

# CHAPTER 7

## Section 7.4

1. (a) Let the function

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

be given.



Using (7.9), the coefficients for the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  are given by

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx \, dx = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

and

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx = -\frac{\cos nx}{n\pi} \Big|_0^{\pi} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n\pi} & \text{if } n = 1, 3, 5, \dots \\ 0 & \text{if } n = 2, 4, 6, \dots \end{cases}$$

Hence, by (7.10) the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is given by

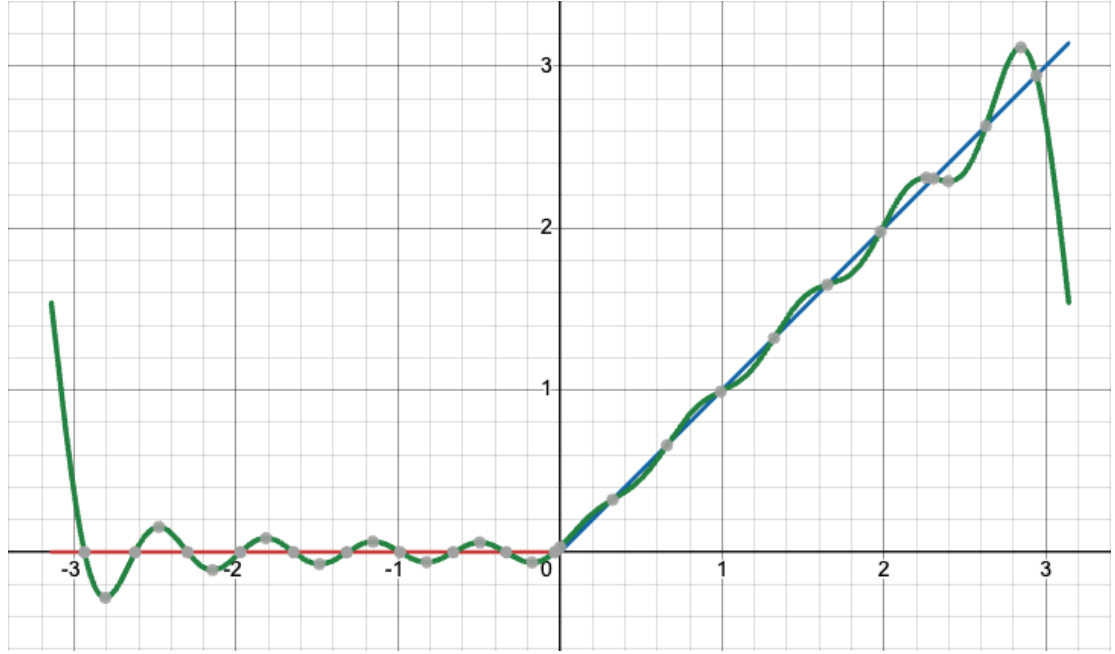
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sin x + \frac{2}{3\pi} \sin 3x + \frac{2}{5\pi} \sin 5x + \dots + \frac{2}{(2n-1)\pi} \sin (2n-1)x + \dots$$

for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . The figure shows  $S_{11}$ , i.e. the sum of the first eleven terms of the Fourier series of  $f(x)$ .

- (b) Let the function

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

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Using (7.9) the coefficients for the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  are given by

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

For  $n = 0$  the integral reduces to

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \, dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx \, dx = \left. \frac{x \sin nx}{n\pi} \right|_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx = \left[ \frac{x \sin nx}{n\pi} + \frac{\cos nx}{n^2\pi} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{\cos n\pi - 1}{n^2\pi} \\ &= \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{n^2\pi} & \text{if } n = 1, 3, 5, \dots \\ 0 & \text{if } n = 2, 4, 6, \dots \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

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

Hence, by (7.10) the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is given by

