

MATH50003

Numerical Analysis

IV.1 Fourier Expansions

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Part IV: Approximation Theory

Introduce more sophisticated mathematical tools for much higher accuracy computations.

Part IV

Approximation Theory

1. **Fourier Expansions** and approximating Fourier coefficients
2. **Discrete Fourier Transforms** and interpolation
3. **Orthogonal Polynomials** and basic properties
4. **Classical Orthogonal Polynomials** with special structure
5. **Gaussian Quadrature** for high-accuracy integration

IV.1.1 Basics of Fourier series

Expanding functions in trigonometric polynomials

Definition 31 (Fourier). A function f has a Fourier expansion if

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_k e^{ik\theta}$$

where

$$\hat{f}_k := \langle e^{ik\theta}, f \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-ik\theta} f(\theta) d\theta$$

Definition 32 (Fourier-Taylor).

Definition 33 (absolute convergent). We write $\hat{\mathbf{f}} \in \ell^1$ if it is absolutely convergent, or in otherwords, the 1-norm of $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$ is bounded:

$$\|\hat{\mathbf{f}}\|_1 := \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}_k| < \infty.$$

Theorem 9 (Fourier series equivalence). *If $f, g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are continuous and $\hat{f}_k = \hat{g}_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ then $f = g$.*

Proof See [Körner 2022 \(Theorem 2.4\)](#). ■

Theorem 10 (Absolute converging Fourier series). *If $\hat{\mathbf{f}} \in \ell^1$ then*

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_k e^{ik\theta},$$

which converges uniformly.

Lemma 6 (differentiability and absolutely convergence). *If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and f' are periodic and f'' is uniformly bounded, then $\hat{\mathbf{f}} \in \ell^1$.*

IV.1.2 Trapezium rule and discrete Fourier coefficients

Using the Trapezium rule to approximate coefficients has nice structure

Definition 34 (Periodic Trapezium Rule).

Lemma 7 (Discrete orthogonality). *We have:*

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{ik\theta_j} = \begin{cases} n & k = \dots, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, \dots \\ 0 & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

IV.1.3 Convergence of Approximate Fourier coefficients

Using Trapezium rule leads to a convergent approximation

Definition 35 (Discrete Fourier coefficients). Define the Trapezium rule approximation to the Fourier coefficients by:

$$\hat{f}_k^n := \Sigma_n[e^{-ik\theta} f(\theta)] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{-ik\theta_j} f(\theta_j)$$

Theorem 11 (discrete Fourier coefficients). *If $\hat{\mathbf{f}} \in \ell^1$ (absolutely convergent Fourier coefficients) then*

$$\hat{f}_k^n = \cdots + \hat{f}_{k-2n} + \hat{f}_{k-n} + \hat{f}_k + \hat{f}_{k+n} + \hat{f}_{k+2n} + \cdots$$

Example 26 (Taylor coefficients via Geometric series).

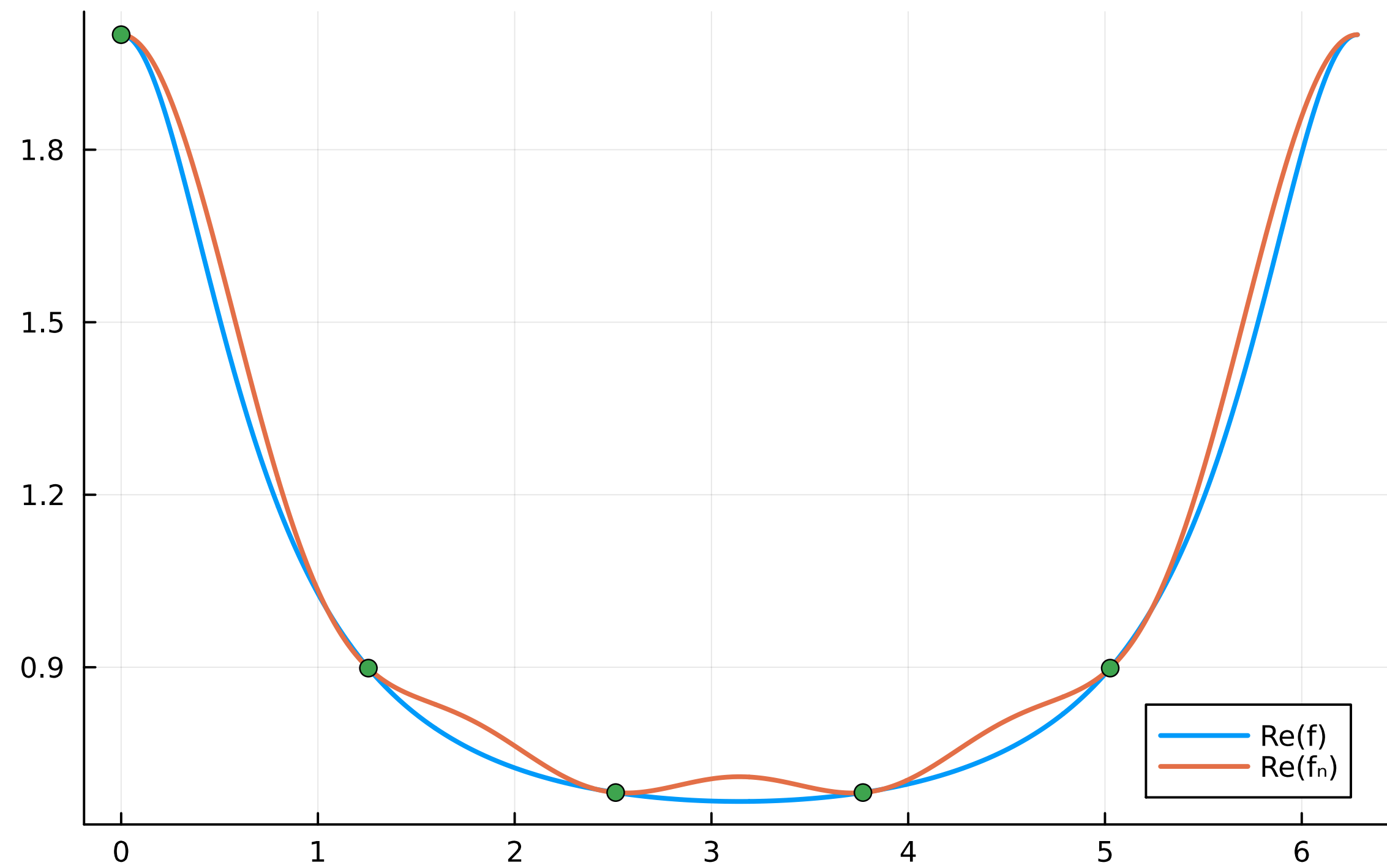
Theorem 12 (Approximate Fourier-Taylor expansions converge). *If $0 = \hat{f}_{-1} = \hat{f}_{-2} = \cdots$ and $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$ is absolutely convergent then*

$$f_n(\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{f}_k^n e^{ik\theta}$$

