

Periodic function

consider a function $f(x)$ of a variable x .

$f(x)$ is called a periodic function of x if it repeats itself regularly over a given interval of x .
(x as may be time variable or space variable).

mathematically,

A function $f(x)$ is said to be periodic with period T if for all x

$$f(x+T) = f(x) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where T is a +ve const. called period of $f(x)$.

The least value of $T > 0$ is called the Least period.
or simply period of $f(x)$.

If n is any integer then from eqn (1) it is clear that

$$f(x+nT) = f(x)$$

for all ' x ' (2)

Hence nT is $2T, 3T, 4T, \dots$ etc
are also period of $f(x)$.

For example :

$\sin x, \cos x, \sec x, \cosec x$ having a period of 2π .

$\tan x, \cot x$ having a period of π .

Since $\sin x$ has periods of $2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi$ etc ---

so 2π is the least period.

∴ $\sin nx = \sin(n+2\pi) = \sin(n+4\pi) = \dots$ with period 2π .

similarly $\sin 3x = \sin(3x+2\pi) = \sin 3(x+\frac{2\pi}{3})$, with period $\frac{2\pi}{3}$.

$\cos 3x = \cos(3x+2\pi) = \cos 3(x+\frac{2\pi}{3})$, " " $\frac{2\pi}{3}$.

so the period of $\begin{cases} \sin nx \\ \cos nx \end{cases}$ is

$$\boxed{\frac{2\pi}{n}}$$

Q:- what is the period of $\sin 7x$ & $\cos 5x$

sol:- The period of $\sin 7x = \frac{2\pi}{7}$.

The period of $\cos 5x = \frac{2\pi}{5}$.

We also have $\tan 2x = \tan(2x+\pi) = \tan 2(x+\frac{\pi}{2})$

so $\tan 2x$ having the period of $\frac{\pi}{2}$

or in general $\begin{bmatrix} \tan nx \\ \cot nx \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$ having period of $\boxed{\frac{\pi}{n}}$.

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sol:- The period of $\tan 7x = \frac{\pi}{7}$.

The period of $\cot 5x = \frac{\pi}{5}$.

$$f(x+2T) = f[(x+T)+T] = f(x+T) = f(x)$$

& for any integer n

$$f(x+nT) = f(x) + T.$$

Orthogonality of sine & cosine functions

(I)

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mn \cdot \sin nn dn = \pi \delta_{mn} \text{ for } m, n \neq 0$$

m & n
the integers

(II)

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mn \cdot \cos nn dn = \pi \delta_{mn} \text{ for } m, n \neq 0$$

$$= 2\pi \text{ when } m = n = 0$$

(III)

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mn \cdot \cos nn dn = 0 \text{ for all values of } m \neq n$$

At first take some definite integrals then we'll prove above relations.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mn dn = -\frac{\cos mn}{m} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = -\frac{1}{m} [\cos m\pi - \cos(-m\pi)] = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mn dn = \frac{\sin mn}{m} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{m} [\sin m\pi - \sin(-m\pi)] = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 mn dn = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{(1 - \cos 2mn)}{2} dn = \frac{1}{2} \left[n - \frac{\sin 2mn}{2m} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\pi - 0 - (-\pi) - 0] = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 mn dn = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{(1 + \cos 2mn)}{2} dn = \frac{1}{2} \left[n + \frac{\sin 2mn}{2m} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\pi + 0 - (-\pi) + 0] = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$\sin n\pi = 0$$

$$\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$$

(F)

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx$$

(i) when $m=0$ or $n=0$ or both $m \neq n \neq 0$

then $\boxed{I = 0}$

(ii) when $m \neq n \neq 0$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [\cos(m-n)x + \cos(m+n)x] \, dx$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(m-n)x}{m-n} - \frac{\sin(m+n)x}{m+n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$\boxed{I = 0}$

(iii) when $m=n \neq 0$

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 mx \, dx = \pi \quad \therefore \boxed{I = \pi}$$