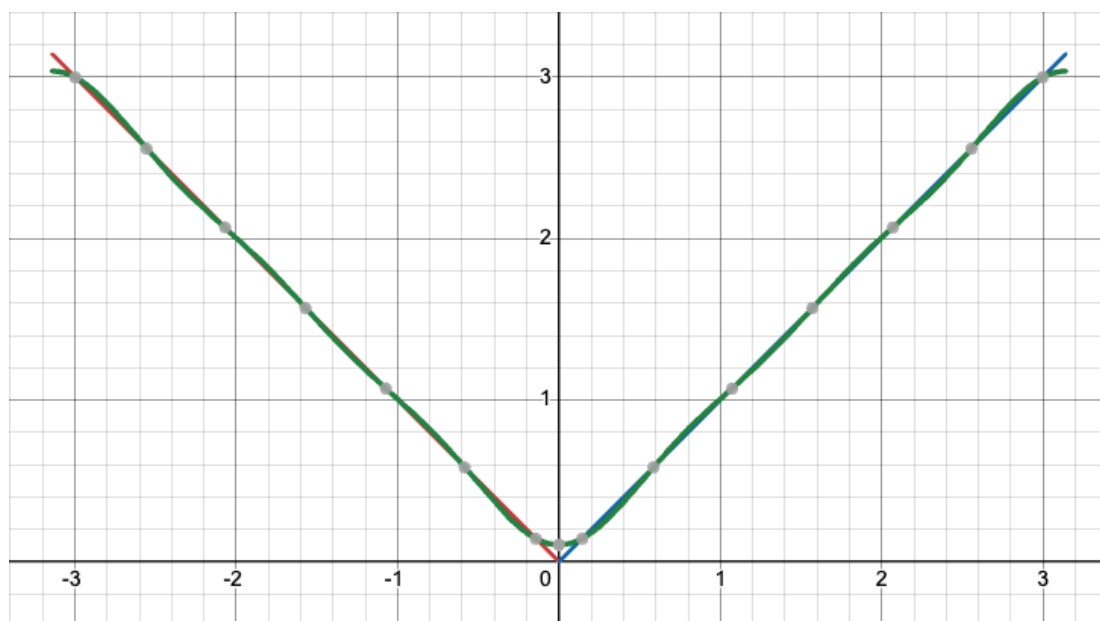
$$\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2n-1)x}{(2n-1)^2} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\sin nx}{n}$$

The figure shows  $S_9$ , i.e. the sum of the first nine terms of the Fourier series of  $f(x)$ .

(c) Let the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & \text{if } -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

be given.



Using (7.9) the coefficients for the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  are given by

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

For  $n = 0$  the integral reduces to

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

For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( - \int_{-\pi}^0 x \cos nx \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx \, dx \right) \\
 &= \frac{x \sin nx}{n\pi} \Big|_0^{-\pi} - \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_0^{-\pi} \sin nx \, dx + \frac{x \sin nx}{n\pi} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx \\
 &= \left[ \frac{x \sin nx}{n\pi} + \frac{\cos nx}{n^2\pi} \right]_0^{-\pi} + \left[ \frac{x \sin nx}{n\pi} + \frac{\cos nx}{n^2\pi} \right]_0^{\pi} = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{n^2\pi} & \text{if } n = 1, 3, 5, \dots \\ 0 & \text{if } n = 2, 4, 6, \dots \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

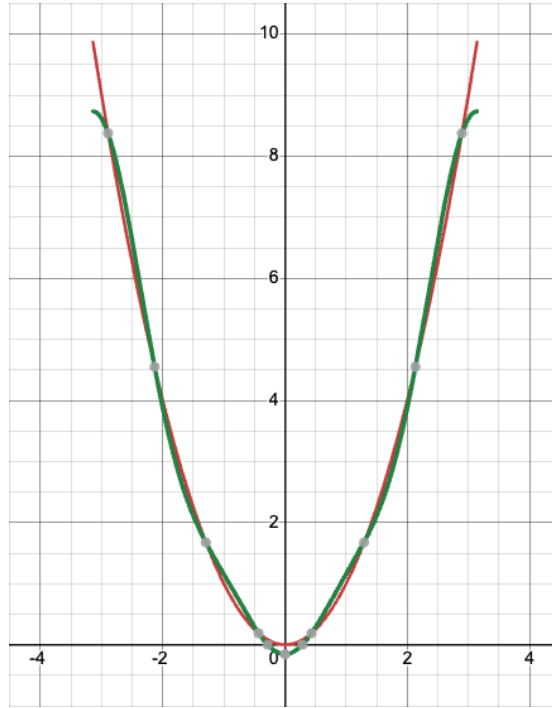
$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( - \int_{-\pi}^0 x \sin nx \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx \right) \\
 &= \frac{x \cos nx}{n\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^0 - \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos nx \, dx - \frac{x \cos nx}{n\pi} \Big|_0^{\pi}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

Hence, by (7.10) the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is given by

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

The figure shows  $S_5$ , i.e. the sum of the first five terms of the Fourier series of  $f(x)$ .

