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**CONCEPTS COVERED**

- Fourier Series of  $2l$  Periodic Function
- Evaluation of Fourier Coefficients

So, welcome back to lectures on Engineering Mathematics - II and this is lecture on Fourier series and we will evaluate for different functions. So, today we will cover the Fourier series of  $2l$  periodic functions. So, in the previous lecture, we have already discussed the Fourier series of  $2\pi$  periodic function. So, that is just a generalization of those  $2\pi$  periodic function and then we will evaluate the Fourier coefficients and respectively the Fourier series for many functions.

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**Fourier Series of a  $2\pi$  Periodic Function**

Let  $f$  be a periodic piecewise continuous function on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

The Fourier series of  $f$  is given as  $f \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [a_k \cos(kx) + b_k \sin(kx)]$  ←

$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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So, just to recall that Fourier series of a  $2\pi$  periodic function we have discussed in the previous lecture and suppose this  $f$  is a periodic piecewise continuous function on the interval minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$ . So, its Fourier series is given by this trigonometric series  $\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [a_k \cos(kx) + b_k \sin(kx)]$ , where the coefficients, the so called Fourier coefficients  $a_k$ , we can compute by this integral from minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$   $f(x) \cos(kx) dx$ .

And similarly, the coefficients  $b_k$ , we can compute again with the similar integral having this  $\sin$  term here  $\sin(kx) dx$  and this  $k$  goes from 1, 2, 3 and so on. Here, this  $a_k$  was valid for  $k=0$  as well. So, therefore, this case starts from 0 and then continues to 1 and 2. So, its extension for  $2\pi$  periodic function will take a similar structure and we have already discussed the trigonometric system which is  $2\pi$  periodic in previous lectures.

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**Fourier Series of a  $2l$  Periodic Function**

Let  $f(x)$  be piecewise continuous function defined in  $[-l, l]$  and it is  $2l$  periodic.

The Fourier series corresponding to  $f(x)$  is given as

$$f \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_k \cos \frac{k\pi x}{l} + b_k \sin \frac{k\pi x}{l} \right] \quad (l = \pi)$$

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So, here for the  $2l$  periodic function, let us suppose this  $f(x)$  piecewise continuous function defined in this interval minus 1 to 1 or from 0 to  $2l$ , whatever ways and it is supposed  $2l$  periodic then its Fourier series will be given as, so the  $a_0$  by 2, a constant term and then we have this  $a_k$  and instead of  $\cos \pi x$ .

Now, we have  $k\pi x$  over  $l$  and here  $\sin k\pi x$  over  $l$ . So, for  $l$  is equal to  $\pi$  this will reduce exactly to  $2\pi$  periodic function which we have already discussed? And the coefficients are also similar now, so  $a_k$  we have here  $1$  over  $l$  instead of  $1$  over  $\pi$ , so it is  $1$  over  $l$  and then minus 1 to 1  $f(x)$  and then here we have the  $\cos$  term  $\cos \pi x$  over  $l$  and then  $k$  goes from 0, 1, 2, 3, et cetera.

So, the  $b_k$  is again  $1$  over  $l$  and then instead of  $\cos kx$  we have  $\sin \frac{k\pi x}{l}$  and then  $k$  in this case varies from  $1$  to et cetera. So, this is a more general case now for any  $2l$  periodic function or the function defined in this minus  $l$  to  $l$ , we can have, we can write down the Fourier series.

