

## Resumé of Fourier Series Expansions

1) If  $f(x)$  is periodic of period  $2\ell$  then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ik\pi x/\ell} & \text{where } c_k &= \frac{1}{2\ell} \int_{-\ell}^{\ell} f(x) e^{-ik\pi x/\ell} dx \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_k \cos\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) + b_k \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) \right] & \text{where } a_k &= \frac{1}{\ell} \int_{-\ell}^{\ell} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx \\ & & b_k &= \frac{1}{\ell} \int_{-\ell}^{\ell} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx \end{aligned}$$

Here and in the rest of this resumé “=” means equal at points of continuity and the middle of the jump at points of discontinuity.

2) If  $f(x)$  is odd and periodic of period  $2\ell$  then

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) \quad \text{where} \quad b_k = \frac{2}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx$$

3) If  $f(x)$  is even and periodic of period  $2\ell$  then

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) \quad \text{where} \quad a_k = \frac{2}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx$$

4) If  $f(x)$  is only defined for  $0 < x < \ell$  then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) & \text{where } a_k &= \frac{2}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) & \text{where } b_k &= \frac{2}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx \end{aligned}$$