

Example 2. We can now find the Fourier series for some other functions without more evaluation of coefficients. For example, consider

$$(5.13) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -\pi < x < 0, \\ 1, & 0 < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

Sketch this and verify that $g(x) = 2f(x) - 1$, where $f(x)$ is the function in Example 1. Then from (5.12), the Fourier series for $g(x)$ is

$$(5.14) \quad g(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{\sin x}{1} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5} + \dots \right).$$

Similarly, verify that $h(x) = f(x + \pi/2)$ is Fig. 5.1 shifted $\pi/2$ to the left (sketch it), and its Fourier series is (replace x in (5.12) by $x + \pi/2$)

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\cos x}{1} - \frac{\cos 3x}{3} + \frac{\cos 5x}{5} + \dots \right)$$

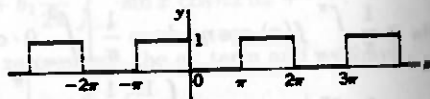
since $\sin(x + \pi/2) = \cos x$, $\sin(x + 3\pi/2) = -\cos 3x$, etc.

PROBLEMS, SECTION 5

In each of the following problems you are given a function on the interval $-\pi < x < \pi$. Sketch several periods of the corresponding periodic function of period 2π . Expand the periodic function in a sine-cosine Fourier series.

$$1. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & -\pi < x < 0, \\ 0, & 0 < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

In this case the sketch is:



Your answer for the series is: $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\sin x}{1} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5} + \dots \right)$

Can you use the ideas of Example 2 to find this result without computation?

$$2. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi < x < 0, \\ 1, & 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ 0, & \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Answer: } f(x) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\cos x}{1} - \frac{\cos 3x}{3} + \frac{\cos 5x}{5} + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\sin x}{1} + \frac{2 \sin 2x}{2} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5} + \dots \right).$$

$$3. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ 1, & \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Answer: } f(x) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\cos x}{1} - \frac{\cos 3x}{3} + \frac{\cos 5x}{5} + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\sin x}{1} - \frac{2 \sin 2x}{2} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5} - \frac{2 \sin 6x}{6} + \dots \right)$$

$$4. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -\pi < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ 1, & \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

Could you use Problem 3 to solve Problem 4 without computation?

$$5. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi < x < 0, \\ -1, & 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ 1, & \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

$$6. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & -\pi < x < -\frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ and } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}; \\ 0, & -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < 0, \text{ and } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

$$7. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi < x < 0; \\ x, & 0 < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

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

$$8. \quad f(x) = 1 + x, \quad -\pi < x < \pi.$$

$$\text{Answer: } f(x) = 1 + 2 \left(\sin x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x - \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x + \dots \right).$$

$$9. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & -\pi < x < 0, \\ x, & 0 < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Answer: } f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\cos x + \frac{1}{9} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{25} \cos 5x + \dots \right).$$

$$10. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \pi + x, & -\pi < x < 0, \\ \pi - x, & 0 < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

$$11. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi < x < 0, \\ \sin x, & 0 < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Answer: } f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \sin x - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\cos 2x}{2^2 - 1} + \frac{\cos 4x}{4^2 - 1} + \frac{\cos 6x}{6^2 - 1} + \dots \right).$$

12. Show that in (5.2) the average values of $\sin mx \sin nx$ and of $\cos mx \cos nx$, $m \neq n$, are zero (over a period), by using the complex exponential forms for the sines and cosines as in (5.3).

13. Write out the details of the derivation of equation (5.10).

DIRICHLET CONDITIONS

Now we have a series, but there are still some questions that we ought to get answered. Does it converge, and if so, does it converge to the values of $f(x)$? You will find, if you try, that for most values of x the series in (5.12) does not respond to any of the tests for convergence that we discussed in Chapter 1. What is the sum of the series at $x = 0$ where $f(x)$ jumps from 0 to 1? You can see from the series (5.12) that the sum at $x = 0$ is $\frac{1}{2}$, but what does this have to do with $f(x)$?