

# Lec 8 • Real Fourier series vs Complex Fourier series

• Even/Odd periodic extensions:

- Fourier sine series
- Fourier cosine series

## Real Fourier series

$2L$ -periodic  $f(t)$  can be represented as

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \underbrace{a_k}_{\text{cos}} \cos\left(k\frac{\pi}{L}t\right) + \underbrace{b_k}_{\text{sin}} \sin\left(k\frac{\pi}{L}t\right) \right\}$$

"real Fourier series"  
(trigonometric)

Ex Rewrite  $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{-|k|} e^{ikt}$  as a real Fourier series

(sd) Note  $e^{ikt} = \cos kt + i \sin kt$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{-|k|} e^{ikt} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{-|k|} \cos(kt) + i \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{-|k|} \sin(kt)$$

$$= 2^0 \cos(0) + \sum_{k>0} \left[ 2^{-k} \cos(kt) + i 2^{-k} \sin(kt) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{k<0} \left[ 2^{+k} \cos(kt) + i 2^{+k} \sin(kt) \right]$$

changed sign of  $k$

the same as  $\sum_{k>0} \left[ 2^{-k} \cos(-kt) + i 2^{-k} \sin(-kt) \right]$

$$= \sum_{k>0} \left[ 2^{-k} \cos(kt) - i 2^{-k} \sin(kt) \right]$$

$\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$   
 $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$

$$= 1 + \sum_{k>0} \left[ 2^{-k} \cdot (\cos(kt) + \cos(kt)) + i 2^{-k} (\sin(kt) - \sin(kt)) \right]$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k+1} \cos(kt) \quad \square$$

In general,

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ik\frac{\pi}{L}t} = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \underbrace{a_k}_{\text{red}} \cos\left(k\frac{\pi}{L}t\right) + \underbrace{b_k}_{\text{red}} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}t\right) \right\}$$

where  $a_k = c_k + c_{-k} = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \left[ e^{-i\frac{k\pi}{L}t} + e^{i\frac{k\pi}{L}t} \right] dt$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \cos\left(k\frac{\pi}{L}t\right) dt$$

$a_k, b_k$ 's are real if  $f(t)$  was real.

$$b_k = i(c_k - c_{-k}) = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) i \left[ e^{-i\frac{k\pi}{L}t} - e^{i\frac{k\pi}{L}t} \right] dt$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}t\right) dt$$

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

complex F.S.  $\longleftrightarrow$  real F.S.

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$$

if  $f(t)$  even i.e.  $f(t) = f(-t) \Rightarrow \sum_k c_k e^{ik\frac{\pi}{L}t} = \sum_k c_k e^{-ik\frac{\pi}{L}t}$

$$\Rightarrow c_k = c_{-k}$$

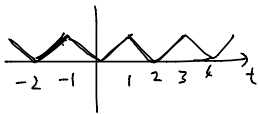
$= \sum_k c_{-k} e^{ik\frac{\pi}{L}t}$   
 (changed sign of  $k$ )

$$\Rightarrow b_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{cosine series } \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}t\right)$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L \underbrace{f(t)}_{\text{even}} \underbrace{\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}t\right)}_{\text{even}} dt = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}t\right) dt$$

e.g. 2-periodic function  $f(t)$  with  $f(t) = |t|$   $-1 < t < 1$



$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{(-1)^k - 1}{k^2 \pi^2} e^{ik\pi t} \quad c_k = c_{-k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k - 1}{k^2 \pi^2} \cdot 2 \cdot \cos(k\pi t) \quad \square$$

If  $f(t)$  Odd i.e.  $f(t) = -f(-t) \Rightarrow \sum_k c_k e^{ik\frac{\pi}{L}t} = \sum_k -c_k e^{-ik\frac{\pi}{L}t}$

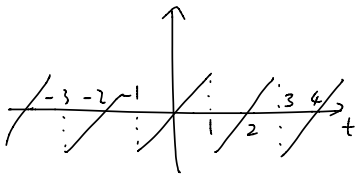
$$\Rightarrow c_k = -c_{-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{sine series } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}t\right)$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L \underbrace{f(t)}_{\text{odd}} \underbrace{\sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}t\right)}_{\text{odd}} dt = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}t\right) dt$$

e.g. 2-periodic function  $f(t)$  with  $f(t) = t$   $-1 < t < 1$



$$f(t) = \sum_{k \neq 0} i \frac{(-1)^k}{k \pi^2} e^{ik\pi t} \quad c_k = -c_{-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2 \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k \pi^2} \sin(k\pi t) \quad \square$$

Periodic extension

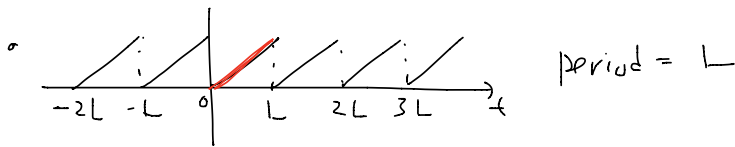
For  $f(t)$  on  $0 < t < L$ , Fourier series?

