

Even, odd functions.

Definition

A function $f : [-L, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *even* iff for all $x \in [-L, L]$ holds

f(-x)=f(x).

A function $f : [-L, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *odd* iff for all $x \in [-L, L]$ holds

$$f(-x)=-f(x).$$

Remarks:

- The only function that is both odd and even is f = 0.
- Most functions are neither odd nor even.

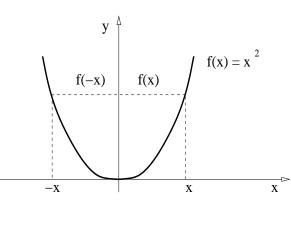
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Example

Show that the function $f(x) = x^2$ is even on [-L, L].

Solution: The function is even, since

$$f(-x) = (-x)^2 = x^2 = f(x).$$



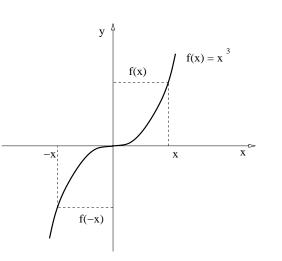
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Example

Show that the function $f(x) = x^3$ is odd on [-L, L].

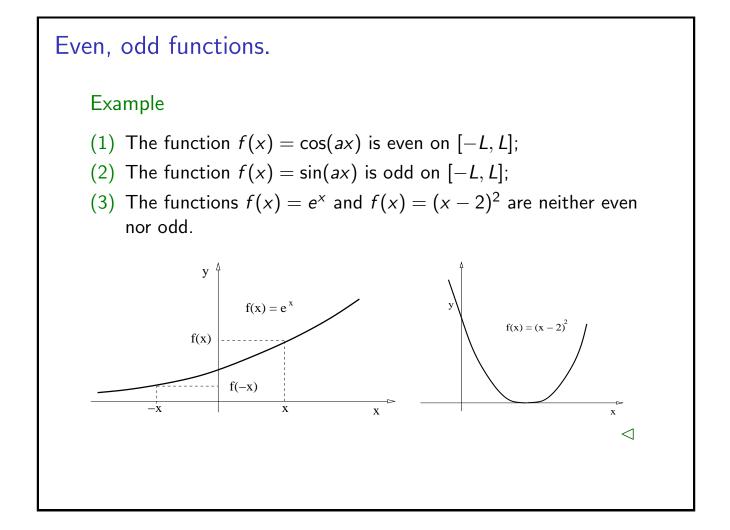
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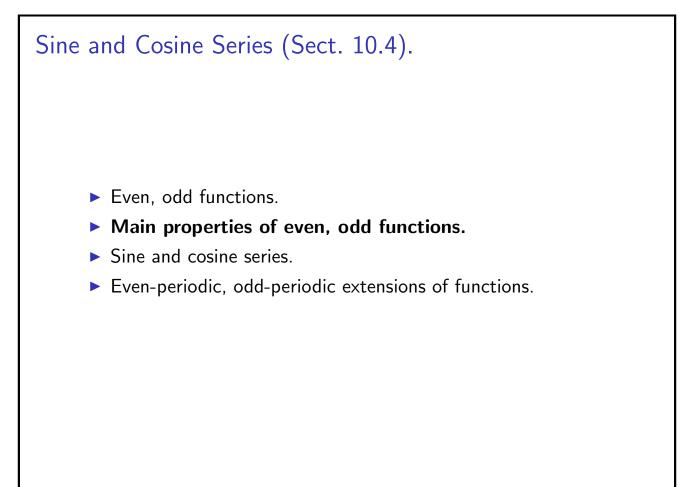
$$f(-x) = (-x)^3 = -x^3 = -f(x).$$

