

## Week 7 Pt 1

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On Friday we discussed periodic functions. We defined  $\mathcal{P}_T$  as the collection of  $T$ -periodic functions ( $f(x+T) = f(x)$  for all  $x$ ).

$\mathcal{P}_T$  is a vector space since  $af + g$  is  $T$ -periodic if  $f$  and  $g$  are  $T$ -periodic.

We also briefly discussed the inner product on  $\mathcal{P}_{2L}$ .

Recall

$$(f, g) = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x)g(x) dx.$$

Under this we have the following facts

$$\left( \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2L}x\right), \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{2L}x\right) \right) = 0 \quad m, n \geq 1$$

$$\left( \mathbf{1}, \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2L}x\right) \right) = 0 \quad n \geq 1$$

$$\left(1, \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)\right) = 0 \quad n \geq 1$$

$$\left(\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right), \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right)\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & n=m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

$$\left(\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right), \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{L}x\right)\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & n=m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

$$(1, 1) = 2.$$

The inner product on  $\mathcal{P}_{2L}$   
is similar to the  
dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let's look at this  $\mathbb{R}^4$

example

Here is a basis of

$$\mathbb{R}^4: \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4.$

Note  $\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j = 0$  for each  $i \neq j$   
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How do we write  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  as

a linear combination of these vectors?

Using the fact  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_4$  form a basis we can say

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 + c_4 \vec{v}_4.$$

What is  $c_1$ ? We'll write  $(\vec{x}, \vec{v}_1) = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{v}_1$ .

Let's look at

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{x}, \vec{v}_1) &= (c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 + c_4 \vec{v}_4, \vec{v}_1) \\ &= c_1 (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1) + c_2 (\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1) + c_3 (\vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_1) + c_4 (\vec{v}_4, \vec{v}_1) \\ &= c_1 (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1) + 0 + 0 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } c_1 = \frac{(\vec{x}, \vec{v}_1)}{(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1)} = \frac{-8}{4} = -2$$

We can do the same with the other  $c_j$ 's.

$$c_2 = \frac{(\vec{x}, \vec{v}_2)}{(\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2)} = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

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So

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 + 3 - (-1) \\ (-2) + 3 + 2 \\ -2 + 3 - 1 \\ (-2) + 3 - 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This works in general:

Prop Suppose  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  are any  
 $n$  orthogonal vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(ie  $\vec{v}_j \cdot \vec{v}_i = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ )

Write  $(\vec{v}_j, \vec{w})$  for  $\vec{v}_j \cdot \vec{w}$ .

Let  $\vec{x}$  be any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n$$

where

$$c_j = \frac{(\vec{x}, \vec{v}_j)}{(\vec{v}_j, \vec{v}_j)}.$$



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How does this generalize?

Well recall the inner products for  $\sin$  and  $\cos$  above?

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

any  $2L$  periodic function

where  $a_0 = \frac{(f, \frac{1}{2})}{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$

$$a_n = \frac{(f, \cos(\frac{n\pi}{L}x))}{(\cos(\frac{n\pi}{L}x), \cos(\frac{n\pi}{L}x))} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{(f, \sin(\frac{n\pi}{L}x))}{(\sin(\frac{n\pi}{L}x), \sin(\frac{n\pi}{L}x))} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$

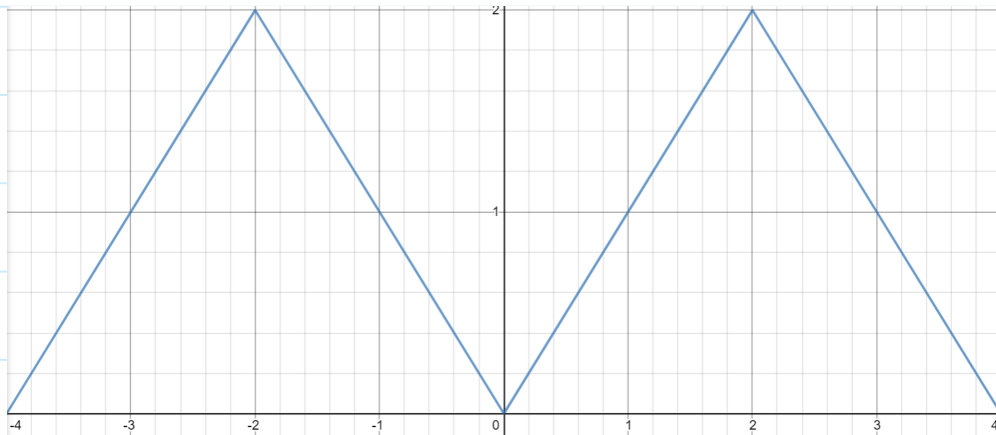
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Consider  $f(x) = |x|$  for  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$

and  $f(x+4) = f(x)$ .

