

# FOURIER SERIES

$$(*) \quad f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad -L \leq x \leq L$$

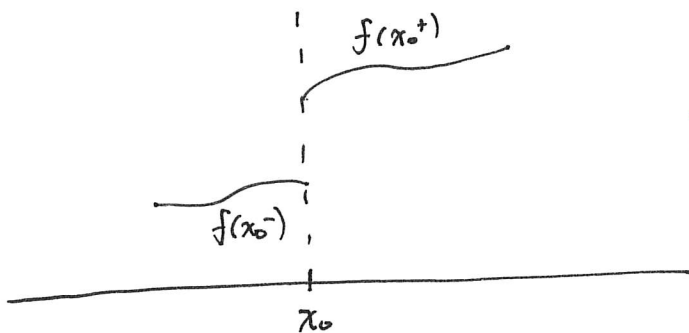
\* does the series converge?

\*\* does the series converge to  $f(x)$ ?

\*\*\* We study the general case, the sine or cosine series are just special cases of (\*).

We focus on piecewise-smooth functions  $\Rightarrow$  the interval on which the function is defined can be broken up into sub-intervals on which  $f(x)$  is continuous &  $df/dx$  is also continuous.

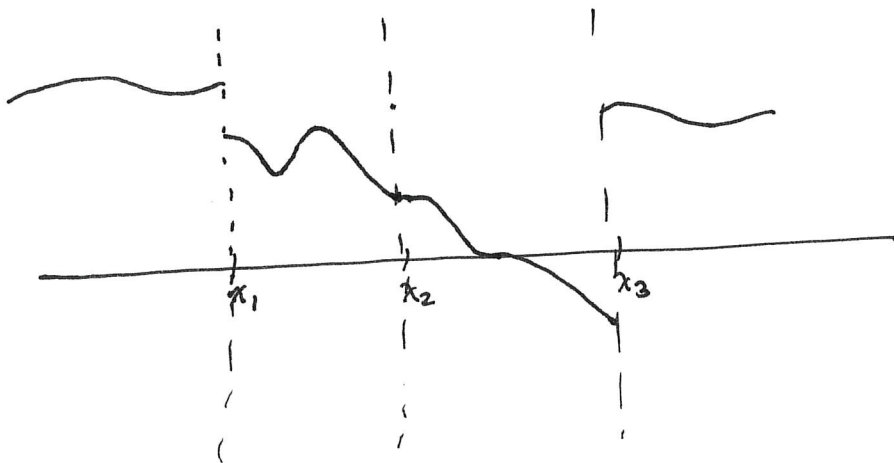
$f$  may have a finite number of jump discontinuities



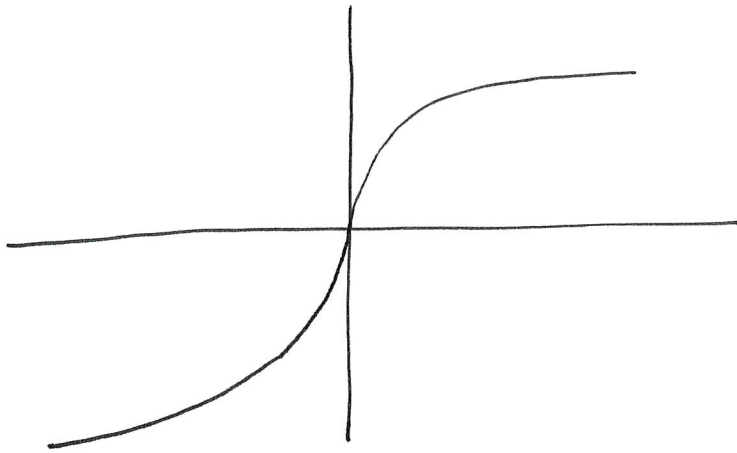
$$[f(x_0^-)] \neq [f(x_0^+)].$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x)$ . (left & right limits exist  
But are not equal)

