

### 12.3 Fourier Cosine and Sine Series

- **Exercise 2, page 617.**

Give a piecewise definition of  $f_o$ , the odd expansion for

$$f(x) = 1 - 2x, \quad [0, 1]$$

as defined on the given interval.

Sketch the graph of  $f_o$ . Sketch the graph of  $f_{op}$  over three periods.

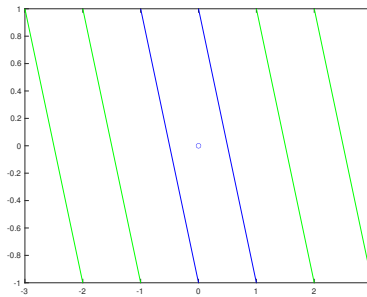


Figure 1: **Exercise 2.**

Solution: The odd function  $f_o$  is symmetric w.r.t. the origin  $(0, 0)$ , i.e.,

$$f_o(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \in (0, L] \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ -f(-x), & x \in [-L, 0) \end{cases} \equiv \begin{cases} -(1 + 2x), & x \in [-1, 0) \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ 1 - 2x, & x \in (0, 1] \end{cases}$$

- **Exercise 4, page 617.**

Give a piecewise definition of  $f_o$ , the odd expansion for

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2, \quad [0, 2]$$

as defined on the given interval.

Sketch the graph of  $f_o$ . Sketch the graph of  $f_{op}$  over three periods.

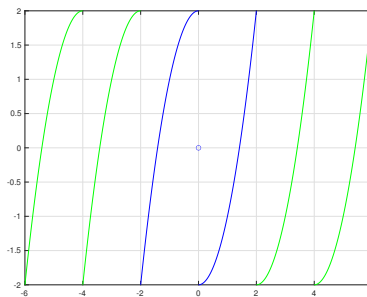


Figure 2: **Exercise 4.**

Solution: The odd function  $f_o$  is symmetric w.r.t. the origin  $(0, 0)$ , i.e.,

$$f_o(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \in (0, L] \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ -f(-x), & x \in [-L, 0) \end{cases} \equiv \begin{cases} -(x^2 - 2), & x \in [-2, 0) \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ x^2 - 2, & x \in (0, 2] \end{cases}$$

- **Exercise 6, page 617.**

Give a piecewise definition of  $f_e$ , the even expansion for

$$f(x) = 1 - 2x, \quad [0, 1]$$

as defined on the given interval.

Sketch the graph of  $f_e$ . Sketch the graph of  $f_{ep}$  over three periods.

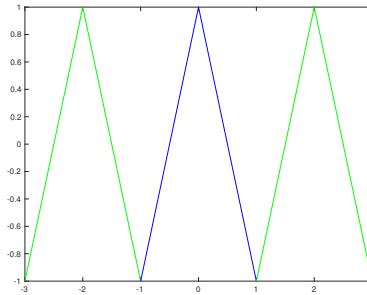


Figure 3: **Exercise 6.**

Solution: The even function  $f_e$  is symmetric w.r.t. the vertical axis, i.e.,

$$f_e(x) = \begin{cases} f(-x), & x \in [-L, 0] \\ f(x), & x \in [0, L] \end{cases} \equiv \begin{cases} 1 + 2x, & x \in [-1, 0] \\ 1 - 2x, & x \in [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

- **Exercise 8, page 617.**

Give a piecewise definition of  $f_e$ , the even expansion for

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2, \quad [0, 2]$$

as defined on the given interval.

Sketch the graph of  $f_e$ . Sketch the graph of  $f_{ep}$  over three periods.

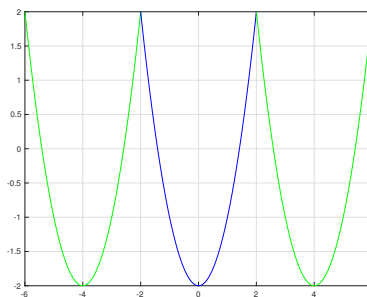


Figure 4: **Exercise 8.**

Solution: The even function  $f_e$  is symmetric w.r.t. the vertical axis, i.e.,

$$f_e(x) = \begin{cases} f(-x), & x \in [-L, 0] \\ f(x), & x \in [0, L] \end{cases} \equiv \begin{cases} x^2 - 2, & x \in [-2, 0] \\ x^2 - 2, & x \in [0, 2] \end{cases}$$

- **Exercise 10, page 617.**

Expand the function

$$f(x) = \sin x,$$

in a Fourier cosine series valid on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Plot the function and two partial sums of your choice over the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Plot the same sums and the function the series converges to over the interval  $-3\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$ .

