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Question 1

(a) The fourier series for $f(x) = e^{ax}$ is given by;

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

Let us determine the coefficients a_0, b_n, a_n of $f(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^{ax}}{a} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{e^{\pi a}}{a} - \frac{e^{-\pi a}}{a} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi a} (e^{\pi a} - e^{-\pi a}) \end{aligned}$$

But, $\sinh \pi a = \frac{1}{2} (e^{\pi a} - e^{-\pi a})$, so that a_0 becomes;

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi a} \sinh(\pi a)$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \cos(nx) dx \quad (3)$$

But the trigonometric function has its complex representation as; $\cos(n\pi x) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{in\pi x} + e^{-in\pi x})$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} (e^{inx} + e^{-inx}) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{(a+in)x} + e^{(a-in)x} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\left[\frac{e^{(a+in)x}}{a+in} + \frac{e^{(a-in)x}}{a-in} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{(a-in)e^{x(a+in)} + (a+in)e^{x(a-in)}}{a^2+n^2} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi(a^2+n^2)} [2ae^{ax} \cos(nx) + 2ie^{ax} \sin(nx)]_{-\pi}^{\pi}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$, $\cos(-n\pi) = (-1)^n$, and $\cos(0) = 1$. We will then have;

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{a(-1)^n (e^{a\pi} - e^{-a\pi})}{(a^2+n^2)} \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{a(-1)^n \sinh(a\pi)}{(a^2+n^2)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

The third fourier coefficient b_n is obtained as follows;

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ax} (e^{inx} - e^{-inx}) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{(a+in)x} - e^{(a-in)x} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-i \frac{(a-in)e^{x(a+in)} - (a+in)e^{x(a-in)}}{a^2+n^2} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-i \frac{2ne^{ax} \cos(nx) - 2ae^{ax} \sin(nx)}{(a^2+n^2)} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{n(-1)^{n+1} \sinh(a\pi)}{(a^2+n^2)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Now substituting a_n, b_n, a_0 into equation(1), we shall obtain;

$$e^{ax} = \frac{1}{\pi a} \sinh(\pi a) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{a(-1)^n \sinh(a\pi)}{(a^2+n^2)} \right) \cos(nx) + \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{n(-1)^{n+1} \sinh(a\pi)}{(a^2+n^2)} \right) \sin(nx) \right) \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi a} \sinh(\pi a) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^n}{\pi(a^2+n^2)} (a \cos(nx) - n \sin(nx)) \right) \sinh(a\pi) \quad (5)$$

(b) We want to evaluate $g(x) = \sinh x$, using equation(5). It follows that;

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \frac{1}{2} (e^x - e^{-x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ([e^{ax}]_{a=1} - [e^{ax}]_{a=-1}) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that by substituting $a = -1$ in equation(5), and performing the expansion, even terms will cancel out leaving us with this simplified function;

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

Question 2

(a)

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$$

We start off by guessing that $U(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ is a solution to the above equation.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} &= X'T & \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} &= X''T \\ \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} &= \dot{T}X & \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} &= \ddot{T}X \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into the original equation, we obtain;

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \ddot{T}X = X''T \tag{6}$$

Dividing equation(6) by $X(x)T(t)$, we shall obtain;

$$\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = \frac{X''}{X} = \lambda \tag{7}$$

$$\ddot{T} - c^2 T \lambda = 0 \tag{8}$$

$$X'' - X \lambda = 0 \tag{9}$$

Let us solve the linear equation(9), we shall consider three cases.

Case 1 $\lambda > 0$, so let $\lambda = \mu^2$ with $\mu \neq 0$. Equation(9) now becomes;

$$X'' - X\mu^2 = 0 \tag{10}$$

The solution to equation(10) is $X(x) = Ae^{\mu x} + Be^{-\mu x}$. By applying the boundary condition on X gives only the trivial solution, where $A = 0$, and $B = 0$.