Example of piecewise smooth



$$f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

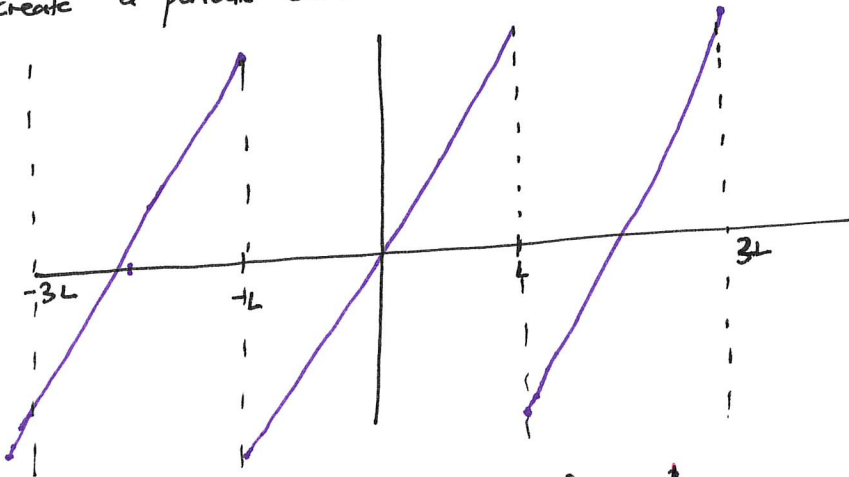


$f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is not piecewise smooth on any interval that contains  $x=0$ .  
because  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$  is discontinuous @  $x=0$ .

### Periodic extensions

The series of  $f(x)$  on  $-L \leq x \leq L$  is periodic on  $2L$ , but  $f(x)$  need not be periodic with period  $2L$ .

We can create a periodic extension of  $f(x)$



periodic extension of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x$

### Convergence Theorem (FOURIER'S THEOREM)

If  $f(x)$  is piecewise smooth on  $-L \leq x \leq L$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  converges to

1. The periodic extension of  $f(x)$ , where the periodic extension is continuous
2. To the ~~area~~ average of the limits where  $f(x)$  has a jump discontinuity

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

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### Remarks

1. The series converges to  $f(x)$  for  $-L < x < L$  provided  $f(x)$  is cont. piecewise smooth.
2. Converges to the average of  $f(-L)$  and  $f(L)$  at the endpoints

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

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

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

### NOTATION

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

↑  
 $f(x)$  has the given fourier series on  $-L \leq x \leq L$

\* Just because the coefficients  $a_n, b_n$  exist does not mean the series converges.

# FOURIER SINE SERIES

## Odd functions

$$f(-x) = -f(x) \quad (\text{integral over a symmetric interval} \Rightarrow 0)$$

## Fourier series of an odd function

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = 0$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0, \text{ because } f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad \text{if } f(x) \text{ is odd.} \quad (*)$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

because  $f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  is even. (product of 2 odd functions).

Recall the temperature in 1D,  $0 < x < L$  with zero-temperature ends

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt}$$

where the initial condition is satisfied if

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (**)$$

(\*\*) takes the form of (\*), however in (\*\*)  $f(x)$  is only defined on  $0 \leq x \leq L$

$f(x)$  may not be odd, however, if  $f(x)$  is defined on  $0 \leq x \leq L$ ,  $f(x)$

