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UNIT – II

FOURIER SERIES

TWO MARKS

1. Explain periodic function with two examples.

Solution: A function $f(x)$ is said to have a period T if for all x , $f(x + T) = f(x)$,

Where T is a positive constant. The least value of $T > 0$ is called the period of $f(x)$.

For examples, $f(x) = \sin x$

$$f(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin x$$

$$\text{Here, } f(x) = f(x + 2\pi)$$

2. State Dirichlet's condition for a given function to expand in Fourier series.

Solution: Any function $f(x)$ can be developed as a Fourier series, provided

- i) $f(x)$ is periodic, single valued & finite.
- ii) $f(x)$ has a finite number of discontinuities in any one period
- iii) $f(x)$ has a finite number of maxima and minima

3. State general Fourier series.

solution: The Fourier series of $f(x)$ in $c \leq x \leq c + 2l$ is

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

Where a_0 , a_n & b_n are called Fourier coefficients(or) Euler constants

4. Find the coefficient of b_n of $\cos 5x$ in the Fourier cosine series of the function

$f(x) = \sin 5x$ in the interval $(0, \pi)$.

Solution: The Fourier Cosine series is

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos 5x \cos nx dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [\cos(5+n)x + \cos(5-n)x] dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin(5+n)x}{5+n} + \frac{\sin(5-n)x}{5-n} \right]_0^{\pi} = 0; \text{ Therefore, } b_n = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Find the constant a_0 of the Fourier series for the function of $f(x) = x$ in $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

Solution:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right)_0^{2\pi} = 2\pi$$

6. Obtain the first term of the Fourier series for the function $f(x) = x^2, -\pi < x < \pi$.

Solution:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right)_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{3} \pi^2$$

7. If $f(x) = x^3, -\pi < x < \pi$. Find the constant term of its Fourier series.

Solution:

$f(x) = x^3$, is an odd function. Therefore, the fourier constants $a_0 = 0$

8. Find the constant term in the Fourier series expansion of $f(x) = x$ in $(-\pi, \pi)$

Solution:

$a_0 = 0$ since $f(x)$ is an odd function $(-\pi, \pi)$

9. Find the sum of the Fourier series of $f(x) = x + x^2$ in $-\pi < x < \pi$ at $x = \pi$.

Solution:

Given $f(x) = x + x^2$

The sum of Fourier series is equal to the arithmetic mean of the value of $f(x)$ at $x = \pi$ and $x = -\pi$.

$$\text{Sum of Fourier series} = \frac{f(\pi) + f(-\pi)}{2} = \frac{\pi + \pi^2 - \pi + \pi^2}{2} = \pi^2$$

10. What is the constant term a_0 and the coefficient of $\cos nx$, a_n in the Fourier series of $f(x) = x - x^3$ in $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = x - x^3 &\Rightarrow f(-x) = -x + x^3 \\ &= -(x - x^3) = -f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is an odd function of x in $(-\pi, \pi)$. Therefore, the Fourier series of $f(x)$ contains sine terms only. Therefore, $a_0 = 0$ and $a_n = 0$

11. Find b_n in the expansion of x^2 as a Fourier series in $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Solution:

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

Therefore, $f(x)$ is an even function of x in $(-\pi, \pi)$. The coefficient b_n of $\sin nx$ in the Fourier expansion is zero. Therefore, $b_n = 0$

12. Find a_n in expanding e^{-x} as Fourier series in $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-x} \cos nx \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^{-x}}{1+n^2} (-\cos nx + n \sin nx) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi(1+n^2)} [-e^{-\pi}(-1)^n + (-1)^n e^{\pi}] \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n (e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})}{\pi(1+n^2)} = \frac{2(-1)^n \sinh \pi}{\pi(1+n^2)}$$

13. Find the Fourier constant b_n for $x \sin x$ in $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Solution:

Let $f(x) = x \sin x$, Therefore, $f(x) = (-x)\sin(-x) = x \sin x = f(x)$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is even function of x in $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Therefore, $b_n = 0$

14. If $f(x) = |x|$ is expanded as a Fourier series in $(-\pi, \pi)$, find the value of a_n ?

Solution:

$f(x) = |x|$ is an odd function in $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Therefore, the value of the Fourier coefficient $a_n = 0$.

15. Suppose the function $x \cos x$ has the series expansion $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin x$ in $(-\pi, \pi)$, find the value of b_1 .

Solution: $b_1 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos x \sin x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin 2x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[x \left(\frac{-\cos 2x}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{\sin 2x}{4} \right) \right]_0^{\pi}$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{-\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{-1}{2}$$

16. Find the value of a_n in the Fourier expansion of $f(x) = x^2$ in $(0, 2\pi)$

Solution:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[x^2 \left(\frac{\sin nx}{n} \right) - (2x) \left(\frac{-\cos nx}{n^2} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{\sin nx}{n^3} \right) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{4\pi}{n^2} \right) = \frac{4}{n^2}$$

17. Does $f(x) = \tan x$ possess a Fourier expansion in $(0, \pi)$.

Solution:

$f(x) = \tan x$ has an infinite discontinuity at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Since, the Dirichlet's conditions on continuity is not satisfied, the function $f(x) = \tan x$ has no Fourier expansion.