(iv) when so

$$\boxed{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = \begin{cases} \pi \delta mn & m, n \neq 0 \\ 0 & for m=0 or n=0 \end{cases}}$$

(A)

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mn \cos ndn$$

(i) when $m > 0$ or $n = 0$

then $I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mn \cos ndn = 0$

$$\therefore I = 0$$

(ii) when both $m \neq n = 0$

then $I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dn = 2\pi$

(iii) when $m = n \neq 0$, then

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 mn \cos ndn = \pi$$

$$I = \pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mn \cos ndn &= \pi \delta_{mn} ; \text{ for } m, n \neq 0 \\ &= 2\pi \text{ when both } m \neq n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(iv) when $m \neq n, \neq 0$

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mn \cos ndn = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [\cos(m+n)n - \cos(m-n)n]$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-\sin(m+n)n}{m+n} - \frac{\sin(m-n)n}{m-n} \right) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$I = 0$$

(ii)

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mn \cos n dx$$

(ii) when $m=0$

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

(iii) when $n=0$

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mn dx = 0$$

(iv) when $m=n$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} (2 \sin m \cos mn) dn \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} -\sin 2mn dn = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{I=0}$$

(v) when $m \neq n \neq 0$

$$I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mn \cos n dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} -\sin(m+n)n + \sin(m-n)n dn$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{\cos(m+n)n}{m+n} - \frac{\cos(m-n)n}{m-n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\boxed{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mn \cos n dx = 0 \text{ for all values of } m \neq n}$$

Summary for integrals used in Fourier series

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mn \, dn = 0 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mn \, dn$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin n\pi &= 0 \\ \cos n\pi &= (-1)^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 mn \, dn = \pi = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 mn \, dn$$

$\textcircled{(I)}$ $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin m \, n \sin n \, dn = \pi \delta_{mn}$ for $m, n \neq 0$	$\rightarrow m \& n \text{ are}$ $\rightarrow \text{the integers}$
$\textcircled{(II)}$ $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos m \, n \cos n \, dn = \pi \delta_{mn}$ for $m, n \neq 0$ $= 2\pi$ for $m=n=0$	
$\textcircled{(III)}$ $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin m \, n \cos n \, dn = 0$ for all values of $m \& n$	

$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)]$$

$$\cos A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)]$$

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$n = \text{integer}$

$$\begin{cases} f(n\pi \pm \vartheta) = \pm \text{same function} & \text{e.g. } \sin(2\pi \pm \vartheta) = \pm \sin \vartheta \\ f(\frac{n\pi}{2} \pm \vartheta) = \pm \text{co-function} & \text{e.g. } \cos(\frac{3\pi}{2} \pm \vartheta) = \pm \sin \vartheta \end{cases}$$

OR

$f(n \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \pm \vartheta) = \pm \text{same function}$ when $n = \text{even}$
 $= \text{co-function}$ when $n = \text{odd}$

$$\text{e.g. } \sin(4620^\circ) = \sin[90^\circ(52) - 60^\circ] = \sin(60^\circ) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}(270^\circ - \vartheta) = \operatorname{cosec}(90^\circ(3) - \vartheta) = -\sec \vartheta$$

• Jean-Baptist Joseph Fourier (1768-1830), French

physicist & mathematician lived & taught in Paris.
In 1822 he published Fourier series.
So Fourier series after his name

He developed the theory of heat conduction (heat eqns.)

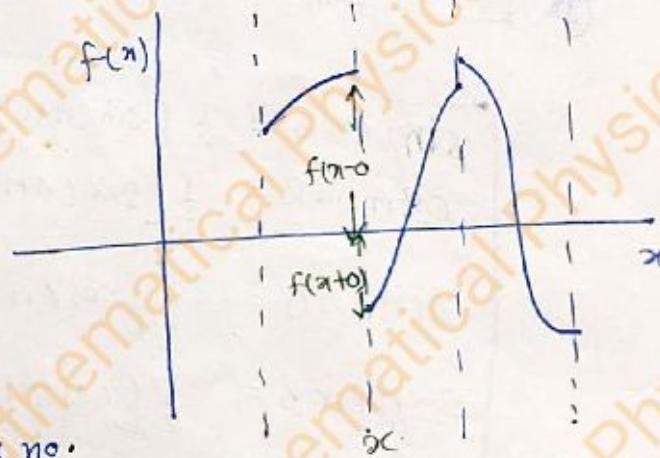
• Peter Dirichlet was German mathematician (1805-1859)

meaning of Piecewise continuous function

A function $f(x)$ is said to be
piecewise continuous in an interval if
(i) $f(x)$ has a finite no. of maxima & minima
(ii) $f(x)$ has a finite no. of discontinuities.

