

# MATH 3090, Advanced Calculus I

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Homework Sheet 8

Model Solutions

1 Recall that the Fourier series for  $f(x) = x$  when  $-\pi \leq x < \pi$ , and  $f$   $2\pi$ -periodic is  $2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\sin nx}{n}$ . By integrating this 4 times, find the Fourier series for  $g(x) = \frac{x^5}{120} - \frac{\pi^2 x^3}{36} + \frac{7\pi^4 x}{360}$ . [Remember to add the constant terms.]

$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x^2}{2} dx = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ , so the Fourier series for  $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}$  is the integral of the Fourier series for  $x$ , so it is  $2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos nx}{n^2}$ . By integrating again,  $\frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{\pi^2 x}{6} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\sin nx}{n^3}$ . Now  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{\pi^2 x^2}{12} \right) dx = \frac{-7\pi^4}{360}$ , so by integrating again, we get  $\frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{\pi^2 x^2}{12} + \frac{7\pi^4}{360} = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\cos nx}{n^4}$ . By integrating once more, we get  $\frac{x^5}{120} - \frac{\pi^2 x^3}{36} + \frac{7\pi^4 x}{360} = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\sin nx}{n^5}$ .

2 Find the Fourier sine and cosine series for the following functions on the interval  $[0, \pi]$ .

(a)  $f(x) = e^x$  [Hint:  $\cos nx = \frac{e^{inx} + e^{-inx}}{2}$ ,  $\sin nx = \frac{e^{inx} - e^{-inx}}{2i}$ .]

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} e^x \sin nx dx &= \int_0^{\pi} \frac{e^{(1+ni)x} - e^{(1-ni)x}}{2i} dx = \frac{1}{2i} \left( \left[ \frac{e^{(1+ni)x}}{1+ni} \right]_0^{\pi} - \left[ \frac{e^{(1-ni)x}}{1-ni} \right]_0^{\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2i(1+n^2)} \left( (1-ni) (e^{\pi} e^{ni\pi} - 1) - (1+ni) (e^{\pi} e^{-ni\pi}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2i(1+n^2)} \left( 2ni + e^{\pi} ((1-ni)e^{ni\pi} - (1+ni)e^{-ni\pi}) \right) \\ &= \frac{n}{1+n^2} + e^{\pi} \left( \frac{(e^{ni\pi} - e^{-ni\pi}) - ni(e^{ni\pi} + e^{-ni\pi})}{2i(1+n^2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{n + e^{\pi} (\sin n\pi - n \cos n\pi)}{1+n^2} = \frac{n(1 + (-1)^{n+1} e^{\pi})}{1+n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the Fourier sine series for  $e^x$  on  $[0, \pi]$  is  $e^x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n(1+(-1)^{n+1}e^{\pi})}{\pi(1+n^2)} \sin nx$ .

Similarly,

$$\int_0^{\pi} e^x \cos nx dx = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{e^{(1+ni)x} + e^{(1-ni)x}}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left( \left[ \frac{e^{(1+ni)x}}{1+ni} \right]_0^{\pi} + \left[ \frac{e^{(1-ni)x}}{1-ni} \right]_0^{\pi} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2(1+n^2)} ((1-ni)(e^\pi e^{ni\pi} - 1) + (1+ni)(e^\pi e^{-ni\pi} - 1)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2(1+n^2)} (e^\pi ((1-ni)e^{ni\pi} + (1+ni)e^{-ni\pi}) - 2) \\
&= e^\pi \left( \frac{(e^{ni\pi} + e^{-ni\pi}) - ni(e^{-ni\pi} - e^{ni\pi})}{2(1+n^2)} \right) - \frac{1}{1+n^2} = e^\pi \left( \frac{\cos n\pi + n \sin(-n\pi)}{1+n^2} \right) - \frac{1}{1+n^2} = \frac{(-1)^n - n}{1+n^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the Fourier cosine series for  $e^x$  on  $[0, \pi]$  is  $e^x = \frac{e^\pi - 1}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2((-1)^n e^\pi - 1)}{\pi(1+n^2)} \cos nx$ .

(b)  $f(x) = \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{3})$ .

$\sin(x + \frac{\pi}{3}) = \sin x \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + \cos x \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x$ . Now for  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\int_0^\pi \sin x \cos nx dx = \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} (\sin(n+1)x - \sin(n-1)x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n-1} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\int_0^\pi \cos x \sin nx dx = \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} (\sin(n+1)x + \sin(n-1)x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n-1} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

On the other hand,  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \sin nx dx = 0$  when  $n \neq 1$ , and  $\int_0^\pi \cos x \cos nx dx = 0$  when  $x \neq 1$ .

Therefore,  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n-1} \right) \frac{2 \sin 2nx}{\pi}$ , is the sine series for  $f$ , and  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cos x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{2n-1} \right) \frac{\sqrt{3} \cos 2nx}{\pi}$  is the cosine series.

3 Define  $f$  by  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{n}}$ . (This converges for all  $x$  by Dirichlet's test - see Corollary 6.27.)

(a) Show that the series converges uniformly on the intervals  $(\delta, \pi)$  and  $(-\pi, -\delta)$  for any  $\delta > 0$ . (This means that  $f$  is a continuous function everywhere except perhaps at integer multiples of  $\pi$ .)

Examining the proof of Dirichlet's test (Theorem 6.25), we see that the rate of convergence depends only on the rate of convergence of the sequence  $a_n$ , and on the bound  $C$ . Therefore, if we let  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ , and  $b_n(x) = \sin nx$ , then by Lemma 6.26,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \sum_{n=0}^N b_n(x) \right| &= \left| \frac{\sin \frac{(k+1)x}{2} \sin \frac{kx}{2}}{\sin \frac{x}{2}} \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\sin \frac{x}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{\sin \frac{\delta}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the convergence is uniform on  $(\delta, \pi)$  by Dirichlet's test.

By subtracting off a multiple of the square wave  $(h(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } (2n-1)\pi < x \leq 2n\pi \\ 1 & \text{if } 2n\pi < x \leq (2n+1)\pi \end{cases})$  and a multiple of the sawtooth wave  $(s(x) = x \text{ for } -\pi < x \leq \pi, \text{ and } 2\pi\text{-periodic})$  from  $f$ , we get a function  $g$  that is continuous at all  $x$ .

(b) Show that  $g$  is not piecewise continuously differentiable. [Hint: if it were piecewise continuously differentiable, what would the Fourier coefficients have to be? Use Bessel's inequality to show that these cannot be the Fourier coefficients of a piecewise continuous function.]

If  $f$  were piecewise continuously differentiable, then its derivative  $f'$  would have Fourier coefficients  $a'_n = nb_n = \sqrt{n}$  so  $g'$  will have Fourier coefficients  $\sqrt{n} + \alpha_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) where  $\alpha_n$  is the term that comes from the multiple of the square wave and the sawtooth wave that we subtracted from  $f$ .  $\alpha_n$  is bounded for all  $n$ , since the Fourier coefficients of the sawtooth and the square waves decay like  $\frac{1}{n}$ . However, these  $a'_n$  do not satisfy Bessel's inequality ( $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c'_n|^2 \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f'(x)|^2 dx$ ). Therefore, they are not the Fourier coefficients of a piecewise continuous  $2\pi$ -periodic function.