T} f(t)dt$$

we have the result to be all the same.

### Periodic extension

Consider a function  $f$  which is defined on an interval  $[a, b]$ , where nothing has been said about periodicity of the function  $f$ . Here we can extend  $f$  by periodicity from the interval  $[a, b]$  in to the whole of the  $x$ -axis. This leads to a periodic function which coincides with  $f$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ . Here this function, which is obtained by extending the function  $f$  on to the whole  $x$ -axis by extension, is called periodic extension of  $f$  along the  $x$ -axis.

In connection with the problem of extending  $f$  by periodicity from the interval  $[a, b]$  on to the whole  $x$ -axis, the following two cases have to be considered.

$$1: f(a) = f(b)$$

In this case there is no difficulty in making the periodic extension of  $f$ . We can simply obtain the periodic extension by just repeating the graph of  $f$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ . (see Example 2.2.1, the first figure)

If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then its extension is continuous on the whole of  $x$ -axis.

$$2: f(a) \neq f(b)$$

In this case, we can not accomplish the required periodic extension of  $f$  without changing the values of  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , since periodicity requires the equality of the two values.

To have the periodic extension of  $f$ , we may consider two approaches as given below:

1. Completely avoid considering the values at the end points.

2. Suitably modifying the values of the function at  $a$  and  $b$  so that

$$f(a) = f(b) \text{ , (see Example 2.2.1, the second figure)}$$

When we discuss on the issue of Fourier series of functions, we will encounter this problem. It is necessary and these two modifications on the function will not affect on calculating the Fourier coefficients of the function.

### Example 2.2.1

Consider the following graphs of functions on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  and their corresponding periodic extensions. Here the right side shows the function whereas the left shows the corresponding periodic possible periodic extension.

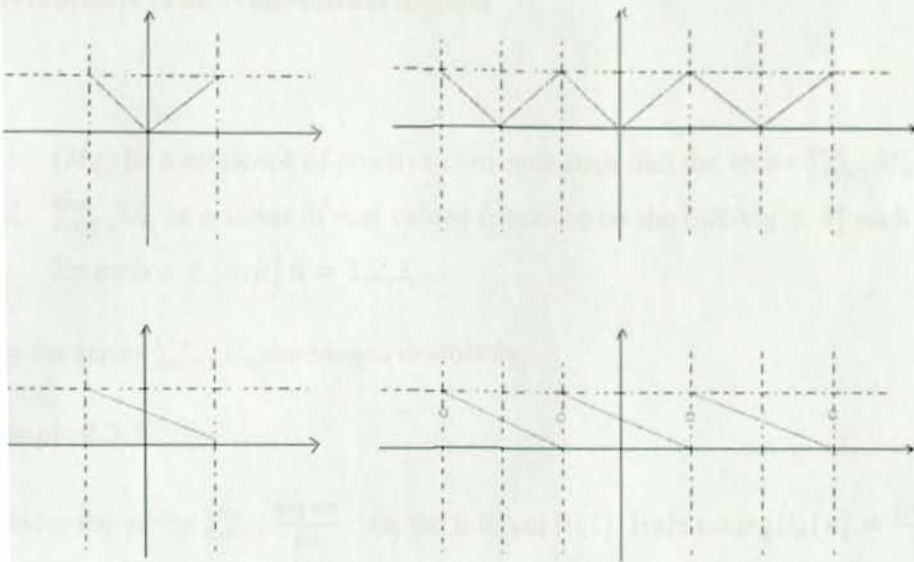


Figure 2.2.1

**Revision on real analysis**

**Definition 2.3.1 [Uniform convergence]**

Consider an infinite series of real valued function  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ . Such a series is said to converge for a given value of  $x$  on the interval, if its partial sum

$$s_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x) \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

approaches a finite limit  $s(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n(x)$

on the interval  $[a, b]$ , then its sum  $s(x)$  is defined on the whole of the interval  $[a, b]$ .

The series is said to converge to  $s(x)$  uniformly on  $[a, b]$ , if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist a positive integer  $N = N(\epsilon)$ , such that  $|s_n(x) - s(x)| < \epsilon$ , for each  $n \geq N$  and  $x \in [a, b]$

In this report we give the following two basic theorems without proof, where one can get their proof in different analysis text books. (Refer the bibliography at the end of this report.)

**Theorem 2.3.1 [The Weierstrass M-test]**

1.  $\{M_n\}$  be a sequence of positive constants such that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$  converges
  2.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$  be a series of real valued functions on the interval  $[a, b]$  such that  $|U_n(x)| \leq M_n$  for each  $x \in [a, b]$   $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$  converges uniformly.

**Example 2.3.1**

Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nx}{n^2}$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Here taking  $U_n(x) = \frac{\sin nx}{n^2}$ , then since  $|U_n(x)| = \left| \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$  and the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges, then by the Weierstrass M-test the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nx}{n^2}$  converges uniformly on the interval  $[0, 1]$

**Theorem 2.3.2**

Consider the infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ , where  $U_n$  are real valued functions. If the terms of the series are continuous on  $[a, b]$  and if the series converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$ ,

The sum of the series is also continuous on  $[a, b]$  and

The sum can be integrated term by term

$$\text{i.e. } \int_a^b \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n(x) \right) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b U_n(x) dx$$

**Definition 2.3.2 [Smooth and piecewise smooth]**

A function  $f$  is said to be smooth on  $[a, b]$ , if it has a continuous derivative on  $[a, b]$ . In other words, the derivative of the function changes continuously without jump.

A function  $f$  is said to be piecewise smooth on  $[a, b]$ , if either  $f$  and its derivative are both continuous on  $[a, b]$  or they have finite number of jump discontinuities on  $[a, b]$ . i.e. It is easy to see that the graph of piecewise smooth function is either a continuous or discontinuous curve which has finite number of corners at which the derivatives have jump.

**Example 2.3.2**

Consider the following graphs on the interval  $[a, b]$

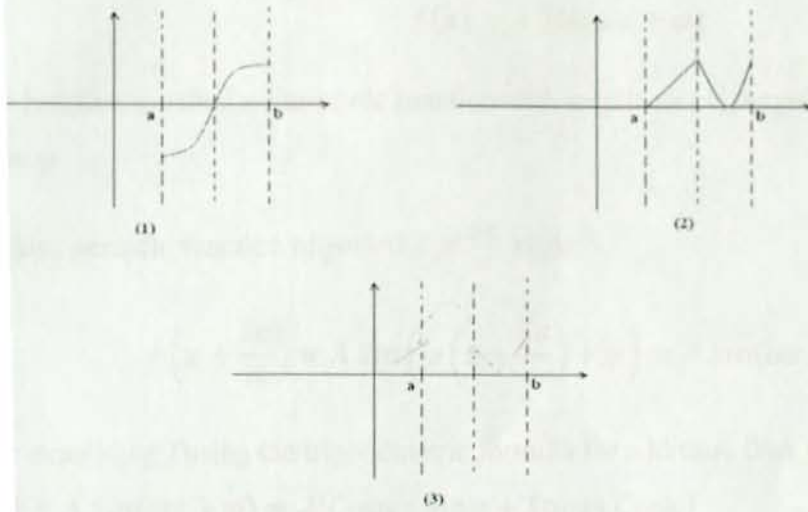


Figure 2.3.1

From the above figure, we can observe that (1) is a smooth graph whereas (2) & (3) are piecewise smooth graphs. Moreover, (2) is continuous piecewise smooth, whereas (3) is discontinuous piecewise smooth.

**Remark**

A continuous or discontinuous function defined on the whole of the x-axis is piecewise smooth, if it is piecewise smooth on every interval of finite length.

**Example 2.3.3**

Consider a function  $f$  on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Here

If  $f(-\pi) = f(\pi)$ , then the periodic extension of  $f$  on the whole of x-axis is continuous piecewise smooth.

If  $f(-\pi) \neq f(\pi)$ , then the periodic extension of  $f$  on the whole of x-axis is discontinuous piecewise function.

