

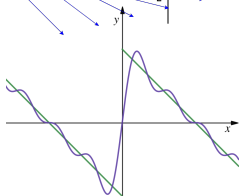
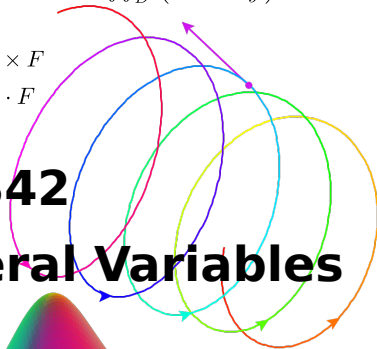
$$\oint_{\partial D} (P dx + Q dy) = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

$$\text{curl} = \nabla \times F$$

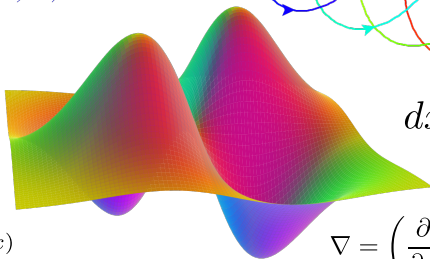
$$\text{div} = \nabla \cdot F$$

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# Calculus of Several Variables



$$f(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k e^{i(kx)}$$



$$dx \wedge dy$$

$$\nabla = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

# MAT B42: Techniques of the Calculus of Several Variables II (Winter 2023)

Welcome to the Week 2 Tutorial.  
Questions? Thoughts? Comments?

News and Reminders:

- ▶ Parker holds office hours
- ▶ The FSGs (Facilitated Study Groups) are a great way to practice for the term test.

# Fourier Polynomials

## Definition (Hughes-Hallett p. 566)

The  $n$ th Fourier polynomial  $F_n(x)$  of  $f(x)$  has the form:

$$F_n(x) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cos(kx) + \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \sin(kx)$$

where:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \quad a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx$$

# Symmetry and Fourier

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## A Helpful Lemma

### Lemma

$\cos(k\pi) = (-1)^k$  and  $\sin(k\pi) = 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## Finding a Fourier Polynomial (for a Parabola)

### Question

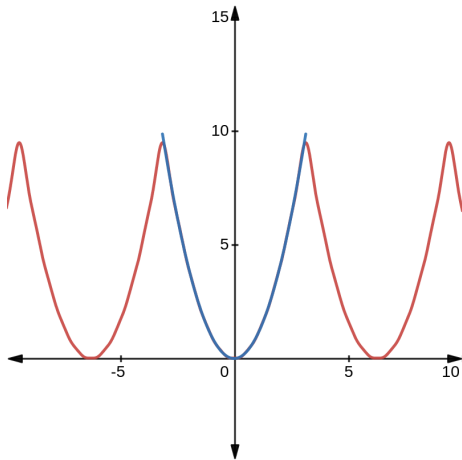
Find  $F_n$  for the parabola  $f(x) = x^2$  when  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ .

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \cos(kx) dx = (-1)^k \frac{4}{k^2}$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \sin(kx) dx = 0 \text{ (symmetry)}$$

$$F_n(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \left( \frac{4}{k^2} \right) \cos(kx)$$



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# Use the Fourier Series of a Parabola

## Theorem

*The parabola  $f(x) = x^2$  has Fourier polynomial*

$$F_n(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \left( \frac{4}{k^2} \right) \cos(kx)$$

*Assume convergence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = f(x)$ .*

## Question

*Use this convergence to calculate the following sums.*

$$A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \quad B = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2}$$



## Sum for A

$$\begin{aligned}\pi^2 &= f(\pi) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(\pi) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \left( \frac{4}{k^2} \right) \cos(k\pi) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \left( \frac{4}{k^2} \right) (-1)^k \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{4}{k^2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left( \pi^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = A$$

## Sum for B

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= 0^2 = f(0) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(0) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \left( \frac{4}{k^2} \right) \cos(0) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \left( \frac{4}{k^2} \right) \\\frac{\pi^2}{12} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^2} = B\end{aligned}$$

## Finding a Fourier Polynomial (for an Absolute Value)

### Question

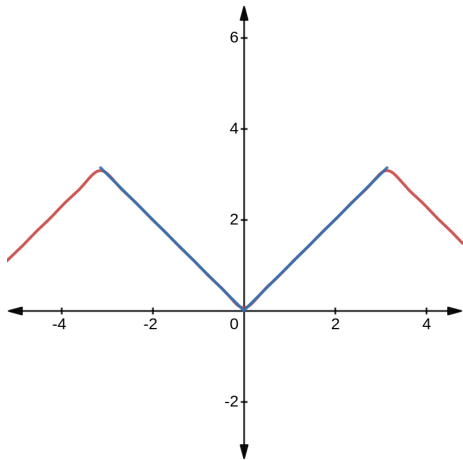
Find  $F_n$  for the absolute value  $f(x) = |x|$  when  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ .

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x| dx = \frac{\pi^2}{2\pi} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x| \cos(kx) dx = \frac{2((-1)^k - 1)}{\pi k^2}$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x| \sin(kx) dx = 0 \text{ (symmetry)}$$

$$F_n(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2((-1)^k - 1)}{\pi k^2} \cos(kx)$$



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## Finding a Fourier Polynomial (for a Saw)

### Question

Find  $F_n$  for the function:

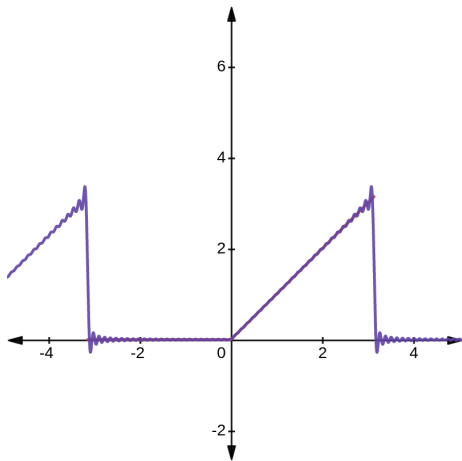
$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi < x \leq 0 \\ x & 0 < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 \right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \cos(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos(kx) dx = \frac{((-1)^k - 1)}{\pi k^2}$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \sin(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(kx) dx = \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k}$$

$$F_n(x) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{((-1)^k - 1)}{\pi k^2} \cos(kx) + \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \sin(kx)$$



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