

Lecture 14 Math 322

When can we differentiate a Fourier series term by term?

IF we write

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

when will the true derivative $f'(x)$ be given by

$$f'(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(-\frac{n\pi}{L} \right) a_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} \right) b_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right\}$$

We need the same conditions as for convergence of the series to $f(x)$

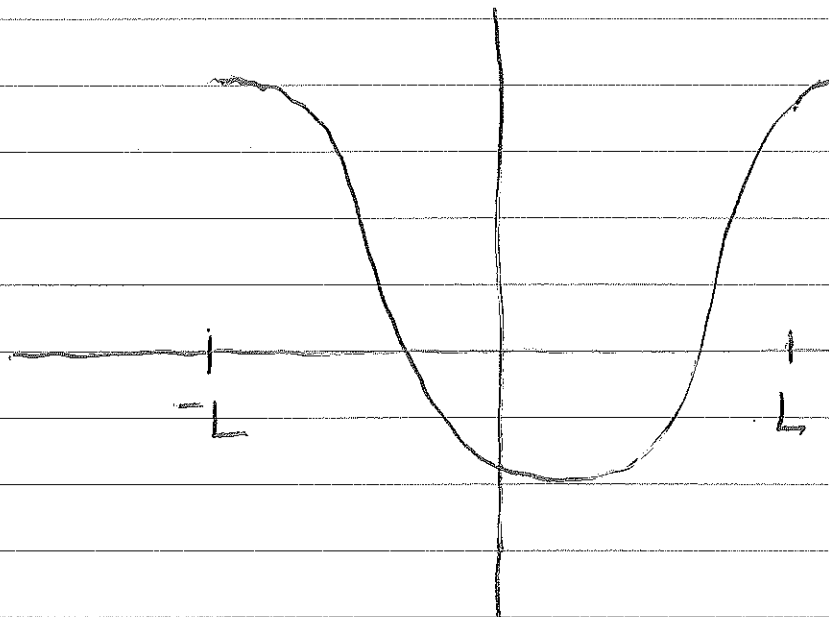
- ** $f(x)$ continuous in $[-L, L]$
- ** $f(-L) = f(L)$

cosine series $f(-L) = f(L)$ satisfied automatically

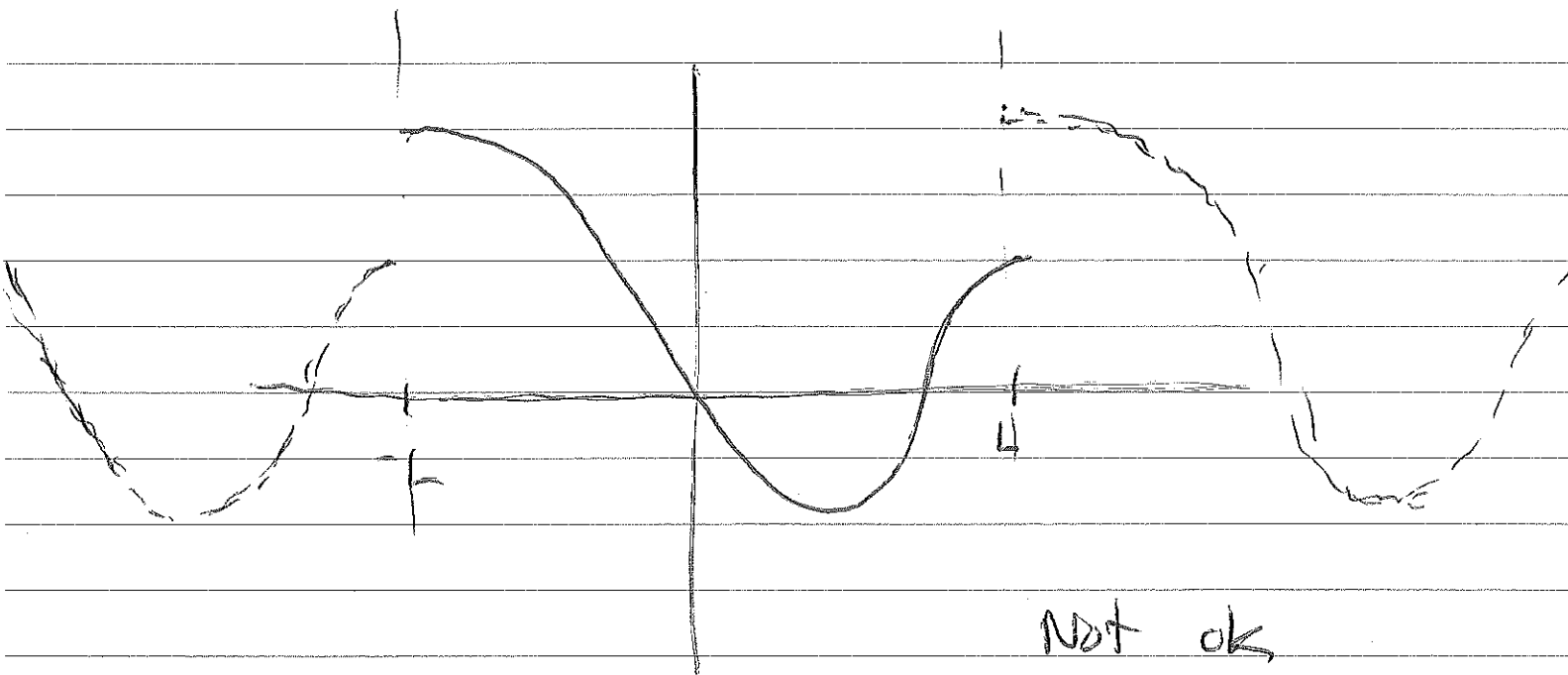
sine series we also need $f(-L) = f(L) = 0$
{ and $f(0) = 0$ if given in $[0, L]$ }