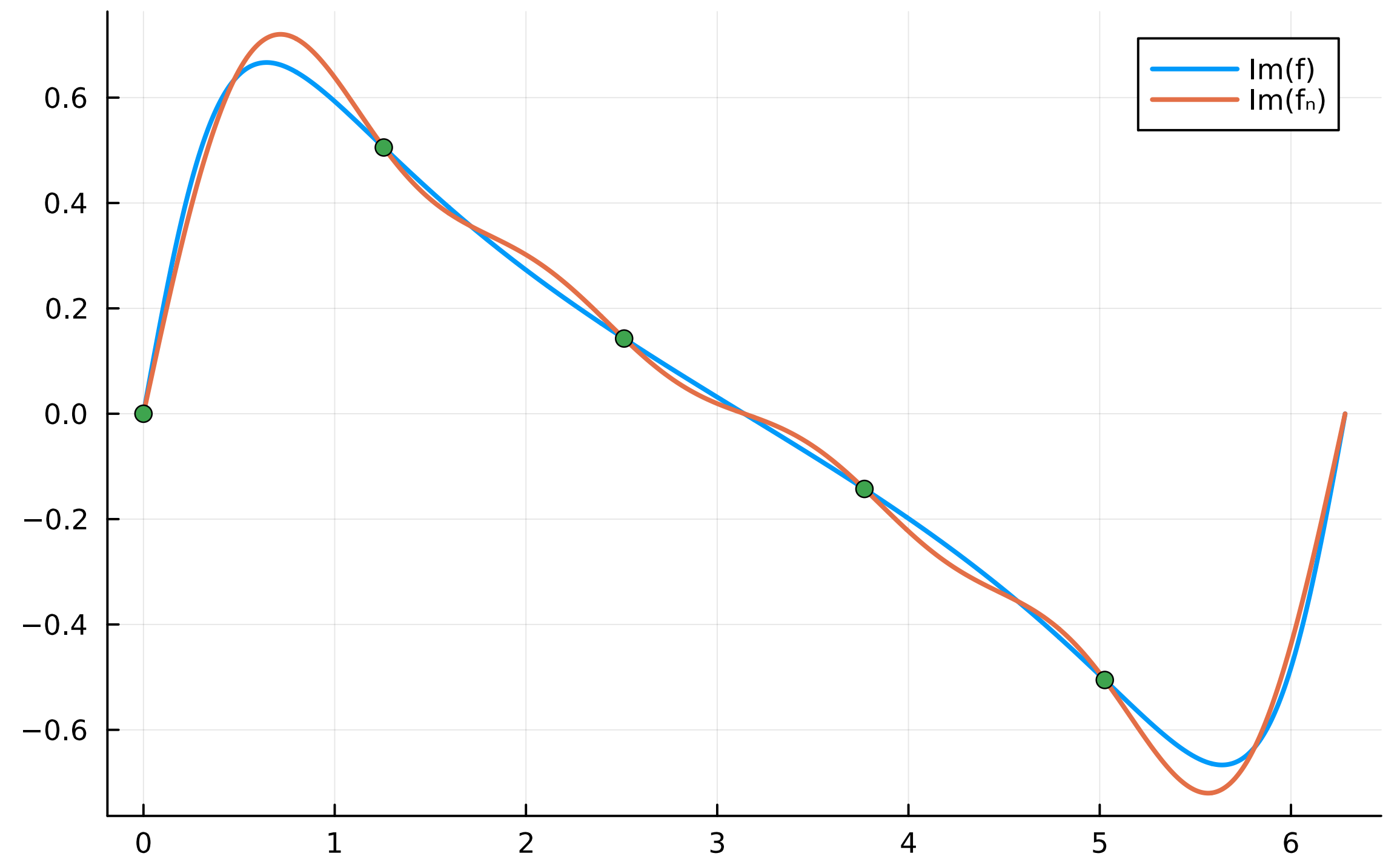
converges uniformly to $f(\theta)$.