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$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi}{k} \cos(kx) \Big|_{-\pi}^0 + \left[ -\frac{x}{k} \cos(kx) + \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx) \right] \Big|_0^{\pi} \right]$$

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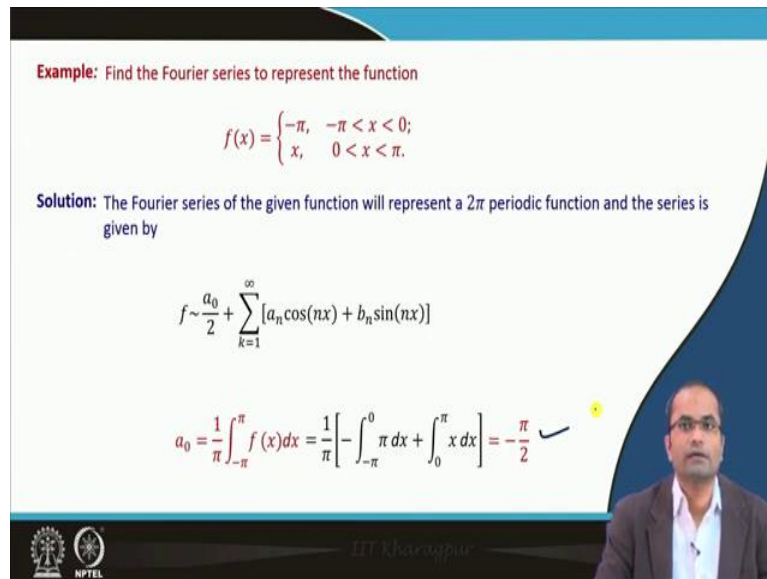
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So, now this some examples, the first one we want to find the Fourier series to represent this function for instance the  $f(x)$  is given as minus  $\pi$ . So,  $f(x)$  is given as minus  $\pi$  when in the range minus  $\pi$  to 0. So, this is the function and then 0 to  $\pi$ , the function is given by  $x$ , so this is  $\pi$ , this is minus  $\pi$ .

So, that is the given function here from minus  $\pi$  to 0, it is represented by minus  $\pi$  and then the function is given by  $x$  in the range 0 to  $\pi$ . So, we want to, so it is a piecewise continuous function and we want to write its Fourier series. So, its it will be a  $2\pi$  periodic function to whom the Fourier series will converge. So, but just to write the Fourier series, we need a function defined in some intervals.

So, in this case it is given in the interval minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$  and now we will write the Fourier series and that Fourier series if it converge, it will converge to this  $2\pi$  periodic function where in this one period, the function will be represented by this given a function here. So, the Fourier series of the given function will represent a  $2\pi$  periodic function and the series is given by this standard series because we are talking about  $2\pi$  periodic function.

So, in this case, we have written this standard series  $a_n \cos nx$  and  $b_n \sin nx$ . So, the  $a_0$  we know already it is  $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$ . So, we can compute this integral, so we have  $\frac{1}{\pi}$  and then from minus  $\pi$  to 0, the function was defined as minus  $\pi$ . So, we have substituted this and 0 to  $\pi$ , the function is defined as  $x$ .

So, if we compute this first integral for instance, so it is  $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$ , so it is  $\frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\int_{-\pi}^0 \pi dx + \int_0^{\pi} x dx \right]$ , so 0 minus and then minus  $x$ , so this is minus  $\pi$  square and then here  $\pi$  square by 2 will come from the

second one. So, this is the and then 1 over pi is, was also sitting there. So, minus pi square and then plus pi square by 2 and then 1 over pi is there.

So, then here we have minus pi the square by 2. So, this pi pi get cancel and we will get, we will get just by pi by 2 with a minus sign because this was the minus here minus pi square and then we had this plus pi square by 2 in the bracket and the 1 over pi was sitting outside. So, it is a minus pi square by 2 is coming with 1 over pi, so we are getting this 1 over, no minus 1 by 2 into pi. So, that is the a naught and now we will compute a n and b n.

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$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos(nx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} x \cos(nx) dx \right]$$

$$= - \left[ \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right]_{-\pi}^0 + \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ x \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\cos(nx)}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{1}{n^2 \pi} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \begin{cases} 0, & n \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{2}{n^2 \pi}, & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

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So, for a n we have this formula 1 over pi and this f x cos nx, so again f x is given as minus pi in the range minus pi to pi and 0 to pi it is given as x. So, we need to compute now these two integrals. So, for the first one, we have this pi will get cancel and so, we have not written here

1 over pi over or this pi, so this pi and this pi gets cancel for the first one. We have cos nx, so that will be sin x over n and limit is minus pi to 0 for the second one.

