

Assignment No 4 : Fourier Approximations

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1 Function Definition and Visualization

Two functions : e^x and $\cos(\cos(x))$ are plotted over the interval $[-2\pi, 4\pi)$ using 300 points which are sampled uniformly over the interval. For the evaluation of fourier series, function is plotted 2π periodic and $\cos(\cos(x))$ is periodic with period π . For e^x , semilog graph is plotted to give a better understanding as e^x is a fast pacing function.

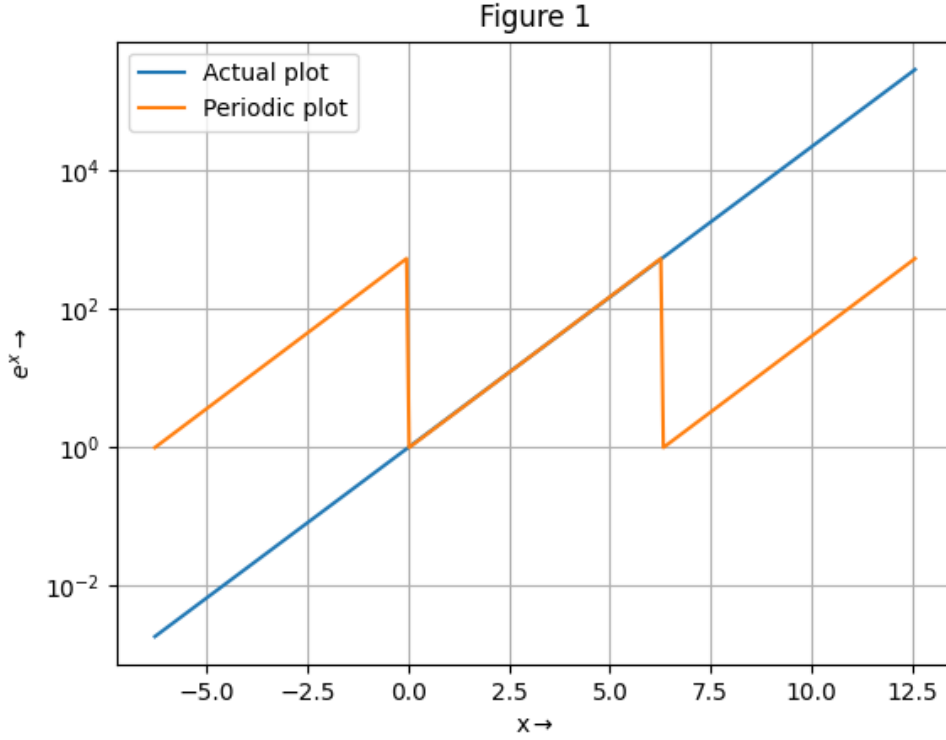


Figure 1: Semilog plot for e^x

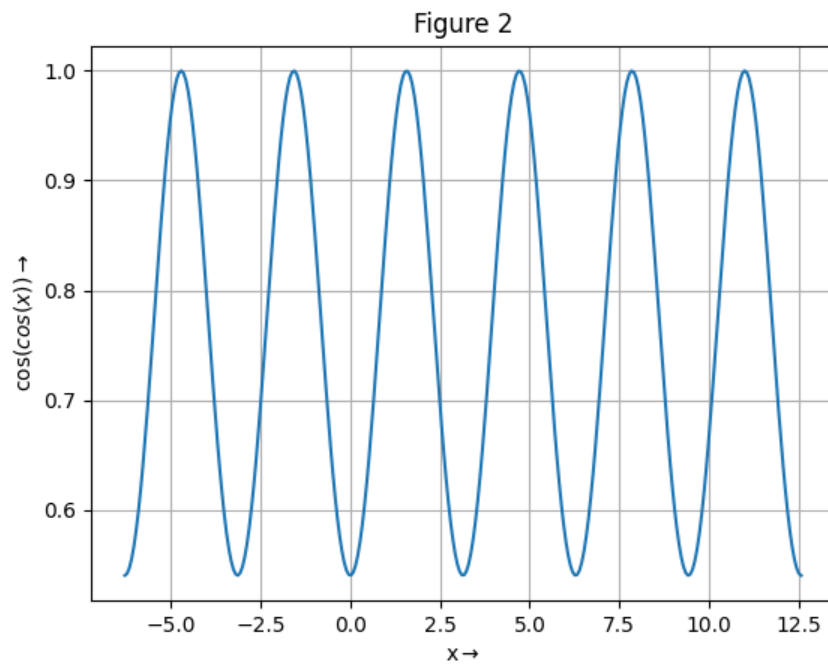


