

Theorem: f piecewise smooth

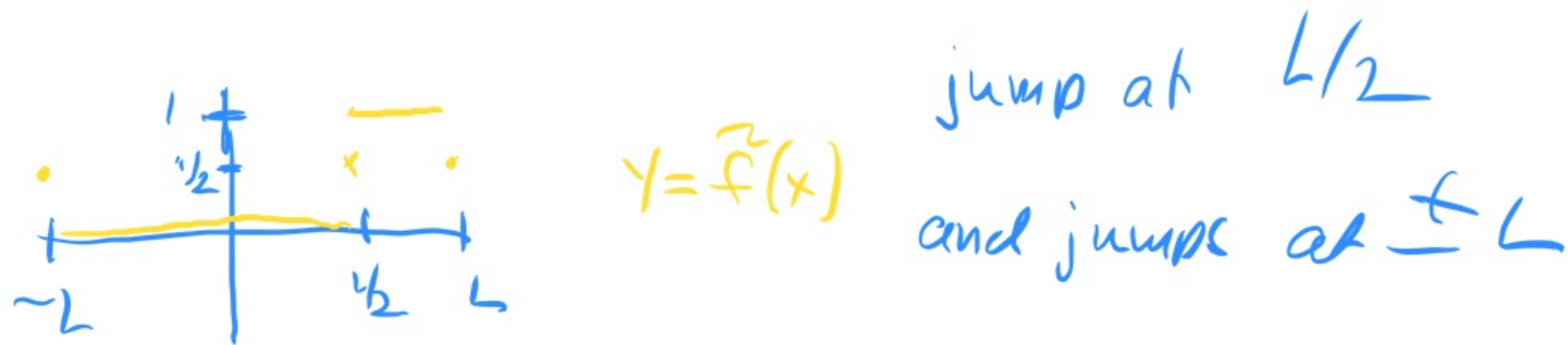
$$\tilde{f}(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

its Fourier series

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } f \text{ continuous at } x \\ \frac{1}{2} [f(x_-) + f(x_+)] & \text{at jumps} \end{cases}$$

Example:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & L/2 \leq x \leq L \\ 0 & -L \leq x < L/2 \end{cases}$$



can be visualized by looking at its periodic extension



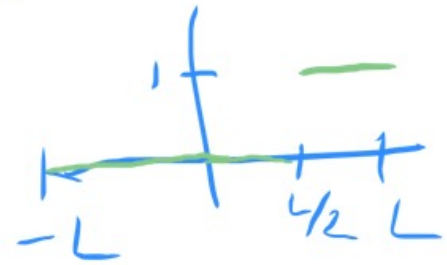
have jumps at $\pm L$

Let's calculate Fourier series for f

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2L} \int_{L/2}^L 1 \cdot dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2L} (L/2) = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$



$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

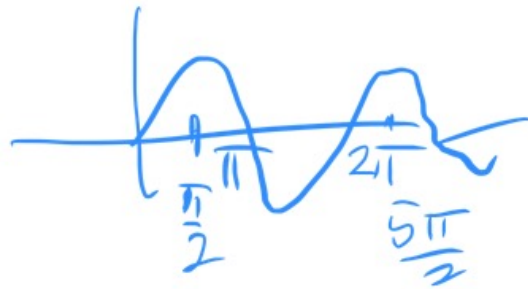
$$= \frac{1}{L} \int_{L/2}^L \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{L} \frac{L}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \Big|_{L/2}^L$$

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

$$\sin n\pi = 0 \quad \forall n$$

$$\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ 1 & n = 4m+1 \\ -1 & n = 4m+3, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots \end{cases}$$



$$= \frac{1}{n\pi} \left(-\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \quad a_0 = 1/4$$

Cosine part.

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ -\frac{1}{n\pi} & n = 4m+1 \\ \frac{1}{n\pi} & n = 4m+3 \end{cases}$$

Get $\hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{4} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}} (-1)^{(n+1)/2} \frac{1}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x$

$$+ \sum b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

Moral: Fourier theorem allows us to calculate $\hat{f}(x)$ with hardly any additional work.

Remark: Fourier theorem can be used to calculate certain infinite series

eg. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$

5.3 Sine and Cosine series

Def. A function $f(x)$ is called odd if
$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

examples: $f(x) = x, x^3, x^5, \dots$

$$f(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$



A function $f(x)$ is called even if

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

examples: $f(x) = \text{const}, x^2, x^4, \dots$

$$f(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$



Obs.

f odd, g even

$$\Rightarrow fg = \text{odd}$$

f odd
etc.

g odd

$$\Rightarrow fg = \text{even}$$

Observation: f odd \Rightarrow all cosine Fourier
coeff are equal to 0

f even \Rightarrow all sine Fourier coeff.
are 0

For cosine coeff:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x \, dx$$

" odd " even
odd.



reason: integral $\int_{-L}^L g(x) dx = 0$

apply this for $g(x) = f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x$ for any odd function.

Odd and even extensions:

Now: $f: [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

have both a sine Fourier series and a cosine Fourier series

sine series. $\tilde{f} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$

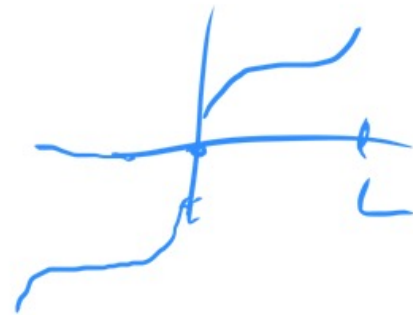
where $a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$

Theorem Both sine series and cosine series approximate f as in previous theorem (for jumps, get average etc)

proof of this can be reduced to the one of previous theorem for $[-L, L]$.

Observe: can extend f
 to an odd function $f^{\text{odd}} [-L, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 by $f^{\text{odd}}(-x) = -f(x)$

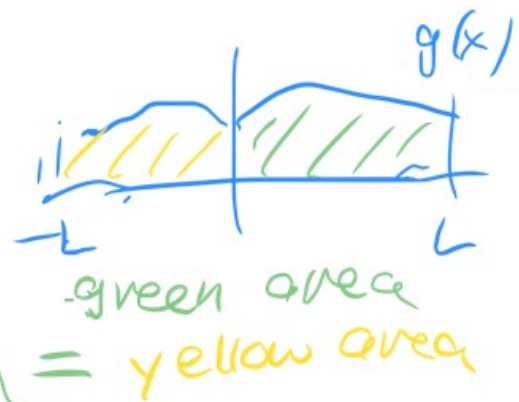
(reflect at origin)



\Rightarrow sine coeff of $f^{\text{odd}} : [-L, L]$

$$= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L \underbrace{f^{\text{odd}}(x)}_{\text{odd}} \underbrace{\sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x}_{\text{odd}} dx$$

even



for any even f or g

$$\int_{-L}^L g(x) dx = 2 \int_0^L g(x) dx$$

$$\frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx = \text{Fourier coeff of sine series}$$

Moral: Can reduce questions about convergence of sine series on $[0, L]$ for a function f to the same question for f^{odd} on $[-L, L]$.

- same Fourier coefficients (for sine series)
- same values at $[0, L]$