18. Find a Sine series for the function $f(x)=1, 0 < x < \pi$.

Solution:

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \text{Sinnx} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\text{Cosnx}}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{n\pi} [1 - (-1)^n]$$

$$= \frac{4}{n\pi} \text{ when } n \text{ is odd}$$

Therefore, the Fourier sine series of $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{Sinnx}$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{\text{Sinnx}}{n} = \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\text{Sin}x + \frac{\text{Sin}3x}{3} + \frac{\text{Sin}5x}{5} + \dots \right]$$

19. When an even function $f(x)$ is expanded in a Fourier series in the interval from $-\pi$ to π . Show that $b_n=0$

Solution:

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \text{Sinnx} dx$$

Since $f(x)$ is even and $\text{Sin} nx$ is odd then product $f(x) \text{Sin} nx$ is an odd function.

By Property of definite integral $b_n = 0$.

20. If $f(x)$ is an odd function defined in $(-1,1)$ What are the values of a_0 and a_n

Solution:

$$a_0 = 0 \text{ and } a_n = 0 \text{ since } f(x) \text{ is an odd function.}$$

21. Find the root mean square value of the function $f(x)=x^2$ in the interval $(0,1)$.

Solution:

$$\text{RMS value} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{l} \int_0^l x^2 dx} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{l} \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)_0^l} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{l} \left[\frac{l^3}{3}\right]} = \frac{l}{\sqrt{3}}$$

22. Define root mean square value of a function f(x) in a < x < b.

Solution:

$$\text{R.M.S. value } \bar{y} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx}$$

23 .State Parseval`s identity for full range expansion of f(x) as Fourier series in (0,2l).

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{l} \int_0^{2l} (f(x))^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \text{ where } a_0, a_n \text{ and } b_n \text{ are}$$

Fourier coefficients in the expansion of f(x) as a Fourier series .

24 . State Parseval`s identity of Fourier series.

Solution:

If f(x) has a Fourier series of the form

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \text{Cos}nx + b_n \text{Sinn}x) \text{ in } (0, 2\pi), \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)$$

25. What do you mean by Harmonic Analysis?

Solution:

The process of finding the Fourier series for a function given by numerical value is known as harmonic analysis. In harmonic analysis

$$a_0 = 2 \text{ (mean value of } y \text{ in } (0, 2\pi))$$

$$a_n = 2 \text{ (mean value of } y \text{ Cos } nx \text{ in } (0, 2\pi))$$

$$b_n = 2 \text{ (mean value of } y \text{ Sin } nx \text{ in } (0, 2\pi))$$

PART C
MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Find the Fourier series for $f(x) = |\cos x|$ in the interval $(-\pi, \pi)$.

2. Find the Fourier series for $f(x) = \begin{cases} l-x & \text{in } 0 \leq x \leq l \\ 0 & \text{in } l \leq x \leq 2l \end{cases}$. Hence deduce the sum to infinity

of the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}$.

3. Obtain the Fourier series for $f(x)$ of period $2l$ and defined as follows

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} L+x & \text{in } (-L, 0) \\ L-x & \text{in } (0, L) \end{cases} \quad \text{Hence deduce that } \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}.$$

4. Show that for $0 < x < 1$, $x = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4l}{\pi^2} \left(\cos \frac{\pi x}{1} + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos \frac{3\pi x}{1} + \dots \right)$. Deduce that

$$\frac{1}{1^4} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{5^4} + \dots = \frac{\pi^4}{96}.$$

5. Find the Fourier series for the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{in } 0 < x < 1 \\ 1-x & \text{in } 1 < x < 2 \end{cases}$

6. Find the Fourier series of $f(x) = x^2$ in $-\pi < x < \pi$ Hence find,

$$\text{(i) } \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$\text{(ii) } \frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{12}$$

$$\text{(iii) } \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

7. Find the Fourier series for the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{2x}{\pi} & \text{in } -\pi < x < 0 \\ 1 - \frac{2x}{\pi} & \text{in } 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$$

8. Find the Fourier series for the function $f(x) = x \sin x$, $0 < x < 2\pi$ and hence show that

$$\frac{1}{1.3} - \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} \dots = \frac{\pi-2}{4}$$

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

10. Find the sine series of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 - x & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

11. Find the Fourier series expansion of period $2L$ for the function

$f(x) = (L - x)^2$ in the range $(0, 2L)$. Deduce the sum of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$.

12. Find the Fourier series of $f(x) = \begin{cases} -K & \text{in } (-\pi, 0) \\ K & \text{in } (0, \pi) \end{cases}$

13. Obtain Fourier series for $f(x)$ of period $2L$ and defined as follows:

$f(x) = \begin{cases} L - x & \text{in } (0, L) \\ 0 & \text{in } (L, 2L) \end{cases}$. Hence deduce that $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$.

14. Find a cosine series for the function $f(x) = x^2$ in $(0, \pi)$

15. Determine the Fourier series expansion of $f(x) = \left(\frac{\pi - x}{2}\right)^2$ in $0 < x < 2\pi$ with period 2π

16. Find the Fourier series as far as the second harmonic to represent the function given in the following data.

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
f(x)	9	18	24	28	26	20

17. Find the Fourier series expansion defined in $(0, T)$ by means of the table of values given below. Find the series up to the first harmonic.

t-Sec	0	T/6	T/3	T/2	2T/3	5T/6	T
A - amp	1.98	1.30	1.05	1.30	-0.88	-0.25	1.98

18. Find the Fourier Series up to second Harmonic level for the following data:

x	0	$\pi/3$	$2\pi/3$	π	$4\pi/3$	$5\pi/3$	2π
f(x)	1.0	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0