

## ★ Fourier Sine & Cosine Series

Def: A function  $f$  is said to be even if

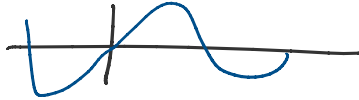
$$f(-t) = f(t) \quad \text{for all } t$$

and is said to be odd if

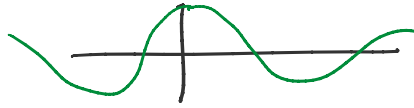
$$f(-t) = -f(t) \quad \text{for all } t$$

Ex:

$\sin(t)$   
is odd



$\cos(t)$   
is even



Furthermore

if  $f$  is even

$$\int_{-a}^a f(t) dt = 2 \int_0^a f(t) dt$$

if  $f$  is odd

$$\int_{-a}^a f(t) dt = 0$$

Note:

1. If  $f(t)$  is periodic even fn, then  
the F.S. will only have cos terms  
 $b_n = 0$        $a_n \neq 0$

2. If  $f(t)$  is periodic odd fn then  
the F.S. will only have sin terms  
 $b_n \neq 0$        $a_n = 0$

### I. Even and Odd Extensions:

Consider  $f(t)$  defined  $0 < t < L$

Goal: expand  $f(t)$  to be a periodic function  
for all  $t$ , period  $P = 2L$

Two choices:

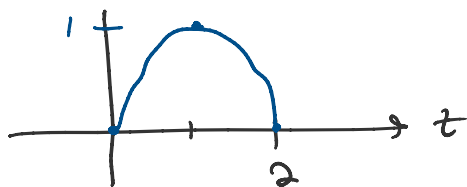
The even period  $2L$  extension of  $f$

$$f_E(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & 0 < t < L \\ f(-t) & -L < t < 0 \end{cases}$$

The odd period  $2L$  extension of  $f$

$$f_O(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & 0 < t < L \\ -f(-t) & -L < t < 0 \end{cases}$$

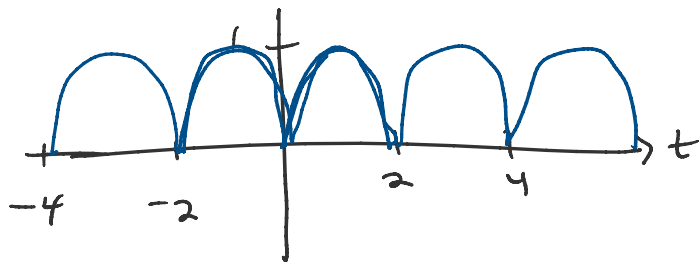
Ex:  $f(t) = 2t - t^2$  on  $0 < t < 2$



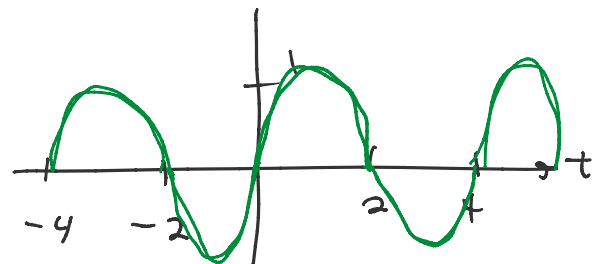
$t=0$      $f=0$   
 $t=1$      $f=1$   
 $t=2$      $f=0$

quadratic = polynomial

The even extension



The odd extension



Def: Suppose  $f(t)$  is piecewise continuous on the interval  $[0, L]$ . Then the Fourier cosine series of  $f$  is:

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

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

The Fourier sine series of  $f$  is:

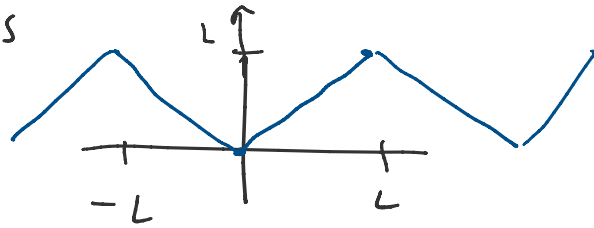
$$f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$$

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

Ex:  $f(t) = t$  for  $0 < t < L$

Find the Fourier cosine series

$$f_{\text{E}}(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 < t < L \\ -t & -L < t < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L t dt = \frac{2}{L} \left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)_0^L = \frac{2}{L} \left(\frac{L^2}{2} - 0\right) = L$$

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

$\int u \cos(u) du = u \sin(u) + \cos(u)$   
 $u = \frac{n\pi t}{L} \quad t = \frac{Lu}{n\pi} \quad dt = \frac{L du}{n\pi}$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \left(\frac{L}{n\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^{n\pi} u \cos(u) du$$

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

$$= \frac{2L}{n^2\pi^2} \left[ (n\pi) \sin(n\pi) - 0 + \underbrace{\cos(n\pi)}_{(-1)^n} - \cos(0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2L}{n^2\pi^2} \left[ (-1)^n - 1 \right] = \begin{cases} \frac{-4L}{n^2\pi^2} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