can be extended as an odd function



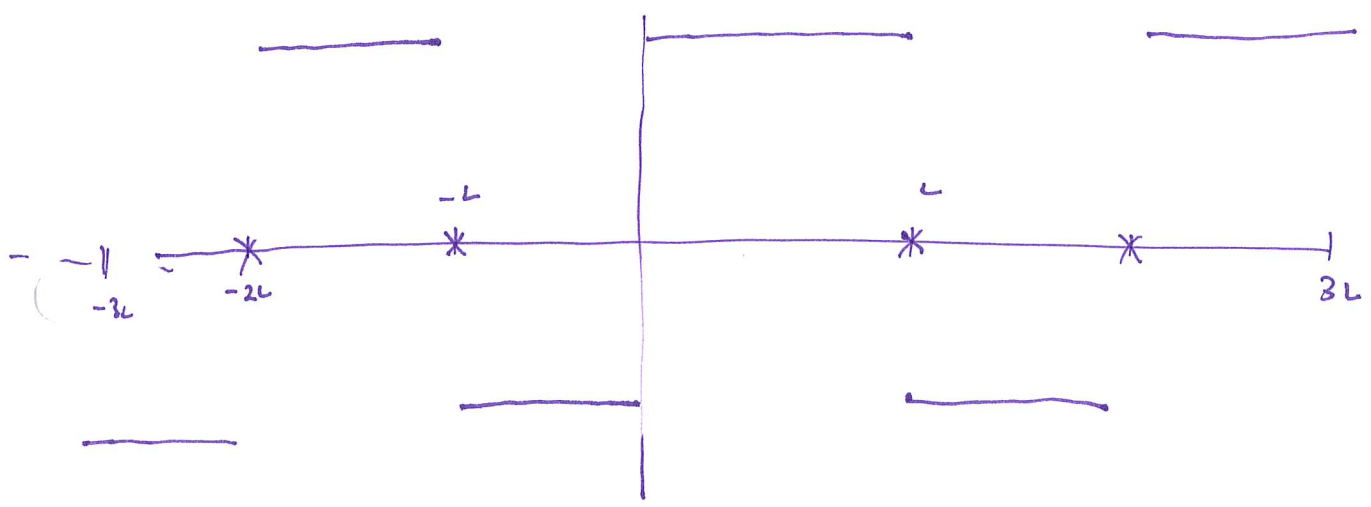
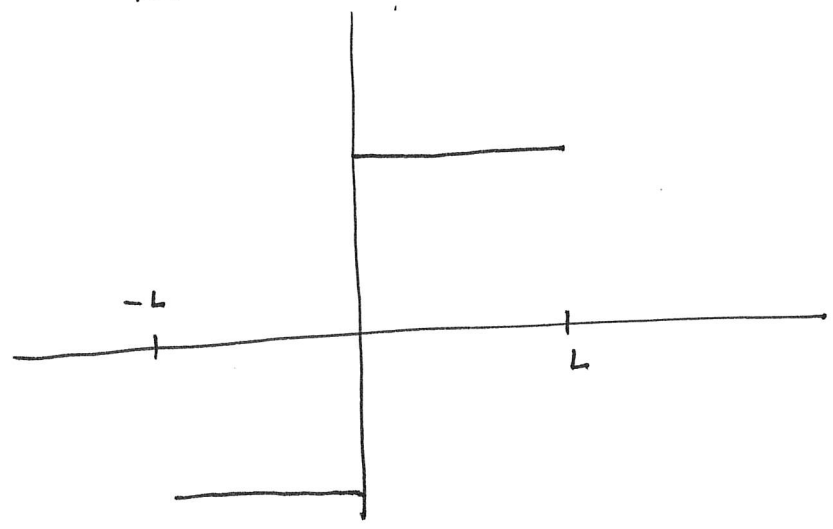
odd extension of  $f(x)$   $\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  ,  $-L \leq x \leq L$ .

In the 1D heat example case

$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  ,  $0 < x < L$ .

Sketching the Fourier sine series.

1. Sketch  $f(x)$  ( $0 < x < L$ )
  2. Sketch the periodic extension
  3. Extend as a periodic function to period  $2L$ .
  4. Mark  $x$  at the average points where the odd periodic extension has a jump discontinuity
- Periodic extension of  $f(x) = 100$ .



Physical example

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$u(0,t) = 0$$

$$u(L,t) = 0$$

$$u(x,0) = 100$$

on  $0 < x < L, t > 0$

From separation of variables we got

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt}$$

When the initial conditions are true if

$$100 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad 0 < x < L. \quad *$$

(\*) is the Fourier series of 100, however evaluating the series @  $x=0$  and  $x=L$  yields 0!

(\*\*) The physical problem has a discontinuity @  $t=0, (x=0 \& x=L)$  between the initial condition and the boundary condition.

i.e. Initial condition prescribes ~~the~~ temperature = 100 @ as  $x \rightarrow 0$  but the boundary condition imposes 0

(\*\*\*) This situation arises because we "instantaneously" transport the heated rod to a 0° bath at the end points.

Built in discontinuity!

Fourier series of 100 captures this ~~area~~ property i.e. it equals 100 for  $0 < x < L$  and it equals zero at the endpoints.

# Gibbs Phenomenon

As we increase  $n$  the size of the overshoots does not decrease, instead it converges to  $\cong 9\%$  of the size of the jump discontinuity.  
 $\cong 11\%$ .

