

Math 2280-1  
Friday Dec. 5.

§ 9.1-9.2 Fourier series

Recall from Wed.

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $2\pi$ -periodic

Has Fourier series

$$f \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nt = \langle f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle f, \cos nt \rangle \cos nt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle f, \sin nt \rangle \sin nt$$

So  $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt$

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

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

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

and  $\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \cos t, \cos 2t, \dots, \sin t, \sin 2t, \dots \}$   
are orthonormal.

• Finish Example 2, p. 4 Wed. ("sawtooth fun")

• Review Theorems page 5 Wed ( ① = distance conv. thm  
② = pointwise conv. thm  
③ = differentiation thm )

• Do Example 3 p. 5 (squarewave)

Remark: We can actually prove the differentiation theorem:

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

and if

$$f' \sim \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos nt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin nt$$

then

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(t) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} [f(\pi) - f(-\pi)] = 0 \quad (\text{since } f \text{ cont.} \& \text{ } 2\pi\text{-peri.})$$

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(t) \cos nt dt \quad \stackrel{\substack{du = f'(t) dt \quad v = \cos nt \\ u = f(t) \quad dv = -n \sin nt dt}}{=} \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ f(t) \cos nt \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \frac{\sin nt}{n} dt \right] = nb_n$$

and by same reasoning,  $B_n = -na_n$  ■

HW for Friday Dec. 12  
will include

9.3 1, 9, 17, 19, 20

9.4 1, 7, 9, 13

①

Remark Because  $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \cos t, \cos 2t, \dots, \cos nt, \sin t, \sin 2t, \dots, \sin nt\}$  are an orthonormal basis for their span  $V_n$ , if  $f(t) = \alpha_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \cos kt + \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \sin kt \in V_n$  then it must be that

$\alpha_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}$   
 $\alpha_k = a_k$   
 $\beta_k = b_k$

↙ the Fourier coeffs.

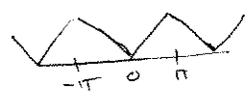
pf: e.g.  $a_2 = \langle f, \cos 2t \rangle = \langle \alpha_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \cos kt + \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \sin kt, \cos 2t \rangle$   
 $= 0 + \alpha_2 + 0$

Example 4 What is the  $2\pi$ -periodic Fourier series for

- a)  $\sin 5t - 8 \cos 10t$ ?
- b)  $\cos^2 3t$ ?

Example 5 (magic formulas - more in HW).

We showed for "tent fun"  
 $f(t) = |t| \quad -\pi \leq t \leq \pi$



$$f(t) \sim \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{\cos nt}{n^2}$$

by Conv. thm,  $f(t) =$  its Fourier series

a) Compute  $f(\pi)$  via Fourier to deduce  $\sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{49} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$

b) Use (a) and cleverness to deduce  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$

So far, we've assumed  $f(t)$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic.

What if  $g(u)$  is  $2L$ -periodic?

then the corresponding inner product  $\langle g, h \rangle := \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(u)h(u)du$

makes  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \cos \frac{\pi}{L}u, \cos \frac{2\pi}{L}u, \dots, \cos \frac{k\pi}{L}u, \sin \frac{\pi}{L}u, \sin \frac{2\pi}{L}u, \dots, \sin \frac{k\pi}{L}u, \dots \right\}$

orthonormal!

(proof: substitute  $\frac{\pi}{L}u = t$ ;  $u = \frac{L}{\pi}t$  to reduce to previous computations)

so the Fourier series for  $g$  is defined by

$$g \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}u\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}u\right)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(u)du$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(u) \cos(nu)du$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(u) \sin(nu)du$$

(and then we use "t" instead of "u").

You can also just rescale Fourier series to get  $2L$ -periodic ones from  $2\pi$ -periodic ones

Example 6

