

## ★ Section 9.1:

Periodic Functions &  
Trigonometric SeriesWarm up:

Useful formulas for Ch 9

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

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

$$\int u^n \cos(u) du = u^n \sin(u) - n \int u^{n-1} \sin(u) du$$

$$\int u^n \sin(u) du = -u^n \cos(u) + n \int u^{n-1} \cos(u) du$$

★ all of these  
can be derived  
using integration  
by parts.

Announcements:

Online HW + A2 due Tuesday

Midterm 1 on Thursday July 1

Office Hours Today @ 2:30-3:30pm  
on Zoom

(new office: MATH 844)

I. Periodic Functions:

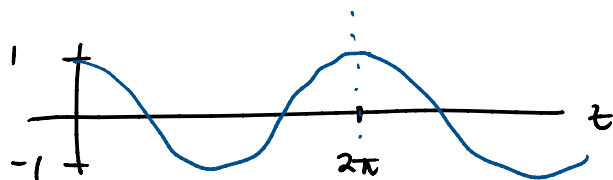
Def: A function  $f(t)$  is periodic provided there exists

$p > 0$  such that

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

The value  $p$  is called the period of  $f$

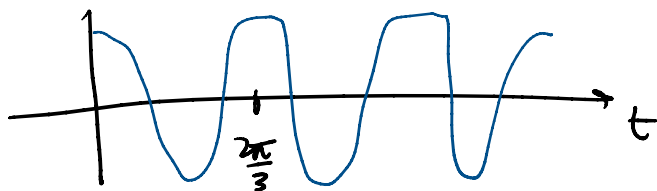
Ex:  $f(t) = \cos(t)$   
 $p = 2\pi$



$$f(t) = \cos(3t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(3(t+p)) &= \cos(3t + 3p) \\ &= \cos(3t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3p &= 2\pi \quad \text{bc } \cos \text{ has } p = 2\pi \\ p &= \underline{2\pi/3} \end{aligned}$$



$$3p = 2\pi \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \dots$$

$$p = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

Ex:  $f(t) = 3 + \cos(t) - \sin(2t) + 5 \cos(2t)$

when  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

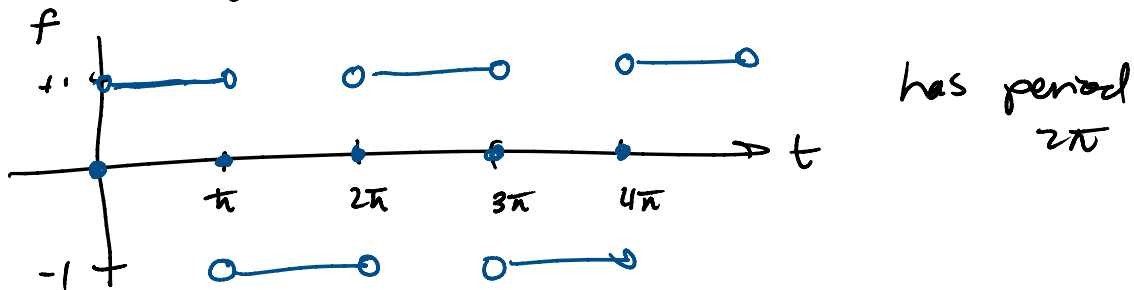
$f(t) = \cos(nt)$  then claim  $p = 2\pi$  is a period of this function

$$\cos(n(t+2\pi)) = \cos(nt + 2\pi n) = \cos(nt)$$

$$\sin(n(t+2\pi)) = \sin(nt + 2\pi n) = \sin(nt)$$

So  $f(t)$  also has period  $2\pi$

Ex: The square wave:



## II, Fourier Series of period $2\pi$ functions:

Joseph Fourier (1822):

every function  $f(t)$  with  $p = 2\pi$  can be represented by an infinite trigonometric series

$$f(t) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt))$$

a series of this form is called a Fourier series

this assertion is true with some mild restrictions

on  $f(t)$

GOAL: Derive the Fourier Series (F.S.) formulas

Need an important property of sines + cosines

Def: two functions  $u(t)$  and  $v(t)$  are orthogonal on the interval  $[a, b]$  if

$$\int_a^b u(t)v(t) dt = 0$$

Observation:  $\cos(nt)$  and  $\sin(nt)$ , for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  are orthogonal on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$

i.e.  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) \sin(nt) dt = 0$  for all  $m$  and  $n$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) \cos(nt) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \pi & \text{if } n = m \end{cases} *$$

a function cannot be orthogonal to itself

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mt) \sin(nt) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \pi & \text{if } n = m \end{cases} *$$

Let's prove this for  $\cos(mt)$  and  $\cos(nt)$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) \cos(nt) dt =$$

use a trig identity

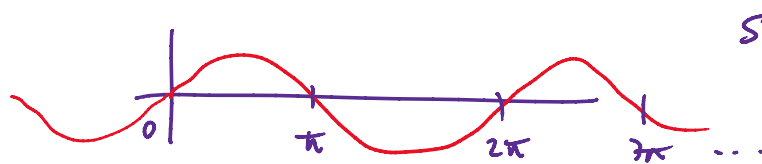
$$2 \cos(A) \cos(B) = \cos(A-B) + \cos(A+B)$$