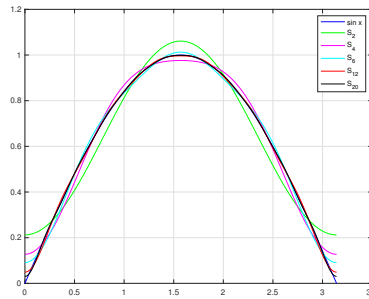


Figure 5: **Exercise 10.**

**Solution:** The even function  $f_e$  is

$$f_e(x) = \begin{cases} f(-x), & x \in [-L, 0] \\ f(x), & x \in [0, L] \end{cases} \equiv \begin{cases} -\sin x, & x \in [-\pi, 0] \\ \sin x, & x \in [0, \pi] \end{cases}$$

gives only cosine terms and

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin x \cos nx \, dx && (\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(a+b) + \sin(a-b))) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( -\frac{1}{n+1} \cos(n+1)x \Big|_0^\pi + \frac{1}{n-1} \cos(n-1)x \Big|_0^\pi \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( -\frac{1}{n+1} ((-1)^{n+1} - 1) + \frac{1}{n-1} ((-1)^{n+1} - 1) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n-1} + \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( (-1)^n \left( \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n-1} \right) + \frac{\cancel{x} - 1 - \cancel{x} - 1}{(n+1)(n-1)} \right) \\ &= \frac{-2}{\pi(n^2 - 1)} (1 + (-1)^n), \quad \forall n \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

When  $n = 1$  we have

$$a_1 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin x \cos x \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin 2x \, dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} (-\cos 2x) \Big|_0^\pi = 0,$$

also for  $n = 0$ :

$$a_0 = \frac{2(-2)}{\pi(-1)} = \frac{4}{\pi}.$$

Therefore the Fourier (cosine) expansion is

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

- **Exercise 11, page 617.**

Expand the function

$$f(x) = \cos x,$$

in a Fourier cosine series valid on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Plot the function and two partial sums of your choice over the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Plot the same sums and the function the series converges to over the interval  $-3\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$ .

**Solution:** We note that the function  $f(x) = \cos x$  is in this case already written in a *Fourier cosine expansion form* with all coefficients  $a_n = 0 \quad \forall n \neq 1$ , except  $a_1 = 1$ . !!!

Let us just check that following the technique described in class.

The even function  $f_e$  is

$$f_e(x) = \begin{cases} f(-x), & x \in [-L, 0] \\ f(x), & x \in [0, L] \end{cases} \equiv \begin{cases} \cos(-x), & x \in [-\pi, 0] \\ \cos x, & x \in [0, \pi] \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \cos x, & x \in [-\pi, 0] \\ \cos x, & x \in [0, \pi] \end{cases}$$

gives only cosine terms and

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos x \cos nx \, dx && (\cos a \cos b = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(a+b) + \cos(a-b))) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \sin(n+1)x \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n-1} \sin(n-1)x \Big|_0^{\pi} \right) \\ &= 0 \quad \forall n \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

When  $n = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos x \cos x \, dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos 2x + 1}{2} \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos 2x \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} x \Big|_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin 2x \Big|_0^{\pi} + 1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the Fourier (cosine) expansion is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx \equiv a_1 \cos(1 \cdot x) = \cos x.$$

- **Exercise 20, page 617.**

Expand the function

$$f(x) = x \sin x,$$

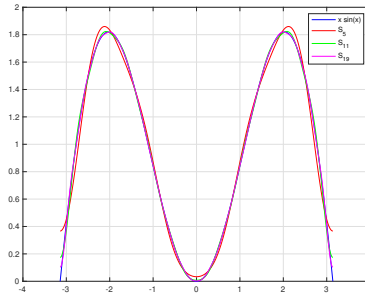


Figure 6: Exercise 20.

in a Fourier cosine series valid on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Plot the function and two partial sums of your choice over the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Plot the same sums and the function the series converges to over the interval  $-3\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$ .

