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## 1 Section 5, Problem 3

Problem Find (a) the Fourier cosine series and (b) the Fourier sine series on the interval  $0 < x < \pi$  for  $f(x) = x^2$

Solution

### 1.1 Part a

The function  $x^2$  over  $0 < x < \pi$  is

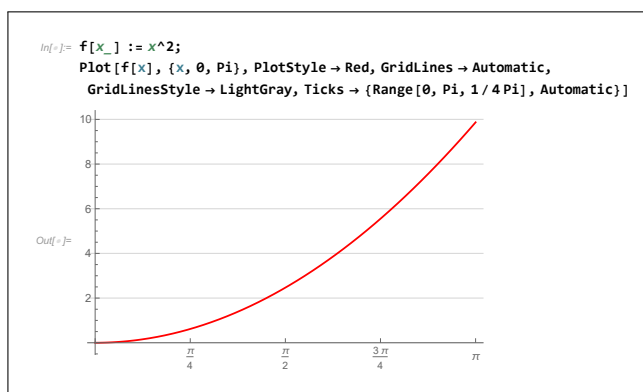


Figure 1: Original function

The first step is to do an even extension of  $x^2$  from  $0 < x < \pi$  to  $-\pi < x < \pi$  which means its period becomes  $T = 2\pi$ . The even extension of  $f(x)$  is given by

$$f_e(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x > 0 \\ f(-x) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

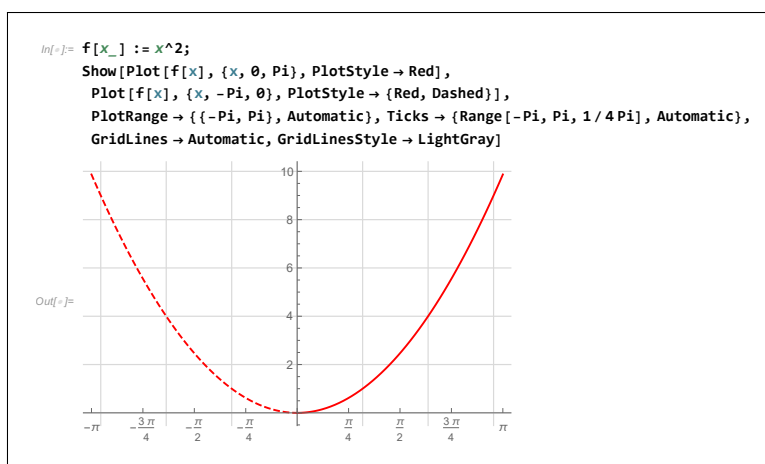


Figure 2: Even extension of original function

The next step is to make the above function periodic with period  $T = 2\pi$  by repeating it each  $2\pi$  as shown below

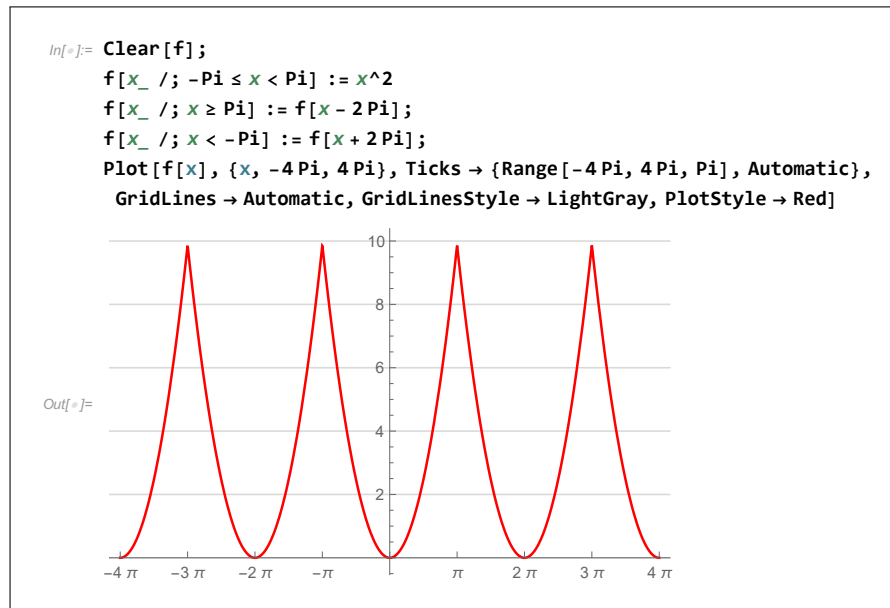


Figure 3: Even extension of original function

Now that we have a periodic function above with period  $T = 2\pi$  then we can find its Fourier cosine series. Which is just the cosine series part of its Fourier series given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right)$$

Since  $T = 2\pi$ , the above becomes

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) \quad (1)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{T}{2}\right)} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_{-\frac{2\pi}{2}}^{\frac{2\pi}{2}} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Because  $f(x)$  is an even function (we did an even extension to force this), then the above can be written as

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi^3}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{3}\pi^2 \quad (2)$$

And for  $n > 0$  then

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{T}{2}\right)} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}nx\right) dx$$

But  $T = 2\pi$  and the above becomes

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

But  $f(x)$  is even function and  $\cos$  is even, hence the product is even and the above simplifies to

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos(nx) dx$$

Integration by parts.  $udv = uv - \int vdu$ . Let  $u = x^2$ ,  $dv = \cos nx$ , therefore  $du = 2x$ ,  $v = \frac{\sin nx}{n}$ . The above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( [uv] - \int vdu \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \left[ x^2 \frac{\sin nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} 2x \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $n$  is integer, the term  $\left[ x^2 \frac{\sin nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} \rightarrow 0$  and the above simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( -\frac{2}{n} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nxdx \right) \\ &= \frac{-4}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nxdx \end{aligned}$$

The integral  $\int_0^{\pi} x \sin nxdx$  is evaluated by parts again. Let  $u = x$ ,  $dv = \sin nx \rightarrow du = 1$ ,  $v = -\frac{\cos nx}{n}$  and the above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{-4}{n\pi} \left( [uv] - \int vdu \right) \\ &= \frac{-4}{n\pi} \left( -\left[ x \frac{\cos nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \cos nxdx \right) \\ &= \frac{-4}{n\pi} \left( -\frac{1}{n} \pi \cos(n\pi) + \frac{1}{n^2} \overbrace{[\sin nx]_0^{\pi}}^0 \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{n^2} \cos(n\pi) \\ &= \frac{4}{n^2} (-1)^n \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Substituting (2,3) into (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\sim \frac{\frac{2}{3}\pi^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2} (-1)^n \cos(nx) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) \end{aligned}$$

The convergence is fast due to the term  $\frac{1}{n^2}$ . This plot show the approximation as the number of terms increases. After only 4 terms we see the approximation is very close to original function  $x^2$  shown in dashed lines in the plot below.

