

9.3 Fourier Cosine and Sine Series

last time: $f(t)$ period $2L$

$$f(t) \sim \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) \right]$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$$

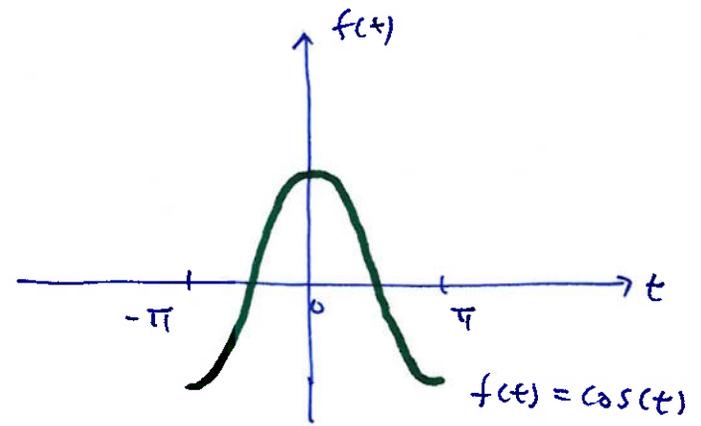
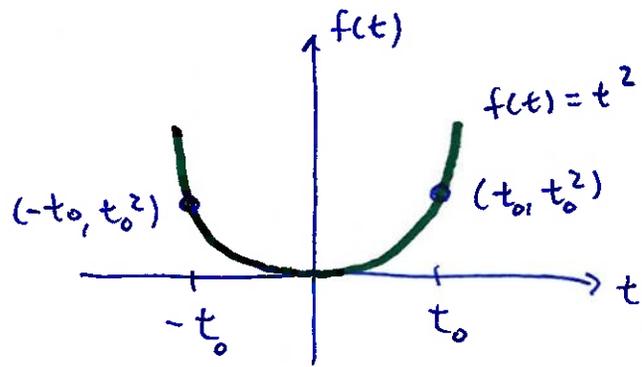
or any interval $2L$ in length

many examples we've seen have purely cosine or sine terms
why?

a function $f(t)$ is even if $f(-t) = f(t)$

for example, t^2 , t^4 , t^6 , $\cos(t)$

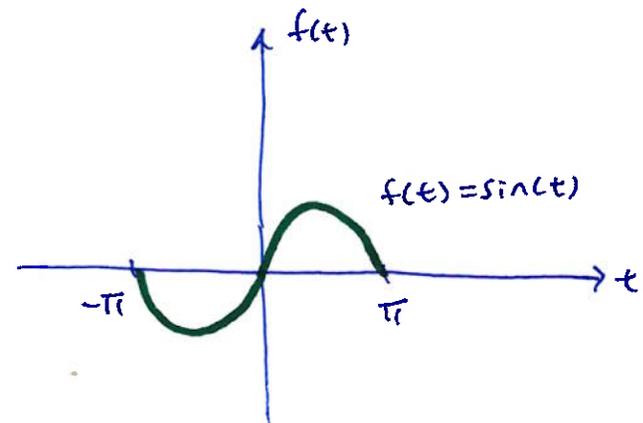
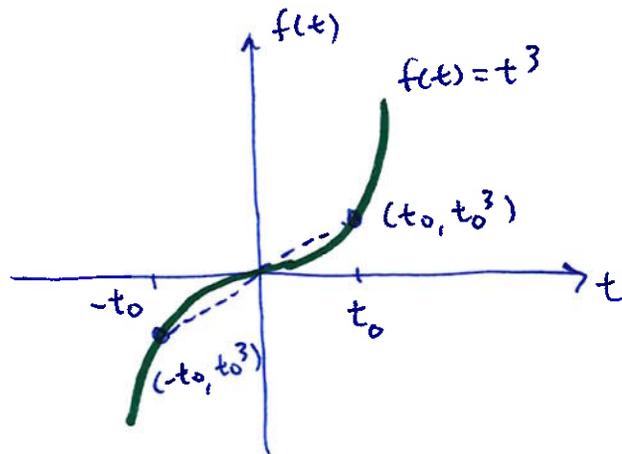
→ have vertical axis symmetry