(d) Let the function  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  be given.



Using (7.9) the coefficients for the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  are given by

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

For  $n = 0$  the integral reduces to

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \, dx = \frac{x^3}{3\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$$

For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx \, dx = \frac{x^2 \sin nx}{n\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx \\ &= \frac{x^2 \sin nx}{n\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{2x \cos nx}{n^2\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{2}{n^2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \, dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{x^2 \sin nx}{n\pi} + \frac{2x \cos nx}{n^2\pi} - \frac{2 \sin nx}{n^3\pi} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = (-1)^n \frac{4}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \sin nx \, dx = -\frac{x^2 \cos nx}{n\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{2}{n^2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \cos nx \, dx \\
 &= -\frac{x^2 \cos nx}{n\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{2x \sin nx}{n^2\pi} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{2}{n^2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx \\
 &= \left[ -\frac{x^2 \cos nx}{n\pi} + \frac{2x \sin nx}{n^2\pi} + \frac{2 \cos nx}{n^3\pi} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (7.10) the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is given by

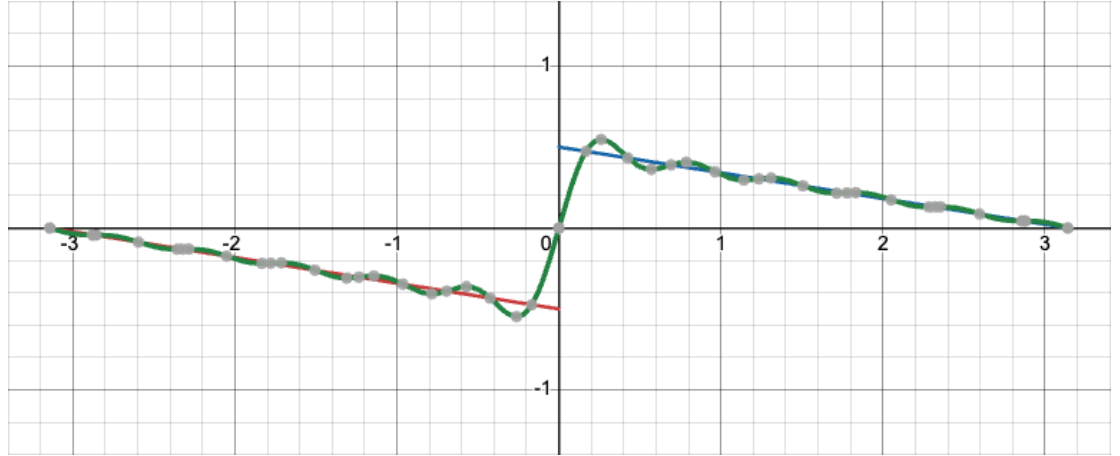
$$\frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos nx}{n^2}$$

The figure shows  $S_3$ , i.e. the sum of the first third terms of the Fourier series of  $f(x)$ .

(e) Let the function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{2\pi} & \text{if } -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{2\pi} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

be given.



