

# Fourier Series – Chapter 1 Solutions

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1. Expand the following functions in Fourier series:

- a)  $f(x) = e^{ax}$  ( $-\pi < x < \pi$ ), where  $a \neq 0$  is a constant;
- b)  $f(x) = \cos ax$  ( $-\pi < x < \pi$ ), where  $a$  is not an integer;
- c)  $f(x) = \sin ax$  ( $-\pi < x < \pi$ ), where  $a$  is not an integer;
- d)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } -\pi < x \leq 0, \\ x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi. \end{cases}$

The coefficients in part (a) are

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a\pi} \sinh a\pi, \\ a_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos kx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \Re \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{(a+ki)x} dx \\ &= (-1)^k \frac{2a}{\pi(a^2 + k^2)} \sinh a\pi, \\ b_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin kx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \Im \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{(a+ki)x} dx \\ &= (-1)^{k+1} \frac{2k}{\pi(a^2 + k^2)} \sinh a\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, on  $-\pi < x < \pi$ ,

$$e^{ax} = \frac{1}{a\pi} \sinh a\pi + \frac{2}{\pi} \sinh a\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{a \cos kx - k \sin kx}{a^2 + k^2}.$$

The coefficients in part (b) are

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos ax dx = \frac{1}{a\pi} \sin a\pi \\ a_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos ax \cos kx dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\cos(a+k)x + \cos(a-k)x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi(a+k)} \sin(a+k)\pi + \frac{1}{\pi(a-k)} \sin(a-k)\pi = (-1)^k \frac{2a}{\pi(a^2 - k^2)} \sin a\pi, \\ b_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos ax \sin kx dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\sin(a+k)x - \sin(a-k)x) dx \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, on  $-\pi < x < \pi$

$$\cos ax = \frac{1}{a\pi} \sin a\pi + \frac{2}{\pi} \sin a\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{a}{a^2 - k^2} \cos kx.$$

The coefficients in part (c) are

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin ax \, dx = 0 \\ a_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin ax \cos kx \, dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\sin(a+k)x + \sin(a-k)x) \, dx \\ &= 0, \\ b_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin ax \sin kx \, dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\cos(a-k)x - \cos(a+k)x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi(a-k)} \sin(a-k)\pi - \frac{1}{\pi(a+k)} \sin(a+k)\pi = (-1)^k \frac{2k}{\pi(a^2 - k^2)} \sin a\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, on  $-\pi < x < \pi$ ,

$$\sin ax = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin a\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{k}{a^2 - k^2} \sin kx.$$

The coefficients in part (d) are

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \, dx = \frac{\pi}{4}, \\ a_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos kx \, dx = \frac{1}{k\pi} \left( x \sin kx + \frac{1}{k} \cos kx \right)_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^k - 1}{k^2\pi}, \\ b_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin kx \, dx = \frac{1}{k\pi} \left( -x \cos kx + \frac{1}{k} \sin kx \right)_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, on  $-\pi < x < \pi$ ,

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^k - 1}{k^2\pi} \cos kx + \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \sin kx \right).$$

2. Using the expansion of Prob. 1b, show that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin z} &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[ \frac{1}{z - n\pi} + \frac{1}{z + n\pi} \right], \\ \cot z &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{z - n\pi} + \frac{1}{z + n\pi} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $z$  is any number that is not a multiple of  $\pi$ .

In the expansion of Prob. 1b, let  $x = 0$ . Then we have

$$1 = \frac{1}{a\pi} \sin a\pi + \frac{2}{\pi} \sin a\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{a}{a^2 - k^2}.$$

Letting  $z = a\pi$ , this gives

$$\frac{1}{\sin z} = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{z/\pi}{(z/\pi)^2 - k^2} = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \left[ \frac{z}{z + k\pi} + \frac{1}{z - k\pi} \right].$$

Now let  $x = \pi$ . Then we have

$$\cos a\pi = \frac{1}{a\pi} \sin a\pi + \frac{2}{\pi} \sin a\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a}{a^2 - k^2}.$$

Again letting  $z = a\pi$ , this gives

$$\cot z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{z + k\pi} + \frac{1}{z - k\pi} \right].$$