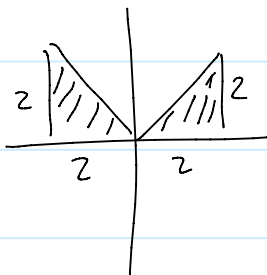
Graph of  $f_0$  and it repeats.



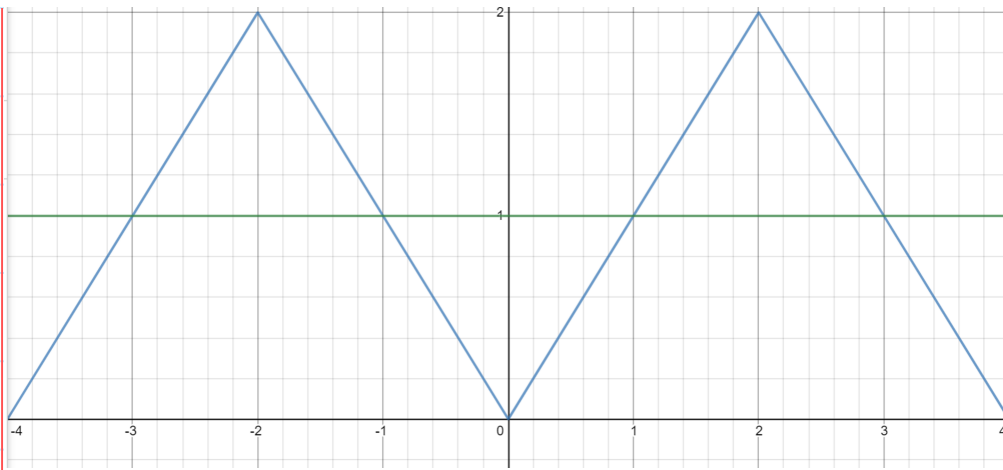
Now let's compute some coefficients.

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

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



So the first "approximation"  
to  $f$  is  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} = 1$ .



It's not that good.

Integration by parts can show

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} x\right) dx$$

$$= \begin{cases} -8/(n\pi)^2 & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 |x| \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} x\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^0 -x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} x\right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} x\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 y \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} \cdot -y\right) \cdot -1 dy + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} x\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 -y \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} y\right) dy + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 y \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} y\right) dy$$

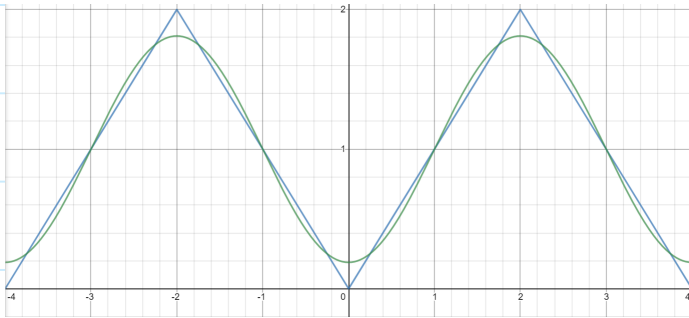
$$= 0$$

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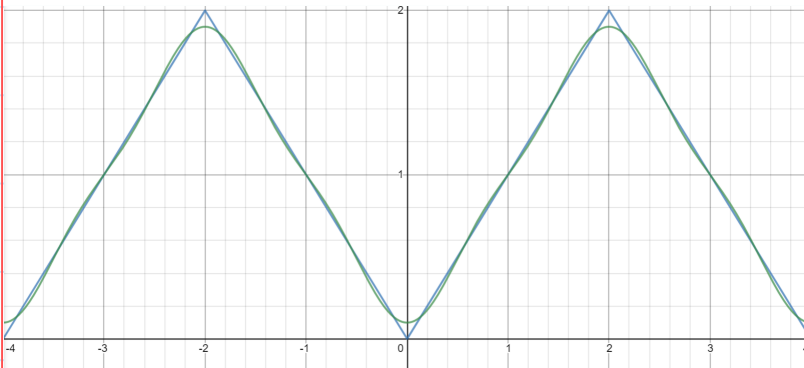
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \\ &= 1 + \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \cos\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

Let's look at some partial sums:

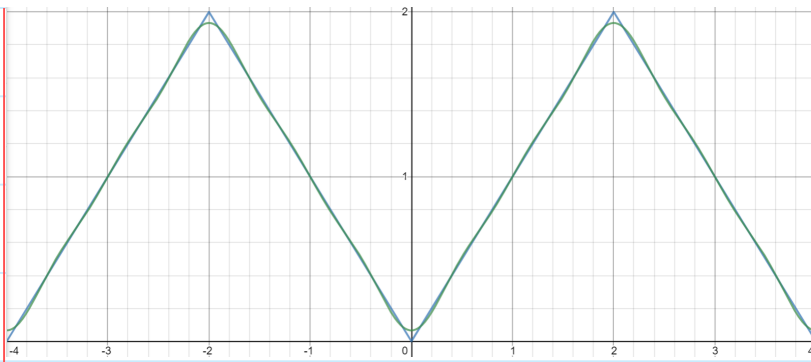
$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{(2-1)\pi}{2}x\right) \\ = 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) \end{aligned} \quad \downarrow$$



$$1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi x\right) - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{9} \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}\pi x\right) \quad \downarrow$$