Figure 2: Plot for $\cos(\cos(x))$

2 Fourier Series Coefficients

The first 51 Fourier series coefficients are obtained using the quad function. A graph is plotted between the magnitude of coefficients and n in both semilog and loglog for both the functions in semilog and loglog scale

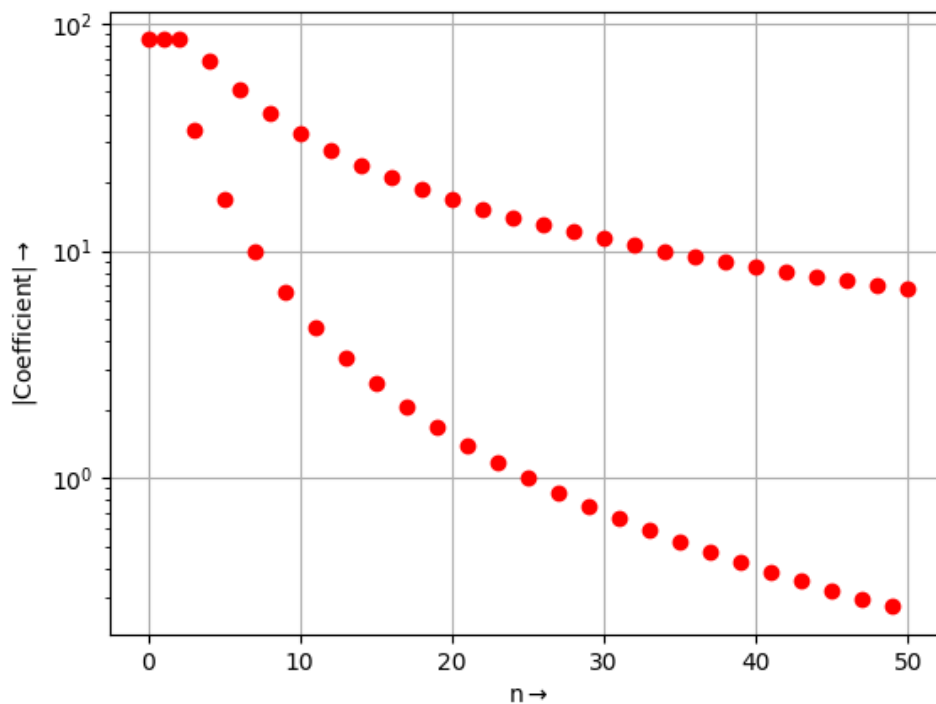


Figure 3: Semilog plot of magnitude of coefficients for e^x

Clearly the bn coefficients for $\cos(\cos(x))$ are nearly zero as $\cos(\cos(x))$ is an even function. The magnitude of coefficients represents how much frequencies happen to be in the output. So for e^x it does

