

# EE2703 Assignment 4

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## 1 Abstract

We will fit two functions,  $e^x$  and  $\cos(\cos(x))$  over the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$  using their computed Fourier series coefficients.

## 2 Introduction

The Fourier Series of a function  $f(x)$  with period  $2\pi$  is computed as follows:

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

where ,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) * \cos(nx) dx \\ b_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) * \sin(nx) dx \end{aligned}$$

For the sake of this assignment, Since  $e^x$  doesn't have a period of  $2\pi$ , We choose to change its definition in a piece-wise manner to satisfy periodicity.

## 3 Assignment Questions

### 3.1 Defining the functions

Defining the functions  $e^x$  and  $\cos(\cos(x))$  that can take both the scalar input and vector input and returns the appropriate output and plotting them over the interval  $[-4\pi, 2\pi]$ .  $\cos(\cos(x))$  is periodic with period  $2\pi$  while the function  $e^x$  is not periodic. Therefore, the function generated by the fourier series will be  $\cos(\cos(x))$  and  $\exp(x\%2\pi)$ .

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```
def exp(x):
    return np.exp(x)

def cos(x):
    return np.cos(np.cos(x))

t = linspace(-2*pi,4*pi,401)
Exp = exp(t)
Cos = cos(t)
Exp2 = exp(t%(2*pi))

figure(1)
plt.semilogy(t,Exp,label = 'original_exp(t)')
plt.semilogy(t,Exp2,label = 'periodic_exp(t)_with_period_2*pi')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$t$',size = 20)
ylabel(r'exp($t$)',size = 20)
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'exponential_of_$t$ in semilog_axis')

figure(2)
plot(t,Cos)
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$t$',size = 20)
ylabel(r'cos(cos($t$))',size = 20)
title(r'cosine_of_cos(cos($t$)) in linear_axis')
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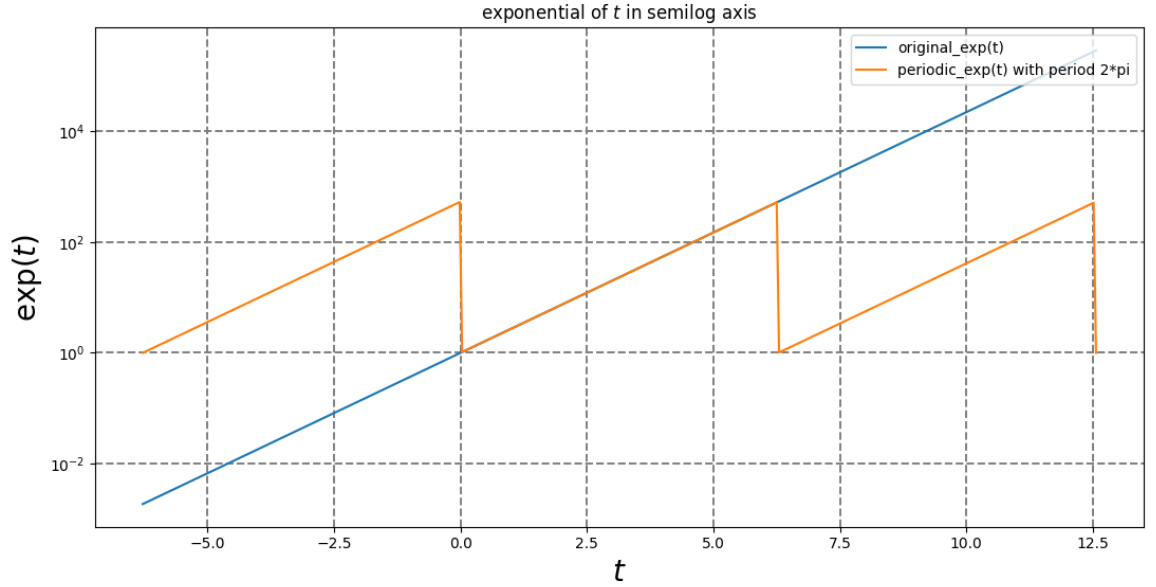


