

EVEN FUNCTION

A real function $f(x)$ is said to be even if $f(x) = f(-x)$.

If $f(x)$ is an even function then

$$\int_{-l}^l f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^l f(x) dx.$$

ODD FUNCTION:

A real function $f(x)$ is said to be odd if $f(x) = -f(-x)$.

If $f(x)$ is an odd function then

$$\int_{-l}^l f(x) dx = 0.$$

Note:

If $f(x)$ does not satisfy even and odd function then it is called neither even nor odd function.

Example:

1. $f(x) = x^2$

$$f(-x) = (-x)^2$$

$$= x^2$$

$$= f(x)$$

It is Even Function

2. $f(x) = x \cos x$

$$f(-x) = (-x) \cos(-x)$$

$$= -x \cos x$$

$$= -f(x)$$

It is odd Function

3. $f(x) = x \sin x \rightarrow$ Even Function

4. $f(x) = |x| \rightarrow$ Even Function

5. $f(x) = x + x^2 \rightarrow$ Neither Even nor odd.

Note:

1. Even Function \times Even Function = Even Fn.
2. Odd Fn \times odd Fn = Even Fn.
3. Even Fn \times odd Fn = odd Fn.
4. odd Fn \times Even Fn = odd Fn.

* For even Function, $b_n = 0$

* For odd Function,

$a_0 = 0$ and $a_n = 0$.

1. Find the Fourier series for the function $f(x) = |x|$, $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$.

Soln: $f(x) = |x| = x$

$$f(-x) = |-x| = x$$

$$f(x) = f(-x)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is Even Function.

$$\therefore b_n = 0$$

The Fourier series is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx$$

To find a_0 :

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx.$$

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

Since for even function

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

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right)_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} \right)$$

$$a_0 = \pi$$

To find a_n :

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

$$u = x$$

$$u' = 1$$

$$u'' = 0$$

$$v = \cos nx$$

$$v_1 = \frac{\sin nx}{n}$$

$$v_2 = -\frac{\cos nx}{n^2}$$

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

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

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

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

∴ The Fourier series is

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2 \pi} [(-1)^n - 1] \cos nx.$$

2. Find the Fourier series $f(x) = x$
in $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Soln: $f(x) = x$

$$f(-x) = -x = -f(x)$$

$$\therefore f(-x) = -f(x)$$

∴ $f(x)$ is odd function.

$$\therefore a_0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a_n = 0.$$

The Fourier series is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx.$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin n x \, dx.$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin n x \, dx \quad \left[\because x \sin n x \text{ is even fn} \right]$$

$$u = x$$

$$u' = 1$$

$$u'' = 0$$

$$v = \sin n x$$

$$v_1 = -\frac{\cos n x}{n}$$

$$v_2 = -\frac{\sin n x}{n^2}$$

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

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\pi \frac{\cos n \pi}{n} + 0 + 0 - 0 \right]$$

$$\boxed{b_n = -\frac{2(-1)^n}{n}}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)(-1)^n}{n} \sin n x.$$