

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

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

## Extending a Function to be Odd

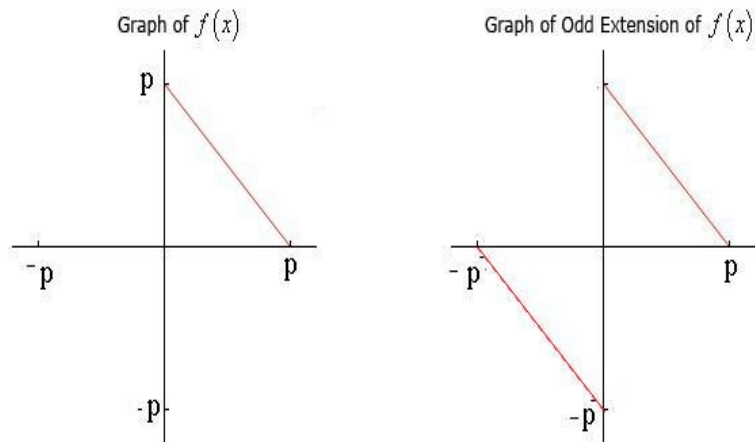


Figure:  $f(x) = p - x$ ,  $0 < x < p$  together with its **odd** extension.

## Extending a Function to be Even

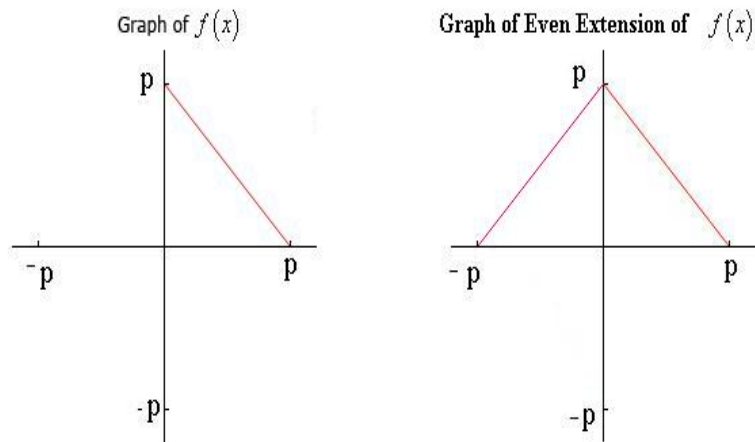


Figure:  $f(x) = p - x$ ,  $0 < x < p$  together with its **even** extension.

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

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

$$p = 2$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

0''

0''

$$- \left( \frac{-2(2-0)}{n\pi} \cos(0) - \left(\frac{2}{n\pi}\right)^2 \sin(0) \right)$$

0''

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

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

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 $f$

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

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

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^2 (2-x) dx = 2x - \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^2 = 4 - 2 - 0 = 2$$

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

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

again integrate by parts

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

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

$$\left( \frac{2(2-0)}{n\pi} \sin(0) - \left(\frac{2}{n\pi}\right)^2 \cos(0) \right)$$

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

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

The series is

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

## 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

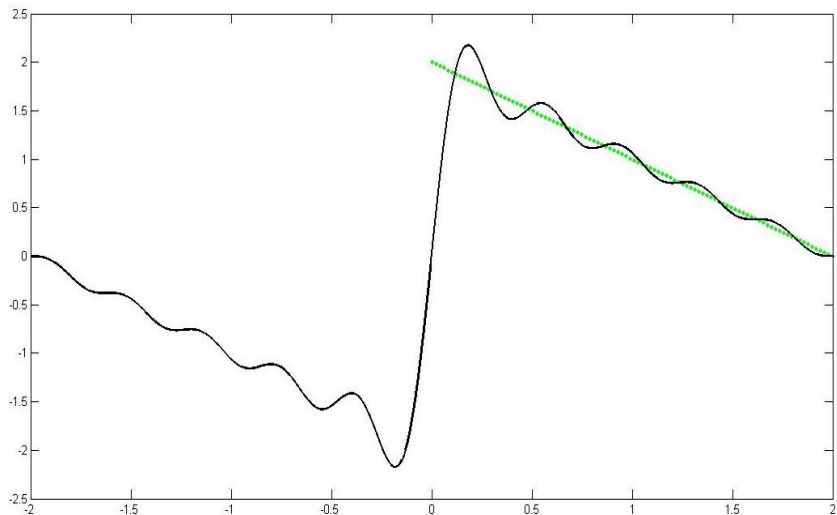


Figure:  $f(x) = 2 - x$ ,  $0 < x < 2$  with 10 terms of the sine series.

