

Similarly, *each* of the following inner products must vanish, for all values of n and m :

$$\int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} \frac{a_o}{2} * c_m \cos(mkx) dx = \frac{a_o c_m}{2} \int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} \cos(mkx) dx = + \frac{a_o c_m}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(mkx_2)}{mk} - \frac{\sin(mkx_1)}{mk} \right] = 0$$

$$\int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} \frac{a_o}{2} * d_m \sin(mkx) dx = \frac{a_o d_m}{2} \int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} \sin(mkx) dx = - \frac{a_o d_m}{2} \left[\frac{\cos(mkx_2)}{mk} - \frac{\cos(mkx_1)}{mk} \right] = 0$$

$$\int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} \frac{c_o}{2} * a_n \cos(nkx) dx = \frac{c_o a_n}{2} \int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} \cos(nkx) dx = + \frac{c_o a_n}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(nkx_2)}{nk} - \frac{\sin(nkx_1)}{nk} \right] = 0$$

$$\int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} \frac{d_o}{2} * b_n \sin(nkx) dx = \frac{d_o b_n}{2} \int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} \sin(nkx) dx = - \frac{d_o b_n}{2} \left[\frac{\cos(nkx_2)}{nk} - \frac{\cos(nkx_1)}{nk} \right] = 0$$

Each of these terms does vanish, because the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are periodic - i.e. they repeat themselves for $x_2 = x_1 + L$. Since the wavenumber, $k = 2\pi/L$, then for arbitrary values of $n, m (= 1, 2, 3, \dots)$, then, e.g.:

$$\sin(mkx_2) = \sin(2\pi mx_2/L) = \sin(2\pi m(x_1+L)/L) = \sin(2\pi mx_1/L + 2\pi m) = \sin(2\pi mx_1/L)$$

$$\cos(mkx_2) = \cos(2\pi mx_2/L) = \cos(2\pi m(x_1+L)/L) = \cos(2\pi mx_1/L + 2\pi m) = \cos(2\pi mx_1/L)$$

These results explicitly demonstrate that, since the constant ($n = m = 0$) terms in the Fourier series, e.g. $a_0 = a_0 * 1$, that the $\sin(mkx)$ and $\cos(mkx)$ functions (with $m > 0$), as basis vectors, are orthogonal to 1 on the interval, $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$.

Similarly, *each* of the following inner products must all vanish, for all values of n and m :

$$\int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} a_n c_m \cos(nkx) \cos(mkx) dx = + a_n c_m \left\{ \left[\frac{\sin(n-m)kx_2}{2(n-m)k} + \frac{\sin(n+m)kx_2}{2(n+m)k} \right] - \left[\frac{\sin(n-m)kx_1}{2(n-m)k} + \frac{\sin(n+m)kx_1}{2(n+m)k} \right] \right\}$$

$$\int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} b_n c_m \sin(nkx) \cos(mkx) dx = - b_n c_m \left\{ \left[\frac{\cos(n-m)kx_2}{2(n-m)k} - \frac{\cos(n+m)kx_2}{2(n+m)k} \right] - \left[\frac{\cos(n-m)kx_1}{2(n-m)k} - \frac{\cos(n+m)kx_1}{2(n+m)k} \right] \right\}$$

$$\int_{x=x_1}^{x=x_2} b_n d_m \sin(nkx) \sin(mkx) dx = + b_n d_m \left\{ \left[\frac{\sin(n-m)kx_2}{2(n-m)k} - \frac{\sin(n+m)kx_2}{2(n+m)k} \right] - \left[\frac{\sin(n-m)kx_1}{2(n-m)k} - \frac{\sin(n+m)kx_1}{2(n+m)k} \right] \right\}$$

For the cases where $n \neq m$, each of the above three types of integrals *does* vanish, because the $\sin(mkx)$ and $\cos(mkx)$ functions are periodic on the interval, $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$. These results explicitly demonstrate that for $n \neq m$, that the $\cos(nkx)$ and $\cos(mkx)$ functions, as basis vectors, are orthogonal to each other; the $\sin(nkx)$ and $\cos(mkx)$ functions are also orthogonal to each other; and the $\sin(nkx)$ and $\sin(mkx)$ functions are also orthogonal to each other on the interval, $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$.