a function $f(t)$ is odd if $f(-t) = -f(t)$

for example, $t, t^3, t^5, \sin(t)$

→ they have origin symmetry



product of two even functions is even

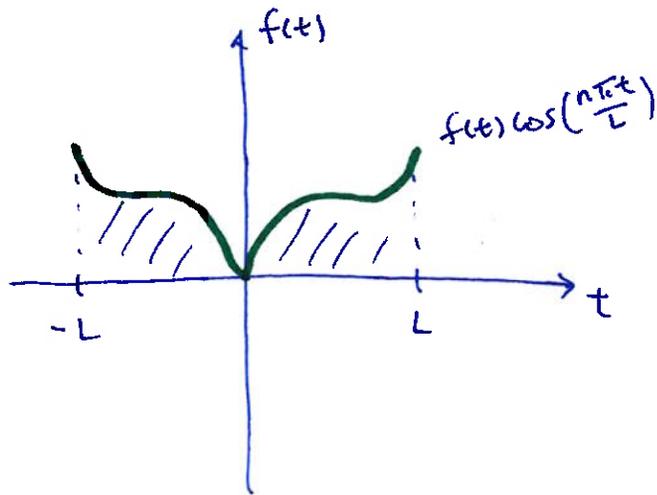
product of two odd functions is even

product of one even and one odd functions is odd

$$\text{back to } a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \underbrace{\cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)}_{\text{even}} dt$$

if $f(t)$ is even, then $f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$ is even

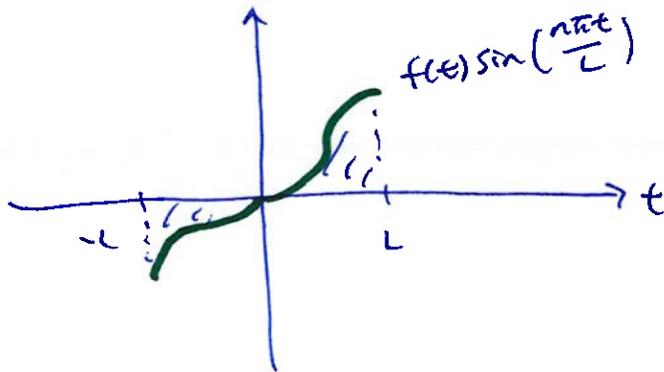
so, $f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$ has vertical axis symmetry



$$\begin{aligned} \text{clearly, } a_n &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \end{aligned}$$

$f(t)$ is even, $f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$ is odd

So, $f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$ has origin symmetry



$$\begin{aligned} \text{clearly, } b_n &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{net area} = 0) \end{aligned}$$

if $f(t)$ is even w/ period $2L$, then

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$$

$$b_n = 0 \quad \text{for all } n$$

$$f(t) \sim \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$$

Fourier cosine series

repeating w/ an odd $f(t)$, we see

if $f(t)$ is odd w/ period $2L$, then

$$a_n = 0 \text{ for all } n$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$$

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

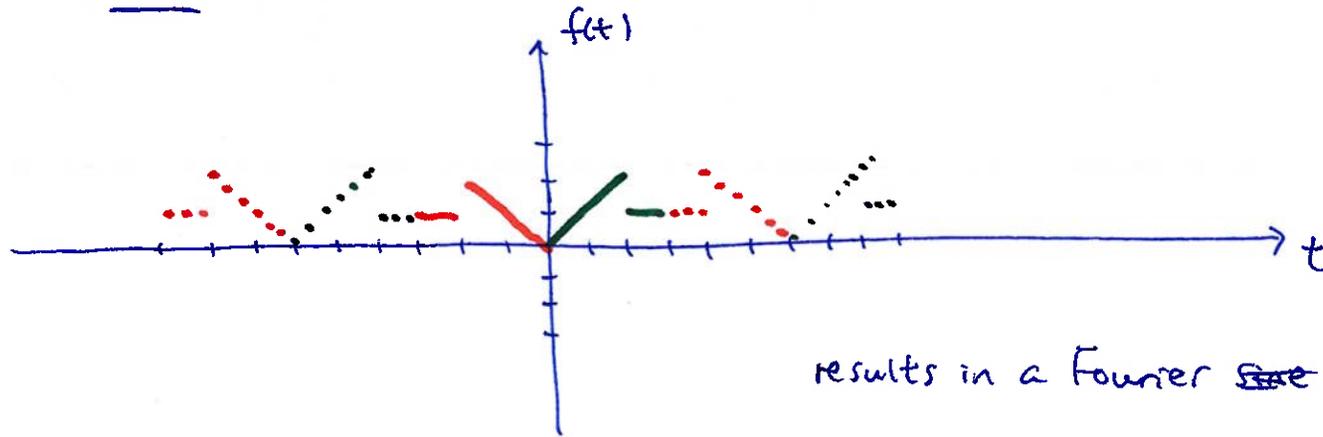
Fourier sine series

we can now describe $f(t)$ in a more compact way by giving $f(t)$ on half a period and specify whether an even extension or an odd extension is added to complete the full period

