

Suggested problems 32

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1. Determine whether the given function is periodic. If so, find its fundamental period.

(a) $\sin(5x)$.

(b)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & 2n - 1 \leq x < 2n, \\ 1, & 2n \leq x < 2n + 1, \end{cases}$$

where $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$.

2. Find the Fourier series representation of each periodic function.

(a) $f(x) = 5$, $-1 < x < 1$, $f(x + 2) = f(x)$;

(b) $f(x) = (\cos x + \sin x)^2$, $-\pi < x < \pi$, $f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$;

(c) $f(x) = x^2$, $0 \leq x < \pi$, $f(x + \pi) = f(x)$.

3. (*optional) 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 $\int_0^a g(x) dx = \int_T^{a+T} g(x) dx$. 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 ,

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

4. (*optional) 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.