

vv256: Fourier Series. Sturm-Liouville Eigenvalue Problems.

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Hint: Use it to verify if a NLS is an inner product space.

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It is a real form of the Fourier series.

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$$S(x) = \frac{f(x-0) + f(x+0)}{2}.$$

Remark: $S(x) = f(x)$ at the points where $f(x)$ is continuous, and $S(x)$ equals to the average of left-hand side and right-hand side limits at the points where $f(x)$ has jump discontinuities.

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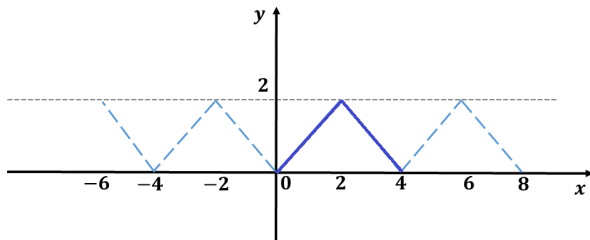
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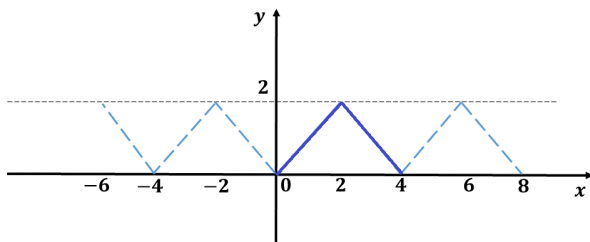
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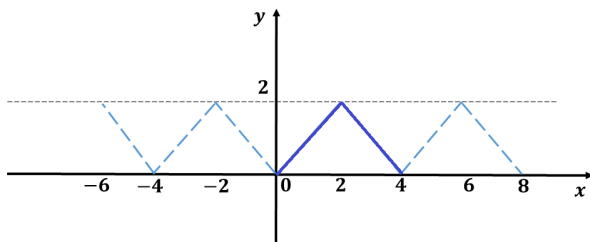
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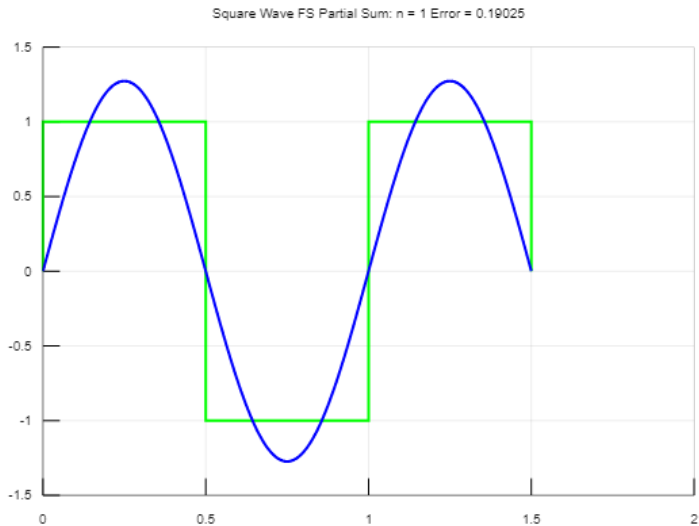
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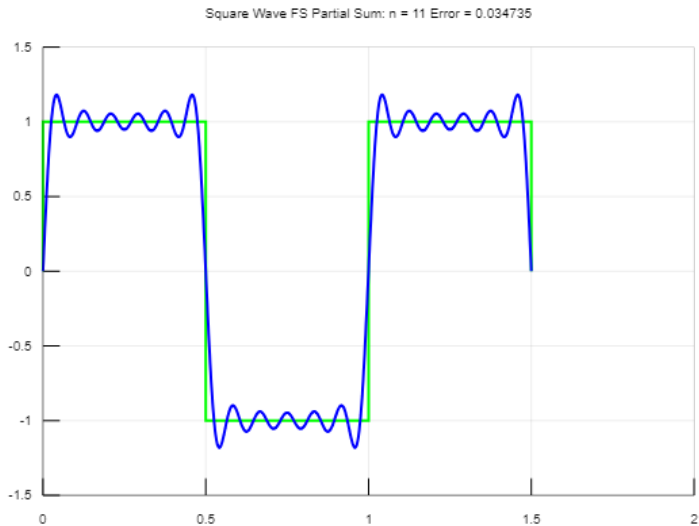
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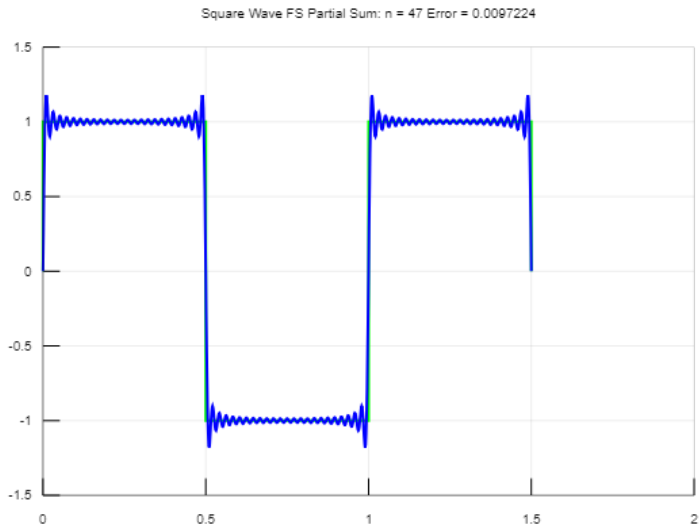
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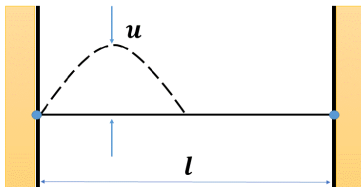
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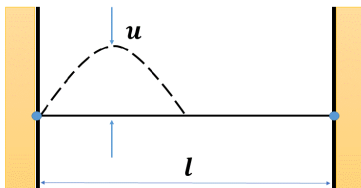
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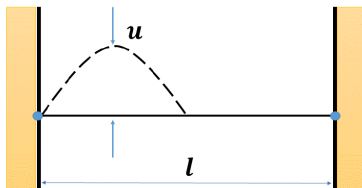
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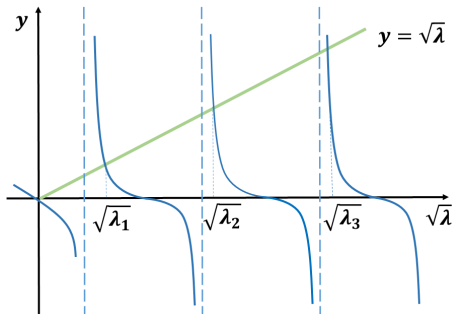
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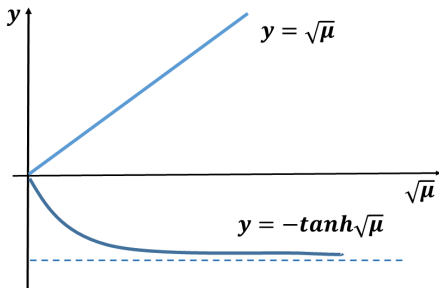
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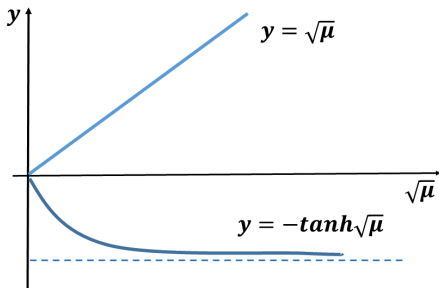
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Next, we shall solve this problem using the usual approach.

