

AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES  
(AIMS RWANDA, KIGALI)

---

Name: Yusuf Brima  
Course: Partial Differential Equations

---

Assignment Number: 2  
Date: January 17, 2021

## Question 1

(a) To compute the full Fourier series representation of

$$f(x) = e^{ax}, \quad -\pi \leq x < \pi. \quad (1)$$

when extended as a  $2\pi$ -periodic function.

The general form of a full Fourier series is of the form:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx) \quad (2)$$

The Fourier coefficients  $a_0, a_n, b_n$  are solved as follows:

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

By substituting the given function in (1) into the above expression we get:

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} dx \\ a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{a} [e^{ax}]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ a_0 &= \frac{2}{a\pi} \frac{(e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi})}{2} \\ a_0 &= \frac{2}{a\pi} \sinh(a\pi) \end{aligned}$$

For  $a_n$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

By substituting (1) into  $a_n$

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

We let

$$P = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx$$

Using Integration by Parts method where:

$$\int uv = uv - \int v du$$

Therefore  $u = e^{ax}$ ,  $du = ae^{ax}$   $dv = \cos(nx)dx$ ,  $v = \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx)$   
So

$$P = \frac{1}{n} e^{ax} \sin(nx) - \frac{a}{n} \int e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx$$

We further integrate

$$P_1 = \int e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx$$

Using Integration by parts as follows

where  $u = e^{ax}$ ,  $du = ae^{ax}$   $dv = \sin(nx)dx$ ,  $v = \frac{-1}{n} \cos(nx)$

$$P_1 = \frac{-1}{n} e^{ax} \cos(nx) + \frac{a}{n} \int e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx$$

Therefore, we can rewrite  $P$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{1}{n} e^{ax} \sin(nx) + \frac{a}{a^2} e^{ax} \cos(nx) - \left( \frac{a^2}{n^2} \right) P \\ P + \left( \frac{a^2}{n^2} \right) P &= \frac{a}{n^2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} e^{ax} \sin(nx) + \frac{a}{a^2} e^{ax} \cos(nx) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ P \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{n^2} \right) &= \frac{a}{n^2} [e^{a\pi} \cos(n\pi) - e^{-a\pi} \cos(n\pi)] \\ P(n^2 + a^2) &= 2a(-1)^n \left( \frac{e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi}}{2} \right) \\ P &= \frac{2a(-1)^n}{n^2 + a^2} \sinh(a\pi) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the solution for  $a_n$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= P \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \right) \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{2a(-1)^n}{n^2 + a^2} \sinh(a\pi) \end{aligned}$$

We solve for coefficient  $b_n$  as follows:

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

By similarly substituting (1) into the above expression

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

By substitution, we let

$$P = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx$$

And using Method of Integration by Parts where  $u = e^{ax}$ ,  $du = ae^{ax}$   $dv = \sin(nx)dx$ ,  $v = \frac{-1}{n} \cos(nx)$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{-1}{n} e^{ax} \cos(nx) + \frac{a}{n} \int e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \\ P &= \frac{-1}{n} e^{ax} \cos(nx) + \frac{a}{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} e^{ax} \sin(nx) - \frac{a}{n} P \right) \\ P &= \frac{-1}{n} e^{ax} \cos(nx) + \frac{a}{n^2} e^{ax} \sin(nx) - \frac{a^2}{n^2} P \\ P \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{n^2} \right) &= \left[ \frac{-1}{n} e^{ax} \cos(nx) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ P \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{n^2} \right) &= \frac{-1}{n} (e^{a\pi} \cos(n\pi) - e^{-a\pi} \cos(n\pi)) \\ P \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{n^2} \right) &= \frac{-2}{n} (-1)^n \sinh(a\pi) \\ P &= \frac{-2n(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} \sinh(a\pi) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the solution for coefficient  $b_n$  is thus:

$$b_n = \frac{2n(-1)^{n+1}}{\pi(a^2 + n^2)} \sinh(a\pi)$$

Finally, all the coefficients into equation (2), we therefore get the Fourier solution thus:

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

- (b) By using the result of equation (1), to determine the full Fourier series expansion for the function

$$g(x) = \sinh(x), \quad \text{where } -\pi \leq x < \pi \quad (3)$$

The function in (3) can be restated as:

$$\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

We proceed by setting  $a = 1$ , and therefore find the Fourier Series for  $e^x$  in the expression below.

