

Lecture Classical Fourier series.

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Let now $H = L^2([-π, π])$ - separable H -space with the inner product

$$(f, g) := \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x)dx$$

H is a completion of $C[a, b]$ with respect to this inner product \Rightarrow continuous functions are dense in H .

Consider the system of vectors $\{1, \sin nx, \cos nx\}$ in H .

Lemma: $\{1, \sin nx, \cos nx\}$ - orthogonal system in H .

Proof: Need to check

$$(1, \sin nx) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx = 0; \quad (1, \cos nx) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx = 0$$

$$(\sin nx, \sin mx) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \cdot \sin mx dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} [\cos[(n-m)x] - \cos[(n+m)x]] dx = 0 \quad \text{if } m \neq n$$

$$(\cos nx, \cos mx) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} [\cos[(n-m)x] + \cos[(n+m)x]] dx = 0 \quad m \neq n$$

$$(\cos nx, \sin mx) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} [\sin[(n+m)x] + \sin[(n-m)x]] dx = 0 \quad \forall m, n$$

□

However, this system is not orthonormal:

$$\|\sin nx\|^2 = \int \sin^2 nx dx = \int \frac{1 - \cos 2nx}{2} dx = \pi$$

$$\|\cos nx\|^2 = \int \cos^2 nx dx = \int \frac{1 + \cos 2nx}{2} dx = \pi$$

$$\|1\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 dx = 2\pi$$

Classical Fourier series =

Fourier series w.r.t. $\{1, \sin nx, \cos nx\}$

$$f \in L^2(-\pi, \pi)$$

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

classical Fourier series of f .

+ Bessel inequality

$$2\pi a_0^2 + \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + b_n^2 \leq \|f\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx$$

in a fact there is an equality here (Parseval equality), but to know that we need to prove that $\{1, \sin nx, \cos nx\}$ is complete.

Natural questions about the convergence:

① Completeness and the convergence in mean (in the integral L^2 -metric)?

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

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - f_N(x)|^2 dx \rightarrow 0 \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

From the abstract theory this convergence holds $\forall f \in H$ if $\{1, \sin nx, \cos nx\}$ is complete.

② Point-wise convergence?

$$f_N(x) \rightarrow f(x) \quad \text{or to something else} \\ \forall \text{ fixed } x \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

③ Uniform convergence = convergence in $C[-\pi, \pi]$?

$$\max_{x \in [-\pi, \pi]} |f(x) - f_N(x)| \rightarrow 0 \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

④ Smoothness and rate of convergence?

Simple, but important observations:

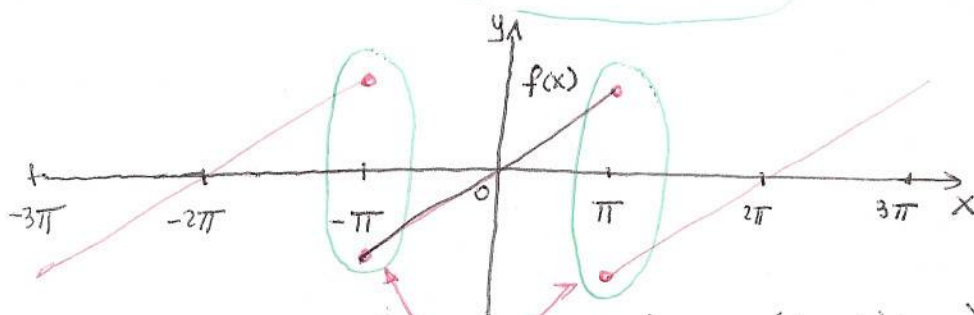
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(A) Uniform convergence is the strongest one. It implies point-wise and mean convergence.

(B) All $f_N(x)$ are continuous. Thus if $f_N \rightarrow f$ uniformly $\Rightarrow f$ must be continuous.

(C) $f \in C[a, b]$ is not sufficient for uniform convergence.

Indeed, all $f_N(x)$ are 2π -periodic \Rightarrow the limit $f(x)$ must be 2π -periodic. Let us extend the function $f \in C[-\pi, \pi]$ to \mathbb{R} 2π -periodically



$y = f_{\text{per}}(x)$
periodic extension of f .

jumps (discontinuities) !!
if $f(-\pi) \neq f(\pi)$..

\Rightarrow If $f_N \rightarrow f$ uniformly in $C[-\pi, \pi]$ $\Rightarrow f_N \rightarrow f_{\text{per}}$ uniformly in $C(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow f_{\text{per}}(x)$ must be continuous!