## Plots of $f$ with Half range series

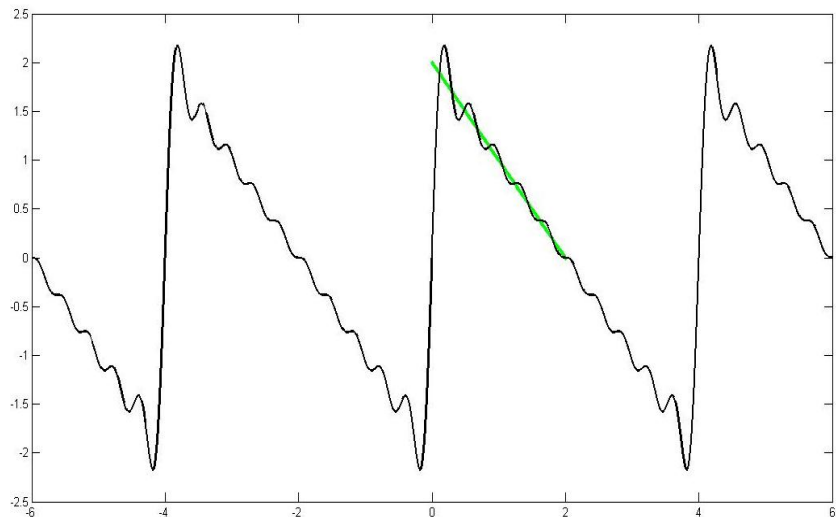


Figure:  $f(x) = 2 - x$ ,  $0 < x < 2$  with 10 terms of the sine series, and the series plotted over  $(-6, 6)$

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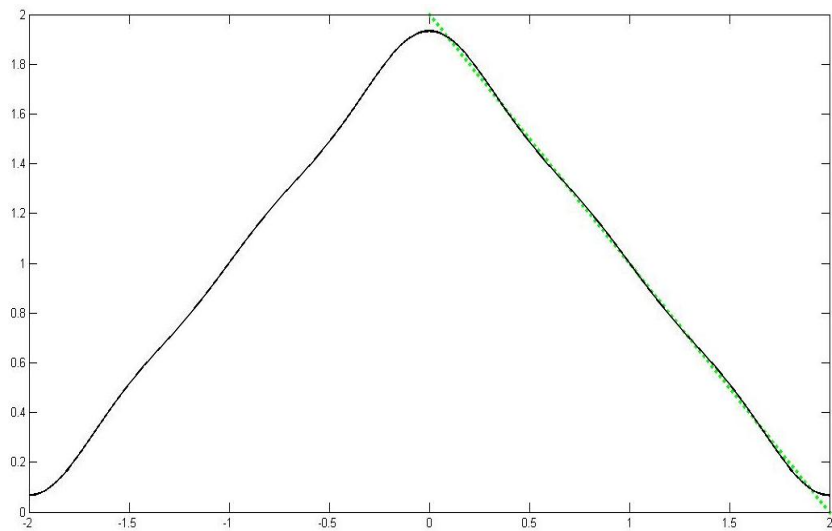


Figure:  $f(x) = 2 - x$ ,  $0 < x < 2$  with 5 terms of the cosine series.

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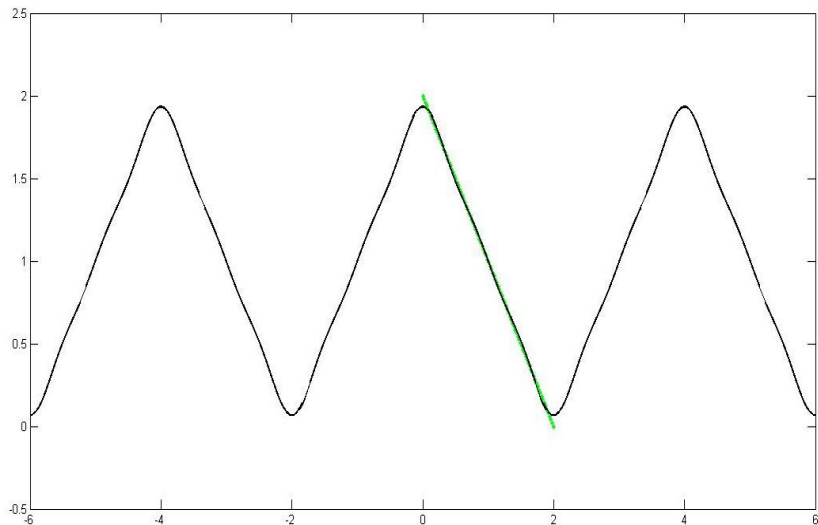


Figure:  $f(x) = 2 - x$ ,  $0 < x < 2$  with 5 terms of the cosine series, and the series plotted over  $(-6, 6)$