### Harmonic and Trigonometric series

The simplest periodic function and one of the greatest important for application is the function

$$f(x) = A \sin(\omega x + \varphi)$$

This function is called a Harmonic function with amplitude  $|A|$ , angular frequency  $\omega$  and initial phase  $\varphi$

is also a periodic function of period  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$  since

$$f\left(x + \frac{2\pi}{\omega}\right) = A \sin\left(\omega\left(x + \frac{2\pi}{\omega}\right) + \varphi\right) = A \sin(\omega x + \varphi) = f(x)$$

By expanding  $f$  using the trigonometric formula for addition, then we have

$$f(x) = A \sin(\omega x + \varphi) = A[\cos \omega x \sin \varphi + \sin \omega x \cos \varphi]$$

$$= A \sin \varphi \cos \omega x + A \cos \varphi \sin \omega x$$

$$a = A \sin \varphi \quad \text{and} \quad b = A \cos \varphi$$

we have

$$f(x) = a \cos \omega x + b \sin \omega x$$

Generally, we consider ourselves that every harmonic function can be represented in the form of

$$a \cos \omega x + b \sin \omega x.$$

If we let period of the harmonic function is  $T = 2l$ , then  $\omega = \frac{\pi}{l}$

The harmonic function of period  $2l$  is given by the form

$$a \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} + b \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

now  $T = 2l$  and consider the sequence of harmonics

$$\left\{ a_k \cos \frac{\pi k x}{l} + b_k \sin \frac{\pi k x}{l} \right\}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

the above harmonics, the frequency of each harmonics is given by  $\omega_k = \frac{\pi k}{l}$  and hence the period of each harmonics is thus

$$T_k = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_k} = \frac{2l}{k}$$

therefore

$$T_k = \frac{T}{k}$$

so

$$T = kT_k$$

hence  $T = 2l$  is the period of each harmonics as  $T$  is an integral multiple of period of each harmonics. (see the remarks in chapter 2.1)

let's consider the finite series given by the form

$$S_n(x) = A + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( a_k \cos \frac{\pi k x}{l} + b_k \sin \frac{\pi k x}{l} \right), \text{ where } A \text{ is constant.}$$

Clearly  $S_n$  is a periodic function with period  $T = 2l$ . Because  $A$  is constant and also the others are the same period  $T$  and hence their sum. (for the same reason)

function  $S_n$  is called a trigonometric polynomial of order  $n$  and period  $2l$ .

Therefore, the infinite series

$$A + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( a_k \cos \frac{\pi k x}{l} + b_k \sin \frac{\pi k x}{l} \right)$$

is called an infinite trigonometric series or simply a trigonometric series.

the main question that we need to answer at the end of this seminar is: "Can any given function of period  $T = 2l$  be represented as a sum of trigonometric series?"

We shall see later that for very wide class of functions such kind of series representation is possible.

Now consider  $f$  belongs to this class. Hence we have:

$$f(x) = A + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( a_k \cos \frac{\pi k x}{l} + b_k \sin \frac{\pi k x}{l} \right)$$

$$x = \frac{lt}{\pi}$$

Thus we get

$$f\left(\frac{lt}{\pi}\right) = A + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kt + b_k \sin kt)$$

Let us set

$$\varphi(t) = f\left(\frac{lt}{\pi}\right)$$

Clearly,  $\varphi$  is of period  $2\pi$  whereas  $f$  is of period  $2l$

### The Trigonometric system, Auxiliary integrals and Orthogonality

In the basic trigonometric system we mean the system of functions

$1, \sin x, \cos 2x, \sin 2x, \cos 3x, \sin 3x, \dots$

The following auxiliary integrals can be justified quite easily using the basic integration techniques and it is just left as an exercise for the reader to check.

1.  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \, dx = 0 \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx = 0$
2.  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 nx \, dx = \pi \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 nx \, dx = \pi$
3.  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \cos mx \, dx = 0 \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \sin mx \, dx = 0$   
For  $n \neq m$
4.  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \cos mx \, dx = 0$

Since the formulas (1),(3)&(4) shows that the product of any two different function from the trigonometric system above vanishes.

Now we shall agree to call two functions  $\varphi(x)$  &  $\gamma(x)$  orthogonal on the interval  $[a, b]$ , if

$$\int_a^b \varphi(x) \gamma(x) dx = 0.$$

With this definition, we can say that the functions of the trigonometric system above are pairwise orthogonal on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Or more precisely, the system above is orthogonal on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

**Remark**

We know from Theorem 2.1.1, the integral of periodic functions is the same over any interval of the same length to the period. Therefore formulas (1) up to (4) are valid not only over  $[-\pi, \pi]$  but also for any interval of the form  $[a, a + 2\pi]$ . Thus the system is orthogonal on every such interval.

## SECTION III

FOURIER SERIES [EXPANSION]

From here on this chapter we will have some sort of discussion on the issue of Fourier series of functions with period  $2\pi, 2T$  and also their complex form. In this chapter we only focus on Fourier series of functions, and we do not raise anything about the criteria that when this series converges to the value of the function. This question will be answered in the coming chapters.

**Fourier series of functions of period  $2\pi$** 

Consider a function  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  and with a period of  $2\pi$ . Then from the trigonometric series point of view (see chapter 2.4.1), set

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx) \quad (1)$$

Let us determine the coefficients  $a_0, a_k$  and  $b_k$  by assuming that the series converges uniformly to the limit function  $f$  and hence term by term integration is possible.

Integrating both sides from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$  and using the auxiliary integrals on chapter 2.5, we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( a_k \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos kx dx + b_k \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin kx dx \right)$$

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

By multiplying (1) by  $\cos nx$  and Integrating both sides from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$  we have

$$f(x)\cos nx dx$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx dx + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( a_k \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \cos kx dx + b_k \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \sin kx dx \right)$$

Using the result in (chapter 2.5, auxiliary formulas) we have

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

Again multiplying once again (1) with  $\sin nx$  and Integrating both sides from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$  we

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \sin nx dx &= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx dx \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( a_k \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \cos kx dx + b_k \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \sin kx dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \dots \quad (4)$$

Therefore combining the three results, we get

$$\begin{cases} a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx & n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \\ b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx & n = 1, 2, 3 \dots \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

**Definition 3.1.1**

If  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  and with period  $2\pi$  then the series in (1) with the coefficient in (5) is called the Fourier series of the function  $f$ . And the coefficients in (5) are called the Fourier coefficients of the function.

**Notation**

If  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  and with period  $2\pi$ . If we form the Fourier series of  $f$  without deciding in advance whether it converges to  $f(x)$ , we write

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx) \quad (6)$$

this notation (6) only means that the Fourier series written on the right side corresponds to the function  $f$ . The sign " $\sim$ " can be replaced by " $=$ " only if we succeed in proving that the series converges and the sum equal to  $f(x)$ .

**Remark**

Incidentally, we note that the formula in (5) involves integrating the function of period  $2\pi$ . Thus the interval of integration  $[-\pi, \pi]$  can be replaced by any other interval of length  $2\pi$  so that together with the formula in (5) we have

$$\begin{cases} a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_a^{a+\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx & n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \\ b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_a^{a+\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx & n = 1, 2, 3 \dots \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

**Theorem 3.1.1**

A function  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  and with period  $2\pi$  can be expanded in a trigonometric series which converges uniformly on the whole of real axis, then the series is the Fourier series of  $f$ .

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have  $f$  expressed in trigonometric series (1), that means:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx) \quad (1)$$

since the trigonometric series converges uniformly over the whole real axis, then  $f$  is continuous and term by term integration is possible.

so we have

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

on the other hand multiplying the series in (1) by  $\cos nx$

$$f(x) \cos nx = \frac{a_0}{2} \cos nx + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos nx \cos kx + b_k \cos nx \sin kx) \quad (8)$$

we want to show that the series on the right of (8) converges uniformly to the limit function on the left.

since (1) converges uniformly, putting the partial sum

$$S_m(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^m (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx)$$

$> 0, \exists N = N(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$|f(x) - S_m(x)| \leq \varepsilon, \text{ for all } n \geq N \text{ and } x \in R$$

we have

$$|\cos nx| |f(x) - S_m(x)| \leq |\cos nx| \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon$$

therefore

$$|f(x) \cos nx - S_m(x) \cos nx| \leq \varepsilon$$

the series in (8) converges uniformly. Which means again term by term integration is possible. Thus we get once again

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

In a similar way, multiplying the series in (1) by that of  $\sin nx$  and for the same argumentation, we obtain

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

Therefore, the trigonometric series in (1) is precisely the Fourier series of the function  $f$ .

### Fourier series of functions on interval of length $2\pi$

Consider a function  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$ . Since there is nothing has been said about periodicity of  $f$  on the interval, we use its periodic extension (see chapter 2.2) of  $f$  over the whole of  $x$ -axis, where we obtain a periodic function which coincides with that of the function  $f$  on the indicated interval and which has a Fourier series identical to that of the function  $f$ .

Remark

As we have seen (in the section of periodic extension, chapter 2.2) that if

$f(-\pi) \neq f(\pi)$ , then the periodic extension of  $f$  needs some necessary modification (see the two

cases). Here it is important to notice that, since changing values of the function at finite number of points or even failing to define it at finite number of points in the interval do not change the value of the integrals in (5). Thus in both cases the Fourier series or coefficients will have the same value as before.

