



Fourier Series

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Unit – III Fourier Series:

Q.1 Given that $f(x) = x + x^2$ for $-\pi < x < \pi$, find the Fourier expression of $f(x)$. Hence deduce

$$\text{that } \frac{\pi^2}{6} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$$

Solution: Here, $f(x) = x + x^2$, $-\pi < x < \pi$

Fourier series for a function $f(x)$ can be written as:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \text{ where} \dots\dots(1)$$

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

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

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

Now

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

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

Integrate

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{\pi^3}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{(-\pi)^2}{2} + \frac{(-\pi)^3}{3} \right) \right]$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{\pi^3}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{3} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{\pi^3}{3} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{\pi^3}{3} \right] \text{ (Simplify)}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{2\pi^3}{3} \right]$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{3} \pi^2$$

Find a_n .

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x + x^2) \cos nx dx$$

Integrate by parts.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[(x + x^2) \frac{\sin nx}{n} - \int (1 + 2x) \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[(x+x^2) \frac{\sin nx}{n} - (1+2x) \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} + 2 \left(-\frac{\sin nx}{n^3} \right) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

Substitute the limits.

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[4\pi \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \right] = \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}$$

Find b_n .

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

Substitute $f(x) = x + x^2$.

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x+x^2) \sin nx \, dx$$

Integrate by parts.

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-(x+x^2) \left(\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \int (1+2x) \cos nx \, dx \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

Use again integrate by parts.

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

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-(x+x^2) \left(\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right) + (1+2x) \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} + 2 \frac{\cos nx}{n^3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

Substitute the limits.

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left\{ -(\pi+\pi^2) \left(\frac{\cos n\pi}{n} \right) + (1+2\pi) \frac{\sin n\pi}{n^2} + 2 \frac{\cos n\pi}{n^3} \right\} - \left\{ -(-\pi+(-\pi)^2) \left(\frac{\cos n(-\pi)}{n} \right) + (1+2(-\pi)) \frac{\sin n(-\pi)}{n^2} + 2 \frac{\cos n(-\pi)}{n^3} \right\} \right]$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left\{ -(\pi+\pi^2) \left(\frac{\cos n\pi}{n} \right) + (1+2\pi) \frac{\sin n\pi}{n^2} + 2 \frac{\cos n\pi}{n^3} \right\} + \left\{ (-\pi+\pi^2) \left(\frac{\cos n\pi}{n} \right) + (1-2\pi) \frac{\sin n\pi}{n^2} - 2 \frac{\cos n\pi}{n^3} \right\} \right]$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{2\pi \cos n\pi}{n} \right] \quad [\because \sin n\pi = 0]$$

$$b_n = -\frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^n \quad [\because \cos n\pi = (-1)^n]$$

Substitute the values of a_0, a_n and b_n in (1).

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

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{2\pi}{n} (-1)^n \right) \sin nx$$

$$x + x^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \left[-\cos x + \frac{1}{2^2} \cos 2x - \frac{1}{3^2} \cos 3x + \dots \right] - 2 \left[-\sin x + \frac{1}{2^2} \sin 2x - \frac{1}{3^2} \sin 3x + \dots \right] \quad \dots(2)$$

Substitute $x = \pi$.

$$\pi + \pi^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \left[-\cos \pi + \frac{1}{2^2} \cos 2\pi - \frac{1}{3^2} \cos 3\pi + \dots \right] - 2 \left[-\sin \pi + \frac{1}{2^2} \sin 2\pi - \frac{1}{3^2} \sin 3\pi + \dots \right] \quad \dots(3)$$

Now substitute $x = -\pi$ in (2).

$$-\pi + \pi^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \left[-\cos(-\pi) + \frac{1}{2^2} \cos 2(-\pi) - \frac{1}{3^2} \cos 3(-\pi) + \dots \right] -$$

$$2 \left[-\sin(-\pi) + \frac{1}{2^2} \sin 2(-\pi) - \frac{1}{3^2} \sin 3(-\pi) + \dots \right] \quad \dots(4)$$

Add (3) and (4).

$$\pi^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \left[\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} \dots$$

