

**Problem Set 3** (1/24, 1/27)  
**Due on Fri, Jan 31**

- 1) Find the mean square error for the Fourier series of the function  $f(x) = 1$  for  $0 < x < \pi$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ , and  $f(x) = -1$  for  $-\pi < x < 0$ . Then, show that  $\sigma_N^2 = O(N^{-1})$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Solution:**  $\sigma_N^2 = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{[(-1)^n - 1]^2}{n^2}$ . To show  $O(N^{-1})$ , define  $n = 2m - 1$  and replace the summation with  $\sum_{m=(N+2)/2}^{\infty}$  or  $\sum_{m=(N+3)/2}^{\infty}$  depending on if  $N$  is even or odd. Then use integrals to estimate the sum.

- 2) Find the mean square error for the Fourier series of  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ . Then, show that  $\sigma_N^2 = O(N^{-3})$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Solution:**  $\sigma_N^2 = 8 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$ .

- 3) Write out Parseval's theorem for the Fourier series of

(a)  $f(x) = 1$  for  $0 < x < \pi$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ , and  $f(x) = -1$  for  $-\pi < x < 0$ ,

(b)  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ .

**Solution:** (a)  $\pi^2/8 = 1 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots$ , and (b)  $\pi^4/90 = 1 + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{81} + \dots$ .

- 4) Verify that the orthogonality relations hold, in the form

$$\int_{-L}^L e^{in\pi x/L} e^{-im\pi x/L} dx = 2L\delta_{nm}.$$

**Solution:** Consider two cases:  $n \neq m$  and  $n = m$ .

- 5) Use the complex form to find the Fourier series of  $f(x) = e^x$ ,  $-L < x < L$ .

**Solution:**  $e^x = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{L+in\pi}{L^2+n^2\pi^2} (\sinh L) \exp\left(\frac{in\pi}{L}x\right)$ .

- 6) Let  $0 < r < 1$ ,  $f(x) = 1/(1 - re^{ix})$ ,  $-\pi < x < \pi$ . Find the Fourier series of  $f$

**Solution:** Expand  $f$  as a power series in  $r$ . Recall  $(1-x)(1+x+x^2+\dots) = 1$ .

We obtain  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n e^{inx}$ .

- 7) Let  $0 \leq r < 1$ . Use the above problem 6) to derive

$$\frac{1 - r \cos x}{1 + r^2 - 2r \cos x} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n \cos nx,$$

$$\frac{r \sin x}{1 + r^2 - 2r \cos x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n \sin nx.$$

**Solution:** Use Euler's formula and consider the real part and imaginary part. Note that  $0 \leq r < 1$  in this problem but we had  $0 < r < 1$  in 6).