

1) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi/2 \\ 2 & \text{for } \pi/2 < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$  (Please refer to example 13.20)

- (a) Find the Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  on  $[0, \pi]$   
 (b) Find the Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$  on  $[0, \pi]$   
 (c) Plot the Fourier cosine series obtained in (a)  
 (d) Plot the Fourier sine series obtained in (b)  
 (e) Make comparisons between (a), (c) and (b), (d) (hint: convergence in the interval and at the endpoints, convergence rate, Gibbs Phenomenon,.....)

2) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{for } 0 < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$  (Section 13.5 Problem 3.)

- (a) Write the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  and show that this series converges to  $f(x)$  on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .  
 (b) Show that this series can be integrated term-by-term.  
 (c) Use the results of (a) and (b) to obtain a trigonometric series expansion for

$$\int_{-\pi}^x f(x) dt \text{ on } [-\pi, \pi].$$

**ANS**

$$(a) a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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

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

→ The Fourier series of  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  is

$$\frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{\pi n^2} \cos(nx) + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(nx) \right]$$

Since  $f$  is piecewise smooth (?), the Theorem 13.2 gives us that this series converges to  $f(x)$  on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .

(b) Since  $f$  is continuous, hence piecewise continuous, the Theorem 13.5 gives us that this series can be integrated term-by-term.

(c) Use the results of (a) and (b) to obtain a trigonometric series expansion for

$$\int_{-\pi}^x f(x) dt \text{ on } [-\pi, \pi].$$

Now integrate the Fourier series term-by-term over  $[-\pi, x]$  to get

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

But this series is not

exactly the Fourier series expansion due to the terms  $\frac{\pi}{4}x$  and  $-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ . But

we can obtain that  $-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$  and  $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^n}{n} \sin(nx)$  on

$[-\pi, \pi]$ . Therefore, the corresponding Fourier series for  $\int_{-\pi}^x f(x) dt$

$$\text{on } [-\pi, \pi] \text{ is } \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left[ \frac{\pi(-1)^n}{2n^3} + \frac{1}{n^3\pi}((-1)^n - 1) \right] \sin(nx) + \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) \right\}$$