### The Cosine and the sine series

Let  $f \in L[-l, l]$ , then recall that

If  $f$  is even, then  $\int_{-l}^l f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^l f(x) dx$

If  $f$  is odd, then  $\int_{-l}^l f(x) dx = 0$

Now consider  $f \in L[-l, l]$  and is an even function, then clearly  $f(x)\cos nx$  is even and  $f(x)\sin nx$  is odd.

Thus the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  thereby given as

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)\cos nxdx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x)\cos nxdx \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots, \text{ and } b_n = 0, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Therefore the Fourier series of  $f$  is given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kx) \tag{9}$$

We call series (9) as the cosine series.

Similarly, if  $f \in L[-l, l]$  and is an odd function, then the Fourier series of the function is Sine series

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_k \sin kx) \tag{10}$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)\sin nxdx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x)\sin nxdx \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

Let us illustrate how to construct Fourier series of some functions through the following examples. Later on we will observe complex approach on Fourier series representation of functions.

**Example 3.3.1**

Expand the function  $f(x) = x^2, -\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  in Fourier series

To expand  $f$  in Fourier series we use the periodic extension of  $f$ . Since  $f$  is even, then the periodic extension is also an even function. We can observe the graph of  $f$  and its periodic extension below. (Observe also that the periodic extension is also continuous and piecewise smooth)

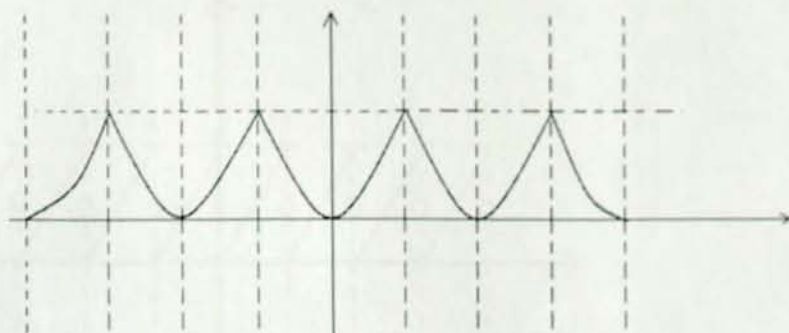


Figure 3.3.1

since the function is even, the Fourier series is a cosine series

we have

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

we get  $a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$  and for the others, using integration by parts, we have

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x^2}{n} \sin nx + \frac{2x}{n^2} \cos nx - \frac{2}{n^3} \sin nx \right]_0^{\pi} = (-1)^n \frac{4}{n^2}$$

the Fourier series of the function  $f$  on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  is given by:

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

### Example 3.3.2

now expand the function  $f(x) = x$ ,  $0 < x < 2\pi$  in Fourier series

in this case the function is neither even nor odd. Now considering the periodic extension of  $f$  (as shown below),

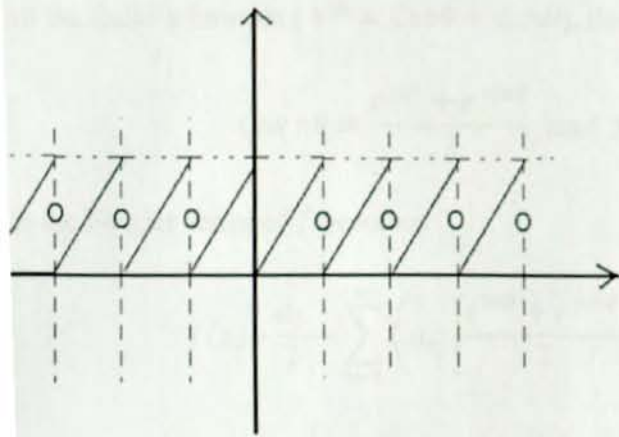


Figure 3.3.2

we can observe that the periodic extension of the function  $f$  is discontinuous, however piecewise smooth.

let us determine the Fourier series of the function. Here since the function is neither even nor odd, we have to compute both  $a_n$  &  $b_n$ . After a sort of integration, we get:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \, dx = 2\pi$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \cos nx \, dx = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ and}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin nx \, dx = \frac{-2}{n}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

the Fourier expansion of the function on the interval  $0 < x < 2\pi$  is thus given by

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

### The complex form of Fourier series of functions

$f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  and the Fourier series of  $f$  is given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \quad (6)$$

From the Euler's formula ( $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ ), then we have

$$\cos n\theta = \frac{e^{in\theta} + e^{-in\theta}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin n\theta = \frac{e^{in\theta} - e^{-in\theta}}{2i}$$

As the Fourier series of  $f$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \left[ \frac{e^{in\theta} + e^{-in\theta}}{2} \right] + b_n \left[ \frac{-ie^{in\theta} + ie^{-in\theta}}{2} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} e^{in\theta} + \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2} e^{-in\theta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

we put

$$c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}, \quad c_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

With this notation, the Fourier series of the function  $f$  can be set in complex form as follows

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} \quad (11)$$

we

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

**Remark**

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the previous series (11) is given by

$$S_m(x) = \sum_{n=-m}^m c_n e^{inx} \quad (12)$$

The convergence of the series in (11) must be understood to mean the existence of the limit as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  of the partial sum (12).

**Example 3.4.1**

Consider a function  $f$  given by  $f(x) = e^x$  on the interval  $-\pi < x < \pi$ . Now let us determine the complex Fourier series of the function.

Using the formula obtained above then the Fourier coefficient of  $f$  is hence given by:

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^x e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{(1-in)x} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{(1-in)x}}{1-in} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{(-1)^n \sin n\pi}{(1-in)\pi}$$

Thus we have

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sin n\pi}{(1-in)\pi} e^{inx}$$

**Fourier series of functions of period  $2l$** 

Consider a function  $f \in L[-l, l]$  and with period  $2l$ .

Let  $x = \frac{lt}{\pi}$  and define a function  $\varphi$  as

$$\varphi(t) = f\left(\frac{lt}{\pi}\right) \quad (13)$$

$$\varphi(t + 2\pi) = f\left(\frac{l(t + 2\pi)}{\pi}\right) = f\left(\frac{lt}{\pi} + 2l\right) = f\left(\frac{lt}{\pi}\right) = \varphi(t)$$

$$\varphi(t + 2\pi) = \varphi(t)$$

Therefore,  $\varphi$  is periodic with period  $2\pi$ , thus the Fourier series of  $\varphi$  is given by

$$\varphi(t) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt \quad (14)$$

here

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \varphi(t) \cos nt dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f\left(\frac{lt}{\pi}\right) \cos nt dt \text{ and}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \varphi(t) \sin nt dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f\left(\frac{lt}{\pi}\right) \sin nt dt$$

or putting  $x = \frac{lt}{\pi}$ , we have  $\frac{1}{l} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} dt$

is

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi}{l} x dx, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{l} x dx, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ and}$$

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{l} x + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{l} x \quad (5)$$

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Note that everything that we have done for the case of period  $2\pi$  is also applicable for the case of period  $2l$ .

For instance, if  $f$  is even, then the Fourier series is cosine series and the coefficients are obtained

$$a_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi}{l} x dx, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ whereas } b_n = 0 \text{ and likewise for odd functions.}$$

Moreover, we can also write the Fourier series of the function in complex form as:

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{\frac{inx}{l}}$$

we

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) e^{-\frac{inx}{l}} dx \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots$$

## SECTION IV

SOME BASIC PRELIMINARY PROPERTIES

have not yet established anything in concern with convergence of at a point  $x$  of the Fourier series of function  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$ .

order to accomplish that, let us now discuss on some basic properties on the Fourier series of functions, especially for those functions belonging in  $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ . First let us begin with the following properties on trigonometry, for which they are very much helpful in representing Fourier series of functions using other approach.

**Dirichlet's kernel****Lemma 4.1.1**

$$1. \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \cos kx = \frac{\sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x}{2\sin\frac{x}{2}}$$

$$2. \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)x = \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right)}{\sin\frac{x}{2}}$$

of

have the trigonometric identity  $\sin(y + a) - \sin(y - a) = 2\cos y \sin a$

$= kx$  and  $a = \frac{x}{2}$ , then we have

$$\sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)x - \sin\left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)x = 2\sin\frac{x}{2}\cos kx$$

adding for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , we get

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

$$\sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x + \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)[1 + \cos x + \cos 2x + \dots + \cos nx]$$

Therefore

$$\sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x = 2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\left[\frac{1}{2} + \cos x + \cos 2x + \dots + \cos nx\right]$$

that means

$$\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \cos kx = \frac{\sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x}{2\sin\frac{x}{2}} \quad (1)$$

Similarly, to show the second trig identity, we have that

$$2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)x = \cos kx - \cos(k + 1)x$$

so

$$2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\sum_{k=0}^{n-1}\sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)x = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1}[\cos kx - \cos(k + 1)x] = 1 - \cos nx = 2\sin^2\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right)$$

hence

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1}\sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right)}{\sin\frac{x}{2}} \quad (2)$$

in order to see if the Fourier series of a function  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  actually converge to the value of some point  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , we must investigate whether or not  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = f(x)$ , where  $S_n(x)$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the Fourier series of  $f$ .

