

We now prove the covering lemma.

Proof: $C_1 := \sup \{ |I| \mid I \in \mathcal{I} \} < \infty$.

where \mathcal{I} is the family of open intervals whose union equals E .

Choose $I_1 \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $|I_1| \geq \frac{C_1}{2}$.

Now let $\mathcal{I}_2 := \{ I \in \mathcal{I} \mid I \cap I_1 = \emptyset \}$.

let $C_2 := \sup \{ |I| \mid I \in \mathcal{I}_2 \}$

and if $\mathcal{I}_2 \neq \emptyset$ choose $I_2 \in \mathcal{I}_2$ so that

$$|I_2| \geq \frac{C_2}{2}$$

Continue in this way where

$$\mathcal{I}_{n+1} := \{ I \in \mathcal{I} \mid I \cap I_k = \emptyset \text{ for } k=1, \dots, n \}$$

$$C_{n+1} := \sup \{ |I| \mid I \in \mathcal{I}_{n+1} \}.$$

If \mathcal{I}_{n+1} is empty stop. Otherwise, choose $I_{n+1} \in \mathcal{I}_{n+1}$

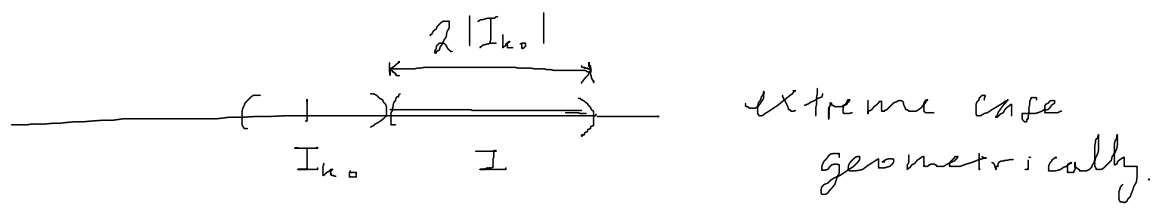
such that $|I_{n+1}| \geq \frac{C_{n+1}}{2}$.

case 1: for some n , $J_{n+1} = \emptyset$.

If $I \in J$ then this means that $I \cap I_k \neq \emptyset$ for some $k = 1 \dots n$. Let k_0 be the first such k . Hence $I \in J_1, J_2, \dots, J_{k_0}$ but $I \notin J_{k_0+1}$.

$$\text{Hence } |I| \leq C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{k_0} \Rightarrow |I_{k_0}| \geq \frac{C_{k_0}}{2} \geq \frac{|I|}{2}.$$

Therefore $I \cap I_{k_0} \neq \emptyset$ and $|I| \leq 2 |I_{k_0}|$



$\Rightarrow I \subseteq I_{k_0}^*$ where $I_{k_0}^*$ has the same midpoint as I_{k_0} and $|I_{k_0}^*| = 5 |I_{k_0}|$.

$$\text{Since } E = \cup I \Rightarrow E \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^n I_k^*$$

$$\Rightarrow m(E) \leq \sum_1^n |I_k^*| = 5 \sum_1^n |I_k|$$

as desired.

Case 2: $I_{n+1} \neq \emptyset$ for all n .

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |I_n| = \infty$ then the theorem is vacuously true.

Assume $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |I_n| < \infty$. Then $|I_n| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

If $I \in \mathcal{J}$ then $\exists N$ s.t. $|I_n| < |I|/2$ for all $n \geq N$.

and since $|I_n| \geq \frac{a_n}{2}$ we have $\frac{a_n}{2} \leq \frac{|I|}{2}$ for all $n \geq N$.

$\Rightarrow I \not\subset I_n \quad \forall n \geq N$.

$\Rightarrow I \cap I_k \neq \emptyset$ for some $k < N$.

Let k_0 be the first such k .

By the previous argument, $I \subseteq I_{k_0}^*$

And now,

$$E = \cup I \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k^*$$

$$\Rightarrow m(E) \leq m\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k^*\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |I_k^*|$$

$$= 5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |I_k|$$

as desired. //

Chapter 13 : Fourier Series

From a previous lifetime, we cavalierly write a 2π -periodic function f as

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{ikx}$$

where
$$\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

In general, if f is L -periodic, we write

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{ik \frac{2\pi}{L} x}$$

where
$$\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} f(x) e^{-ik \frac{2\pi}{L} x} dx$$

When are such expressions valid?

Notations; Conventions

- We will only consider 2π -periodic functions (since one can rescale space and view an L -periodic function as 2π -periodic.)
- The interval I is $[-\pi, \pi)$
- The norms $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|_1$ are defined as

$$\|f\| := \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_I |f|^2}$$

$$\|f\|_1 := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_I |f|$$

- The basis vectors are
- $$e_n := e^{+ikx}$$

Although I will frequently write

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx \quad \text{instead of} \quad \int_I f \bar{e}_n$$

↑ looks like a Riemann integral
but it really is a Lebesgue integral. ↑
(abuse of notation.)

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- $L^2(I) := \left\{ f \text{ that are measurable \& complex-valued} \right.$
 $\left. \text{and } \int_I |f|^2 < \infty \right\}$

$L^p(I)$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$ is defined analogously

- If f and g are in $L^2(I)$ then

$$(f, g) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_I f \bar{g}$$

defn: f is an integrable periodic function
if $f \in L^1(I)$ and $f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$ for
almost all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Q: Under what conditions are the coefficients
 $\hat{f}(k)$ finite?

A: If $f \in L^p(I)$ where $1 \leq p \leq 2$
then $\hat{f}(k)$ is finite

Case 1: $p=2$

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{f}(k)| &= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_I f \bar{e}_k \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_I |f| |\bar{e}_k| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\int_I |f|^2} \sqrt{\int_I |\bar{e}_k|^2} \quad (\text{Cauchy-Schwarz})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\int_I |f|^2} \sqrt{2\pi} = \|f\| < \infty$$

case 2: $1 < p < 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\hat{f}(k)| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{I}} |f| |\bar{e}_k| \stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt[p]{\int_{\mathbb{I}} |f|^p} \sqrt[q]{\int_{\mathbb{I}} |\bar{e}_k|^q} \\
 &= (2\pi)^{1/q} \sqrt[p]{\int_{\mathbb{I}} |f|^p} \\
 &= (2\pi)^{1/p} \sqrt[p]{\int_{\mathbb{I}} |f|^p} < \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

case 3: $p=1$

$$|\hat{f}(k)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{I}} |f| |\bar{e}_k| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{I}} |f| = \|f\|_1 < \infty$$