

18.085 Pset #6 Solutions

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Question 1.

In the Fourier series $f(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx}$ we find c_k using:

$$\begin{aligned} c_k &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x e^{-ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{x}{-ik} e^{-ikx} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{x}{-ik} e^{-ikx} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{k^2} e^{-ikx} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\left(\frac{ix}{k} + \frac{1}{k^2} \right) e^{-ikx} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{i(-1)^k}{k} \end{aligned}$$

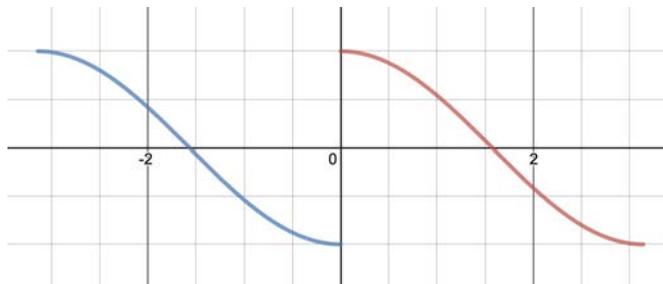
For c_0 we have $c_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x dx = 0$.

From the last homework we saw that $x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} -\frac{2(-1)^k}{k} \sin(kx)$. We can check that this matches our complex Fourier series:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx} &= c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_k e^{ikx} + c_{-k} e^{-ikx}) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{i(-1)^k}{k} (\cos(kx) + i \sin(kx)) - \frac{i(-1)^{-k}}{k} (\cos(-kx) + i \sin(-kx)) \right) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{i(-1)^k}{k} (\cancel{\cos(kx)} + i \sin(kx)) - \frac{i(-1)^k}{k} (\cancel{\cos(kx)} - i \sin(kx)) \right) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2i(-1)^k}{k} i \sin(kx) \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} -\frac{2(-1)^k}{k} \sin(kx) \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Question 2.

- The odd extension of $f(x) = \cos x$ looks like:



We know the a_n terms are zero, and we find the b_n with:

$$\begin{aligned}
b_k &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(x) \sin \frac{k\pi}{L} x \, dx \\
&= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \cos(x) \sin \frac{k\pi}{L} x \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \left(\sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{L} x + x \right) + \sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{L} x - x \right) \right) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{L} \left[\frac{-L}{k\pi + L} \cos \left(\frac{k\pi + L}{L} x \right) - \frac{L}{k\pi - L} \cos \left(\frac{k\pi - L}{L} x \right) \right]_0^L \\
&= \frac{2k\pi - (k\pi - L) \cos(k\pi + L) - (k\pi + L) \cos(k\pi - L)}{k^2\pi^2 - L^2}
\end{aligned}$$

- The even extension of $f(x) = \cos x$ is simply $g(x) = \cos x$ on $[-L, L]$. We know the b_n terms are zero, and we find the a_n with:

$$\begin{aligned}
a_k &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(x) \cos \frac{k\pi}{L} x \, dx \\
&= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \cos(x) \cos \frac{k\pi}{L} x \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \left(\cos \left(x - \frac{k\pi}{L} x \right) + \cos \left(x + \frac{k\pi}{L} x \right) \right) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{L} \left[\frac{L}{L - k\pi} \sin \left(x - \frac{k\pi}{L} x \right) + \frac{L}{L + k\pi} \sin \left(x + \frac{k\pi}{L} x \right) \right]_0^L \\
&= \frac{1}{L - k\pi} \sin(L - k\pi) + \frac{1}{L + k\pi} \sin(L + k\pi)
\end{aligned}$$

Question 3.

Note that this is exactly as the same as the example in section 7.2.1 of the lecture notes, with the exception that x and y have swapped places and the case $L = 1$. Following the steps shown there, the result would be:

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi(e^{n\pi} - e^{-n\pi})} (-1)^n (e^{n\pi x} - e^{-n\pi x}) \sin(n\pi y)$$

Question 4.

Our general solution is:

$$u(r, \theta) = A_0(C_0 \ln r + D_0) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (A_m \cos m\theta + B_m \sin m\theta)(C_m r^m + D_m r^{-m})$$

If we assume $C_0 = 0$ and $D_k = 0$ so that $u(r, \theta)$ is bounded on the interior domain, and reinterpret A_k and B_k to include C_k we have a simplified general solution:

$$u(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (A_m \cos m\theta + B_m \sin m\theta)r^m$$

At $r = 1$ we have

$$u(1, \theta) = \cos 10\theta = A_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (A_m \cos m\theta + B_m \sin m\theta)$$

So we can determine the proper constants are $A_k = \delta_{10,k}$ (1 for $m = 10$ and 0 otherwise) and $B_k = 0$:

$$u(r, \theta) = \cos(10\theta)r^{10}$$

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