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## § 11.5 Continued.

We just saw that if  $f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \varphi_k$  then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 \leq \|f\|^2 \quad (\text{Bessel's formula})$$

and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 = \|f\|^2$  (Parseval's formula)  
iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| f - \sum_{k=0}^n c_k \varphi_k \right\| = 0.$$

Consequences of these inequalities/equalities; observations

① Since  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$  converges,  $|c_n|^2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and thus  $c_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  as well. Applying this observation to the orthonormal system  $\varphi_n(x) = \frac{e^{-inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ , we

get

$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \frac{e^{-inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx$$
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx = 0.$$

Using Euler's formula:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) [\cos(nx) + i \sin(nx)] dx = 0$$

which implies the real and imaginary parts must converge to zero independently:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx = 0.$$

② Parseval's formula is a "generalization" of the Pythagorean Theorem, instead of, for  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\|\vec{x}\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \quad \text{we have}$$

$$\|f\|^2 = |c_1|^2 + |c_2|^2 + \dots \quad \text{for } f \in L^2(I).$$

③ We already saw that the collection

$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin(2x)}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos(3x)}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \dots \right\}$  is orthonormal on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . So we would compute the Fourier coefficients for these functions using the formulae

$$c_{\text{odd}} = \left( f, \frac{\cos(nx)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) = \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \frac{\cos(nx)}{\sqrt{\pi}} dx \quad \text{and}$$

$$c_{\text{even}} = \left( f, \frac{\sin(nx)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) = \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \frac{\sin(nx)}{\sqrt{\pi}} dx, \quad \text{as expected.}$$

If instead of  $f \sim \sum c_k \varphi_k$  for  $\varphi_k$  as above we decided to write

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

then the  $a_n$ 's and  $b_n$ 's are no longer the Fourier coefficients as defined in our text, as the functions  $\cos nx, \sin nx$  are not orthonormal. Here,  $a_n$  is related to the  $n^{\text{th}}$

Fourier coefficient ( $n$  odd), by  $a_n = \frac{c_n}{\sqrt{\pi}}$  (similarly  $b_n = \frac{c_n}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ ) and so are computed as

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx.$$

Then Parseval's formula would become

$$\frac{1}{L} (\sum |a_k|^2 + \sum |b_k|^2) = \|f\|^2.$$

In general, working on an interval of length  $[0, 2L]$  for some  $L > 0$ , the functions become

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2L}}, \frac{\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)}{\sqrt{L}}, \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)}{\sqrt{L}} \right\} \text{ giving us a new}$$

orthonormal system on  $[0, 2L]$ . Then the  $a_n$ 's and  $b_n$ 's are computed by

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

and  $a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} f(x) dx$ . Then these  $a_n$ 's and  $b_n$ 's are

related to the "true" Fourier coefficients  $c_k$ , as before, by

$$\frac{c_k}{\sqrt{L}} = a_k, \quad \frac{c_k}{\sqrt{L}} = b_k \text{ for } k \text{ odd/even respectively. Parseval's}$$

$$\text{formula is } \sum |a_k|^2 + \sum |b_k|^2 = \|f\|^2 \cdot \frac{1}{L}.$$

In fact, there is nothing special about the interval  $[0, 2L]$  — we can use any interval  $[0+y, 2L+y]$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  (any shift). Then, for example (provided we check the necessary convergence properties) Parseval's formula gives remarkable results.

Consider  $f(x) = x$  on the interval  $[-2, 2]$ . Compute  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  using the formulas above. We find  $a_n = 0$  since  $f(x)$  is odd, and

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx = \text{some work} \dots$$

$$= \frac{-4}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi), = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{n\pi} & n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{-4}{n\pi} & n \text{ even} \end{cases} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \cdot 4}{n\pi}.$$

Then Parseval's formula becomes

$$\sum |a_n|^2 + \sum |b_n|^2 = \|f\|^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{4}{\pi}\right)^2 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \int_{-2}^2 x^2 dx \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{And } \int_{-2}^2 x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-2}^2 = \frac{16}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \frac{16}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right)$$

## § 11.6 The Riesz-Fischer Theorem

First we must pick up some background material that was not covered in Analysis 2. Unfortunately we cannot provide a proof as it would represent a substantial digression.