3. Using the expansion of Prob. 1a, expand the following functions in Fourier series:

a) The hyperbolic cosine

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \quad (-\pi < x < \pi);$$

b) The hyperbolic sine

$$\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \quad (-\pi < x < \pi).$$

These are the even and odd parts of  $e^x$ . Therefore,

$$\cosh x = \frac{1}{a\pi} \sinh a\pi + \frac{2}{\pi} \sinh a\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{a \cos kx}{a^2 + k^2}, \quad \sinh x = \frac{2}{\pi} \sinh a\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k \sin kx}{a^2 + k^2}.$$

4. Expand the following functions in Fourier cosine series:

a)  $f(x) = \sin ax$  ( $0 < x < \pi$ ), where  $a$  is not an integer;

$$\text{b) } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 < x < h; \\ 0 & \text{for } h \leq x < \pi; \end{cases}$$

$$\text{c) } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{x}{2h} & \text{for } 0 < x < 2h \\ 0 & \text{for } 2h \leq x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

The coefficients in part (a) are

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin ax \, dx = \frac{1}{a\pi} (1 - \cos a\pi), \\ a_k &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin ax \cos kx \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (\sin(a+k)x + \sin(a-k)x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi(a+k)} (1 - \cos(a+k)\pi) + \frac{1}{\pi(a-k)} (1 - \cos(a-k)\pi) = \frac{2a}{\pi(a^2 - k^2)} (1 - (-1)^k \cos a\pi). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, on  $0 < x < \pi$ ,

$$\sin ax = \frac{1}{a\pi}(1 - \cos a\pi) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2a(1 - (-1)^k \cos a\pi)}{\pi(a^2 - k^2)} \cos kx.$$

The coefficients in part (b) are

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^h 1 \, dx = \frac{h}{\pi}, \\ a_k &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^h \cos kx \, dx = \frac{2}{k\pi} \sin kh. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, on  $0 < x < \pi$ ,

$$f(x) = \frac{h}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kh}{k} \cos kx.$$

The coefficients in part (c) are

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2h} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2h}\right) dx = \frac{h}{\pi}, \\ a_k &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{2h} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2h}\right) \cos kx \, dx, \\ &= \frac{2}{k\pi} \sin 2kh - \frac{1}{\pi kh} \left(x \sin kx + \frac{1}{k} \cos kx\right)_0^{2h} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi k^2 h} (1 - \cos 2kh) = \frac{2}{\pi k^2 h} \sin^2 kh. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, on  $0 < x < \pi$ ,

$$f(x) = \frac{h}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi h} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 kh}{k^2} \cos kx.$$

5. Expand the following functions in Fourier sine series:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } f(x) &= \begin{cases} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} & \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{l}{2}; \\ 0 & \text{for } \frac{l}{2} \leq x < l; \end{cases} \\ \text{b) } f(x) &= \begin{cases} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} & \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{l}{2} \\ -\sin \frac{\pi x}{l} & \text{for } \frac{l}{2} \leq x < l. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients in part (a) are

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^{l/2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{k\pi x}{l} \, dx = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^{l/2} \left( \cos \frac{(1-k)\pi x}{l} - \cos \frac{(1+k)\pi x}{l} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi(1-k)} \sin \frac{(1-k)\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{2\pi(1+k)} \sin \frac{(1+k)\pi}{2} \\ &= \frac{2k}{\pi(1-k^2)} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that this does not hold for  $k = 1$ ; we can easily find  $b_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ . Otherwise, when  $k$  is odd  $b_k = 0$ , and when  $k$  is even  $b_k = (-1)^{k/2}$ . Therefore, on  $0 < x < l$ ,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j j}{1-4j^2} \sin \frac{2j\pi x}{l}.$$

The coefficients in part (b) are

$$\begin{aligned}
b_k &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^{l/2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{k\pi x}{l} dx - \frac{1}{l} \int_{l/2}^l \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{k\pi x}{l} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{l} \int_0^{l/2} \left( \cos \frac{(1-k)\pi x}{l} - \cos \frac{(1+k)\pi x}{l} \right) dx - \frac{1}{l} \int_{l/2}^l \left( \cos \frac{(1-k)\pi x}{l} - \cos \frac{(1+k)\pi x}{l} \right) dx \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi(1-k)} \sin \frac{(1-k)\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi(1+k)} \sin \frac{(1+k)\pi}{2} \\
&= \frac{4k}{\pi(1-k^2)} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Again this does not hold for  $k = 1$ ; in this case,  $b_1 = 0$ . Therefore, on  $0 < x < l$ ,

$$f(x) = \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j j}{1-4j^2} \sin \frac{2j\pi x}{l}.$$

6. Expand the periodic function

$$f(x) = \left| \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \right|, \quad l = \text{const}, l > 0$$

in Fourier series.

