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Fourier Series:

Idea: write a function  $f(x)$  as a sum of sines and cosine

Compare power series = write  $f(x)$  as a sum of powers of  $x, x^2, x^3, \dots$

Why?  $y = \sin(\omega x)$  or  $y = \cos(\omega x)$

$$y'' = -\omega^2 y \quad \text{ie.} \quad y'' + \omega^2 y = 0$$

$\omega =$  angular frequency (radians/second)

$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$  frequency. (cycles/second)

$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$  Period (seconds/cycle)

The functions  $\sin(\omega x)$  and  $\cos(\omega x)$  are eigenfunctions of the differential operator

$$L = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \quad \text{with eigenvalue } \omega^2$$

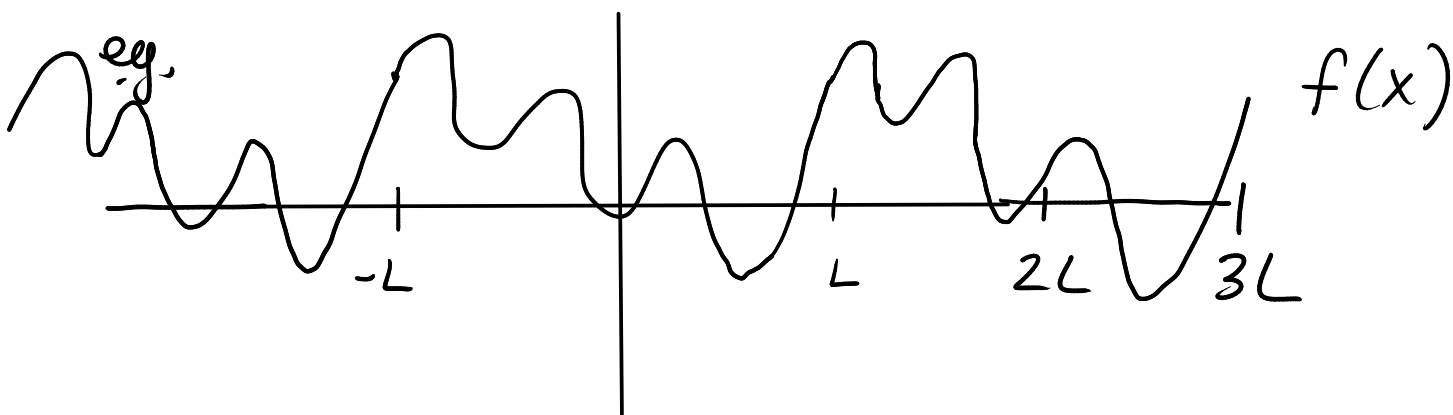
$$Ly = \omega^2 y \quad \text{that is, } -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} y = \omega^2 y$$

Therefore they are useful, when studying

$$\text{Heat equation: } \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\text{Wave equation: } \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$$

Fourier series: take any form of oscillation:



$f(x)$  is a periodic function with period  $2L$

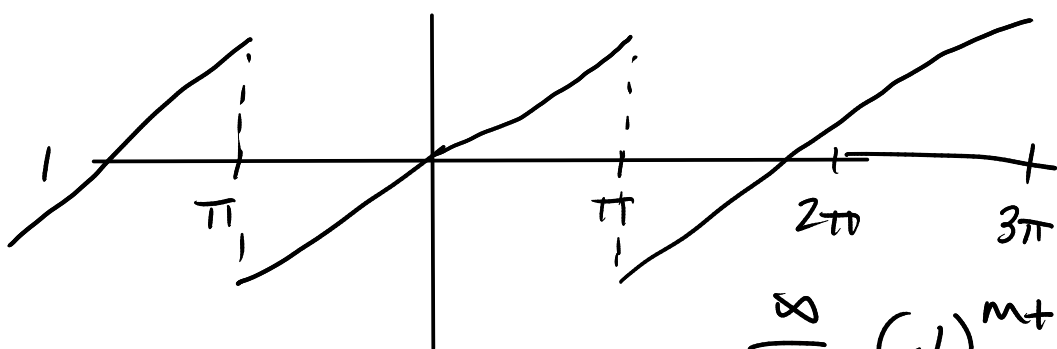
Want to decompose  $f(x)$  into its frequency components (pure sinusoidal oscillation)

Def  $f$  is periodic if there is a fixed  $T$

$$f(x+T) = f(x) \text{ for all } x$$

The smallest  $T > 0$  that works in this formula is called the fundamental period

eg. Take any function and let it repeat



Sawtooth wave

$$2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \sin(mx)$$

In general, we try to write ( $f$  periodic w/  
period  $2L$ )

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( a_m \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} + b_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \right)$$

$a_0, a_m, b_m$  are called Fourier coefficients

Fundamental

$$\text{Period of } f = 2L$$

Fundamental

$$\text{frequency of } f = \frac{1}{2L}$$

$$\text{Frequency of } \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}\right)}{2\pi} = \frac{m}{2L}$$

Frequencies in Fourier series are all integer multiples of the fundamental frequency of  $f$ .