OR

(i) the interval can be divided into a finite no. of subintervals in each of which $f(x)$ is continuous.
(ii) the limits of $f(x)$ as x approaches the endpoints of each subinterval are finite.



Fourier Series

J. B Fourier in 1822 published a very useful theorem by which any complex, periodic function can be analysed.

If $f(x)$ is a single-valued periodic function with period 2π , & is a piecewise continuous function then $f(x)$ may be expressed as a series of sines & cosines in the form (i.e $f(x)$ can be represented by a trigonometric series)

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \quad (1)$$

Eqn (1) is called Fourier series expansion of $f(x)$.

where a_0, a_n, b_n are called the Fourier coefficients.

Eqn (1) having a period of 2π in interval $(-\pi, \pi)$

Determination of Fourier coefficients (Euler's Formulae) :

(i) To find a_0 : Integrating eqn (1) b/w the limits $-\pi$ to π on L.S. w.r.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx &= a_0 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx dx \\ &= a_0 \cdot 2\pi + 0 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

Note: Of course any interval $c \leq x \leq c+2\pi$
i.e. $(c, c+2\pi)$

(ii). To find a_n :

Multiplying ① by $\cos nx$, where n is a fixed integer & integrate b/w the limits $-\pi$ to π

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx &= a_0 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \cos nx dx + \\ &\quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \sin nx dx \\ &= a_0 \cdot 0 + a_n \pi + 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(iii). To find b_n : - multiplying ① by $-\sin nx$, & integrate b/w the limits $-\pi$ to π

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) -\sin nx dx &= a_0 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} -\sin nx dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \sin nx dx + \\ &\quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} -\sin^2 nx dx \\ &= a_0 \cdot 0 + a_n \cdot 0 + b_n \pi \end{aligned}$$

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

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

So we have the Fourier Series

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx \quad (A)$$

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (B)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (C)$$

The Fourier series expansion of a function is possible provided it satisfies a set of conditions known as Dirichlet Conditions.

Dirichlet Conditions :

Suppose a function $f(x)$ for the interval $(-\pi, \pi)$ then-

1) $f(x)$ must be single valued & well defined.

2) $f(x) \& f'(x)$ must be continuous or piecewise continuous i.e

$f(x)$ has only a finite no. of maxima & minima }
 $f(x)$ has only a finite no. of discontinuities. + Note on next page

3) $f(x)$ must satisfy the periodic condition

$f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$ for all values of x outside $[-\pi, \pi]$

These conditions are sufficient but not necessary if the conditions are satisfied then the convergence is guaranteed.

If a function $f(x)$ is well defined & bounded in interval $-\pi < x < \pi$ & has only a finite no. of maxima & minima and has only a finite no. of discontinuities also for other values of x it satisfies the condition of periodicity $f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$ then the function $f(x)$ may be expanded in Fourier series which converges to $\frac{1}{2} [f(x-0) + f(x+0)]$ at every value of x (i.e. hence it converges to $f(x)$ at point where $f(x)$ is continuous)

Note:-

If $f(x)$ & $f'(x)$ are piecewise continuous in $[-\pi, \pi]$

then series (A) with coefficients (B) & (C) converges to

(i) $f(x)$ if x is a point of continuity

(ii) $\frac{f(x_0+) + f(x_0-)}{2}$ if x_0 is a point of discontinuity

Fourier series for Discontinuous function :-

at the function $f(x)$ be defined by $f(x) = f_1(x)$, $c < x < x_0$
 $= f_2(x)$, $x_0 < x < c+2\pi$