→ tells us whether $f(t)$ is even or odd

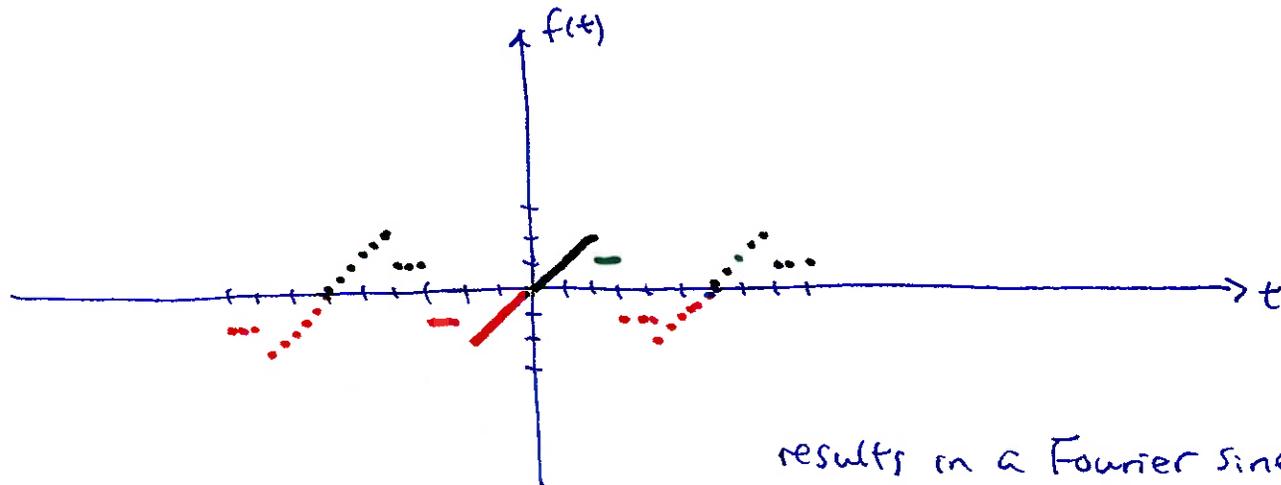
for example, $f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 < t < 2 \\ 1 & 2 < t < 3 \end{cases}$ period is 6

w/ even extensions



results in a Fourier ~~cos~~ cosine series

w/ odd extensions



results in a Fourier sine series

let's write out the Fourier sine series for the 2nd graph

odd: $a_n = 0$

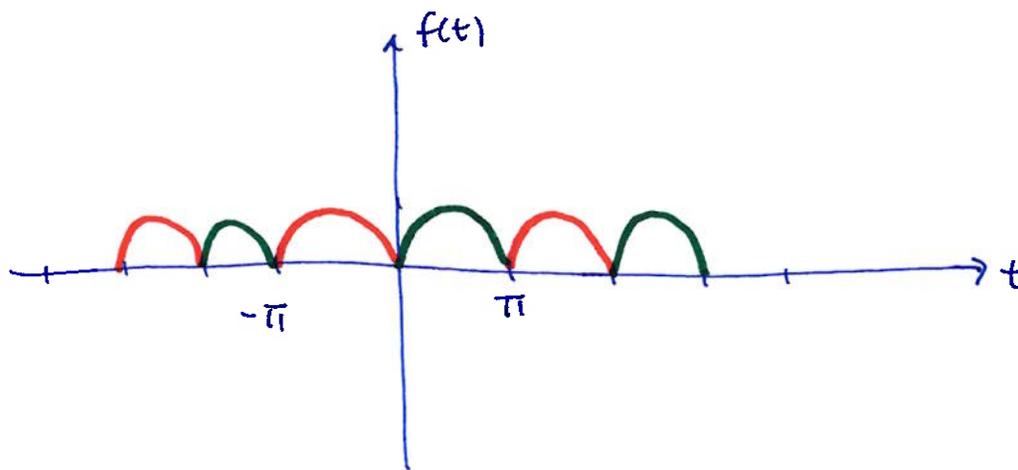
$$b_n = \frac{2}{3} \int_0^3 f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{3}\right) dt$$

$$= \dots = \frac{6 \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{3}\right) - 4n\pi \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{3}\right)}{n^2 \pi^2} + \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{3}\right) - 2 \cos(n\pi)}{n\pi}$$