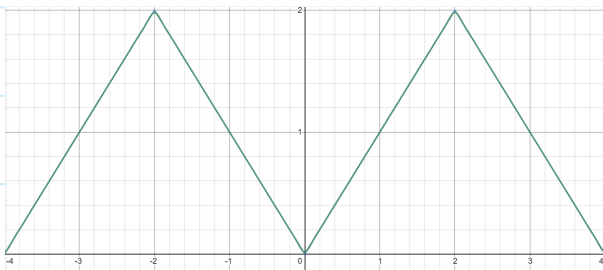


$$1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi x\right) - \frac{8}{9\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}\pi x\right) - \frac{8}{25\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{5}{2}\pi x\right) \quad \downarrow$$

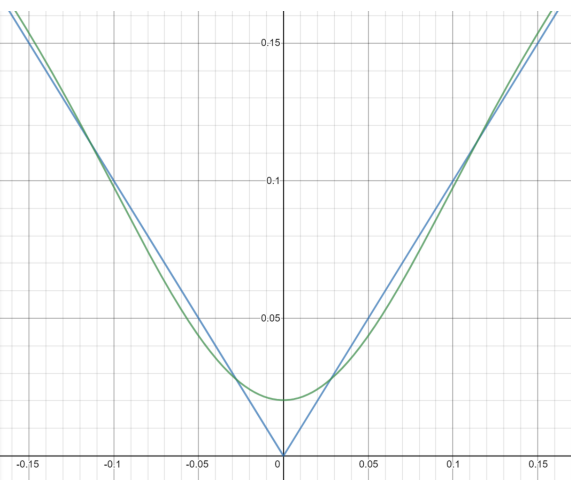


Going to better approximations:

$$1 - \frac{8}{11^2} \sum_{n=1}^{16} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \cos\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2} x\right) \quad \downarrow$$



They are "practically" the same curve.



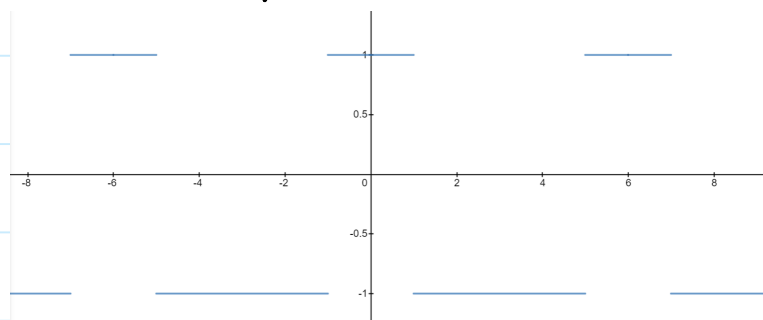
They differ by about 0.02.

What about discontinuous functions that are periodic?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & -3 < x < -1 \\ 1 & -1 < x < 1 \\ -1 & 1 < x < 3 \end{cases}$$

and  $f(x+6) = f(x)$

Here's a graph of  $f$ :



Let's compute some terms

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-3}^3 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{3} (-2 + 2 - 2) = -\frac{2}{3}$$

What about  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ ?

Well  $f(x) = f(-x)$  so,

as with the example above

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$$\int_{-3}^3 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx = 0.$$

What about  $a_n$ ?

$$3a_n = \int_{-3}^3 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx$$

$$= \int_{-3}^{-1} -\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx + \int_{-1}^1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx - \int_1^3 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx$$

$$\int_a^b \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx = \frac{3}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}a\right) - \frac{3}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}b\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-3}^{-1} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx &= -\frac{3}{n\pi} \left( \sin\left(-\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) - \sin(n\pi) \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx &= \frac{3}{n\pi} \left( \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) - \sin\left(-\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{6}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{3}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right)$$

Thus

$$a_n = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{3}{n\pi} + \frac{6}{n\pi} + \frac{3}{n\pi} \right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right)$$

Therefore

$$f(x) = \frac{-1}{3} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right)$$

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

$$- \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\pi} \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}x\right) - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5\pi} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}x\right) + \dots$$