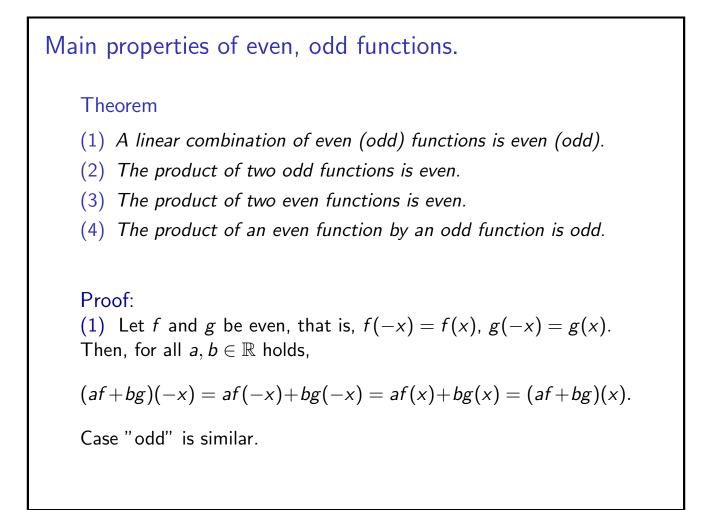


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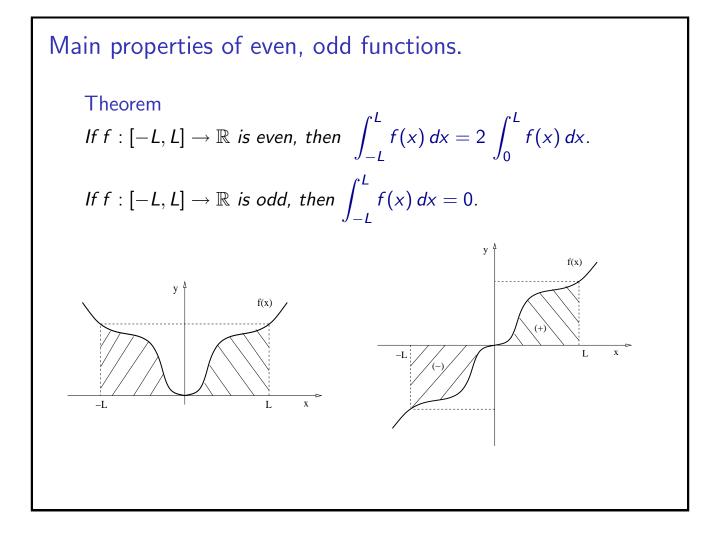


Main properties of even, odd functions.

Theorem

- (1) A linear combination of even (odd) functions is even (odd).
- (2) The product of two odd functions is even.
- (3) The product of two even functions is even.
- (4) The product of an even function by an odd function is odd.

Proof: (2) Let f and g be odd, that is, f(-x) = -f(x), g(-x) = -g(x). Then, for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ holds, (fg)(-x) = f(-x)g(-x) = (-f(x))(-g(x)) = f(x)g(x) = (fg)(x). Cases (3), (4) are similar.



Main properties of even, odd functions.

Proof:

$$I = \int_{-L}^{L} f(x) \, dx = \int_{-L}^{0} f(x) \, dx + \int_{0}^{L} f(x) \, dx \quad y = -x, \, dy = -dx.$$

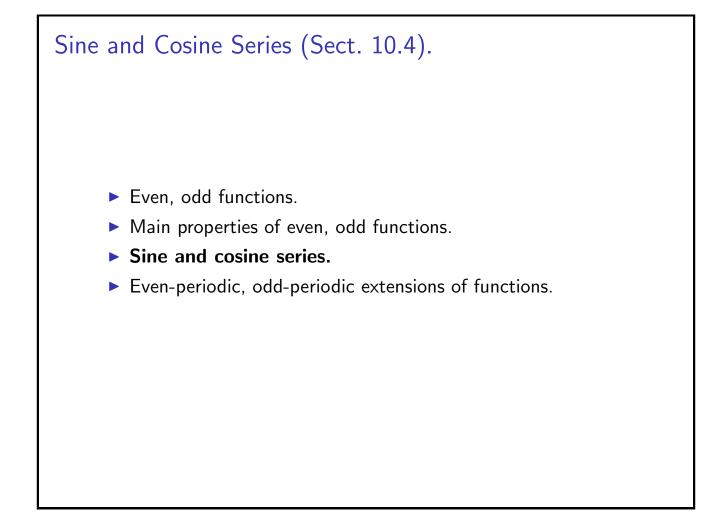
$$I = \int_{L}^{0} f(-y) (-dy) + \int_{0}^{L} f(x) \, dx = \int_{0}^{L} f(-y) \, dy + \int_{0}^{L} f(x) \, dx.$$

Even case: f(-y) = f(y), therefore,

$$I = \int_0^L f(y) \, dy + \int_0^L f(x) \, dx \; \Rightarrow \; \int_{-L}^L f(x) \, dx = 2 \int_0^L f(x) \, dx.$$

Odd case: f(-y) = -f(y), therefore,

$$I = -\int_0^L f(y) \, dy + \int_0^L f(x) \, dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{-L}^L f(x) \, dx = 0. \quad \Box$$



Sine and cosine series.