\Rightarrow Necessary conditions for uniform convergence

a) $f \in C(-\pi, \pi)$ is continuous.

b) $f(-\pi) = f(\pi)$ - do not forget this!

Surprising fact: it is not sufficient for uniform (and even for the point-wise) convergence!!!

\Rightarrow There exist continuous periodic functions such that $f_N(x)$ do not converge to $f(x)$ point-wise!

Very difficult to construct an explicit example!

Necessary and sufficient conditions are not known!

Sufficient conditions for point-wise convergence

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Recall that f is piece-wise continuously differentiable on $[a, b]$ if there are finitely many jump points $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ such that $f \in C^1([a, b] \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\})$

and $f(x_i^-) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_i \\ x < x_i}} f(x)$, $f(x_i^+) := \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_i \\ x > x_i}} f(x)$

$$f'(x_i^-) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_i \\ x < x_i}} f'(x), \quad f'(x_i^+) := \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_i \\ x > x_i}} f'(x)$$

exist $\forall i$.

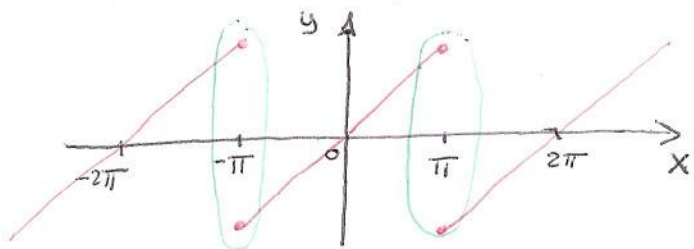
Theorem (Dirichlet) Let $f \in L^2([-\pi, \pi])$ and let $f_{\text{per}}(x)$ be a 2π -periodic extension of f . Let $f_{\text{per}}(x)$ be piece-wise C^1 . Then

$$f_N(x) \rightarrow f_{\text{per}}(x) \text{ at every } x \text{ where } f_{\text{per}}(x) \text{ is continuous.}$$

and

$$f_N(x_i) \rightarrow \frac{f_{\text{per}}(x_i^+) + f_{\text{per}}(x_i^-)}{2} \text{ at every jump point}$$

Example: Please compute the Fourier expansions for $f(x) = x$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$



and verify that

$$f_N(-\pi) = f_N(\pi) \equiv 0$$

One more simple observation

$\sin nx$ is odd and $\cos nx$ is even

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } f(x) \text{ is } \underline{\text{odd}} \Rightarrow a_n = 0 \forall n$$

we have only \sin in the expansion

$$\text{if } f(x) \text{ is } \underline{\text{even}} \Rightarrow b_n = 0 \forall n$$

only \cos in the expansions.

Lecture Classical Fourier series, Part II (I)

Regularity and the rate of convergence - more observations

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

Assume that $f'(x)$ exists ($f \in C'[-\pi, \pi]$). Then

formally

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

Justification: Let us find the F-coefficients of $f' \in H$.

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

$$a_n(f') = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) n \sin nx dx = \\ = n b_n(f) + (-1)^n \frac{1}{\pi} [f(\pi) - f(-\pi)]$$

$$b_n(f') = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \\ = -n a_n(f).$$

Conclusion: if $f \in C'[-\pi, \pi]$ and $f(-\pi) = f(\pi)$

\Rightarrow (*) is a Fourier series for the function $f'(x)$

no jump condition for $f_{\text{per}}(x)$

Attention!: if $f(-\pi) \neq f(\pi)$ we are unable to differentiate the Fourier series!
(the result of formal differentiation is a divergent series)

Corollary: Let $f \in C'(-\pi, \pi)$ and $f(-\pi) = f(\pi)$.

Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \leq \|f'\|_{L^2}^2 < \infty$$

just the Bessel inequality for the function f' .

Analogously, if $f_{\text{per}}(x) \in C^k(\mathbb{R})$ - k -times continuously differentiable, then



$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{2k} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \leq \|f^{(k)}\|_2^2 < \infty$$

in particular, $|a_n| \leq \frac{c}{n^k}$, $|b_n| \leq \frac{c}{n^k}$

Rate of decay of a_n and b_n

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Rate of convergence of $f_N(x)$

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Smoothness of $f_{\text{per}}(x)$

Corollary: Let $f \in C^1(-\pi, \pi)$ and $f(-\pi) = f(\pi)$. Then $f_N(x) \rightrightarrows f(x)$ uniformly (in the sup-metric)

Proof: 1) I claim that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| + |b_n| < \infty$$

Indeed, due to Cauchy-Schwartz inequality

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| + |b_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot n a_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot n b_n \leq \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{1/2} \left[\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 a_n^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 b_n^2 \right)^{1/2} \right] \leq 2 \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \right)^{1/2} < \infty$$

Bessel inequality for f' .