Figure 1:  $\exp(x)$  actual function vs periodic function

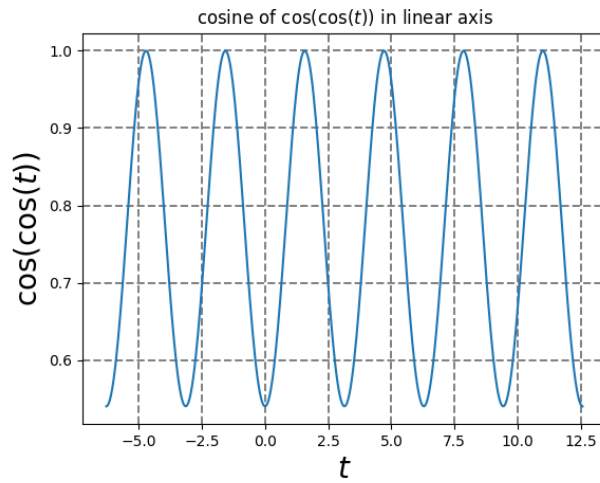


Figure 2:  $\cos(\cos(x))$

### 3.2 Generating Fourier Coefficients

Obtaining the first 51 fourier coefficients namely first 26 fourier cosine and first 25 sine coefficients in the following order.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ b_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{25} \\ b_{25} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Creating two new functions to be integrated, namely  $u(x, k) = f(x)\cos(kx)$  and  $v(x, k) = f(x)\sin(kx)$ . To integrate these, use the option in quad to pass extra arguments to the function being integrated.

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def u(x, k):
    return np.cos(k*x)*f(x)
def v(x, k):
    return np.sin(k*x)*f(x)

coef1 = np.zeros(51)
coef2 = np.zeros(51)
def f(x):
    return exp(x)
for i in range(51):
    if(i == 0):
        coef1[i] = quad(u, 0, 2*pi, args=(i))[0]/(2*pi)
    elif(i%2 != 0):
        coef1[i] = quad(u, 0, 2*pi, args=((i+1)/2))[0]/pi
    elif(i%2 == 0):
        coef1[i] = quad(v, 0, 2*pi, args=(i/2))[0]/pi

def f(x):
    return cos(x)
for i in range(51):
    if(i == 0):
        coef2[i] = quad(u, 0, 2*pi, args=(i))[0]/(2*pi)
    elif(i%2 != 0):
        coef2[i] = quad(u, 0, 2*pi, args=((i+1)/2))[0]/pi
    elif(i%2 == 0):
        coef2[i] = quad(v, 0, 2*pi, args=(i/2))[0]/pi
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### 3.3 Visualizing Fourier Coefficients

As expected,  $\sum \|b_n\|$  for  $\cos(\cos(x)) = 2.09\text{e-}14$  which is almost 0. The coefficients for  $e^x$  decay faster than that of The Log-log plot for Fourier coefficients of  $e^x$  is nearly linear because :

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^x \cos(kx) dx = \frac{(e^{2\pi} - 1)}{(k^2 + 1)} \quad (2)$$

and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^x \sin(kx) dx = \frac{(-ke^{2\pi} + k)}{(k^2 + 1)} \quad (3)$$

the log-log plots of these functions are linear

The semi-log plot for Fourier Coefficients of  $\cos(\cos(x))$  is linear as the integral converges to a Linear Combination of Bessel functions which are proportional to  $e^x$ .

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n = linspace(0,50,51)
figure(3)
plt.semilogy((n),abs(coef1),'ro',label = 'fourier_coeff')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$n$')
ylabel(r'coefficient[$n$]')
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'fourier_coefficients_of_$exp(t)$_in_the_semi-log_scale')
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figure(4)
plt.loglog((n),abs(coef1),'ro',label = 'fourier_coeff')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$n$')
ylabel(r'coefficient[$n$]')
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'fourier_coefficients_of_$exp(t)$_in_the_log-log_scale')
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figure(5)
plt.semilogy((n),abs(coef2),'ro',label = 'fourier_coeff')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$n$')
ylabel(r'coefficient[$n$]')
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'fourier_coefficients_of_$cos(cos(t))$_in_the_semi-log_scale')
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figure(6)
plt.loglog((n),abs(coef2),'ro',label = 'fourier_coeff')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$n$')
ylabel(r'coefficient[$n$]')
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'fourier_coefficients_of_$cos(cos(t))$_in_the_log-log_scale')
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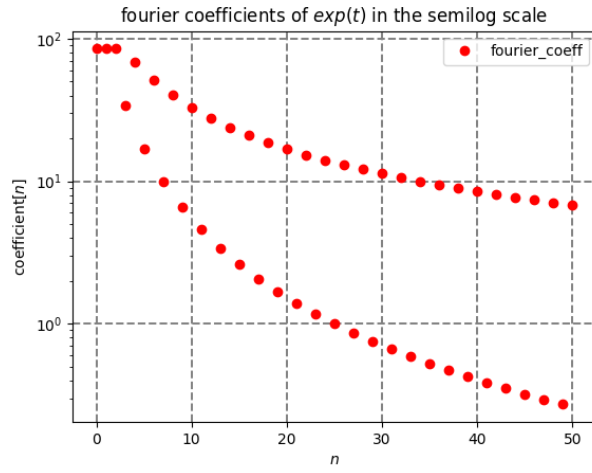


