

1. Note: Sketch the graphs

a) $f(x) = \ln(x)$ is not pwc on any interval that contains $x = 0$. $f(x)$ is continuous on the open interval $(0, 1)$ but the limit $f(0^+)$ does not exist.

b) $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is continuous on the open interval $(0, 1)$ and the limits $f(0^+) = 0$, $f(1^-) = 1$ both exist. Hence $f(x)$ is pwc on $[0, 1]$.

c) $f(x) = (1 - x)^{-1}$ is continuous on the open interval $(0, 1)$. The limit $f(0^+) = 1$ exists but the limit $f(1^-)$ does not exist. Hence $f(x)$ is not pwc on $[0, 1]$.

d) $f(x)$ is continuous on each of the open subintervals $(0, \frac{1}{4})$, $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$, $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$. The limits $f(0^+) = 1$, $f(\frac{1}{4}^-) = 1$, $f(\frac{1}{4}^+) = 2$, $f(\frac{1}{2}^-) = 2$, $f(\frac{1}{2}^+) = 0$, $f(1^-) = 0$ all exist. Hence $f(x)$ is pwc on $[0, 1]$.

2. To prove that the given functions are *orthogonal* it is necessary to show that

$$\int_{-L}^L \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0, \quad \text{for } n \neq m.$$

Using the hint, the integrand simplifies to give

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{-L}^L \left(\cos\left(\frac{(n+m)\pi x}{L}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{(n-m)\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{L}{\pi(n+m)} \sin\left(\frac{(n+m)\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{L}{\pi(n-m)} \sin\left(\frac{(n-m)\pi x}{L}\right) \right]_{-L}^L \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{L}{\pi(n+m)} \sin((n+m)\pi) + \frac{L}{\pi(n-m)} \sin((n-m)\pi) \right] \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{L}{\pi(n+m)} \sin(-(n+m)\pi) + \frac{L}{\pi(n-m)} \sin(-(n-m)\pi) \right] \\ &= \frac{L}{\pi(n+m)} \sin((n+m)\pi) + \frac{L}{\pi(n-m)} \sin((n-m)\pi) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

since $\sin((n+m)\pi) = 0$ and $\sin((n-m)\pi) = 0$ for $n \neq m$ and $n, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

3. The square of the norm of the n th function in the given set is defined via

$$\left\| \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right\|^2 = \int_{-L}^L \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx.$$

Using identity $\cos^2(A) = (1 + \cos(2A))/2$, the integrand simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right\|^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-L}^L 1 + \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [2L] + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{L}{2n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) \right]_{-L}^L = L + 0 = L. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\left\| \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right\| = \sqrt{L}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. To normalise the orthogonal functions, we divide each one by its norm, so that the new *orthonormal* set is:

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right\}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

4. Note that the set of functions $\{1, \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}, \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L}\}, n, m = 1, 2, \dots$ is the set of orthogonal functions used in the Fourier Series of a pwc $f(x)$. To show that they do indeed form an orthogonal set it is necessary to prove that:

- (a) $\int_{-L}^L 1 \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$
 (b) $\int_{-L}^L 1 \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$
 (c) $\int_{-L}^L \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos \left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0, \quad n \neq m, n, m = 1, 2, \dots$
 (d) $\int_{-L}^L \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin \left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0, \quad n, m = 1, 2, \dots$
 (e) $\int_{-L}^L \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin \left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0, \quad n \neq m, n, m = 1, 2, \dots$

Notice first that property d) was proved in the lectures (see lecture notes for calculation) and property c) was proved in question 2. Properties a) and b) are trivial since:

$$\int_{-L}^L 1 \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{L}{n\pi} [\sin(n\pi) - \sin(-n\pi)] = 0$$

$$\int_{-L}^L 1 \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = -\frac{L}{n\pi} [\cos(n\pi) - \cos(-n\pi)] = 0$$

Hence, it remains to prove property e). For $n, m = 1, 2, \dots$ with $n \neq m$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-L}^L \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin \left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-L}^L \left(\cos \left(\frac{(n+m)\pi x}{L}\right) - \cos \left(\frac{(n-m)\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{L}{\pi(n+m)} \frac{\sin((n+m)\pi x)}{L} \right]_{-L}^L - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{L}{\pi(n-m)} \frac{\sin((n-m)\pi x)}{L} \right]_{-L}^L \\ &= 0 + 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

5. We show that $f(x) = 1$ and $g(x) = x$ are orthogonal with respect to the weighted inner product by showing that

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = 0.$$

You should recognise this integral from 1st year calculus courses. If we make the change of variables $\sin u = x$ so that $\cos u du = dx$, then

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin u}{\cos u} \cos u du = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin u du = [-\cos u]_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = -\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0.$$

Alternatively, it suffices to note that the integrand is an odd function, so the integral over $[-1, 1]$ must be zero.