$$f(\theta) = \frac{2}{2 - e^{i\theta}}$$

Real part, n = 5

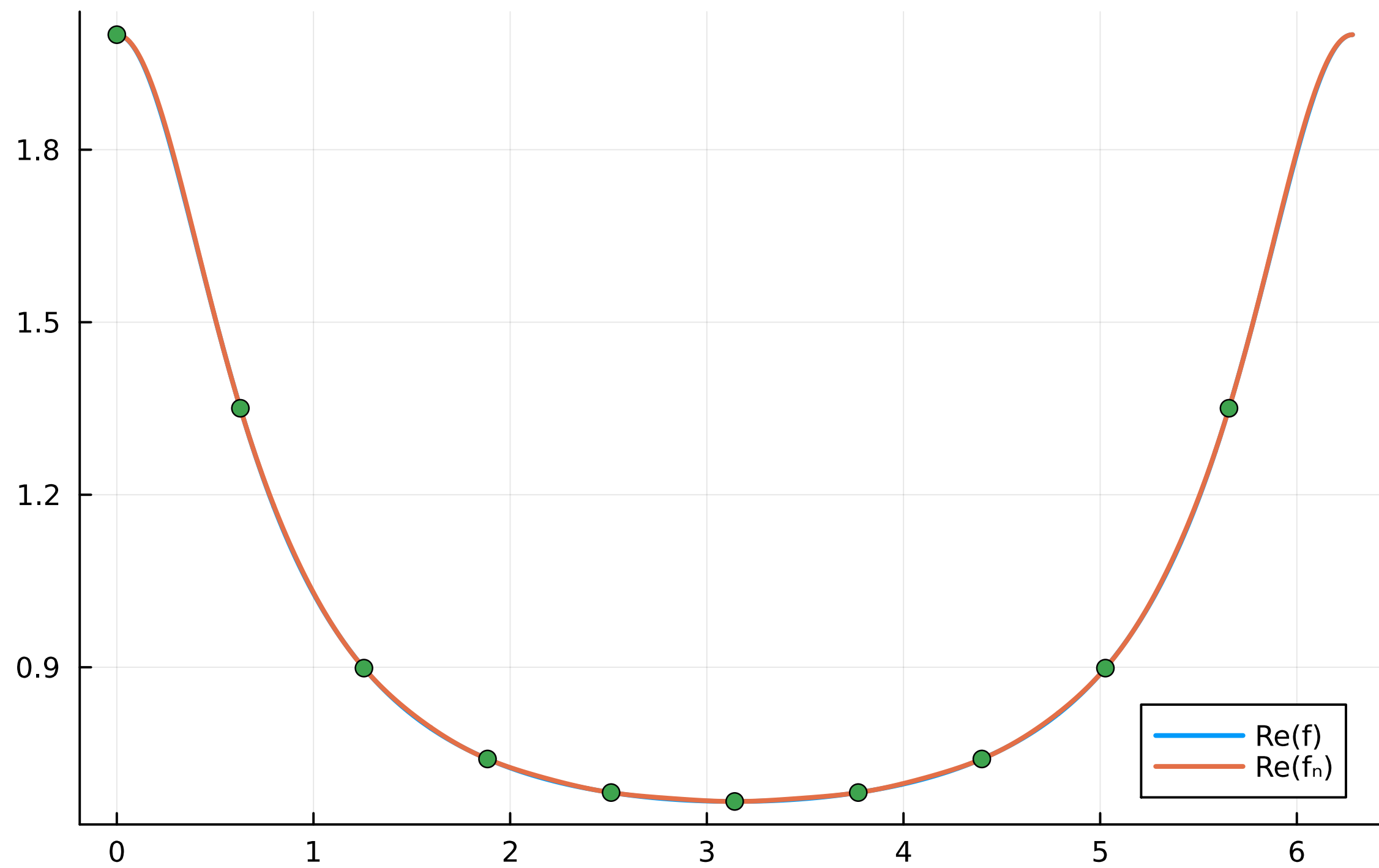


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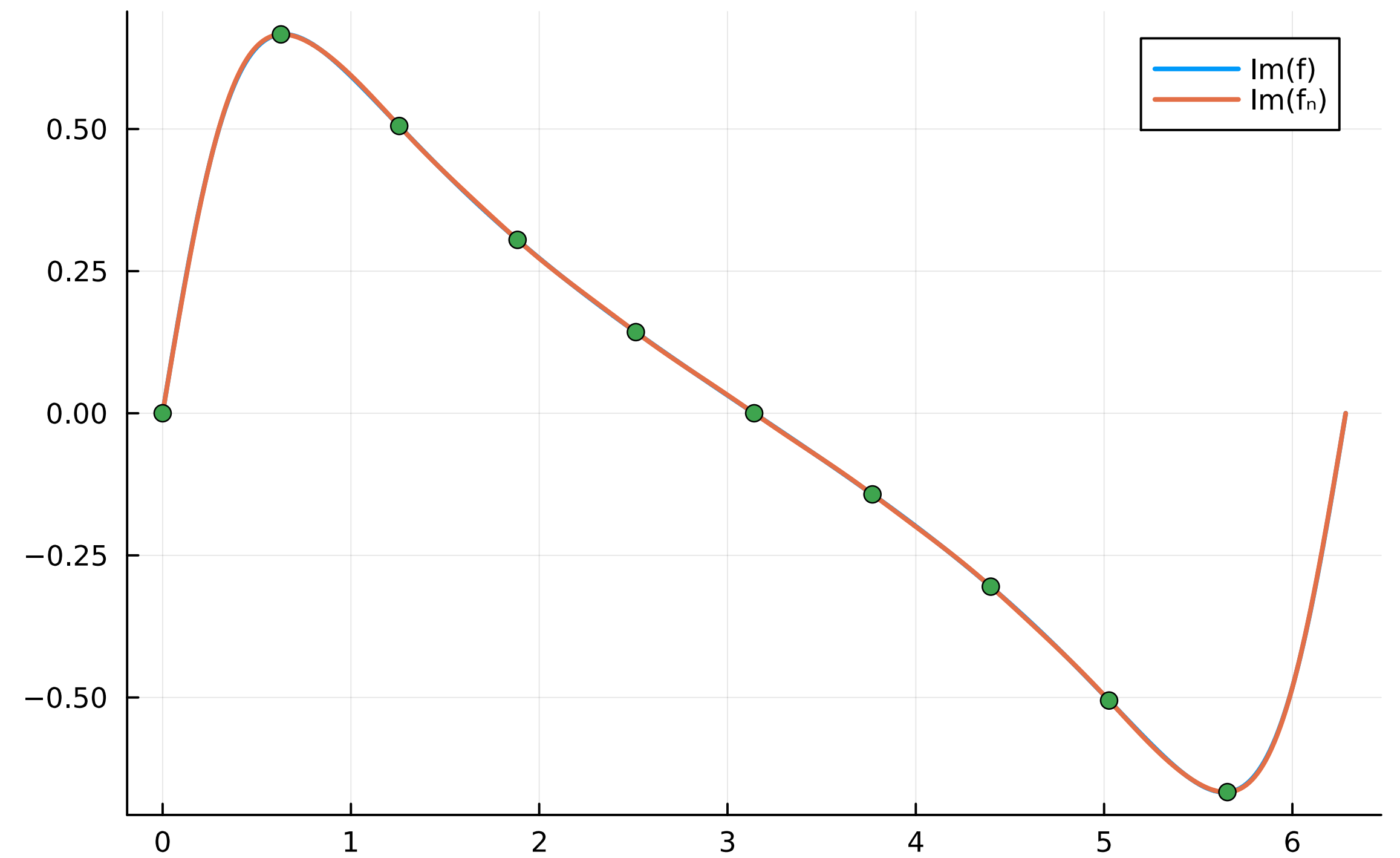