Theorem 10.57: Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence of complex-valued functions with  $f_n \in L^2(I)$  for all  $n$ . That is,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N$  st.

$$\|f_m - f_n\| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } m, n \geq N$$

(here  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm on  $L^2(I)$ ). Then there exists a function  $f \in L^2(I)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\| = 0$ .

Interpretation of this theorem: Recall that a metric space  $(X, d)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence converges.

The set  $L^2(I)$  with

$$d(f, g) = \|f - g\| = \left( \int_I |f(x) - g(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

is very nearly a metric space. The function  $d$  satisfies:

- ①  $d(f, f) = 0$
- ②  $d(f, g) = d(g, f)$
- ③  $d(f, h) \leq d(f, g) + d(g, h)$

BUT NOT

- ④  $d(f, g) > 0$  if  $f \neq g$ , because  $f$  and  $g$  can differ on a set of measure zero and still yield  $f - g = 0$  almost everywhere, so  $\int_I |f - g|^2 dx = 0$ .

Thus we call  $L^2(I)$  a semimetric space. The Riesz Fischer Theorem tells us that  $L^2(I)$  is complete, in the same sense as a metric space  $(X, d)$ .

We use this to prove:

Theorem: Assume  $\{\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots\}$  are orthonormal on  $I$ .

Let  $\{c_n\}$  be any sequence such that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 < \infty$ .

Then  $\exists f \in L^2(I)$  such that

a)  $(f, \varphi_k) = c_k \quad \forall k \geq 0$ , and

b)  $\|f\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k|^2$

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Remark: This fact genuinely relies on  $L^2(I)$  being complete. There is no analogous theorem for functions  $f$  st  $f^2$  is Riemann-integrable, for instance (The RF theorem does not apply to such functions).

Proof: Set  $s_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k \varphi_k(x)$ . We will show that  $\exists f \in L^2(I)$

with  $(f, \varphi_k) = c_k$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - s_n\| = 0$ . Part (b) of the Theorem then follows from Parseval's formula.

First, if  $m > n$  then  $s_n - s_m = \sum_{k=n+1}^m c_k \varphi_k$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} \|s_n - s_m\| &= \sum_{k=n+1}^m \sum_{r=n+1}^m c_k \bar{c}_r (\varphi_k, \varphi_r) \\ &= \sum_{k=n+1}^m |c_k|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |c_k|^2 = 0$ , this sum can be made arbitrarily small by choosing  $n$  and  $m$  sufficiently large. Thus  $\{s_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^2(I)$ . By the Riesz Fischer Theorem, there exists  $f \in L^2(I)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - s_n\| = 0.$$

Thus we need only show that  $(f, \varphi_k) = c_k$  for such an  $f$ . Note that for  $n \geq k$ ,  $(s_n, \varphi_k) = c_k$  and so by the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} |c_k - (f, \varphi_k)| &= |(s_n, \varphi_k) - (f, \varphi_k)| \\ &= |(s_n - f, \varphi_k)| \leq \|s_n - f\| \cdot \|\varphi_k\| \end{aligned}$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|s_n - f\| = 0$  gives the result.

## §11.7

We now specialize and consider the trig orthonormal system, and the Fourier series

$$f \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)) \text{ on } [0, 2\pi].$$

We focus on:

- ① Convergence problem: Does the series on the RHS above converge, at least at some point  $x_0 \in I$ ?
- ② Representation problem: When the answer to ① is 'yes', do we have  $f(x_0) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(nx_0) + b_n \sin(nx_0))$ ?

In order to address either of these questions—which we will do by proving Fejér's theorems—we first need some preliminary limit results.

The Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma (§11.8)

Theorem: Assume  $f \in L(I)$ . Then, for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \int_I f(t) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt = 0.$$

Proof: Recall the characteristic function of a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

is

$$\chi_S: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

$$\chi_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin S. \end{cases}$$

If  $f(t)$  happens to be the characteristic function of an interval  $[a, b]$ , then  $([a, b] \subseteq I)$

$$\int_I f(t) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt = \int_a^b \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt$$

and thus

$$\left| \int_a^b \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt \right| = \left| \frac{\cos(\alpha a + \beta) - \cos(\alpha b + \beta)}{\alpha} \right| \leq \frac{2}{\alpha} \quad (\text{if } \alpha > 0)$$

and thus  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \int_I f(t) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt = 0$ .

The result is also true if  $f(t)$  is constant on  $(a, b)$ , zero on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus [a, b]$  and arbitrary at  $a$  and  $b$ . In particular the result holds for every step function.

But now the result holds for every  $f \in L(I)$ :  
Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given, then there exists a step function  $s$  such that

$$\int_I |f - s| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (\text{Theorem 10.19})$$

(Recall a step function on  $[a, b]$  is a function for which  $\exists \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset [a, b]$  s.t. the function is constant on each interval  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$ ).

Then  $\exists M > 0$  s.t.

$$\left| \int_I s(t) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{if } \alpha \geq M,$$

since our result holds for step functions,

So if  $\alpha \geq M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_I f(t) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt \right| &\leq \left| \int_I (f(t) - s(t)) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_I s(t) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_I |f(t) - s(t)| dt + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Remark ①. The same result obviously holds if  $\sin$  is replaced with  $\cos$ , by taking  $\beta' + \pi/2 = \beta$ , so  
 $\sin(\alpha t + \beta' + \pi/2) = \cos(\alpha t + \beta')$ .

② By taking either  $\beta=0$  or  $\beta=\pi/2$  we also arrive at  
 $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \int_I f(t) \sin(\alpha t) dt = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \int_I f(t) \cos(\alpha t) dt = 0$ .

③ The claim in the previous proof that "the result holds for all step functions" easily follows from:

If  $f$  is a step function then  $f = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k f_k(t)$   
where  $f_k$  are characteristic functions of intervals. Then  
 $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \int_I \left( \sum_{k=1}^n c_k f_k(t) \right) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \int_I f_k(t) \sin(\alpha t + \beta) dt = 0$ .

Corollary (Needed for later). (Theorem 11.7).

If  $f \in L(-\infty, \infty)$  then

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{1 - \cos(\alpha t)}{t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t) - f(-t)}{t} dt.$$

Proof: First note that  $\frac{1 - \cos(\alpha t)}{t}$  is continuous and bounded on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  if we understand this expression to take on  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(\alpha t)}{t} = 0$  at  $t=0$ , and thus the Lebesgue integral on the LHS exists. Then compute.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{1 - \cos(\alpha t)}{t} dt &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \frac{1 - \cos(\alpha t)}{t} dt + \int_{-\infty}^0 f(t) \frac{1 - \cos \alpha t}{t} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} (f(t) - f(-t)) \frac{1 - \cos(\alpha t)}{t} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t) - f(-t)}{t} dt \neq \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t) - f(-t)}{t} \cos(\alpha t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, taking limits as  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ , (and employing Remark 2) we arrive at the claimed result.

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## § 11.9 Dirichlet Integrals.

Next, we prep a few integrals that will be useful going forward. The integral

$$\int_0^\delta g(t) \frac{\sin at}{t} dt, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$$

is called a Dirichlet integral. Suppose that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} g(t) = g(0^+)$  exists, in fact, suppose for the time being that  $g(t)$  has the constant value  $g(0^+)$  on  $[0, \delta]$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\delta g(t) \frac{\sin(at)}{t} dt \\ &= g(0^+) \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(at)}{t} dt \right] \frac{2}{\pi} = g(0^+) \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} = g(0^+). \end{aligned}$$

See Example 3, §10.16

More generally, suppose  $g \in L([0, \delta])$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < \delta$ . Then

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_\varepsilon^\delta g(t) \frac{\sin(at)}{t} dt = 0,$$

by the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma. So the value of the limit

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\delta g(t) \frac{\sin(at)}{t} dt,$$

which we will now investigate, seems to

be dictated by the behaviour of  $g(t)$  near  $0^-$  and should be equal to  $g(0^+)$ .