So let us try to express  $S_n(x)$  in a more manageable form, so that we can study the convergence criteria so easily.

$$\begin{aligned} S_n(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \cos kx \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos kt dt + \sin kx \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin kt dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \cos kx \cos kt + \sin kx \sin kt \right] dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \cos(x-t)k \right] dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) D_n(x-t) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

ere using the result of (1)

$$D_n(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \cos kt = \frac{\sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{2\sin \frac{t}{2}}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty \quad (3)$$

ere at  $t = 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  the value  $D_n(t) = n + \frac{1}{2}$  ),

**Definition 4.1.1 [Dirichlet's kernel]**

call  $D_n$  in (3) to be the *Dirichlet's kernel*.

put  $u = x - t$ , then we get

$$S_n(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{x-\pi}^{x+\pi} f(x-u) D_n(u) du$$

both  $f$  and  $D_n$  are periodic with period  $2\pi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x-u) D_n(u) du = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 f(x-u) D_n(u) du + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x-u) D_n(u) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x+t) D_n(t) dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x-t) D_n(t) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [f(x+t) + f(x-t)] D_n(t) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

ing  $f(x) = 1$ , we have  $a_0 = 2, a_k = b_k = 0, k = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

$$S_n(x) = 1, \text{ for all } n$$

$$1 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} D_n(t) dt$$

Therefore for any arbitrary  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$

$$S_n(x) - f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [f(x+t) + f(x-t)] D_n(t) dt - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) D_n(t) dt$$

conclude that the Fourier series of  $f$  at  $x$  will converge to  $f(x)$  if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) - f(x)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} - f(x) \right] D_n(t) dt = 0 \quad (4)$$

### Fejèr's kernel

to again to see the Fourier series of a function  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  is  $(C, 1)$  summable at  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , we must investigate that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n(x) = f(x)$$

$$\delta_n(x) = \frac{S_0(x) + S_1(x) + \dots + S_{n-1}(x)}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} S_k(x)$$

here using the previous result of Dirichlet's kernel, we have

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [f(x+t) + f(x-t)] D_k(t) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [f(x+t) + f(x-t)] \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_k(t) dt$$

putting

$$K_n(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_k(t) = \frac{1}{2n \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)t$$

using (2) from the trigonometric identities discussed earlier,

$$K_n(t) = \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{nt}{2}\right)}{2n\sin\frac{t}{2}} \quad (5)$$

**Definition 4.2.1**

Call  $K_n(t)$  in (5) to be the Fejèr's kernel.

Take  $f(x) = 1$ , then  $S_0(x) = S_1(x) = \dots = S_{n-1}(x) = 1$

$$1 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi K_n(t) dt$$

Therefore

$$\delta_n(x) - f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} - f(x) \right] K_n(t) dt$$

$f$  is  $(C, 1)$  summable at  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$  if and only if

$$\delta_n(x) - f(x)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} - f(x) \right] K_n(t) dt = 0 \quad (6)$$

**Theorem 4.2.1**

$L[-\pi, \pi]$  and if  $f$  is continuous at  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , then  $f$  is  $(C, 1)$  summable.

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then to prove the statement we need to find  $N$  such that

$$|\delta_n(x) - f(x)| = \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} - f(x) \right] K_n(t) dt \right| < \varepsilon, n \geq N$$

Since  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ , then there exist  $\delta > 0$ , for  $0 < \delta < \pi$  such that

$$|f(y) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \text{on } |y - x| < \delta$$

hence for  $0 \leq t < \delta$

$$\left| \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} |f(x+t) - f(x)| + |f(x-t) - f(x)|$$

$$\left| \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right| = \epsilon \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

hence we have

$$\left| \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\delta \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)}{2} \right] K_n(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\delta K_n(t) dt < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$\geq \delta$ , then  $K_n(t) \leq \frac{1}{2n \sin^2(\frac{\delta}{2})}$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)}{2} \right] K_n(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \frac{2}{4n\pi \sin^2\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)} \int_\delta^\pi |f(x+t)| + |f(x-t)| + 2|f(x)| dt \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

hence for some  $N$  natural number

$$\left| \frac{2}{\pi} \int_\delta^\pi \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)}{2} \right] K_n(t) dt \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \text{for } n \geq N$$

hence

$$\left| \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)}{2} \right] K_n(t) dt \right| < \epsilon$$

hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n(x) - f(x) = 0$$

hence  $f$  is  $(C, 1)$  summable  $x$ .

Some basic theories in  $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ 

In this subtopic, some basic theories with regard to the Fourier series of functions which are integrable on the indicated interval will be discussed. The results of these theories are so helpful in proving the basic criterion for the convergence of Fourier series.

**Theorem 4.3.1**

If  $f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$  and  $T_n$  be any trigonometric polynomial of degree  $n$ , then  $\|f - S_n\| \leq \|f - T_n\|$ , where  $S_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the Fourier series of  $f$ .

Proof

$$T_n = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n [A_k \cos kt + B_k \sin kt]$$

$$J = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(t) - T_n(t)]^2 dt$$

Here we need to show that  $J$  is minimum when  $T_n = S_n$

Now this, we have

$$J = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(t)]^2 dt - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) T_n(t) dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [T_n(t)]^2 dt \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) T_n(t) dt = \frac{A_0}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_k}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos kt dt + \frac{B_k}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin kt dt$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) T_n(t) dt = A_0 a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n A_k a_k + B_k b_k \quad (8)$$

the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [T_n(t)]^2 dt &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[ A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n [A_k \cos kt + B_k \sin kt] \right]^2 dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{ A_0^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n A_0 A_k \cos kt + \sum_{k=1}^n A_0 B_k \sin kt + \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^2 \cos^2 kt + \\
 &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^n B_k^2 \sin^2 kt + \sum_{k=1}^n A_k B_k \cos kt \sin kt + \sum_{p \neq q} B_p B_q \sin pt \sin qt \\
 &\quad + \sum_{p \neq q} A_p A_q \cos pt \cos qt \} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_0^2 dt + \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^2 \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 kt dt + \sum_{k=1}^n B_k^2 \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 kt dt \\
 &= 2A_0^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^2 + B_k^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [T_n(t)]^2 dt = 2A_0^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^2 + B_k^2 \tag{9}$$

substituting (2) & (3) in to (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(t)]^2 dt - 2A_0 a_0 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n A_k a_k + B_k b_k + 2A_0^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^2 + B_k^2 \\
 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(t)]^2 dt + \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2] - \frac{a_0^2}{2} - \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2] \\
 - 2A_0 a_0 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n [A_k a_k + B_k b_k] + 2A_0^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n [A_k^2 + B_k^2] \\
 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(t)]^2 dt - \left( \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2] \right)^2 + \left\{ 2 \left( A_0 - \frac{a_0}{2} \right)^2 \right. \\
 \left. + \sum_{k=1}^n [(A_k - a_k)^2 + (B_k - b_k)^2] \right\} \tag{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

value in the brace is always non negative. Hence  $J$  will be minimum when  $A_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}$ ,  $A_k =$   
and  $B_k = b_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

ther words  $T_n = S_n$ .

the following corollary result is very important in proving the basic Riemann Lebesgue  
rem which comes soon.

**Corollary 4.3.1 [The Bessel's Inequality]**

$f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ , with the Fourier coefficient  $\{A_k\}$  and  $\{B_k\}$ , then

$$\sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2] \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(t)]^2 dt$$

f

$= \frac{a_0}{2}$ ,  $A_k = a_k$  and  $B_k = b_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  in (4), we obtain

$$J = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f - S_n)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 - \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2]$$

the integral on the left is non negative.

we obtain that

$$\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2] \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(t)]^2 dt$$

this results the proof of the Bessel's inequality

over from this well known Bessel's inequality we say that if  $f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ , then  
atically

$$\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2] < \infty$$

next let us prove the converse of the Bessel's inequality with the following theorem.

**orem 4.3.2 [Converse of the Bessel's inequality]**

$\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  are arbitrary sequence of real numbers such then,  $\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2] < \infty$ , there exist  $f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ , such that  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  are precisely its Fourier coefficients.

