

MAU23403: Equations of Mathematical Physics

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Exercise 1

$$\begin{aligned}a_0 &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) dx \\&= \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi - t)^2 dt \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi^2 - 2\pi t + t^2) dt \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\pi^2 t - \pi t^2 + \frac{t^3}{3} \Big|_0^{2\pi} \right) \\&= 2\pi^2 - 4\pi^2 + \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \\&= \frac{2\pi^2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}a_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{l}\right) dx \\&= \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi - t)^2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{2\pi}\right) dt \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi - t)^2 \cos(nt) dt \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left((\pi - t)^2 \frac{\sin(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \int_0^{2\pi} 2(\pi - t) \frac{\sin(nt)}{n} dt \right) & u = (\pi - t)^2, \quad dv = \cos(nt) dt \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left((\pi - t)^2 \frac{\sin(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \frac{2}{n} \left(-(\pi - t) \frac{\cos(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos(nt)}{n} dt \right) \right) & u = \pi - t, \quad dv = \sin(nt) dt \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left((\pi - t)^2 \frac{\sin(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{2}{n^2} \left((\pi - t) \cos(nt) \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \frac{\sin(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} \right) \right) \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(0 - \frac{2}{n^2} (-2\pi) + 0 \right) \\&= \frac{4}{n^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{l}\right) dx \\
&= \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi - t)^2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{2\pi}\right) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi - t)^2 \sin(nt) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-(\pi - t)^2 \frac{\cos(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \int_0^{2\pi} 2(\pi - t) \frac{\cos(nt)}{n} dt \right) \quad u = (\pi - t)^2, \quad dv = \sin(nt) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-(\pi - t)^2 \frac{\cos(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{2}{n} \left((\pi - t) \frac{\sin(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin(nt)}{n} dt \right) \right) \quad u = \pi - t, \quad dv = \cos(nt) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-(\pi - t)^2 \frac{\cos(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{2}{n^2} \left((\pi - t) \sin(nt) \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{\cos(nt)}{n} \Big|_0^{2\pi} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(0 - \frac{2}{n^2} (0 - 0) \right) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$f(t) = (\pi - t)^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4 \cos(nt)}{n^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\pi) &= \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4 \cos(n\pi)}{n^2} = (\pi - \pi)^2 \\
&= -4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{12}
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= \frac{2}{l} \int_{-\frac{l}{2}}^{\frac{l}{2}} f(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{2\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^0 0 + \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx \right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \cos x \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_{-\frac{l}{2}}^{\frac{l}{2}} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{l}\right) dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{2\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^0 0 + \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos(nx) dx \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos(nx) dx \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-\cos x \cos(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} n \sin(nx) \cos x dx \right) \quad u = \cos(nx), \quad dv = \sin x dx \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \left(\cos x \cos(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} + n \left(\sin x \sin(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} n \sin x \cos(nx) dx \right) \right) \quad u = \sin(nx), \quad dv = \cos x dx \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \left(\cos x \cos(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} + n \sin x \sin(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} - n^2 \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos(nx) dx \right) \tag{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } I_a &= \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos(nx) dx \\
 a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} I_a = -\frac{1}{\pi} \left(\cos x \cos(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} + n \sin x \sin(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} - n^2 I_a \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_a &= \frac{\cos x \cos(nx) + n \sin x \sin(nx)}{n^2 - 1} \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
 &= \frac{-\cos(n\pi) - 1}{n^2 - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{n^2 - 1}, \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos x dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin(2x)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{-\cos(2x)}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_{-\frac{l}{2}}^{\frac{l}{2}} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{l}\right) dx \\
&= \frac{2}{2\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^0 0 + \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \sin(nx) dx \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \sin(nx) dx \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-\cos x \sin(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} + \int_0^{\pi} n \cos x \cos(nx) dx \right) \quad u = \sin(nx), \quad dv = \sin x dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-\cos x \sin(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} + n \left(\sin x \cos(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} + \int_0^{\pi} n \sin x \sin(nx) dx \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{n^2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \sin(nx) dx \tag{4}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } I_b &= \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \sin(nx) dx \\
b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} I_b = \frac{n^2}{\pi} I_b \\
I_b &= n^2 I_b
\end{aligned}$$

$$\implies I_b = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2$$

$$\implies b_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_1 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 x dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(x - \frac{\sin(2x)}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{l} x\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{l} x\right) \\
f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{n^2 - 1} \cos(nx) + \frac{\sin x}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

The $f(x)$ we are given is defined in terms of a single $\sin x$, and so it makes sense that the Fourier series only has one $\sin x$ and no other $\sin$, i.e. that $b_n = 0$ for any $n \geq 1$.

2.

$$\begin{aligned}
f(0) &= \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{n^2 - 1} = 0 \\
&\quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{n^2 - 1} = 1 \\
\frac{2}{2^2 - 1} + 0 + \frac{2}{4^2 - 1} + 0 + \frac{2}{6^2 - 1} + \dots &= 1 \\
\frac{1}{2^2 - 1} + \frac{1}{4^2 - 1} + \frac{1}{6^2 - 1} + \dots &= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3

1.

