

Fourier Analysis 03-05.

Review.

§ 3.5

A cts function with diverging Fourier series.

Let us start from a special function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} i(\pi - x) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ i(-\pi - x) & \text{if } -\pi \leq x < 0 \end{cases}$$

It is an odd function except at $x=0$.

It has the following Fourier series

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{n} e^{inx} \quad \text{on } [-\pi, \pi].$$

Write for $N \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$f_N(x) = \sum_{\substack{-N \leq n \leq N \\ n \neq 0}} \frac{1}{n} e^{inx}$$

$$\tilde{f}_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} e^{inx}$$

Lemma 1 (1) $\exists M > 0$ such that

$$|f_N(x)| \leq M \quad \text{for all } N \in \mathbb{N}, \quad x \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

$$(2) \quad |\tilde{f}_N(0)| \geq \log N.$$

Pf. We first prove (1). Consider the Abel mean of f ,

$$\begin{aligned} A_r(f)(x) &= \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{r^{|n|}}{n} e^{inx} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_r(x-y) f(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq r < 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} |A_r(f)(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_r(x-y) |f(y)| dy \\ &\leq \sup_{z \in \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{N}} |f(z)| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_r(x-y) dy \\ &= \|f\|_{\infty} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} |f_N(x) - A_r(f)(x)| &\leq \left| f_N(x) - \sum_{0 < |n| \leq N} \frac{r^{|n|}}{n} e^{inx} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \sum_{|n| \geq N+1} \frac{r^{|n|}}{n} e^{inx} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{0 < |n| \leq N} \frac{(1-r^{|n|})}{n} e^{inx} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \sum_{|n| \geq N+1} \frac{r^{|n|}}{n} e^{inx} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{0 < |n| \leq N} \frac{1-r^{|n|}}{|n|} + \sum_{|n| \geq N+1} \frac{r^{|n|}}{|n|} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1-r^n}{n} + 2 \cdot \sum_{n \geq N+1} \frac{r^n}{n}$$

(Notice that $\frac{1-r^n}{n} = \frac{(1-r)(1+r+\dots+r^{n-1})}{n} < 1-r$

$$\sum_{n \geq N+1} \frac{r^n}{n} \leq \sum_{n \geq N+1} \frac{r^n}{N}$$

$$= \frac{r^{N+1}}{N(1-r)})$$

Hence

$$|f_N(x) - A_r(f)(x)| \leq 2 \cdot N(1-r) + 2 \cdot \frac{r^{N+1}}{N(1-r)}$$

$$\leq 2 \cdot N(1-r) + \frac{2}{N(1-r)}$$

Taking $r = 1 - \frac{1}{N}$, then $N(1-r) = 1$ so

$$|f_N(x) - A_r(f)(x)| \leq 4$$

$$\text{Hence } |f_N(x)| \leq |A_r(f)(x)| + 4$$

$$\leq \|f\|_\infty + 4 \leq 2\pi + 4.$$

This proves (1).

$$\text{Now } \left| \widetilde{f}_N(0) \right| = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{N}$$

$$\geq \sum_{k=1}^N \int_k^{k+1} \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\geq \sum_{k=1}^N (\log(k+1) - \log k) = \log(N+1) > \log N.$$

Now for each $N \in \mathbb{N}$, define

$$P_N(x) = e^{i2Nx} \cdot f_N(x) = \sum_{\substack{n=N \\ n \neq 2N}}^{3N} \frac{1}{n-2N} e^{inx}$$

$$\tilde{P}_N(x) = e^{i2Nx} \tilde{f}_N(x) = \sum_{n=N}^{2N-1} \frac{1}{n-2N} e^{inx}$$

Define a sequence of integers $(N_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ and
a sequence of positive numbers $(\alpha_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ such that

(i) $N_{k+1} > 3N_k$ for all k

(ii) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k < \infty$.

(iii) $\alpha_k \log N_k \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

(e.g. we can take $N_k = 4^{4^k}$, $\alpha_k = 3^{-k}$.)

Define

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \cdot P_{N_k}(x)$$

Since $|P_{N_k}(x)| = |f_{N_k}(x)| \leq M$

So the series converges absolutely and g is cts.

We would like to show that

$$S_N g(0) \rightarrow g(0).$$

Lemma 2: Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$\hat{g}(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha_k}{n - 2N_k} & \text{if } N_k \leq n \leq 3N_k \\ & \text{but } n \neq 2N_k \\ \alpha_k \widehat{P_{N_k}}(n) & \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Pf. Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. $\exists L \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\left| g(x) - \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j P_{N_j}(x) \right| < \varepsilon \quad \text{if } l \geq L \\ \text{for all } x \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

Then

$$\left| \hat{g}(n) - \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j \widehat{P_{N_j}}(n) \right| < \varepsilon. \quad (*)$$

Keep in mind that $\widehat{P_{N_j}}(n) = 0$ if $n \notin [N_j, 3N_j]$

Hence if $n \notin \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} [N_j, 3N_j]$, then

$$\sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j \widehat{P_{N_j}}(n) = 0 \quad \text{for all } l.$$

By (*), we see that $|\hat{g}(n)| < \varepsilon$,

since ε is arbitrarily given, we have $\hat{g}(n) = 0$.

