

Convergence Theorems (These require some careful mathematical analysis to prove - they are often discussed in Math 5210, for example.)

Theorem 1 Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $2\pi$ -periodic and piecewise continuous. Let

$$f_N = \text{proj}_V f = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(nt) + \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin(nt)$$

be the Fourier series truncated at  $N$ . Then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|f - f_N\| = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(t) - f_N(t))^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.$$

In other words, the distance between  $f_N$  and  $f$  converges to zero, where we are using the distance function that we get from the inner product,

$$\text{dist}(f, g) = \|f - g\| = \sqrt{\langle f - g, f - g \rangle} = \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(t) - g(t))^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Theorem 2 If  $f$  is as in Theorem 1, and is (also) piecewise differentiable with at most jump discontinuities, then

(i) for any  $t_0$  such that  $f$  is differentiable at  $t_0$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f_N(t_0) = f(t_0) \quad (\text{pointwise convergence}).$$

(ii) for any  $t_0$  where  $f$  is not differentiable (but is either continuous or has a jump

discontinuity), then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f_N(t_0) = \frac{1}{2} (f_-(t_0) + f_+(t_0))$$

where

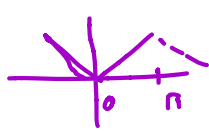
$$f_-(t_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0^-} f(t), \quad f_+(t_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0^+} f(t)$$

Examples:

1) The truncated Fourier series for the tent function,  $\text{tent}_N(t)$  converge to  $\text{tent}(t)$  for all  $t$ . In fact, it can be shown that the convergence is uniform, i.e.  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \text{ s.t. } n \geq N \Rightarrow |\text{tent}(t) - \text{tent}_n(t)| < \epsilon$  for all  $t$  at once.

2) The truncated Fourier series for the sawtooth function,  $\text{saw}_N(t)$  converge to  $\text{saw}(t)$  for all

$t \neq \pi + 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  (i.e. everywhere except at the jump points). At these jump points the Fourier series converges to the average of the left and right hand limits of  $\text{saw}$ , which is 0. (In fact, each partial sum evaluates to 0 at those points.) The convergence at the other  $t$  values is pointwise, but not uniform, as the convergence takes longer nearer the jump points.)



$$\text{tent}(t) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos nt$$

Exercise 4) We can derive "magic" summation formulas using Fourier series. (See your homework for some more.) From Theorem 2 we know that the Fourier series for  $\text{tent}(t)$  converges for all  $t$ . In particular

$$0 = \text{tent}(0) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos(n \cdot 0).$$

4a) Deduce

$$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8}.$$

4b) Verify and use

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} + \left( \sum_{n \text{ even}} \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k)^2} = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3}$$

to show

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

$$4a) \quad \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{8} = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

[ see final Hw assignment.  
this assignment will be  
used to replace a low  
score on Hw. (your 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest)

## Differentiating Fourier Series:

Theorem 3 Let  $f$  be  $2\pi$ -periodic, piecewise differentiable and continuous, and with  $f'$  piecewise continuous. Let  $f$  have Fourier series

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

Then  $f'$  has the Fourier series you'd expect by differentiating term by term:

$$f' \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -n a_n \sin(nt) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n b_n \cos(nt)$$

proof: Let  $f'$  have Fourier series

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

Then

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(t) \cos(nt) dt, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Integrate by parts with  $u = \cos(nt)$ ,  $dv = f'(t)dt$ ,  $du = -n \sin(nt)dt$ ,  $v = f(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(t) \cos(nt) dt &= \frac{1}{\pi} f(t) \underbrace{\cos(nt)}_u \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{f(t)}_v \underbrace{(-n) \sin(nt)}_{du} dt \\ &= 0 + \frac{n}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(nt) dt = n b_n \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $B_n = -n a_n$ .

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Remark: This is analogous to what happened with Laplace transform. In that case, the transform of the derivative multiplied the transform of the original function by  $s$  (and there were correction terms for the initial values). In this case the transformed variables are the  $a_n, b_n$  which depend on  $n$ . And the Fourier series "transform" of the derivative of a function multiplies these coefficients by  $n$  (and permutes them).