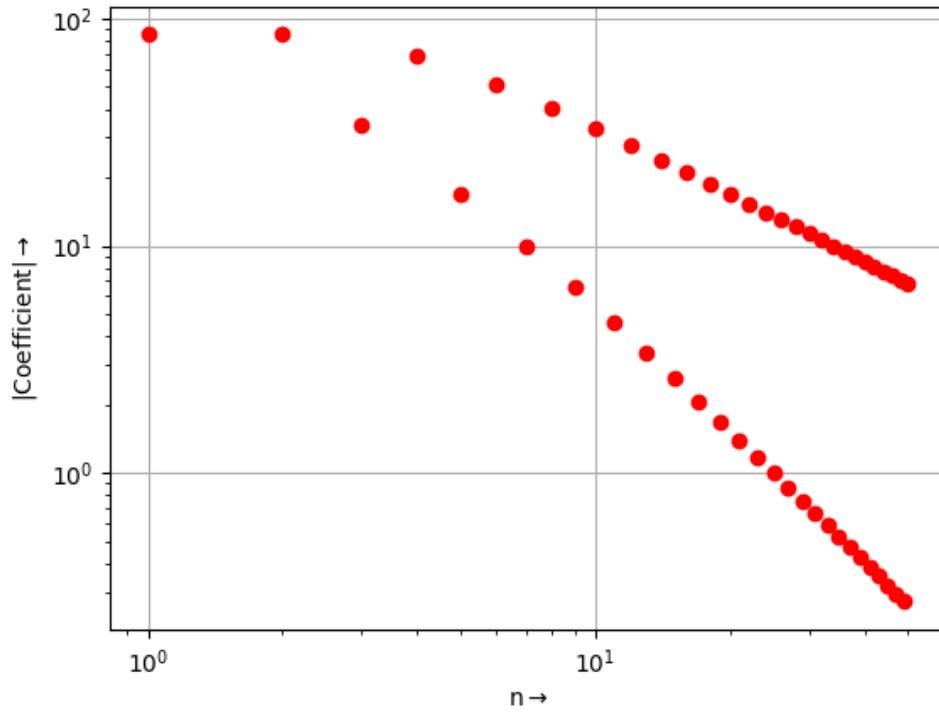


Figure 4: Loglog plot of magnitude of coefficients for e^x

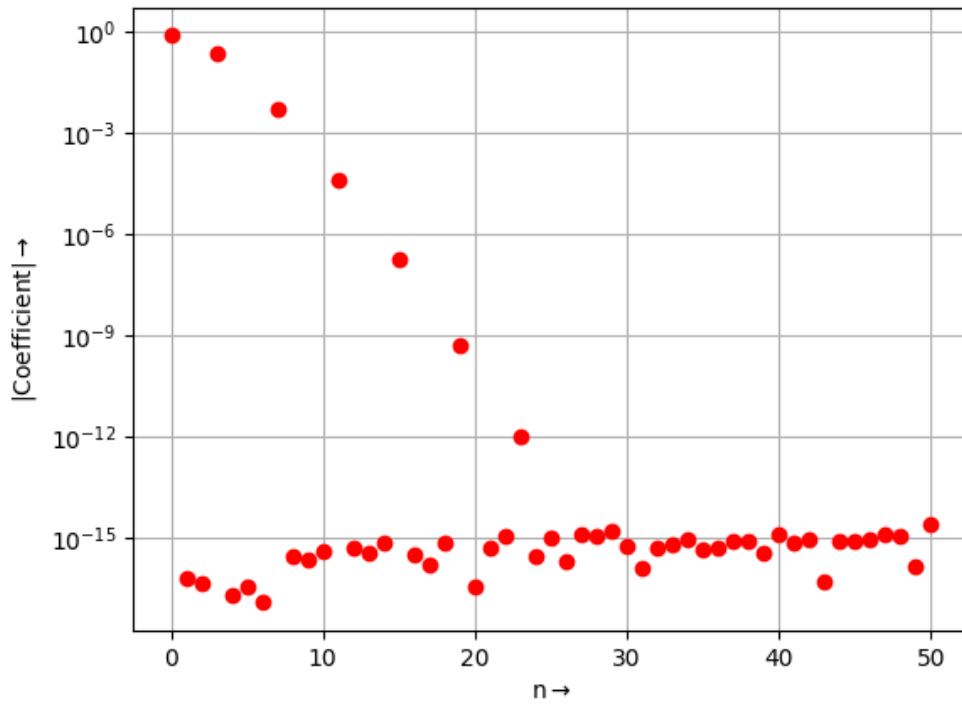


Figure 5: Semilog plot of magnitude of coefficients for $\cos(\cos(x))$

not die quickly compared to $\cos(\cos(x))$ as there is a discontinuity in periodic extension of e^x . Loglog plot is linear for e^x and as the coefficients decay with approx $1/n$ or $1/n^2$ Semilog plot is linear for $\cos(\cos(x))$ as the coefficients decay exponentially with n