Next assume $n \in [N_R, 3N_R]$ for some R .

Then for $l \geq k$.

$$\sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j \hat{P}_{N_j}(n) = \alpha_R \hat{P}_{N_R}(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha_R}{n - 2N_R} & \text{if } n \neq 2N_R \\ 0 & \text{if } n = 2N_R \end{cases}$$

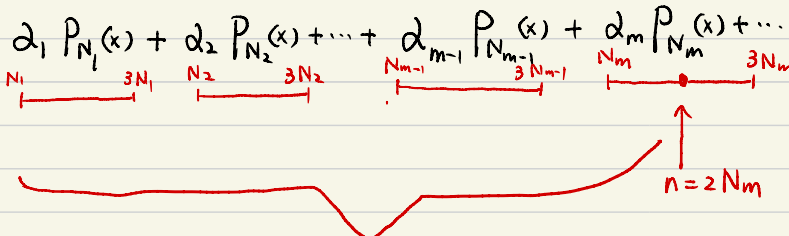
Again by (*), we get

$$|\hat{g}(n) - \alpha_R \hat{P}_{N_R}(n)| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{g}(n) = \alpha_R \hat{P}_{N_R}(n).$$

□

Let us consider $S_{2N_m}(g)(x)$.

$$g(x) = \underbrace{\alpha_1 P_{N_1}(x)}_{\substack{N_1 \\ 3N_1}} + \underbrace{\alpha_2 P_{N_2}(x)}_{\substack{N_2 \\ 3N_2}} + \dots + \underbrace{\alpha_{m-1} P_{N_{m-1}}(x)}_{\substack{N_{m-1} \\ 3N_{m-1}}} + \underbrace{\alpha_m P_{N_m}(x)}_{\substack{N_m \\ 3N_m}} + \dots$$


$S_{2N_m}(g)(x)$

That is, $S_{2N_m}(g)(x) = \alpha_1 P_{N_1}(x) + \dots + \alpha_{m-1} P_{N_{m-1}}(x) + \alpha_m \tilde{P}_{N_m}(x)$

Hence

$$S_{2N_m}(g)(0) = \underbrace{d_1 P_{N_1}(0) + \dots + d_{m-1} P_{N_{m-1}}(x)}_{(I)} + \underbrace{d_m \widehat{P}_{N_m}(0)}_{(II)}$$

$$|(I)| \leq d_1 \cdot M + d_2 M + \dots + d_{m-1} M \leq \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} d_j \right) M < \text{const.}$$

$$|(II)| \geq d_m \cdot \log N_m \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Hence } S_{2N_m}(g)(0) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty$$

i.e. $S_n(g)(0)$ diverges! \square

Chap 4. Applications of Fourier series.

§ 4.1

Isoperimetric inequality.

Thm 1. Let Γ be a C^1 simple closed curve in \mathbb{R}^2 .

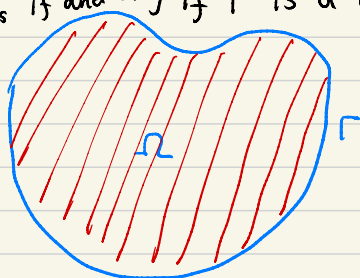
Then

$$A \leq \frac{l^2}{4\pi},$$

where $l = l(\Gamma)$ is the length of Γ and

A is the area of the region bounded by Γ .

The "=" holds if and only if Γ is a circle.



$$A = \text{Area}(\Omega)$$

$$l = \text{length}(\Gamma)$$

Def. A parametrized curve in \mathbb{R}^2 is a mapping

$$\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2.$$

The image of γ , $\{\gamma(t) : t \in [a, b]\}$

is called a curve, and is denoted by Γ .

We say γ is C^1 if $t \mapsto \gamma(t)$ is C^1 and $\gamma'(t) \neq 0$ for any $t \in [a, b]$.

Def. We say that $\gamma: [0, l] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is

a curve parametrized by arc-length if

$$|\dot{\gamma}(t)| = 1 \quad \forall t \in [0, l]. \quad (**)$$

$$\left(\Leftrightarrow x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2 = 1 \text{ for } \gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t)) \right)$$

Basic fact: For any C^1 parametrized curve $\gamma = \gamma(t)$, $t \in [a, b]$

$$\text{length of } \Gamma = \int_a^b |\dot{\gamma}(t)| dt.$$

If γ is parametrized by arc length,

$$\text{then } \int_0^s |\dot{\gamma}(t)| dt = \int_0^s 1 dt = s, \quad \forall s \in [0, l]$$

Basic fact: Any C^1 curve in the plane allows a parametrization by arc-length.