Case 2 $\lambda = 0$. Equation(9) now becomes;

$$X'' = 0 \tag{11}$$

The solution to equation(11), is given by;

$$X(x) = Ax + B \quad (12)$$

By applying the boundary conditions on equation(15), we obtain;

$$X_o(x) = A_o$$

Case 3 $\lambda < 0$, so let $\lambda = -\mu^2$ with $\mu \neq 0$. Equation(9) now becomes;

$$X'' + X\mu^2 = 0 \quad (13)$$

The solution to equation(13) is given by;

$$X(x) = A \cos(\mu x) + B \sin(\mu x)$$

Applying the boundary conditions;

$$\begin{aligned} X' &= B\mu \cos(\mu x) - A\mu \sin(\mu x) = 0 \\ X'(0) &= B = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The solution for $X(x)$ now becomes;

$$X(x) = A \cos(\mu x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X'(1) &= -A\mu \sin(\mu) = 0 \\ A\mu \sin(\mu) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mu \neq 0$, it therefore means that $\sin(\mu) = 0$. The corresponding values of μ for which $\sin(\mu) = 0$ are;

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= n\pi \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \therefore \lambda_n &= -(n\pi)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Where λ_n is defined as the eigen value. Now from equation(8)

$$\ddot{T} - c^2 T \lambda = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\ddot{T} + (cn\pi)^2 T = 0 \quad (15)$$

The solution of equation(15) is given by;

$$T_n(t) = C_n \cos(n\pi ct) + D_n \sin(n\pi ct) \quad (16)$$

By applying the initial condition of $\dot{T}(0) = 0$, it follows that D_n vanishes, leaving us with;

$$T_n(t) = C_n \cos(n\pi ct)$$

The final solution $U(x, t)$ is obtained by combining the solutions of T and X as shown below;

$$U_n = A_n \cos(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi ct)$$

We use the fact that the wave equation is linear to superpose the solutions which yields the general solution.

$$U(x, t) = A_o + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi ct) \cos(n\pi x) \quad (17)$$

(b) By Applying equation(17), we set $g(x) = U(x, 0)$. So that $\cos(n\pi ct) = 1$;

$$g(x) = A_o + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi x) \quad (18)$$

Equation(18) is a fourier series, with $A_o = \frac{a_o}{2}$, $A_n = a_n$ and $b_n = 0$. Because the obtained function is even, we can apply the half range formular;

$$\begin{aligned} a_o &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} g(x) dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 1 dx \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Similary;

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

The general solution now becomes;

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cos(n\pi ct) \cos(n\pi x) \quad (19)$$

It follows that for even n , the summation is zero, because $\sin(\frac{n\pi}{2})$ will be zero. For odd n , we set $n = 2k - 1$, so that equation(19) becomes;

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{k+1}}{\pi(2k-1)} \cos((2k-1)\pi ct) \cos((2k-1)\pi x)$$

Question 3

(a) .

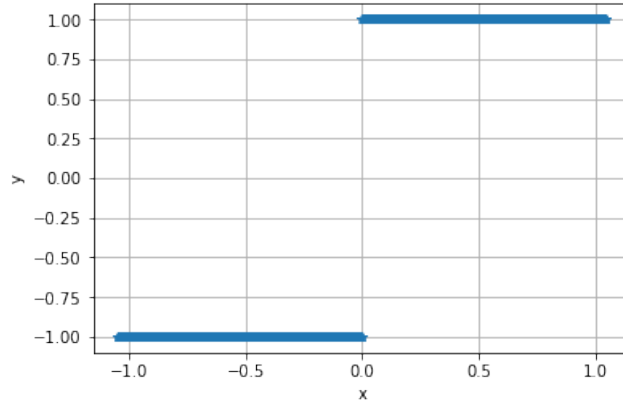


Figure 1: Odd extension of $f(x)$

Since the function is odd, we can conveniently apply the half range formular. $a_0 = a_n = 0$

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

For even m , b_m becomes zero, but for odd m we set, $m = 2n - 1$, we have $b_m = \frac{4}{m\pi}$;

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(2n-1)\pi} \sin((2n-1)x) \quad (20)$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin((2n-1)x)}{2n-1} \quad (21)$$

(b) .