So, we have 1 over this pie outside and then we have to apply this partial fractions, sorry the partial integration rule. So, here the x is there and then cos nx will from the cos nx, we will get the sin nx by n and the integral the limits will be 0 to pi and then minus differentiation of this x will be 1 and then again we have sin nx over n and then limit 0 to pi.

So, the first one when we have the upper limit here, sin will become 0 and then for pi also this will become 0. So, the from the first term, we are not getting anything, it is a 0. From this second term also when the because of this sin here pi n 0, so this will again become 0. And the last term will contribute.

So, we have one over pi and the sin again will be integrated to get this cos. So, we have the cos nx over n square, 0 to pi and this minus is adjusted for this integral of the sin nx. So, we have 1 over pi, cos nx over n square and 0 to pi. So, when substituting these limits, we have the cos n pi which is minus 1 power n and minus this cos 0 that is 1 and then 1 over n squared pi just sitting outside.

So, this a n, the co-efficient these Fourier coefficients a n are now computed as when n is an even number, so this will be positive and this is negative. So, this will get cancel and we will get 0 and when n is odd, so this will be minus and this is minus 1. So, we have minus 2 divided by n square over pi, so this we have got the Fourier coefficients the a n.

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$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ - \int_{-\pi}^0 \pi \sin(nx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right]_{-\pi}^0 + \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ - \left\{ x \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right\}_0^{\pi} + \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} [1 - (-1)^n] + \frac{1}{n\pi} [-\pi(-1)^n + 0] = \frac{1}{n} [1 - 2(-1)^n]$$

$$b_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & n \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{3}{n}, & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

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And now similarly, we can also compute  $b_n$ , so in  $b_n$  we have here the sin function. So, again so minus  $\pi$  to 0 we have  $\pi$ , the value of the function and 0 to  $\pi$  we have the value of the function as  $x$ . So, here the first one this  $\pi$   $\pi$  get canceled, sin will be  $\cos nx$  over  $n$  and this minus will be adjust for the integration and then minus  $\pi$  to 0 and then we have 1 over  $\pi$  sitting outside and then again we have integrated this  $x \sin$  and  $x$ . So,  $x$  as it is and  $\sin nx$  became this  $\cos nx$  with the minus sign and then minus minus plus again, the  $\cos nx$  over  $n$  dx.

So, this time this term will not vanish when the 0, we have this 1 and then minus  $\pi$ , we will also get  $\cos n \pi$  which is minus 1 power  $n$ . And then in this second case, we have 1 over  $n \pi$  and here we will get with  $\pi$  and then  $\cos nx$  will give minus 1 power  $n$ . And in this case when we integrate this, this will become  $\sin nx$  and divide by  $n$  square, but when we substitute the limits, so the upper limit or the lower limit because of the sine function, this will become 0. So, that is the contribution of the last integral as 0. And now we can simplify this.

So, we are getting 1 over  $n$  and 1 minus 2 minus 1 power  $n$  or in this  $b_n$  for  $n$  even because when  $n$  is even here, we will get this minus 2, so 1 minus 2 the minus 1 over  $n$  will come and when  $n$  is odd, so this minus 1 power  $n$  will be minus, so these two will be added. And so, we will get this 3 over  $n$ . So, that is the co-efficient  $b_n$  we have.

