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Fourier Series:

Periodic function: The function $f(x)$ is said to be periodic if there exists a non-zero number T such that $f(T+x) = f(x)$

Example:

$f(x) = \sin x$ is a periodic function.

because $f(2\pi+x) = \sin(2\pi+x) = \sin x = f(x)$

Even function: A function $f(x)$ is said to be even if $f(x) = f(-x)$

Example: $f(x) = x^2$

Odd function: A function $f(x)$ is said to be odd if $f(x) = -f(-x)$

Example: $f(x) = x^3$

Fourier series: Under certain condition, the function $f(x)$ in a period $-\pi < x < \pi$ can be expressed in terms of a trigonometric series

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \text{ which is known as}$$

Fourier series with Fourier constants a_0, a_n, b_n .

* Determination of the Fourier constants / co-efficients in $(-\pi, \pi)$:

We know the Fourier series is $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx)$ ①

Now integrating ① w.r to x in $(-\pi, \pi)$:

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx + \sum (a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx dx + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx dx)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{a_0}{2} \times 2\pi + 0$$

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

Multiplying ① by $\cos nx$ and integrating w.r to x in $(-\pi, \pi)$:

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx dx + \sum (a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 nx dx + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \cos nx dx)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = 0 + a_n \cdot \pi + 0$$

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

Similarly multiplying (1) by $\sin n\alpha$ and integrating w.r.t. to α in

$(-\pi, \pi)$ we get,

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\alpha) \sin n\alpha d\alpha$$

Note: (a) If $f(\alpha)$ is an even function then,

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\alpha) d\alpha \neq 0, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\alpha) \cos n\alpha d\alpha \neq 0$$

and $b_n = 0$.

(b) If $f(\alpha)$ is an odd function then,

$$a_0 = 0, \quad a_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\alpha) \sin n\alpha d\alpha \neq 0.$$

↳ Fourier series with period $2l$:

Consider a function $\phi(y)$ in (1) which is integrable and $y = \frac{l\alpha}{\pi}$.

Then, $\phi\left(\frac{l\alpha}{\pi}\right)$ is the function of period 2π and $f(\alpha) = \phi\left(\frac{l\alpha}{\pi}\right) = \phi(y)$.

In this case, the Fourier series for $f(\alpha)$ is

$$f(\alpha) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum (a_n \cos n\alpha + b_n \sin n\alpha) \text{ will be converted to}$$

a Fourier series for $\phi(y)$ as

$$\phi(y) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi y}{l} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi y}{l} \right)$$

So the Fourier constants are -

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\alpha) d\alpha = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l \phi(y) dy$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\alpha) \cos n\alpha d\alpha = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l \phi(y) \cos \frac{n\pi y}{l} dy$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\alpha) \sin n\alpha d\alpha = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l \phi(y) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{l} dy$$

↳ Fourier range of $\phi(y)$

Parseval's Theorem:

Statement: If the Fourier series of a function $f(x)$ is converges uniformly in the interval $(-L, L)$ then,

$$\frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L \{f(x)\}^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum (a_n^2 + b_n^2), \text{ here } a_0, a_n, b_n \text{ are Fourier constants.}$$

Proof: we know, the Fourier series in $(-L, L)$ is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \text{ --- (i)}$$

Multiplying (i) by $f(x)$ and integrating w.r to x in $(-L, L)$:

$$\int_{-L}^L \{f(x)\}^2 dx = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx + \sum \left(a_n \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx + b_n \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx \right) \text{ --- (ii)}$$

But we know,

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

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

Similarly,

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

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

Putting the values in (i),

$$\int_{-1}^1 \{f(x)\}^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum (a_n^2 l + b_n^2 l)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{l} \int_{-1}^1 \{f(x)\}^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum (a_n^2 + b_n^2)$$

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Half range cosine series:

The part which contains only the cosine term in Fourier series is called half range cosine series. Its range is $(0, \pi)$ which is half range of $(-\pi, \pi)$ of Fourier series. In even function cosine term remain.

Expansion:

The cosine series in the range: $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ is

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

Now integrating with respect to x , in $(0, \pi)$,

$$\int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_0^{\pi} dx + \sum a_n \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} (\pi) + \sum a_n \left[\frac{\sin nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} \times \pi + \sum a_n \times 0$$

$$\therefore a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

Multiplying ① by $\cos nx$ and integrating in $(0, \pi)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx &= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx \, dx + \sum a_n \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2 nx \, dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{a_n}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (1 + \cos 2nx) \, dx \\ &= \frac{a_n}{2} \left[x + \frac{\sin 2nx}{2n} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{a_n \pi}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx$$

Hence, from ① we get

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \, dx + \sum \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos^2 nx \, dx$$

What do you mean by half range sine series and explain.

Ex) Expand Fourier series for $f(x) = x^2$ within $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$, Hence

show that
$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots$$

⇒ Given that,

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$\therefore f(x) = (-x)^2 = x^2 = f(x)$$

∴ $f(x)$ is an even function and $b_n = 0$

In this case, the Fourier series is $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum a_n \cos nx$ — (1)

Where,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot 2 \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[x^2 \frac{\sin nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 2x \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \times 0 - \frac{4}{n\pi} \left[-\frac{x \cos nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} + \frac{4}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos nx}{n} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{4n \cos n\alpha}{n^2 \pi}$$

$$= \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}$$

Now, putting the values of a_0, a_n, b_n in (ii) \rightarrow

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{9} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos n\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{9} + 4 \left[-\frac{\cos \alpha}{1^2} + \frac{\cos 2\alpha}{2^2} - \frac{\cos 3\alpha}{3^2} + \dots \right]$$

Putting $\alpha = \pi$

$$\pi^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{9} + 4 \left(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots$$

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