Theorem (Cosine and Sine Series)

Consider the function $f : [-L, L] \to \mathbb{R}$ with Fourier expansion

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right]$$

(1) If f is even, then $b_n = 0$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, and the Fourier series ∞

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

is called a Cosine Series.

(2) If f is odd, then $a_n = 0$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots$, and the Fourier series ∞

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

is called a Sine Series.

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Proof: If f is even, and since the Sine function is odd, then

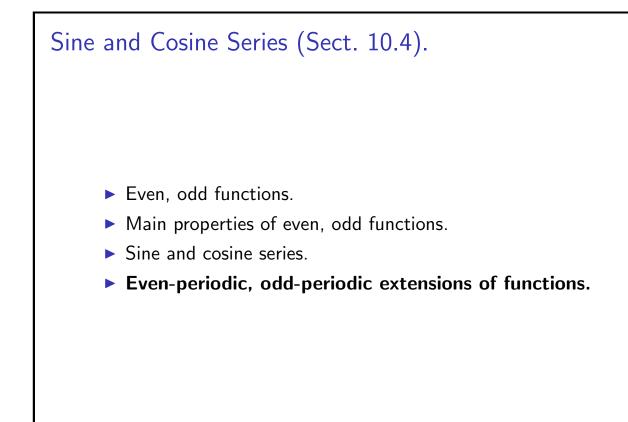
$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0,$$

since we are integrating an odd function on [-L, L].

If f is odd, and since the Cosine function is even, then

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0,$$

since we are integrating an odd function on [-L, L].



(1) Even-periodic case:

A function $f : [0, L] \to \mathbb{R}$ can be extended as an even function $f : [-L, L] \to \mathbb{R}$ requiring for $x \in [0, L]$ that

f(-x) = f(x).

This function $f : [-L, L] \to \mathbb{R}$ can be further extended as a periodic function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ requiring for $x \in [-L, L]$ that

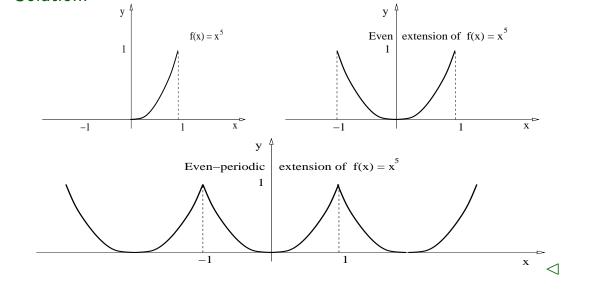
$$f(x+2nL)=f(x).$$

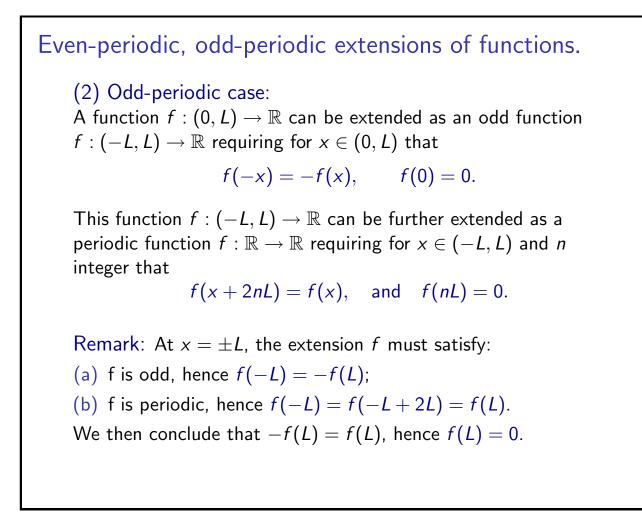
Even-periodic, odd-periodic extensions of functions.

Example

Sketch the graph of the even-periodic extension of $f(x) = x^5$, with $x \in [0, 1]$.