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$a_0 = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ 
 $a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ is even;} \\ -\frac{2}{n\sqrt{\pi}} & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$ 
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Substituting the values of  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  in the series, we get

$$f(x) \sim -\frac{\pi}{4} + \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \cos x + \frac{\cos 3x}{3^2} + \frac{\cos 5x}{5^2} + \dots \right] + \left[ 3 \sin x - \frac{\sin 2x}{2} + \frac{3 \sin 3x}{3} - \dots \right]$$

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Now, coming to the Fourier series, so we can write down its Fourier series now, so a by 2 and then this  $\cos nx$  and  $b_n \sin nx$  term where  $a$  is 0,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ , we have just computed, so we can substitute these coefficients in the Fourier series and we can obtain the Fourier series as follows.



So,  $f(x)$  we have minus  $\pi$  by 4, so  $a$  by 2 this will be minus  $\pi$  by 2 and then we have minus 2 over  $\pi$ . That is the term will come from when we substitute this  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  terms. So, this  $\cos$ , we have just written in this expanded form. So, this is coming because of this 2 over  $\pi$  was here in the  $\cos$ , so 2 over  $\pi$  is here and then we will get these  $\cos$  terms and then in the  $\sin$  terms will be coming exactly from the  $b_n$ .


So, in this way we can obtain the Fourier series for a given function, the function was piecewise continuous. The piecewise continuity in the last lecture, we have already discussed that ensures the integrability of the function in the in this range where we are integrating for the period. So, the  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  definitely be computed if these the given function is piecewise continuous.

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So, just a remark that it should be noted that the piecewise continuity of a function is sufficient. So, that is sufficient exactly what I was discussing here for the existence of the Fourier series. So, for the existence of the Fourier series, what do we need? We need piecewise continue of the function.

Because if the function is piecewise continuous, we can get a  $n$  and  $b_n$  because the function will be integrable piecewise continuous functions are integral in that close interval. So, that is sufficient for the existence of the Fourier series. So, if a function is piecewise continuous then this is always possible to calculate Fourier coefficients. That is very clear.

Now, the question arises whether the Fourier series of a function converges and represent  $f$  or not, that is the question which has to be discussed and we will discuss in the next lecture.

And there we will see that we need some additional conditions on the function, not just the piecewise continuity but we need some more conditions to ensure that the series converges to the function to the desired values. So, these issues we will take in the next lecture.

Now, another remark let a function be defined in this  $[-1, 1]$ . So, we have a function which is defined  $[-1, 1]$  that is all and periodicity of the function is not required as such to develop the Fourier series because we need a function defined  $[-1, 1]$  or  $[-\pi, \pi]$  for the special case.

And then we can find out  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  and we can write down the corresponding Fourier series. However, if this Fourier series converges, that will converge to a periodic function with the period that too well. But at a beginning, we have a function which is just defined from  $[-1, 1]$ .

And if it is not periodic or we do not have any other information, just the function is defined from this  $[-1, 1]$  or from  $[0, 2l]$ , whatever. So, and then we can write down its Fourier series, so the function is defined and that is all we do not have any other information, but we can write down its Fourier series.

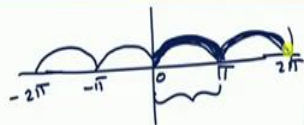

And then the Fourier series if it converge, if it converges, it will converge to a periodic function and in one period, that function will look like exactly this affects this given function to whom we have written the Fourier series. So, I think that point is clear. However the Fourier series if it converges it will define it to  $2\pi$  periodic function on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

And therefore, this is sometimes convenient just to think always that the given function is a  $2l$  periodic defined on the whole  $\mathbb{R}$  but as it is not required a function is given in some domain we can write down its Fourier series and if this Fourier series converges, it will converge to a periodic function in 1 period, the function will be exactly the same which we have used for constructing the Fourier series.

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**Example:** Expand  $f(x) = |\sin x|$  in a Fourier series.

**Solution:**

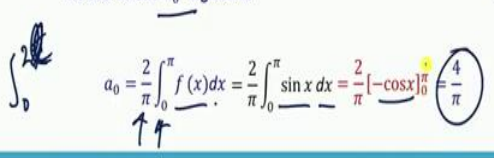
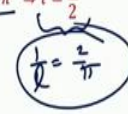

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**Example:** Expand  $f(x) = |\sin x|$  in a Fourier series.