This is an even function, so  $b_k = 0$ . The other coefficients are

$$\begin{aligned}
a_0 &= \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l \left| \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \right| dx = \frac{2}{\pi}, \\
a_k &= \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l \left| \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \right| \cos \frac{k\pi x}{l} dx \\
&= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^{l/2} \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{k\pi x}{l} dx - \frac{2}{l} \int_{l/2}^l \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{k\pi x}{l} dx \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi(1+k)} \sin \frac{\pi(1+k)}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi(1-k)} \sin \frac{\pi(1-k)}{2} \\
&= \frac{4}{\pi(1-k^2)} \cos \frac{\pi k}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\left| \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{1-4j^2} \cos \frac{2j\pi x}{l}.$$

7. Let  $f(x)$  have period  $2\pi$  and let  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq c|x - y|^\alpha$  for some constants  $c > 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , and for all  $x$  and  $y$ . Show that

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{c\pi^\alpha}{n^\alpha}, \quad |b_n| \leq \frac{c\pi^\alpha}{n^\alpha},$$

where  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are the Fourier coefficients of  $f(x)$ .

The Fourier coefficients  $a_n$  are given by

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

Since  $\cos(nx + \pi) = -\cos nx$  and  $f(x) \cos nx$  has period  $2\pi$ ,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx = - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos n \left( x - \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \, dx = - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f \left( x + \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \cos nx \, dx.$$

Therefore,

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

Using the Lipschitz condition, we have

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{c}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{n} \right)^{\alpha} |\cos nx| \, dx \leq \frac{c}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{n} \right)^{\alpha} \, dx = \frac{c\pi^{\alpha}}{n^{\alpha}}.$$

A very similar argument gives the same bound for  $|b_n|$ .

8. Expand the following functions in Fourier sine series:

a)  $f(x) = \cos x \quad (0 < x < \pi);$

b)  $f(x) = x^3 \quad (0 \leq x < \pi).$

The coefficients in part (a) are

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos x \sin kx \, dx = -\frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{k+1} \cos(k+1)x + \frac{1}{k-1} \cos(k-1)x \right)_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2k}{\pi(k^2-1)} ((-1)^{k+1} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

This does not hold for  $k = 1$ ; we can easily show that  $b_1 = 0$ . Thus, on  $0 < x < \pi$ ,

$$\cos x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{8j}{\pi(1-4j^2)} \sin 2jx.$$

The coefficients in part (b) are

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^3 \sin kx \, dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left( -\frac{1}{k} x^3 \cos kx + \frac{3}{k^2} x^2 \sin kx + \frac{6}{k^3} x \cos kx - \frac{6}{k^4} \sin kx \right)_0^{\pi} \\ &= 2(-1)^k \left( \frac{6}{k^3} - \frac{\pi^2}{k} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, on  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ ,

$$x^3 = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \left( \frac{6}{k^3} - \frac{\pi^2}{k} \right) \sin kx.$$

9. Let  $f(x)$  be a function of period  $2\pi$  defined for  $-\pi < x < \pi$ . Let  $f(x)$  have the Fourier series

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

and let

$$f_e(x) = \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2}, \quad f_o(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}.$$

Show that  $f_e(x)$  is an even function and  $f_o(x)$  is an odd function, with Fourier series

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$$

respectively. Show that the function  $f(x - \pi)$  has the Fourier series

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

Substituting  $-x$  into the Fourier series gives

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

from which the Fourier series for  $f_e(x)$  and  $f_o(x)$  follow immediately. Similarly, substituting  $x - \pi$  and noting  $\cos \theta - n\pi = (-1)^n \cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta - n\pi = (-1)^n \sin \theta$ , we have

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

10. Sum the series

- a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nx}{n}$ ;
- b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\sin nx}{n}$ ;
- c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nx}{n^2}$ ;
- d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos nx}{n^2}$

by using Example 8 of Sec. 13 and the results of the preceding problem.

