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Q: A periodic function $f(x)$, with period 2, is defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 - x & -1 \le x < 0 \\ 1 - x & 0 < x \le 1 \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

The Fourier series of this function contains

  A. Both $\cos(n\pi x)$ and $sin(n\pi x)$ where n=1,2,3...
  B. Only $\sin(n\pi x)$ where n=1,2,3...
  C. Only $\cos(n\pi x)$ where n=1,2,3...
  D. Only $\cos(2n\pi x)$ where n=1,2,3...   GATE IN 2022

Solution:

Parameter	Description
$f(x)$	Polynomial function
$2L$	Period of the Polynomial function
$c(n)$	Complex Fourier Coefficients

TABLE 4

INPUT PARAMETERS

The complex exponential Fourier Series of $f(x)$ is,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega x} \tag{2}$$

$$\implies c_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(x) e^{-jn\omega x} \, dx \tag{3}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

For $n \ne 0$;

$$c(n) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} f(x) e^{-jn\omega x} \, dx \tag{5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{-1}^{0} (-1 - x) e^{-jn\omega x} \, dx + \int_{0}^{1} (+1 - x) e^{-jn\omega x} \, dx \right) \tag{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\int_{-1}^{0} e^{-jn\omega x} \, dx - \int_{-1}^{1} xe^{-jn\omega x} \, dx + \int_{0}^{1} e^{-jn\omega x} \, dx \right) \tag{7}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{-1}{jn\omega} \left[-\left(1 - e^{+jn\omega}\right) + \left(e^{-jn\omega} - 1\right) \right] - \int_{-1}^{1} xe^{-jn\omega x} \, dx \right] \tag{8}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{-1}{jn\omega} \left[-2 + e^{+jn\omega} + e^{-jn\omega} \right] + \left(\frac{e^{-jn\omega x}}{jn\omega} \left[x + \frac{1}{jn\omega} \right] \right) \Big|_{-1}^{1} \right] \tag{9}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{jn\omega} \left[-1 + \cos(n\omega) \right] + \frac{1}{2(jn\omega)^2} \left[\left(e^{-jn\omega}\right)(1 + jn\omega) - \left(e^{jn\omega}\right)(-jn\omega + 1) \right] \tag{10}$$

$$\implies c(n) = \frac{-1}{(jn\omega)^2} \left[-jn\omega + j\sin(n\omega) \right] \tag{11}$$

For $n = 0$;

$$c(0) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} f(x)\,dx \tag{12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-1}^{0} (-1 - x)\,dx + \int_{0}^{1} (1 - x)\,dx \right] \tag{13}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(-x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)_{-1}^{0} + \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)_{0}^{1} \right] \tag{14}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[0 - 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 1 - \frac{1}{2} - 0 \right] \tag{15}$$

$$= 0 \tag{16}$$

$\therefore$ The Fourier series of this function contains only $\sin(n\pi x)$ where n=1,2,3...

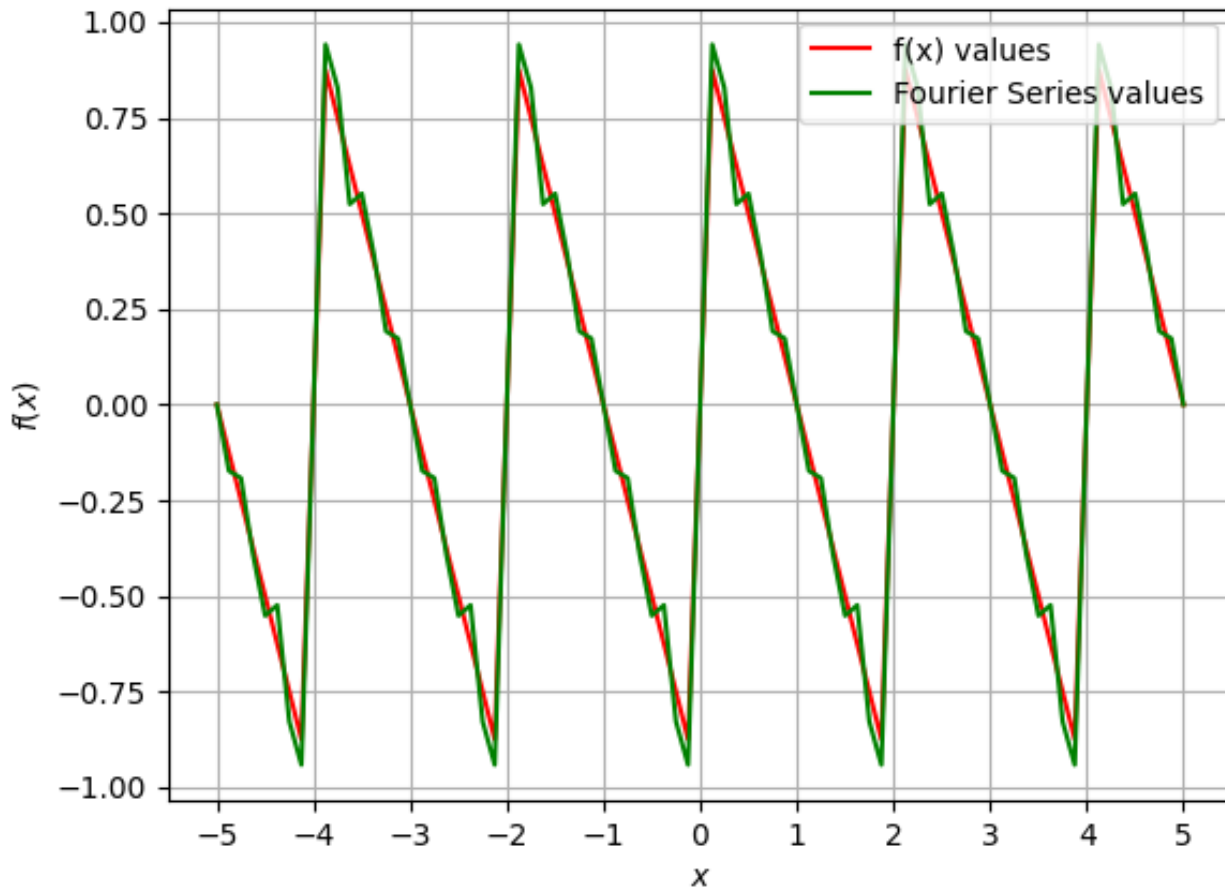Fig. 4.