2) $f_N(x)$ is a Cauchy sequence in $C[-\pi, \pi]$:

Indeed,

$$\|f_N - f_{N+M}\|_{\text{sup}} = \left\| \sum_{n=N+1}^{N+M} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx \right\| \leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{N+M} |a_n| + |b_n| \leq$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |a_n| + |b_n| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow f_N(x)$ is a Cauchy sequence in $C(-\pi, \pi) \Rightarrow$ (the space C is complete) $f_N \rightarrow f_0 \in C(-\pi, \pi)$ in the sup-metric.

By Dirichlet theorem

$$f_N(x) \rightarrow f(x) \text{ point-wise}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_0(x) = f(x)$$

□

Corollary: Let $f \in C'(-\pi, \pi)$ and $f(-\pi) = f(\pi)$

Then,

$$\|f - f_N\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad |N \rightarrow \infty$$

Proof: Indeed, since $f_N \Rightarrow f$ (uniformly),

$$\|f - f_N\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f_N(x) - f(x)|^2 dx \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } |N \rightarrow \infty$$
$$\leq 2\pi \|f_N - f\|_{\text{sup}} \quad \square$$

Theorem: The orthogonal system $\{1, \sin nx, \cos nx\}$ is complete in $H = L^2(-\pi, \pi)$

Proof: Due to the completeness criterium, we only need to check that $f_N \rightarrow f$ in the L^2 -norm for all f from the dense set $V \subset H$. Take

$$V = \{f \in C'(-\pi, \pi), f(-\pi) = f(\pi)\}$$

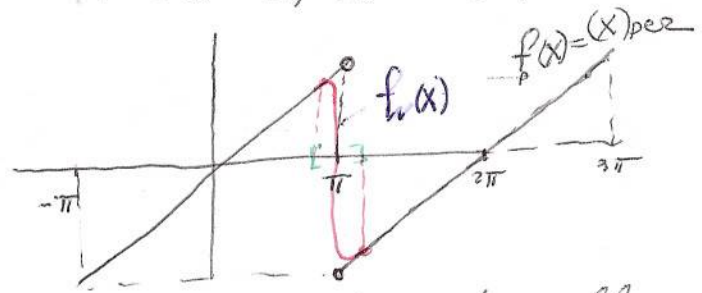
Only need to prove that V is dense in H (in the L^2 -norm).

- a) $C(-\pi, \pi)$ is dense in H (by definition)
- b) $\{x^k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ algebraic polynoms are dense in $C(-\pi, \pi)$ (in sup-norm \Rightarrow in L^2 -norm as well) (Weierstrass theorem)

\Rightarrow Algebraic polynoms are dense in H .

\Rightarrow it is sufficient to approximate any function $f(x) = x^2$ by functions from V .

For ever $n, x^n \in V$. We only need to consider $n = 2k+1$



$f_N \in V$ correct $f(x)$ in a small interval near $x = \pi$ and $x = -\pi$ in such way that $f_N(-\pi) = f_N(\pi) = 0$ (see picture)

since the correction interval is small (say of length $2/N$) $f_N \rightarrow f$ in the L^2 -metric. $\Rightarrow V$ is dense in H and $\{1, \sin nx, \cos nx\}$ is complete \square

Lecture (last) Proof of the Dirichlet theorem

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We have proved before that $\{1, \cos nx, \sin nx\}$ is complete in $H = L^2(-\pi, \pi)$, i.e., that for every $f \in L^2$

$$\|f - f_N\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - f_N(x)|^2 dx \rightarrow 0$$

Based on the Dirichlet theorem

Theorem (Dirichlet) Let $f \in L^2(-\pi, \pi)$ and let the periodic extension $f_{\text{per}}(x)$ of the function f is piece-wise continuously differentiable. Then

$$f_N(x_0) := a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx \rightarrow \frac{f_{\text{per}}(x_0+) + f_{\text{per}}(x_0-)}{2}$$

for all $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof: Let us first obtain the integral formula for $f_N(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \cos ny \, dy \cdot \cos nx + \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \sin ny \, dy \cdot \sin nx &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) [\cos nx \cdot \cos ny + \sin nx \cdot \sin ny] \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \cos n(x-y) \, dy. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_N(x) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \left[\frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \cos n(x-y) \right) \right] dy = \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) D_N(x-y) \, dy \end{aligned}$$

where the Dirichlet kernel D_N is

$$D_N(z) := \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \cos nz \right] = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sin(N+\frac{1}{2})z}{\sin \frac{1}{2}z}$$

Hint: use that $\cos nx = \frac{e^{inx} + e^{-inx}}{2}$ + the summation rule for the geometric progression.