Theorem 11.8 (Jordan). If  $g$  is of bounded variation on  $[0, \delta]$ , then 
$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\delta} g(t) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt = g(0^+).$$

(Recall a function is of bounded variation if

$$V(f) = \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}(I)} \sum_{k=0}^{n_p-1} |f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)| \text{ exists, where } \mathcal{P}(I)$$

is the set of all partitions  $\{x_0, \dots, x_{n_p}\}$  of  $I$ ).

Proof: It suffices to prove the theorem for increasing function  $g(t)$ , since by Theorem 6.13 every function of bounded variation is a difference of increasing functions.

So suppose  $g(t)$  is increasing on  $[0, \delta]$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $0 < h < \delta$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\delta} g(t) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt &= \int_0^h (g(t) - g(0^+)) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^h g(0^+) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt + \int_h^{\delta} g(t) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Call the quantities on the RHS  $I_1(\alpha, h)$ ,  $I_2(\alpha, h)$  and  $I_3(\alpha, h)$  respectively. Now the RL-Lemma applies to  $I_3(\alpha, h)$  and

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} I_3(\alpha, h) = 0.$$

We compute directly

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(\alpha, h) &= g(0^+) \int_0^h \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt \\ &= g(0^+) \int_0^{h\alpha} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt \end{aligned}$$

To check this, set  $u = \alpha t \Rightarrow t = \frac{u}{\alpha}$  &  $dt = \frac{du}{\alpha}$

$$\text{So } \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} I_2(\alpha, h) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} g(0^+) \int_0^{h\alpha} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \frac{\pi}{2} g(0^+).$$

Thus we need only deal with  $I_1(\alpha, h)$ .

Choose  $M$  with  $|\int_a^b \frac{\sin t}{t} dt| < M \quad \forall a, b$  with  $0 \leq a \leq b$ .

Then  $|\int_a^b \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt| < M \quad \forall \alpha > 0$ . Now let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and

choose  $h \in (0, \delta)$  s.t.  $|g(h) - g(0^+)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3M}$ . Then

$g(t) - g(0^+) \geq 0$  if  $t \in [0, h]$ .

Bonnet's Theorem (7.37) lets us write

$$I_1(\alpha, h) = \int_0^h (g(t) - g(0^+)) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt = (g(h) - g(0^+)) \int_c^h \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt$$

for some  $c \in [0, h]$ . By our choice of  $h$ , we then get

$$|I_1(\alpha, h)| = |g(h) - g(0^+)| \left| \int_c^h \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3M} \cdot M = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

For the same  $h$ , choose  $A$  st.  $\alpha \geq A$  implies  
 $|I_3(\alpha, h)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$  and  $|I_2(\alpha, h) - \frac{\pi}{2} g(0^+)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ .

Then with  $h$  as above, for  $\alpha \geq A$  we have

$$\left| \int_0^\delta g(t) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt - \frac{\pi}{2} g(0^+) \right| < \varepsilon,$$

which proves the Theorem.

We also have a simpler:

Theorem (Dini): Assume  $g(0^+)$  exists and that  $\exists \delta > 0$   
 s.t. the Lebesgue integral

$$\int_0^\delta \frac{g(t) - g(0^+)}{t} dt \text{ exists.}$$

Then  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\delta g(t) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt = g(0^+)$ .

Proof:

$$\int_0^\delta g(t) \frac{\sin(\alpha t)}{t} dt = \int_0^\delta \frac{g(t) - g(0^+)}{t} \sin(\alpha t) dt + g(0^+) \int_0^\delta \frac{\sin t}{t} dt.$$

Then as  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ ;

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 $\frac{\pi}{2} g(0^+)$ ,

so the Theorem follows.

Remarks: • Neither condition implies the other

• Dini's condition is implied by:  $\exists$  positive  $M, p$  such that

$$|g(t) - g(0^+)| < Mt^p \quad \forall t \in (0, \delta]$$

in particular, this holds with  $p=1$  whenever  $g$  has a right hand derivative at 0, i.e.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \text{ exists.}$$