Figure 3: plot of fourier coefficients of  $\exp(x)$  in semi-log scale

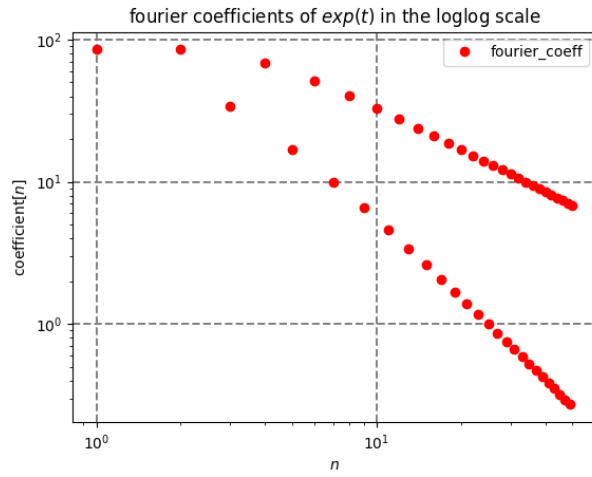


Figure 4: plot of fourier coefficients of  $\exp(x)$  in log-log scale

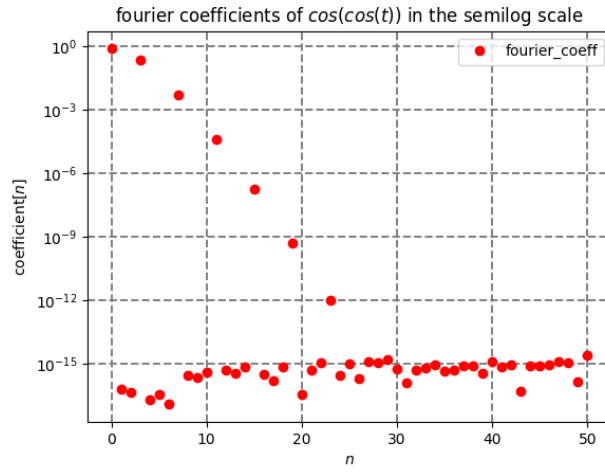


Figure 5: plot of fourier coefficients of  $\cos(\cos(x))$  in semi-log scale

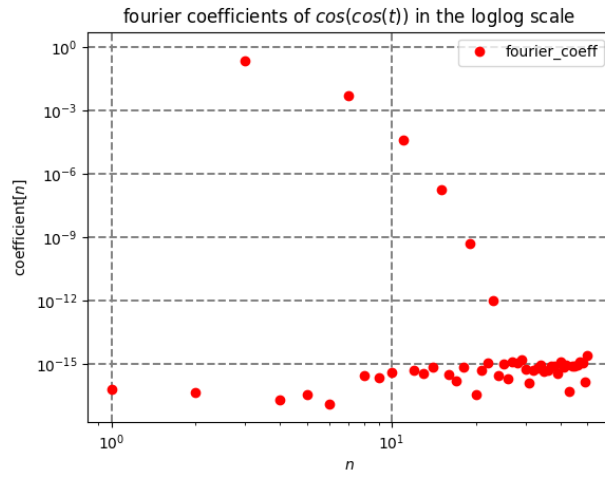


Figure 6: plot of fourier coefficients of  $\cos(\cos(x))$  in log-log scale

### 3.4 A Least Squares Approach

Building on last weeks work we now try a Least Squares Approach to this problem. We linearly choose 400 values of  $x$  in the range  $[0, 2\pi)$ . It can be Noted that far better approximations were achieved when a larger value( 10000) was used instead of 400. We try to solve Equation (1) By using regression on these 400 values

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cos(x_1) & \sin(x_1) & \dots & \cos(25x_1) & \sin(25x_1) \\ 1 & \cos(x_2) & \sin(x_2) & \dots & \cos(25x_2) & \sin(25x_2) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & \cos(x_{400}) & \sin(x_{400}) & \dots & \cos(25x_{400}) & \sin(25x_{400}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ b_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{25} \\ b_{25} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \dots \\ f(x_{400}) \end{pmatrix}$$

We create the matrix on the left side and call it  $A$ . We want to solve  $Ac = b$  where  $c$  are the fourier coefficients.