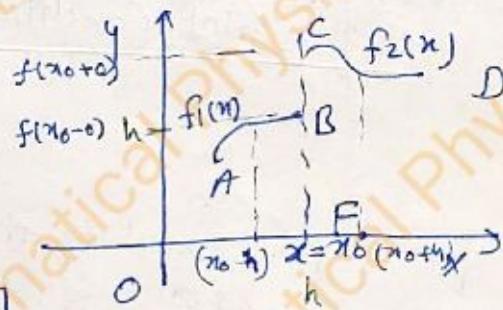
where x_0 is the point of discontinuity in interval $(c, c+2\pi)$.

so finally Fourier coefficients

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\int_c^{x_0} f_1(x) dx + \int_{x_0}^{c+2\pi} f_2(x) dx \right)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_c^{x_0} f_1(x) \cos nx dx + \int_{x_0}^{c+2\pi} f_2(x) \cos nx dx \right]$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_c^{x_0} f_1(x) \sin nx dx + \int_{x_0}^{c+2\pi} f_2(x) \sin nx dx \right]$$



If $x = x_0$ is the point of finite discontinuity then the sum of Fourier series

$$f(x=x_0) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x_0-h) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x_0+h) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [f(x_0-0) + f(x_0+0)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (F_B + F_C)$$

so (I) converges to

$$\frac{1}{2} [f(x_0-0) + f(x_0+0)].$$

Note: at a point of discontinuity

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x_0-0) + f(x_0+0)]$$

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{n\pi n}{L} dn = \int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{n\pi n}{L} dn = 0 \quad \text{if } n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Orthogonality of Sin & Cosine functions

(I)

$$\int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{m\pi n}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi n}{L} dn = \int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{m\pi n}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi n}{L} dn = L \delta_{mn}$$

and $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

(II)

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{m\pi n}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi n}{L} dn = 0 \quad \text{if } m \neq n$$

\Rightarrow The result (I) & (II) remains valid when the limit of integration $-L, L$ are replaced by $c, c+2L$

\Rightarrow At a point of discontinuity, Fourier series gives the value of $f(n)$ as the arithmetic mean of left & right limit.

At the point of discontinuity at $x=n_0$

$$f(n=n_0) = \frac{1}{2} [f(n_0-0) + f(n_0+0)]$$

Useful formulae / Integrals

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos nx dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 mx dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 nx dx = \bullet \pi$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \sin nx dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{for } m \neq n \\ 0 & \text{for } m = n \end{cases} \quad m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos mx \cos nx dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{for } m \neq n \\ 2\pi & \text{when } m = n = 0 \end{cases}$$

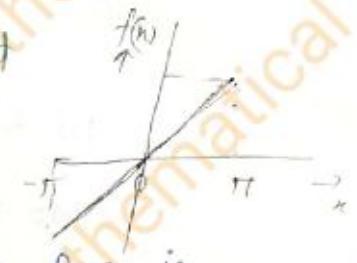
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \cos nx dx = 0 \quad \text{if } m \neq n$$

$$\begin{cases} \sin n\pi = 0 \\ \cos n\pi = (-1)^n \end{cases}$$

Ques

Represent the function $f(n) = n$, $-\pi < n < \pi$
in the form of a Fourier series & deduce that

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}$$



Sol: The Fourier series expansion of the function $f(n)$ is

$$f(n) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$$

$$\text{where } a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(n) dn = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} n dn = 0$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(n) \cos nx dn = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} n \cos nx dn = 0$$

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

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} n \sin nx dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \left[n \left(-\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right) \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi 1 \cdot \left(-\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right) dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{n} \left(-\frac{\cos n\pi}{n} \right) + \left(\frac{\sin n\pi}{n^2} \right)_0^\pi \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{n} \left(-\frac{\cos n\pi}{n} \right) + 0 + 0 \right]$$

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

$$\therefore \pi = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \sin nx \quad \text{put } x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots \right)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots}$$