**f**

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define a trigonometric polynomial of order  $n$  by  $S_n$

$$S_n(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cos kt + b_k \sin kt$$

for  $m < n$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [S_n - S_m]^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[ \sum_{k=m+1}^n a_k \cos kt + b_k \sin kt \right]^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \|S_n - S_m\|^2 = \sum_{k=m+1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2]$$

letting  $m$  very large, the sequence  $\{S_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ . However since  $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$  is a complete by the Riesz-Fischer, hence there exist  $f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|S_n - f\| = 0$$

we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S_n(t) \cos jt \, dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos jt \, dt = a_j$$

$$a_j = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos jt \, dt$$

Since  $a_j$  is the Fourier coefficient of  $f$  and similarly for  $b_j$ .

Now before we come to the basic The Riemann Lebesgue theorem, it would be necessary the following important lemma.

**Lemma 4.3.1**

Let  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$ , then for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist a bounded and measurable function  $g$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , such that  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - g(x)| dx < \epsilon$

Proof

Now we need to follow to cases:

1:

Let  $f$  be non negative valued such that  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$ , then by definition

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} {}^n f = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f, \text{ where } {}^n f = \min \{f(x), 0\}$$

given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist  $N=N(\epsilon)$  such that  $|\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} {}^n f| < \epsilon$  for  $n \geq N$ .

Let  $g = {}^N f$  which is measurable and bounded and moreover

ever since  $g \geq 0$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Thus

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - g(x)| dx < \epsilon$$

2:

Let  $f$  be any arbitrary function such that  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$ . Putting

$$f = f^+ - f^- \text{ Where } f^+, f^- \in L[-\pi, \pi]$$

nce by the previous step there are bounded and measurable functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  such that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - g_1(x)| dx < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ and } \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - g_2(x)| dx < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

we now  $g = g_1 - g_2$  which is bounded and measurable on  $[-\pi, \pi]$

have

$$|f - g| = |(f^+ - f^-) - (g_1 - g_2)| = |(f^+ - g_1) + ((-f^- + g_2))| \leq |f^+ - g_1| + |f^- - g_2|$$

we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f - g| \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f^+ - g_1| + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f^- - g_2| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

**orem 4.3.3 [The Riemann Lebesgue theorem]**

$f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  and  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  are Fourier coefficients of  $f$ , then

$$a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = 0$$

**f**

$\epsilon > 0$ , then from the given information about  $f$ , we have  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx < \infty$ , then there exist a bounded and measurable function  $g$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  such that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - g(x)| dx < \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} \text{ (Using the above lemma)}$$

we have  $f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ , since  $g$  is bounded and measurable.

$\Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [A_k^2 + B_k^2] < \infty,$$

Considering  $\{A_k\}$  and  $\{B_k\}$  are Fourier coefficients of  $g$ .

at means

$$A_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(t) \cos kt dt \quad \text{and} \quad B_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(t) \sin kt dt$$

never since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k^2 < \infty$ , then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k = 0$$

there exist  $N > 0$ , such that  $|A_k| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  for  $k \geq N$

for any  $k$ , we have

$$|a_k - A_k| = \left| \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(t) - g(t)| \cos kt dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(t) - g(t)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

efore

$$|a_k - A_k| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \text{ for } k > N$$

put

$$a_k = (a_k - A_k) + A_k$$

$$|a_k| = |(a_k - A_k) + A_k| \leq |a_k - A_k| + |A_k| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \text{ for } k \geq N$$

e

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$$

arly we can also show for  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = 0$

**Corollary 4.3.3**

If  $\varphi \in L[0, \pi]$ , then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\pi \varphi(t) \sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)t dt = 0$

of

we

$$\varphi(t) = 0 \text{ for } -\pi \leq t \leq 0$$

and  $\varphi(t) \in L[-\pi, \pi]$

we

$$\sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)t = \sin kt \cos \frac{t}{2} + \cos kt \sin \frac{t}{2}$$

then have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \varphi(t) \sin\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)t dt = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[\varphi(t) \cos \frac{t}{2}\right] \sin kt dt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[\varphi(t) \sin \frac{t}{2}\right] \cos kt dt$$

Since  $\varphi(t) \cos \frac{t}{2}$  and  $\varphi(t) \sin \frac{t}{2}$  are functions in  $L[-\pi, \pi]$

by the Riemann Lebesgue theorem above the integrals on the right approach to 0 as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

**Corollary 4.3.4**

If  $f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ , then the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the Fourier series of  $f$ , that is  $S_n$  converges to  $f$  in the norm in  $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ .

For  $f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ , from real analysis, we have a continuous function  $f^*$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  such

$$f^*(-\pi) = f^*(\pi) \text{ and moreover } \|f - f^*\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Since  $f^*$  is continuous, then the Cesaro's partial sum  $\{\delta_n^*\}$  of the function  $f^*$  converges uniformly.

nce we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\delta_n^* - f^*\| = 0$$

ere here  $\delta_n^* = \frac{S_0^* + S_1^* + \dots + S_{n-1}^*}{n}$ , and  $S_n^*$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the Fourier series of the function  $f^*$ .

s now, there exist  $N$ , for the selected  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$\|\delta_{n+1}^* - f^*\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ for } n \geq N$$

s for this  $N$ , we have

$$\|f - f^*\| + \|\delta_{n+1}^* - f^*\| < \varepsilon$$

ce

$$\|f - \delta_{n+1}^*\| < \varepsilon$$

$\|f - S_n\| < \varepsilon$ , since  $\delta_{n+1}^*$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  order trigonometric polynomial and hence by theorem 4.3.1

efore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - S_n\| = 0$$

### llary 4.3.2 [The parseval's Equation]

unction  $f \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ , then  $\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k^2 + b_k^2] = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(t)]^2 dt$

where  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  are the Fourier coefficients of  $f$ .

To illustrate the proof, from the construction of the proof of theorem 4.3.1, we have

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f - S_n)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2 - \left( \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + b_k^2 \right)$$

by the previous theorem since  $\|f - S_n\| \rightarrow 0$ , then we have

$$\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k^2 + b_k^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2(x) dx$$

### Example 4.3.1

Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{4}$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Now let us justify  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$  using the Parseval's equation.

The Fourier series of the function is given by the form

$$f(x) \sim \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos k\pi}{k^2} \cos kx$$

By the Parseval's equation,  $\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k^2 + b_k^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2(x) dx$

$$\text{we have } \frac{\pi^4}{72} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{40}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}, \text{ thus the result.}$$

## SECTION V

CONVERGENCE OF FOURIER SERIES OF FUNCTION

We have not yet established anything about the convergence at a point  $x$  of the Fourier series of a function  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$

The condition which is sufficient for the convergence that shall be given involve the existence of left and right hand limits and the existence of the generalized left and right hand derivatives at  $x$ .

Now let us get started with discussing on the following notations and definitions.

**Notations and Definitions****Limitation**

For any real valued function  $f$  on  $R$ , we denote the left and right hand limits for  $x \in R$ , as:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x^-} f(t) = f(x^-) \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow x^+} f(t) = f(x^+)$$

respectively, provided that the limit exists.

We say that, we say the function has jump discontinuity at a point provided that two limits exist and are not equal. On the other hand the function is continuous at the point provided that they are equal.

**Definition 5.1.1 [Generalized left and right hand derivatives]**

Let  $f$  be a real valued function and  $x \in R$  such that  $f(x^+)$  exists, then we define the generalized right hand derivative of  $f$  at  $x$  as

$$f'_r(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x^+} \frac{f(t) - f(x^+)}{t - x} \quad (1)$$

provided that this limit exists.

Similarly with the existence of  $f(x-)$ , we define the generalized left hand derivative of  $f$  at  $x$

$$f'_l(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x^-} \frac{f(t) - f(x-)}{t - x} \quad (2)$$

provided that the limit exists.

Using the substitution  $h = t - x$ , (1) and (2) can be rewritten as

$$f'_r(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(h+x) - f(x+)}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad f'_l(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(h+x) - f(x-)}{h}$$

### Example 5.1.1

Consider the function  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t+1 & t > 1 \\ 17 & t = 1 \\ 3t^2 & t < 1 \end{cases}$

$f(1+) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} t + 1 = 2$  and

$f(1-) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} 3t^2 = 3$

both  $f(1+)$  and  $f(1-)$  exist

$f'_r(1) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(t) - f(1+)}{t - 1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{t+1-2}{t-1} = 1$  and moreover

$$f'_l(1) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(t) - f(1-)}{t - 1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{3t^2 - 3}{t - 1} = 6$$

Notice that in the above example both  $f'_r(1)$  and  $f'_l(1)$  exist at  $x = 1$  but  $f$  is not left and right continuous at  $x = 1$ . Thus  $f$  does not have an ordinary derivative at the point.

### Sufficient condition for the convergence of Fourier series of function at a point

The following basic theorem and its proof give us brief criteria for the convergence of Fourier series of function at a point.

