

**General Information:** This assignment contains written and/or programming tasks. Combine all the answers to the written tasks in a single PDF document, named `{lastname}-written.pdf`. You can also scan or take pictures of (readable) handwritten papers. JPEG/PNG image files are accepted in this case and they should be named `{exercisenummer}-{lastname}-written.{jpeg/png}`. Make sure that we can follow the manual calculations. Do not combine too many small steps into one. The programming tasks have to be solved in *Julia* and the source code files have to be submitted using the following naming scheme: `{exercisenummer}-{lastname}.jl`.

(1) (1 point) Determine the limit if there is one for each of the following sequences:

a) (0.25 points)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^2 + 45n - 15}{\sqrt{36n^4 - 16n} - 32}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^2 + 45n - 15}{\sqrt{36}\sqrt{n^4} - 16n - 32} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^2 + 45n - 15}{6n^2 - 16n - 32} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 + 45\frac{1}{n} - 15\frac{1}{n^2}}{6 - 16\frac{1}{n} - 32\frac{1}{n^2}} \\ &= \frac{5 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 45\frac{1}{n} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 15\frac{1}{n^2}}{6 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 16\frac{1}{n} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 32\frac{1}{n^2}} \\ &= \frac{5 + 45 \cdot 0 - 15 \cdot 0}{6 - 16 \cdot 0 - 32 \cdot 0} \\ &= \frac{5}{6} \end{aligned}$$

b) (0.25 points)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(n)$$

Solution:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin(n)$  is indeterminate, but we know that it can only take values from  $I = [-1, 1]$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{n} = \frac{x}{\infty}$  with  $x \in I$ , we can conclude that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$

c) (0.25 points)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( 2 \frac{n^2}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \ln \left( 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \right) \\ &= \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} &= 0 \\ \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{u} &= 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \right) &= 0 \\ \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} \ln(v) &= -\infty\end{aligned}$$

- d) (0.25 points) **Hint:** L'Hôpital's rule states that for two differentiable functions  $f$  and  $g$  where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$  results in an indeterminate form, the following expression holds:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(n)}{g'(n)}$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^5 e^{-n}$$

Solution:

According to L'Hôpital's rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^5}{e^n} \\ \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^4}{e^n} \\ \iff \dots \\ \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{120}{e^n}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^n = \infty$ , we can conclude that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0$ .

- (2) (2 points) Do the following series converge?

- a) (0.5 points) Use the ratio test to determine whether the following series converges:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!}.$$

**Hint:** The ratio test utilizes the limit:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|.$$

Following cases are distinguished:

- if  $L < 1$ , the series converges,
- if  $L > 1$ , the series diverges,
- if  $L = 1$ , n/a.

Solution:

We have  $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n!}$  and  $a_{n+1} = \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{2^n}{n!}} \right| \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{2^n} \right| \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^n \cdot 2}{(n+1)n!} \cdot \frac{n!}{2^n} \right| \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2}{(n+1) \cdot 1} \cdot \frac{1}{1} \right| \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2}{(n+1)} \right| = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $L < 1$ , the series converges.

- b) (0.5 points) Use the integral test to determine whether the following series converges:

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

**Hint:** According to the integral test, a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$  converges if and only if the integral  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^a f(n) dn$  converges.

**Solution:**

We have  $f(n) = \frac{1}{(n+2)^2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^a \frac{1}{(n+2)^2} dn \\
 &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^{a+2} \frac{1}{u^2} du \quad \text{substitution: } u = n+2 \text{ and } du = dn \\
 &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^{a+2} u^{-2} du \quad \text{substitution: } u = n+2 \text{ and } du = dn \\
 &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left. -\frac{1}{u} \right|_3^{a+2} \\
 &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{a+2} - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\infty+2} + \frac{1}{3} \\
 &= 0 + \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

The series converges.

- c) (0.5 points) Use the direct comparison test to determine whether the following series converges:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^4 + n + 4}.$$

**Hint:** The direct comparison test states that if the infinite series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converges and  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$ , then the infinite series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges as well.

Solution:

We have  $a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^4+n+4}$  and let  $b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^4}$ . The condition  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$  is satisfied. After simplification, we can see that  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$  is a p-series with  $p > 1$  for which we know that it converges. According to the direct comparison test  $a_n$  converges as well.

