

1. (15) Let $f(x) = \cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$, $-\pi < x \leq \pi$. Consider the 2π -periodic extension of f to a function defined on all of \mathbb{R} .

(i) Prove that the trigonometric form of the Fourier series for f is given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} + \frac{2 \sinh \pi}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 + 1} \cos nx;$$

here $\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$.

Solution: Consider the exponential coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} c_n(f) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right] e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^x e^{-inx} dx + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-x} e^{-inx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\frac{1}{1-in} e^{(1-in)x} \Big|_{x=-\pi}^{x=\pi} + \frac{1}{1+in} e^{(-1-in)x} \Big|_{x=-\pi}^{x=\pi} \right] = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\frac{(-1)^n}{1-in} (e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi}) + \frac{(-1)^n}{1+in} (-e^{-\pi} + e^{\pi}) \right] \\ &= \frac{e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi}}{4\pi} \left[\frac{(-1)^n(1+in) + (-1)^n(1-in)}{(1-in)(1+in)} \right] = \frac{(-1)^n(e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})}{2\pi(1+n^2)} = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^n}{(1+n^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for $n \geq 0$, $a_n = c_n + c_{-n} = \frac{2 \sinh \pi}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^n}{(1+n^2)}$, and $a_0 = \frac{2 \sinh \pi}{\pi}$. Since f is even, $b_n(f) = 0$ for all $n \geq 1$. The result follows.

(ii) By taking an appropriate value for x in part (i) above, and the fact that the fact that $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$ for all integers n , find the sum of the infinite series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n^2 + 1)}.$$

Solution: Put $x = \pi$ and use Dirichlet's Theorem (note that $f \in PSC(\mathbb{T})$ and $f(\pi) = f(-\pi) = \cosh \pi$). Then, by Dirichlet's Theorem:

$$\frac{f(\pi-) + f(\pi+)}{2} = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} + \frac{2 \sinh \pi}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 + 1} \cos n\pi;$$

so that

$$\cosh \pi = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} + \frac{2 \sinh \pi}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot (-1)^n}{n^2 + 1}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{\pi}{2 \sinh \pi} \cdot \cosh \pi = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}.$$

Thus

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1} = \frac{\pi}{2} \coth \pi - \frac{1}{2}.$$

2. (15)

- (i) Let f be the 2π -periodic function defined on $(-\pi, \pi)$ by $f(x) = x^2 - 2\pi x$. Prove that the trigonometric form of the Fourier series for f is given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[\frac{1}{n^2} \cos nx + \frac{\pi}{n} \sin nx \right].$$

Solution: We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} a_0(f) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2 - 2\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{x=-\pi}^{x=\pi} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}. \\ a_n(f) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2 - 2\pi x) \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{2nx \cos nx + (n^2 x^2 - 2) \sin nx}{n^3} \right]_{x=-\pi}^{x=\pi} = \frac{4n\pi(-1)^n}{\pi n^3} = \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}, \quad n \geq 1. \\ b_n(f) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2 - 2\pi x) \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (-2\pi x) \sin nx dx \\ &= -2\pi \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin nx dx = -2\pi \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx dx \\ &= -2\pi \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = \frac{4\pi(-1)^n}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows.

- (ii) What is the value of the Fourier series for f in part (i) above (i.e., what is the value of the sum on the right-hand side) at $x = \pi$? Be sure to justify your reasoning.

Solution: We use Dirichlet's Theorem again: Since f is piecewise smooth,

$$\frac{f(\pi-) + f(\pi)}{2} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[\frac{1}{n^2} \cos n\pi + \frac{\pi}{n} \sin n\pi \right].$$

Now $f(\pi-) = (\pi)^2 - 2\pi \cdot \pi = -\pi^2$, and $f(\pi+) = (-\pi)^2 - 2\pi \cdot (-\pi) = \pi^2 + 2\pi^2 = 3\pi^2$. So we get that the right hand side (the Fourier series) evaluated at π is equal to $\frac{-\pi^2 + 3\pi^2}{2} = \pi^2$.

3. (15) Consider the function f defined on $(-\pi, \pi]$ by

$$f(x) = x, \quad -\pi < x < \pi, \quad f(x) = 0, \quad x = \pi.$$

Recall we have calculated that the Fourier series for f is given by

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

(i) By finding the indefinite integral of f or otherwise, determine the Fourier series for the 2π -periodic function defined by

$$g(x) = x^2, \quad -\pi < x \leq \pi.$$

Solution: We note that $g(x) = \int_0^x 2f(y)dy$, $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$, and since $a_0(f) = 0$, the Fourier coefficients for g are given by $a_n(g) = \frac{-b_n(2f)}{n}$, $n \geq 1$, and $b_n(g) = \frac{a_n(2f)}{n}$, $n \geq 1$. So $a_n(g) = -2 \cdot 2 \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} = \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}$, $b_n(g) = \frac{a_n(2f)}{n} = 0$, $n \geq 1$.

We then calculate $a_0(g)$ directly:

$$a_0(g) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{x=0}^{x=\pi} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}.$$

So our Fourier series is given by:

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

(ii) Draw a graph of the values that the Fourier series for g in part (i) above takes on over the interval $(-3\pi, 3\pi]$. Be sure to explain your reasoning.

Solution: Since $g(-\pi) = g(\pi) = \pi^2$, the 2π -periodic extension of g to all \mathbb{R} is in $PSC(\mathbb{T})$. It follows by a Corollary to Dirichlet's Theorem that the Fourier series just computed converges to the 2π -periodic extension of g . So on $[-\pi, \pi]$, the graph looks like a parabola, which is repeated on both the intervals $[-3\pi, -\pi]$ and $[\pi, 3\pi]$.

4. (15) Let $f(x) = \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$, $-\pi < x < \pi$.

- (i) In homework, you calculated that the complex exponential form of the Fourier series for the 2π -periodic extension of f is given by:

$$f(x) \sim \frac{\sinh \pi \cdot i}{\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{(-1)^n n}{1 + n^2} e^{inx},$$

By whatever means you wish, calculate the Fourier cosine coefficients $a_n(f)$ for $n \geq 0$.

Solution: Note that f is an odd function: $f(-x) = -f(x)$. Hence $a_n(f) = 0$ for all $n \geq 0$, and no further calculation is needed here.

- (ii) Suppose we define $f(\pi) = 0$ and extend f to a 2π -periodic function defined on all of \mathbb{R} . Determine whether the following statement is true or false. Justify your answer.

“For $N \geq 0$, let $S_N^f(x) = \frac{(e^\pi - e^{-\pi})i}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-N}^N \frac{(-1)^n n}{1+n^2} e^{inx}$. Then $S_N^f(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ **uniformly** on the interval $(-2\pi, 2\pi]$.”

Solution: Upon defining $f(\pi) = 0$, the 2π -periodic extension of f is piecewise smooth and averaged on \mathbb{R} . So, by the Corollary to Dirichlet's Theorem, $S_N^f(x)$ converges **pointwise** to $f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. However, f is discontinuous at $x = \pi$ and $x = -\pi$, even though it is averaged there. In fact at those points there is a jump discontinuity. It follows that Gibbs phenomenon occurs at those points, i.e. there is a sequence $\{x_N\}$ converging to π , such that $|S_N^f(x_N) - f(x_N)| \geq 0.089|f(\pi-) - f(\pi+)|$. Thus the sequence S_N^f cannot converge to f uniformly on $(-2\pi, 2\pi]$.