**Solution:** This function may be treated as a function of period  $\pi$  and we can work in the interval  $(0, \pi)$ , or we treat this function as of period  $2\pi$  and work in the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .

**Case I:** First we treat the function  $|\sin x|$  as  $\pi$  periodic we have,  $2l = \pi \Rightarrow l = \frac{\pi}{2}$

The coefficient  $a_0$  is given as

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx = \frac{2}{\pi} [-\cos x]_0^{\pi} = \frac{4}{\pi}$$




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So, we have the another example where we will expand this  $f(x)$  is equal to  $|\sin x|$  in a Fourier series. So, this  $|\sin x|$  function if we just take a look, it is with a modulus  $\sin x$ , so it is a 0 here and then at  $\pi$  it will become again 0 and then since the positive, so it will never go to the negative portion.

So, this will be the graph of this function, so 0 to  $\pi$  and then  $2\pi$  et cetera and then we have minus  $\pi$  minus  $2\pi$  and so on. So, here there are, there could be many ways, but we are just considering 2 cases just to show that the period actually does not matter. For example, here the period of this function is  $\pi$ . So, if we take period  $\pi$  that means a function given in this range here and write down the Fourier series over we take a function from the 0 to  $2\pi$  and then write down the Fourier series.

Both the Fourier series will be same and that we will demonstrate using this example for instance. So, this function may be treated as a function of period  $\pi$ . And we can work in the interval 0 to  $\pi$  or we can treat this function as a function of period  $2\pi$  and we can work in the interval minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$ . So, we will take 2 cases here, in the first case, we will treat this function as a function of period  $\pi$  which is actually the period, the fundamental period of this function.

And in the second case, we will multiply by 2 this fundamental period  $\pi$  that means we will take a  $2\pi$ , we will treat this function as  $2\pi$  periodic function and then construct its Fourier series and at the end we will realize that it is actually the same whether we take a period  $\pi$  or take period  $2\pi$  or  $3\pi$ , et cetera.

It does not matter for the Fourier series, we will have the same Fourier series. So, in the first case, we will treat this function  $\sin x$  as by periodic and then we have so for  $\pi$  periodic that is the general periods not a standard minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$  we take it is a  $\pi$  periodic, that means a  $2l$  is  $\pi$  and then we have this  $l$  as  $\pi$  by 2, so in general version of this Fourier series we are going to use now.


So, the coefficient  $a_n$  as per the definition we have this  $\frac{1}{l}$ , so  $\frac{1}{l}$  will become  $\frac{1}{l}$  will become  $\frac{2}{\pi}$ . So, this is  $\frac{1}{l}$  outside is  $\frac{2}{\pi}$ . And then we will integrate from 0 to  $2l$  or from minus  $l$  to  $2l$ . So, in this case, we are taking 0 to  $2l$ , so  $2l$  is  $\pi$ , so 0 to  $\pi$   $f(x) dx$ . It is  $\frac{2}{\pi}$ , the  $f(x)$  is from 0 to  $\pi$  is just  $\sin x$ . It is a positive, so we can remove the mod here,  $dx$  and the  $\sin x$  will be  $\cos x$  will minus  $\sin 0$  to  $\pi$ , so that we will get  $\frac{4}{\pi}$ . So, that is the first coefficient  $a_n$   $\frac{4}{\pi}$ .


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Now, we will compute  $a_n$ , so the formula is given here  $\frac{1}{l} \int_0^{2l} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$  and  $\pi x$  over  $l$  dx. So, here we will take this  $f(x)$ . So,  $0$  to  $2l$  that means  $0$  to  $\pi$ , the function is positive in  $0$  to  $\pi$ , so we have a  $\sin x$  and then we have  $\cos 2nx$ . So,  $\cos 2nx$ , how we are getting  $\cos 2nx$ ? The  $\cos$  and then  $n\pi x$  and  $l$  is  $\pi$  by  $2$ . So, this  $\pi$  gets cancel and we have  $2nx$ .