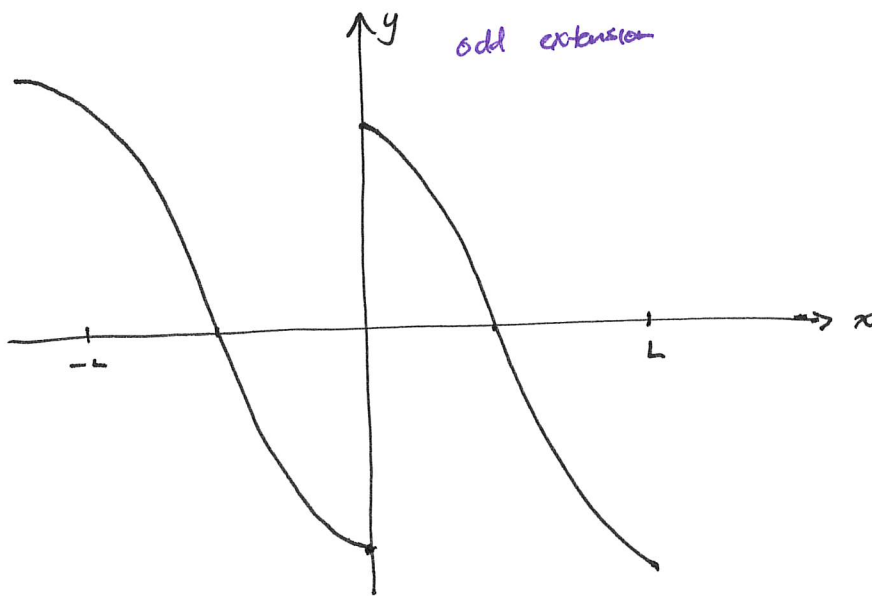
## Other examples of Fourier sine series

eg  $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

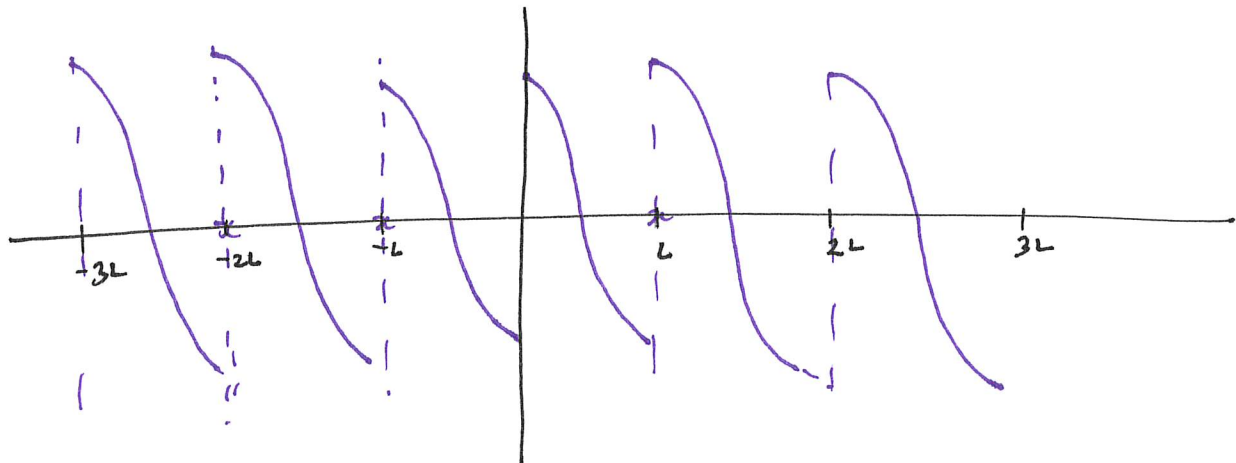
It may seem strange to consider a <sup>sine</sup> Fourier series expansion of  $\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  but this may arise in the context of solving

~~$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = -\lambda \phi$~~ ,  $\phi(0) = 0$

the heat equation with dirichlet b.c. on  $0 < x < L$ .



Then the Fourier series of  $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  is



$$\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

When

$$B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{4n}{\pi(n^2-1)}, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

Remark

$$\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad 0 < x < L$$

@  $x=0$  and  $x=L$ , the series converges to zero.



## FOURIER COSINE SERIES . $f(-x) = f(x)$ (even functions)

In the case of even functions, the sine coefficients

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0$$

So the Fourier series for an even function is

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

with coefficients

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, \quad n \geq 1.$$

In general, if  $f(x)$  is not an even function

$$\text{even extension of } f(x) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad -L \leq x \leq L.$$

## FOURIER COSINE SERIES.

Representing  $f(x)$  by both sine and cosine series

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

In general we can write

$$f(x) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} [f(x) + f(-x)]}_{\text{even } f_e(x)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} [f(x) - f(-x)]}_{\text{odd } f_o(x)}$$

So ~~say~~ in general  $f(x) =$  Fourier sine series of  $f_o(x)$  + Fourier cosine series of  $f_e(x)$ .

