

Section 3.4

Write the Fourier sine and the Fourier cosine series of the following functions

1) $f(x) = 4$ for $0 \leq x \leq 3$

3) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sin x & \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$

7) $f(x) = \sin(3x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

Problem 1

1) $f(x) = 4$ for $0 \leq x \leq 3$

Fourier sine series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

where $L = 3$ and $f(x) = 4$

$$\therefore b_n = \frac{2}{3} \int_0^3 4 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \int_0^3 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \left[\frac{-\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{3}} \right] \Big|_0^3$$

$$= \frac{-8}{3} \times \frac{3}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) \Big|_0^3$$

$$= \frac{-8}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) \Big|_0^3$$

$$= \frac{-8}{n\pi} [\cos(n\pi) - \cos 0]$$

$$= \frac{-8}{n\pi} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

$$= \frac{-8}{n\pi} [1 - (-1)^n]$$

for n = even

$$bn = 0$$

for n = odd

i. e n = 2k - 1, k = 1, 2, 3

$$bn = \frac{8}{(2k-1)\pi} (2) = \frac{16}{(2k-1)\pi}$$

∴ The sine series for the function is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{(2k-1)\pi} \sin\left(\frac{(2n-1)}{3} \pi x\right)$$

Fourier Cosine series

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx = \frac{2}{3} \int_0^3 4 dx$$

$$\frac{2}{3} 4x \Big|_0^3 = \frac{8}{3} (3 - 0) = 8$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^3 4 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \left[\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{3}{n\pi} \right] \Big|_0^3$$

$$= \frac{8}{n\pi} [\sin(n\pi) - \sin 0] = 0$$

∴ The cosine series for the function is $\frac{8}{2} = 4$.

Hence, the cosine series for the function is the function itself.

$$3) f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sin x & \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Fourier sine series

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

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(x) \sin nx dx + \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sin x \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} 2 \sin x \sin nx dx$$

$$\text{since } 2 \sin A \sin B = \cos(nx - x) - \cos(nx + x)$$

$$\therefore b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} (\cos(n-1)x - \cos(n+1)x) dx \dots \dots (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{\sin(n-1)x}{n-1} - \frac{\sin(n+1)x}{n+1} \right) \right]_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi}, n > 1$$

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

$$n = 2, 3, 4 \dots$$

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

$$\text{since } \sin(n-1)\pi = \sin(n+1)\pi = 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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

$$\text{since } \sin(n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} = -\sin(n-1)\frac{\pi}{2} = \cos \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n+1} - \frac{-\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n-1} \right] = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n+1} + \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n-1} \right]$$

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

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

for b_1

Consider from (1)

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} (\cos(n-1) - \cos(n-1)x) dx$$

for $n = 1$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[x - \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right] \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi}$$

$$\therefore b_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{\sin 2\pi - \sin \pi}{2} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore The sine series for the function is

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

Fourier cosine series

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

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(x) dx + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$\therefore a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sin x dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(-\cos x \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[\cos \pi - \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$\therefore a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

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

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi \sin x \cos x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi 2 \sin x \cos x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } 2 \sin x \cos nx &= \sin(n+1)x + \sin(1-n)x \\ &= \sin(n+1)x - \sin(n-1)x \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi (\sin(n+1)x - \sin(n-1)x) dx$$

for $n = 1$, we have

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi \sin 2x dx = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\cos 2x}{2} \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} [\cos 2\pi - \cos \pi]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} [1 + 1] = -\frac{1}{\pi} \therefore a_1 = \frac{-1}{\pi}$$

for $n = 2, 3, \dots, \dots$, we have

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi (\sin(n+1)x - \sin(n-1)x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos(n+1)x}{n+1} + \frac{\cos(n-1)x}{n-1} \right] \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi$$

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

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

$$\text{since } \cos(n-1)\pi = \cos(n+1)\pi = -\cos(n\pi)$$

$$\text{and } \cos(n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} = -\cos(n-1)\frac{\pi}{2} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}n\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos n\pi}{n-1} + \frac{\cos n\pi}{n+1} - \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2}n}{n+1} - \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2}n}{n-1} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{-(n+1)\cos n\pi + (n-1)\cos n\pi}{n^2-1} \right) - \left(\frac{(n-1)\sin \frac{\pi}{2}n + (n+1)\sin \frac{\pi}{2}n}{n^2-1} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{(n-1-n-1)\cos n\pi}{n^2-1} \right) - \left(\frac{(n-1+n+1)\sin \frac{\pi}{2}n}{n^2-1} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-2\cos n\pi}{n^2-1} - \frac{2n\sin \frac{\pi}{2}n}{n^2-1} \right] \\
&= \frac{-2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos(n\pi) + n\sin(n\frac{\pi}{2})}{n^2-1} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The fourier cosine series for the function is:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) \text{ which is:} \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{\cos x}{\pi} - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi) + n\sin(n\frac{\pi}{2})}{n^2-1} \cos nx
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 7