first few terms of the series

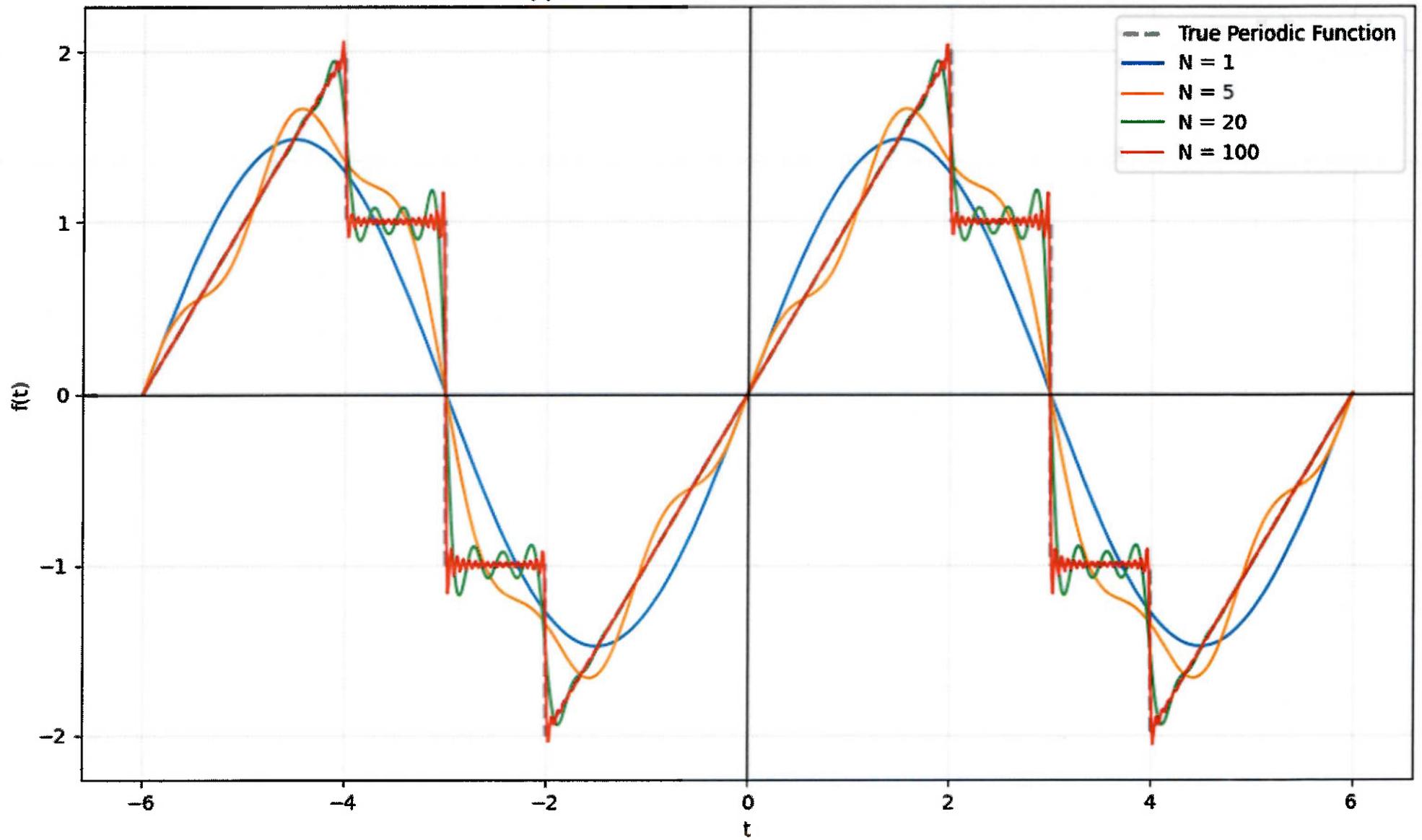
$$f(t) \sim \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\pi^2} + \frac{3}{\pi}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{-3\sqrt{3}}{4\pi^2} - \frac{1}{\pi}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{3}\right) + \dots$$

another example: $f(t) = \sin(t)$ $0 < t < \pi$ period 2π w/ even extensions



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Cosine series

Fourier Series Approximation of Piecewise Odd Extension (Period=6)



$$b_n = 0 \quad a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(t) dt = \frac{4}{\pi}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(kt) \cos(nt) dt$$

$$= \dots = \frac{2 [1 + (-1)^n]}{\pi (1 - n^2)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{4}{\pi(1-n^2)} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$f(t) \sim \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{4}{3\pi} \cos(2t) - \frac{4}{15\pi} \cos(4t) - \dots$$

Fourier Series: Even Extension of $\sin(t)$ (Period= 2π)