## FOURIER'S THEOREM

If  $f(x)$  is piecewise smooth on  $-L \leq x \leq L$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  converges to

1. The periodic extension of  $f(x)$ , where the periodic extension is continuous
2. The average of the limits where  $f(x)$  has a jump discontinuity

\* A piecewise continuous function,  $f(x)$  on an interval  $[a, b]$  is piecewise smooth if  $f'(x)$  is piecewise continuous.

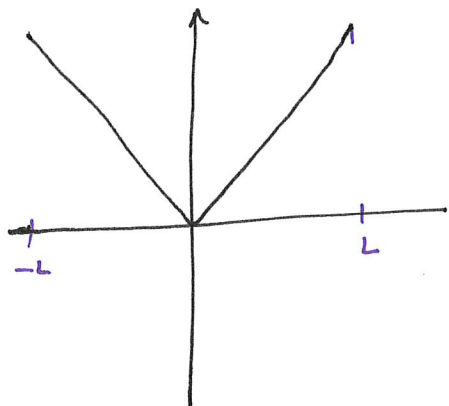
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## Continuity of Fourier Series

For a piecewise smooth function  $f(x)$ , the Fourier series is continuous and converges to  $f(x)$  on  $-L \leq x \leq L$  if and only if  $f(x)$  is continuous and  $f(-L) = f(L)$ .

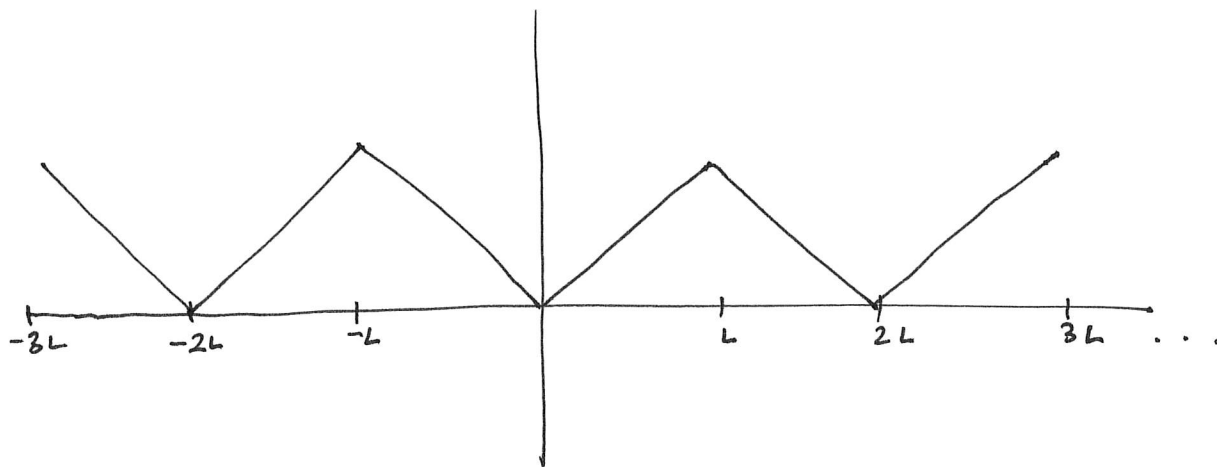
### Example

$$f(x) = x \quad \text{on} \quad 0, L$$



Even though  $f(x) = x$  is odd, if we start with  $f(x) = x$  on  $[0, L]$  we can create an even extension of  $f(x)$ .

then the Fourier series of the even extension of  $f(x) = x$  is



$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad 0 \leq x \leq L.$$

When the coefficients are given by  $A_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L x dx = \frac{L}{2}$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$
$$= \frac{2L}{(n\pi)^2} \cos(n\pi) - \frac{1}{n\pi}$$

Integrate by parts  $u = x$   
 $dv = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

Let  $f(x)$  be piecewise smooth, then the Fourier cosine series is continuous and converges to  $f(x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq L$  if and only if  $f(x)$  is continuous.

### Fourier sine series

For piecewise smooth functions, the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is continuous and converges to  $f(x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq L$  if and only if  $f(x)$  is continuous and both  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(L) = 0$ .