2 cases

$$\begin{cases} \text{if } m \neq n & \cos(mt) \cos(nt) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos((m-n)t) + \cos((m+n)t)] \\ \text{if } m = n & \cos(mt) \cos(mt) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(0) + \cos(2mt)] \end{cases}$$

case  $m \neq n$  =  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \cos((m-n)t) + \frac{1}{2} \cos((m+n)t) dt$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{case } m \neq n &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \cos((m-n)t) + \frac{1}{2} \cos((m+n)t) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\sin((m-n)t)}{m-n} + \frac{\sin((m+n)t)}{m+n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\sin((m-n)\pi)}{m-n} + \frac{\sin((m+n)\pi)}{m+n} - \frac{\sin((m-n)(-\pi))}{m-n} - \frac{\sin((m+n)(-\pi))}{m+n} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$



$\sin(k\pi) = 0$   
 for all  $k$   
 integers  
 $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
 $-1, -2, \dots$

so  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) \cos(nt) dt = 0$  if  $n \neq m$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{if } m=n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 + \cos(2mt) dt = \frac{1}{2} \left[ t + \frac{\sin(2mt)}{2m} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \pi + \frac{\sin(2m\pi)}{2m} - (-\pi) - \frac{\sin(2m(-\pi))}{2m} \right] = \pi
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) \cos(mt) dt = \pi \quad \text{if } m=n$$

NOTE: The other proofs are similar

Now, let's assume Fourier's assertion is true &

$$(*) \quad f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt)$$

GOAL: Derive the values of  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  and  $a_0$

Case  $a_0$  Integrate both sides of (\*) over  $[-\pi, \pi]$

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Integrate both sides of (\*) over  $[-\pi, \pi]$

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

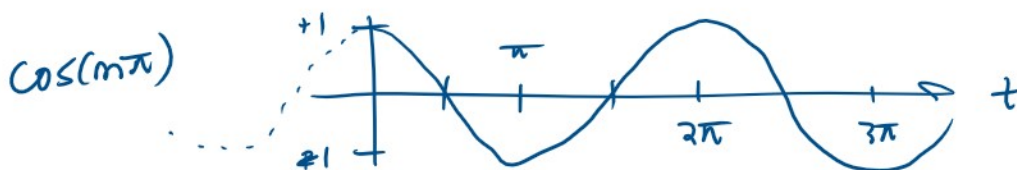
move integral inside the series

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{a_0}{2} dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt) dt$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{a_0}{2} dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nt) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt) dt$$

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

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



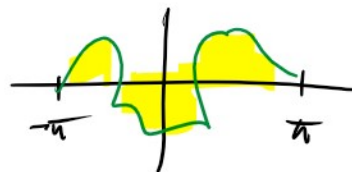
$$\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

$$\cos(m\pi) = \begin{cases} +1 & m=0, 2, 4, \dots \\ -1 & m=1, 3, 5, \dots \end{cases} = (-1)^m$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt = a_0 \pi + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \left[ -\frac{(-1)^n}{n} + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right]$$

so

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt$$



"..." value of  $f(t)$

Think of this as the "average" value of  $f(t)$  over  $(-\pi, \pi)$

as we add more terms to the F.S., it will get closer to the form of  $f(t)$ .

Let's derive  $a_n$

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

multiply both sides by  $\cos(mt)$  and integrate over  $(-\pi, \pi)$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos(mt) dt = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{a_0}{2} \cos(mt) dt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt) dt$$

distribute integral

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) \cos(nt) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) \sin(nt) dt$$

$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \pi & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$   
b/c sin and cos are orthogonal

$$= a_m \pi$$

$$a_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos(mt) dt$$

Similarly,

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(nt) dt$$

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Def: If  $f(t)$  is piecewise continuous with period  $2\pi$ , then the Fourier Series

$$f(t) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt)$$

where

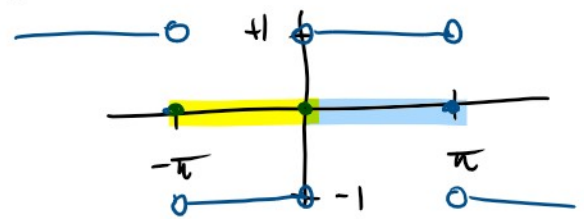
$$\begin{cases} a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt \\ a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos(nt) dt \\ b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(nt) dt \end{cases}$$

these are called the Fourier coefficients

NOTE: Sometimes this series fails to converge to  $f(t)$  at some points  $t$ .  
So we " $\sim$ " instead " $=$ " ← WHY? - next class

Ex: Find the F.S. of the square wave

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } -\pi < t < 0 \\ +1 & \text{if } 0 < t < \pi \\ 0 & \text{if } t = -\pi, 0, \pi \end{cases}$$



$$f(t) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt)$$

1. Calculate  $a_0$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 (-1) dt + \int_0^{\pi} (+1) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ (-t)_{-\pi}^0 + (t)_0^{\pi} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ (-t)_{-\pi}^0 + (t)_{0}^{\pi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -0 - (+\pi) + (\pi - 0) \right] = 0$$

$$\boxed{a_0 = 0}$$

average value of  $f(t)$  is zero ✓

2. Calculate  $a_n$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos(nt) dt =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 (-1) \cos(nt) dt + \int_0^{\pi} (1) \cos(nt) dt \right]$$

$$= \text{calculate out} = 0$$

3. Calculate  $b_n$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(nt) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 (-1) \sin(nt) dt + \int_0^{\pi} (1) \sin(nt) dt \right]$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\cos(0)}{n} - \frac{\cos(-n\pi)}{n} - \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n} + \frac{\cos(0)}{n} \right]$$

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

$$\boxed{b_n = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{n\pi} & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \end{cases}}$$



$n \pi$

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Fourier series of the square wave:

$$f(t) \sim \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{4}{n\pi} \sin(nt)$$

$$\frac{4}{\pi} \sin(t)$$

$$\frac{4}{\pi} \sin(t) + \frac{4}{3\pi} \sin(3t)$$