6. Note: sketching the graphs will help with this question.

a) In question 1 it was shown that $f(x) = \ln(x)$ is not pwc on $[0, 1]$ since the one-sided limit $f(0^+)$ does not exist. Hence, $f(x)$ is not pws on $[0, 1]$.

b) In question 1 we established that $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is pwc on $[0, 1]$. It remains to check whether $f'(x)$ is also pwc. We have $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$. Notice that the limit $f'(1^-) = \frac{1}{3}$ exists but the other limit $f'(0^+)$ does not exist. Hence $f(x)$ is not pws on $[0, 1]$.

c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is continuous on the open interval $(0, 1)$ but since the limit $f(0^+)$ does not exist, $f(x)$ is not pwc on $[0, 1]$. Hence it is not pws on $[0, 1]$.

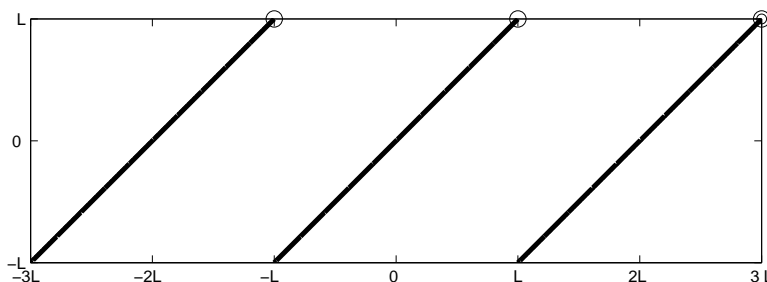
d) In question 1 we established that $f(x)$ is pwc on $[0, 1]$. It remains to check the first derivatives. We have,

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} < x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & x > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} .$$

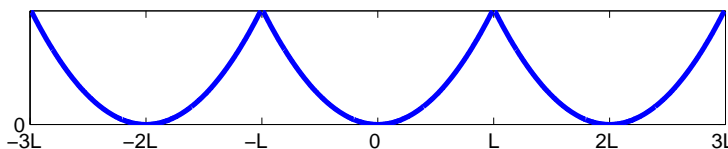
All the one-sided limits $f'(0^+), f'(\frac{1}{4}^-), f'(\frac{1}{4}^+), f'(\frac{1}{2}^-), f'(\frac{1}{2}^+), f'(1^-)$ exist and are equal to zero. $f'(x)$ is pwc on $[0, 1]$. hence $f(x)$ is pws on $[0, 1]$.

7. **Note:** When drawing periodic extensions starting with $[-L, L]$ in the case that $f(L) \neq f(-L)$, we are faced with the decision whether to keep the left value $\tilde{f}(-L + 2Ln) = f(-L)$ or the right value $\tilde{f}(L + 2Ln) = f(L)$, for all integer n . In the lecture notes we have used the first option, but the second is equally valid as long as the resulting periodic extension is consistent with this choice.

a) Consider $f(x) = x, x \in [-L, L]$. The periodic extension $\tilde{f}(x)$ on the interval $[-3L, 3L]$ is:

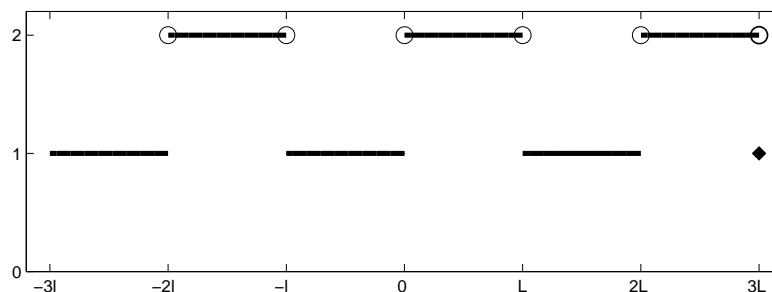


b) Consider $f(x) = x^2, x \in [-L, L]$. The periodic extension $\tilde{f}(x)$ on the interval $[-3L, 3L]$ is:



c) Consider $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -L \leq x \leq 0 \\ 2 & 0 < x \leq L \end{cases}$

The periodic extension $\tilde{f}(x)$ on the interval $[-3L, 3L]$ is:



Note that in the above graphs, an open circle 'o' means that the function is discontinuous at that value of x . $f(x)$ takes the value indicated by a closed circle.