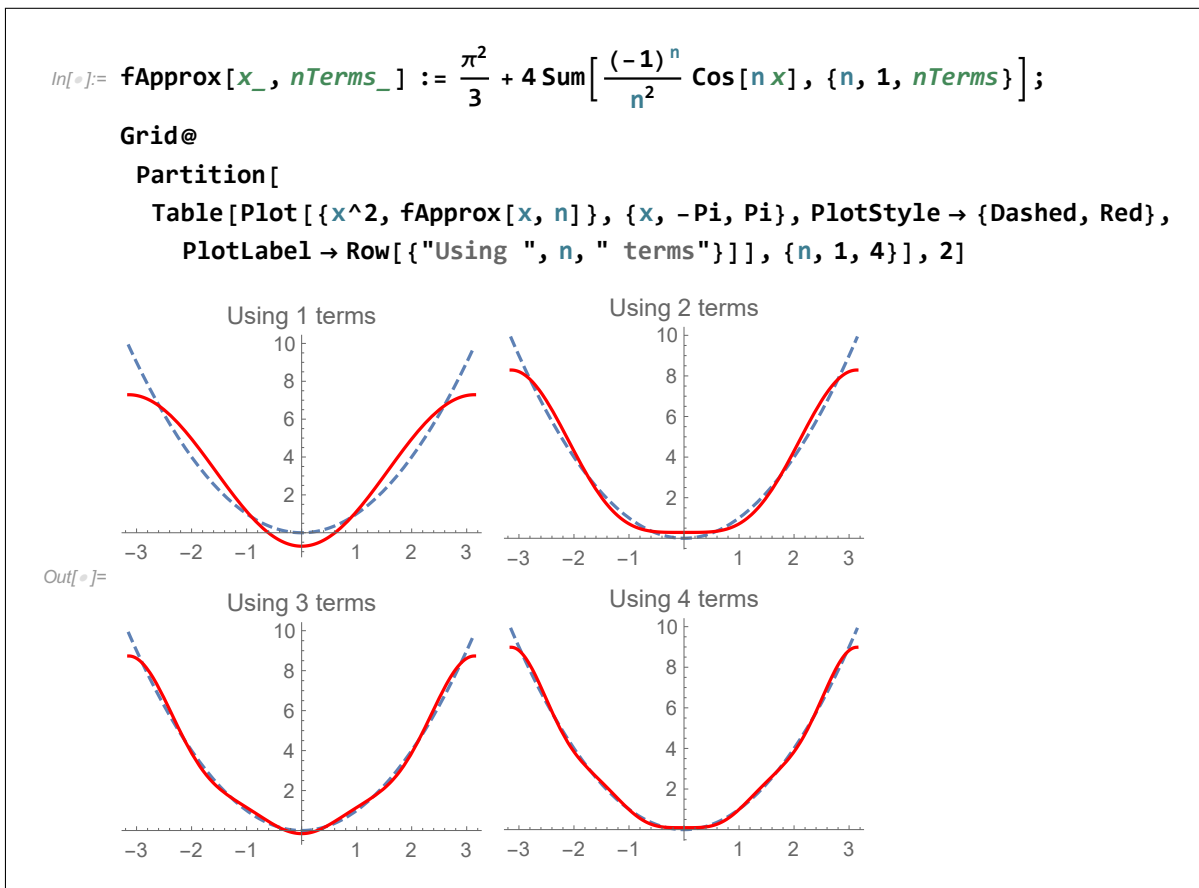
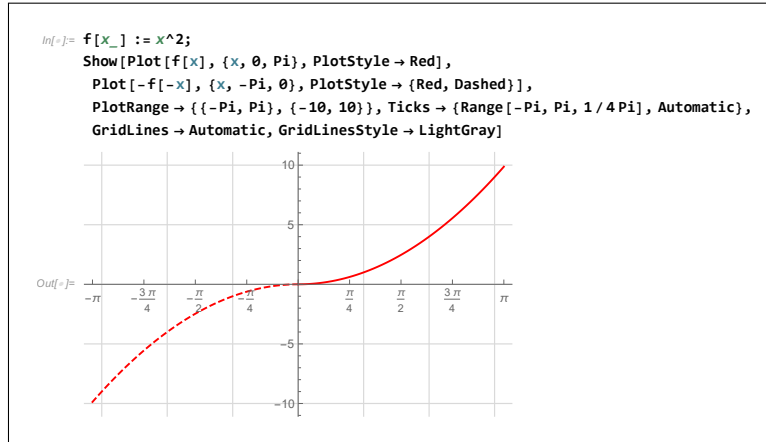


Figure 4: Fourier approximation as more terms are added

## 1.2 Part b

Because we want to find the Fourier sine series now, then the first step is to do an odd extension of  $x^2$  from  $0 < x < \pi$  to  $-\pi < x < \pi$  which means its period is  $T = 2\pi$ . Odd extension of  $f(x)$  is given by

$$f_o(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x > 0 \\ -f(-x) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Figure 5: Odd extension of  $x^2$ 

The next step is to make the function periodic with period  $T = 2\pi$  by repeating it each  $2\pi$  as follows

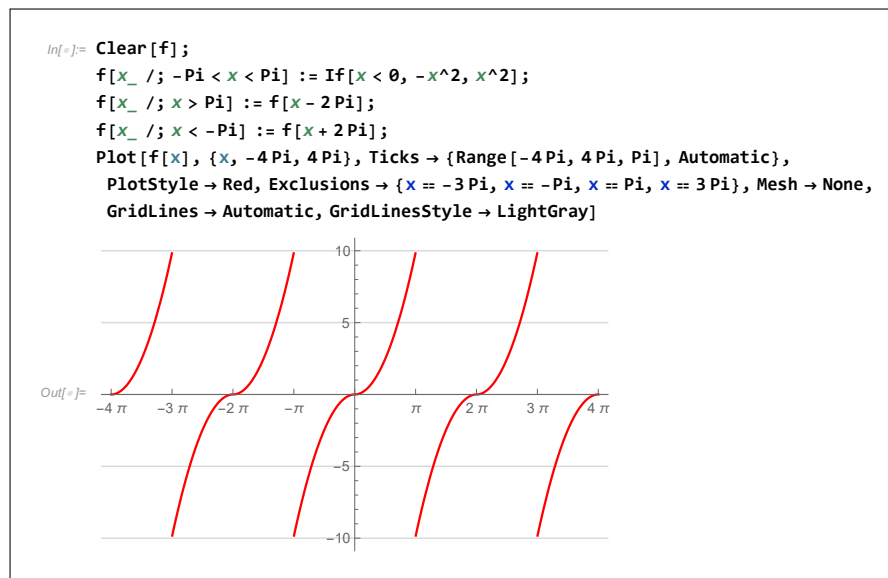


Figure 6: Making the odd extension periodic

Now that we have a periodic function with period  $T = 2\pi$  we can find its Fourier sine series, which is just the sin part of its Fourier series, given by

