

# Lec 6

## • Fourier series - theory

- period
- piecewise differentiable functions
- complex Fourier series

### • period

$f(t)$  has period  $T > 0$

$\Leftrightarrow f(t+T) = f(t)$  for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$   
def

e.g.  $\sin t, \cos t, e^{it}$  have period  $2\pi$ .

check:  $e^{i(t+2\pi)} = e^{it} \cdot \underbrace{e^{i2\pi}}_1 = e^{it}$

e.g.

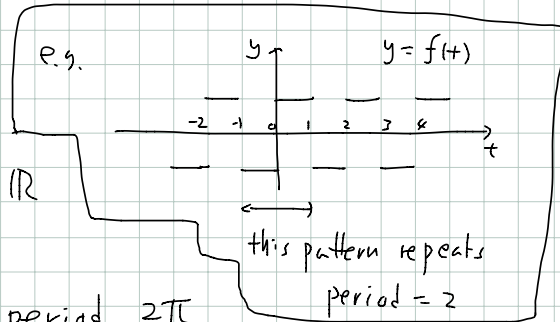
$L > 0, \sin(\frac{\pi}{L}t), \cos(\frac{\pi}{L}t), e^{i\frac{\pi}{L}t}$  have period  $2L$ .

e.g.  $f(t), g(t)$  period  $T \Rightarrow f(t)g(t), f(t) \pm g(t)$   
have period  $T$

e.g.  $n$  integer.  $\sin(\frac{n\pi}{L}t), \cos(\frac{n\pi}{L}t), e^{i\frac{n\pi}{L}t}$  have period  $2L$ .

EX •  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_k \sin(\frac{k\pi}{L}t)$  has period  $2L$ .

•  $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikt}$  has period  $2\pi$ .

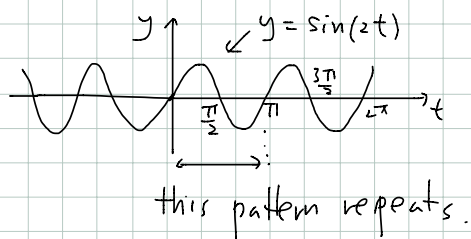


Rmk:

Fundamental period = smallest possible period

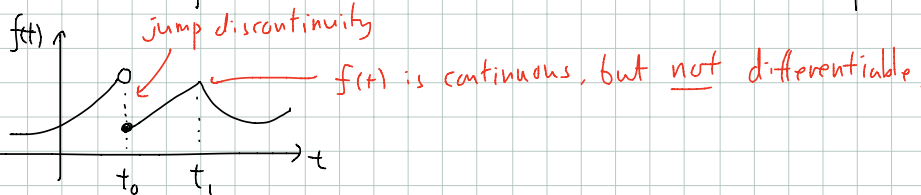
e.g.  $\sin(2t)$  has period  $2\pi$

but also period  $\pi$  ← fundamental period =  $\pi$ .



\* piecewise differentiable functions

(i.e. "piecewise continuous functions with piecewise continuous derivatives")



e.g.  $f(t) = e^t$  differentiable (for any  $t$ ), so piecewise differentiable!

e.g.  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ 0 & t \leq 0 \end{cases}$   $t$

e.g.  $f(t)$ :  $t$  ← This is a 2-periodic function with  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ -t & -1 \leq t \leq 0 \end{cases}$ .

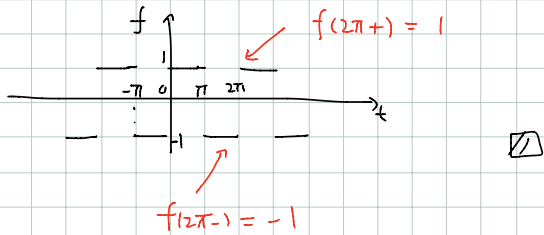
notation

$$f(t_0^-) = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_0 \\ t < t_0}} f(t) \quad \text{"left limit"}$$

$$f(t_0^+) = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_0 \\ t > t_0}} f(t) \quad \text{"right limit"}$$

EX1  $f(t)$   $2\pi$ -periodic such that  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < \pi \\ -1 & -\pi \leq t < 0 \end{cases}$

$f(2\pi^+)$ ,  $f(2\pi^-)$  ?