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Real part, n = 10

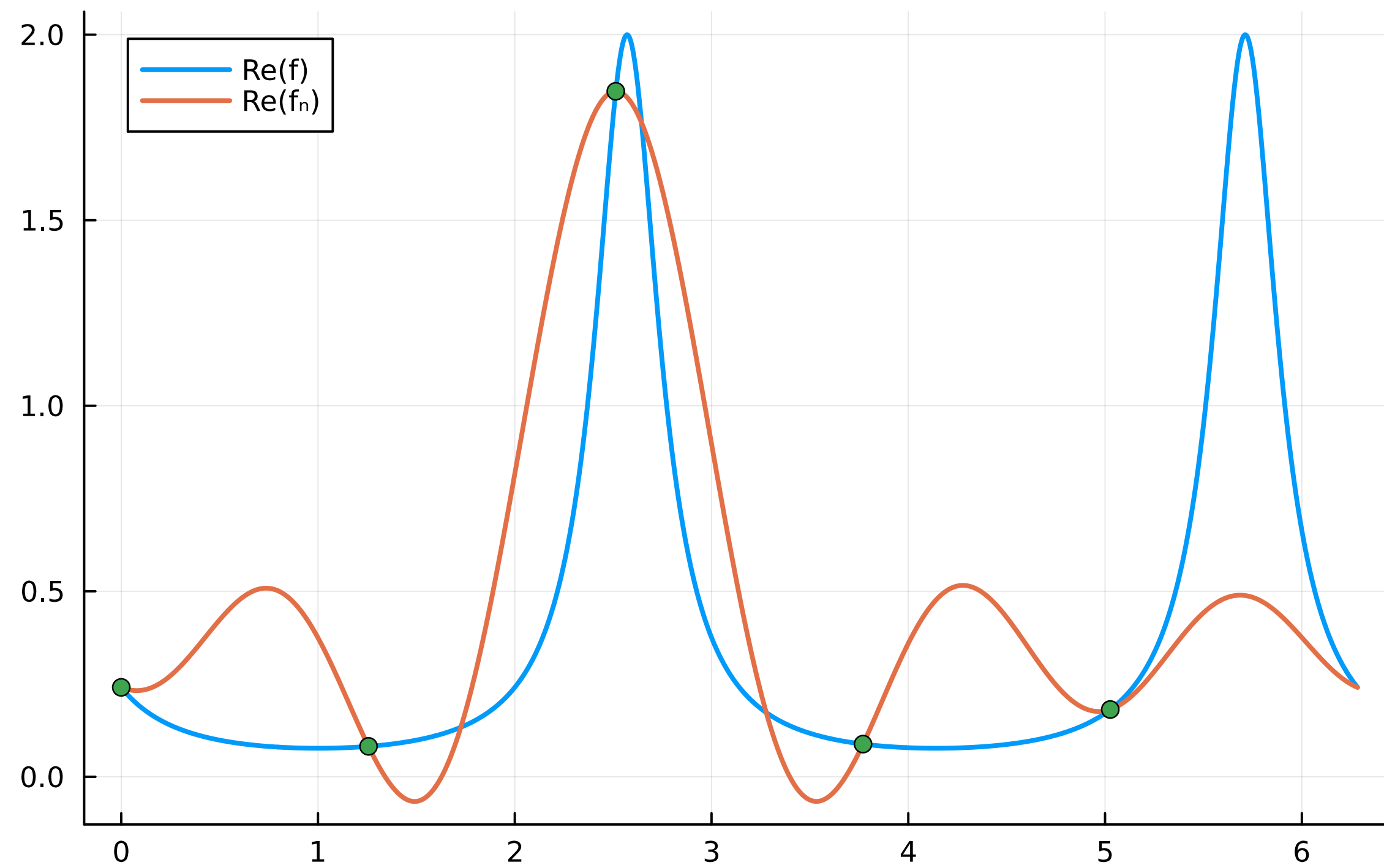


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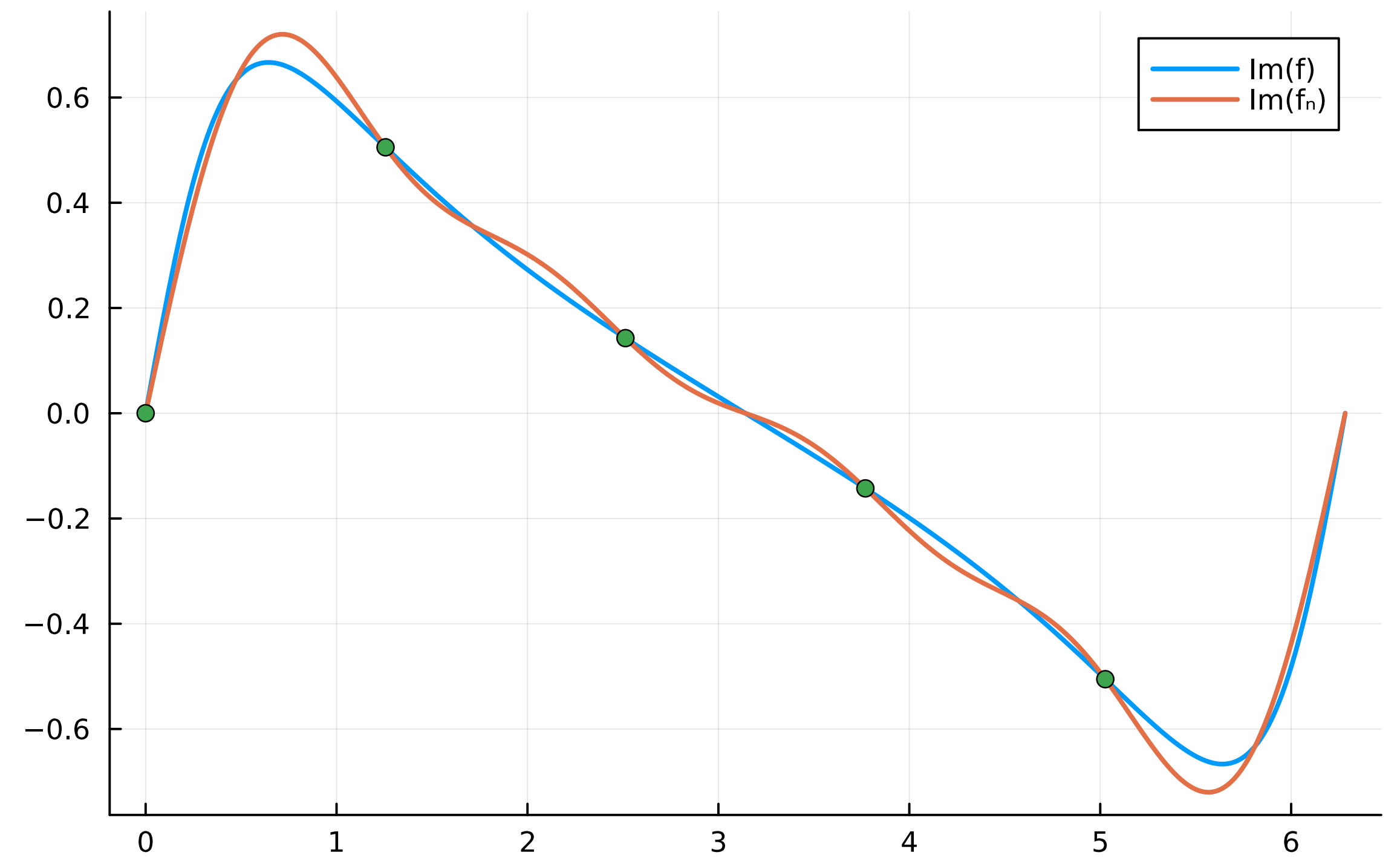