Q.2 Find the Fourier series of $f(x)$, if $f(x) = \begin{cases} -\pi, & -\pi < x < 0 \\ x, & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$

Hence deduce that $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$

Solution: Here, $f(x) = \begin{cases} -\pi, & -\pi < x < 0 \\ x, & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$

Fourier series for a function $f(x)$ can be written as:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \text{ where} \quad \dots(1)$$

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

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

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

Now

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx, \text{ substitute } f(x) = \begin{cases} -\pi, & -\pi < x < 0 \\ x, & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}.$$

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

Integrate

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\pi \{x\}_{-\pi}^0 + \left\{ \frac{x^2}{2} \right\}_0^{\pi} \right]$$

Substitute the limits.

$$a_0 = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

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

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

Integrate

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

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

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

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

Integrate

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n}(1 - \cos n\pi)$$

Substitute the values of a_0, a_n and b_n in (1).

$$f(x) = -\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\cos x + \frac{\cos 3x}{3^2} + \frac{\cos 5x}{5^2} + \dots \right) + 3 \sin x - \frac{\sin 2x}{2} + \frac{3 \sin 3x}{3} - \frac{\sin 4x}{4} \dots (2)$$

At the point of discontinuity

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{2} [f(0-0) + f(0+0)] = \frac{1}{2}(0-0) = 0$$

Substitute $x=0$ in (2).

$$0 = -\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots \right)$$

This shows

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

Q.3 Obtain the Fourier series expansion of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 < x < \pi \\ -x, & -\pi < x < 0 \end{cases}$

Hence show that $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$

Solution: Here

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

Fourier series for a function $f(x)$ can be written as:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \text{ where} \dots (1)$$

Here $f(x)$ is an even function therefore, $b_n = 0$.

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

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (-x) \cos nx dx = -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[x \frac{\sin nx}{n} + \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

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

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 0, & n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{4}{n^2 \pi}, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Substitute the values of a_0, a_n and b_n in (1).

$$f(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos x}{1^2} + \frac{\cos 3x}{3^2} + \frac{\cos 5x}{5^2} + \dots \right] \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

At the point of discontinuity

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{2} [f(0-0) + f(0+0)] = \frac{1}{2}(0-0) = 0$$

Substitute $x=0$ in (2).

$$0 = -\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots \right)$$

This shows

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

Q.4 Find the Fourier series expansion of the periodic function of period 2π .

$$f(x) = e^x, \quad 0 < x < 2\pi$$

Solution: Here, $f(x) = e^x$

Fourier series for a function $f(x)$ can be written as:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \text{ where} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$$

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx$$

Now

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx, \text{ substitute } f(x) = e^x.$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} [e^x]_0^{2\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} [e^{2\pi} - e^0]$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} (e^{2\pi} - 1)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^x \cos nx dx$$

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

$$\therefore \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} \{a \cos bx + b \sin bx\}$$

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

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

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

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^x \sin nx \, dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^x}{1^2 + n^2} \{1 \cdot \sin nx - n \cos nx\} \right]_0^{2\pi} \quad \because \int e^{ax} \sin bx \, dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} \{a \sin bx - b \cos bx\}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^{2\pi}}{1^2 + n^2} \{1 \cdot \sin 2n\pi - n \cos 2n\pi\} - \frac{e^0}{1^2 + n^2} \{1 \cdot \sin 0 - n \cos 0\} \right]$$

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

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

Substitute the values of a_0, a_n and b_n in (1).

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

Q.5 Find Fourier series expansion of $f(x) = x^2$, $-\pi < x < \pi$

Solution: Here, $f(x) = x^2$, $-\pi < x < \pi$

Fourier series for a function $f(x)$ is written as:

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

$f(x) = x^2$ is an even function. Therefore, $b_n = 0$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx \quad [\text{As } f(x) \text{ is even function}]$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \quad \left[\text{As } a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx, \quad f(x) \text{ and } \cos nx \text{ are even functions} \right]$$