#### Theorem 5.2.1

Let  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$  and  $x$  be any point in  $[-\pi, \pi]$

if  $f(x+)$  and  $f(x-)$  exist

$$f(x) = \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} \text{ and}$$

if  $f'_r(x)$  and  $f'_l(x)$  exist,

then the Fourier series of  $f$  at  $x$  will converge to  $f(x)$ .

Notice that, if  $x = \pm\pi$ , then  $f(x+)$  and  $f(x-)$  are computed from the periodic extension function  $f$  (see chapter 2.2).

To prove this from the Dirichlet's kernel approach (see chapter 4.1). The Fourier series at  $x$  converge to  $f(x)$  provide that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [S_n(x) - f(x)] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} - f(x) \right] D_n(t) dt = 0$$

$$D_n(t) = \frac{\sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{2\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

In view of (ii), from the hypotheses, we have to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \{[f(x+t) - f(x+)] + [f(x-t) - f(x-)]\} D_n(t) dt = 0$$

imply

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \varphi(t) \sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) t dt = 0$$

re

$$\varphi(t) = \{[f(x+t) - f(x+)] + [f(x-t) - f(x-)]\} \frac{1}{2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)} \quad 0 < t \leq \pi$$

writing

$$\varphi(t) = \left[ \frac{f(x+t) - f(x+)}{t} + \frac{f(x-t) - f(x-)}{t} \right] \frac{t}{2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)}$$

ee that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi(t) = f'_r(x) - f'_l(x)$$

$\varphi$  is bounded on the interval  $(0, \delta]$  for some  $\delta > 0$ .

$\varphi \in L[0, \delta]$ .

over, since  $f \in [-\pi, \pi]$  and  $\frac{1}{2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)}$  is bounded on  $[\delta, \pi]$ , then  $\varphi \in L[\delta, \pi]$ ,

fore  $\varphi \in L[0, \pi]$

by the corollary 4.3.3 of the Riemann Lebesgue theorem we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \varphi(t) \sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) t dt = 0$$

ce the statement is precisely satisfied. That means the Fourier series of the function  $f$  at  $x$  converges to the value  $f(x)$ .

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ally we have proved a little more than we have stated in the theorem stated above. The theorem only states that if  $f(x+), f(x-), f'_r(x)$  &  $f'_l(x)$  exist and  $f(x) = \frac{f(x+)+f(x-)}{2}$ , then the Fourier series of  $f$  given as

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx = f(x) = \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} \quad (3)$$

ever, the value of  $f$  at a single point does not affect  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  in (3). Hence it does not affect the series in (3). Thus can necessarily put (3) provided that  $f(x) \neq \frac{f(x+)+f(x-)}{2}$ .

ally we state the following corollary as follows.

### Corollary 5.2.1

Let  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$ , and let  $x$  be any point in  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . If  $f(x+), f(x-), f'_r(x)$  &  $f'_l(x)$ , then the Fourier series of  $f$  at  $x$  converges to the value  $\frac{f(x+)+f(x-)}{2}$

means  $\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx = f(x) = \frac{f(x+)+f(x-)}{2}$

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From the previous theorem, one can understand the following basic results

Let  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$ , then at every continuity point of  $f$ , where the left and right hand derivatives exist, then the Fourier series of  $f$  converges to value of  $f(x)$ . In particular, this is true at every point where  $f(x)$  has derivative.

Let  $f \in L[-\pi, \pi]$ , then at every point of discontinuity, where the left and right hand side derivative exist, then the Fourier series of  $f$  converges to the value  $\frac{f(x+)+f(x-)}{2}$

## Example 5.2.1

Consider the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{\pi}{4} & -\pi < x < 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{4} & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$

for this function the Fourier series of  $f$  is given by

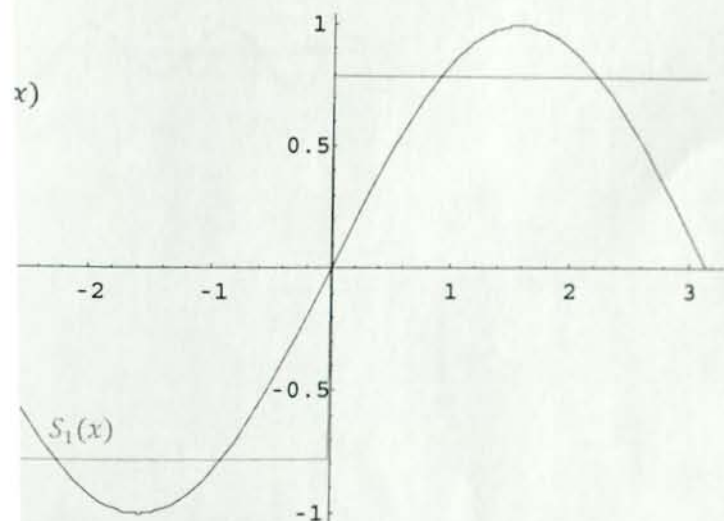
$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1}$$

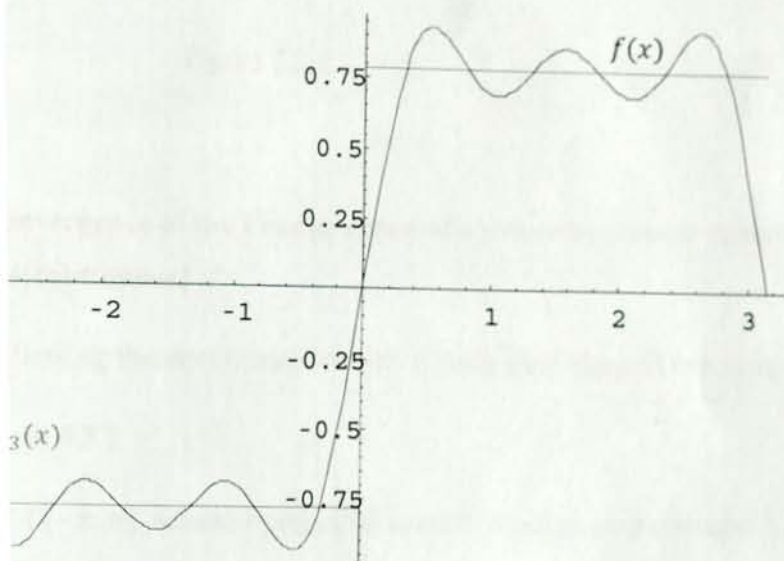
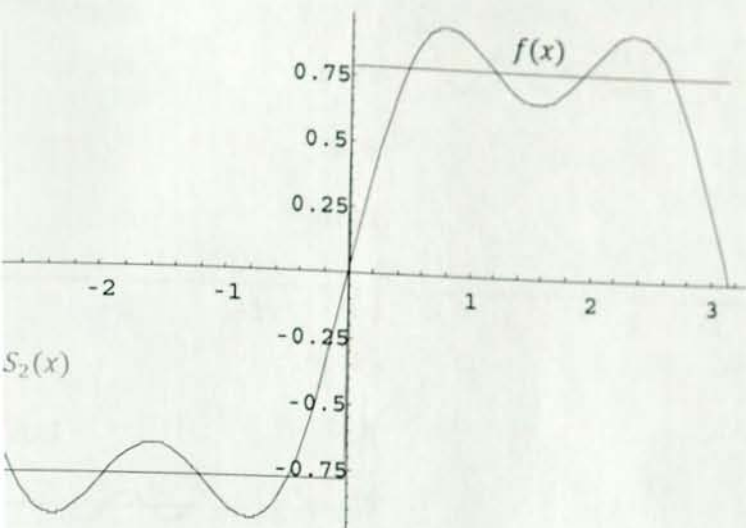
Clearly  $f$  is continuous except at  $x = 0$ . Moreover at  $x = 0$   $f(0) = \frac{f(0+) + f(0-)}{2}$ . Thus by previous remarks then the Fourier series of the function converge to the value of the function at  $x$  in the indicated interval.

In words

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1} \text{ on } -\pi < x < \pi$$

Here are some of the pictures of the Fourier series of the function and the graph of the function in the indicated interval.