$$f(\theta) = \frac{2}{25 \cos(\theta - 1)^2 + 1}$$

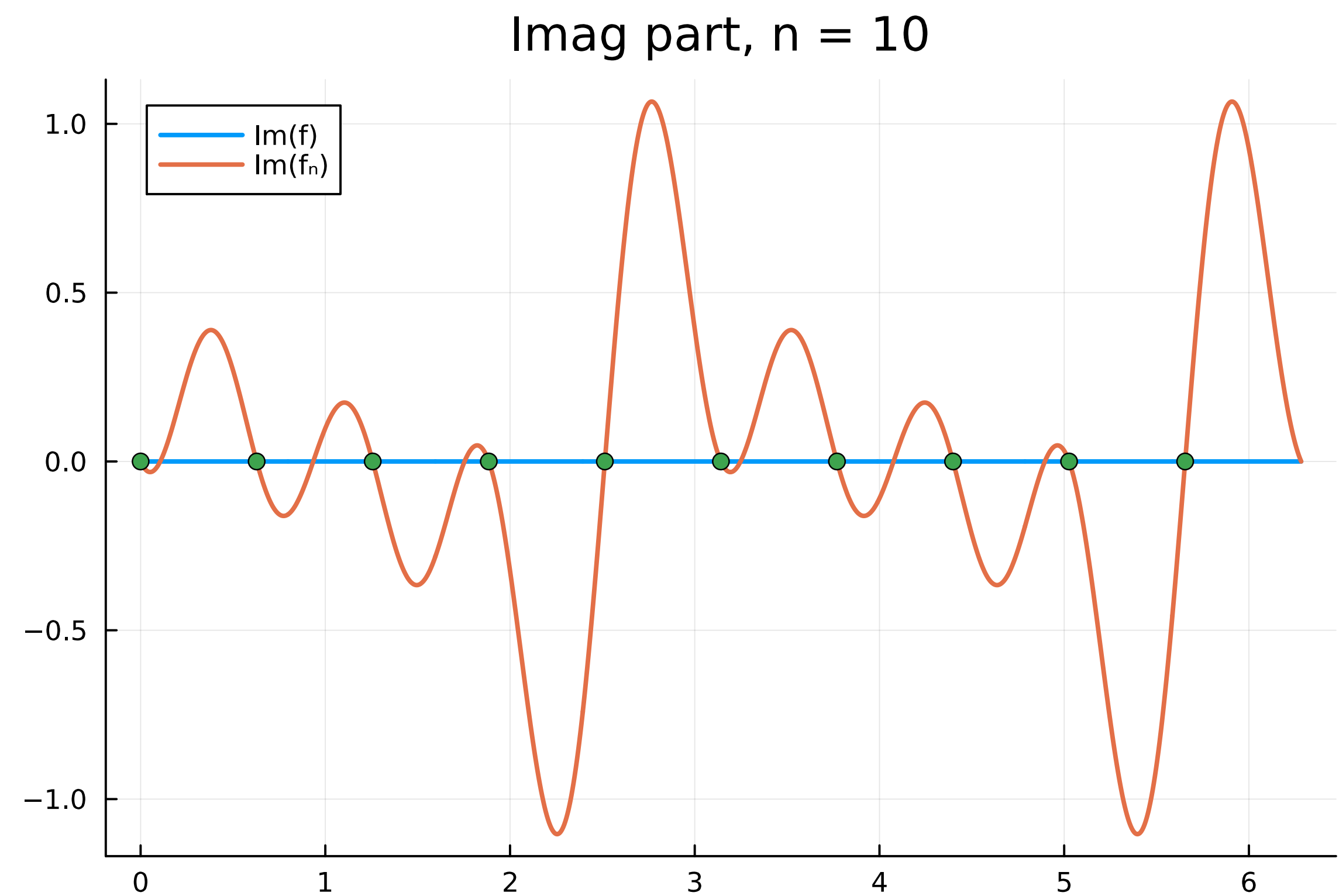
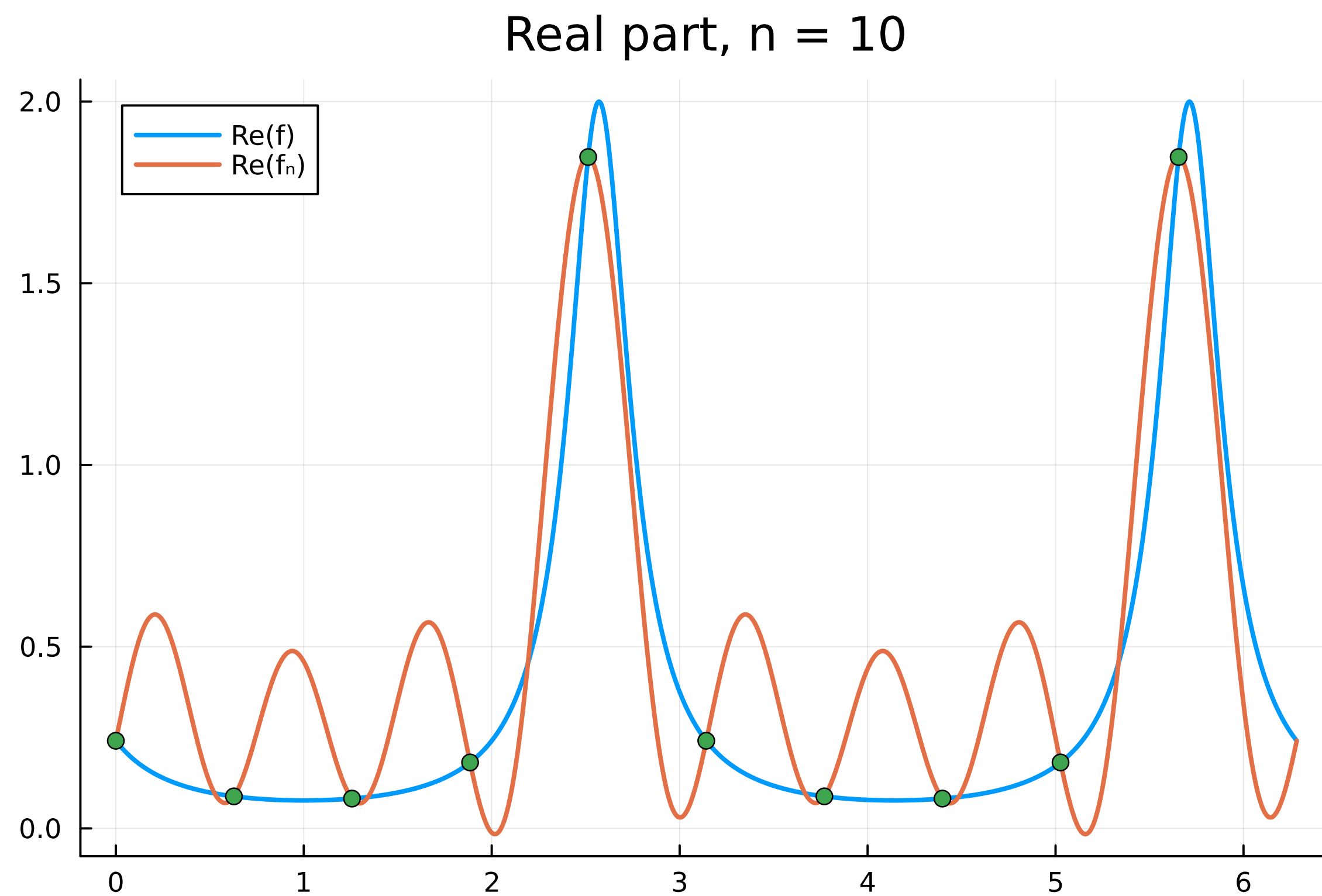
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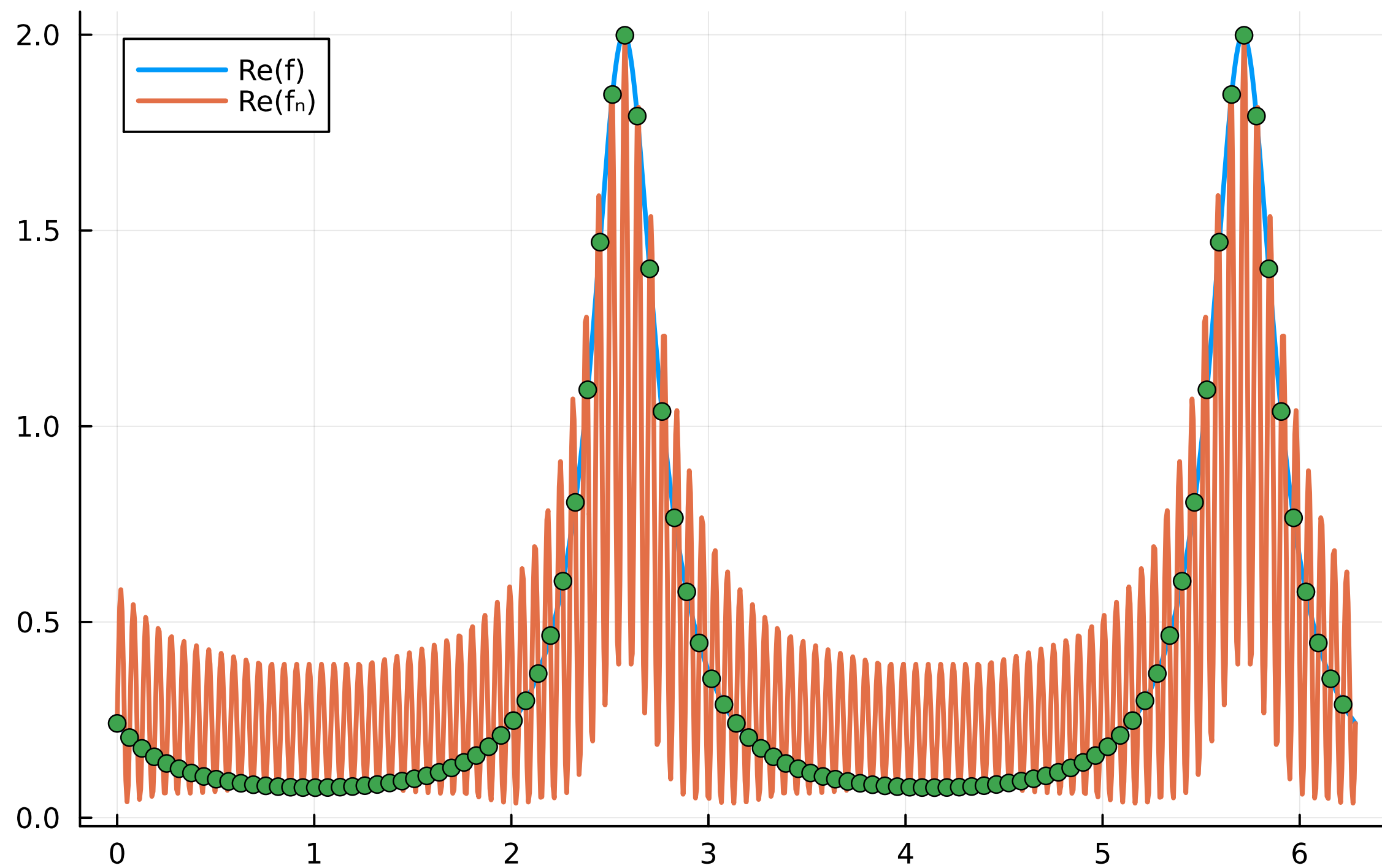