Therefore,

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{3} \pi^2$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[x^2 \left(\frac{\sin nx}{n} \right) - \int 2x \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi^2 \sin n\pi}{n} + \frac{2x \cos n\pi}{n^2} - \frac{2 \sin n\pi}{n^3} \right]$$

$$a_n = \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}$$

$b_n = 0$ [As x^2 is an even function]

Therefore, Fourier series is:

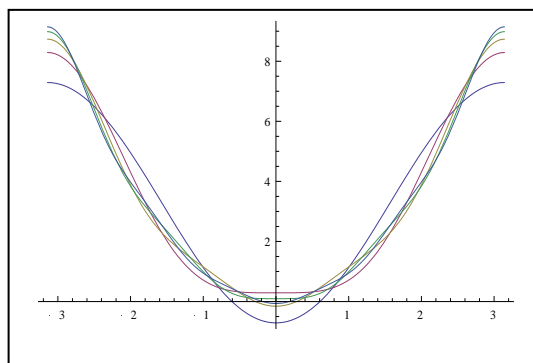
$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos nx}{n^2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \frac{4(-1)}{1^2} \cos x + \frac{4(-1)^2}{2^2} \cos 2x + \frac{4(-1)^3}{3^2} \cos 3x + \frac{4(-1)^4}{4^2} \cos 4x + \frac{4(-1)^5}{5^2} \cos 5x + \dots$$

Put $x = 0$

$$\frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} - \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{12}$$



Q.6 Expand the function $f(x) = x \sin x$, as a Fourier series in the interval $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$. Hence

deduce that $\frac{1}{1.3} - \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} - \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots = \frac{\pi - 2}{4}$

Solution: Here, $f(x) = x \sin x$, $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

Fourier series for a function $f(x)$ is written as:

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

$f(x) = x \sin x$ is an even function. Therefore, $b_n = 0$

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

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx \quad [\text{As } f(x) \text{ is even function}]$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nxdx \quad \left[\text{As } a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nxdx, \quad f(x) \text{ and } \cos nx \text{ are even functions} \right]$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin x dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[x(-\cos x) - \int 1(-\cos x) \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[x(-\cos x) - (-\sin x) \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi} [\pi] = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{a_0 = 2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin x \cos nxdx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x (2 \cos nx \sin x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \{ \sin(n+1)x - \sin(n-1)x \} dx \quad [\because 2 \cos A \sin B = \sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)]$$

$$a_n = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(n+1)x dx}_{I_1} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(n-1)x dx}_{I_2}$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(n+1)x dx$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-x \frac{\cos(n+1)x}{n+1} - \int \left(-1 \cdot \frac{\cos(n+1)x}{n+1} \right) dx \right]_0^{\pi} \quad [\text{Integration by parts}]$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-x \frac{\cos(n+1)x}{n+1} + \frac{\sin(n+1)x}{(n+1)^2} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left\{ -\pi \frac{\cos(n+1)\pi}{n+1} + \frac{\sin(n+1)\pi}{(n+1)^2} \right\} - \{0\} \right] \quad [\text{Substitute the upper and lower limits}]$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\left\{ -\pi \frac{\cos(n+1)\pi}{n+1} \right\} \right] \quad [\because \sin(n+1)\pi = 0]$$

$$I_1 = -\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

Similarly

$$I_2 = -\frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n-1}$$

Therefore,

$$a_n = I_1 - I_2$$

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

$$a_n = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2 - 1} \quad [\text{This value of } a_n \text{ will fail for } n = 1]$$

Now

$$a_1 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \sin x \cos x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x (2 \sin x \cos x) dx$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \sin 2x dx$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-x \frac{\cos 2x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{4} \right]_0^\pi \quad [\text{Integration by parts}]$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\pi}{2} \right] = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Hence,

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

$$x \sin x = 1 + 2 \left[-\frac{1}{4} \cos x - \frac{1}{1.3} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{2.4} \cos 3x - \frac{1}{3.5} \cos 4x + \dots \right]$$

