

Section 11.3: Fourier Cosine and Sine Series

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

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

Find the Fourier series of f

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

We graphed f and determined that it is even. So the series will only contain constant and cosine terms

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) \quad \text{with}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx \quad \text{and} \quad a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\pi x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\pi} \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\pi^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} \right) = \pi
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - x) \cos(nx) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi - x}{n} \sin(nx) \right]_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx) dx$$

0

$$u = \pi - x \quad du = -dx$$

$$dv = \cos(nx) dx$$

$$v = \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{-1}{n^2} \cos(nx) \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{-2}{n^2 \pi} [\cos(n\pi) - \cos 0]$$

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

The Fourier Series is

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

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:

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

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

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

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

Extending a Function to be Odd

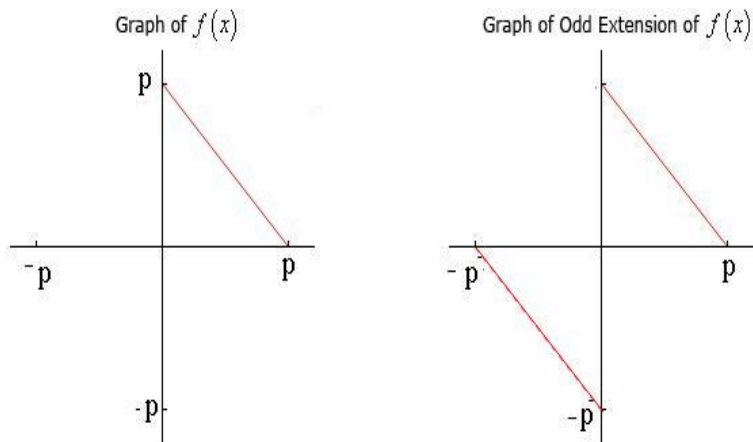


Figure: $f(x) = p - x$, $0 < x < p$ together with its **odd** extension.

Extending a Function to be Even

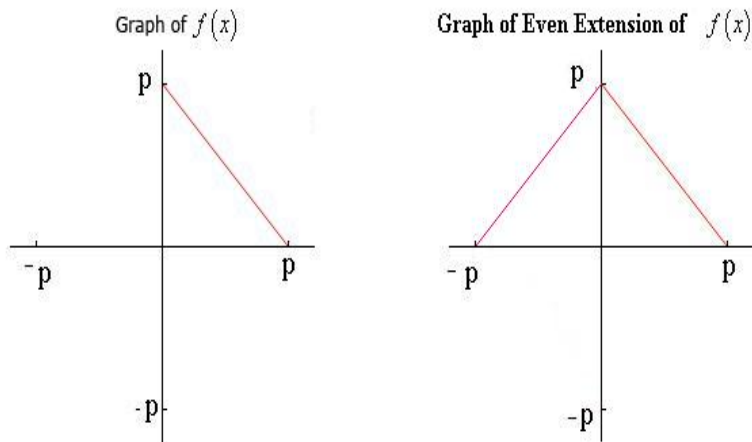


Figure: $f(x) = p - x$, $0 < x < p$ together with its **even** extension.

Find the Half Range Sine Series of f

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

$$p=2$$

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

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

$$u = 2-x, \quad du = -dx$$

$$dv = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$= \left. -\frac{(2-x)}{\frac{n\pi}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right|_0^2 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$
$$v = -\frac{2}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-2 \cdot 0}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi) - \frac{-2 \cdot 2}{n\pi} \cos(0) - \frac{2^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \Big|_0^2$$

0

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

The half range Sine 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

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

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^2 (2-x) dx = 2x - \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^2 = 4 - \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

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

$$u = 2 - x \quad du = -dx$$

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

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

$$v = \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2(2-x)}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \Big|_0^2 + \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

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

$$= -\frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} [\cos(n\pi) - \cos 0] = \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

The half range cosine series is

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

Plots of f with Half range series

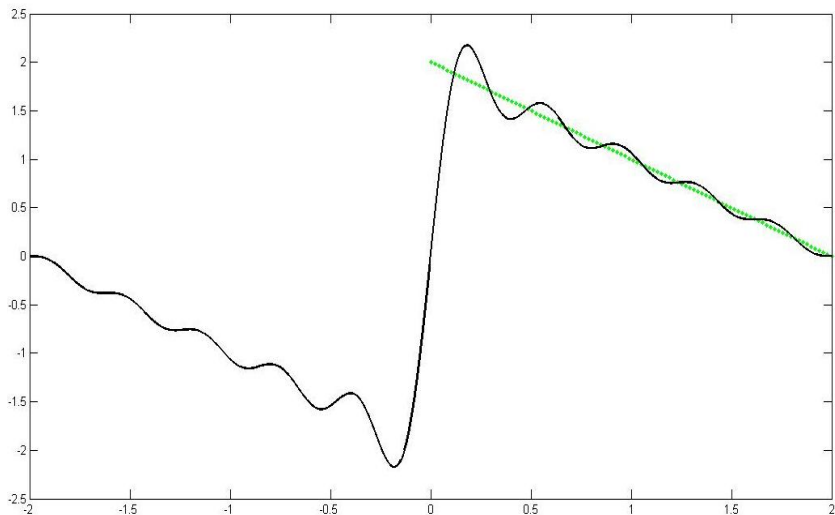


Figure: $f(x) = 2 - x$, $0 < x < 2$ with 10 terms of the sine series.