Note complex form of Fourier series.

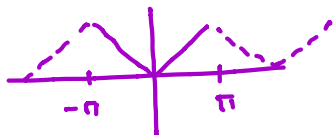
$$f \sim \sum_n c_n e^{int}$$

$$f' \sim \sum_n c_n (in) e^{int}$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-int} dt$$

you can work out that this is equivalent to the real form.

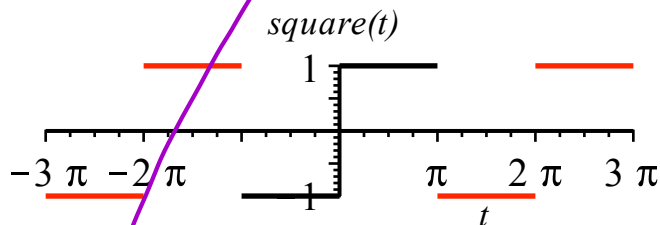
$|t|$ :



$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos nt$$

**Exercise 5a** Use the differentiation theorem and the Fourier series for  $\text{tent}(t)$  to find the Fourier series for the square wave,  $\text{square}(t)$ , which is the  $2\pi$ -periodic extension of

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\text{tent}(t)) = \text{square}(t) \quad f(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & -\pi < t < 0 \\ 1 & 0 < t < \pi \end{cases}$$



(You will find the series directly from the definition in your homework.)

**5b)** Deduce the magic formula

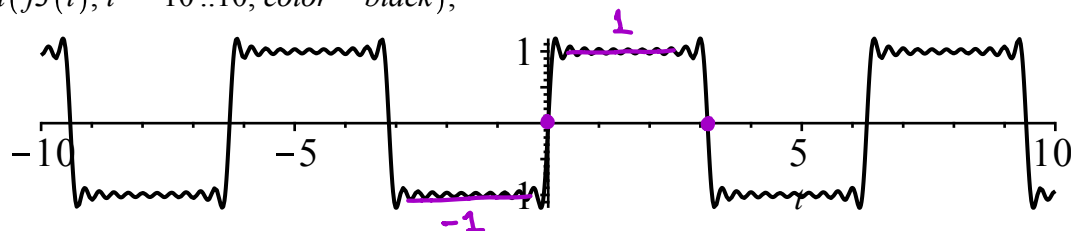
$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)} = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} ( ) &= 0 - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} (-\sin(nt) n) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n} \sin nt \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{solution: } \text{square} \sim \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nt)$$

$$> f3 := t \rightarrow \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{10} \frac{1}{(2 \cdot n + 1)} \cdot \sin((2 \cdot n + 1) \cdot t) :$$

$$> \text{plot}(f3(t), t=-10..10, \text{color} = \text{black});$$



Could you check the Fourier coefficients with technology?

Math 2280-001

Week 14, April 17-21 and Week 15, April 24:

9.1-9.4 Fourier series and forced oscillations revisited; 6.1-6.4 nonlinear autonomous systems.

Mon Apr 17

9.1-9.3 Fourier Series. (On Wednesday we'll revisit forced oscillations, section 9.4, and explain the results we obtained playing "the resonance game" with convolution integrals last Wednesday.)

• Finish Friday's notes if necessary. The key points to recall from Friday are that Fourier series are a way of expressing piecewise continuous functions  $f$  on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  (or equivalently,  $2\pi$ -periodic functions  $f$ ), as infinite sum of trigonometric functions. If  $f$  has Fourier series

$$f \sim \underbrace{\left(\frac{a_0}{2}\right)}_{\text{average value of } f} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n t)$$

Then the partial sums

*average value of  $f$*

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

with

$$\underbrace{\frac{a_0}{2}}_{\text{average value of } f} := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt \quad \left( \frac{a_0}{2} = \langle f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle = \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, f \rangle \right)$$

$$a_n := \langle f, \cos(n t) \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos(n t) dt, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$b_n := \langle f, \sin(n t) \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(n t) dt, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

are the projections of  $f$  onto

$$V_N = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \cos(t), \cos(2t), \dots, \cos(Nt), \sin(t), \sin(2t), \dots, \sin(Nt) \right\}.$$

These partial sums converge to  $f$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  in the ways described in Friday's notes.