Put $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ for hence part

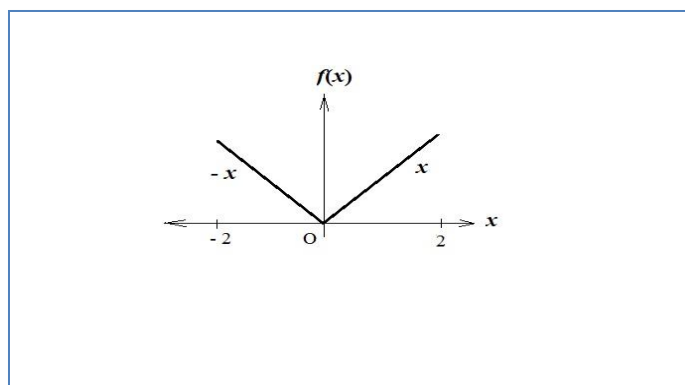
$$\frac{\pi}{2} = 1 + 2 \left\{ \frac{1}{1.3} - \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} - \dots \right\}$$

$\frac{\pi - 2}{4} = \frac{1}{1.3} - \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} - \dots$

Q.7 A periodic function of period 4 is defined as $f(x) = |x|$, $-2 < x < 2$. Find its Fourier series expansion.

Solution: $f(x) = |x|$, $-2 < x < 2$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 < x < 2 \\ -x, & -2 < x < 0 \end{cases}$$



Fourier series for a function $f(x)$ can be written as:

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

$f(x) = |x|$ is an even function. Therefore, $b_n = 0$

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

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^0 (-x) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 x dx$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-2}^0 + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^2 = \frac{1}{4} [0 + 4] + \frac{1}{4} [4 - 0]$$

$$\boxed{a_0 = 2}$$

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^0 (-x) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{c} \right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 x \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{c} \right) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2} \left[(-x) \left(\frac{2}{n\pi} \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \right) - (-1) \left(-\frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \right]_{-2}^0$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left[x \left(\frac{2}{n\pi} \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \right) - 1 \left(-\frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \right]_0^2$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2} \left[0 - \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} + \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} (-)^n \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[0 + \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} (-)^n - \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \right]$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \left[-1 + (-1)^n + (-1)^n - 1 \right]$$

$$a_n = \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \left[(-1)^n - 1 \right]$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2}, & \text{If } n \text{ is odd.} \\ 0, & \text{If } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Fourier series is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{c}\right) + a_2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{c}\right) + \dots$$

$$\boxed{|x| = 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \left[\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)}{1^2} + \frac{\cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{2}\right)}{3^2} + \frac{\cos\left(\frac{5\pi x}{2}\right)}{5^2} + \dots \right]}$$

Half period series:

Cosine Series:

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

$$\text{where, } a_0 = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) dx$$

Sine Series:

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

$$\text{Where, } b_n = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) dx$$

Q.8 Expand $f(x) = e^x$ in a cosine series over $(0,1)$.

Solution: $f(x) = e^x$

Fourier cosine series can be written as

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

$$\text{where, } a_0 = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{c}\right) dx$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 e^x dx = 2 \left[e^x \right]_0^1 = 2 \left[e^1 - e^0 \right]$$

$$a_0 = 2(e - 1)$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 e^x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) dx$$

$$a_n = 2 \int_0^1 e^x \cos n\pi x dx$$

$$a_n = 2 \left[\frac{e^x}{1^2 + n^2 \pi^2} (1 \cos n\pi x + n\pi \sin n\pi x) \right]_0^1 \quad \left[\because \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2} (a \cos bx + b \sin bx) \right]$$

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, the series is

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

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

$$e^x = e - 1 + \frac{2}{1 + 1^2 \pi^2} [-e - 1] \cos x + \frac{2}{1 + 2^2 \pi^2} [e - 1] \cos x - \frac{2}{1 + 3^2 \pi^2} [-e - 1] \cos x + \dots$$

$$e^x = e - 1 + \frac{2}{1 + \pi^2} (-e - 1) \cos x + \frac{2}{1 + 4\pi^2} (e - 1) \cos x - \frac{2}{1 + 9\pi^2} (-e - 1) \cos x + \dots$$

Q.9 Obtain the half range sine series for the function $f(x) = x^2$ in the interval $0 < x < 3$.

Solution: Do yourself