**Solution:** We note that the function  $f(x) = x \sin x$  is an **even** function on  $[0, \pi]$ , hence it coincides with its even extension  $f_e$  on  $[0, \pi]$ :

$$f_e(x) = \begin{cases} f(-x), & x \in [-L, 0] \\ f(x), & x \in [0, L] \end{cases} \equiv \begin{cases} x \sin x, & x \in [-\pi, 0] \\ x \sin x, & x \in [0, \pi] \end{cases} = x \sin x \quad \text{on } [-\pi, \pi]$$

giving only cosine series:

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

The Fourier coefficients are

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin x \cos nx \, dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin x \cos nx \, dx \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad (\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(a+b) + \sin(a-b))) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} x \left( \sin(n+1)x + \sin(1-n)x \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( -\frac{x}{n+1} \cos(n+1)x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\pi} + \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos(n+1)x}{n+1} dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{x}{1-n} \cos(1-n)x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\pi} + \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos(1-n)x}{1-n} dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{n+1} (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{1}{1-n} (-1)^{n-1} + \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos(n+1)x}{\pi(n+1)} dx + \frac{1}{\pi(1-n)} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(n-1)x dx \\ &= (-1)^n \left( \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{1-n} \right) + \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{\sin(n+1)x}{(n+1)} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\pi} + \frac{1}{1-n} \frac{\sin(n-1)x}{n-1} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\pi} \right) \\ &= (-1)^n \frac{1-n+n+1}{1-n^2} = \frac{2}{n^2-1} (-1)^{n+1} \quad \forall n \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin x \cos x \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin 2x \, dx = \frac{-x}{2\pi} \cos 2x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\pi} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos 2x \, dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \Big|_0^{\pi} = -\frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the Fourier (cosine) expansion is

$$f(x) = f_e(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx \equiv 1 + \frac{-1}{2} \cos x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2 - 1} \cos nx.$$

• **Exercise 32, page 617.**

Expand the function

$$f(x) = x \sin x,$$

in a Fourier **sine** series valid on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Plot the function and two partial sums of your choice over the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Plot the same sums and the function the series converges to over the interval  $-3\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$ .

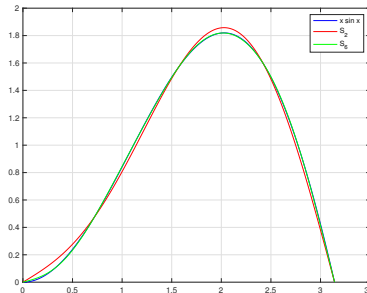


Figure 7: **Exercise 32.**

**Solution:** We note that the function  $f(x) = x \sin x$  is an **even** function on  $[0, \pi]$ . The sine series expansion is:

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

The Fourier coefficients are

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin x \sin nx \, dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin x \sin nx \, dx \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad (\sin a \sin b = -\frac{1}{2}(\cos(a+b) - \cos(a-b))) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} x \left( \cos(n+1)x - \cos(n-1)x \right) dx \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos(n+1)x \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos(n-1)x \, dx \\
 &= \cancel{-\frac{1}{\pi(n+1)} x \sin(n+1)x \Big|_0^{\pi}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{\pi(n-1)} x \sin(n-1)x \Big|_0^{\pi}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi(n+1)} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(n+1)x \, dx - \frac{1}{\pi(n-1)} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(n-1)x \, dx \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi(n+1)^2} \cos(n+1)x \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi(n-1)^2} \cos(n-1)x \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi(n+1)^2} - \frac{1}{\pi(n-1)^2} - \frac{1}{\pi(n+1)^2} (-1)^{n+1} + \frac{1}{\pi(n-1)^2} (-1)^{n+1} \\
 &= -\left( \frac{1}{\pi(n+1)^2} - \frac{1}{\pi(n-1)^2} \right) ((-1)^{n+1} - 1) \\
 &= -\frac{(-1)^{n+1} - 1}{\pi(n^2 - 1)^2} (\cancel{n^2} - 2n + 1 - \cancel{n^2} - 2n - 1) \\
 &= \frac{4n((-1)^{n+1} - 1)}{\pi(n^2 - 1)^2} \quad \forall n \neq 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_1 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin x \sin x \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos 2x \, dx = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \left( \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right)' dx \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2\pi} x \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi}} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin 2x \, dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the Fourier (sine) expansion is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx \equiv \frac{\pi}{2} \sin x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{4n((-1)^{n+1} - 1)}{\pi(n^2 - 1)} \sin nx.$$