

7.2. OVERVIEW OF FOURIER SERIES

Section Objective(s):

- Vectors and the Dot Product in \mathbb{R}^n .
- Fourier Expansion of Functions.
- Odd or Even Functions.
- Sine and Cosine Series.

Remarks:

- We start with the Fourier expansion of a _____.
- We review a few concepts:
 - The _____ of two vectors.
 - _____ and _____ vectors.
 - The decomposition of a vector in an _____ basis.
- We then introduce the Fourier expansion of a _____.
- We need the following concepts:
 - The _____ of two functions.
 - _____ and _____ functions.
 - The decomposition of a function in an _____ basis.
- We finish with two particular cases, the Fourier expansion of _____ functions and of _____ functions.

7.2.1. Vectors and the Dot Product in \mathbb{R}^n .

Remark: We review basic concepts about vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Definition 1. The _____ of $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$, $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ is

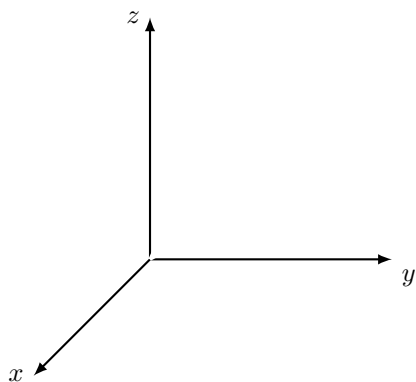
Remark: The dot product above satisfies the following properties.

Theorem 1. For every $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and every $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ the following holds true:

- (a) _____ $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ iff $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$; and $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} > 0$ for $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$.
 (b) _____ $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$.
 (c) _____ $(a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = a(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}) + b(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w})$.

Theorem 2. The _____ of two vectors $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is

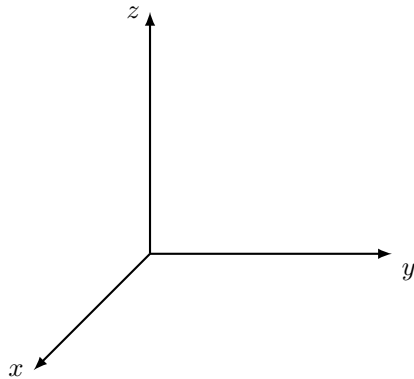
with $\|\mathbf{u}\|$, $\|\mathbf{v}\|$ the magnitude of the vectors, and $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ the angle in between them.

**Remarks:**

- The magnitude of a vector \mathbf{u} can be written as
- A vector \mathbf{u} is a unit vector iff

Theorem 3. The vectors \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} are _____ iff _____.

EXAMPLE 1: The set $\{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}\}$ is an _____ of \mathbb{R}^3 .



Orthonormal means:

- Orthogonality:

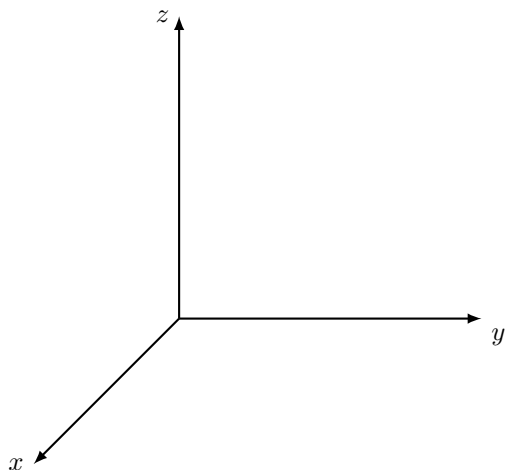
- Normality:



Theorem 4. (Fourier Expansion) The orthonormal set $\{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}\}$ is an orthonormal _____, that is, every $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ can be _____ as

The orthonormality of the vector set implies a formula for the vector components

Remark: The decomposition above allows us to introduce vector approximations.



Vector Approximations:

7.2.2. Fourier Expansion of Functions.

Remark: The ideas described above for vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 can be extended to functions.

Definition 2. The _____ of functions f, g on $[-L, L]$ is

Theorem 5. For every functions f, g, h and every $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ holds,

(a) _____ $f \cdot f = 0$ iff $f = 0$; and $f \cdot f > 0$ for $f \neq 0$.

(b) _____ $f \cdot g = g \cdot f$.

(c) _____ $(af + bg) \cdot h = a(f \cdot h) + b(g \cdot h)$.