- d) (0.5 points) Use the alternating series test to determine whether the following series converges:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n+3}.$$

**Hint:** The alternating series test states that a series which can be rewritten as  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$  converges if the following conditions are met:

- i.  $|a_n|$  decreases monotonically (check if  $|a_{n+1}| \leq |a_n|$ )
- ii.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

Solution:

Rewriting the series:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+2}}{2n+3} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{2n+3} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n (-1) \frac{1}{2n+3} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{-1}{2n+3}. \end{aligned}$$

We have  $a_n = \frac{-1}{2n+3}$  and check whether the conditions hold:

- i. The sequence  $|a_n|$  decreases since  $\frac{1}{2n+5} \leq \frac{1}{2n+3}$ .
- ii.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{2n+3} = 0$  also holds.

Since both conditions are met, the series converges.

- (3) (2 points) A differentiable function  $f(x)$  can be approximated at a point  $a$  using the *Taylor series*:

$$f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!}(x-a)^k,$$

with  $f^{(k)}(a)$  the  $k$ -th derivative of  $f$  at the point  $a$ .

- a) (1.0 point) Write the sum of the first 8 terms of the Taylor series of the function  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  at the point  $a = 0$ . Show that this series can be written with the following formula:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}. \quad (1)$$

Solution:

The sum of the 8 first terms is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin(0) + \frac{\sin'(0)}{1!}(x-0) + \frac{\sin''(0)}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{\sin'''(0)}{3!}(x-0)^3 \\ & + \frac{\sin^{(4)}(0)}{4!}(x-0)^4 + \dots + \frac{\sin^{(7)}(0)}{7!}(x-0)^7. \end{aligned}$$

The  $n$ th derivatives of  $\sin(0)$  for  $n = 0, \dots, 7$  are:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(0) &= 0, \\ \sin'(0) &= 1, \\ \sin''(0) &= 0, \\ \sin'''(0) &= -1, \\ \sin^{(4)}(0) &= 0, \\ \sin^{(5)}(0) &= 1, \\ \sin^{(6)}(0) &= 0, \\ \sin^{(7)}(0) &= -1, \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{0}{2!}x^2 - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{0}{4!}x^4 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 + \frac{0}{6!}x^6 - \frac{1}{7!}x^7 \\ &= \frac{x}{1!} - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 - \frac{1}{7!}x^7 \\ &= \frac{x^1}{1!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^7 \frac{x^{k+k-1} \cdot (-1)^{k-1}}{(k+k-1)!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^6 \frac{x^{(k+1)+(k+1)-1} \cdot (-1)^{(k+1)-1}}{((k+1)+(k+1)-1)!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^6 \frac{x^{2k+1} \cdot (-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

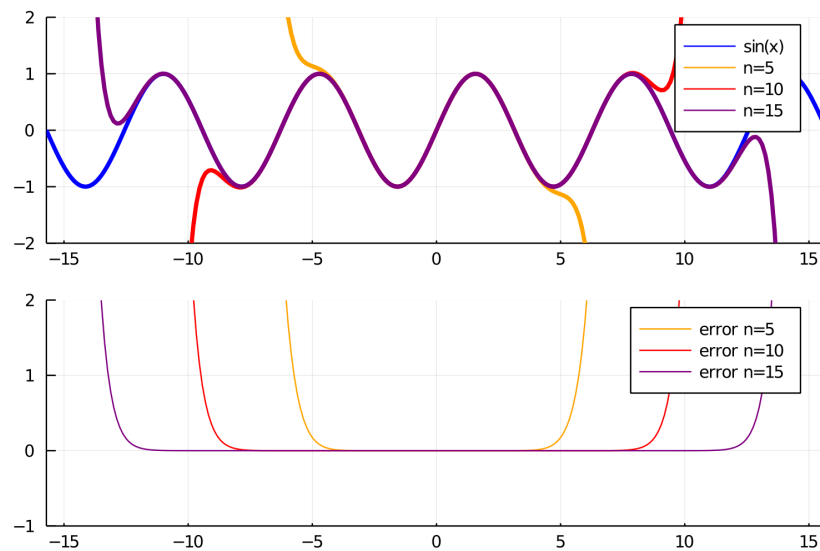


Figure 1: Plot of function  $\sin(x)$  (blue) and its Taylor series approximation for different values of  $n$  (top). Absolute error between  $\sin(x)$  and the Taylor series (bottom).

- b) (0.5 points) Using Julia, implement the formula and plot the Taylor series for  $n = 5$ ,  $n = 10$ , and  $n = 15$  (see Figure below). Use the template `sine.jl`.

Solution:

see `sine_solution.jl`

- c) (0.5 points) For each value of  $n$ , plot the absolute error between the Taylor series approximation and the real function  $\sin(x)$ . Use the template `sine.jl`.

