

Problems

In each of Problems 1 through 8, determine whether the given function is periodic. If so, find its fundamental period.

1. $\sin(5x)$
2. $\cos(2\pi x)$
3. $\sinh(2x)$
4. $\sin(\pi x/L)$
5. $\tan(\pi x)$
6. x^2
7. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & 2n-1 \leq x < 2n, \\ 1, & 2n \leq x < 2n+1; \end{cases} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
8. $f(x) = \begin{cases} (-1)^n, & 2n-1 \leq x < 2n, \\ 1, & 2n \leq x < 2n+1; \end{cases} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
9. If $f(x) = -x$ for $-L < x < L$, and if $f(x+2L) = f(x)$, find a formula for $f(x)$ in the interval $L < x < 2L$; in the interval $-3L < x < -2L$.
10. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & -1 < x < 0, \\ x, & 0 < x < 1, \end{cases}$ and if $f(x+2) = f(x)$, find a formula for $f(x)$ in the interval $1 < x < 2$; in the interval $8 < x < 9$.
11. If $f(x) = L - x$ for $0 < x < 2L$, and if $f(x+2L) = f(x)$, find a formula for $f(x)$ in the interval $-L < x < 0$.
12. Verify equations (6) and (7) in this section by direct integration.

In each of Problems 13 through 18:

- a. Sketch the graph of the given function for three periods.
- b. Find the Fourier series for the given function.
13. $f(x) = -x, \quad -L \leq x < L; \quad f(x+2L) = f(x)$
14. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & -L \leq x < 0, \\ 0, & 0 \leq x < L; \end{cases} \quad f(x+2L) = f(x)$
15. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & -\pi \leq x < 0, \\ 0, & 0 \leq x < \pi; \end{cases} \quad f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$
16. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & -1 \leq x < 0, \\ 1-x, & 0 \leq x < 1; \end{cases} \quad f(x+2) = f(x)$
17. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+L, & -L \leq x \leq 0, \\ L, & 0 < x < L; \end{cases} \quad f(x+2L) = f(x)$
18. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -2 \leq x \leq -1, \\ x, & -1 < x < 1, \\ 0, & 1 \leq x < 2; \end{cases} \quad f(x+4) = f(x)$

In each of Problems 19 through 24:

- a. Sketch the graph of the given function for three periods.
- b. Find the Fourier series for the given function.
- G** c. Plot the partial sum $s_m(x)$ versus x for $m = 5, 10$, and 20 .
- d. Describe how the Fourier series seems to be converging.

19. $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq x < 0, \\ 1, & 0 \leq x < 2; \end{cases} \quad f(x+4) = f(x)$
20. $f(x) = x, \quad -1 \leq x < 1; \quad f(x+2) = f(x)$
21. $f(x) = x^2/2, \quad -2 \leq x \leq 2; \quad f(x+4) = f(x)$
22. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2, & -2 \leq x < 0, \\ 2-2x, & 0 \leq x < 2; \end{cases} \quad f(x+4) = f(x)$
23. $f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}x, & -2 \leq x < 0, \\ 2x - \frac{1}{2}x^2, & 0 \leq x < 2; \end{cases} \quad f(x+4) = f(x)$
24. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -3 \leq x \leq 0, \\ x^2(3-x), & 0 < x < 3; \end{cases} \quad f(x+6) = f(x)$
25. Consider the function f defined in Problem 21, and let $e_m(x) = f(x) - s_m(x)$.
 - a. Plot $|e_m(x)|$ versus x for $0 \leq x \leq 2$ for several values of m .
 - b. Find the smallest value of m for which $|e_m(x)| \leq 0.01$ for all x .
26. Consider the function f defined in Problem 24, and let $e_m(x) = f(x) - s_m(x)$.
 - G** a. Plot $|e_m(x)|$ versus x for $0 \leq x \leq 3$ for several values of m .
 - N** b. Find the smallest value of m for which $|e_m(x)| \leq 0.1$ for all x .
27. Suppose that g is an integrable periodic function with period T .
 - a. If $0 \leq a \leq T$, show that

$$\int_0^T g(x) dx = \int_a^{a+T} g(x) dx.$$

Hint: Show first that $\int_0^a g(x) dx = \int_T^{a+T} g(x) dx$. Then, in the second integral, consider the change of variable $s = x - T$.

- b. Show that for any value of a , not necessarily in $0 \leq a \leq T$,

$$\int_0^T g(x) dx = \int_a^{a+T} g(x) dx.$$

- c. Show that for any values of a and b ,

$$\int_a^{a+T} g(x) dx = \int_b^{b+T} g(x) dx.$$

28. If f is differentiable and is periodic with period T , show that f' is also periodic with period T . Determine whether

$$F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

is always periodic.