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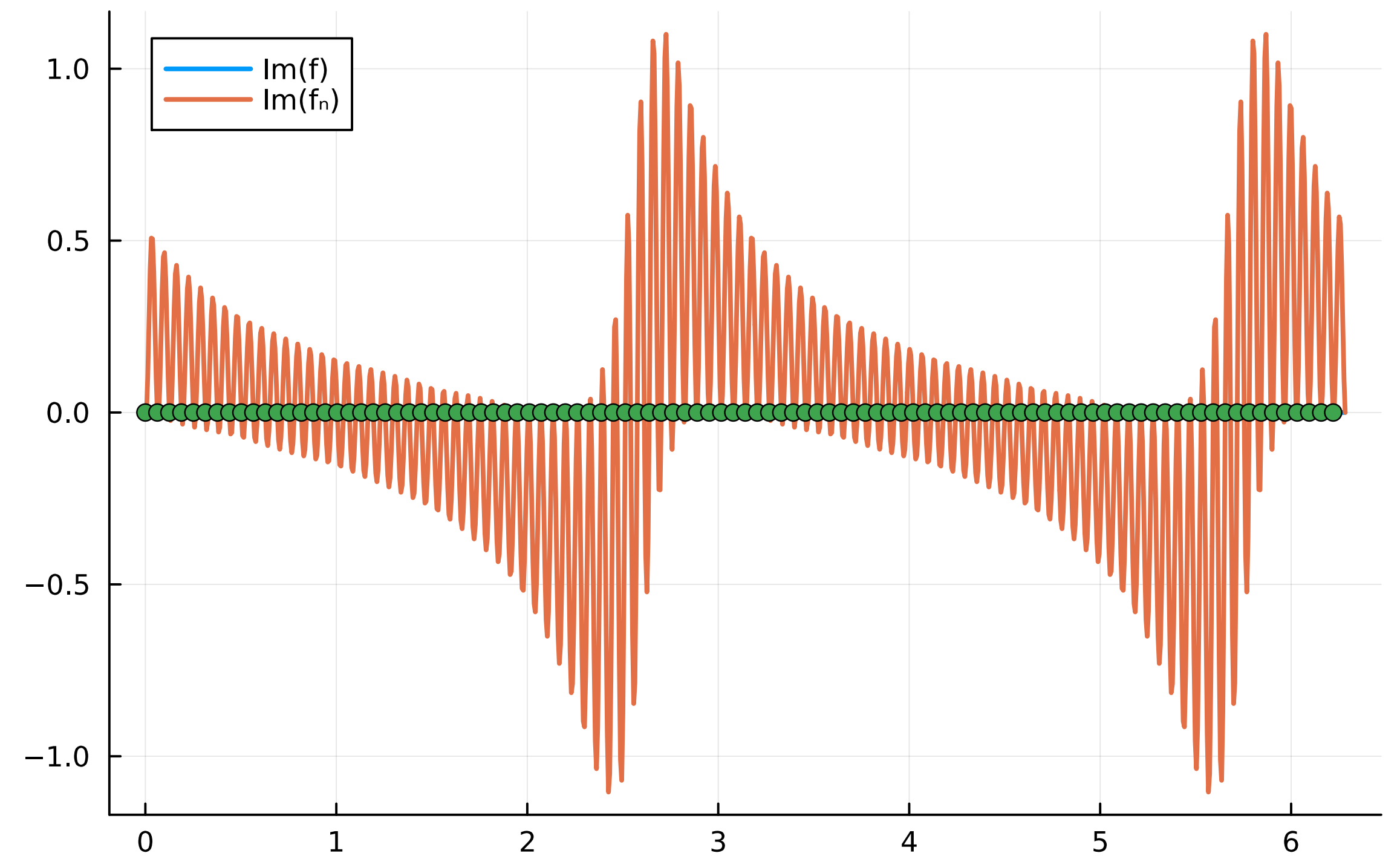