• After finishing with Friday's notes, continue with today's...

Exercise 1 If a function ("vector") is already in a subspace, then projection onto that subspace leaves the function fixed. Use that fact to very quickly compute the  $2\pi$ -periodic Fourier series for

a)  $f(t) = \sin(5t) - 8 \cos(10t)$

b)  $g(t) = \cos^2(3t)$

= Fourier series.

$$f \in V_{10} = \text{span} \{1, \cos t, \dots, \cos 10t, \sin t, \dots, \sin 10t\}$$

$$\frac{1 + \cos 6t}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 6t$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{\cos 2\theta + 1}{2} =$$

## Fourier series for $2L$ -periodic functions:

**Theorem:** Consider the vector space of piecewise continuous,  $2L$ -periodic functions. Then the inner product

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

makes

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

into an orthonormal collection of functions.

**proof:** The substitution  $\frac{\pi}{L}u = t$ , equivalently  $u = \frac{L}{\pi}t$  converts between  $2L$ -periodic functions

$g(u)$ ,  $h(u)$  and  $2\pi$ -periodic functions  $g\left(\frac{L}{\pi}t\right)$ ,  $h\left(\frac{L}{\pi}t\right)$ . Also (verify this!!!)

$2L$  periodic.  
then  
 $\tilde{g}(t) = g\left(\frac{L}{\pi}t\right)$   
 $\tilde{h}(t) = h\left(\frac{L}{\pi}t\right)$   
 $2\pi$ -periodic.

$$\frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(u)h(u) du = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g\left(\frac{L}{\pi}t\right)h\left(\frac{L}{\pi}t\right) dt.$$

$$t = \frac{\pi}{L}u \quad / \quad u = \frac{L}{\pi}t$$

$$dt = \frac{\pi}{L}du \quad / \quad du = \frac{L}{\pi}dt$$

□

Thus the Fourier series for a  $2L$ -periodic function  $f$  is defined by

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

with

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

$$a_n := \left\langle f, \cos\left(n \frac{\pi}{L}u\right) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(u) \cos\left(n \frac{\pi}{L}u\right) du, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$b_n := \left\langle f, \sin\left(n \frac{\pi}{L}u\right) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(u) \sin\left(n \frac{\pi}{L}u\right) du, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

(and then we usually use the dummy variable  $t$  rather than  $u$ ). As a result, Fourier series for  $2L$ -periodic functions along with convergence theorems, are "equivalent" to ones for  $2\pi$ -periodic ones, via this *isometry* of the two vector spaces.

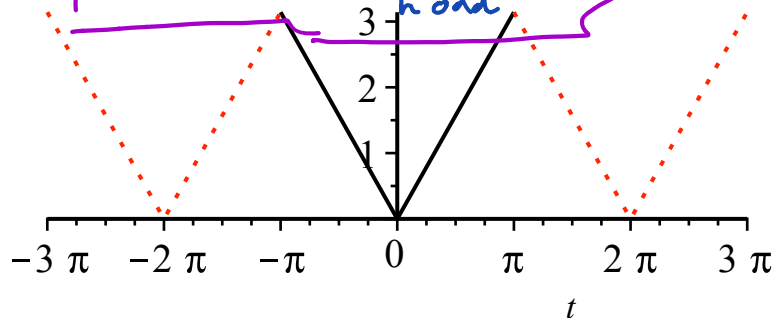
$f(u) = 2L$ -periodic.  
 $f\left(\frac{L}{\pi}t\right) = 2\pi$ -periodic.  $\sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nt$

$u = \frac{L}{\pi}t$   
 $\frac{\pi}{L}u = t$

so  $f(u) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n\left(\frac{\pi}{L}u\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\left(\frac{\pi}{L}u\right)$  ( $a_n$ 's,  $b_n$ 's computed as before).

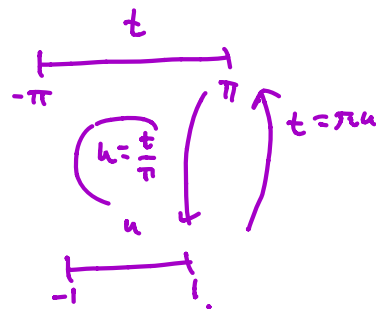
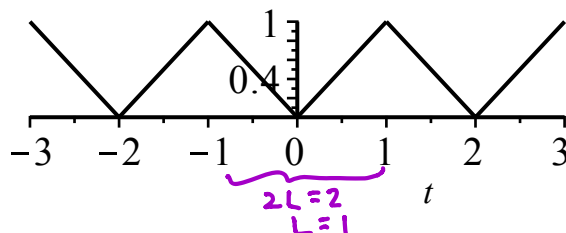
Exercise 2)

a) Use the Fourier series for  $tent(t) := \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos nt$



$$tent \sim \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos(nt)$$

to deduce the Fourier series for the related function  $f(u)$  with period 2 that has graph



$$\begin{aligned} f(u) = f\left(\frac{t}{\pi}\right) &= \frac{1}{\pi} tent\left(\frac{t}{\pi}\right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos nt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos(n\pi u) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{solution: } f \sim \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos(n\pi u)$$



We talked about differentiating Fourier series term by term in Friday's notes. There is also:

**Theorem** If  $f$  is piece-wise continuous,  $2L$ -periodic, with Fourier series

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

$$\int \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} t = \frac{L}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} t$$

then the antiderivative may be computed by term by term antidifferentiation, and the corresponding series will converge for each  $t$ :

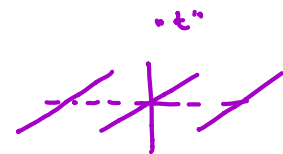
$$\int_0^t f(s) ds = \frac{a_0}{2} t + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \left(\frac{L}{n\pi}\right) \sin\left(n \frac{\pi}{L} t\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \left(\frac{L}{n\pi}\right) \left(-\cos\left(n \frac{\pi}{L} t\right) + 1\right).$$

**Exercise 3)** (This is the first part of your homework exercise 9.3.19)

Start with

$$\int_0^t dt$$

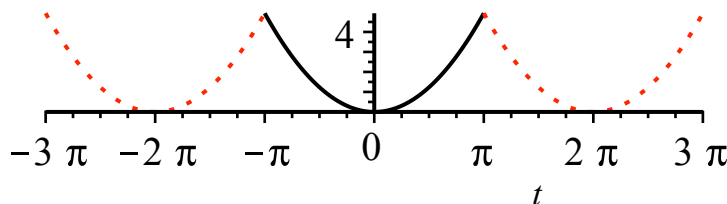
$$t = \text{saw}(t) \sim 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(nt)$$



and integrate to get the  $2\pi$ -periodic function that on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  is given by

$$\frac{t^2}{2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} \cos(nt).$$

Hint: The value of the constant term is easiest to compute as  $\frac{a_0}{2}$ . If you compare to the definite integral formula in the Theorem you will reproduce one of the "magic" series.



In your homework you will antidifferentiate twice more to get a formula for the periodic extension of

$g(t) = \frac{t^4}{24}$  and some more magic formulas.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \text{saw}(\tau) d\tau &= 2 \int_0^t \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin n\tau d\tau \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \int_0^t \sin n\tau d\tau \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \left[ -\frac{\cos n\tau}{n} \right]_0^t \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} \left( \cos nt - 1 \right) \\ \left[ \frac{t^2}{2} \right] &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nt \end{aligned}$$