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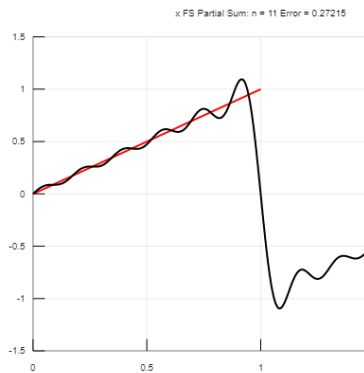
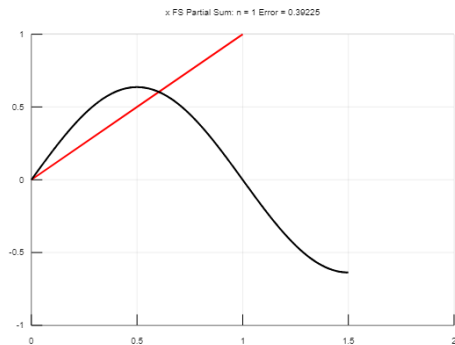
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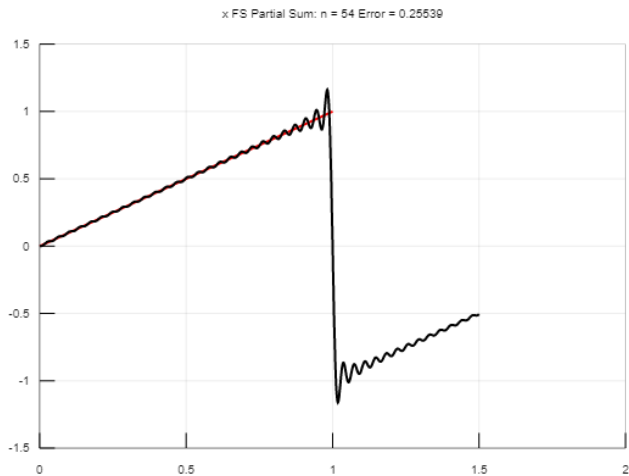
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$$y''(x) + (\lambda + 1)y'(x) + \lambda y(x) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0, y(1) = 0,$$

if any exist, and the form of the corresponding eigenfunction(s).

5. Solve the eigenvalue problem

$$x(xy')' + \lambda y = 0, \quad y'(1) = 0, y'(e^{2\pi}) = 0$$

for $y(x)$ and obtain the eigenfunctions.

6. Solve the non-homogeneous Sturm-Liouville boundary value problem

$$y''(x) + 9y(x) = \cos x, \quad 0 < x < \pi/4, \quad y'(0) = 0, y(\pi/4) + y'(\pi/4) = 0.$$

Does it have a unique solution? If yes, obtain the solution in two ways.