Plots of f with Half range series

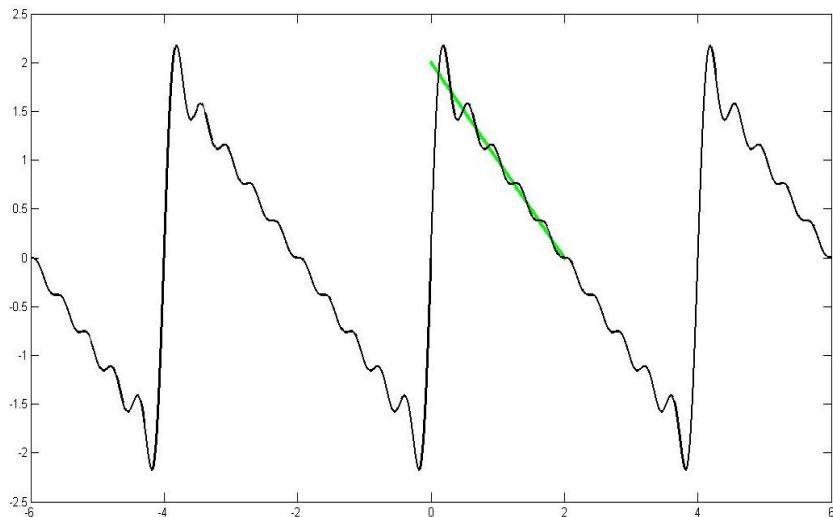


Figure: $f(x) = 2 - x$, $0 < x < 2$ with 10 terms of the sine series, and the series plotted over $(-6, 6)$

Plots of f with Half range series

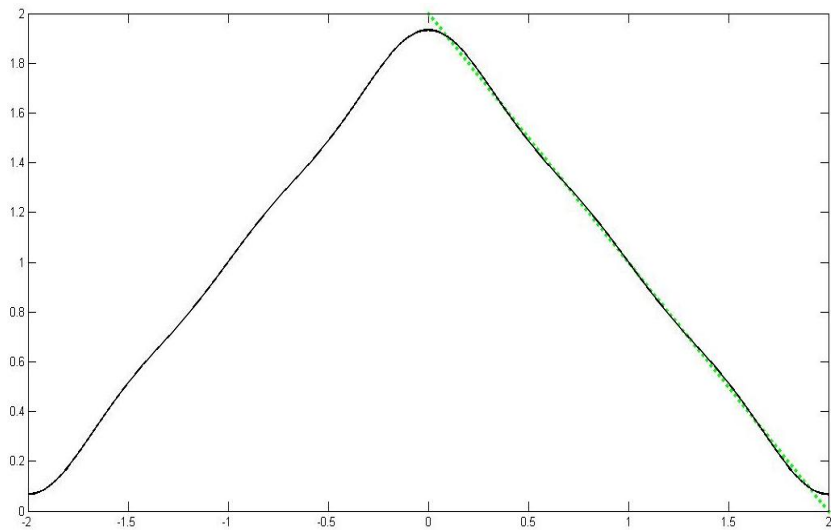


Figure: $f(x) = 2 - x$, $0 < x < 2$ with 5 terms of the cosine series.

Plots of f with Half range series

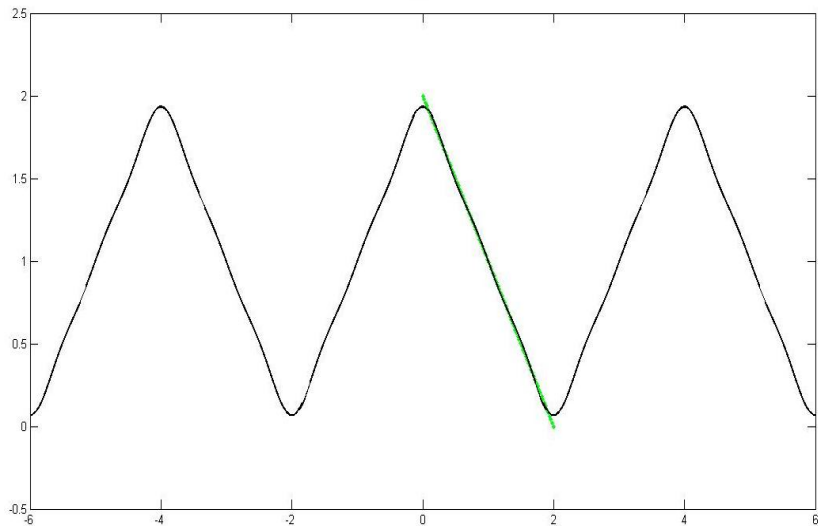


Figure: $f(x) = 2 - x$, $0 < x < 2$ with 5 terms of the cosine series, and the series plotted over $(-6, 6)$

Half Range Series

For the given function, plot the graph of the function along with three full periods on the interval $(-3p, 3p)$ of (a) the half range cosine series and (b) the half range sine series.

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

here $p=3$

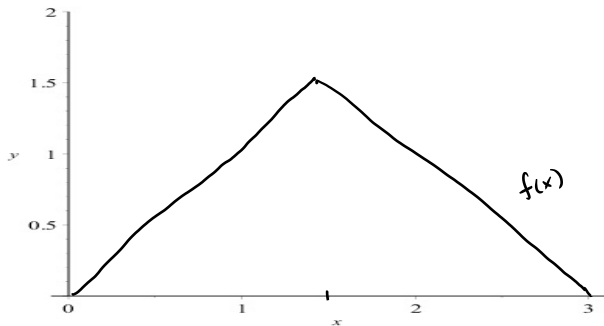


Figure: Plot of f alone.

(a) Even Extension

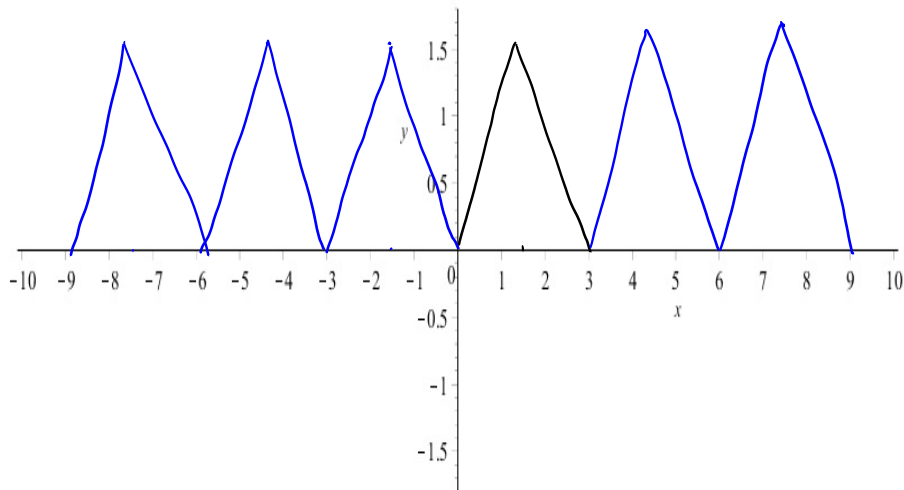


Figure: Half range cosine series.

(b) Odd Extension

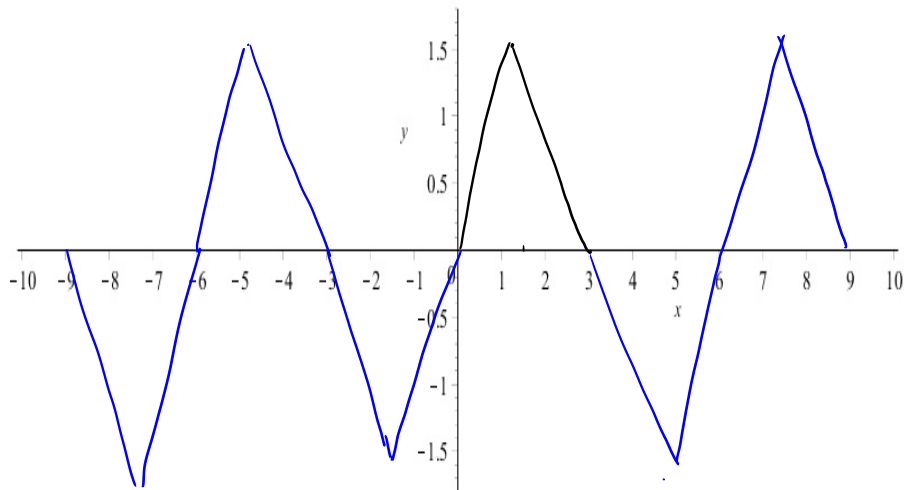


Figure: Half range sine series.