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} nx\right)$$

But  $T = 2\pi$ , and the above becomes

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) \quad (1)$$

Where

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{T}{2}\right)} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}nx\right) dx$$

But  $T = 2\pi$ , and the above becomes

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

But now  $f(x)$  is odd function (we did an odd extension) and  $\sin$  is odd. Hence product is even. Therefore the above simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \sin(nx) dx \end{aligned}$$

Integration by parts.  $udv = uv - \int vdu$ . Let  $u = x^2$ ,  $dv = \sin nx$ , therefore  $du = 2x$ ,  $v = \frac{-\cos nx}{n}$ . The above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( [uv] - \int vdu \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( - \left[ x^2 \frac{\cos nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} + \int_0^{\pi} 2x \frac{\cos nx}{n} dx \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( -\frac{1}{n} [\pi^2 \cos n\pi] + \frac{2}{n} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nxdx \right) \\ &= -\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos n\pi + \frac{4}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nxdx \end{aligned}$$

The integral  $\int_0^{\pi} x \cos nxdx$  is evaluated by parts again. Let  $u = x$ ,  $dv = \cos nx \rightarrow du = 1$ ,  $v =$



$\frac{\sin nx}{n}$  and the above becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= -\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos n\pi + \frac{4}{n\pi} \left( [uv] - \int v du \right) \\
&= -\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos n\pi + \frac{4}{n\pi} \left( \overbrace{\left[ x \frac{\sin nx}{n} \right]_0^\pi}^0 - \int \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx \right) \\
&= -\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos n\pi - \frac{4}{n^2\pi} \int \sin nx dx \\
&= -\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos n\pi - \frac{4}{n^2\pi} \left[ \frac{-\cos nx}{n} \right]_0^\pi \\
&= -\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos n\pi + \frac{4}{n^3\pi} [\cos nx]_0^\pi \\
&= -\frac{2\pi}{n} \cos n\pi + \frac{4}{n^3\pi} [\cos n\pi - 1] \\
&= -\frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^n + \frac{4}{n^3\pi} ((-1)^n - 1) \\
&= -\frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^n - \frac{4}{n^3\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \\
&= \frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{4}{n^3\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \tag{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting (2) into (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{4}{n^3\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \right) \sin(nx) \\
&= 2\pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{2}{(n\pi)^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \right) \sin(nx)
\end{aligned}$$

In this case, we needed more terms to obtain good convergence. Because the periodic extension is now discontinuous at  $x = n\pi$  where  $n$  is odd. In part (a), the periodic extension was continuous over the whole domain. The following plot shows we needed more terms compared to part (a) to start seeing good convergence. This shows the result for one period from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$ . The blue color is for the original odd extended function and the red color is its Fourier series approximation.