$$f(x) = \sin(3x) \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

Fourier sine series

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

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

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin 3x \sin(nx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 2 \sin 3x \sin(nx) dx$$

$$\text{since } 2\sin A \sin B = \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)$$

$$\therefore b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\cos(3x-nx) - \cos(3x+nx)) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\cos(nx - 3x) - \cos(nx + 3x)) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\cos(n - 3)x - \cos(n + 3)x) dx$$

for $n = 3$, we have

$$b_3 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\cos 0 - \cos 6x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos 6x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[x - \frac{\sin 6x}{6} \right] \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\pi - \frac{(\sin 6\pi - \sin 0)}{6} \right] = 1$$

$$\therefore b_3 = 1$$

for $n = 1, 2, 4, 5 \dots \dots$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\cos(n - 3)x - \cos(n + 3)x) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin(n-3)x}{n-3} - \frac{\sin(n+3)x}{n+3} \right] \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin(n-3)\pi - \sin 0}{n-3} - \frac{\sin(n+3)\pi - \sin 0}{n+3} \right] = 0$$

\therefore The fourier sine series is

$f(x) = \sin 3x$ i.e the function itself.

Fourier cosine series

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

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

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin 3x dx = \frac{-2 \cos 3x}{\pi \cdot 3} \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{3\pi} (\cos 3\pi - \cos 0)$$

$$= \frac{-2}{3\pi}(-1 - 1) = \frac{4}{3\pi}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi 2\sin(3x) \cos nx \, dx$$

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

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (\sin(3x + nx) + \sin(3x - nx)) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (\sin(n + 3)x - \sin(n - 3)x) \, dx$$

for $n = 3$, *we have*

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (\sin 6x - \sin 0) \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin 6x \, dx$$

$$\therefore a_3 = \frac{-1}{\pi} \frac{\cos 6x}{6} \Big|_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{-1}{6\pi} [\cos 6x - \cos 0] = \frac{-1}{6\pi} (1 - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a_3 = 0$$

for $n = 2, 4, 5, \dots$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (\sin(n + 3)x - \sin(n - 3)x) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos(n+3)x}{n+3} + \frac{\cos(n-3)x}{n-3} \right] \Big|_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos(n+3)\pi + \cos 0}{n+3} + \frac{\cos(n-3)\pi - \cos 0}{n-3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos(n-3)\pi}{n-3} - \frac{\cos(n+3)\pi}{n+3} + \frac{1}{n+3} - \frac{1}{n-3} \right]$$

since $\cos(n - 3)\pi = \cos(n + 3)\pi = -\cos n\pi$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos n\pi}{n-3} + \frac{\cos n\pi}{n+3} + \frac{n-3-n-3}{n^2-9} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{(n-3-n-3)\cos n\pi}{n^2-9} - \frac{6}{n^2-9} \right]$$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-6\cos n\pi}{n^2-9} - \frac{6}{n^2-9} \right]$$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{-6}{\pi} \left[\frac{1+\cos n\pi}{n^2-9} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-6}{\pi} \left[\frac{1+(-1)^n}{n^2-9} \right]$$

\therefore The fourier cosine series is

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos 2x + a_2 \cos 2x + a_3 \cos 3x + \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx$$

$$\text{since } a_0 = \frac{4}{3\pi}, \quad a_1 = \frac{-6}{\pi} \left[\frac{1-1}{1-9} \right] = 0,$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-6}{\pi} \left[\frac{1+1}{4-9} \right] = \frac{-6}{\pi} \frac{2}{-5} = \frac{12}{5\pi}, \quad a_3 = 0$$

\therefore Hence, fourier cosine series is

$$\frac{2}{3\pi} + \frac{12}{5\pi} \cos 2x - \frac{6}{\pi} \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{1+(-1)^n}{n^2-9} \cos nx$$

or

$$\frac{2}{3\pi} + \frac{12}{5\pi} \cos 2x + \frac{6}{\pi} \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{1+(-1)^n}{9-n^2} \cos nx$$