So, this is  $2nx$  and we can integrate now this, so  $2$  times  $\sin a \cos b$ , formula we will apply. So, to  $\sin$  this, the sum will come  $2n$  plus  $1x$  and minus the  $\sin$  will come with  $2n$  minus  $1x$  and then we can integrate it having this  $\cos$  at both the places and then limit  $0$  to  $\pi$ . Substituting this  $\pi$  there we have  $2n$  plus  $1$ , so we will get this value  $2$  there and here also we have  $\cos$  then  $2n$  plus  $1$  again.

So, because we have the  $0$  also and the  $\pi$ , so this is going to be  $1$  and then again this is going to be when we substitute  $0$ ,  $1$ . So, we will get this  $2$  there and the value after simplification, we will get minus  $4$  over  $\pi$ ,  $4n^2$  square and minus  $1$ . Well, so, what we will get now? So, this is the coefficient for  $a_n$  and  $n$  is  $1, 2, 3$ . So, we got the value already.

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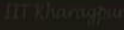

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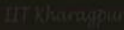

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For  $b_n$  again, we have the similar result  $1/n$  for  $f(x)$  and then we have the  $\sin$  here for  $b_n$ . So, we can compute now, so with the  $\sin 2nx$  will come with the  $\sin$  and then again apply  $2 \sin a \cos b$  formula,  $\sin 2n \cos x = \sin(2n+x) + \sin(2n-x)$  and then  $\cos$  will be  $\sin$  and again this  $\cos$  will become  $\sin$  there. And since the  $\sin$  is here, whether you put  $\pi$  or  $0$  or here also  $\pi$  or  $0$  this will be  $0$ . So, at the end we realized that this  $b_n$  is  $0$ . And this  $f(x)$  we can write down as  $\frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-4}{\pi(4n^2-1)} \cos(2nx)$ .

And then we have this  $\cos$  from only because the  $b_n$  terms are  $0$ , so there will be no  $\sin$  term with  $\cos 2nx$  we have this. This was the coefficient  $a_n$  we have just evaluated before. So, we got this Fourier series when we have treated the function as a  $\pi$  periodic function or we can just simplify a little more. So, here minus this  $4$  over  $\pi$ , we have taken this outside and then we got this series here.



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Case II: If we treat  $f(x)$  as  $2\pi$  periodic then

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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Well, so now in the second case, we will treat this  $f(x)$  as a  $2\pi$  periodic function because  $2\pi$  is not a fundamental period, but it is also a period of the function. So, you can consider this  $2\pi$  periodic function and then we have the standard result that  $a_n$  will be  $\frac{1}{\pi}$  and then minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$ .

So, the result is  $a_n$  for  $n$  is  $\frac{1}{\pi}$  and then we have minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$  and then this  $f(x)$  and then we have  $\cos$ , its written here already. So, this minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$  and when we have we are talking about  $f(x)$ ,  $f(x)$  is even function and then  $\cos x$  is also even function, so the integrand is even. And then we can write down 2 times that this 2 times and then 0 to  $\pi$  and then we have the function here but now in 0 to  $\pi$ , the function is positive, so we have removed the mod, we have  $\sin x$  and then we have this  $\cos nx dx$ .

So, now we can apply this formula  $2 \sin x \cos nx$ . So,  $\sin n$  plus 1 and  $\sin n$  minus 1x and we can integrate now this sin, so we will get with minus sin, this cosine and this cosine and again the same argument So, we will put first the pie there  $\sin n$  plus 1 pi n then with minus this cos 0. So, what we will get? First we have to assume that n is not equal to minus 1 otherwise this will break down. So, we will get this formula minus 1 power n plus 1 and then for 0, we will getting 1 the here and similarly, minus 1 power n minus 1 and for 0, we will get 1 there.