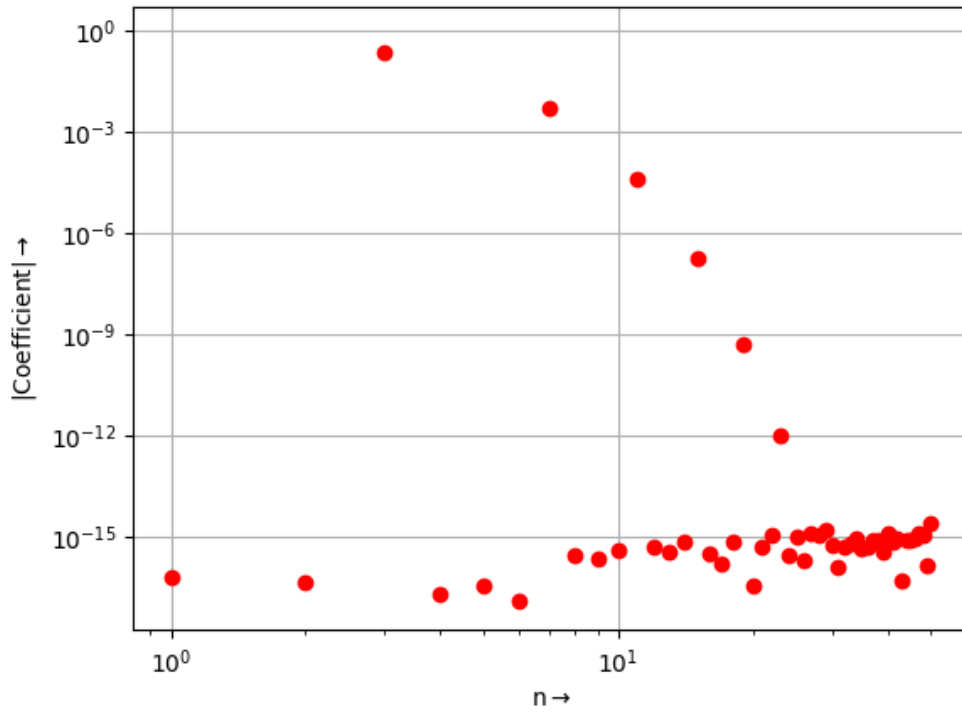


Figure 6: Loglog plot of magnitude of coefficients for $\cos(\cos(x))$

3 Least Squares Approach

The plot between the exact and approximation value of coefficients for both the functions in semilog and loglog are given below:

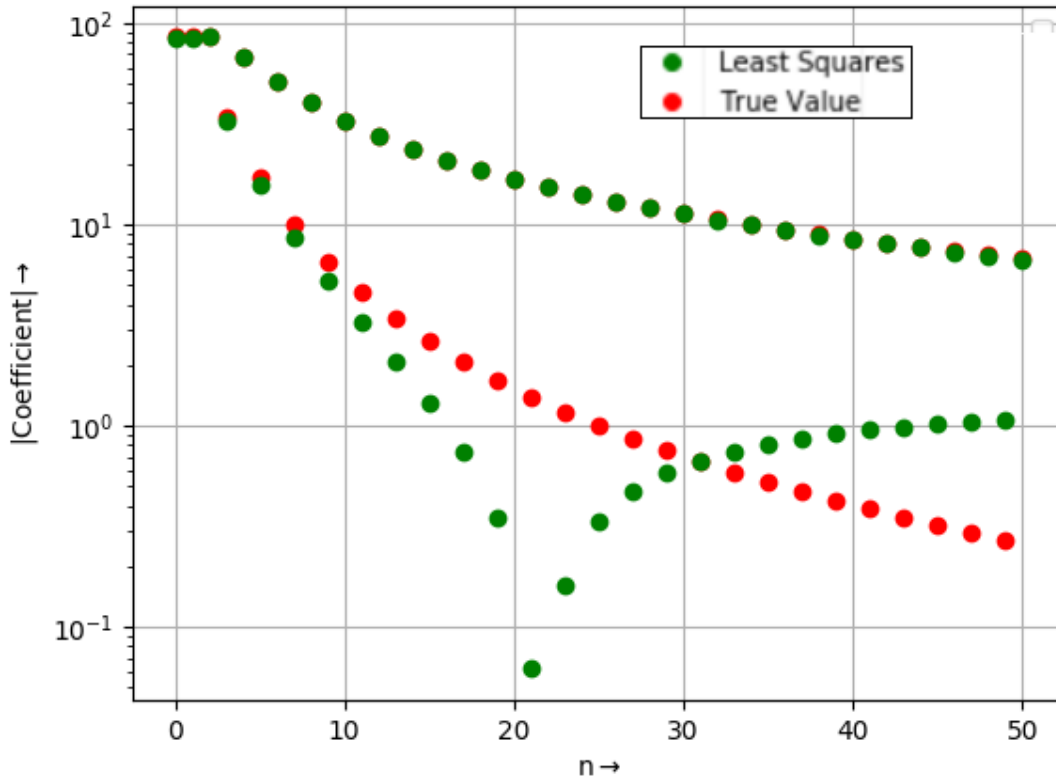


Figure 7: Semilog plot of coefficients for e^x

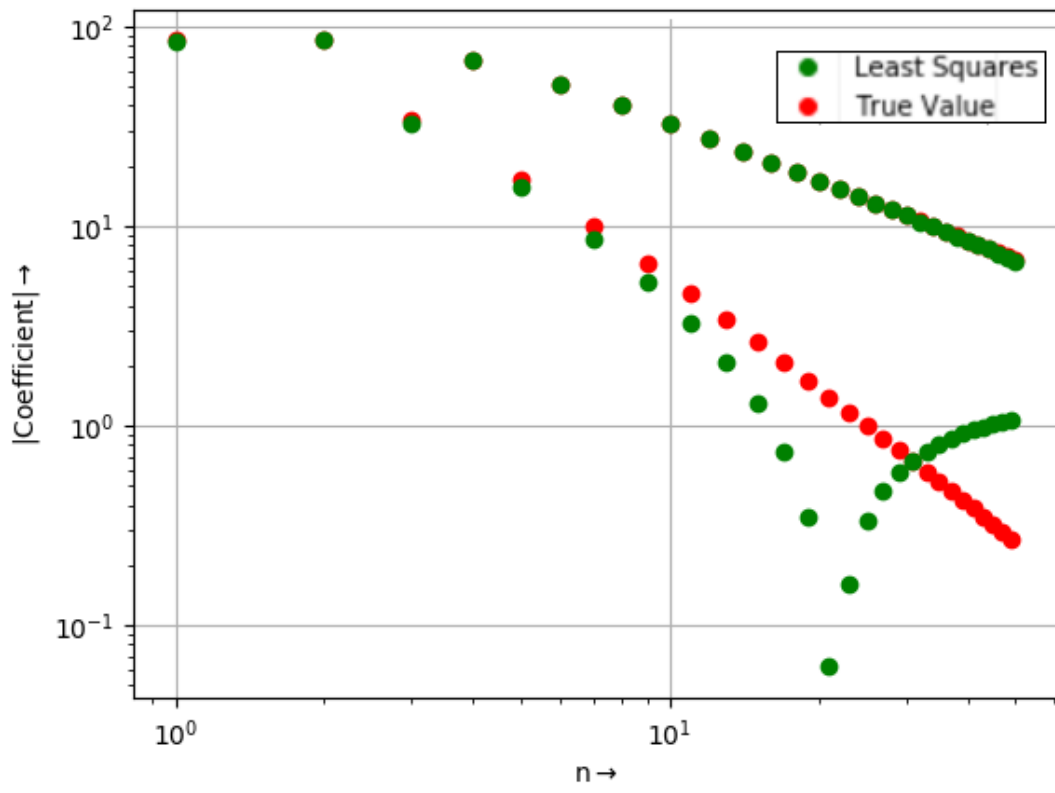


Figure 8: Loglog plot of coefficients for e^x

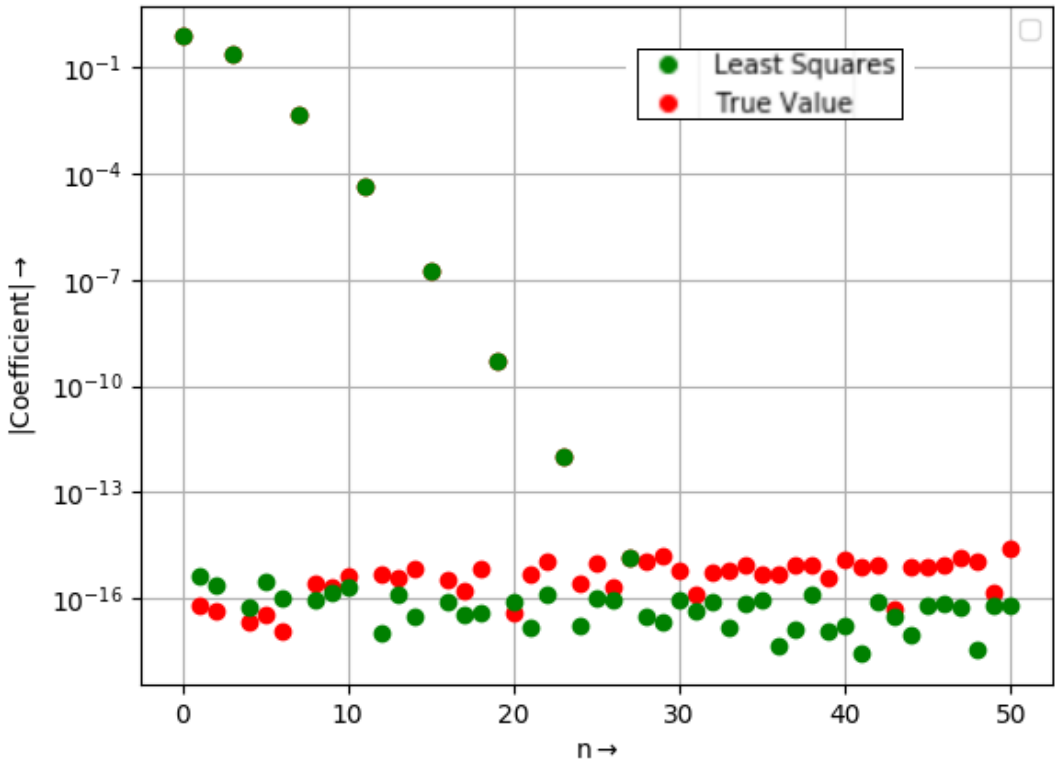


Figure 9: Semilog plot of coefficients for $\cos(\cos(x))$

As clearly expected coefficients of $\cos(\cos(x))$ are in much closer compared to e^x as the later have a discontinuity in its periodic extension resulting in need of higher sinusoids for a better representation.