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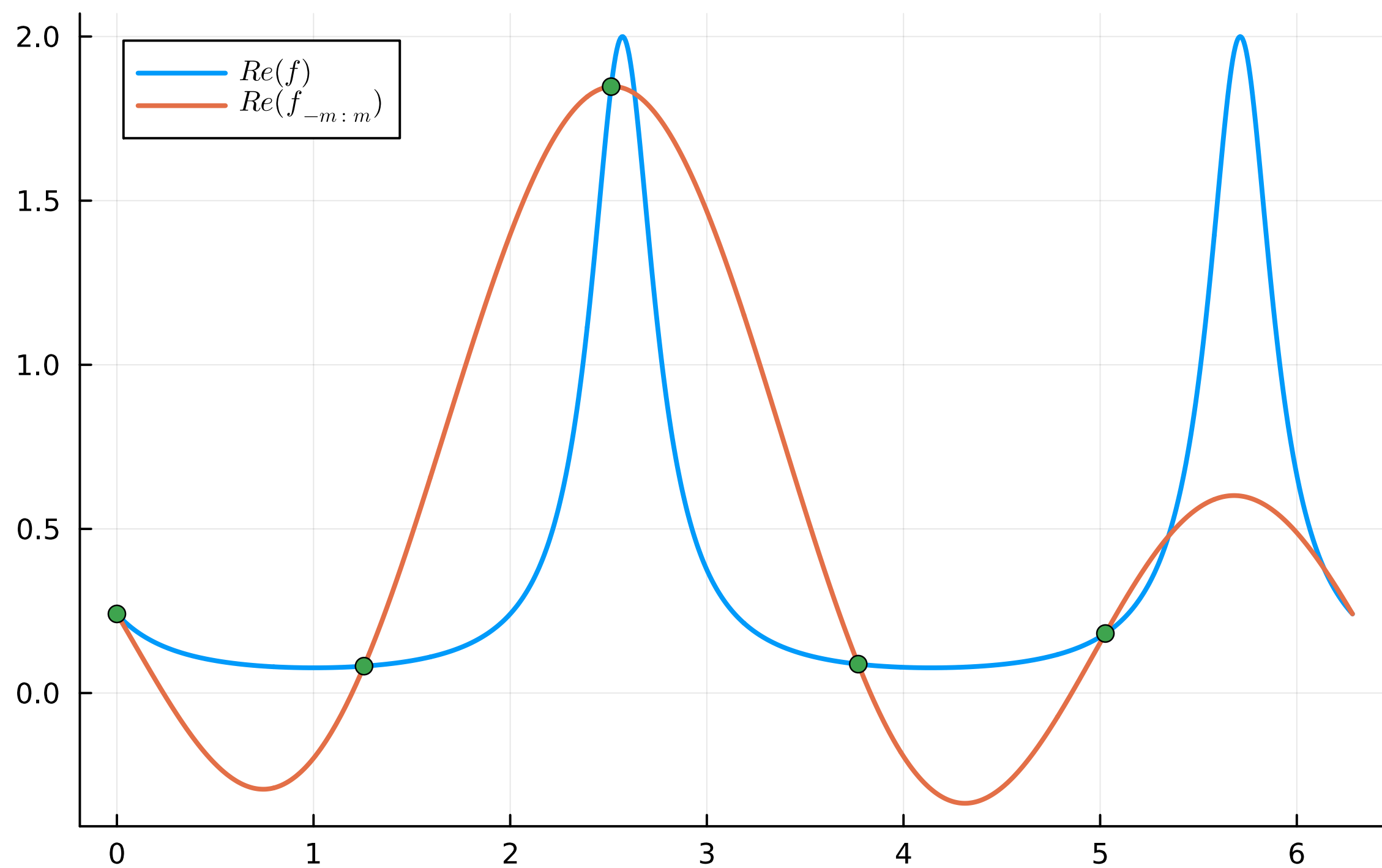


Corollary 2 (aliasing). *For all $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\hat{f}_k^n = \hat{f}_{k+pn}^n$.*

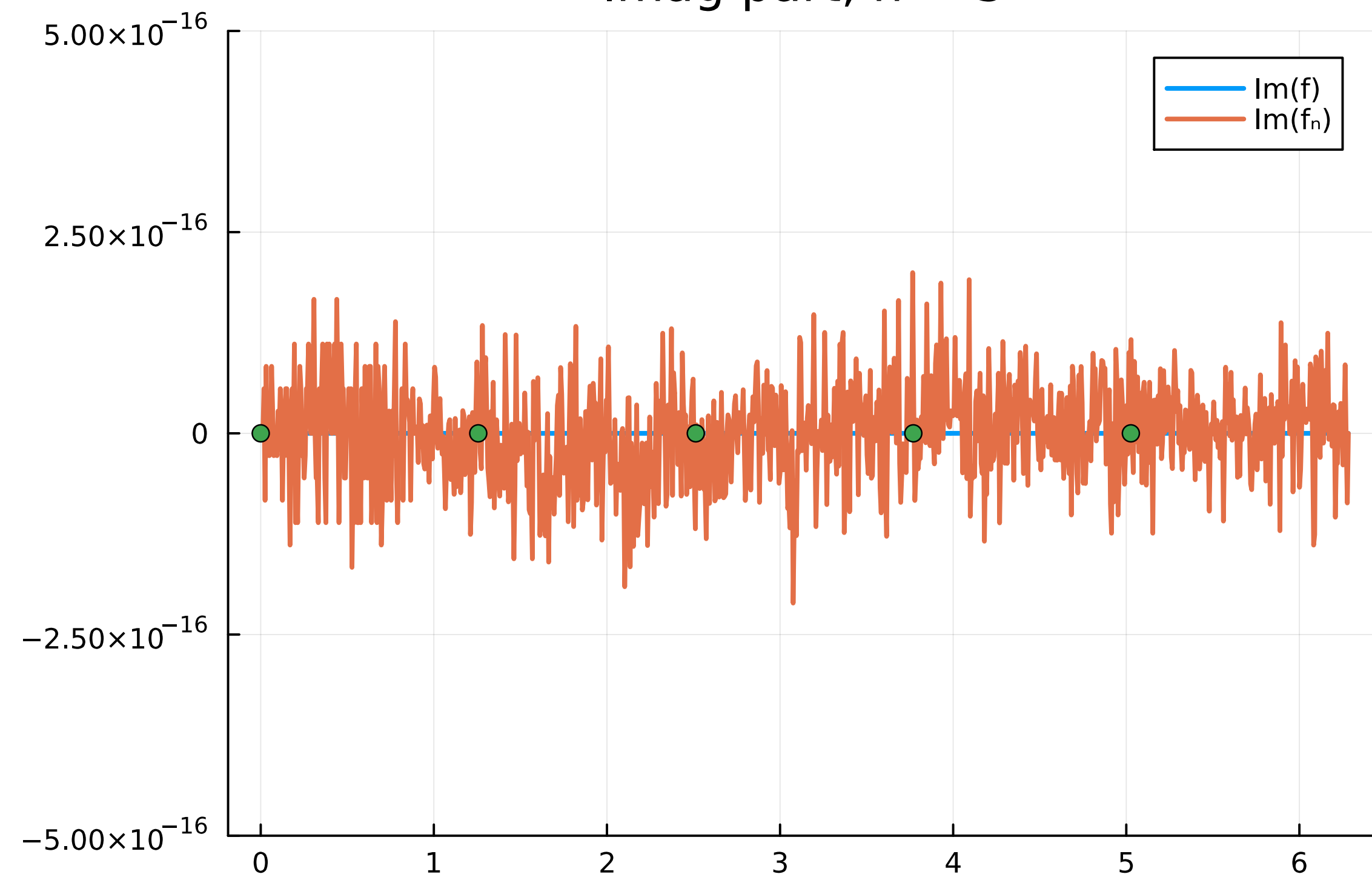
Consider $f_{-m:m}(\theta) := \sum_{k=-m}^m \hat{f}_k^n e^{ik\theta}$ where $n = 2m + 1$.