Remarks:

- The _____ of a function f is

- A function f is a unit function iff _____.

Definition 3. Two functions f, g are _____ iff _____.

Theorem 6. An example of an _____ in the space of continuous functions on $[-L, L]$ is

Remark: Often in the literature is used the following _____ set:

Remark: The orthogonality of the set above is a consequence of the following:

Theorem 7. (Orthogonality) The following relations hold for all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\int_{-L}^L \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \begin{cases} \text{_____} & n \neq m, \\ \text{_____} & n = m \neq 0, \\ \text{_____} & n = m = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \begin{cases} \text{_____} & n \neq m, \\ \text{_____} & n = m, \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-L}^L \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \text{_____}.$$

Proof:

Theorem 8. (Fourier Expansion) The orthogonal set

is an orthogonal _____ of the space of _____ functions on $[-L, L]$,
that is, any continuous function on $[-L, L]$ can be _____ as

Moreover, the coefficients above are given by the formulas

Furthermore, if f is _____, then the function

satisfies _____ for all x where f is _____, while
for all x_0 where f is _____ it holds

EXAMPLE 2: Find the Fourier expansion of $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{3}, & \text{for } x \in [0, 3] \\ 0, & \text{for } x \in [-3, 0). \end{cases}$

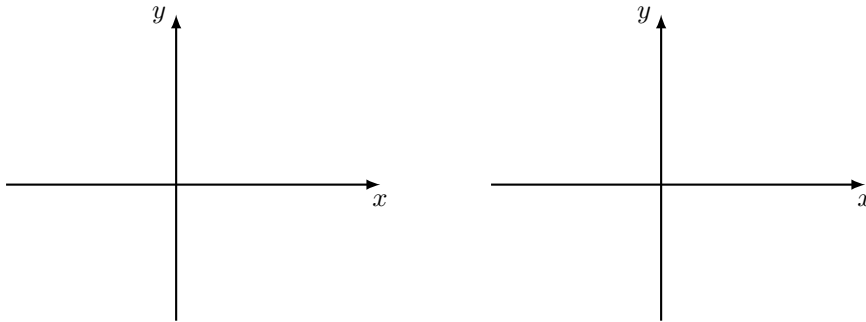
SOLUTION:

7.2.3. Odd or Even Functions.

Definition 4. A function f on $[-L, L]$ is:

- _____ iff _____ for all $x \in [-L, L]$;
- _____ iff _____ for all $x \in [-L, L]$.

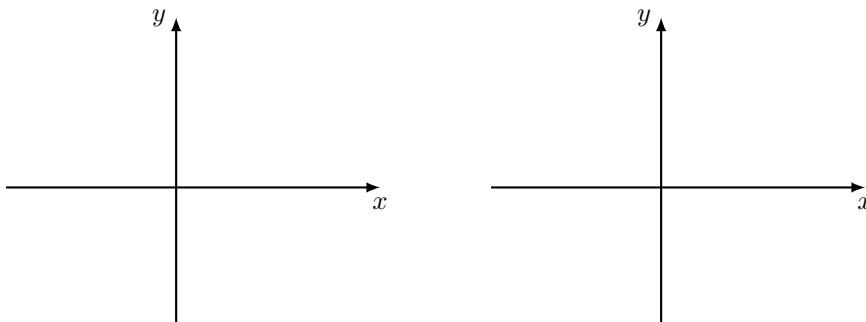
EXAMPLE 3: The function $y = x^2$ is _____, while the function $y = x^3$ is _____.



Theorem 9. If f_e, g_e are even and h_o, ℓ_o are odd functions, then:

- (1) $a f_e + b g_e$ is _____ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (2) $a h_o + b \ell_o$ is _____ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (3) $f_e g_e$ is _____.
- (4) $h_o \ell_o$ is _____.
- (5) $f_e h_o$ is _____.
- (6) $\int_{-L}^L f_e dx =$ _____.
- (7) $\int_{-L}^L h_o dx =$ _____.

Remark:



7.2.4. Sine and Cosine Series.

Theorem 10. Let f be a function on $[-L, L]$ with a Fourier expansion

(a) If the function f is _____, the Fourier series above is called a _____, since _____ and

(b) If the function f is _____, then the Fourier series above is called a _____, since _____ and

Proof:

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EXAMPLE 4: Find the Fourier expansion of $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } x \in [0, 3] \\ -1, & \text{for } x \in [-3, 0). \end{cases}$

SOLUTION: