

## Section 18: Sine and Cosine Series

### Functions with Symmetry

If  $f$  is even on  $(-p, p)$ , then the Fourier series of  $f$  has only constant and cosine terms. Moreover

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

where

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p f(x) dx$$

and

$$a_n = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{p}\right) dx.$$

## Fourier Series of an Odd Function

If  $f$  is odd on  $(-p, p)$ , then the Fourier series of  $f$  has only sine terms. Moreover

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{p}\right)$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{p}\right) dx.$$

## Half Range Sine and Half Range Cosine Series

Suppose  $f$  is only defined for  $0 < x < p$ . We can **extend**  $f$  to the left, to the interval  $(-p, 0)$ , as either an even function or as an odd function. Then we can express  $f$  with **two distinct** series:

$$\text{Half range cosine series } f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{p}\right)$$

$$\text{where } a_0 = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p f(x) dx \quad \text{and} \quad a_n = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{p}\right) dx.$$

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$$\text{Half range sine series } f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{p}\right)$$

$$\text{where } b_n = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{p}\right) dx.$$

## Find the Half Range Sine Series of $f$

$$f(x) = 2 - x, \quad 0 < x < 2$$

$$p = 2$$
$$\frac{n\pi x}{p} = \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{-2(2-x)}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \Bigg|_0^2$$

Integrating by parts gives (up to an added constant)

$$\int (2-x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx = -\frac{2(2-x)}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$$b_n = \frac{-2(2-2)}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi 2}{2}\right) - \frac{-2(2-0)}{n\pi} \cos(0)$$

$$= \frac{4}{n\pi}$$

The series is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

## Find the Half Range Cosine Series of $f$

$$f(x) = 2 - x, \quad 0 < x < 2$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^2 (2-x) dx = \left. 2x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_0^2 \\ &= 4 - 2 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts gives (up to an added constant)

$$\int (2-x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx = \frac{2(2-x)}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 (2-x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$= \left. \frac{2(2-x)}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right|_0^2$$

$$= \frac{-4}{n^2\pi^2} \cos(n\pi) - \frac{-4}{n^2\pi^2} \cos(0)$$

$$= \frac{-4}{n^2\pi^2} (-1)^n + \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} = \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

with  $a_0 = 2$

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



## Example Continued...

We have two different half range series:

$$\text{Half range sine: } f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Half range cosine: } f(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(1 - (-1)^n)}{n^2\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right).$$

We have two different series representations for this function each of which converge to  $f(x)$  on the interval  $(0, 2)$ . The following plots show graphs of  $f$  along with partial sums of each of the series. When we plot over the interval  $(-2, 2)$  we see the two different symmetries. Plotting over a larger interval such as  $(-6, 6)$  we can see the periodic extensions of the two symmetries.

## Plots of $f$ with Half range series

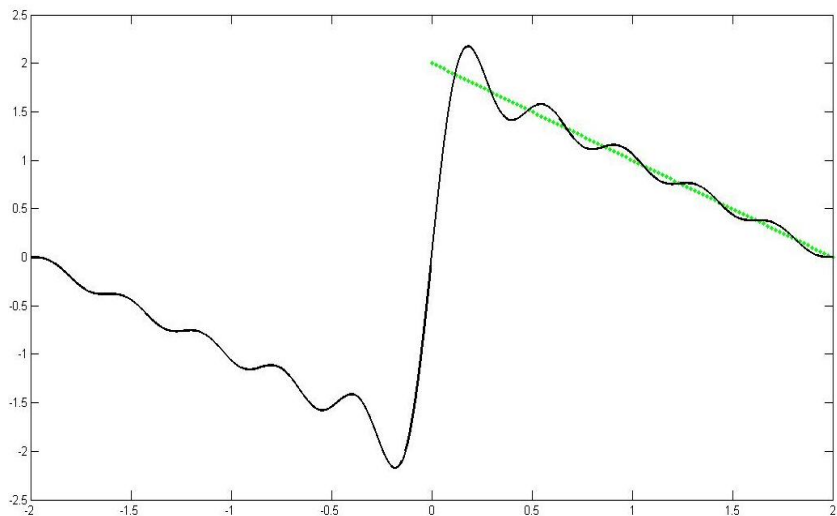


Figure:  $f(x) = 2 - x$ ,  $0 < x < 2$  with 10 terms of the sine series.

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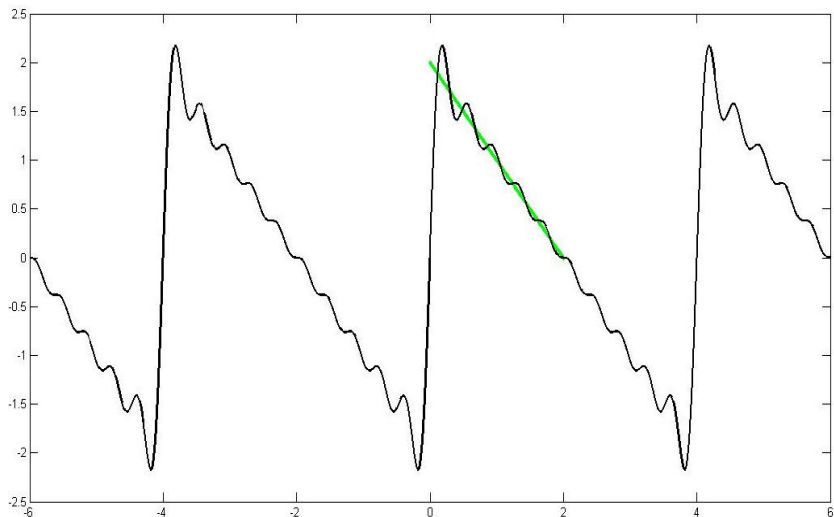


