

Fourier Series:

Fourier series are infinite series that represent periodic functions in terms of cosines and sines.

Basic tools

Periodic function:

If $f(x+p) = f(x)$, p is positive real no. then $f(x)$ is called periodic function with period p .

Ex. $\tan x$, $\sin x$, $\cos x$, $[x] - x$

* Let $f(x)$ is a given function of period 2π . Then the Fourier series representation of the function is given by,

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

where,

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

Here, a_n s and b_n s are called Fourier coefficients

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

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

* Basic integral formulas:

$$\text{i.]} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx dx = 0$$

$$\text{ii.]} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx dx = 0$$

$$\text{iii.]} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx dx = \pi \delta_{mn}$$

$$\text{iv.]} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mn \cos nx dx = \pi \delta_{mn}$$

$$\text{v.]} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \cos nx dx = 0$$

2. Fourier series in ~~General~~ $[-L, L]$

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)$$

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

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

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

* Convergence of a Fourier series:

Dirichlet conditions:

1. $f(x)$ must be absolutely integrable over a period
2. $f(x)$ must have a finite no of discontinuities in any given interval
3. $f(x)$ must have a finite number of extrema over the interval.

If a function $f(x)$, ^{having period $2L$} satisfies Dirichlet conditions in the interval $[-L, L]$, then it can be expanded in a Fourier series which converges to the function at continuous points and mean of the positive and negative limits at points of discontinuity.

i.e. If x_0 be a point of discontinuity, then, for $f(x)$, then ~~$f(x)$ converges to~~ Fourier series of $f(x)$ converges to
$$\frac{f(x_0+) + f(x_0-)}{2}$$

Problem set 11.1

3. Given, $f(x+p) = f(x)$
 $g(x+p) = g(x)$

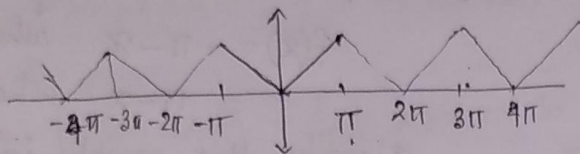
$$h(x+p) = a f(x+p) + b g(x+p) = a f(x) + b g(x) = h(x)$$

$\therefore h(x)$ is also periodic with period p .

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$$f(x) = |x|, \quad -\pi < x < \pi, \quad \text{with } f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(x) = -x \quad -\pi < x < 0 \\ = x \quad 0 \leq x < \pi$$



Let the Fourier series expansion of $f(x)$ be

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

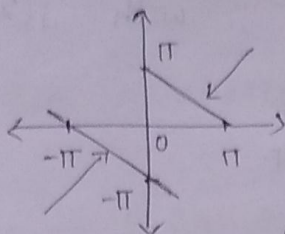
where,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 -x dx + \int_0^{\pi} x dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-\left[\frac{x^2}{2}\right]_{-\pi}^0 + \left[\frac{x^2}{2}\right]_0^{\pi} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right] = \frac{\pi^2}{2\pi} = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -x \cos nx dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot 2 \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[x \cdot \frac{\sin nx}{n} - \int \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{x \sin nx}{n} + \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos n\pi}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi n^2} [(-1)^n - 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x| \sin nx dx = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(x) &= \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi n^2} [(-1)^n - 1] \cos nx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{-4}{\pi} \cos x + \frac{-4}{9\pi} \cos 3x + \frac{-4}{25\pi} \cos 5x + \dots \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{x}{\pi} + \frac{y}{\pi} = 1$$

$$\text{or, } x+y = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pi - x$$

$$\frac{x}{-\pi} + \frac{y}{-\pi} = 1$$

$$\text{or } x+y = -\pi$$

$$\text{or } y = -\pi - x$$

\therefore Equation of the graph

$$f(x) = -\pi - x \quad \text{when } -\pi < x < 0$$

$$= \pi - x \quad \text{when } 0 < x < \pi$$

Clearly, the graph is defined in $(-\pi, \pi)$. To make it periodic with period 2π , we need to assert that $f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$.

The function $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=0$.