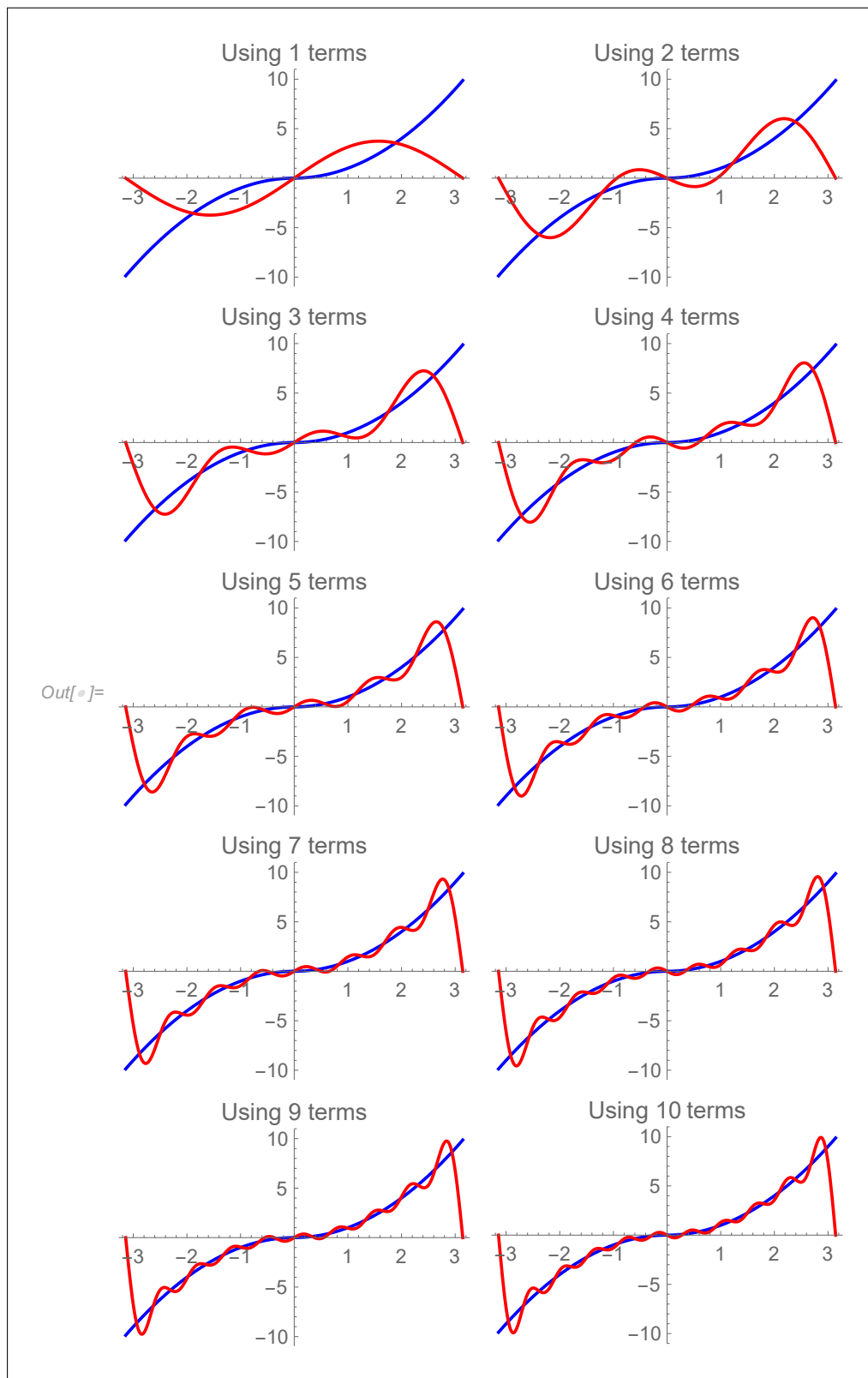


Figure 7: Fourier approximation of odd extension of  $x^2$  over one period

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In[ ]:= fApprox[x_, nTerms_] :=
  2 π² Sum[ ( 1 / (n π) (-1)^(n+1) - 2 / (n π)³ (1 - (-1)^n) ) Sin[n x], {n, 1, nTerms} ];
f[x_] := If[x < 0, -x², x²];
Grid@
  Partition[
    Table[Plot[{f[x], fApprox[x, n]}, {x, -Pi, Pi}, PlotStyle -> {Blue, Red},
      PlotLabel -> Row[{"Using ", n, " terms"}]], {n, 1, 10}], 2]

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Figure 8: Code used to draw Fourier approximation for odd extension for one period

Due to discontinuities in the periodic extended function, there will be a Gibbs effect at the points of discontinuities  $x = n\pi$  where  $n$  is odd, where the approximation converges to the average of the function at those points. To see this, here is a plot showing the result for the case of 16 terms over 3 periods instead of one period as the above plot showed.

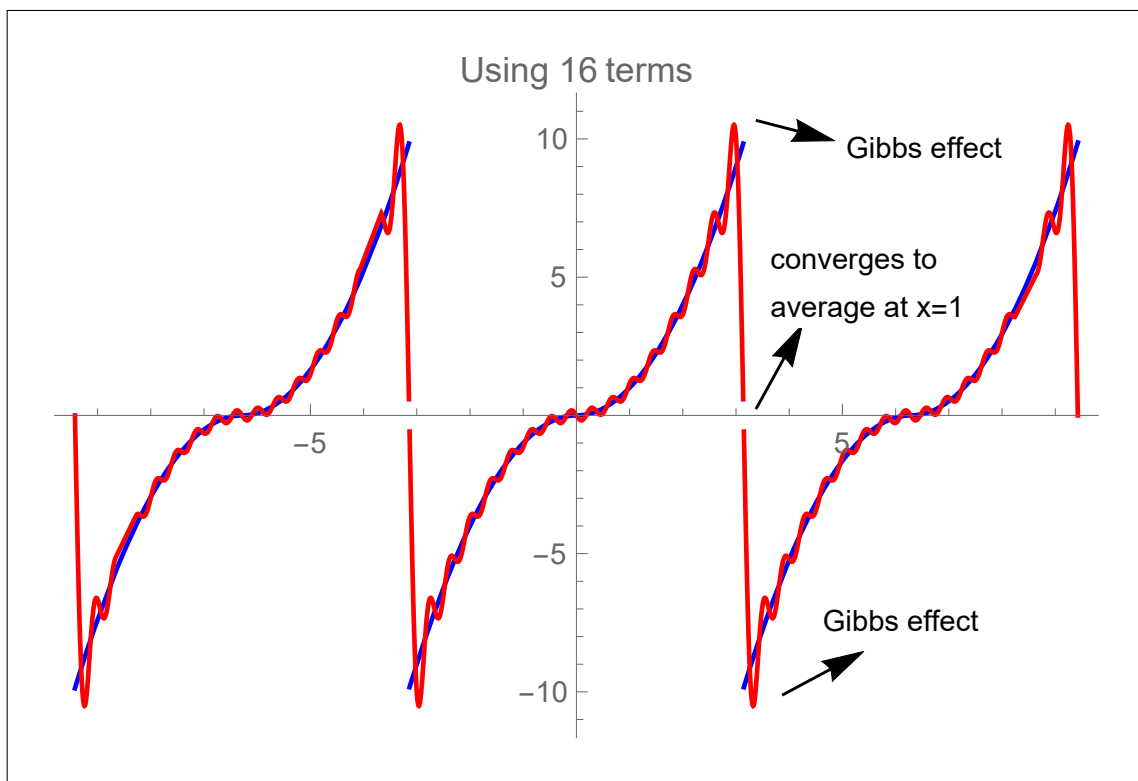


Figure 9: Fourier approximation of odd extension of  $x^2$  over 3 periods to see Gibbs effect

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In[ ]:= fApprox[x_, nTerms_] := 2 π² Sum[ ( (1/n π) (-1)^(n+1) - (2/(n π)³) (1 - (-1)^n) ) Sin[n x], {n, 1, nTerms}];
Clear[f];
f[x_ /; -Pi < x < Pi] := If[x < 0, -x^2, x^2];
f[x_ /; x > Pi] := f[x - 2 Pi];
f[x_ /; x < -Pi] := f[x + 2 Pi];
Plot[{f[x], fApprox[x, 16]}, {x, -3 Pi, 3 Pi}, PlotStyle -> {Blue, Red},
PlotLabel -> Row[{"Using ", 16, " terms"}], Exclusions -> {x == -3 Pi, x == -Pi, x == Pi, x == 3 Pi}]

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Figure 10: Code used to draw the above plot

## 2 Section 5, Problem 5

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Problem By referring to the sine series for  $x$  in example 1 and one found for  $x^2$  in above problem show that

$$x(\pi - x) \sim \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{(2n-1)^3} \quad 0 < x < \pi$$

Solution

From example 1, the Fourier sine series for  $x$  defined on  $0 < x < \pi$ , was found to be

$$x \sim 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin x \quad 0 < x < \pi$$

By writing  $x(\pi - x) = \pi x - x^2$  then we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \pi x - x^2 &\sim \pi \left( 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin x \right) - \left( 2\pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{2}{(n\pi)^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \right) \sin(nx) \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2\pi \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2\pi^2 \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{2}{(n\pi)^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \right) \sin(nx) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ 2\pi \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} - 2\pi^2 \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{2}{(n\pi)^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \right) \right] \sin(nx) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ 2\pi \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} - \frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^{n+1} + \frac{4}{n^3\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \right] \sin(nx) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^3\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin(nx) \end{aligned}$$

