Recap

- On a finite interval of size L, $\sin(2n\pi x/L)$ and $\cos(2n\pi x/L)$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$ form a complete basis, in terms of which any function f(x) on the interval can be decomposed in a Fourier series.
- Along the infinite line $\sin(kx)$ and $\cos(kx)$ (for $k \ge 0$), or e^{ikx} (for real k) acts as a basis, for Fourier decomposition:

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{ikx} \tilde{f}(k), \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{f}(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{-ikx} f(x).$$
(3.3.37)

• The orthogonality condition of Fourier modes is expressed in terms of the Dirac deltafunction, as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ik(x-x')} = \delta(x-x'), \qquad (3.3.38)$$