Properties of the Dirichlet kernel:



a) $D_N(z)$ is even and 2π -periodic

b) $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_N(z) dz = 1$ and

~~$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}$~~ $\int_0^{\pi} D_N(z) dz = \int_{-\pi}^0 D_N(z) dz = \frac{1}{2}$

c) replacing f by f_{per} , we may write

$$f_N(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f_{\text{per}}(y) D_N(y-x) dy = \int_{-\pi-x}^{\pi-x} f_{\text{per}}(z+x) D_N(z) dz = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f_{\text{per}}(z+x) D_N(z) dz$$

integrals over the period of a periodic function

It is sufficient to prove the convergence at $x=0$ (other x 's are analogous).

$$f_N(0) - \frac{f(0+) + f(0-)}{2} = \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 f(z) D_N(z) dz - \frac{f(0-)}{2} \right] + \left[\int_0^{\pi} f(z) D_N(z) dz - \frac{f(0+)}{2} \right] = \int_{-\pi}^0 [f(z) - f(0-)] D_N(z) dz + \int_0^{\pi} [f(z) - f(0+)] D_N(z) dz = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \psi(z) D_N(z) dz$$

where $\psi(z) := \begin{cases} f_{\text{per}}(z) - f_{\text{per}}(0-), & z \leq 0 \\ f_{\text{per}}(z) - f_{\text{per}}(0+), & z \geq 0 \end{cases}$

Need to prove that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \psi(z) D_N(z) dz \rightarrow 0 \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

Since f_{per} is piece-wise smooth, we know that

$$\psi(0) = 0 \quad |\psi(z)| \leq C|z| \quad \text{near zero}$$

important!

(since D_N is concentrated near zero)

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Psi(z) D_N(z) dz = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Psi(z) \frac{\sin(N+\frac{1}{2})z}{\sin \frac{1}{2}z} dz =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Psi(z) [\cos Nz + \sin Nz \cdot \text{ctg} \frac{1}{2}z] dz =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Psi(z) \cos Nz dz + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Psi(z) \text{ctg} \frac{1}{2}z \cdot \sin Nz dz$$

Fourier coefficient of $\Psi(z)$

Fourier coefficient for $\Psi(z) \text{ctg} \frac{1}{2}z$

The function Ψ is from $L^2 \Rightarrow$ Fourier coefficients must tend to zero \Rightarrow first term tends to zero (Bessel inequality) as $N \rightarrow \infty$ (First term is trivial and do not require any assumptions on f).

The second one:

$$\Psi(z) \text{ctg} \frac{1}{2}z = \underbrace{\frac{\Psi(z)}{z}}_{\text{Bounded}} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\cos \frac{1}{2}z \cdot \frac{z}{\sin \frac{1}{2}z}\right)}_{\text{Bounded}}$$

$\Rightarrow \Psi(z) \text{ctg} \frac{1}{2}z \in L^2 \Rightarrow$ the second term also tend to 0.

Observations AFTER the proof: □

1) Localization: the convergence at point $x = x_0$ depends only on the behavior of f near $x = x_0$.
 ($\Psi(z) \text{ctg} \frac{1}{2}z$ can have only one pole at $z = 0$)
 the behavior outside of zero neighborhood is not essential.

2) The assumptions on f can be weakened
 For convergence at $x = 0$, it is sufficient that

$$\int_{-\pi}^0 \frac{|f(x) - f(0-)|}{|x|} dx + \int_0^{\pi} \frac{|f(x) - f(0+)|}{|x|} dx < \infty$$

Dini condition

(Use the fact that $\int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin Nx dx \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall f \in L^1$)

3) It is not difficult to prove that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |D_N(z)| dz \sim \log N$ unbounded, but $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_N(z) dz = 1$
 main obstacle for the validity of the Dirichlet theorem for any continuous function!