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

And for  $e^{-x}$ , we get:

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

Finally,

$$g(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n(-1)^{n+1}}{\pi(n^2 + 1)} \sinh(\pi) \sin(nx)$$

## Question 2

The vibrations  $u(x, t)$  of air in an open pipe of unit length satisfy the wave equation

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad \text{and } t > 0 \quad (4)$$

given the boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(1, t) = 0, \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (5)$$

And the air is initially at rest so that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (6)$$

- (a) We solve the Wave Equation (4) by Separation of Variables using the Boundary Conditions (5) and Initial Condition (6) to show that the solution is:

$$y(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi x) \cos(cn\pi t)$$

as follows:

By using the the ansatz  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  we get the following expression.

$$\frac{1}{c^2} X \ddot{T} = T X''$$

we divide both sides by  $XT$ , which results in

$$\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = \frac{X''}{X} = \lambda$$

where  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue constants.

We get the following system of differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{T} - c^2 \lambda T &= 0 \\ X'' - \lambda X &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) &= X'(0)T(t) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(1, t) &= X'(1)T(t) = 0\end{aligned}$$

The non-trivial solution  $X'(0) = 0, X'(1) = 0$

So we let,  $\lambda_n = -(n\pi)^2$

Solving for  $X'' - \lambda x = 0$ , the characteristic equation is thus:

$$\begin{aligned}m^2 + (n\pi)^2 &= 0 \\ m &= \pm(n\pi i)\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}X_n(x) &= A_n \cos(n\pi x) + B_n \sin(n\pi x) \\ X_n(x) &= A_n \cos(n\pi x)\end{aligned}$$

Solving for  $\ddot{T} - c^2 \lambda T = 0$  characteristic equation is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}m^2 + c^2(n\pi)^2 &= 0 \\ m &= \pm(icn\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}T_n(t) &= A_n \cos(cn\pi t) + B_n \sin(cn\pi t) \\ \dot{T}_n(t) &= -cn\pi A_n \sin(cn\pi t) + cn\pi B_n \cos(cn\pi t) \\ \dot{T}_n(0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Given that

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{T}_n(0) &= 0 \Rightarrow B_n = 0 \\ T_n(t) &= A_n \cos(cn\pi t)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi x) \cos(cn\pi t)$$

(b) We find the **unique** solution that satisfies the initial condition :

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{for } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

as follows:

Given that the function is **even** where  $b_n = 0 \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) = p(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi x) \\ &= A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi x) \end{aligned}$$

We solve for the coefficient  $A_0$

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \frac{2}{2} \int_0^1 p(x) dx = \int_0^1 u(x, 0) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 1 dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 0 dx \\ A_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

And for the coefficient  $A_n$

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= 2 \int_0^1 p(x) \cos(n\pi x) dx \\ &= 2 \left[ \int_0^1 \cos(n\pi x) dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 0 dx \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}n\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$A_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n\pi}(-1)^n, & n \text{ is odd} \\ 0, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Finally,

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n-1}}{2n-1} \cos(n\pi x) \cos(cn\pi t)$$

### Question 3

The function  $f(x)$  is defined as

$$f(x) = 1 \quad 0 < x < \pi \quad (7)$$

(a) Sketch the odd extension and show that the Fourier sine series expansion is

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\sin((2n-1)x)}{2n-1} \quad (8)$$

We determine the coefficient  $b_n$  as thus:

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{-\cos(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \\ b_n &= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{n\pi}, & n \text{ is odd} \\ 0, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