Now when  $n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$  then  $(1 - (-1)^n) = 0$  and when  $n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$  then  $(1 - (-1)^n) = 2$ . Hence the above sum becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \pi x - x^2 &\sim \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{8}{n^3\pi} \sin(nx) \\ &\sim \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sin(nx) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n = 2m - 1$ . Then when  $n = 1 \rightarrow m = 1$ ,  $n = 3 \rightarrow m = 2$ ,  $n = 5 \rightarrow m = 3$  and so on. Hence the above sum can be written using  $m$  as summation index as follows

$$\pi x - x^2 \sim \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2m-1)^3} \sin((2m-1)x)$$

Since summation index can be named anything, then renaming summation index from  $m$  back to  $n$  gives the form required

$$\pi x - x^2 \sim \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^3} \sin((2n-1)x)$$

### 3 Section 7, Problem 1

Problem Find the Fourier series on interval  $-\pi < x < \pi$  that corresponds to

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{\pi}{2} & -\pi < x < 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$$

Solution

A plot of the function  $f(x)$  over  $-\pi < x < \pi$  is

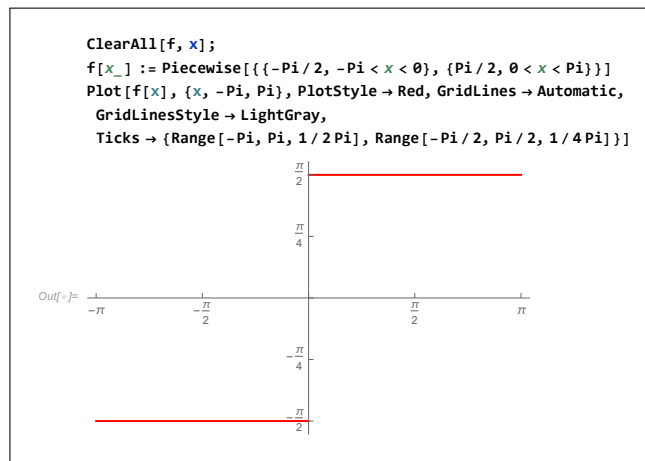


Figure 11: Plot of  $f(x)$  for problem section 7.1

The periodic extension (with period  $T = 2\pi$ ) becomes (shown for  $-3\pi < x < 3\pi$ )

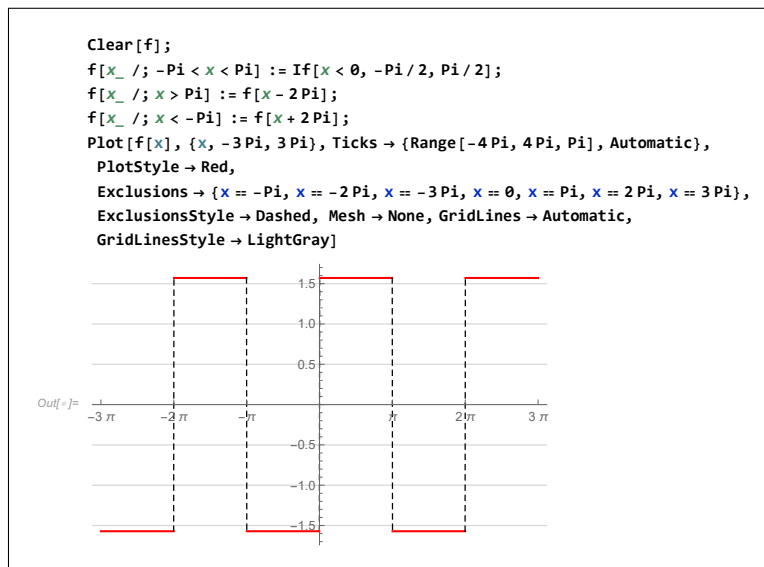


Figure 12: Plot of  $f(x)$  for problem section 7.1 after periodic extension

Since the function  $f(x)$  is now periodic then its Fourier series is given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{T}x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{T}x\right)$$

Where  $T$  is the period of the function being approximated which is  $T = 2\pi$  in this case. Hence the above simplifies to

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

Since the function  $f(x)$  is an odd function then only  $b_n$  terms exist and the above reduces to

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) \quad (1)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{T}{2}\right)} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{T}x\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(x)$  is odd and  $\sin$  is odd, then the product is even, and the above simplifies to the Fourier sine series

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{-\cos nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} [\cos n\pi - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} [1 + (-1)^{n+1}] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (1) becomes

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} (1 + (-1)^{n+1}) \right) \sin(nx)$$

When  $n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$  then  $b_n = 0$  and when  $n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$  then  $b_n = \frac{2}{n}$ . Therefore the above can be written as

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} \sin(nx)$$

Let  $n = 2m - 1$ . Then when  $n = 1 \rightarrow m = 1$ ,  $n = 3 \rightarrow m = 2$ ,  $n = 5 \rightarrow m = 3$  and so on.

Hence the above sum can be written using  $m$  as summation index as follows

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{2m-1} \sin((2m-1)x)$$

Since summation index can be named anything, then renaming summation index from  $m$  to  $n$  gives

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{2n-1} \sin((2n-1)x)$$

Since the periodic extension of the original function  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at points  $x = n\pi$ , then the Fourier approximation will converge to the average of  $f(x)$  at these points and Gibbs effect will result at these points as well. The following plot shows the result