Let the Fourier series representation of $f(x)$ is,

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

$$\text{Then, } a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-\pi - x) dx + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - x) dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\pi x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-\pi}^0 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\pi x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\pi^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\pi^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right]$$

$$= 0$$

and

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

$$= -\int_{-\pi}^0 \cos nx dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 x \cos nx dx + \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx$$

$$= -\int_{-\pi}^0 \cos nx dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{-\pi} x \cos nx dx + \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx$$

$$= -\int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx + \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{for } n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (-\pi - x) \sin nx \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - x) \sin nx \, dx \\
&= -\int_{-\pi}^0 \sin nx \, dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 x \sin nx \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx \\
&= \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx \\
&= \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx \\
&= 2 \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx \\
&= 2 \left[-\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\frac{x \cos nx}{n} + \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi} \\
&= 2 \left[-\frac{\cos n\pi}{n} + \frac{1}{n} \right] - \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\pi \cos n\pi}{n} \right] \\
&= -\frac{2 \cos n\pi}{n} + \frac{2}{n} + \frac{2 \cos n\pi}{n} \\
&= \frac{2}{n}, \quad \text{for } n=1, 2, 3, \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} \sin nx$$

$$= 2 \left[\sin x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x + \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x + \dots \right] \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

23. In the previous prob. the function $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=0$.

Now, At $x=0$, RHS of $\textcircled{1}$ is 0 and LHS will be $f(0)$.

But $f(0)$ is not defined.

So, to get the value 0 in LHS, we need to calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{f(0+) + f(0-)}{2} &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)}{2} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (+\pi - x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-\pi - x)}{2} \\
&= \frac{\pi - \pi}{2} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Always at the point of discontinuity, the series converges to average of left limit and right limit at that point.

* Fourier series in $[-L, L]$ i.e. of period $2L$

The Fourier series of a function $f(x)$ defined in $[-L, L]$ with the period $2L$ is represented as,

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)$$

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

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

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

* Fourier series of Even and Odd functions:

If $f(x)$ is an even function, then its Fourier series reduces to a Fourier cosine series as

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

where,

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

If $f(x)$ is an odd function, then its Fourier series reduces to a Fourier sine series as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

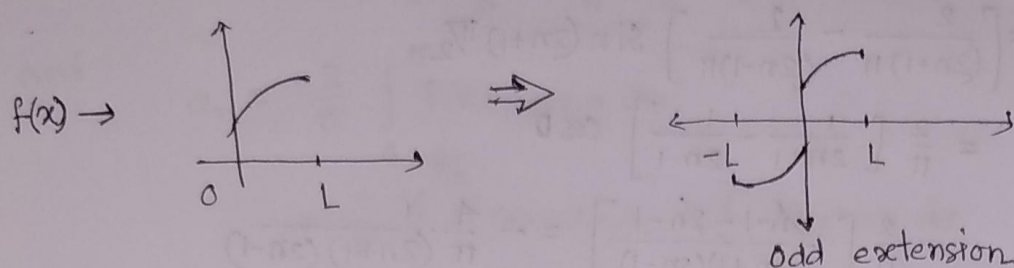
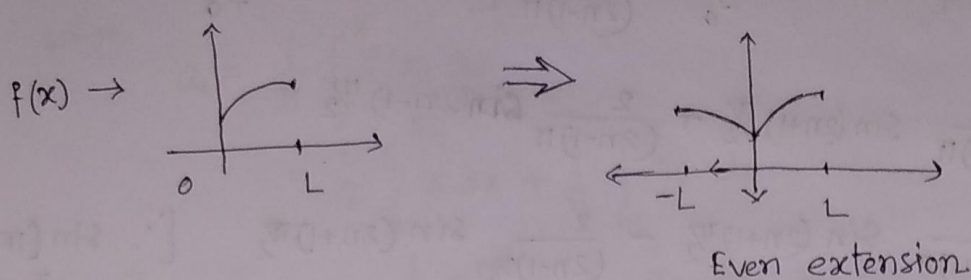
where,

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

* Half-Range Expansions:

A half-range Fourier series is a Fourier series which is generally defined on an interval $[0, L]$ instead of taking more common interval $[-L, L]$.

In half range Fourier series, a function $f(x)$ which is defined in $[0, L]$ is extended to even periodic function or odd periodic function in the interval $[-L, L]$.



So, basically half-range expansions of a functions are ~~basically~~ Fourier sine series (for odd extension) and Fourier cosine series (for even extension).

Problem set 11.2

14. $f(x) = \cos \pi x \quad -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}, \quad p=1$

The given function is an even function with period 1.
 $\therefore L = \frac{1}{2}$ and the Fourier series of it will be a Fourier cosine series.