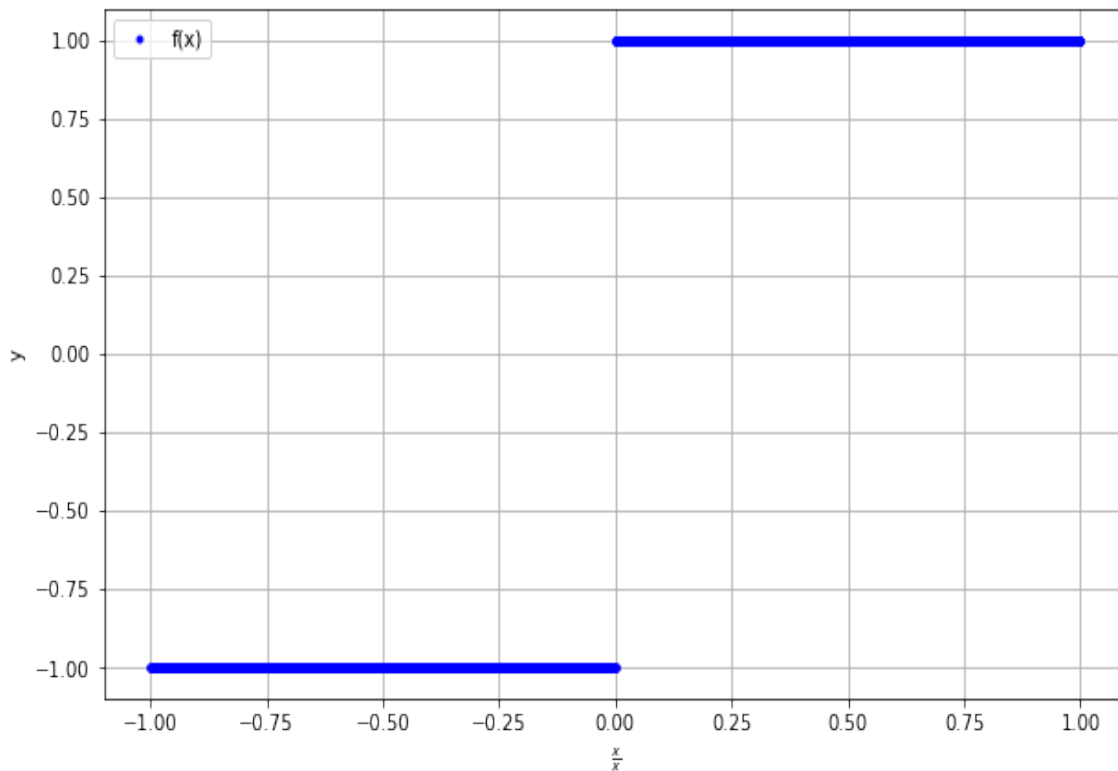


Figure 1: Odd Extension of the  $f(x) = 1$  from  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