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} f(-x), & -l < x < 0 \\ f(x), & 0 < x < l \end{cases}$$

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} -t, & -\frac{\pi}{2} < t < 0 \\ t, & 0 < t < \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} t dt \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{t^2}{2} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} t \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{\frac{\pi}{2}}\right) dt \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} t \cos(2nt) dt \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{t \sin(2nt)}{2n} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin(2nt)}{2n} dt \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left(0 + \frac{\cos(2nt)}{(2n)^2} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{\cos(n\pi) - 1}{4n^2} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{\pi n^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$F(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}x\right)$$

$$F(t) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n^2} \cos(2nt)$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}F(0) = 0 &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n^2} \\ \frac{\pi^2}{4} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{1^2} + 0 + \frac{2}{3^2} + 0 + \frac{2}{5^2} + \dots \\ \frac{\pi^2}{8} &= \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots \\ \frac{\pi^2}{8} &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2m-1)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_n &= \frac{1}{l} \int_{-\frac{l}{2}}^{\frac{l}{2}} f(x) e^{\frac{-i2\pi nx}{l}} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\int_{-\pi}^{-a} 0 + \int_{-a}^a e^{-inx} dx + \int_a^{\pi} 0 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-inx}}{-in} \Big|_{-a}^a \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi n} \frac{e^{ina} - e^{-ina}}{2i} \\
 &= \frac{\sin(na)}{\pi n}, \quad n \neq 0 \\
 c_0 &= \frac{1}{l} \int_{-\frac{l}{2}}^{\frac{l}{2}} f(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-a}^a dx \\
 &= \frac{a}{\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{\frac{i2\pi nx}{l}} \\
 &= \frac{a}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \neq 0}}^{+\infty} \frac{\sin(na)}{n} e^{inx} \\
 &= \frac{a}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{\sin(na)}{n} e^{inx} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(na)}{n} e^{inx} \right) \\
 &= \frac{a}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(na)}{n} e^{-inx} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(na)}{n} e^{inx} \right) \\
 &= \frac{a}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(na)}{n} \left(\frac{e^{inx} + e^{-inx}}{2} \right) \\
 f(x) &= \frac{a}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(na) \cos(nx)}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{\pi^2 - e^{3ix}} &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{e^{3ix}}{\pi^2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{a}{1 - r} & a = 1, \quad r = \frac{e^{3ix}}{\pi^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} & \text{geometric series} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^{3ix}}{\pi^2} \right)^{n-1} \\
 \frac{1}{\pi^2 - e^{3ix}} &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi^{2n}} e^{3inx}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(-x) &= -x \\
 &= -f(x) \\
 \implies f(x) &= \text{odd} \\
 \implies a_n &= 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_{-\frac{l}{2}}^{\frac{l}{2}} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{l}\right) dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{2\pi}\right) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{-x \cos(nx)}{n} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{-x \cos(nx)}{n} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n\pi} (-2\pi \cos(n\pi) + 0) \\
 &= -\frac{2(-1)^n}{n} \\
 b_n^2 &= \frac{4}{n^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{l} \int_{-\frac{l}{2}}^{\frac{l}{2}} |f(x)|^2 dx &= \frac{a_0^2}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n^2 + b_n^2}{2} \\
 \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx &= 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2} \\
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
 \zeta(2) &= \frac{\pi^2}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_n &= \frac{1}{l} \int_{-\frac{l}{2}}^{\frac{l}{2}} f(x) e^{\frac{-i2\pi nx}{l}} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{\alpha x} e^{\frac{-i2\pi nx}{2\pi}} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{x(\alpha - in)} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left. \frac{e^{x(\alpha - in)}}{\alpha - in} \right|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi(\alpha - in)} \frac{e^{\pi(\alpha - in)} - e^{-\pi(\alpha - in)}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{\sinh(\pi\alpha - \pi in)}{\pi(\alpha - in)} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha + in}{\pi(\alpha^2 + n^2)} (\sinh(\pi\alpha) \cosh(-i\pi n) + \cosh(\pi\alpha) \sinh(-i\pi n)) \\
 &= \frac{\alpha + in}{\pi(\alpha^2 + n^2)} (-i \sin(i\pi\alpha) \cos(\pi n) + \cos(i\pi\alpha) (-i \sin(\pi n))) \\
 c_n &= \frac{\sinh(\pi\alpha)(-1)^n(\alpha + in)}{\pi(\alpha^2 + n^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{\frac{i2\pi nx}{l}} \\
 e^{\alpha x} &= \frac{\sinh(\pi\alpha)}{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n(\alpha + in)}{\alpha^2 + n^2} e^{inx} \\
 e^0 &= \frac{\sinh(\pi\alpha)}{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n(\alpha + in)}{\alpha^2 + n^2} = 1 \\
 \alpha \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\alpha^2 + n^2} + i \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{n(-1)^n}{\alpha^2 + n^2} &= \frac{\pi}{\sinh(\pi\alpha)} \\
 \alpha \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\alpha^2 + n^2} + \left(0 + i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n(-1)^n}{\alpha^2 + n^2} - \frac{n(-1)^n}{\alpha^2 + n^2} \right) \right) &= \frac{\pi}{\sinh(\pi\alpha)} \\
 \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\alpha^2 + n^2} &= \frac{\pi}{\alpha \sinh(\pi\alpha)} \\
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\alpha^2 + n^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha \sinh(\pi\alpha)} - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$