

Question 1

- a. $f(x) = x$ is odd on $[-\pi, \pi]$ therefore its Fourier coefficients a_n are 0 and we need to find its b_n coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{2\pi}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{2\pi}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx \end{aligned}$$

Using integration by parts:

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

Thus $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \pi}{n} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 2}{n}$ and the Fourier series of x , on $[-\pi, \pi]$, is:

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

- b. If we integrate terms by terms the previous expression, the Fourier series of x over $[-\pi, \pi]$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{2} &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \left(-\frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right) + c \quad c \text{ constant of integration} \\ x^2 &= 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) + c \quad \text{with } 2c \rightarrow c \\ &= c + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) \end{aligned}$$

- c. $f(x) = x^2$ is an even function, by Fourier Series for even function over symmetric range, we have:

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

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{4}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^\pi \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 \end{aligned}$$

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

Substituting for a_n in (1):

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

- d. Fourier series of x^2 using integration terms by terms or calculating directly match, as required, by taking $c = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$ since x is a piecewise smooth function on the specified range.

Question 2

Consider the differential equation:

$$z \frac{d^2 y}{dy^2} + y = 0$$

- a. We put the equation in standard form:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{z} y = 0$$

$z p(z) = 0$ and $z^2 q(z) = z$ therefore 0 is a regular singular point.

- b. Take $y = z^\sigma \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and the usual derivatives in the D.E. gives by substitution

$$\begin{aligned} z \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) a_n z^{n+\sigma-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+\sigma} &= 0 \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) a_n z^{n+\sigma-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+\sigma} &= 0 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Take the term with the lowest power of z , which is the first sum with $n = 0$, then since each power of z term must be equal to 0, we have

$$\sigma(\sigma - 1)a_0z^{\sigma-1} = 0$$

Since $a_0 \neq 0$ and $z^{\sigma-1} \neq 0$, therefore $\sigma = 0, 1$.

c. We go back to equation (1) and take $\sigma = 1$ yields

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n+1)a_nz^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_nz^{n+1} = 0$$

Then reindex the second sum to get same power of z in both sums:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n+1)a_nz^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1}z^n = 0$$

Note, in first term $n = 0$ does not contribute so we can start index at $n = 1$ in the first sum, and combine both sums

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n(n+1)a_n + a_{n-1}]z^n = 0$$

Since every power of z term must be 0 and $z^n \neq 0$, gives:

$$a_n = -\frac{1}{(n+1)n}a_{n-1}$$

Taking $a_0 = 1$, now

$$\begin{aligned} n=1 \quad a_1 &= -\frac{1}{2 \cdot 1}a_0 = -\frac{1}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{(-1)^1}{2 \cdot 1} \\ n=2 \quad a_2 &= -\frac{1}{3 \cdot 2}a_1 = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{(-1)^2}{(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)(2 \cdot 1)} \\ n=3 \quad a_3 &= -\frac{1}{4 \cdot 3}a_2 = -\frac{1}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{(-1)^3}{(4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)} \\ &\vdots \\ a_n &= -\frac{1}{(n+1)n}a_{n-1} = \cdots = \frac{(-1)^n}{((n+1)n \cdots 1)(n(n-1) \cdots 1)} = \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)!n!} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore one of the independent solution of the ODE is

$$y_1(z) = z \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)!n!} z^n$$

Question 3

a. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n = 0, \quad M = 0, \quad P_0(x) &= \frac{(-1)^0(2 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 0)!}{2^0(0 - 0)!(0 - 2 \cdot 0)!} x^{0-2 \cdot 0} = 1 \\
 n = 1, \quad M = \frac{1-1}{2} = 0, \quad P_1(x) &= \frac{(-1)^0(2 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 0)!}{2^1(1 - 0)!(1 - 2 \cdot 0)!} x^{1-2 \cdot 0} = \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 1! \cdot 1!} x^1 = x \\
 n = 2, \quad M = \frac{2}{2} = 1, \quad P_2(x) &= \frac{(-1)^0(2 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 0)!}{2^2(2 - 0)!(2 - 2 \cdot 0)!} x^{2-2 \cdot 0} + \frac{(-1)^1(2 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 1)!}{2^2(2 - 1)!(2 - 2 \cdot 1)!} x^{2-2 \cdot 1} \\
 P_2(x) &= \frac{4!}{2^2 \cdot 2! \cdot 2!} x^2 - \frac{(2 \cdot 2 - 2)!}{2^2 \cdot 1! \cdot 0!} x^0 \\
 P_2(x) &= \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} x^2 - \frac{2!}{4} \\
 P_2(x) &= \frac{3}{2} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (3x^2 - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

b. From

$$a_n = \frac{2n+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) P_n(x) dx = \frac{2n+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x P_n(x) dx$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n = 0, \quad a_0 &= \frac{2 \cdot 0 + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x P_0(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{4} [1^2 - (-1)^2] = 0 \\
 n = 1, \quad a_1 &= \frac{2 \cdot 1 + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x P_1(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{2} [1^3 - (-1)^3] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 = 1 \\
 n = 2, \quad a_2 &= \frac{2 \cdot 2 + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x P_2(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{5}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x \left[\frac{1}{2} (3x^2 - 1) \right] dx = \frac{5}{4} \int_{-1}^1 (3x^3 - x) dx \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{since the powers of } x \text{ in the integrand are odd}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the Fourier-Legendre series of x is $x = 1 \cdot P_1(x)$ as required.

c. Using Rodrigues's formula

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} [(x^2 - 1)^n]$$

we have

$$n = 0, \frac{d^0}{dx^0}[(x^2 - 1)^0] = (x^2 - 1)^0 = 1$$

$$P_0(x) = \frac{1}{2^0 0!} 1 = 1$$

$$n = 1, \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 1) = 2x$$

$$P_1(x) = \frac{1}{2^1 1!} 2x = x$$

$$n = 2, \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(x^2 - 1)^2 = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 1)^2 \right] = \frac{d}{dx} [4x(x^2 - 1)] = \frac{d}{dx} [4x^3 - 4x] = 12x^2 - 4$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2^2 2!} (12x^2 - 4) = \frac{4}{4 \cdot 2} (3x^2 - 1) = \frac{1}{2} (3x^2 - 1)$$

Question 4

Question 5

Question 6