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Thus, for  $n \neq 1$ , we have

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{-(-1)^{n+1} + 1}{n+1} + \frac{(-1)^{n-1} - 1}{n-1} \right]$$

$a_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{4}{n^2 - 1}, & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

$$a_1 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin x \cos x \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin 2x \, dx$$


$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{\cos 2x}{2} \right]_0^\pi = \frac{1}{2\pi} [-1 + 1] = 0$$

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So, this for n not equal to 1, what we have, we have this formula, which can be further written in a more simplified form. So, when n is odd, this will become 0 and when n is even, this can be simplified to this minus 1 over pi and 4 over n square minus 1. So, a n we need to compute now separately because the formula.

The general one was not valid for n equal to one, so that we can separately do this  $\cos nx \cos x$  and  $\sin x \cos x$ . which is  $\sin 2x$  and then we can integrate this to have this cos and then we have  $\cos 2\pi$  and then minus 0  $\cos 2\pi$  is 1. And then minus 1 is also 1, so we will get simply this 0. So this a 1 is 0 a n have computed.


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*Even + odd = odd*

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And for  $b_n$ , if we write down these Fourier coefficients  $b_n$ , so we have this  $\sin x \sin nx$ . And since this is the even one and then we have odd here, so minus  $\pi$  to  $\pi$ , with this odd function as a integral, this will become 0 straight forward without calculation. So, the  $b_n$ , these coefficients are 0. And therefore our  $f(x)$  now after substituting these  $a_n$ s and  $b_n$ s can be obtained in this form, which can be again written in a more compact form having this  $4n^2 - 1$  and this  $\cos 2nx$  term. So, this was exactly the series which we got assuming it as  $\pi$  periodic.

So, we have consider 2 cases here, once we have taken the function as  $\pi$  periodic and then we have taken this function as  $2\pi$  periodic and at the end, we have observed that we are getting the same Fourier series which is very much expected because the changing this period is not changing the behavior of the function, it is just taking the extra length with having this repeated behavior of the function. So, if you develop the Fourier series of a function considering its period as any integer multiple of its fundamental period, we shall end up with the same Fourier series that is the conclusion and we have demonstrated from this example,

Also not that in the above example given function is an even function. So, another observation which we should keep in mind and later on, we will discuss in detail that this  $\sin$  function was an even functions so the  $\sin$  function here with absolute value, it was an even function. So, around this 0 here this has the same value as in the negative values there.

So, it was an even function and for the even function when we are computing the  $b_n$ , so  $b_n$  is  $f(x)$  and  $\sin$ . So,  $\sin$  is odd function and  $f(x)$  is a even function, so then the product is an even function, sorry the product is an odd function because we have the even and odd so the

product will be odd. So, the  $b_n$  coefficients when we computed here, this  $b_n$  coefficient, so if this  $f(x)$  is even, and this is odd, so the product of these two, even odd is odd.

So, if the integrand is odd and we are integrating from minus pi to pi, then this integral will be 0, so that is another way of describing this and not to compute the 0 if this  $f(x)$  is an even function, naturally this  $b_n$  will disappear or the vice versa. If we are talking about the odd function, then  $a_n$  will become 0 and we have to just compute  $b_n$ , so if the function is odd or even we can simplify the calculations and on either  $a_n$  will survive or  $b_n$  will survive.

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**Example:** Let  $f$  be periodic of period  $2\pi$  defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & -\pi < x < 0; \\ 1, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi. \end{cases}$$

Fourier coefficients:  $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 \frac{1}{2} dx + \int_0^{\pi} 1 dx \right] = \frac{3}{2}$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 \frac{1}{2} \cos(nx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx \right] = 0$$

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So, this is the last example we will discuss here. Let  $f$  be a periodic function with period  $2\pi$  and defined in this way, so half in minus pi to 0, and then 1 from 0 to pi. So, it is Fourier coefficients, if you compute first  $a_n$  from minus pi to 0 and 0 to pi respective values half and then 1 there, so we can get this 3 by 2.