### Remark

No additional conditions are necessary for the Fourier cosine series to be continuous (besides ~~piecewise~~ continuity of  $f(x)$ ) because the even extension will be continuous on  $-L \leq x \leq L$  and hence the periodic extension will be continuous at endpoints.

## TERM by TERM differentiation

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We have established that

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt} \quad (*)$$

solves  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

$$u(0,t) = 0, \quad u(L,t) = 0, \quad u(x,0) = f(x)$$

To check this solution we can plug in (\*) into the pde and differentiate term by term.

$$\textcircled{\text{LHS}} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 k B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{RHS}} \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt}$$

Seems easy enough.... However, unfortunately infinite series cannot always be differentiated term by term (even convergent ones!)

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n u_n \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \frac{d u_n}{dx}$$

is not always true.

## Counter - example

Fourier series <sup>sine</sup> of  $f(x) = x$

$$x = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{L}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad \text{on } 0 < x < L$$

note!

coefficients

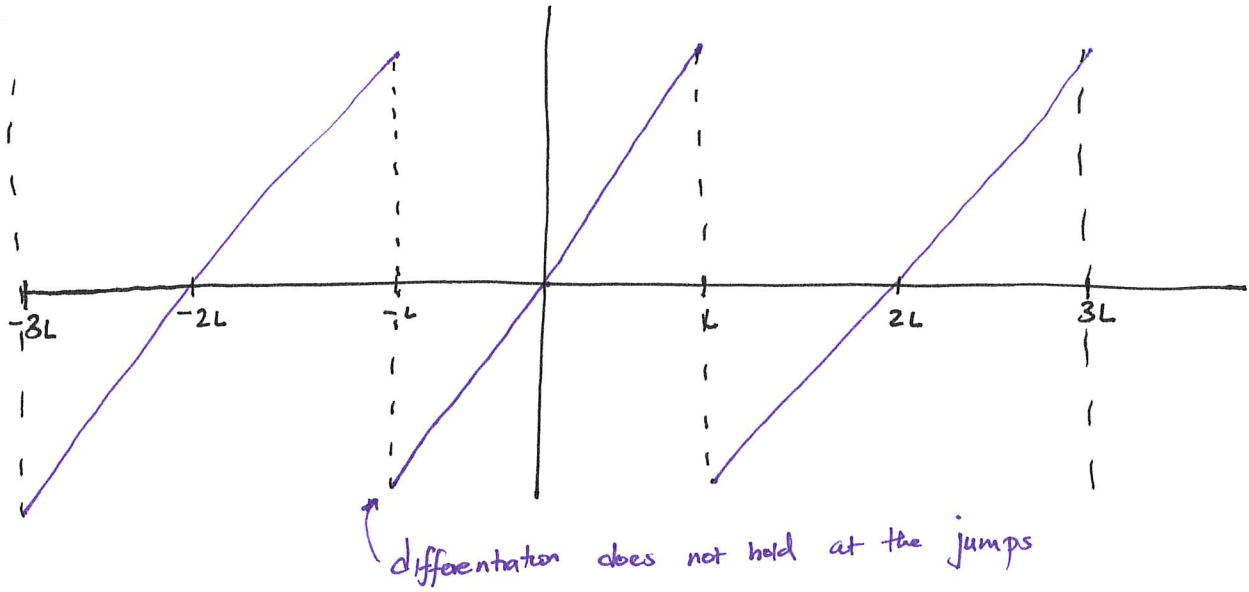
$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

\* integrate by parts!

If we differentiate term by term we get

$$2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \neq 1$$

The problem arises due to the jump discontinuity in the Fourier series of  $f(x) = x$  (the Fourier sine series, that is).



FACT I

A continuous Fourier series can be differentiated term by term if  $f'(x)$  is piecewise smooth. i.e.  $f'(x)$  has a Fourier series!

Alternatively

If  $f(x)$  is piecewise smooth, then the Fourier series of a continuous function  $f(x)$  can be differentiated term by term provided  $f(-L) = f(L)$

FOURIER COSINE SERIES

If  $f'(x)$  is piecewise smooth, then a continuous Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  can be differentiated term by term. / \*If  $f'(x)$  is piecewise smooth, then the Fourier cosine series of a continuous function,  $f(x)$ , can be differentiated term by term.

In summary

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

$$f'(x) \sim - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right) A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

↑  
If  $f'(x)$  is continuous, the series converges to  $f'(x)$  otherwise to the average at jumps

# FOURIER SINE SERIES

a continuous function

If  $f'(x)$  is piecewise smooth, then the Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$  can be differentiated term by term if and only if  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(L) = 0$ .