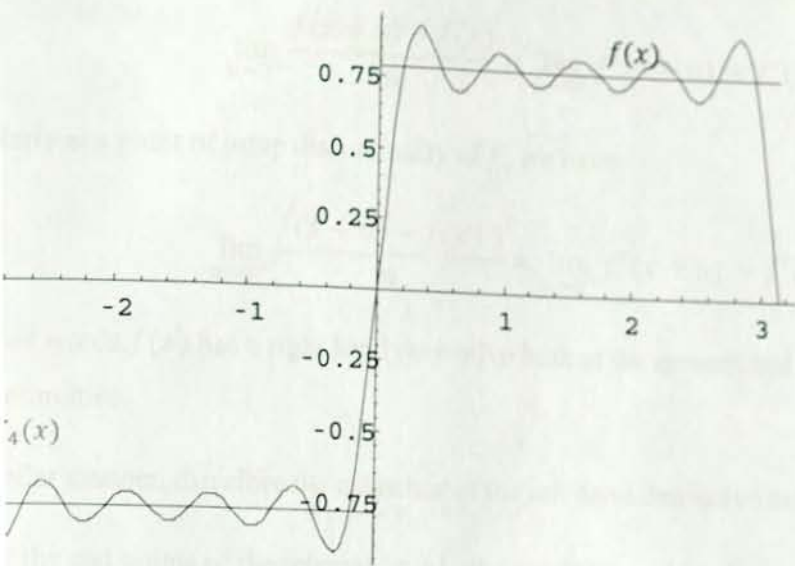


Figure 5.2.2

**Convergence of the Fourier series of a piecewise smooth function [Continuous or discontinuous]**

Following theorem is an automatic consequence the previous remarks.

**em 5.3.1**

$L[-\pi, \pi]$ , which is piecewise smooth function on the interval  $[a, b]$ , then for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , Fourier series of  $f$ , converge to  $f(x)$  at the point of continuity and to the value of  $\frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2}$  at point of discontinuity. And the convergence may fail at  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ .

orem is a simple consequence of the fact that a piecewise smooth function on  $[a, b]$  must left and right hand derivative for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . So we need to apply the previous two ; then after.

obvious at the point where  $f(x)$  has a derivative.

orners of  $f(x)$ , We use the L'Hopital's rule.

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+u) - f(x)}{u} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} f'(x+u) = f'(x)$$

larly at a point of jump discontinuity of  $f$ , we have

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+u) - f(x)}{u} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} f'(x+u) = f'(x)$$

er words,  $f(x)$  has a right hand derivative both at the corners and at a point of jump discontinuities.

ilar manner, therefore the existence of the left hand derivative can also be too.

r the end points of the interval  $[a, b]$ , the conditions of the theorem implies only that the and derivative at  $x = a$  and left hand derivative at  $x = b$ . Therefore the criterions of the us remark at these points are not fully assured.

ver, if the interval  $[a, b]$  is of length  $2\pi$ , then  $f(x)$  is piecewise smooth on the whole of  $x$ - since  $f(x)$  is periodic. Hence in that case the Fourier series converges everywhere to the of  $f$  on the whole  $x$ -axis.

### **bsolute and Uniform convergence of the Fourier series of a continuous piecewise smooth function of period $2\pi$**

ext let us discuss on the issue of the absolute and uniform convergence of the Fourier or the case of a continuous function  $f$  with the following theorem.

#### **em 5.4.1**

e continuous piecewise smooth function on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

} and  $\{b_n\}$  are the Fourier coefficients of  $f$ .

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) < \infty$$

s continuous piecewise smooth function on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , then  $f'(x)$  exists ere except at the corners of  $f(x)$ , and is bounded function.

before applying the integration by parts, we have

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

$$= \frac{1}{n\pi} [f(x) \sin nx]_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \sin nx \, dx$$

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

$$= -\frac{1}{n\pi} [f(x) \cos nx]_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \cos nx \, dx$$

the values in the brace of the two expressions vanish.

if we put  $a'_n$  and  $b'_n$  as Fourier coefficients of  $f'(x)$ , which is square integrable as it is led, then we have

$$a_n = -\frac{b'_n}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{a'_n}{n} \tag{4}$$

$f' \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$ , then by the Bessel's inequality we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n'^2 + b_n'^2 < \infty$$

ever since

$$\left(a_n' - \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = a_n'^2 - \frac{2|a_n'|}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(|b_n'| - \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = b_n'^2 - \frac{2|b_n'|}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \geq 0$$

we

$$\frac{|a_n'| + |b_n'|}{n} \leq \frac{1}{2}(a_n'^2 + b_n'^2) + \frac{1}{n^2} \tag{5}$$

since the right hand side is the general term of a convergent series, then the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n'| + |b_n'|}{n} < \infty \tag{6}$$

using (4) and (6) for any continuous piecewise smooth function

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| + |b_n| < \infty$$

let us consider a trigonometric series of the form

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

which is not assumed to be the Fourier series of any function, and then we have the following theorem.

#### Theorem 5.4.2

If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| + |b_n|$  converges, then the series converges absolutely and uniformly and is the Fourier series of a function.

Now that

$$|a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx| \leq |a_n \cos nx| + |b_n \sin nx| \leq |a_n| + |b_n|$$

the terms of the trigonometric series do not exceed the term of the convergent series.

By the Weierstrass M-test, we can see that, the associated trigonometric series converges uniformly.

By our previous justification (Theorem 3.1.1 of chapter 3.1), the series is the Fourier series and converges uniformly and absolutely.

#### Theorem 5.4.1

The Fourier series of a continuous piecewise smooth function  $f$  on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  converges to  $f(x)$  uniformly and absolutely.

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proof of this corollary is an automatic consequence of the previous two theorems.

**Example 5.4.1**

Consider the function  $f(x) = |x|$  on  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2k-1)x}{(2k-1)^2}$$

Consider the sequence of functions  $u_k(x) = \frac{\cos(2k-1)x}{(2k-1)^2}$  on  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

$$\text{Observe that } |u_k(x)| = \left| \frac{\cos(2k-1)x}{(2k-1)^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2}$$

$$\text{Consider } M_k = \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} < \infty \quad (p\text{-series})$$

By the Weierstrass M-test  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2k-1)x}{(2k-1)^2}$  converges uniformly.

Therefore  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2k-1)x}{(2k-1)^2}$  converges to  $f(x)$  uniformly on the indicated interval.

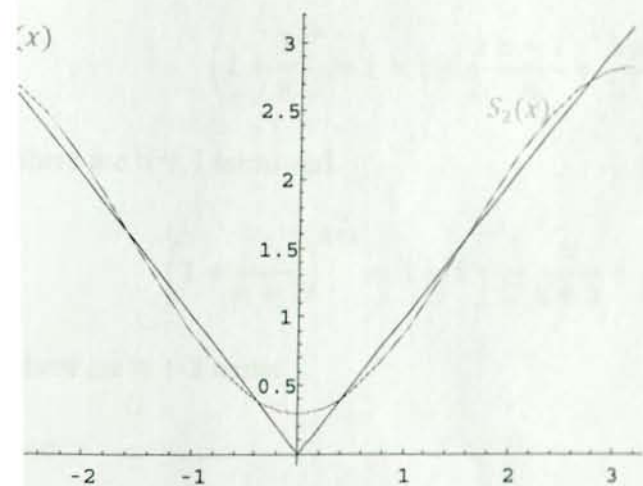


Figure 5.4.1

## SECTION VI

THE EXISTANCE OF A CONTINUOUS FUNCTION WHOSE FOURIER SERIES  
DIVERGES

## Some preliminaries

The aim of this report is to produce a continuous function at a point and show that the corresponding Fourier series diverges at that point. In order to make a suitable condition for the construction of the Fourier series for continuous function which diverges at a point, the following results are necessary.

We are now building the necessary tools for the construction of our counter example.

## Lemma 6.1.1

The sequence  $\left\{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right\}$  is increasing whereas  $\left\{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}\right\}$  is decreasing.

We show only for the 1<sup>st</sup>, and the second one can be done in similar ways.

By the Binomial theorem, we have

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

There are  $n + 1$  terms and

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

There are  $n + 2$  terms

since

$$\frac{k}{n} < \frac{k+1}{n+1}, \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$$

shows that each term after the first two in the expression of  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}$  exceeds the corresponding terms in the expression of  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$ . Moreover there is a positive term leftover in expansion of  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}$$

∴ the sequence  $\left\{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right\}$  is increasing.

### Lemma 6.1.2

$$\frac{1}{n+1} < \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) < \frac{1}{n}$$

From the result of the previous lemma,

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < e \text{ and } \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1} > e$$

Combining the two

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < e < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}$$

Taking  $\ln$  on both sides, we get

$$n \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) < 1 < (n+1) \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\text{∴ } \frac{1}{n+1} < \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) < \frac{1}{n}$$

## Lemma 6.1.3

Harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges

Proof

By lemma 6.1.2, we have  $\frac{1}{n} > \ln\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)$

So  $1 > \ln 2$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} > \ln \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3} > \ln \frac{4}{3}$ , ...

This implies

$$x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} > \ln 2 + \ln \frac{3}{2} + \ln \frac{4}{3} + \dots + \ln\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)$$

$$x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} > \ln(n+1)$$

which means

$$\ln(n+1) < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} = x_n \quad (1)$$

Since the sequence on the left is divergent hence, then the sequence on the right side is divergent

which means, the Harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges.