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{\frac{1}{2}} = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos 2n\pi x$$

where

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \pi x dx = \frac{2}{\pi} [\sin \pi x]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) \cos 2n\pi x dx = 4 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \pi x \cos 2n\pi x dx$$

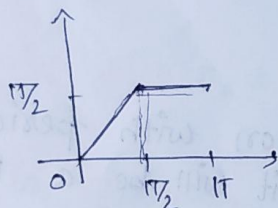
$$= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [\cos (2n+1)\pi x + \cos (2n-1)\pi x] dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(2n+1)\pi x \, dx + 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(2n-1)\pi x \, dx \\
&= \frac{2}{(2n+1)\pi} \left[\sin(2n+1)\pi x \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{2}{(2n-1)\pi} \left[\sin(2n-1)\pi x \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= \frac{2}{(2n+1)\pi} \sin(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{(2n-1)\pi} \sin(2n-1)\frac{\pi}{2} \\
&= \frac{2}{(2n+1)\pi} \sin(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{(2n-1)\pi} \sin(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \left[\because \sin(\pi+x) = -\sin x \right] \\
&= \left[\frac{2}{(2n+1)\pi} - \frac{2}{(2n-1)\pi} \right] \sin(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{2n-1} \right] \cos n\pi \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{2n-1-2n-1}{(2n+1)(2n-1)} \right] = -\frac{4(-1)^n}{\pi(2n+1)(2n-1)} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)(2n-1)}
\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The Fourier series representation is

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)(2n-1)} \cos 2n\pi x \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{3 \cdot 1} \cos 2\pi x + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 3} \cos 4\pi x + \frac{1}{7 \cdot 5} \cos 6\pi x + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

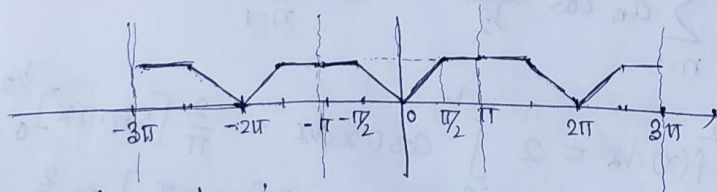
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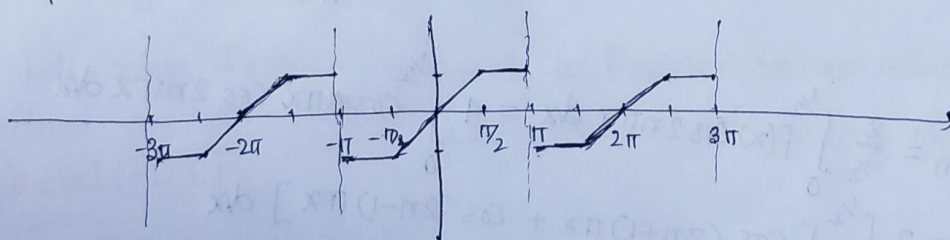
Eqⁿ of the graph

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= x & 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2} & \frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \pi
\end{aligned}$$

Even periodic extension:



Odd periodic extension:



② To find Fourier cosine series we consider

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

Where,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{\pi}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \times \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{8} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \cos nx dx + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{\pi}{2} \cos nx dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{x \sin nx}{n} + \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi/2} + \left[\frac{\sin nx}{n} \right]_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{2n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{\cos n\pi/2}{n^2} - 1 \right] - \frac{\sin n\pi/2}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{3\pi}{8} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi n^2} (\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - 1) \cos nx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3\pi}{8} + \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{2^2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{4^2} \cos 4x - \frac{1}{6^2} \cos 6x + \dots \right] \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{8} + \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\cos x - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x - \frac{1}{3^2} \cos 3x - \frac{2}{5^2} \cos 5x - \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

③ For Fourier sine series we consider,

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

Where,

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \sin nx dx + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{\pi}{2} \sin nx dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\frac{x \cos nx}{n} + \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi/2} + \left[-\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right]_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\pi}{2n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n^2} \right] + \frac{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n} - \frac{\cos n\pi}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \cancel{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}} + \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \cancel{\cos \frac{n\pi}{2}} - \frac{1}{n} \cos n\pi$$

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

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

$$= \left(\frac{2}{\pi} + 1 \right) \sin x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \left(-\frac{2}{9\pi} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \sin 3x - \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x + \dots$$