↳ whose definition required periodicity

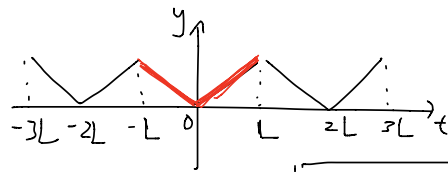
Many ways to extend  $f(t)$  to a periodic function

e.g.  $f(t) = t$ ,  $0 < t < L$

Some periodic extensions:



Even extension



The result is an even function

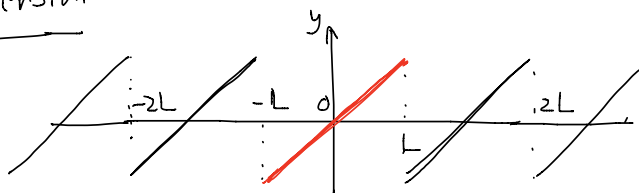
symmetric with respect to the y-axis:  
 $F^e(-x) = F^e(x)$

"even extension of  $f$ "

- $F^e$  is  $2L$ -periodic
- $F^e(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & 0 < t < L \\ f(-t) & -L < t < 0 \end{cases}$

$F^e(-x) = F^e(x)$

Odd Extension



an odd function.

symmetric with respect to the origin

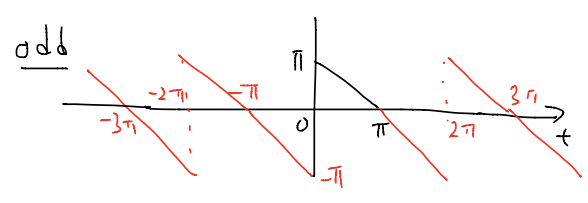
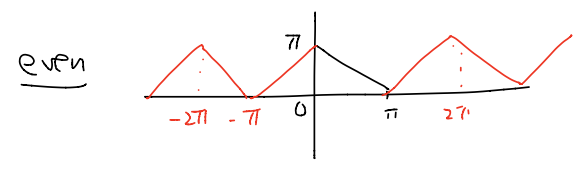
"odd extension of  $f$ "

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet F^o \text{ is } 2L\text{-periodic} \\ \bullet F^o(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & 0 < t < L \\ -f(-t) & -L < t < 0 \end{cases} \end{array} \right.$

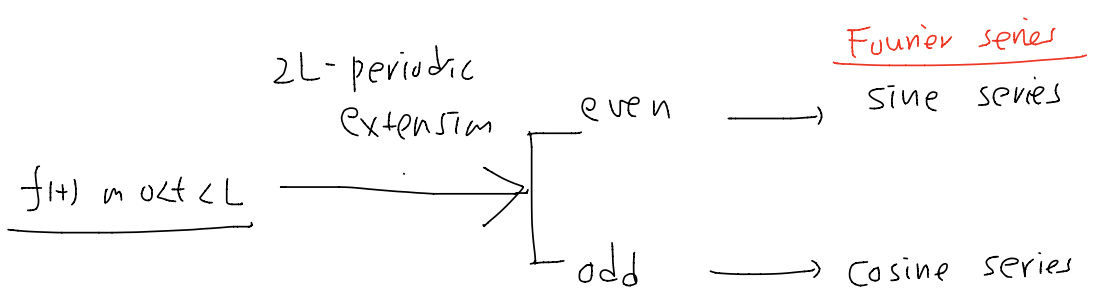
Symmetric with respect to the origin  
 $F^o(-x) = -F^o(x)$

EX Sketch even/odd extension of  $f(x) = \pi - x \quad 0 < x < \pi$ .

(sol)



□



e.g.  $f(t) = 1 \quad 0 < t < \pi$

$F_{\text{even}}$  → cosine series

$F_{\text{odd}}$  → sine series

$a_0 = 2 \quad a_k = 0 \quad \text{for } k > 0$

$f(t) = 1$  ✓

$f(t) = \sum_{k > 0, \text{ odd}} \frac{4}{k\pi} \sin(kt)$  □

on  $0 < t < \pi$

EX Compute Fourier cosine series for

$$f(t) = t \quad 0 < t < 1.$$

<sol>. In principle,

$f(t) \rightarrow$  even extension  $\rightarrow$  Fourier series  $\rightarrow$  get cosine series

In practice, can use

$$\text{on } 0 < t < 1, \quad t = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{1k} \cos(k\pi t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k - 1}{k^2 \pi^2} \cdot 2 \cdot \cos(k\pi t)$$

since

$$\bullet \text{ for } k \neq 0, \quad a_{1k} = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 t \cos(k\pi t) dt = 2 \cdot \frac{(-1)^k - 1}{k^2 \pi^2}.$$

exercise

this identity holds only on  $0 < t < 1$ .

$$\bullet a_0 = 2 \int_0^1 t dt = 1. \quad \square$$

on  $-1 < t < 1$

The left hand side is  $|t|$ .

