

MATH 54 SUMMER 2017, QUIZ 31

Suppose that f and g are continuous functions defined on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ and that for any positive integer n ,

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

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) \sin(nx) dx = 0 \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{1}{n^3} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) dx = 2$$

Find the Fourier series of $3f(x) - 5g(x)$. [Hint: for any positive integer n , $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(nx) dx = \pi$ and $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 dx = 2\pi$.]

Fourier series of $3f - 5g$ is:

$$a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx))$$

where

$$a_0 = \frac{\langle 3f - 5g, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} \quad a_n = \frac{\langle 3f - 5g, \cos(nx) \rangle}{\langle \cos(nx), \cos(nx) \rangle}$$

$$b_n = \frac{\langle 3f - 5g, \sin(nx) \rangle}{\langle \sin(nx), \sin(nx) \rangle}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{\langle 3f - 5g, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \frac{3\langle f, 1 \rangle - 5\langle g, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \frac{3 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx - 5 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) dx}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1^2 dx} = \frac{3 - 10}{2\pi} = -\frac{7}{2\pi}$$

$$a_n = \frac{\langle 3f - 5g, \cos(nx) \rangle}{\langle \cos(nx), \cos(nx) \rangle} = \frac{3\langle f, \cos(nx) \rangle - 5\langle g, \cos(nx) \rangle}{\langle \cos(nx), \cos(nx) \rangle} = \frac{3 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx - 5 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) \cos(nx) dx}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(nx) dx}$$

$$= \frac{3/n^2 - 5/n^3}{\pi} = \frac{3n - 5}{\pi n^3}$$

$$b_n = \frac{\langle 3f - 5g, \sin(nx) \rangle}{\langle \sin(nx), \sin(nx) \rangle} = \frac{3\langle f, \sin(nx) \rangle - 5\langle g, \sin(nx) \rangle}{\langle \sin(nx), \sin(nx) \rangle} = \frac{3 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx - 5 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) \sin(nx) dx}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2(nx) dx}$$

$$= 0$$

So the Fourier series is

$$-\frac{7}{2\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3n-5}{\pi n^3} \right) \cos(nx)$$