Pf. Taking a suitable transformation $(x, y) \mapsto (sx, sy)$
we may assume $\ell(\Gamma) = 2\pi$.

Then we need to show that $A \leq \pi$.

Parametrize Γ by its arc-length, say

$$\gamma = \gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t)), \quad t \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Then } x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2 = 1, \quad \forall t \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Let Ω denote the region bounded by Γ . To estimate the area of Ω , we use Green Thm in calculus:

Green Thm.

$$\oint_{\Gamma} P(x,y) dx + Q(x,y) dy = \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dx dy$$

In particular, taking $Q(x,y) = x$ and $P(x,y) = 0$ gives

$$\oint_{\Gamma} x dy = \iint_{\Omega} 1 dx dy = \text{Area}(\Omega) = A.$$

Notice that

$$\oint_{\Gamma} x dy = \int_0^{2\pi} x(t) y'(t) dt = A.$$

Let us expand $x(t)$, $y(t)$ into their Fourier series on $[0, 2\pi]$.

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e^{int}, \quad y(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b_n e^{int}.$$

$$x'(t) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} in a_n e^{int}, \quad y'(t) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} in b_n e^{int}.$$

By Parseval identity

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2 dt = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (|in a_n|^2 + |in b_n|^2) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} n^2 (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x(t) y'(t) dt &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x(t) \overline{y'(t)} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{x}(n) \overline{\widehat{y'(n)}} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n \cdot \overline{in b_n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } A = 2\pi \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n \cdot (-in) \overline{b_n}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 2\pi \left| \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (-in) \overline{b_n} \right| \\ &\leq 2\pi \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |n| |a_n| |b_n| \\ &\leq 2\pi \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |n| \frac{|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2}{2} \\ &\leq 2\pi \cdot \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} n^2 \frac{|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2}{2} \leq \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi \end{aligned}$$

This proves the isoperimetric inequality!

Suppose $A = \pi$. We must have

$$\textcircled{1} \quad |a_n| = |b_n| \quad \text{if } n \neq 0 \quad \left(\because |n| |a_n| |b_n| = |n| \frac{|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad |a_n| = |b_n| = 0 \quad \text{if } |n| > 1. \quad \left(\because |n| \frac{|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2}{2} = |n|^2 \frac{|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2}{2} \right)$$

Now

$$x(t) = a_{-1} e^{-it} + a_0 + a_1 e^{it}$$

$$y(t) = b_{-1} e^{-it} + b_0 + b_1 e^{it}$$

Since $x(t), y(t)$ are real,

$$\bar{a}_1 = a_{-1}, \quad \bar{b}_1 = b_{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_1 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x(t) e^{-it} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{x(t)} e^{it} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x(t) e^{it} dt \\ &= a_{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$|a_1| = |a_{-1}| = |b_1| = |b_{-1}|.$$

$$1 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |n|^2 (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2) = |a_1|^2 + |b_1|^2 + |a_{-1}|^2 + |b_{-1}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_1| = |b_1| = |a_{-1}| = |b_{-1}| = \frac{1}{2}$$

So we can write

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2} e^{i\alpha}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{2} e^{i\beta}$$

for $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 2\pi]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } x(t) &= a_{-1} e^{-it} + a_0 + a_1 e^{it} \\ &= \bar{a}_1 e^{-it} + a_0 + a_1 e^{it} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{-i(\alpha+t)} + a_0 + \frac{1}{2} e^{i(\alpha+t)} \\ &= a_0 + \cos(\alpha+t) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$y(t) = b_0 + \cos(\beta+t).$$

Recall

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &= 2\pi \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n (-in) \bar{b}_n \\ &= (-2\pi i) \cdot (a_1 \bar{b}_1 - a_{-1} \bar{b}_{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (-2\pi i) \left(\frac{1}{4} e^{i(\alpha-\beta)} - \frac{1}{4} e^{i(\beta-\alpha)} \right)$$

$$= \pi \sin(\alpha-\beta)$$

Hence $\sin(\alpha-\beta) = 1$. So

$$\alpha-\beta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } y(t) &= b_0 + \cos(\beta+t) \\ &= b_0 + \cos(\alpha+t - \frac{\pi}{2}) \\ &= b_0 + \sin(\alpha+t). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{cases} x(t) = a_0 + \cos(\alpha+t) \\ y(t) = b_0 + \sin(\alpha+t) \end{cases}$$

That means Γ is a circle.