And then if we compute the  $a_n$  again, we have to break from minus pi to 0 and 0 to pi having this  $\cos nx$ ,  $\cos nx$  and half and then 1 there. So, again, what we will realize that this is 0 and this is interesting, because this is not 0 because of this even and odd structure, but this is just appearing, this is just coming to be 0. So, the  $b_n$  if you compute is coming sin there and then again we can compute these simple examples, simple integrals and we will get  $\frac{1}{2n\pi} [1 - \cos n\pi]$ .




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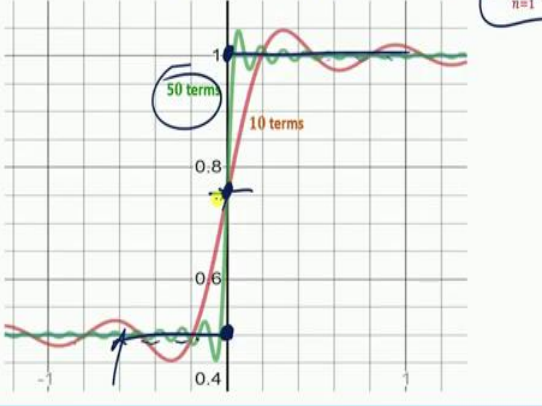


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So, having these Fourier coefficients, the  $a_n$  was  $\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $a_0$  and then we have the  $b_n$  we can write down its Fourier series. So,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , this  $a_n$  by 2 and then we have this  $b_n$  and then we have  $\sin x$ , so this is the Fourier series of this given function. So, if you just get the idea how this Fourier series look like, so just recall the function was given here from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$  as  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  to  $0$  was half and then the value was 1.

So, this was our function  $f(x)$ , and then this was a function  $f(x)$  and then this is the Fourier series we have plotted Fourier series, we have plotted for about 10 terms. So, the terms here we have taken 10, so this  $(\infty)$  of infinity, we have taken for instance 10 and we have plotted this graph and then you can see because we have taken only 10 terms, the approximation is not very good.

It is not matching with for example, the given function, it is not converging or seems to converge at this for just for 10 to the given function. But what do we do if we take more, if we take more terms for example, if we take 50 terms here, now you can see it is quite close to the function here as well as here. But there was a point here that is continuity where the point where the function value in this site was half and then we have this one value. It is a problematic and it is always crossing at this middle value here between this 1 and one half.


And that exactly, we will observe in the next lecture theoretically that what is the convergence of this series or in other words to which function this series converges because from here as we can see that this is not converging exactly to the given function  $f(x)$  and mainly on at this point 0 for instance, because if we take more terms from 0 onward, it will match and from less than 0, it will also match to the given function. But what will happen at this 0 point there, which is definitely it is not matching here, it is always crossing this point in the middle.

So, that is what we will see in the next lecture that we will discuss the convergence of the Fourier series under what condition it will converge. And it will converge to the given function or it will converge to some other function and what will be that function, all these discussion will take place in the next lecture.

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So, here we have the references use for preparing this lecture.

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And just to conclude, so we have discussed that if  $f(x)$  is piecewise continuous define on this interval or it may not be  $2l$  periodic or it is  $2l$  periodic does not matter. We can write down the Fourier series and this Fourier series will converge to, if it converges to it will converge to a  $2l$  periodic function. So, this was the more general form of the of Fourier series, where these coefficients and Fourier coefficients are computed in this way.

And we have also seen that if we take its period at any integer multiple of its fundamental period, the Fourier series will remain the same, the Fourier series will not change. And we have also demonstrated with the help of one example. So, that is all for this lecture and I thank you for your attention.