

To figure out constant term, just integrate from  $-L$  to  $L$

$$\int_{-L}^L f(t) dt = \int_{-L}^L \left( \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} \right) dt$$

look:  $\int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt = \left[ \frac{L}{\pi n} \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} \right]_{-L}^L = \frac{L}{\pi n} \left[ \sin n\pi - \sin -n\pi \right]$

$$= \frac{L}{\pi n} \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt = \left[ -\frac{L}{\pi n} \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} \right]_{-L}^L = -\frac{L}{\pi n} \left[ \cos n\pi - \cos(-n\pi) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{L}{\pi n} \cdot 0 = 0$$

So all of the integrals goes away, except for  $\frac{a_0}{2}$  term

$$\int_{-L}^L f(t) dt = \int_{-L}^L \frac{a_0}{2} dt = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-L}^L dt = \frac{a_0}{2} 2L = a_0 L$$

$$\int_{-L}^L f(t) dt = a_0 L \implies a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) dt$$

So we found  $a_0$  in terms of  $f(t)$  !

To find  $a_n$ : multiply by  $\cos \frac{n\pi t}{L}$  and integrate:  
use orthogonality

$$\int_{-L}^L f(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt = \int_{-L}^L \left( \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} \right) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt$$

$$= \int_{-L}^L \frac{a_0}{2} \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} + \sum a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt$$