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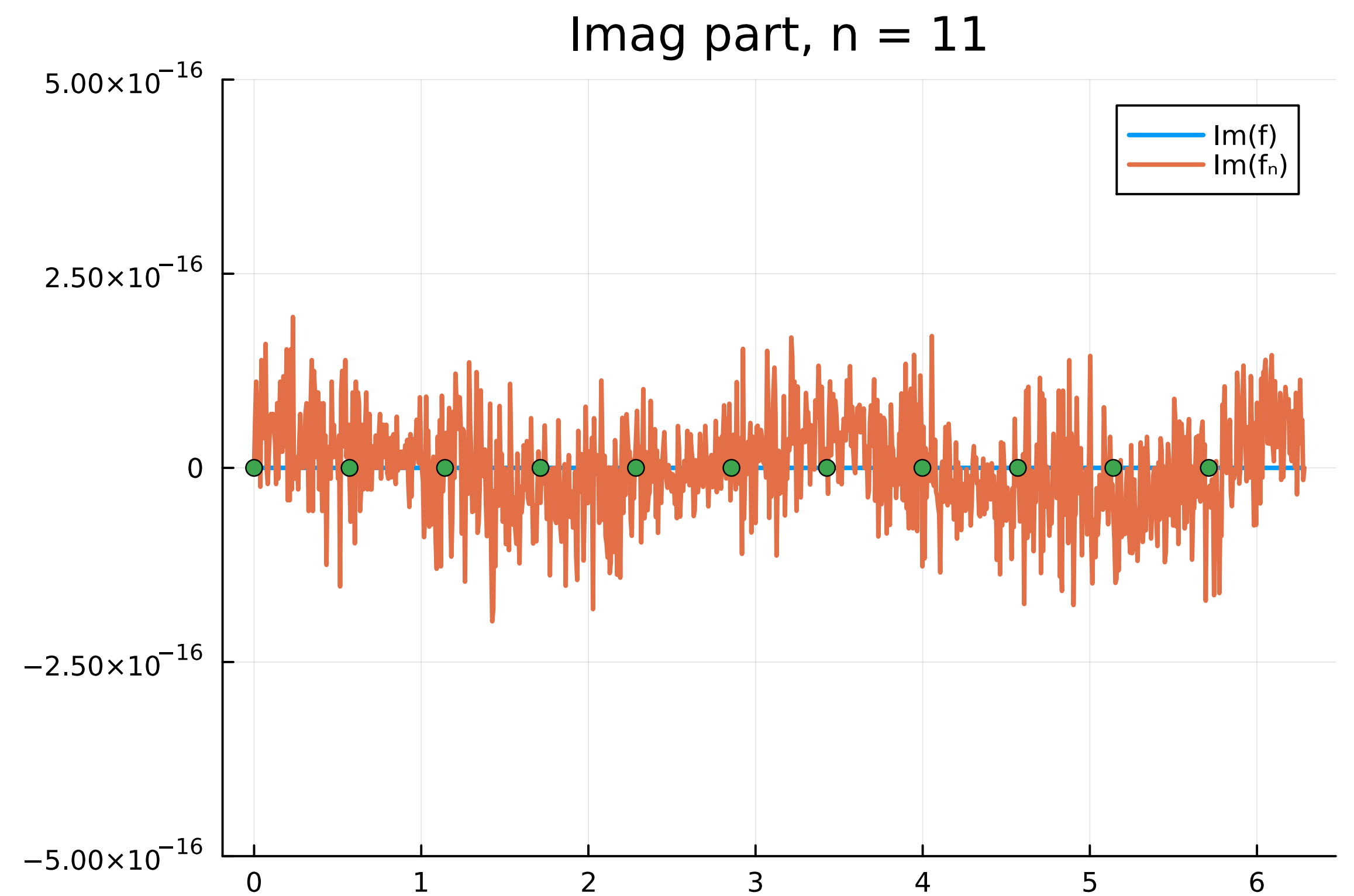
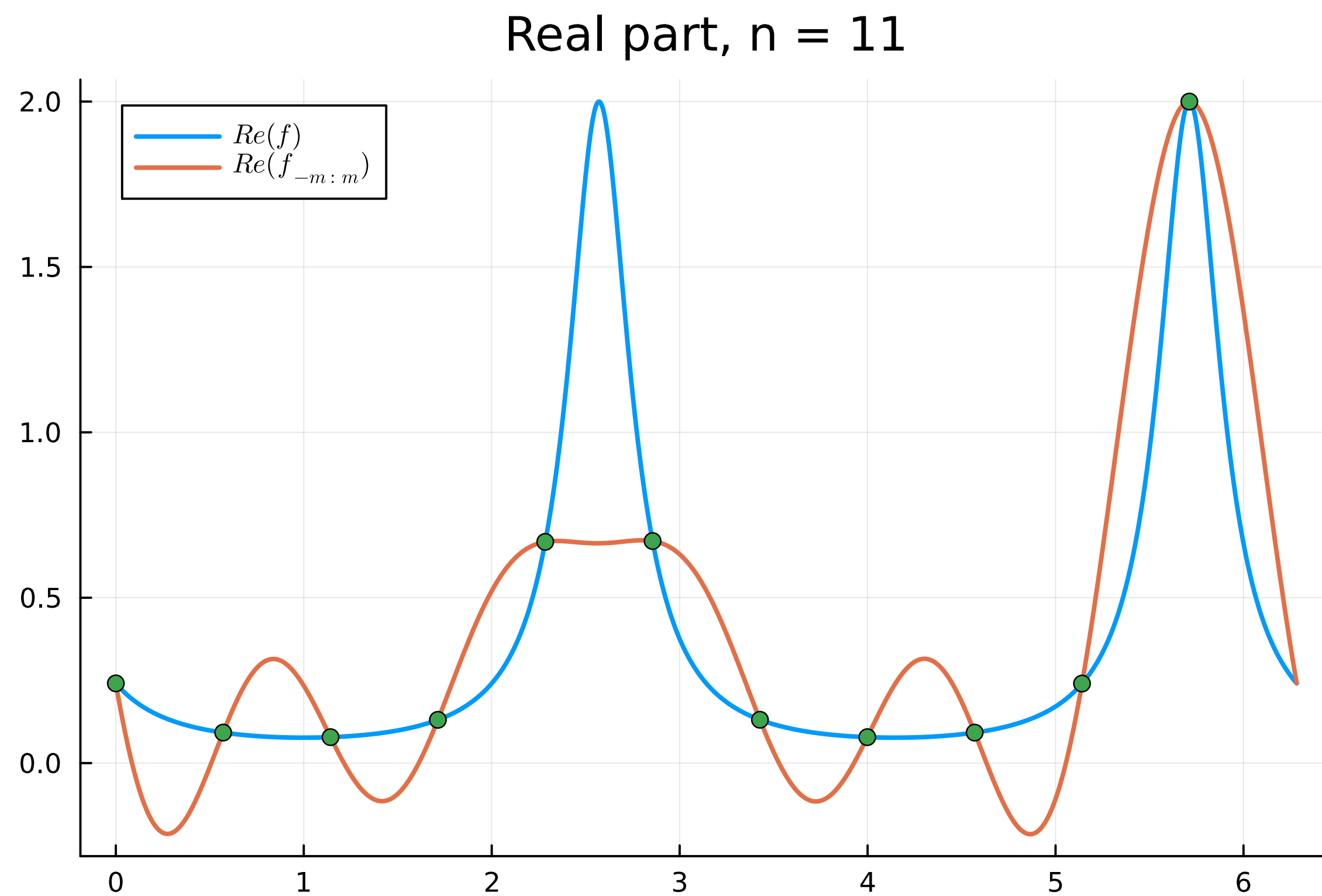
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