②

ie. we do not allow any jump discontinuities
in the periodic extension of $f(x)$



ok to
differentiate
term by
term



NOT ok

Various things to show:

① IF the conditions are violated, show that term by term differentiation may lead to the "wrong" result. (book)

② IF all restrictions are satisfied, how do we prove that we can differentiate term by term? (book)

③ IF $f(x)$ has a jump discontinuity, how do we find an appropriate series for $f'(x)$ from the series for $f(x)$? (homework)

Cosine series $f(-L) = f(L)$ automatically ...

Sine series We also need $f(-L) = f(L) = 0$
{ and $f(0) = 0$ if given $f(x)$ in $[0, L]$ }

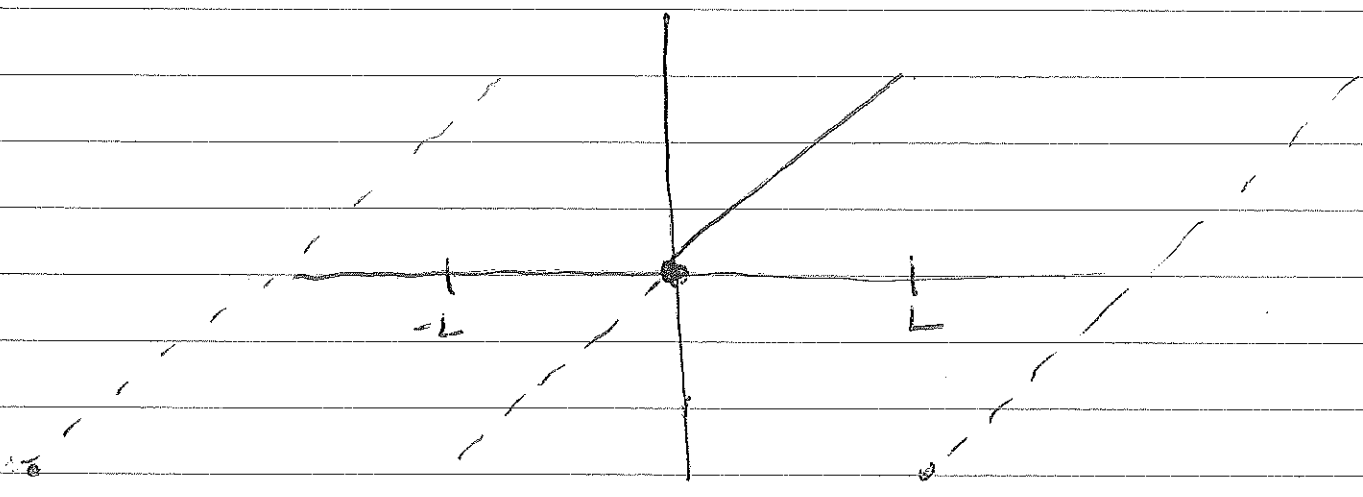


Book sometimes gives the function in $[0, L]$
and asks about the cosine series or
sine series.

Example 1 Consider the sine series of

$f(x) = x$ in $[0, L]$.

① Make an odd extension in $[-L, 0]$, then
a periodic extension outside $[-L, L]$



Conclusion: we cannot differentiate term by term because $F(L) \neq F(-L) \neq 0$

What happens if we do it anyway?

$$* f(x) = x \quad \text{in } [-\pi, \pi]$$

$$\text{The true } f'(x) = 1$$

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \sim 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \sin nx$$

Take the term by term derivative \Rightarrow

$$2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cos nx$$

$$= 2 \left\{ \cos x - \cos 2x + \cos 3x + \dots \right\}$$

What is the cosine series of $f'(x) = 1$

$$1 = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 \, dx = 1, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0$$

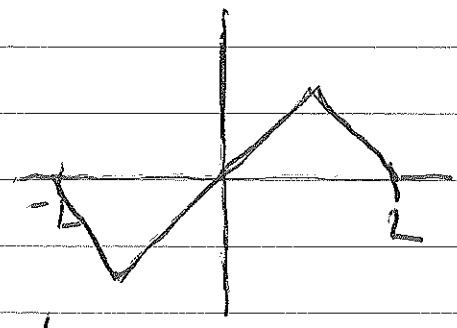
If all the conditions are satisfied, how do we prove that we can differentiate term by term?