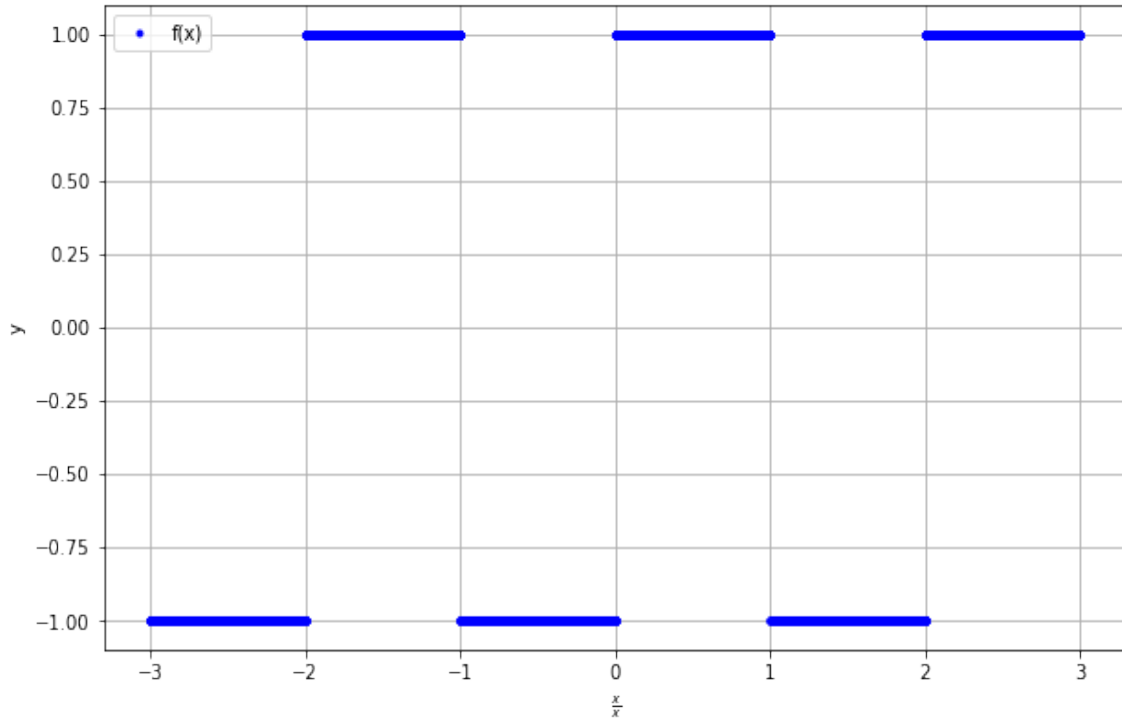


Figure 2: Odd Extension of the  $f(x) = 1$  from  $-3\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$

- (b) The graphs of the partial sum plotted in Python are for equation (9) for the cases when  $N = 5, 10, 20$ , over the range  $0 < x < \pi$ . In addition plot the series with  $N = 20, 50, 500$  terms over the range  $0 < x < 0.1$ .

$$f_N(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\sin((2n-1)x)}{2n-1} \quad (9)$$

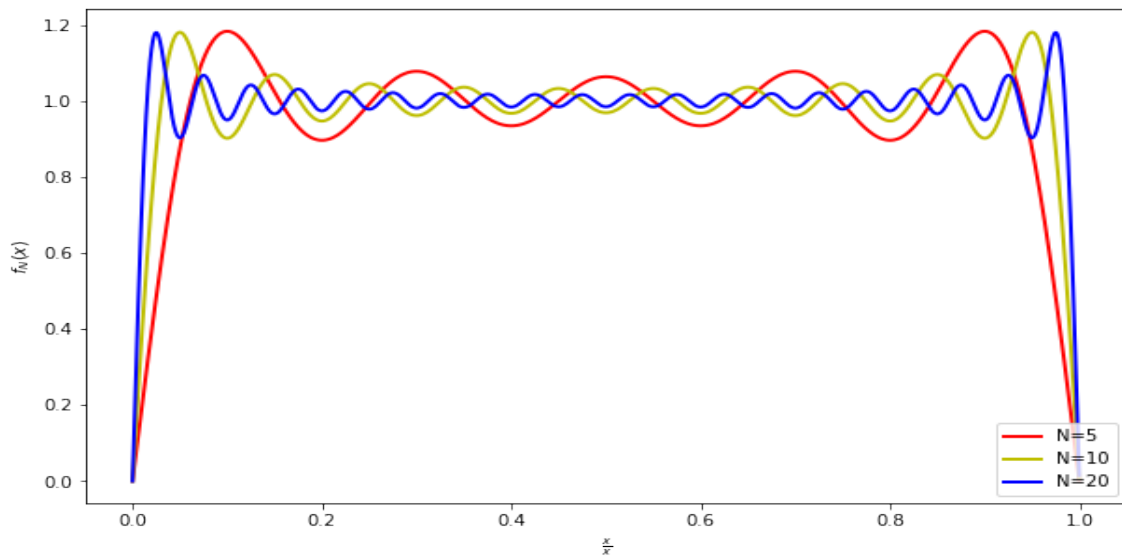


Figure 3: Partial Sums of the Fourier Series from  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$