As the next lemma, which has the most important use to the construction of a continuous function whose Fourier series diverges.

The first part of the lemma is on uniform boundedness of a certain function which depends on  $x$ . Whereas the second part of it is simply responsible to change the form of a function in convenient one.

Lemma 6.1.4

$2 \sin mx \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k}$  is uniformly bounded and is independent of  $x$  and the integers  $m$  and  $n$

$$2 \sin mx \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k} = \frac{\cos(m-n)x}{n} + \frac{\cos(m-n+1)x}{n-1} + \dots + \frac{\cos(m-1)x}{1} \\ - \frac{\cos(m+1)x}{1} - \dots - \frac{\cos(m+n)x}{n}$$

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Now that  $2 \sin mx \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k}$  is uniformly bounded, it is sufficient to show that  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k}$  is uniformly bounded

$$S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k} \text{ at a point } x, 0 < x \leq \pi$$

Consider

$$V = \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right], \text{ that means } V \text{ is the greatest integer such that } V \leq \frac{1}{x} < V + 1$$

Using the inequality  $|\sin x| \leq |x|$ , we have

$\leq V$

$$|S_n(x)| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k} \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{kx}{k} = nx \leq Vx \leq 1 \quad (2)$$

$\cdot V$

From the result in (2), we obtain that

$$|S_n(x)| \leq |S_V(x)| + \left| \sum_{k=V+1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k} \right| \leq 1 + \frac{1}{V+1} \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \quad (3)$$

The last inequality is obtained using the property that

$$|\sum_{k=m}^n \tau_k \text{Sink}x| \leq \frac{\tau_m}{\text{Sin}(\frac{x}{2})} \text{ Where } \tau_k \xrightarrow{\text{decrease}} 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \quad (4)$$

can be justified as

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_k \text{Sink}x \text{ Sin}(\frac{x}{2}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \sum_{k=m}^n \tau_k \left[ \text{Cos}\left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)x - \text{Cos}\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)x \right] \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \tau_m \text{Cos}\left(m - \frac{1}{2}\right)x + \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (\tau_{k+1} - \tau_k) \text{Cos}\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)x - \tau_n \text{Cos}\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\tau_m + \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (\tau_k - \tau_{k+1}) + \tau_n) = \tau_m \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \sum_{k=m}^n \tau_k \text{Sink}x \right| \leq \frac{\tau_m}{\text{Sin}(\frac{x}{2})}$$

since the function  $\text{Sin } t$  is concave on  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

we  $\text{Sin } t \geq \frac{2}{\pi} t$  on  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$(V + 1) \text{Sin}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \geq (V + 1) \frac{x}{\pi} \geq \frac{1}{\pi}, \text{ on } 0 < x \leq \pi \quad (5)$$

by (4) and (5)

$$|S_n(x)| \leq 1 + \pi = K \text{ for } n \in \mathbf{N} \text{ and } 0 < x \leq \pi$$

since  $S_n(x)$  is an odd function and of period  $2\pi$  and furthermore  $S_n(0) = 0$ , we have  $|S_n(x)| \leq K$  for each  $x \in \mathbf{R}$

we

$$\left| 2 \text{Sin } mx \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\text{Sink}x}{k} \right| \leq 2K \quad (6)$$

the uniform boundedness of  $2 \sin mx \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k}$  is true. And moreover the expression is independent of  $x, m$  and  $n$

lastly let us prove the trigonometric identity.

can put

$$\begin{aligned} \sin mx \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k} &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2 \sin mx \sin kx}{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} [\cos(m-k)x - \cos(m+k)x] \\ &= \frac{\cos(m-n)x}{n} + \frac{\cos(m-n+1)x}{n-1} + \dots + \frac{\cos(m-1)x}{1} \\ &\quad - \frac{\cos(m+1)x}{1} - \dots - \frac{\cos(m+n)x}{n} \end{aligned}$$

at this moment we are ready to describe a continuous function where the Fourier series converges for a given value of  $x$ .

### Du Bois Raymond's example of a continuous function with divergent Fourier series

In the preceding section we obtained some very general conditions which assure that a function is equal to the sum of its Fourier series. The question arises if every function or at least every continuous function is the sum of its Fourier series.

In 1875, Du Bois Raymond found a function of period  $2\pi$  and continuous everywhere, but whose Fourier series diverges at a point and thus does not represent function there. Afterwards, several other authors found more such examples. But we shall now give an example which is issued by Fejér.

Let  $m$  and  $n$  be positive integers and define

$$S(x, m, n) = 2 \sin mx \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin kx}{k}$$

ce by the previous lemma result, we have

$$S(x, m, n) = \frac{\cos(m-n)x}{n} + \frac{\cos(m-n+1)x}{n-1} + \dots + \frac{\cos(m-1)x}{1} - \frac{\cos(m+1)x}{1} - \dots - \frac{\cos(m+n)x}{n} \quad (7)$$

also the function  $S(x, m, n)$  is uniformly bounded. That is there exist  $M_1 > 0$  such that

$$|S(x, m, n)| < M_1 \text{ for each } x, m \text{ and } n$$

in the expression in (7), the sum of the first  $n$  terms of  $S(0, m, n)$  is

$$\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n-1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2} + 1$$

by (1), we can assign

$$\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n-1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2} + 1 > \ln n \quad (8)$$

we consider the following three conditions

A positive sequence  $\{a_k\}$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k < \infty$

A positive sequence  $\{n_k\}$  such that  $a_k \ln n_k$

does not converge to zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

A positive  $\{m_k\}$  such that sequence

$$m_k + n_k < m_{k+1} - n_{k+1} \quad k = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

let us consider the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k S(x, m_k, n_k) \quad (9)$$

we observe that

$$|S(x, m_k, n_k)| < a_k M_1$$

by the Weierstrass M-test the series in (9) converges uniformly.

before since each terms of the sequence  $\{a_k S(x, m_k, n_k)\}$  is continuous, then series (9) converges to the continuous limit function, say  $f$ . Here the continuity is on the whole of  $\mathbf{R}$ , and at 0.

let us discuss a little bit about the Fourier series of the function  $f$ .

the cosine polynomials

$S(x, m, n)$  is an even function and has period  $2\pi$ . Thus the Fourier series of  $f$  is a pure cosine series. Hence

$$f(x) \sim \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m \cos mx \tag{10}$$

From the uniform convergence of series in (9), and term-by-term integration is possible, we

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos mx dx &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k S(x, m_k, n_k) \cos mx dx \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S(x, m_k, n_k) \cos mx dx \end{aligned}$$

Considering  $S$ 's as being cosine polynomial and using the some auxiliary integrals defined in section 2.5,

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S(x, m_k, n_k) \cos mx dx$$

is equal to the coefficient of  $\cos mx$  in  $S(x, m_k, n_k)$  and is zero if no such term occurs in  $S(x, m_k, n_k)$ .

From condition (3) above, two polynomials  $S(x, m_k, n_k)$  with different subscript can not contain the same  $\cos mx$ .

we obtain the Fourier series of  $f$  by writing out the terms of each cosine polynomial in and multiplying by the corresponding coefficients  $A_m$ . In other words (9) is nothing but the series of the function  $f$ .

Let us display out that this Fourier series is divergent at the point  $x = 0$ .

Let  $S_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the Fourier series (9). That means the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the series of (9). Hence using the result in (8), we have

$$|S_{m_k} - S_{m_{k-1}}(0)| = a_k \left( \frac{1}{n_k} + \frac{1}{n_{k-1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{1} \right) > a_k \ln n_k \quad (11)$$

Under the condition (2), we know that the sequence  $\{a_k \ln n_k\}$  does not converge to zero (though  $m_k, m_{k-1} - n_{k-1} \rightarrow \infty$ ). Hence the sequence  $\{S_n(0)\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. Thus the Fourier series does not converge. That means it diverges at zero.

We have constructed a function, in which it is continuous at a point, however its Fourier series is divergent.

### Example 6.2.1

Let the sequences  $a_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$ ,  $n_k = 2^{k^2}$  and  $m_k = n_k + 2^{k^3}$

satisfy the conditions 1 up to 3 listed above. For the sake of convenience

$$\frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} < \infty$$

$$n_k = \frac{1}{k^2} \ln 2^{k^2} = \ln 2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$m_k - n_k = 2^{k^2+1} + 2^{k^3} < 2^{(k+1)^3} = m_{k+1} - n_{k+1}$$

Therefore it implies the divergence at 0 of the Fourier series of the function which is continuous at 0, where it is defined in the form (9) above.

We have constructed a continuous function  $f$  at  $x = 0$  and yet the Fourier series diverges

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