E.g. consider a sine series

Given $f(x)$ in $0 \leq x \leq L$; make an odd extension in $[-L, 0]$; a periodic extension outside $[-L, L]$

We need

* $f(x)$ continuous



* $f'(x)$ may have finite jump discontinuities

* $f(0) = f(L) = 0$

Write
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{\sin n\pi x}{L}$$

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

We need to show

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi}{L} b_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

or $a_0 = 0$

$$\frac{n\pi}{L} b_n = a_n \quad n \neq 0$$

Show $a_0 = 0$

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

$$= \frac{1}{L} f(x) \Big|_0^L = \frac{1}{L} [f(L) - f(0)]$$

$= 0$ if $f(L) = f(0)$ need this restriction!

Show $a_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} b_n \quad n \neq 0$

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

$$u = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \quad dv = f'(x) dx$$

$$du = -\frac{n\pi}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \quad v = f(x)$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f'(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

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

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

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

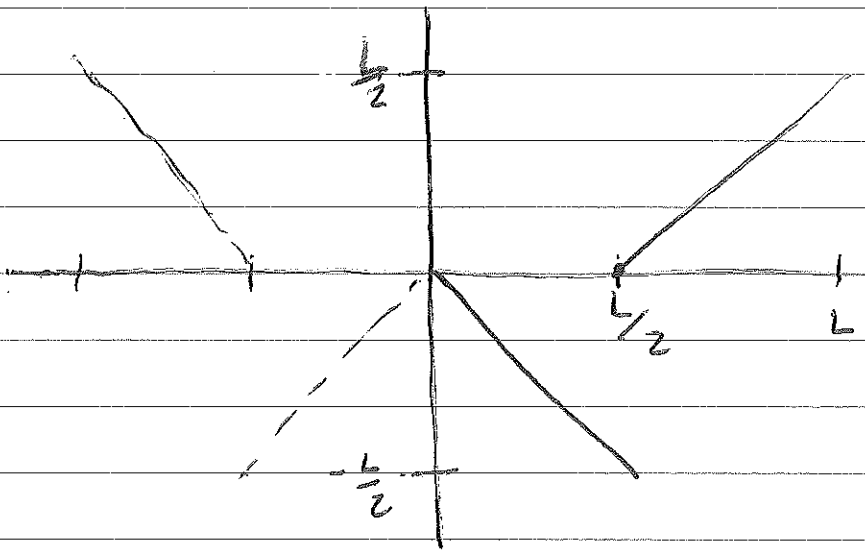
$$\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

Comparing a_n and b_n , we see

$$a_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} b_n$$

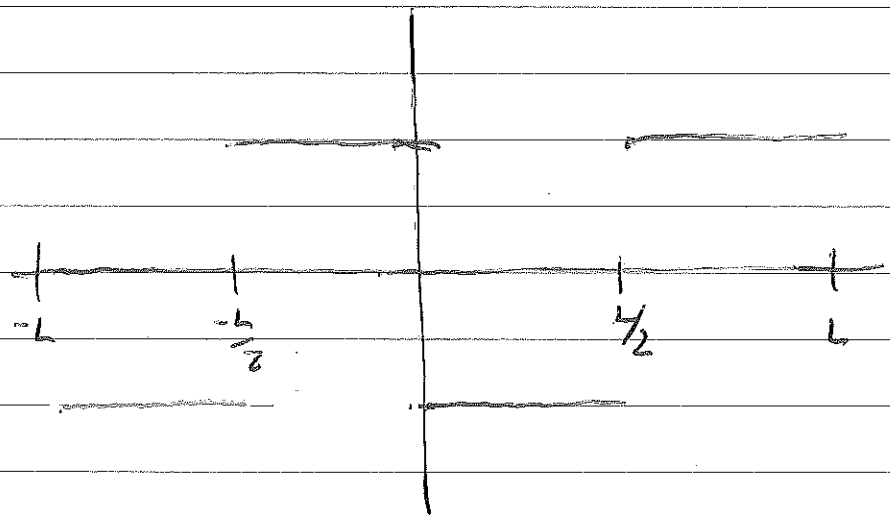
Homework Problem lets assume we have a jump discontinuity in $f(x)$, eq.

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



COSINE series

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



SINE series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

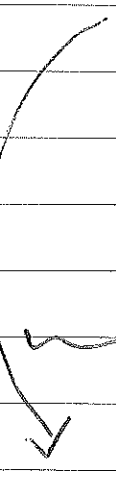
$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

but $b_n \neq -\frac{n\pi}{L} a_n$ | | |
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Using integration by parts on

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \frac{df(x)}{dx} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx \quad \text{we find}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} [f(x_0^-) - f(x_0^+)] \sin \frac{n\pi x_0}{L} - \frac{n\pi}{L} a_n$$



$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \left\{ f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \Big|_0^{x_0^-} + f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \Big|_{x_0^+}^L \right.$$

$$\left. - \int_0^{x_0^-} \frac{n\pi}{L} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx - \int_{x_0^+}^L \frac{n\pi}{L} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx \right\}$$