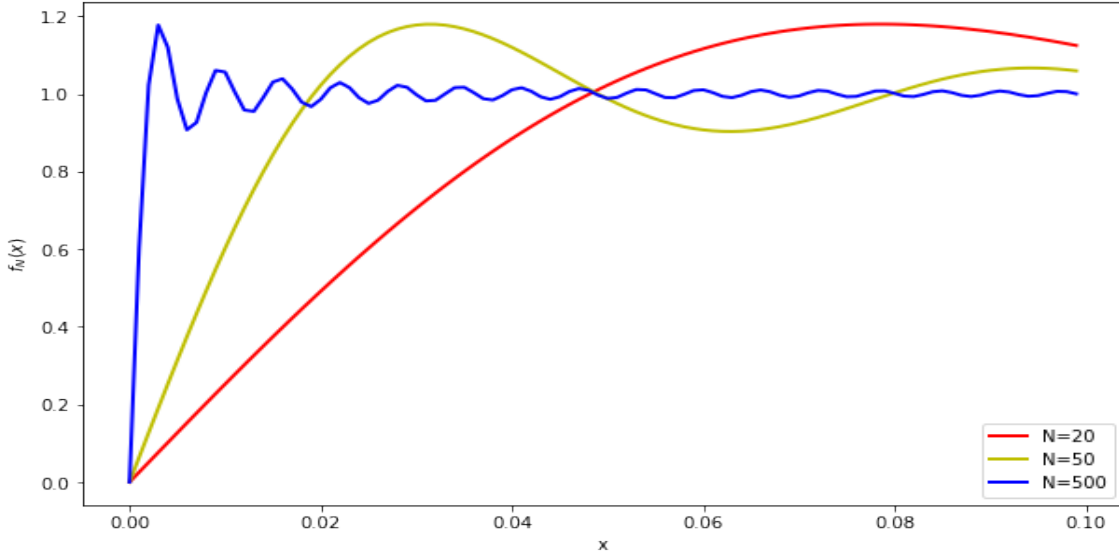


Figure 4: Partial Sums of the Fourier Series from  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

(c) Show that the partial sum in equation 9 may be written as:

$$f_N(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^x \frac{\sin(2Nt)}{\sin(t)} dt$$

The following expression can be rewritten as:

$$\sin \frac{(2n-1)x}{2n-1} = \int_0^x \cos((2n-1)t) dt$$

Therefore, we get the following expression:

$$f_N(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \int_0^t \cos((2n-1)t) dt \right) \quad (10)$$

Now when we differential equation (10), we get the following

$$f'_N(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \cos((2n-1)x) \quad (11)$$

when we multiply  $\sin(x)$  to the above expression in 11 we get

$$\sin(x)f'_N(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \sin(x) \cos((2n-1)x)$$

Let  $P = \cos((2n-1)x)$

$$P \sin(x) = \sin(x) \cos((2n-1)x)$$

we proceed by using Simpson Formulation

$$\sin(A) \cos(B) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B))$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} 2P \sin(x) &= \sin(x + (2n-1)x) + \sin(x - (2n-1)x) \\ &= \sin(2nx) - \sin(-2nx + 2x) \\ &= \sin(2nx) - \sin((2-2n)x) \\ P \sin(x) &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin(2nx) - \sin((2-2n)x)) \end{aligned}$$

We apply summation on both sides as follows  $\sin(x) f'_N(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N \sin(x) P &= \frac{1}{2} \sin(2Nx) \\ \sum_{n=1}^N P &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin(2Nx)}{\sin(x)} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} f'_N(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin(2Nx)}{\sin(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Integrating both sides gives

$$f_N(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^x \frac{\sin(Nt)}{\sin t} \quad \text{hence proved.}$$

(d)