

The *real Fourier series* of a $2T$ -periodic function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($f(x + 2T) = f(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$) is defined as:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\omega x) + b_n \sin(n\omega x)) \quad \text{with} \quad (1)$$

$$\omega = \frac{\pi}{T}, \quad \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^{2T} f(x) dx,$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{2T} f(x) \cos(n\omega x) dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{2T} f(x) \sin(n\omega x) dx.$$

1 Properties of the Fourier coefficients (14 P)

a) (2P) Show that if $f(x)$ has period $2T$, then for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\int_0^{2T} f(x) dx = \int_c^{c+2T} f(x) dx$$

Argue that one is free to integrate over any interval of length T to calculate the Fourier coefficients a_n, b_n .

Hint: Partition the integration domain and use the periodicity of the integrand.

This often allows to simplify calculations by choosing the integration domain cleverly.

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a $2T$ -periodic function. A function is called *even*, if

$$f(-x) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R},$$

and *odd*, if

$$f(-x) = -f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

b) (2P) Proof that $f(x) = \cos(\alpha x) \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ is even.

Hint: Euler's formula.

c) (2P) Proof that $g(x) = \sin(\beta x) \forall \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ is odd.

d) (4P) Show that for any odd function $f_u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and even function $f_g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ respectively:

$$\int_{-a}^a f_u(x) dx = 0 \quad \forall a \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-b}^b f_g(x) dx = 2 \int_0^b f_g(x) dx \quad \forall b \geq 0.$$

e) (4P) Proof the following statements

a) The real Fourier series (1) of an odd, $2T$ -periodic function f_u has $a_0 = 0$ and $a_n = 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

b) The real Fourier series (1) of an even, $2T$ -periodic function f_g has $b_n = 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_+$.

2 Fourier serieses of periodic functions (16 P)

a) (2 P) Draw the *saw-tooth function* defined as $f(x) = -2x$ on the interval $] - 2, 2]$ and periodically continued.

b) (10 P) Determine the real Fourier series of said saw-tooth.

Hint: You may plot your result on www.wolframalpha.com. For example: the command

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plot 4/Pi*(sum 1/(2*n+1)*sin((2*n+1) x) from n=0 to 9),
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draw the Fourier series of the rectangular function from the lecture up to order 9.

c) (4 P) Determine the Fourier series of $f(x) = \sin^2(6x)$ for half-period $T = \pi$.

Hint: You do not need to calculate any integrals.

3 Complex vs. real Fourier series (10 P) Analogously to the real Fourier series (1) one defines the *complex Fourier series* of real-valued, $2T$ -periodic functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\omega x} \quad \text{with } \omega = \frac{\pi}{T} \text{ und } c_n = \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^{2T} f(x) e^{-in\omega x} dx \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

a) (7 P) Proof the following connection between real and complex Fourier coefficients

$$c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2} (a_n + ib_n) \quad \forall n < 0, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2} (a_n - ib_n) \quad \forall n > 0.$$

b) (3 P) Calculate the complex coefficients for the saw-tooth function from problem 2.