## (Complex) Fourier Series

Fourier series of  $2\pi$ -periodic, piecewise differentiable  $f(t)$  :

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikt} \quad (\text{i.e.} = \dots c_{-2}e^{-i2t} + c_{-1}e^{-it} + c_0 + c_1e^{it} + c_2e^{i2t} + \dots)$$

where 
$$c_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-ikt} dt$$

More generally,

For  $f$   $2L$ -periodic

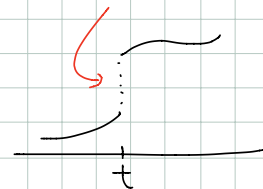
it is 
$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{i \frac{k\pi}{L} t}$$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) e^{-i \frac{k\pi}{L} t} dt$$

Fourier series itself is a function of  $t$ !

Thm For  $2L$ -periodic  $f$ ,

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{i \frac{k\pi}{L} t} = \begin{cases} f(t) & \text{if } f \text{ has no jump at } t \\ \frac{f(t+) + f(t-)}{2} & \text{if } f \text{ has jump at } t \end{cases}$$



"for most points  $t$ "

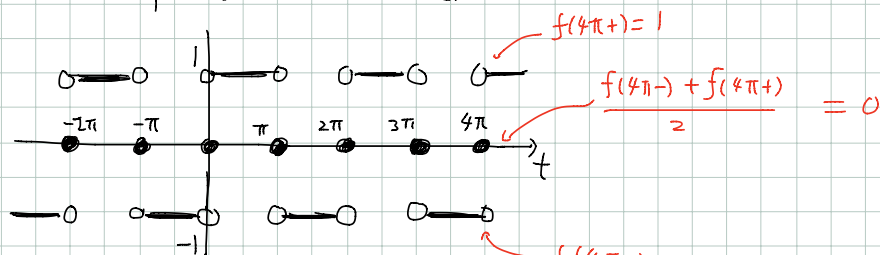
see notes p3, Example 2  
EX2  $f(t)$   $2\pi$ -periodic,  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < \pi \\ -1 & \text{if } -\pi \leq t < 0 \end{cases}$

Then 
$$C_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-ikt} dt$$

$$= \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{k\pi} i, & k = \text{odd} \\ 0 & k = \text{even} \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  Fourier series 
$$\sum_{k=\text{odd}} -\frac{2}{k\pi} i e^{ikt}$$

The graph of Fourier series



Compare this with the graph of  $f(t)$ . Where do they differ?



Rmk Why Fourier series is good for ET.

- can decompose signals according to "frequencies" (channels)

$f(t) =$  "many signals received/sent simultaneously"

$C_k =$  "the signal at frequency  $k$ "

e.g. from many TV stations

e.g. single TV channel.

## Reason for formula of $G_k$

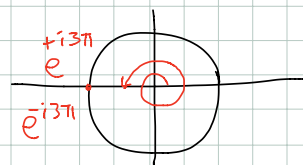
\* "orthogonality" (average correlation between different frequencies)

$$\text{e.g. } \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i2t} e^{-i5t} dt = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i(2-5)t} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i3t} dt = \frac{1}{-3i} \left[ e^{-i3t} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{-3i} \left[ \underbrace{e^{-i3\pi}}_{-1} - \underbrace{e^{+i3\pi}}_{-1} \right]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{ct} = c e^{ct}$$

$$= 0$$



Similarly,

$k, l$  integer

Important  
exercise

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ikt} e^{-ilt} dt$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k \neq l \\ 1 & \text{if } k = l \end{cases}$$

• For  $2L$ -periodic case  $\frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L e^{ik\frac{\pi}{L}t} e^{-il\frac{\pi}{L}t} dt = \begin{cases} 0 & , k \neq l \\ 1 & , k = l \end{cases}$

Ex  $f(t) = e^{it} + e^{-i2t}$ ,  $g(t) = e^{i2t} + e^{it}$

compute  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \overline{g(t)}$  ✓  $\overline{g(t)}$  is the complex conjugate of  $g(t)$

(sol)  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{(e^{it} + e^{-i2t})}_{f(t)} \underbrace{(e^{-i2t} + e^{-it})}_{\overline{g(t)}}$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [e^{it} \cdot e^{-i2t} + e^{it} \cdot e^{-it} + e^{-i2t} \cdot e^{-i2t} + e^{-i2t} \cdot e^{-it}] dt$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it} e^{-i2t} dt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it} e^{-it} dt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i2t} e^{-i2t} dt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i2t} e^{-it} dt$$

$= 2\pi$

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