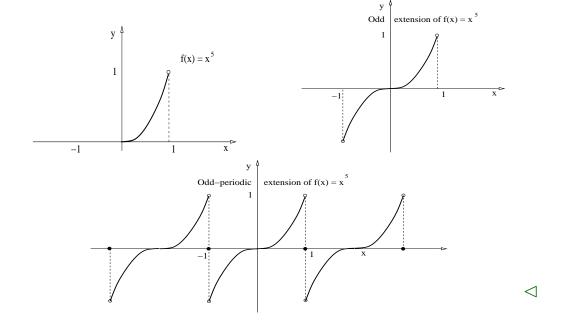


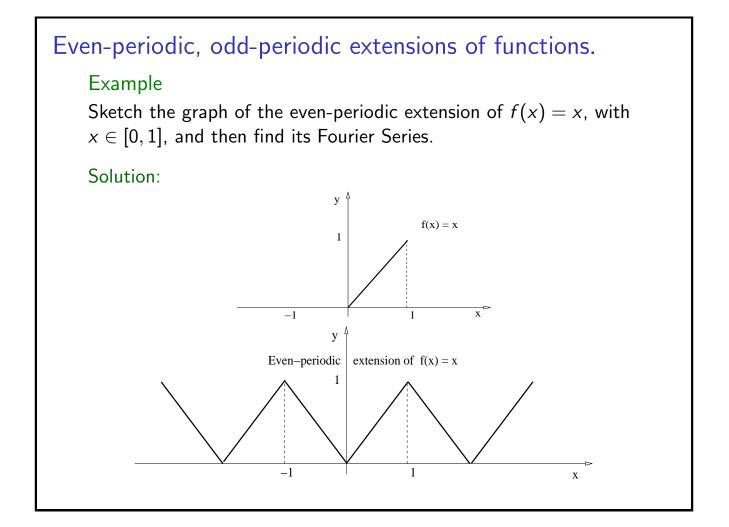


Example

Sketch the graph of the odd-periodic extension of $f(x) = x^5$, with $x \in (0, 1)$.

Solution:





Example

Sketch the graph of the even-periodic extension of f(x) = x, with $x \in [0, 1]$, and then find its Fourier Series.

Solution: Since f is even and periodic, then the Fourier Series is a Cosine Series, that is, $b_n = 0$. From the graph: $a_0 = 1$.

$$a_{n} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{2}{L} \int_{0}^{L} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$
$$a_{n} = 2 \int_{0}^{1} x \cos(n\pi x) dx = 2 \left[\frac{x \sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^{2}}\right] \Big|_{0}^{1},$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} \left[\cos(n\pi) - 1 \right] \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_n = \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} \left[(-1)^n - 1 \right].$$

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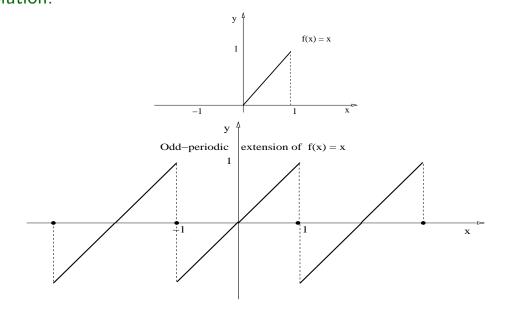
Solution: Recall: $b_n = 0$, and $a_n = \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} [(-1)^n - 1]$. $n = 2k \Rightarrow a_{2k} = \frac{2}{[(2k)\pi]^2} [(-1)^{2k} - 1] \Rightarrow a_{2k} = 0$. $n = 2k - 1 \Rightarrow a_{2k-1} = \frac{2[-1 - 1]}{[(2k - 1)\pi]^2} \Rightarrow a_{2k-1} = \frac{-4}{[(2k - 1)\pi]^2}$. $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k - 1)^2} \cos((2k - 1)\pi x)$.

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$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{2}{L} \int_{0}^{L} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$b_n = 2 \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) \, dx = 2 \left[-\frac{x \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \right] \Big|_0^1,$$
$$b_n = \frac{-2}{n\pi} \left[\cos(n\pi) - 0 \right] \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_n = \frac{-2(-1)^n}{n\pi}.$$

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Example

Sketch the graph of the odd-periodic extension of f(x) = x, with $x \in (0, 1)$, and then find its Fourier Series.

Solution: Recall: $a_n = 0$, and $b_n = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi}$. Therefore,

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{(n+1)}}{n} \sin(n\pi x).$$