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x = linspace(0,2*pi,401)
x = x[:-1]
b1 = np.exp(x)
b2 = np.cos(x)
A = np.zeros((400,51))
A[:,0] = 1

for k in range(1,26):
    A[:,2*k] = np.sin(k*x)
c1=lstsq(A,b1,rcond = 1)[0]
c2=lstsq(A,b2,rcond = 1)[0]
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### 3.5 Visualizing output of the Least Squares Approach

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```
n = linspace(0,50,51)
figure(7)
plt.semilogy((n),abs(coef1),'ro',label = 'fourier_coeff')
plt.semilogy((n),abs(c1),'go',label = 'least_sq_coeff')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$n$')
ylabel(r'coefficient[$n$]')
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'fourier_coefficients_of_$\exp(t)$_in_the_semilog_scale')
```

```
figure(8)
plt.loglog((n),abs(coef1),'ro',label = 'fourier_coeff')
plt.loglog((n),abs(c1),'go',label = 'least_sq_coeff')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$n$')
ylabel(r'coefficient[$n$]')
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'fourier_coefficients_of_$\exp(t)$_in_the_loglog_scale')
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figure(9)
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plt.semilogy((n),abs(coef2),'ro',label='fourier_coeff')
plt.semilogy((n),abs(c2),'go',label='least_sq_coeff')
plt.grid(True, color="grey", linewidth="1.4", linestyle="—")
xlabel(r'$n$')
ylabel(r'coefficient[$n$]')
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'fourier coefficients of $\cos(\cos(t))$ in the semilog scale')
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```
figure(10)
plt.loglog((n),abs(coef2),'ro',label='fourier_coeff')
plt.loglog((n),abs(c2),'go',label='least_sq_coeff')
plt.grid(True, color="grey", linewidth="1.4", linestyle="—")
xlabel(r'$n$')
ylabel(r'coefficient[$n$]')
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'fourier coefficients of $\cos(\cos(t))$ in the loglog scale')
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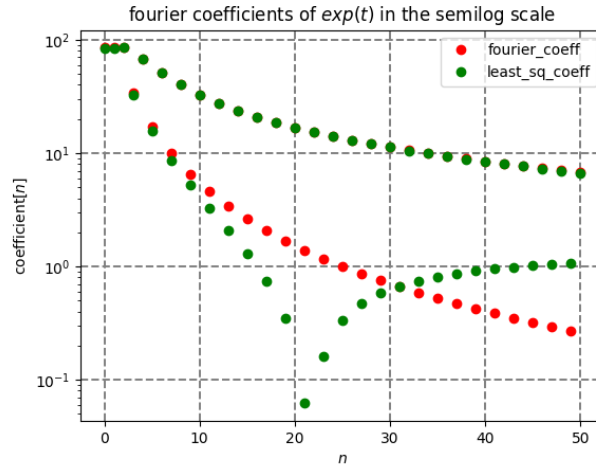