Proof We assume that  $f'(x)$  is piecewise smooth and  $f(0) = 0 = f(L)$ .

Suppose  $f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  (\*)

[Equality holds if  $f(0) = 0 = f(L)$ ]

where  $B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$

Since  $f'(x)$  is piecewise smooth, then  $f'(x)$  has a Fourier cosine series

$$f'(x) \sim A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

where  $A_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f'(x) dx = \frac{1}{L} (f(L) - f(0))$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f'(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{2}{L} \left[ f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^L + \frac{n\pi}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \right]$$

$dv = f'(x) dx$	$u = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$
$v = f(x)$	$\frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{n\pi}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

← valid if  $f(x)$  is continuous.

so for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$A_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} B_n + \frac{2}{L} \left[ f(L) (-1)^n - f(0) \right] (**)$$

We conclude by comparing the Fourier cosine coefficients (\*\*) that the Fourier sine series (\*) can be differentiated if term by term if  $f(L) = f(0) = 0$ .

If  $f'(x)$  is piecewise smooth, then the Fourier series of a continuous function  $f(x)$ ,

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

cannot, in general, be differentiated. However

$$f'(x) \sim \frac{1}{L} [f(L) - f(a)] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{n\pi}{L} B_n + \frac{2}{L} (-1)^n f(L) - f(a) \right] \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$



## Method of eigenfunction expansion

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 \quad (P)$$
$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

Assuming that  $u(x, t)$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  are <sup>piecewise smooth &</sup> continuous, we expand  $u(x, t)$  in terms of the eigenfunctions <sup>on  $[0, L]$ .</sup>

$$u(x, t) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (*)$$

The initial condition is satisfied if

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n(0) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$\text{so } B_n(0) = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx.$$

If  $u(x, t)$  is continuous, the Fourier series can be differentiated term by term provided  $u(0, t) = 0$  and  $u(L, t) = 0$ . (these are the boundary conditions!).

$$\text{so } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right) B_n(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (\text{from } *)$$

Since  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  is also continuous, the Fourier cosine series can be differentiated term by term so (Fourier cosine series has no restrictions besides continuity)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \sim - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 B_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

## Term by Term differentiation w.r.t $t$

Then

The Fourier series of a continuous function,  $u(x, t)$

$$u(x, t) = a_0(t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right]$$

can be differentiated term by term if  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  is piecewise smooth

In fact,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x,t) = a_0'(t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n'(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n'(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right)$$

If  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  is piecewise smooth.

So in our case

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} B_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Plugging in the series into the PDE

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} B_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = -k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

So the series solves the PDE provided

$$\frac{d}{dt} B_n(t) = -k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 B_n(t)$$

Solving yields

$$B_n(t) = B_n(0) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt}$$

So

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n(0) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \text{ is the solution.}$$

Extension to non-homogeneous problems

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + e^{-t} + e^{-2t} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right)$$

subject to

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L,t) = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$u(x,0) = f(x).$$

## Method of integrating factors

Reminder

$$y' + ky = q(t)$$

Integrating factor is  $e^{kt}$ , multiply on both sides

$$\boxed{e^{kt}(y' + ky)} = q(t)e^{kt}$$

Notice that  $(y(t)e^{kt})' = y'e^{kt} + ke^{kt}y = e^{kt}(y' + ky)$

so

$$(y(t)e^{kt})' = q(t)e^{kt}$$

so we can integrate on both sides . . .

$$y(t)e^{kt} = \int_0^t q(w)e^{kw} dw + y(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = e^{-kt} \left( \int_0^t q(w)e^{kw} dw + y(0) \right)$$

Assuming  $u, u_t, u_x, u_{xx}$  are piecewise smooth and continuous we expand  $u(x, t)$  in terms of the eigen functions

$$u(x, t) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

cosine

$u$  is continuous therefore the Fourier series can be differentiated term by term

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \sim - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(t) \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

This can be differentiated term by term because  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  is continuous and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \sim - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(t) \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Plug into PDE

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} A_n(t) + k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 A_n \right] \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = e^{-t} + e^{-2t} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Notice that the Rhs is a cosine series with 2 non-zero terms.

