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UNIT-I FOURIER SERIES

EVEN AND ODD FUNCTION:

A real function 'f' is called an even function if $f(-x) = f(x)$ for all x. If $f(x)$ is an even function then $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$. Eg: $x^2, \cos x, |x|, x \sin x$.

A real function 'f' is called an odd function if $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all x. If $f(x)$ is an odd function then $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0$. Eg: $x^3, \sin x, x \cos x$.

FOURIER SERIES EXPANSION IN $(-\pi, \pi)$: $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$
 where $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$; $a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx$; $b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx$
 If $f(x)$ is an odd function, then Fourier expansion is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \text{ where } b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx.$$

[$a_0 = a_n = 0$, since $f(x)$ is an odd function]

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$$\& \quad a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx.$$

[$b_n = 0$, since $f(x)$ even. \Rightarrow even \times odd = 0]



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1) Find the Fourier series for $f(x) = x^2$ in $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ and deduce

that (i) $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$

(ii) $\frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{12}$

(iii) $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$

Soln: $f(x) = x^2$ is an even function.

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

Now $a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx$
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^{\pi}$
 $= \frac{2\pi^3}{3}$

$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx$
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx$
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[x^2 \frac{\sin nx}{n} - 2x \left(\frac{-\cos nx}{n^2} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{-\sin nx}{n^3} \right) \right]_0^{\pi}$
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{2x \cos nx}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi}$
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{2\pi \cos n\pi}{n^2}$
 $= \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}$

$\therefore f(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nx$.



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Deduction:

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nx$$

put $x = \pi$ is the discontinuity & end point.

$$\frac{f(\pi) + f(-\pi)}{2} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos n\pi$$

$$\frac{\pi^2 + \pi^2}{2} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cdot (-1)^n$$

$$\pi^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} = 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n}}{n^2}$$

$$\frac{2\pi^2}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots$$

(ii) put $x = 0$ is continuous point.

$$\therefore f(0) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos n(0)$$

$$0 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{3} = -4 \left[-\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} - \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{12} = \frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$$



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(iii) By adding (i) & (ii), we get

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$$

$$\frac{2\pi^2}{12} = 2 \left[\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{8} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots$$

> $f(x) = x(\pi^2 - x^2)$ in $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Soln: $f(x)$ is an odd function.

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$$

$$\text{Now } b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x(\pi^2 - x^2) \sin nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (n\pi^2 x - x^3) \sin nx \, dx$$



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$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[(n\pi^2 - n^3) \left(-\frac{\cos n\pi}{n} \right) - (\pi^2 - 3n^2) \left(-\frac{\sin n\pi}{n^2} \right) + (-6n) \left(\frac{\cos n\pi}{n^3} \right) - (6) \left(\frac{\sin n\pi}{n^4} \right) \right]_{\pi}^0$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-6\pi \frac{\cos n\pi}{n^3} \right]$$

$$= -12 \frac{(-1)^n}{n^3}$$

$$b_n = \frac{12(-1)^{n+1}}{n^3}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 12 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^3} \sin nx$$

4) $f(x) = |x|$ in $-\pi < x < \pi$

Soln: $f(x)$ is an even function

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

$$\text{Now } a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\pi} = \pi$$

$$a_0 = \pi$$



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$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[x \left(\frac{\sin nx}{n} \right) - 1 \left(-\frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \right) \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

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

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n^2} \right] \cos nx$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{2x}{\pi}, & -\pi < x < 0 \\ 1 - \frac{2x}{\pi}, & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$$

NOTE:

$\phi_1(x) = \phi_2(x)$, even

$\phi_1(x) = -\phi_2(x)$, odd

soln:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{2x}{\pi} \\ 1 + \frac{2x}{\pi} \end{cases}$$

$= f(x)$, is an even function.

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



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$$\text{Now } a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi}x\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[x - \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} [\pi - \pi] = 0$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi}x\right) \cos nx dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi}x\right) \frac{\sin nx}{n} - \left(-\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \left(-\frac{\cos nx}{n^2}\right) \right]_0^{\pi}$$

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

$$= -\frac{4}{\pi^2 n^2} [(-1)^n - 1] = \frac{4}{\pi^2 n^2} [1 - (-1)^n]$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi^2 n^2} [1 - (-1)^n] \cos nx$$