Figure 7: plot of fourier coefficients of  $\exp(x)$  in semi-log scale

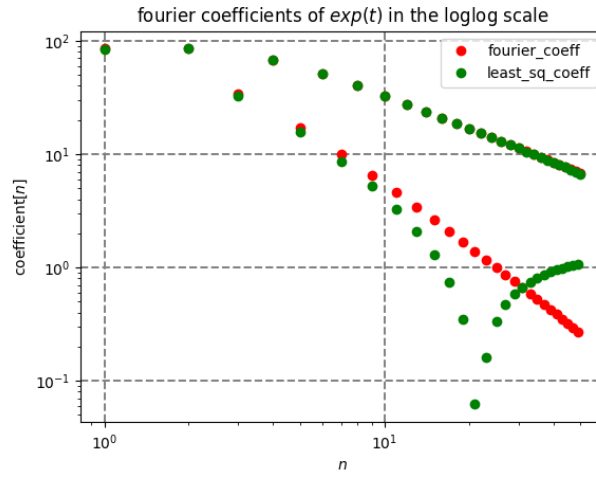


Figure 8: plot of fourier coefficients of  $\exp(x)$  in log-log scale

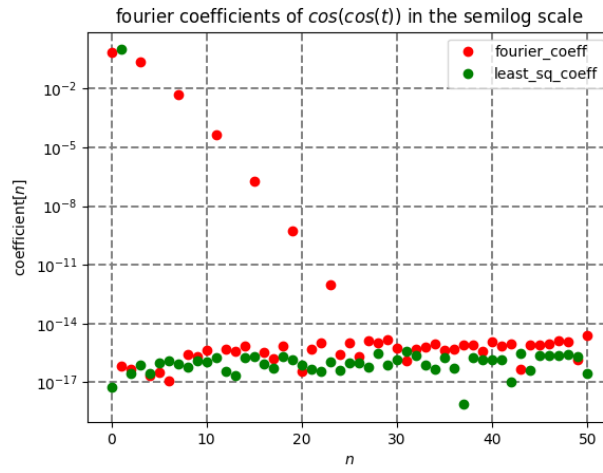


Figure 9: plot of fourier coefficients of  $\cos(\cos(x))$  in semi-log scale

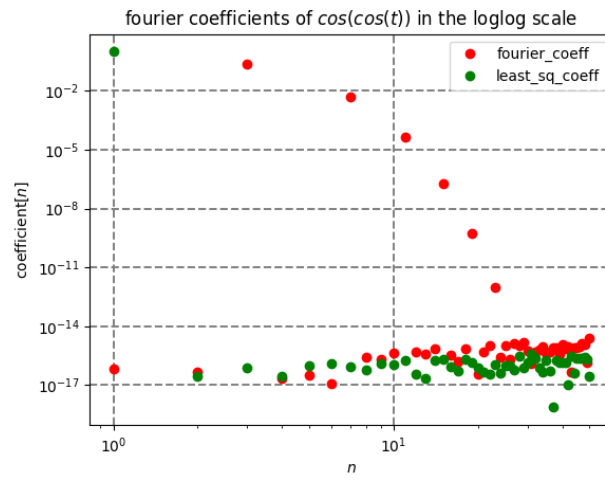


Figure 10: plot of fourier coefficients of  $\cos(\cos(x))$  in log-log scale

### 3.6 Comparing Predictions

The maximum absolute error for  $e^x = 1.3327308703353822$

Whereas the same metric for  $\cos(\cos(x)) = 2.5869790664721666\text{e-}15$

Our Predictions for  $e^x$  are very poor compared to that of  $\cos(\cos(x))$ . This can be fixed by sampling at a larger number of points.

For instance if we sample at  $1\text{e}5$  points :

The maximum absolute error for  $e^x = 0.005344860583583633$

Whereas the same metric for  $\cos(\cos(x)) = 2.6342502811925345\text{e-}15$

This is a small change in accuracy at a very large computational cost. Hence it isn't worth it as far as this assignment is concerned.

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```
experr = np.zeros(51)
coserr = np.zeros(51)
for i in range(51):
    experr[i] = abs(coef1[i] - c1[i])
for i in range(51):
    coserr[i] = abs(coef2[i] - c2[i])
figure(11)
plot(n, experr, 'bo', label = 'error_magnitude_for_the_exp($t$)')
plot(n, coserr, 'mo', label = 'error_magnitude_for_the_cos(cos($t$))')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
legend(loc='upper_right')
xlabel(r'$n$', size = 20)
ylabel(r'error_coeff[$n$]', size = 20)
title(r'magnitude_error_in_the_coefficients')

print("the_largest_error_in_the_coefficients_of_the_exp($x$)_is_%f" %(max(experr)))
print("the_largest_error_in_the_coefficients_of_the_cos(cos($x$))_is_%f" %(max(coserr)))
```

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### 3.7 Plotting Results

```
Exp2 = np.dot(A, coef1)
Cos2 = np.dot(A, coef2)

t = linspace(0, 2*pi, 401)
t = t[:-1]
Exp = exp(t)
Cos = cos(t)

figure(12)
plt.semilogy(t, Exp2, 'go', label = 'exp(t)_from_fourier')
plt.semilogy(t, Exp, label = 'actual_exp(t)', color = 'black')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$t$', size = 20)
ylabel(r'exp($t$)', size = 20)
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'variation_of_the_exp($t$)')