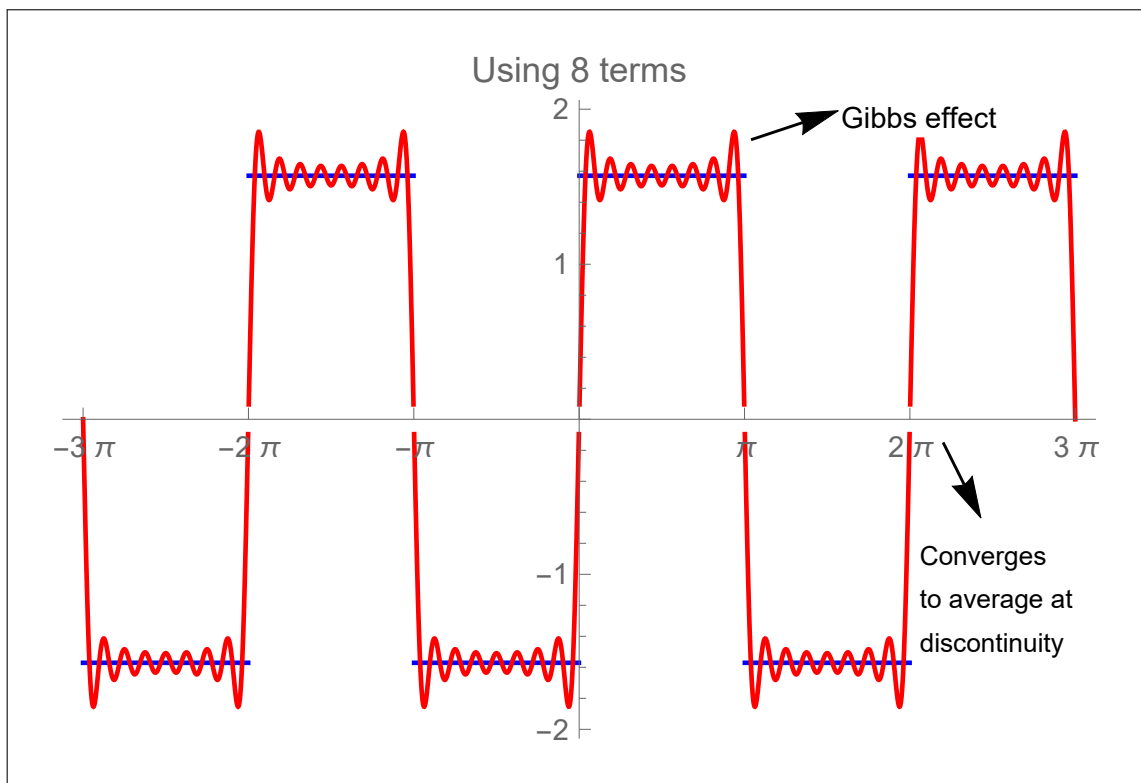


Figure 13: Fourier approximations using 8 terms



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In[ ]:= fApprox[x_, nTerms_] := Sum[ $\frac{2}{2n-1} \sin[(2n-1)x]$ , {n, 1, nTerms}];
Clear[f];
f[x_ /; -Pi < x < Pi] := If[x < 0, -Pi/2, Pi/2];
f[x_ /; x > Pi] := f[x - 2 Pi];
f[x_ /; x < -Pi] := f[x + 2 Pi];
Plot[{f[x], fApprox[x, 8]}, {x, -3 Pi, 3 Pi}, PlotStyle -> {Blue, Red},
PlotLabel -> Row[{"Using ", 8, " terms"}],
Exclusions -> {x == -Pi, x == -2 Pi, x == -3 Pi, x == 0, x == Pi, x == 2 Pi, x == 3 Pi},
Ticks -> {Range[-4 Pi, 4 Pi, Pi], Automatic}]

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Figure 14: Code used to generate the above plot

## 4 Chapter 1, Section 7, Problem 3

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**Problem** Find the Fourier series on interval  $-\pi < x < \pi$  that corresponds to  $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{4}x^2$ . suggestions: Use the series for  $x$  in example 2, section 7 and the one for  $x^2$  found above in problem Section 5, Problem 3(a).

**Solution**

Since  $x$  is odd, then we can from example 2 use the Fourier sine series for  $x$  defined on  $-\pi < x < \pi$

$$x \sim 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(nx) \quad (-\pi < x < \pi) \quad (1)$$

And since  $x^2$  is even, then we can use the Fourier cosine series found in problem Section 5, Problem 3(a) solved above

$$x^2 \sim \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) \quad (-\pi < x < \pi) \quad (2)$$

Using (1,2), then we can write  $x + \frac{1}{4}x^2$  Fourier series as

$$\begin{aligned} x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 &\sim \left( 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin nx \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) \right) \\ &\sim \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) + \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin nx \\ &\sim \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{\cos(nx)}{n^2} - \frac{2 \sin(nx)}{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

## 5 Section 7, Problem 4

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**Problem** Find the Fourier series on interval  $-\pi < x < \pi$  that corresponds to  $f(x) = e^{ax}$  where  $a \neq 0$ . **suggestion:** Use Euler's formula  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  to write  $a_n + ib_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{inx} dx$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then after evaluating this single integral, equate real and imaginary parts.

**Solution**

$$e^{ax} \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}nx\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}nx\right)$$

But  $T = 2\pi$  and the above becomes

$$e^{ax} \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{ax}}{a} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi a} (e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi}) \end{aligned}$$

But  $\frac{e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi}}{2} = \sinh(a\pi)$  hence the above simplifies to

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi a} \sinh(a\pi)$$

And for  $n > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}nx\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Let  $I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx$ . Using integration by parts,  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ . Let  $u = \cos nx$ ,  $dv =$

$e^{ax}$  then  $v = \frac{e^{ax}}{a}$ ,  $du = -n \sin(nx)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= uv - \int v du \\
 &= \left[ \cos(nx) \frac{e^{ax}}{a} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \\
 &= \left[ \cos(n\pi) \frac{e^{a\pi}}{a} - \cos(n\pi) \frac{e^{-a\pi}}{a} \right] + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \\
 &= (-1)^n \left[ \frac{e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi}}{a} \right] + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \\
 &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \left[ \frac{e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi}}{2} \right] + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \\
 &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \sinh(a\pi) + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying integration by parts again on the integral above. Let  $u = \sin nx$ ,  $dv = e^{ax}$  then  $v = \frac{e^{ax}}{a}$ ,  $du = n \cos(nx)$  and the above becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \sinh(a\pi) + \frac{n}{a} \left( \left( \sin nx \frac{e^{ax}}{a} \right)_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \right) \\
 &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \sinh(a\pi) + \frac{n}{a} \left( \overbrace{\frac{1}{a} (\sin(n\pi) e^{a\pi} + \sin(n\pi) e^{-a\pi})}^0 - \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \right) \\
 &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \sinh(a\pi) - \frac{n^2}{a^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

But  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx = I$ , the original integral we are solving for. Hence solving for  $I$  from the above gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \sinh(a\pi) - \frac{n^2}{a^2} I \\
 I + \frac{n^2}{a^2} I &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \sinh(a\pi) \\
 I \left( 1 + \frac{n^2}{a^2} \right) &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \sinh(a\pi) \\
 I &= \frac{\frac{2(-1)^n}{a} \sinh(a\pi)}{1 + \frac{n^2}{a^2}} \\
 &= \frac{2a(-1)^n \sinh(a\pi)}{a^2 + n^2} \tag{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (2) in (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{a}{\pi} \frac{2(-1)^n \sinh(a\pi)}{a^2 + n^2} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Now we will do the same to find  $b_n$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}nx\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Let  $I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx$ . Using integration by parts,  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ . Let  $u = \sin(nx)$ ,  $dv = e^{ax}$  then  $v = \frac{e^{ax}}{a}$ ,  $du = n \cos(nx)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} I &= uv - \int v du \\ &= \left[ \sin(nx) \frac{e^{ax}}{a} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \\ &= \underbrace{\left[ \sin(n\pi) \frac{e^{a\pi}}{a} - \sin(n\pi) \frac{e^{-a\pi}}{a} \right]}_0 - \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \\ &= -\frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \end{aligned}$$

