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Lecture (1)

Fourier Series

Fourier series: The Fourier series formula gives an expansion of a periodic function $f(x)$ in terms of an infinite sum of sines and cosines. It is used to decompose any periodic function or periodic signal into the sum of a set of simple oscillating functions, namely sines and cosines.

- The two types of Fourier series formulas are Trigonometric series and exponential series formula.

Fourier series Formula:

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

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cos x + a_2 \cos 2x + \dots + a_n \cos nx + b_1 \sin x + b_2 \sin 2x + \dots + b_n \sin nx$$

Fourier Series Coefficients:

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

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx$$

To find Fourier Series Coefficients

$$y = f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cos x + a_2 \cos 2x + \dots + a_n \cos nx + b_1 \sin x + b_2 \sin 2x + \dots + b_n \sin nx$$

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



$$1) \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = \int_0^{2\pi} a_0 dx + \int_0^{2\pi} a_1 \cos x dx + \dots + \int_0^{2\pi} a_n \cos nx dx$$

$$+ \int_0^{2\pi} b_1 \sin x dx + \dots + \int_0^{2\pi} b_n \sin nx dx$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = a_0 [2\pi] \rightarrow a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$2) \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \int_0^{2\pi} a_0 \cos nx dx + a_1 \int_0^{2\pi} \cos x \cos nx dx + \int_0^{2\pi} a_2 \cos 2x \cos nx dx + \dots +$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} a_n \cos nx \cos nx dx + b_1 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin x \cos nx dx + b_2 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin 2x \cos nx dx +$$

$$\dots + b_n \int_0^{2\pi} \sin nx \cos nx dx$$

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

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = \int_0^{2\pi} a_0 \sin nx dx + \int_0^{2\pi} a_1 \sin x \cos nx dx + \int_0^{2\pi} a_2 \cos 2x \sin nx dx + \dots +$$

$$+ a_n \int_0^{2\pi} \cos nx \sin nx dx + b_1 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin x \sin nx dx + b_2 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin 2x \sin nx dx + \dots +$$

$$+ b_n \int_0^{2\pi} \sin nx \sin nx dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx$$

Fourier series: Even & Odd Functions

- If $f(x) = f(-x)$ for all x (Even Function)
- If $-f(x) = f(-x)$ for all x (Odd Function)
- For all odd function

$$\int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = 0$$

- For all Even function

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

Also: Odd function * Odd function = Even function

Even function * Even function = Even function

Odd function * Even function = Odd function

- If the function is an even then

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad b_n = 0$$

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

- If the function is an Odd function then

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad a_n = 0, \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

Complex Form of Fourier series

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} dx, \quad C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx, \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{inx}$$

Half Range Fourier Series

Odd and Even Functions law use to solve the examples of Half range Fourier series

Example1: Find the Fourier series representing $f(x) = x \quad 0 < x < 2\pi$

Sol.:

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cos x + a_2 \cos 2x + \dots + b_1 \sin x + b_2 \sin 2x$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi} = \pi$$

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left(x * -\frac{\cos nx}{n} - 1 \right) * \left(-\frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-2\pi \cos 2n\pi}{n} \right] = \frac{-2}{n}$$

$$x = \pi - 2 \left[\sin x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x + \dots \dots \dots \right]$$

Example 2 : Find the Fourier series expansion of the periodic function of period -2π defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \pi - x & \text{if } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

Sol.:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos x + a_2 \cos 2x + \dots \dots \dots + b_1 \sin x + b_2 \sin 2x$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} x \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} (\pi - x) \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right)_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\pi x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{\pi^2}{8} \right) + \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{3\pi^2}{2} - \frac{9\pi^2}{8} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{8} \right) = \pi \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{8} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \right) = 0$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} x \cos nx \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} (\pi - x) \cos nx \, dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \left[x \frac{\sin nx}{n} - 1 * \frac{-\cos nx}{n^2} \right]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left[(\pi - x) \frac{\sin nx}{n} - (-1) \left(\frac{-\cos nx}{n^2} \right) \right]_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n} + \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n^2} - \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n} - \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n^2} \right] + \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\pi}{2} \frac{\sin \frac{3n\pi}{2}}{n} + \frac{\cos \frac{3n\pi}{2}}{n^2} - \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n} + \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\pi}{2n} \left(\sin \frac{3n\pi}{2} + \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{n^2} \left(\cos \frac{3n\pi}{2} - \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\pi}{n} \sin n\pi \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \sin n\pi \right]$$

$$= 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} x \sin nx \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} (\pi - x) \sin nx \, dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \sin nx \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} (\pi - x) \sin nx \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[x \left(\frac{-\cos nx}{n} \right) - 1 * \left(\frac{-\sin nx}{n^2} \right) \right]_{\pi/2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left[(\pi - x) \left(\frac{-\cos nx}{n} \right) - (-1) \left(\frac{-\sin nx}{n^2} \right) \right]_{\pi/2} \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n} + \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n^2} \right] + \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\cos \frac{3n\pi}{2}}{n} - \frac{\sin \frac{3n\pi}{2}}{n^2} + \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n} + \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n} + 3 \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n^2} + \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\cos \frac{3n\pi}{2}}{n} - \frac{\sin \frac{3n\pi}{2}}{n^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{2n} \left(\cos \frac{3n\pi}{2} - \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) + \frac{3}{n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \sin \frac{3n\pi}{2} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\pi}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \sin nx + \frac{3}{n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \sin \frac{3n\pi}{2} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2 \pi} \left[3 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - \sin \frac{3n\pi}{2} \right] \\
f(x) &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin x}{1^2} - \frac{\sin 3x}{3^2} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5^2} \dots \dots \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Obtain the complex form of the Fourier series of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1 & 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Sol.:

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 0 e^{-inx} dx + \int_0^{\pi} 1 e^{-inx} dx \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{e^{-inx}}{-in} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2n\pi i} [e^{-in\pi} - 1] = \frac{1}{2n\pi i} [\cos n\pi - i \sin n\pi - 1] = \frac{-1}{2ni\pi} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{in\pi} & , \quad n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & , \quad n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{i\pi} \left[\frac{e^{ix}}{1} + \frac{e^{3ix}}{3} + \frac{e^{5ix}}{5} + \dots \dots \dots \right] + \frac{1}{i\pi} \left[\frac{e^{-ix}}{-1} + \frac{e^{-3ix}}{-3} + \frac{e^{-5ix}}{5} + \dots \dots \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{i\pi} \left[(e^{ix} - e^{-ix}) + \frac{1}{3} (e^{3ix} - e^{-3ix}) + \frac{1}{5} (e^{5ix} - e^{-5ix}) + \dots \dots \dots \right]$$



$$\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{1}{\pi} \left[e^{ix} - e^{-ix} \right] + \frac{1}{3} (e^{3ix} - e^{-3ix}) + \frac{1}{5} (e^{5ix} - e^{-5ix})$$