

## 1 Ex7 : Task2:

Find a Fourier series for  $f(x) = x^2$  and use it to derive another series for  $\pi^2$  and a series for  $\pi^4$ .

### 1.1 Fourier Series for $f(x) = x^2$

$$f(-x) = f(x) \Rightarrow \text{even} \Rightarrow b_n = 0 \forall n$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{n^2 x^2 - 2 \sin nx + 2nx \cos nx}{n^3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{2n\pi \cos n\pi}{n^3} + \frac{2n\pi \cos n\pi}{n^3} \right] \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi n^3} 4n\pi \underbrace{\cos n\pi}_{+1 \text{ for } n \text{ even}; -1 \text{ for } n \text{ odd}} \quad (5)$$

$$= (-1)^n \frac{4}{n^2} \quad (6)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (-1)^n \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \quad (11)$$

### 1.2 Series for $\pi^2$ :

$$f(0) = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \quad (13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\pi^2}{3} = -4 \sum_{n \in N} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \quad (14)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^2 = 6 \sum_{n \in N} \frac{(-1)^{(n+1)}}{n^2} \quad (15)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^2 = \frac{6}{1} - \frac{6}{4} + \frac{6}{9} - \frac{6}{16} \pm \dots \quad (16)$$

### 1.3 Series for $\pi^4$ :

using Parseval relation

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \quad (17)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2)^2 dx \quad (18)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \quad (19)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^4}{5} \quad (20)$$

$$\stackrel{(17)}{=} \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + \underbrace{b_n^2}_{=0}) \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \right)^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2} \right)^2 \quad (22)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^4}{9} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{n^4} \quad (23)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\pi^4}{5} = \frac{2\pi^4}{9} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{n^4} \quad (24)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8\pi^4}{45} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{n^4} \quad (25)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^4 = 90 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \quad (26)$$

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