$$\frac{dA_n}{dt} + k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 A_n = \begin{cases} e^{-t} & , n=0 \\ e^{-2t} & , n=3 \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The initial conditions are

$$u(x, 0) = A_0(0) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

$n \neq 0$

$$A_n(0) = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx.$$

$n=0$ 

$$\frac{d}{dt} A_0(t) = e^{-t}$$

Integrating both sides

$$A_0(t) = \int_0^t e^{-w} dw + c \quad \text{by FTC}^*$$

In fact

$$A_0(t) = \int_0^t e^{-w} dw + A_0(0) \quad \text{Integrating } -e^{-w} \Big|_0^t = -e^{-t} - (-1) = 1 - e^{-t}$$

$$A_0(t) = A_0(0) + 1 - e^{-t}$$

 $n=3$ 

$$\frac{d}{dt} A_3(t) + k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 A_3 = e^{-2t}$$

From reminder

$$A_3(t) = e^{-k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 t} \left( \int_0^t e^{-2w} e^{k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 w} dw + A_3(0) \right)$$

$$\int_0^t e^{(k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 - 2)w} dw = \frac{e^{(k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 - 2)w}}{k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 - 2} \Big|_0^t = \frac{e^{(k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 - 2)t} - 1}{k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 - 2}$$

$$A_3(t) = e^{-k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 t} \left[ \frac{e^{(k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 - 2)t} - 1}{k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 - 2} + A_3(0) \right]$$

$$= A_3(0) e^{-k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 t} + \frac{e^{-2t} - e^{-k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 t}}{k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 - 2}$$

provided  $k \left( \frac{3\pi}{L} \right)^2 \neq 2$ .i.e.  $e^{-2t}$  is not a homogeneous solution.

$\lambda \neq 0, 3$

17.

$$\frac{d}{dt} A_n(t) + k \left( \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 A_n = 0$$

$$A_n'(t) = -k \left( \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 A_n(t)$$

$$\frac{A_n'(t)}{A_n(t)} = -k \left( \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \ln(A_n(t)) \right) = -k \left( \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2$$

$$A_n(t) = A_n(0) e^{-k \left( \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 t}$$

for the solution

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right).$$

## Term by term integration

### Thm

A Fourier series of a piecewise smooth function,  $f(x)$  can always be integrated term by term and the result is a convergent infinite series that always converges to  $\int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$

### Remarks

1. The new series is continuous.
2. The new series may not be a Fourier series.

### Example

$$1 \sim \frac{4}{\pi} \left( \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots \right)$$

Integrating the series term by term from 0 to  $x$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\sim \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^x \left( \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi t}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi t}{L}\right) + \dots \right) dt \\ &= \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi t}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi t}{L}\right) + \dots \right) \Big|_0^x \\ &= \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots \right) - \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the series on the right hand side should be the Fourier cosine series of  $x$  but there is an extra series of constants.

Recall the Fourier cosine series of  $x$

$$x \sim \frac{L}{2} - \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

(aside)  $\sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  can be written as  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \cos\left(\frac{(2k+1)\pi x}{L}\right)$

We can evaluate the infinite series as follows

2.

$$x \approx \sum - \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L x dx &= \int_0^L \sum dx - \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \int_0^L \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots \right) dx \\ \int_0^L x dx &= \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \left( \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^L + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^L + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^L + \dots \right) \\ \sum L &= \frac{4L}{\pi^2} (0 + \dots 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \sum &= \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L x dx = \frac{1}{L} \left. \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_0^L = \frac{L}{2} \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$x = \frac{L}{2} - \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots \right)$$

Notice that we can derive a new series as follows:

$$\int_0^x t dx = \int_0^x \frac{L}{2} dx - \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \int_0^x \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi t}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi t}{L}\right) + \dots \right) dt$$

$$\frac{x^2}{2} = \frac{L}{2} x - \frac{4L^2}{\pi^3} \left( \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3^3} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{5^3} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots \right)$$



## Complex form of Fourier series

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

$$\text{where } a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$$

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

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

$$\cos\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \quad \& \quad \sin\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$$

so that

$$f(x) \sim a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n + \frac{b_n}{i}\right) e^{i\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n - \frac{b_n}{i}\right) e^{-i\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)}$$

$$\sim a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n - ib_n) e^{i\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + ib_n) e^{-i\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)}$$

$$\sim a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_{(-n)} - ib_{(-n)}) e^{-i\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + ib_n) e^{-i\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)}$$

⋮

$$f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{-i\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)}.$$