Figure:  $f(x) = 2 - x$ ,  $0 < x < 2$  with 10 terms of the sine series, and the series plotted over  $(-6, 6)$

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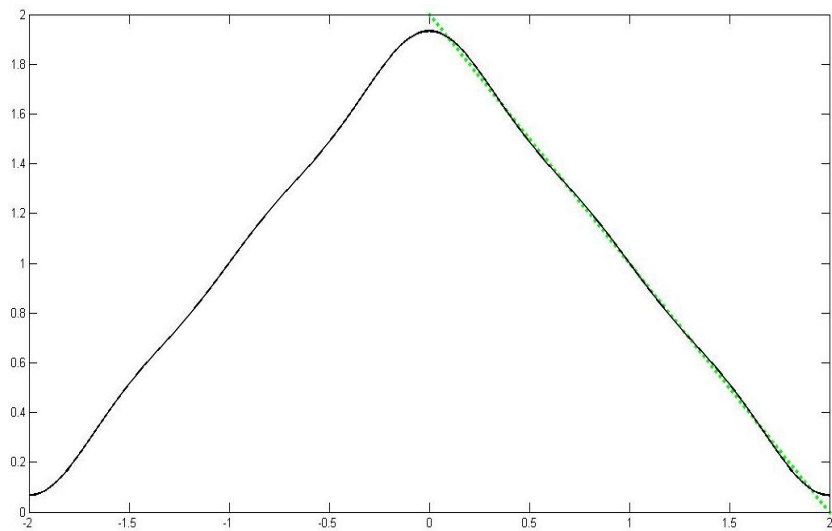


Figure:  $f(x) = 2 - x$ ,  $0 < x < 2$  with 5 terms of the cosine series.

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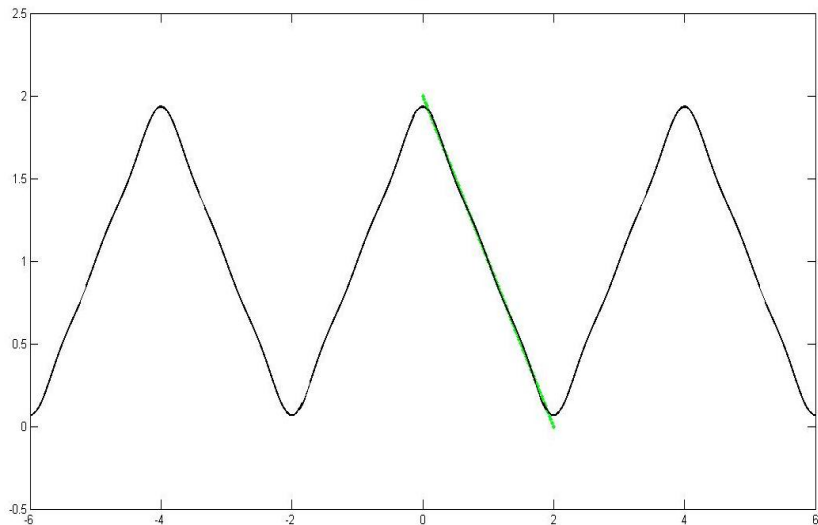


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## Solution of a Differential Equation

An undamped spring mass system has a mass of 2 kg attached to a spring with spring constant 128 N/m. The mass is driven by an external force  $f(t) = 2t$  for  $-1 < t < 1$  that is 2-periodic so that  $f(t + 2) = f(t)$  for all  $t > 0$ . Determine a particular solution  $x_p$  for the displacement for  $t > 0$ .

The ODE is  $m x'' + kx = f(t)$

$$2x'' + 128x = f(t)$$

$$x'' + 64x = \frac{1}{2} f(t)$$

We found last time that if  $f(x) = x$  on  $(-1, 1)$ , then

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

We can use this to express our function  $f(t) = 2t$  on  $(-1, 1)$  as a Fourier series

$$f(t) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(n\pi t)$$

The ODE  $x'' + 64x = \frac{1}{2}f(t)$  is

$$x'' + 64x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(n\pi t)$$

We can find  $x_p$  in the form

$$x_p = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi t) + B_n \sin(n\pi t)$$

This is the method of undetermined coefficients. It turns out that

$A_n = 0$  for all  $n$ , so we'll look for the  $B_n$ 's.

Plug  $x_p = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(n\pi t)$  into the

$$\text{ODE} \quad x_p'' + 64x_p = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(n\pi t)$$



Find  $x_p''$

$$x_p' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n (n\pi) \cos(n\pi t)$$

$$x_p'' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n [-(n\pi)^2 \sin(n\pi t)]$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -n^2 \pi^2 B_n \sin(n\pi t)$$

$$x_p'' + 64x_p = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -n^2 \pi^2 B_n \sin(n\pi t) + 64 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(n\pi t)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(n\pi t)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ -n^2 \pi^2 B_n \sin(n\pi t) + 64 B_n \sin(n\pi t) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(n\pi t)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (64 - n^2 \pi^2) B_n \sin(n\pi t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(n\pi t)$$

Matching coefficients

$$(64 - n^2 \pi^2) B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1}$$

Since  $64 - n^2\pi^2 \neq 0$  for all  $n$

$$B_n = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi(64 - n^2\pi^2)}$$

$$X_p = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi(64 - n^2\pi^2)} \sin(n\pi t)$$