

Problem 1 - Explain the periodic function and state Fourier's theorem.

Ans:- Any function which repeats itself regularly over a given function is called periodic function.



Here function $f(x)$ is periodic. i.e. $f(x+p) = f(x)$.
 $f(x)$ is a periodic function over an interval p .

The Fourier series for the function $f(x)$ in the interval $\alpha < x < \alpha + 2\pi$ is given by

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

Here

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2\pi} f(x) dx.$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx.$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx.$$

a_0 , a_n & b_n are called Fourier coefficients.

The periodic function $f(x)$ can be represented by the sum of harmonic terms as

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}a_0 + a_1 \cos x + a_2 \cos 2x + \dots + a_n \cos nx + b_1 \sin x + b_2 \sin 2x + \dots + b_n \sin nx.$$

2) Describe the complex form of Fourier's theorem.

Ans:- The Fourier series for the function $f(x)$ in the interval $\alpha < x < \alpha + 2\pi$ is given by

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

substituting $a_n = c_n \cos \theta_n$ and $b_n = c_n \sin \theta_n$ in eqⁿ

(1) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n \cos \theta_n \cos nx + c_n \sin \theta_n \sin nx) \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \cos(nx - \theta_n) \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_n = \tan^{-1} \frac{b_n}{a_n}$$

Similarly, substituting $\cos nx = \frac{e^{inx} + e^{-inx}}{2}$

$$\sin nx = \frac{e^{inx} - e^{-inx}}{2i}$$

in eqⁿ (1) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \frac{e^{inx} + e^{-inx}}{2} + b_n \frac{e^{inx} - e^{-inx}}{2i} \right) \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \frac{e^{inx} + e^{-inx}}{2} - ib_n \frac{e^{inx} - e^{-inx}}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} e^{inx} + \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2} e^{-inx} \right) \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} e^{inx} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2} e^{-inx} \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

Now put $a_0/2 = c_0$.

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2} (a_n - ib_n) \dots (4)$$

$$c_{-n} = \frac{1}{2} (a_n + ib_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{we get, } f(x) &= c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{-n} e^{-inx} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} \dots (5) \end{aligned}$$

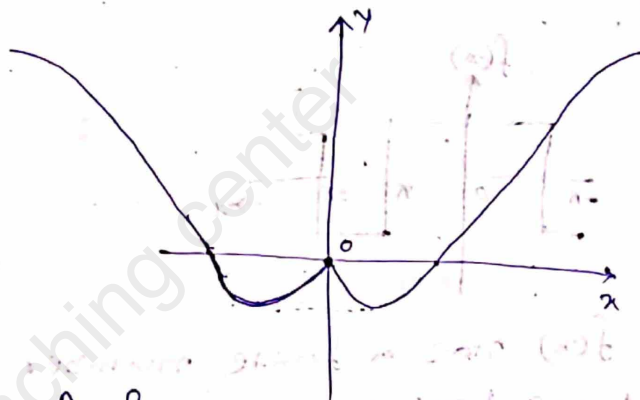
eqn (5) represents the complex form of fourier series and the co-efficient C_n is known as complex fourier co-efficient.

(3) What is odd and even function? Explain with example.

Ans:- A function $f(x)$ is said to be even if $f(-x) = f(x)$

EX:- x^2 , $\cos x$, $\sec x$, $|x|$

Graphically an even function is symmetrical about the y-axis.

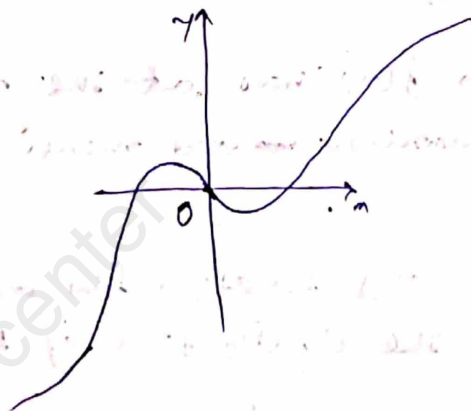


A function $f(x)$ is said to be odd if

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

EX:- x , $\sin x$, x^3

Graphically an odd function is symmetrical about the origin.



We shall be using the following property of definite integrals is,

$$\int_{-c}^c f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^c f(x) dx$$
$$= 0$$

when $f(x)$ is an even function.

when $f(x)$ is odd function.

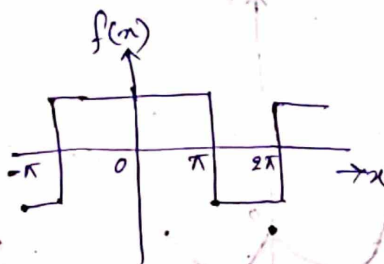
(4) What are the Dirichlet's conditions in Fourier's series?

(b) What are the limitations of Fourier's theorem.

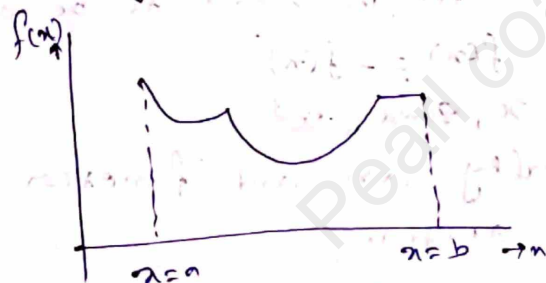
Ans:- Any function $f(x)$ can be developed as a Fourier series $\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$. where a_0 , a_n and b_n are constant.

The conditions are,

(1) The function $f(x)$ is periodic, single valued and finite.



(2) The function $f(x)$ has a finite number of discontinuities in any one period.



(3) The function $f(x)$ has at the most a finite number of maxima and minima.

(b) The problem expressing any function $f(x)$ as a Fourier series depends upon the evaluation of the integrals

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int f(x) \cos nx \, dx ; \frac{1}{\pi} \int f(x) \sin nx \, dx.$$

within the limits $(0, 2\pi)$, $(-\pi, \pi)$ or $(\alpha, \alpha+2\pi)$ according as $f(x)$ is defined for every value of x in $(0, 2\pi)$, $(-\pi, \pi)$ or $(\alpha, \alpha+2\pi)$

5) $f(x)$ have a Fourier series expansion.

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx \quad \text{then}$$

Prove that
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)$$

Ans:-

The Fourier series for $(-\pi, \pi)$ is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Multiplying both side of (1) by $f(x)$ and integrating from $-\pi$ to π we get

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

We know from Fourier theorem,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = a_0$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = a_n$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = b_n$$

from eq (2) we get,

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)}$$

The above relation is called Parseval relation.