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Section 3.3 The Sine Series and The Cosine Series

Definition: Suppose that f is integrable on $[0, L]$. The sine series for f is the sequence of functions $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, given

by
$$S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n B_k \sin \frac{k\pi x}{L} \text{ for all } x$$

where
$$B_k = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{k\pi x}{L} dx.$$

The cosine series for f is the sequence of functions $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ given by

$$S_n(x) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n A_k \cos \frac{k\pi x}{L} \text{ for all } x$$

where $A_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$ and

$$A_k = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{k\pi x}{L} dx.$$

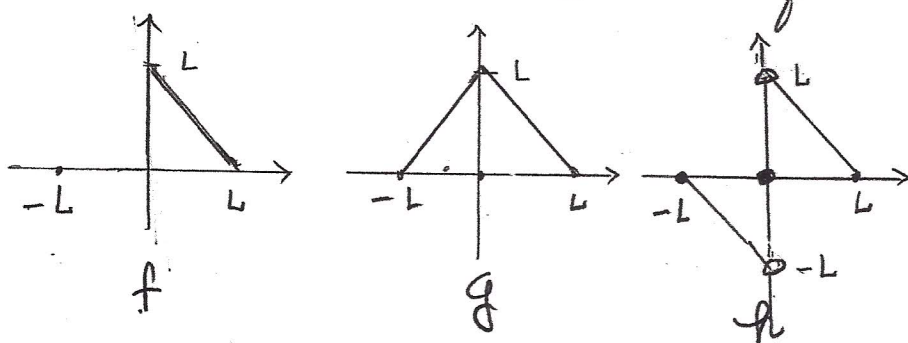
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Definition: Suppose that f is a function defined on $[0, L]$ or on a subset D of $[0, L]$. The even $[-L, L]$ extension of f is the function g given by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq L \text{ and } x \text{ is in } D \\ f(-x) & \text{if } -L \leq x \leq 0 \text{ and } -x \text{ is in } D \end{cases}$$

The odd $[-L, L]$ extension of f is the function h given by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } 0 < x \leq L \text{ and } x \text{ is in } D \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -f(-x) & \text{if } -L \leq x < 0 \text{ and } -x \text{ is in } D \end{cases}$$



See also Figures 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 in the text.

Theorem: Suppose that f is an integrable function defined on $[0, L]$. The Sine series for f is the same as the Fourier series for the odd $[-L, L]$ -extension of f and the cosine series for f is the same as the Fourier series for the even $[-L, L]$ -extension of f .

Proof: Let g be the odd $[-L, L]$ -extension of f . Since g is odd, the Fourier series for g is $\{S_n\}$ where

$$S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n B_k \sin \frac{k\pi x}{L}$$

$$\text{where } B_k = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L g(x) \sin \frac{k\pi x}{L} dx$$

Since g is odd, B_k is also given by

$$B_k = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(x) \sin \frac{k\pi x}{L} dx$$

Since $g(x) = f(x)$ for $0 < x \leq L$,

$$B_k = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{k\pi x}{L} dx$$

Thus $\{s_n\}$ is also the sine series for f . The proof of the second assertion in the theorem is similar

Example: Let $f(x) = 2 - x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

Sketch the graphs of the limit of the sine series for f and the cosine series for f over the interval $[-5, 5]$

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