Now we apply integration by parts again on the integral above. Let  $u = \cos nx$ ,  $dv = e^{ax}$  then  $v = \frac{e^{ax}}{a}$ ,  $du = -n \sin(nx)$  and the above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} I &= -\frac{n}{a} \left( \left( \cos(nx) \frac{e^{ax}}{a} \right)_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{n}{a} \left( \frac{1}{a} (\cos(n\pi) e^{a\pi} - \cos(n\pi) e^{-a\pi}) + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{n}{a} \left( \frac{1}{a} \cos(n\pi) (e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi}) + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{n}{a} \left( \frac{2}{a} \cos(n\pi) \left( \frac{e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi}}{2} \right) + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{n}{a} \left( \frac{2}{a} \cos(n\pi) \sinh(a\pi) + \frac{n}{a} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{2n}{a^2} (-1)^n \sinh(a\pi) - \frac{n^2}{a^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \end{aligned}$$

But  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx = I$ . Hence solving for  $I$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= -\frac{2n}{a^2} (-1)^n \sinh(a\pi) - \frac{n^2}{a^2} I \\
 I + \frac{n^2}{a^2} I &= -\frac{2n}{a^2} (-1)^n \sinh(a\pi) \\
 I \left(1 + \frac{n^2}{a^2}\right) &= -\frac{2n}{a^2} (-1)^n \sinh(a\pi) \\
 I &= -\frac{\frac{2n}{a^2} (-1)^n \sinh(a\pi)}{1 + \frac{n^2}{a^2}} \\
 I &= -\frac{2n (-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} \sinh(a\pi) \tag{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (5) in (4) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{2n (-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} \sinh(a\pi)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now that we found  $a_0, a_n, b_n$  then the Fourier series is

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{ax} &\sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx) \\
 &\sim \frac{\frac{2}{\pi a} \sinh(a\pi)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a}{\pi} \frac{2 (-1)^n \sinh(a\pi)}{a^2 + n^2} \cos(nx) - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{2n (-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} \sinh(a\pi) \sin(nx) \\
 &\sim \frac{\sinh(a\pi)}{\pi a} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sinh(a\pi) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 (-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (a \cos(nx) - n \sin(nx)) \\
 &\sim \sinh(a\pi) \left( \frac{1}{\pi a} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 (-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (a \cos(nx) - n \sin(nx)) \right) \\
 &\sim \frac{2 \sinh(a\pi)}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2a} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (a \cos(nx) - n \sin(nx)) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Which is what we are required to show.

The following plots shows the approximation as more terms are added. We also notice the Gibbs effect at the points of discontinuities after the original function was periodic extended. The value  $a = 1$  was used. Hence this is approximation of  $e^x$  using  $-\pi < x < \pi$  as original period.

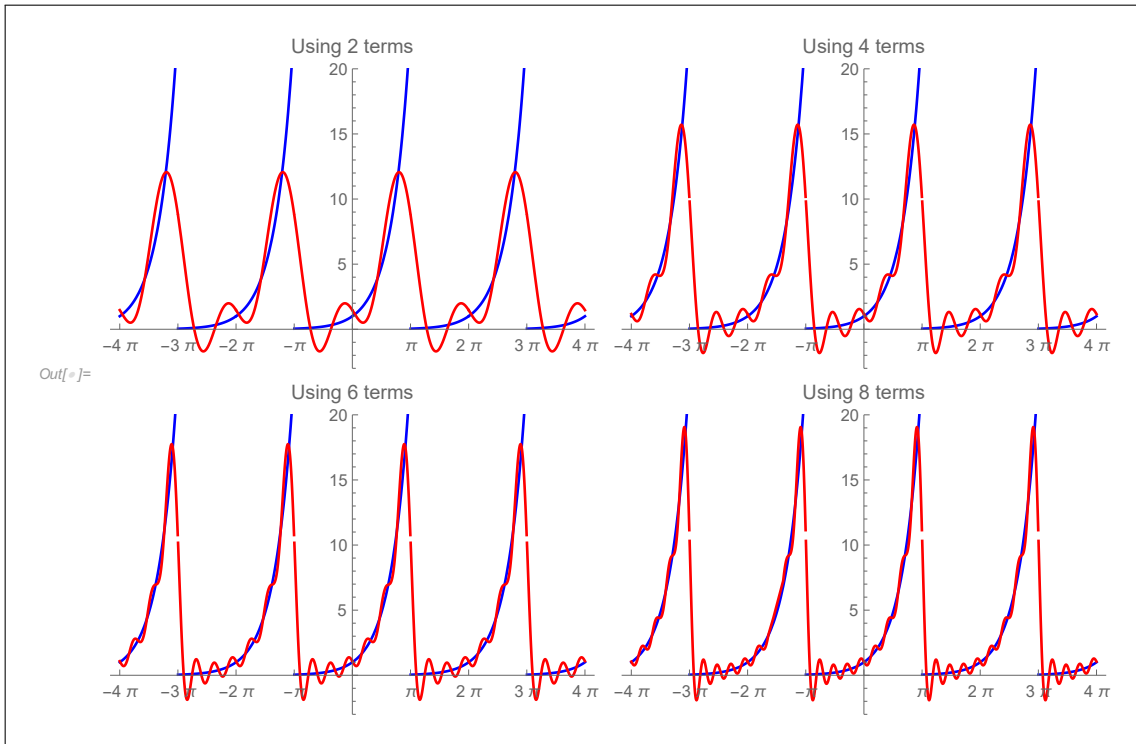


Figure 15: Fourier approximations using with increasing terms

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In[ ]:= a = 1;
fApprox[x_, nTerms_] :=  $\frac{2 \operatorname{Sinh}[a \operatorname{Pi}]}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2a} + \operatorname{Sum}\left[\frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (a \operatorname{Cos}[n x] - n \operatorname{Sin}[n x]), \{n, 1, nTerms\}\right] \right);
Clear[f];
f[x_ /; -Pi < x < Pi] := Exp[a x];
f[x_ /; x > Pi] := f[x - 2 Pi];
f[x_ /; x < -Pi] := f[x + 2 Pi];
Grid@Partition[Table[
  Plot[{f[x], fApprox[x, nTerms]}, {x, -4 Pi, 4 Pi}, PlotStyle -> {Blue, Red},
  PlotLabel -> Row[{"Using ", nTerms, " terms"}],
  Exclusions -> {x == -Pi, x == -2 Pi, x == -3 Pi, x == 0, x == Pi, x == 2 Pi, x == 3 Pi},
  Ticks -> {Range[-4 Pi, 4 Pi, Pi], Automatic},
  PlotRange -> {Automatic, {-3, 20}}, ImageSize -> 300], {nTerms, 2, 8, 2}], 2]$ 
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Figure 16: Code used to generate the above plot

