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- 1) Let  $f(x) = x \sin(x)$  for  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  (Section 13.5 Problems 5.)
- (a) Write the Fourier series for  $f(x)$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$
- (b) Show that this series can be differentiated term-by-term and use this fact to obtain the Fourier expansion of  $\sin(x) + x \cos(x)$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$
- (c) Write the Fourier series of  $\sin(x) + x \cos(x)$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  by computation of the Fourier coefficients and compare the result with that of (b)

**ANS**

(a) For this problem, the period  $p = 2L = 2\pi$ .

Step1:  $f(-x) = -x \sin(-x) = x \sin(x) = f(x)$  so  $f(x)$  is even.

Step2: Since  $f(x)$  is even and  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\pi}\right) = \sin(nx)$  is odd,  $f(x)\sin(nx)$  is

odd and hence

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx = 0$$

Step3: Since  $f(x)$  is even and  $\cos(nx)$  is even,  $f(x)\cos(nx)$  is even and hence

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ (x)(-\cos(x)) \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} (1)(-\cos(x)) dx \right\} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \pi \cdot (-\cos(-\pi)) + \sin(x) \Big|_0^{\pi} \right\} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \{ \pi \} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(x) \cos(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \frac{\sin(2x)}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ (x) \left( -\frac{\cos(2x)}{4} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} (1) \left( -\frac{\cos(2x)}{4} \right) dx \right\} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \pi \cdot \left( -\frac{\cos(2\pi)}{4} \right) + \frac{\sin(2x)}{8} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right\} = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

For  $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \sin(x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \frac{1}{2} \{ \sin(1-n)x + \sin(1+n)x \} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \{ x \sin((1-n)x) + x \sin((1+n)x) \} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -\frac{x \cos((1-n)x)}{1-n} + \frac{\sin((1-n)x)}{(1-n)^2} \right\} \Big|_0^\pi + \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -\frac{x \cos((1+n)x)}{1+n} + \frac{\sin((1+n)x)}{(1+n)^2} \right\} \Big|_0^\pi \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -\pi \frac{\cos((1-n)\pi)}{1-n} \right\} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -\pi \frac{\cos((1+n)\pi)}{1+n} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -\pi \frac{\cos(\pi) \cos(n\pi)}{1-n} \right\} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -\pi \frac{\cos(\pi) \cos(n\pi)}{1+n} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^n}{1-n} + \frac{(-1)^n}{1+n} = 2 \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Step4: Therefore, the Fourier series is  $1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos(x) + 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2-1} \cos(nx)$ .

(b)  $f(x) = x \sin(x)$  is continuous on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  and

$f'(x) = \sin(x) + x \cos(x)$ ,  $f''(x) = \cos(x) + \cos(x) - x \sin(x)$  are all continuous on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , and  $f(\pi) = f(-\pi)$ . So the Theorem 13.6 gives us

$$f'(x) = \sin(x) + x \cos(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) + 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2-1} n \sin(nx) \text{ for } (-\pi, \pi).$$

(c) Step1:  $g(x) = \sin(x) + x \cos(x)$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$

$g(-x) = \sin(-x) - x \cos(-x) = -\sin(x) - x \cos(x) = -g(x)$ , so  $g(x)$  is odd.

Step2: Similar to what we done in a), but with  $a_n = 0$

→ We can get the same Fourier series as term by term differentiation in b)

- 2) Let  $f(x) = x$  for  $0 \leq x < 2$  and  $f(x+2) = f(x)$  for all  $x$  (Section 13.6 Problem 5.)  
 Find the phase angle form of the Fourier series of the function. Plot some points of the amplitude spectrum of the function. (hint: please refer to Example 13.28)

**ANS**

For this problem, the period  $p = 2L = 2$ .

$$a_0 = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^2 x dx = 2$$

$$a_n = \int_0^2 x \cos(n\pi x) dx = \left\{ x \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \right\} \Big|_0^2 = 0$$

$$b_n = \int_0^2 x \sin(n\pi x) dx = \left\{ -x \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \right\} \Big|_0^2 = -\frac{2}{n\pi}$$

→ The corresponding Fourier series is  $1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(n\pi x)$

$$c_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} = -\frac{2}{n\pi}$$

$$\delta_n = \tan^{-1}(-b_n / a_n) = \tan^{-1}(-\infty) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

→ The phase angle form of the Fourier series is  $1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \cos(n\pi x - \frac{\pi}{2})$

The amplitude spectrum, e.g. **Figure 13.37** in the textbook, of the function consists of points  $(n\omega_0, c_n/2)$  with  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/p = \pi$ .

- 3) Let  $f$  has period 3 and  $f(x) = 2x$  for  $0 \leq x < 3$  (Section 13.7 Problem 1.)  
 (a) Write the complex Fourier series of  $f$   
 (b) Determine what this series converges to  
 (c) Plot some points of the frequency spectrum  
 (hint: please refer to Example 13.29)

**ANS**

(a) For this problem, the period  $p = 3$ .

$$d_0 = \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-3/2}^{3/2} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 2x dx = 3$$

$$d_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n - ib_n) = \frac{1}{p} \int_{-p/2}^{p/2} f(x) e^{-in\omega_0 x} dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 2x e^{-2n\pi x/3} dx = \frac{3}{n\pi} i$$

The complex Fourier series of  $f$  is  $3 + \frac{3i}{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty, n \neq 0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} e^{2n\pi i x/3}$

(b) Note that the complex Fourier series of  $f$  converges to 3 if  $x = 0$ , or  $x = 3$  and converges to  $2x$  if  $0 < x < 3$

(c) As shown in Figure 13.49 of the textbook, the frequency (or amplitude)

spectrum is a plot of points  $(n\omega_0, |d_n|)$  with  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/p = 2\pi/3$ ,  $|d_0| = 3$ ,

$$|d_n| = \sqrt{(3/n\pi)^2} = \frac{3}{n\pi}.$$