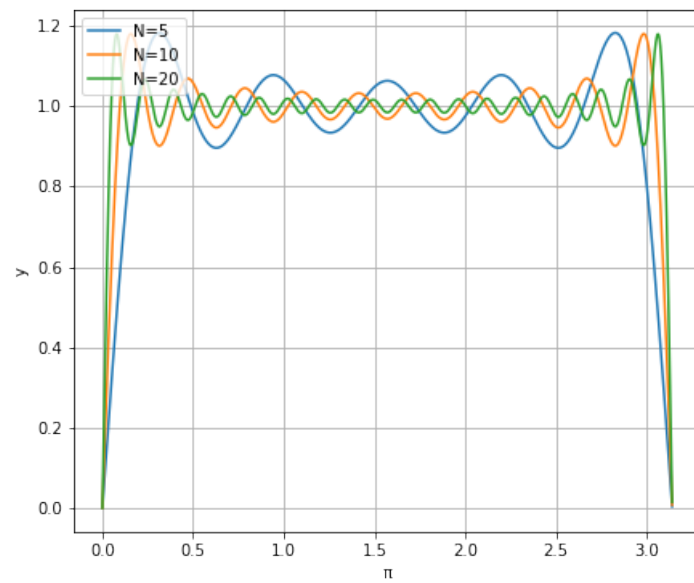


Figure 2: The partial sum of the fourier series

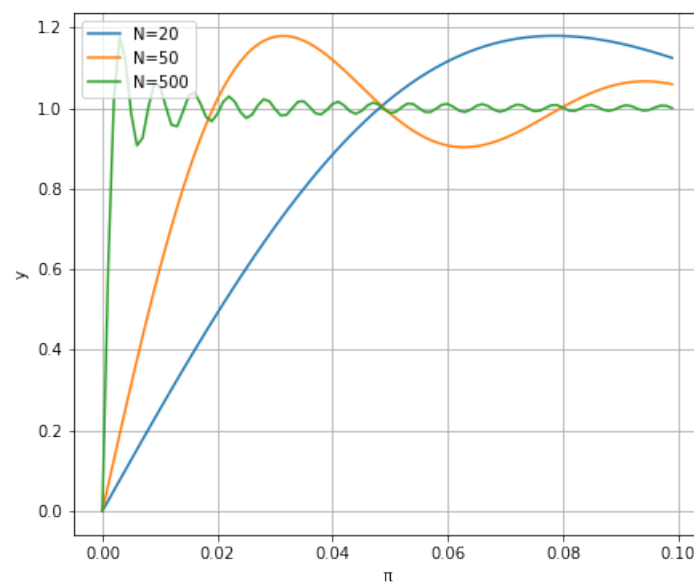


Figure 3: The partial sum of the fourier series

(c) From equation(21), we have;

$$F_N(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\sin((2n-1)x)}{2n-1}$$

$$F'_N = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \cos((2n-1)x)$$

Multiplying both sides by $\sin x$, we shall obtain;

$$\sin(x)F'_N = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \cos((2n-1)x) \sin(x) \quad (22)$$

Given;

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \sin(x) \cos((2n-1)x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2Nx) \quad (23)$$

Equation(22)

$$\sin(x)F'_N = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin(2Nx)$$

$$F'_N = \frac{\sin(2Nx)}{\sin(x)}$$

$$F_N = \int_0^x \frac{\sin(2Nt)}{\sin(t)} dt$$

Hence Shown!!!

To prove the relation given in the hint, equation(23); We apply the double angle relations *i.e*

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(a+b) &= \sin(a) \cos(b) + \sin(b) \cos(a) \\ \sin(a-b) &= \sin(a) \cos(b) - \sin(b) \cos(a) \\ &\vdots \\ \sin(a) \cos(b) &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin(b+a) - \sin(b-a)) \end{aligned}$$

Applying the double angle relations on the given problem, we shall obtain;

$$\sin(x) \cos((2n-1)x) = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(2nx) - \sin(2(n-1)x))$$

Which then leads to;

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N \sin(x) \cos((2n-1)x) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (\sin(2nx) - \sin(2(n-1)x)) \\ &= \sin(2Nx) - \sin((2N-1)x) + \sin(2(N-1)x) - \sin(2(N-2)x) \\ &\quad + \sin(2(N-2)x) + \sin(2(N-3)x) - \sin(2(N-3)x) + \dots + \\ &\quad + \sin(2x) - \sin(2x) + \sin(x) - \sin(x) - \sin(0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin(2Nx)) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that almost all the terms cancel out in the summation, leaving us with just $\sin(2Nx)$

- (d) The actual value of the integral obtained from python is 1.1789797444721675. Notice that this result is comparable to what we obtained in our previous plots(3) when we consider the peak values of the curves. The computational results indicates that the maximum error in the fourier approximation does not disappear as N continues to increase, but the extremas tend to the point of discontinuity, and therefore the function cannot be defined within this region.

The covergence principle holds as convergence acts on a fixed point x to some value N as it tends to infinity, the limit will converge everywhere except for the point of discontinuity. Because $x = \frac{\pi}{2N}$ is fixed, we conclude that the fourier convergence theorem holds.