Question: How to find Fourier Coefficients?

Idea: orthogonality relations

inner product / dot product for functions on an interval  $\alpha \leq x \leq \beta$

$u(x)$  and  $v(x)$  two functions on the interval  $\alpha \leq x \leq \beta$

$$(u, v) = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} u(x)v(x) dx$$

$u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal if  $(u, v) = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} u(x)v(x) dx = 0$$

Fact  $\sin \frac{m\pi x}{L}$  and  $\cos \frac{m\pi x}{L}$  on  $-L \leq x \leq L$

are all mutually orthogonal.

$$\int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \\ L & \text{if } m = n \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \\ L & \text{if } m = n \end{cases}$$

(period is  $2L$ )

Suppose  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} + b_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L}$

To get  $a_n$ , take inner product with  $\cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$

$$\int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = \int_{-L}^L \frac{a_0}{2} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$+ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$+ b_m \int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$= a_n \cdot L \quad \text{by orthogonality}$$

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

$$\int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-L}^L dx +$$

$$+ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx + b_m \int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-L}^L dx = L a_0$$

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

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

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

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

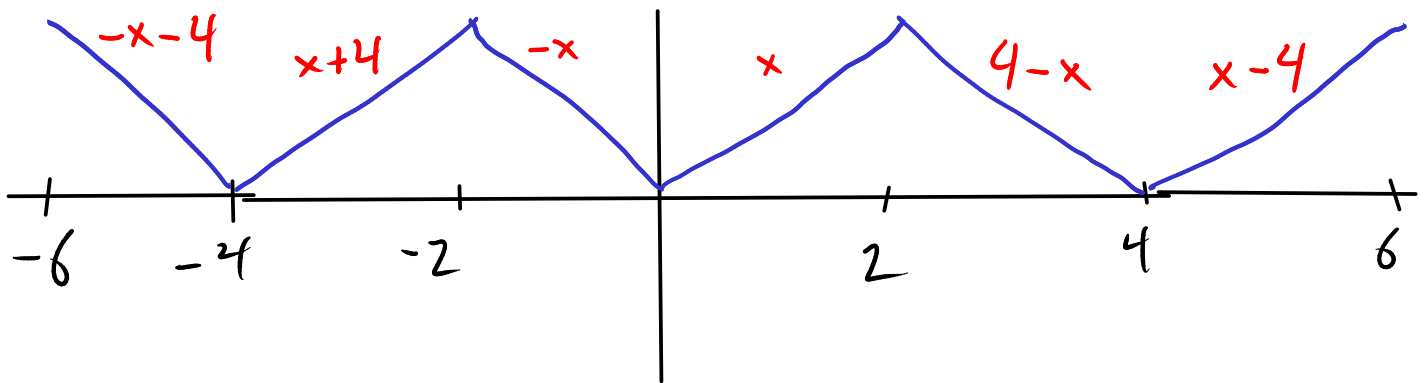
$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

"Euler-Fourier formula for the coefficients"

Ex Find Fourier coefficients for  $f(x)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & -2 \leq x < 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x < 2 \end{cases}$$

and  $f$  is periodic with period 4.



Fundamental interval  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$

$$2L = 2 - (-2) = 4$$

$$L = 2$$

constant coefficient

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_{-2}^0 (-x) dx + \int_0^2 x dx \right]$$

with cosine coefficient

$$a_m = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_{-2}^0 (-x) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{2} dx + \int_0^2 x \cos \frac{m\pi x}{2} dx \right]$$

$$\int x \cos(ax) dx = x \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) - \int \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) dx$$

$$u = x \quad du = dx$$

$$dv = \cos(ax) \cdot a$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} x \sin(ax) - \frac{1}{a^2} (-\cos(ax))$$

$$v = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax)$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} x \sin(ax) + \frac{1}{a^2} \cos(ax)$$

Apply with  $a = \frac{m\pi}{2}$  . . . To be continued