The maximum deviation in the approximated and exact value of coefficients for the functions is given below:

Maximum deviation for e^x : 1.3327308703353395

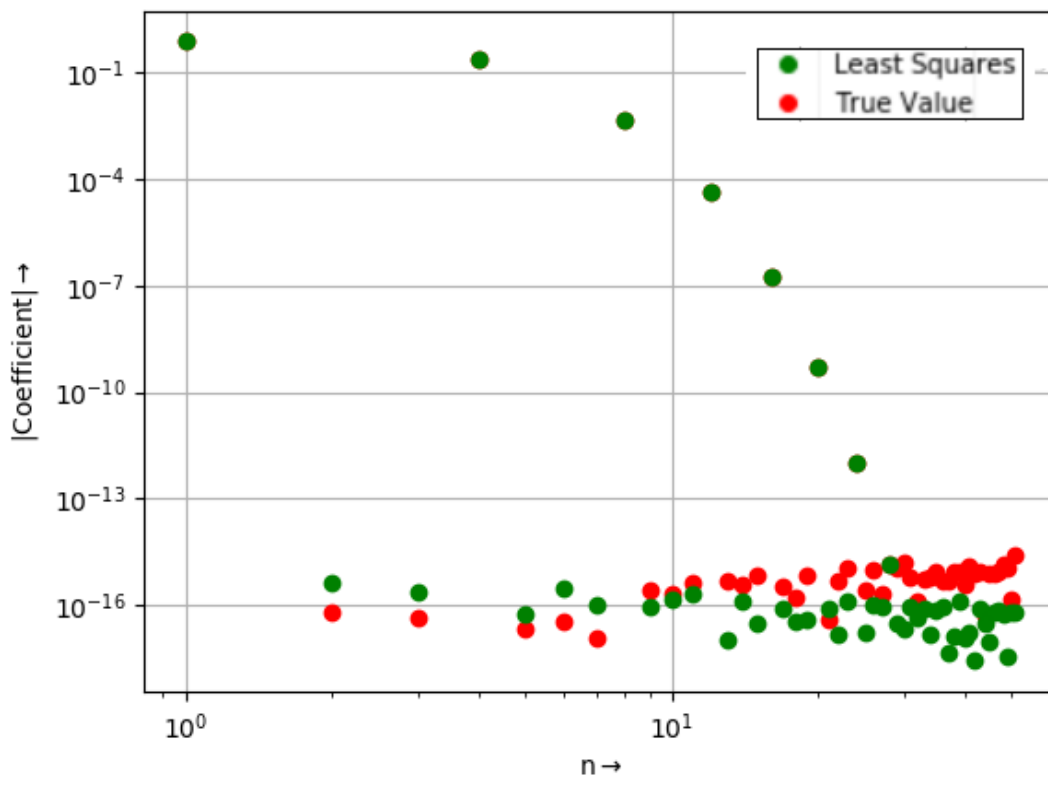


Figure 10: Loglog plot of coefficients for $\cos(\cos(x))$

Maximum deviation for $\cos(\cos(X))$: $2.7586698812539523e^{-15}$

4 Function Approximation

Plot between actual value of function and that obtained by multiplication of matrices A and c in the least squares approach to know the better estimate between them for both the functions is given below:

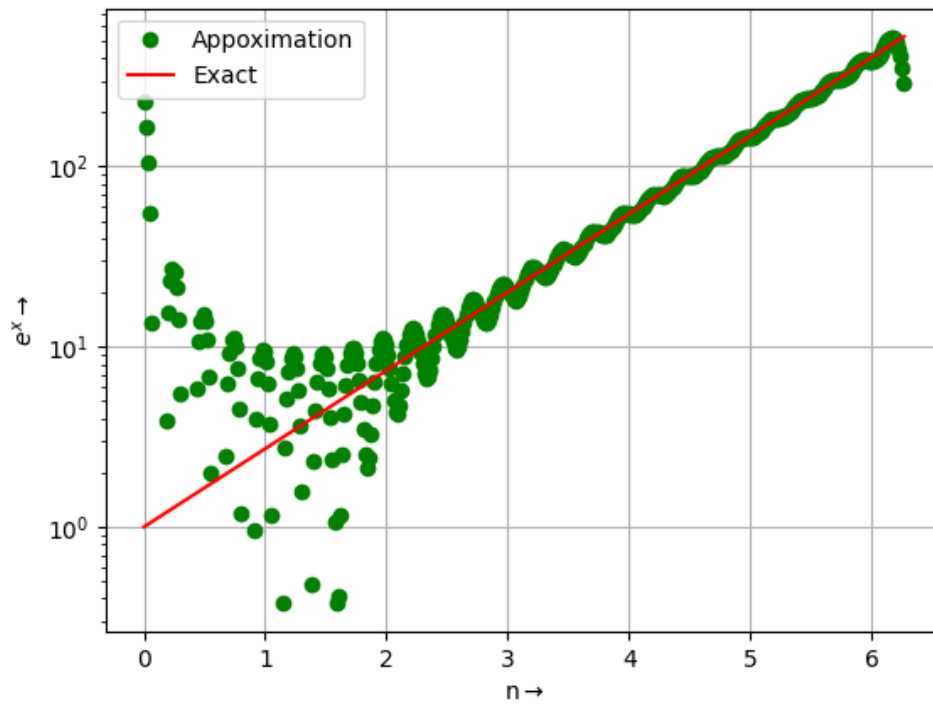


Figure 11: Semilog plots e^x and its approx value

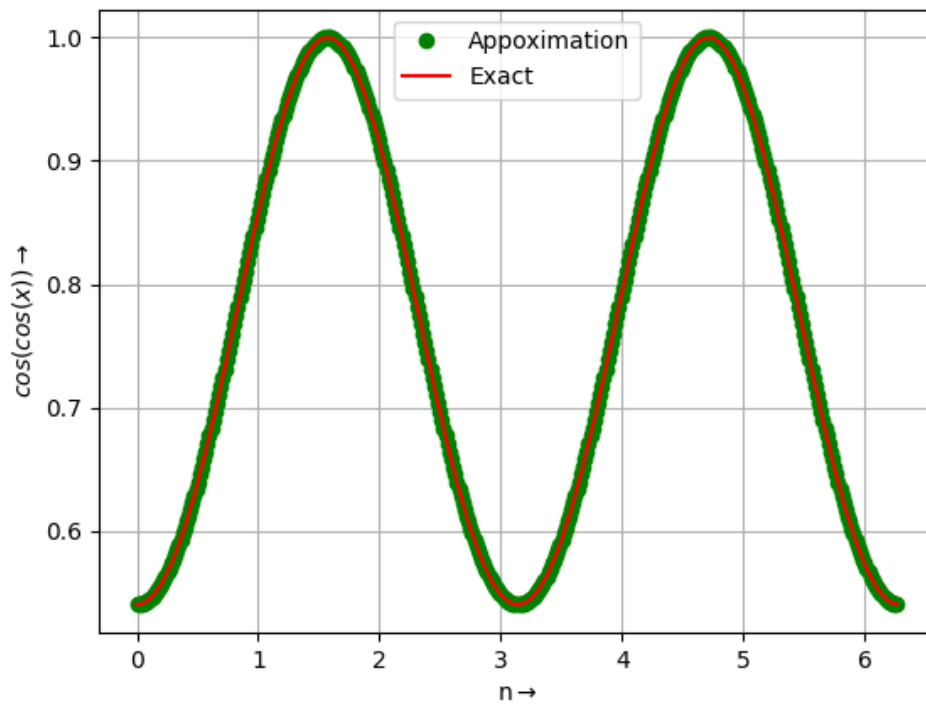


Figure 12: Plot of $\cos(\cos(x))$ and its approx value

As expected there is a significant deviation in case of e^x compared to $\cos(\cos(x))$ where its almost same

5 Conclusion

Fourier series coefficients for the functions e^x and $\cos(x)$ were found in both direct integration and least squares approach. The odd sinusoidal components for $\cos(x)$ were zero as the function is itself an even function. There was a significant deviation in case of e^x as there is a discontinuity in its periodic extension paving way to higher sinusoids for a better representation