From Example 8, we have for  $-\pi < x < \pi$

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

Therefore the sum in part (a) is  $\frac{\pi - \tilde{x}}{2}$  and the sum in part (b) is  $-\frac{\tilde{x}}{2}$ , where  $\tilde{x} = x - 2\pi n$  and  $n$  is chosen such that  $\pi - \tilde{x} \in (-\pi, \pi)$  and  $x \in (-\pi, \pi)$ , respectively. Both sums vanish for  $x = \pi n$ .

Likewise, for  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  we have

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

Therefore the sum in part (c) is  $(\frac{\tilde{x} - \pi}{2})^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{12}$ , and the sum in part (d) is  $\frac{\tilde{x}^2}{4} - \frac{\pi^2}{12}$ , where  $\tilde{x}$  is chosen in the same way as before.

11. Find the sum of each of the following numerical series by evaluating at a suitable point a Fourier series given in the text or in the problems:

- a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2}$ ;
- b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n^2 + a^2}$ ;
- c)  $\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nh}{nh}$ ;

d)  $\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\sin nh}{nh} \right)^2$ .

From Problem 1(d), we have for  $-\pi < x < \pi$

$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } -\pi < x \leq 0, \\ x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi. \end{cases} = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^k - 1}{k^2 \pi} \cos kx + \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \sin kx \right).$$

Setting  $x = 0$ , this gives

$$0 = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2}.$$

Therefore the sum in part (a) is  $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$ .

From Problem 1(a), we have for  $-\pi < x < \pi$

$$e^{ax} = \frac{1}{a\pi} \sinh a\pi + \frac{2}{\pi} \sinh a\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{a \cos kx - k \sin kx}{a^2 + k^2}.$$

Setting  $x = 0$ , this gives

$$\frac{\pi}{2a \sinh a\pi} - \frac{1}{2a^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{1}{a^2 + k^2}.$$

Thus, the sum in part (b) is  $\frac{\pi}{2a \sinh a\pi} - \frac{1}{2a^2}$ .

Substituting the result of Problem 10(a), we have for part (c)

$$\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nh}{nh} = \frac{\pi}{2h}.$$

From Problem 4(c), we have for  $-\pi < x < \pi$

$$\begin{cases} 1 - \frac{x}{2h} & \text{for } 0 < x < 2h \\ 0 & \text{for } 2h \leq x < \pi \end{cases} = \frac{h}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi h} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 kh}{k^2} \cos kx.$$

Setting  $x = 0$ , this gives

$$1 = \frac{h}{\pi} + \frac{2h}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 kh}{k^2 h^2}.$$

Therefore, the sum in part (d) is  $\frac{\pi}{2h}$ .

12. Show that the Fourier series for the function  $f(x) = x$  on the interval  $-\pi < x < \pi$  does not converge uniformly, but that the Fourier series for the function  $f(x) = x^2$  does converge uniformly. Find the Fourier series for the function  $f(x) = x^4$  by integrating the Fourier series for  $f(x) = x^2$  between the limits 0 and  $x$ .

Since  $f(x) = x$  is odd,  $a_0 = a_k = 0$ , so the series is of the form  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$ . Therefore, all partial sums  $f_n(x)$  vanish at  $x = \pi$ . The partial sums of the Fourier series are continuous functions. Therefore, for each one, we can find  $\delta_n$  such that, for  $|x - \pi| \leq \delta_n$ ,  $|f_n(x)| < \pi/2$ . Therefore, at  $x = \max(3\pi/4, \pi - \delta_n)$ ,  $|f_n(x) - x| > \pi/4$ , so the sequence does not converge uniformly to  $x$ .

The Fourier series for  $x^2$  is

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



Using  $M_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$ , the Weierstrass  $M$ -test indicates that the sum converges uniformly. Integrating twice from 0 to  $x$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 &= 12 \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} x^2 - 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos nx - 1}{n^4} \right) \\ &= \frac{2\pi^4}{5} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{8\pi^2}{n^2} - \frac{48}{n^4} \right) \cos nx. \end{aligned}$$