## 6 Chapter 1, Section 8, Problem 1

**Problem** (a) Use the Fourier sine series found in example 1, section 5 for  $f(x) = x$  for  $0 < x < \pi$ , to show that

$$x \sim \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin n\pi x \quad (-1 < x < 1) \quad (1)$$

(b) Obtain the correspondence in part (a) by using expression (11) in section 9 for the coefficient in a Fourier sine series on  $0 < x < c$

### 6.1 Part a

The Fourier sine series found in example 1, section 5 for  $f(x) = x$  for  $0 < x < \pi$  is

$$x \sim 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin nx \quad (0 < x < \pi) \quad (2)$$

Which has period  $T_2 = 2\pi$  after odd extension. To convert the above to the range  $-1 < x < 1$ , then by looking at this diagram

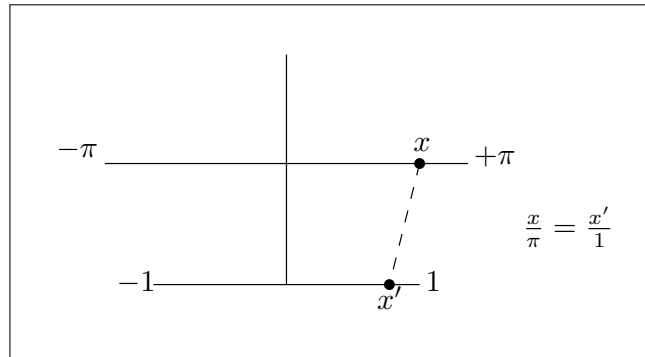


Figure 17: Finding scale for correspondence

We see that by symmetry  $\frac{x}{\pi} = \frac{x'}{1}$ . Hence  $x = \pi x'$ . Therefore we want  $x \rightarrow \pi x'$  but  $x'$  is just  $x$  in the new domain. Hence  $x \rightarrow \pi x$  in the new Fourier series. Therefore replacing  $x$  by  $\pi x$  in (2) gives

$$x \sim 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin n\pi x \quad (0 < x < 1) \quad (3)$$

Equation (3) is now scaled by multiplying it by  $\frac{x'}{x} = \frac{1}{\pi}$  giving

$$x \sim \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin n\pi x \quad (0 < x < 1) \quad (4)$$



## 6.2 Part b

Expression (11) in section 8 is

$$b_n = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) dx$$

Let  $c = 1$  and since  $f(x) = x$ , then above becomes

$$b_n = 2 \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

Let  $u = x, dv = \sin(n\pi x)$  then  $du = 1, v = \frac{-\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi}$ . Hence  $udv = uv - \int vdu$  and the integral above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 2 \left( \frac{-1}{n\pi} [x \cos(n\pi x)]_0^1 + \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_0^1 \cos(n\pi x) dx \right) \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{-1}{n\pi} [\cos(n\pi)] + \frac{1}{n\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \right]_0^1 \right) \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{-1}{n\pi} [(-1)^n] + \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} \overbrace{[\sin(n\pi x)]_0^1}^0 \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} x &\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\pi x \\ &\sim \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (-1)^{n+1} \sin n\pi x \end{aligned}$$

Which is the same as (1) in part (a)

## 7 Chapter 1, Section 8, Problem 6

**Problem** Use method in example 2 section 8 to show that

$$e^x \sim \frac{\sinh c}{c} + 2 \sinh c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{c^2 + (n\pi)^2} \left( c \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) - n\pi \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) \right) \quad -c < x < c$$

**Solution**

From problem 4 section 7, we know that

$$e^{ax} \sim \frac{\sinh a\pi}{a\pi} + 2 \frac{\sinh a\pi}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (a \cos(nx) - n \sin(nx)) \quad -\pi < x < \pi \quad (1)$$

To convert the above to the range  $-c < x < c$ , then by looking at this diagram

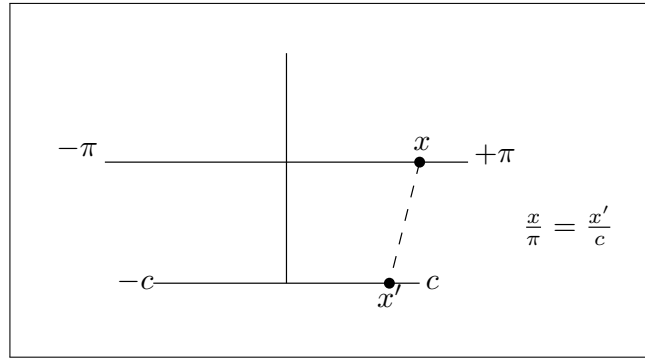


Figure 18: Finding scale for correspondence

We see that by symmetry,  $\frac{x}{\pi} = \frac{x'}{c}$  where  $x'$  is the  $x$  in the new range we want, which is  $-c < x < c$ . Hence  $x = \frac{x'\pi}{c}$  or since  $x'$  is just  $x$  in the new domain, then this implies  $x \rightarrow \frac{x\pi}{c}$ . Then replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x\pi}{c}$  in (1) gives

$$e^{\frac{ax}{c}} \sim \frac{\sinh a\pi}{a\pi} + 2 \frac{\sinh a\pi}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} \left( a \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) - n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) \right) \quad -c < x < c \quad (2)$$

We see that the trigonometric terms inside the sum is multiplied by  $a$ , hence we replace that by  $\frac{c}{\pi}$  in the above. This is the same as  $\frac{x'}{x} = \frac{c}{\pi}$ . Hence letting  $a = \frac{c}{\pi}$  in (2) gives

$$\begin{aligned} e^x &\sim \frac{\sinh c}{c} + 2 \frac{\sinh c}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\left(\frac{c}{\pi}\right)^2 + n^2} \left( \frac{c}{\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) - n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) \right) \\ &\sim \frac{\sinh c}{c} + 2 \frac{\sinh c}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\frac{c^2}{\pi^2} + \pi n^2} \left( c \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) - n\pi \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) \right) \\ &\sim \frac{\sinh c}{c} + 2 \sinh c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{c^2 + \pi^2 n^2} \left( c \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) - n\pi \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Which is what we asked to show.