Solution:

see `sine_solution.jl`

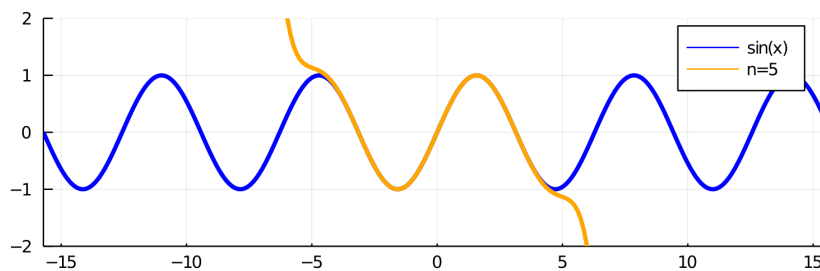


Figure 2: Plot of function  $\sin(x)$  (blue) and its Taylor series approximation for  $n = 5$ .

- (4) (2 points) A periodic piecewise continuous function  $f$  on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  has a *Fourier Series Representation*:

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos(kx) + b_k \sin(kx),$$

with the following coefficients:

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx, \quad k \geq 1.$$

Compute the terms for  $k \in \{1, 3, 5\}$  of the Fourier Series representation for  $f(x)$  with the period  $2\pi$ :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -\pi < x < 0 \\ -1 & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}.$$

Copy your resulting  $a_0, a_k, b_k$  into the respective place in the `fourier.jl` file and compare your result to Figure 3.

**Solution:**

Compute  $a_k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx, \quad k \geq 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 f(x) \cos(kx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 1 \cos(kx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} (-1) \cos(kx) dx \right] \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\pi} \cos(kx) dx \right] \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{k} \sin(k\pi) - \left( -\frac{1}{k} \sin(k \cdot 0) \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{k} \sin(k\pi) + \frac{1}{k} \sin(0) \right] \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{k} 0 + \frac{1}{k} 0 \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Factor  $a_k$  evaluates to 0 for every possible  $k$ .

Compute  $b_k$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx, \quad k \geq 1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 f(x) \sin(kx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 1 \sin(kx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} (-1) \sin(kx) dx \right] \\
 &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\pi} \sin(kx) dx \right] \\
 &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{k} \cos(kx) \right]_0^{\pi} \\
 &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{k} \cos(k\pi) - \left( -\frac{1}{k} \cos(k \cdot 0) \right) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{k} \cos(k\pi) + \frac{1}{k} \right] \\
 &= -\frac{2}{k\pi} [-\cos(k\pi) + 1].
 \end{aligned}$$

Plugging in each  $k$  gives:  $b_1 = -\frac{4}{\pi}$ ,  $b_3 = -\frac{4}{3\pi}$ ,  $b_5 = -\frac{4}{5\pi}$ .

Construct the series:

$$0 + 0 \cdot \cos(x) + \frac{-4}{\pi} \sin(x) + 0 \cdot \cos(3x) + \frac{-4}{3\pi} \sin(3x) + 0 \cdot \cos(5x) + \frac{-4}{5\pi} \sin(5x).$$

Additionally, see `fourier_solution.jl`.

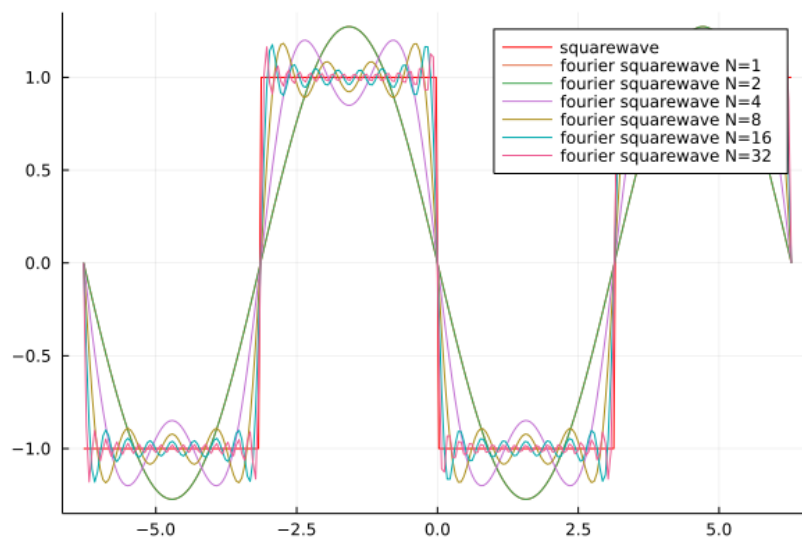


Figure 3: Plot of square wave function and ( $N$ -th) partial sums of the corresponding Fourier series.