Using (7.9) the coefficients for the Fourier series of  $F(x)$  are given by

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

For  $n = 0$  the integral reduces to

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

For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  we get

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

and

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

Hence, by (7.10) the Fourier series of  $F(x)$  is given by

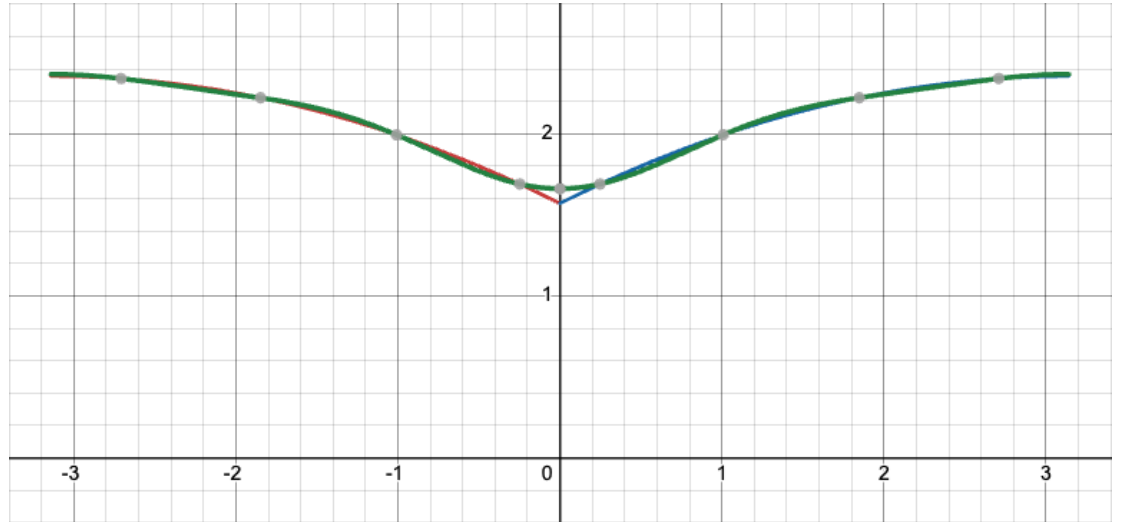
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nx}{n}$$

The figure shows  $S_{11}$ , i.e. the sum of the first eleven terms of the Fourier series of  $F(x)$ .

(f) Let the function

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} & \text{if } -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

be given.



Using (7.9) the coefficients for the Fourier series of  $G(x)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G(x) \cos nx \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} \right) \cos nx \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} \right) \cos nx \, dx \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 0$  the integral reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} \right) dx + \int_0^{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} \right) dx \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} - \frac{x^3}{12\pi^2} \right]_{-\pi}^0 + \left[ \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4\pi} - \frac{x^3}{12\pi^2} \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} \right) \cos nx \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} \right) \cos nx \, dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{\sin nx}{2n} - \frac{x \sin nx}{2n\pi} - \frac{\cos nx}{2n^2\pi} \right]_{-\pi}^0 - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^0 x^2 \cos nx \, dx \\ &\quad + \left[ \frac{\sin nx}{2n} + \frac{x \sin nx}{2n\pi} + \frac{\cos nx}{2n^2\pi} \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx \, dx \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n^2\pi} + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left( \int_0^{-\pi} x^2 \cos nx \, dx - \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx \, dx \right) \\ &= \dots + \frac{x^2 \sin nx}{4n\pi^2} \Big|_0^{-\pi} - \frac{1}{2n\pi^2} \int_0^{-\pi} x \sin nx \, dx - \frac{x^2 \sin nx}{4n\pi^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{2n\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx \\ &= \dots + \frac{x \cos nx}{2n^2\pi^2} \Big|_0^{-\pi} - \frac{1}{2n^2\pi^2} \int_0^{-\pi} \cos nx \, dx - \frac{x \cos nx}{2n^2\pi^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{2n^2\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx \, dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{n^2\pi} - \frac{\sin nx}{2n^3\pi^2} \Big|_0^{-\pi} + \frac{\sin nx}{2n^3\pi^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} = -\frac{1}{n^2\pi} \end{aligned}$$



and

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} \right) \sin nx \, dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi} \right) \sin nx \, dx \\
&= \left[ \frac{\cos nx}{2n} - \frac{x \cos nx}{2n\pi} + \frac{\sin nx}{2n^2\pi} \right]_0^{-\pi} - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^0 x^2 \sin nx \, dx \\
&\quad + \left[ -\frac{\cos nx}{2n} - \frac{x \cos nx}{2n\pi} + \frac{\sin nx}{2n^2\pi} \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \sin nx \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left( \int_0^{-\pi} x^2 \sin nx \, dx - \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \sin nx \, dx \right) \\
&= -\frac{x^2 \cos nx}{4n\pi^2} \Big|_0^{-\pi} + \frac{1}{2n\pi^2} \int_0^{-\pi} x \cos nx \, dx + \frac{x^2 \cos nx}{4n\pi^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{2n\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx \, dx \\
&= \frac{x \sin nx}{2n^2\pi^2} \Big|_0^{-\pi} - \frac{1}{2n^2\pi^2} \int_0^{-\pi} \sin nx \, dx - \frac{x \sin nx}{2n^2\pi^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{2n^2\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx \, dx \\
&= \frac{\cos nx}{2n^3\pi^2} \Big|_0^{-\pi} - \frac{\cos nx}{2n^3\pi^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (7.10) the Fourier series of  $F(x)$  is given by

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