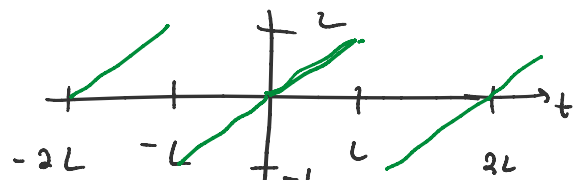
So the Fourier cosine series is


$$\frac{L}{2} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \left(\frac{-4L}{n^2\pi^2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$$

$$= \frac{L}{2} - \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{L}\right) - \frac{4L}{9\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi t}{L}\right) - \dots$$

Find the Fourier sine series

$$f_o(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 < t < L \\ t & -L < t < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$f_0(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 < t < L \\ -t & -L < t < 0 \end{cases}$$


Calculate the  $b_n$

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

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

So the Fourier series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2L}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2L}{\pi} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{L}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi t}{L}\right) - \dots \right]$$

## II. Solving Differential Eqns:

First, we need to figure out how to handle derivatives

Say  $f(t)$  is continuous and periodic, and its derivative  $f'(t)$  is piecewise smooth

$f(t)$  has a F.S.

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

We can find F.S. of  $f'(t)$  by taking a termwise deriv of F.S. of  $f(t)$

$$f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} f(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) \right) \right]$$

because  $\frac{d}{dt}$  is linear

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





2 ←  $n=1$  ← unknown need to find

4. Plug  $x(t)$  into the ODE and solve for  $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

Ex: Find a Fourier Series solution of the endpoint value problem:

$$x'' + 4x = 4t \quad 0 < t < 1$$

$$x(0) = x(1) = 0$$

Here  $f(t) = 4t$  for  $0 < t < 1$

1. Need to extend  $f(t)$  as periodic function odd or even extension?

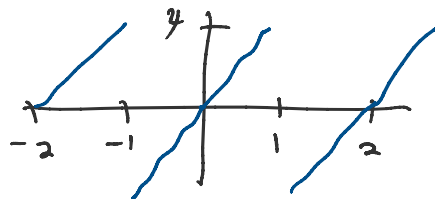
Choose  $f(t)$  extension so that the F.S. satisfies  $x(0) = 0$  and  $x(1) = 0$

If  $f$  is odd, → Fourier sine series

$$\sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{2}\right) \begin{matrix} \rightarrow t=0 \\ t=1 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \sin(0) = 0 \\ \sin(n\pi) = 0 \end{matrix}$$

Choose the odd extension

$$f_0(t) = \begin{cases} 4t & 0 < t < 1 \\ 4t & -1 < t < 0 \end{cases}$$



2. Find the F.S. of  $f_0(t)$

$$a_n = 0$$

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

$$L = 1$$

$$f(t) = 4t$$

$$= 2 \int_0^1 4t \sin(n\pi t) dt$$

$$\int u \sin(u) du = -u \cos(u) + \sin(u)$$

$$u = n\pi t \quad t = \frac{u}{n\pi} \quad dt = \frac{du}{n\pi}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 4}{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{n\pi} u \sin(u) du$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2.4}{(n\pi)^2} \int_0^{n\pi} u \sin(u) du \\
&= \frac{8}{(n\pi)^2} \left[ -u \cos(u) + \sin(u) \right]_0^{n\pi} \\
&= \frac{8}{n^2\pi^2} \left[ -(n\pi) \underbrace{\cos(n\pi)}_{(-1)^n} - 0 + \cancel{\sin(n\pi)^0} - \cancel{\sin(0)^0} \right] \\
&= \frac{8}{n^2\pi^2} (n\pi) (-1)^{n+1} = \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi}
\end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$4t = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi t)$$

3. Assume  $x(t)$  has a F.S.

since  $x(0) = x(1) = 0 \rightarrow$  Fourier sine series

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi t) \quad \text{Goal: find } b_n$$

4. Plug  $x(t)$  into the ODE  $x'' + 4x = 4t$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi t) \right) + 4 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi t) \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi t)$$

since  $\frac{d}{dt}$  is linear

$$\left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n (-n^2\pi^2) \sin(n\pi t) \right) + \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4b_n \sin(n\pi t) \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi t)$$

Since all these terms are linear  
combine like terms inside the sum

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ -n^2\pi^2 b_n + 4b_n - \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \right] \sin(n\pi t) = 0$$

all of these

in order for this to be true

all of these coefficients need to sum to zero in order for ... to be true

$$-n^2 \pi^2 b_n + 4 b_n - \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} = 0 \quad \text{for all } b_n$$

$$(4 - n^2 \pi^2) b_n = \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi}$$

$$b_n = \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi(4 - n^2 \pi^2)}$$

So now, we can write

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi(4 - n^2 \pi^2)} \sin(n\pi t)$$

$$x(t) = \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n(4 - n^2 \pi^2)} \sin(n\pi t)$$

Note: This is very powerful concept  
numerical solvers for ODEs/PDEs  
Spectral Methods

Needs endpoint condition  $x(0) = x(1) = 0$