figure(13)
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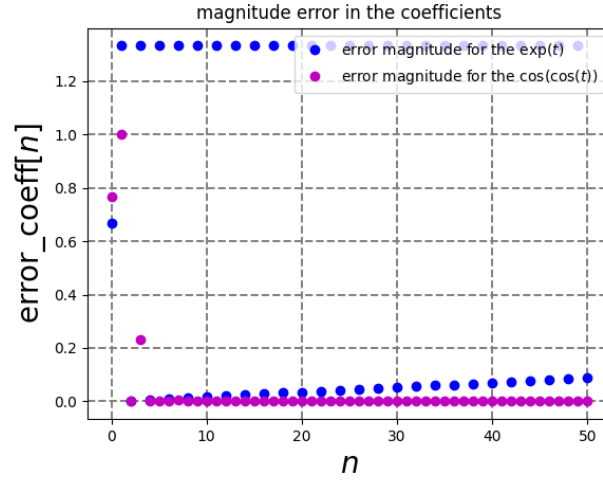


Figure 11: error in the magnitude of the fourier coefficients and those by the least square method.

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plot(t,Cos2,'go',label = 'cos(cos(t))_from_fourier')
plot(t,Cos,label = 'actual_cos(cos(t))',color = 'black')
plt.grid(True, color = "grey", linewidth = "1.4", linestyle = "—")
xlabel(r'$t$',size = 20)
ylabel(r'$\cos(\cos(t))$',size = 20)
legend(loc='upper_right')
title(r'$variation\_of\_cos(\cos(t))$')

show()

```

It should be noted that  $e^x$  is a non periodic function and Fourier series' exists only for periodic functions. Hence we have considered a variation of  $e^x$  with period  $2\pi$  that has the actual value of  $e^x$  only in the range  $[0,2\pi)$ . Hence it is acceptable that there is a large discrepancy in the predicted value of  $e^x$  at these boundaries

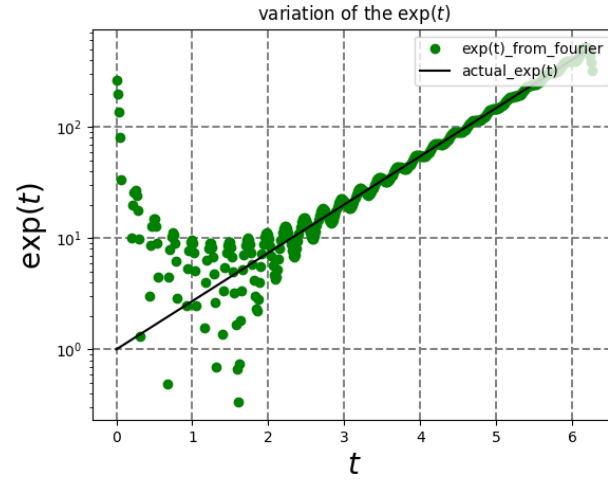


Figure 12: variation of the actual  $\exp(t)$  from the estimated function with fourier coefficients.

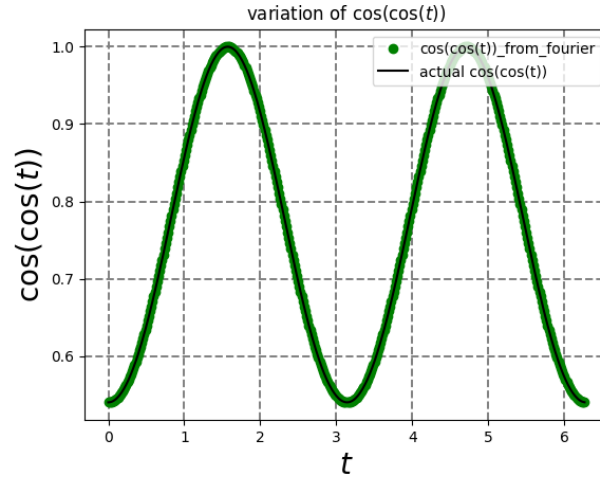


Figure 13: variation of actual  $\cos(\cos(x))$  from the estimated function with fourier coefficients.

## 4 Conclusion

We have examined the case of approximating functions using their Fourier coefficients upto a threshold. Whilst doing so, we perform the same for two cases, one a continuous function, and the other a function with finite discontinuities.

The methods adopted in finding the respective Fourier coefficients have been direct evaluation of the Fourier series formula, as well as a Least Square best fit. We notice close matching of the two methods in case of  $\cos(\cos(x))$  while, there is a larger discrepancy in  $\exp(x)$ .

Besides this, we also highlight the fact of non-uniform convergence of the Fourier series in case of finitely discontinuous functions.