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**Question 18**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \\ x, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Hence deduce that:

$$\frac{\pi^2}{8} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} \dots$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} \dots$$

**Solution:**

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\pi} x dx \right]$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\pi} x \cos(nx) dx \right]$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ x \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} + \frac{\cos(nx)}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ 0 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} - \left[ 0 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right] \right]$$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{\pi n^2}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -x \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} + \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} \right]_0^\pi$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \left[ \frac{\pi(-1)^n}{n} - 0 \right] - [0 - 0] \right] = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$$

Hence the fourier series equation is

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{\pi n^2} \cos(nx) + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \sin(nx)$$

Substituting  $x = 0$

$$0 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{\pi n^2} + 0$$

$$0 = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{8} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}$$

Substituting  $x = \pi/2$

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

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n-1}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \left[ \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} \dots \right]$$