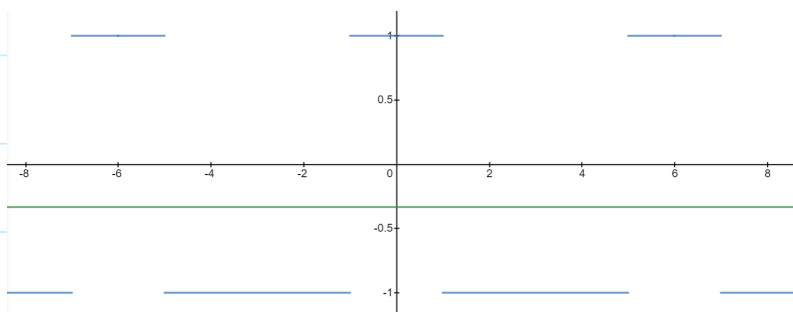
Here are the first few partial

sums of

$$f(x) = \frac{-1}{3} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right)$$

$N=0$

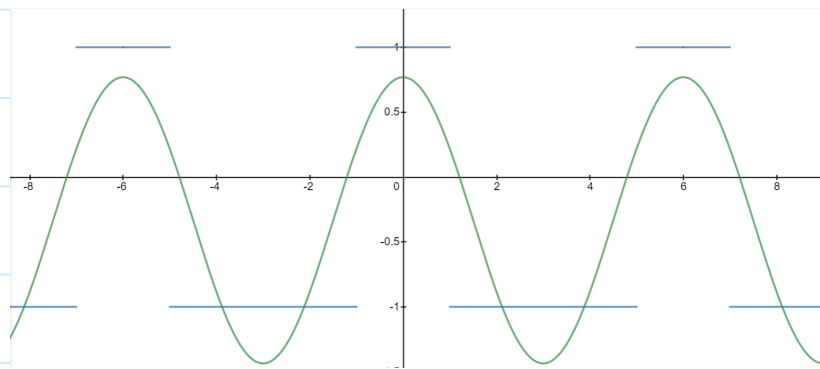
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$N=1$

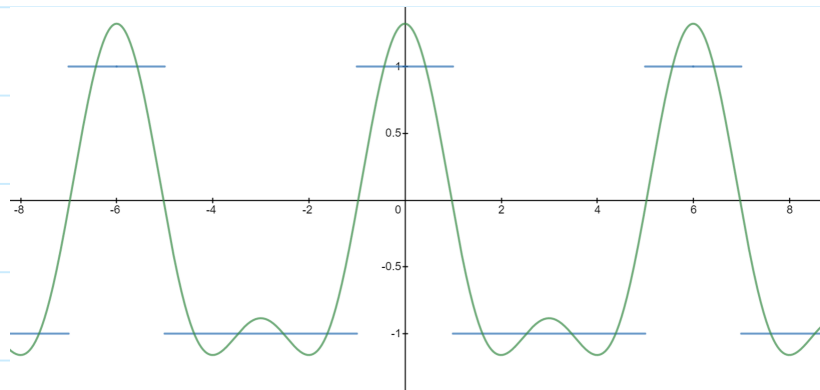
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$N=2$

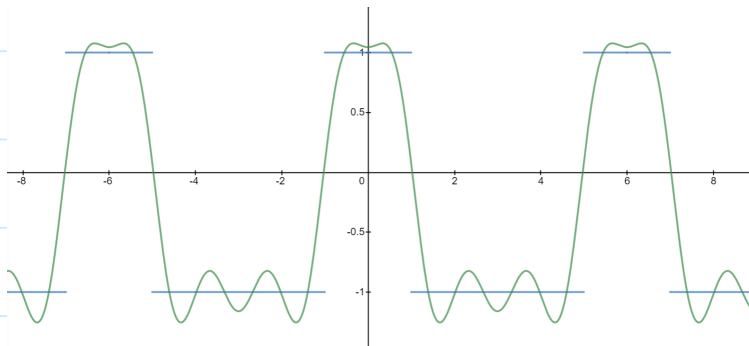
and  
 $N=3$

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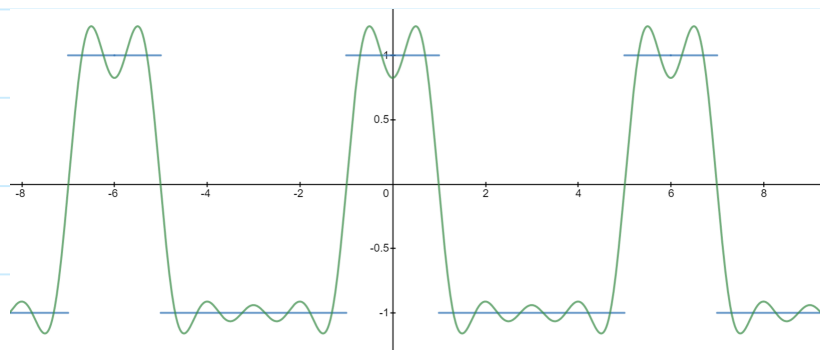
$N=4$

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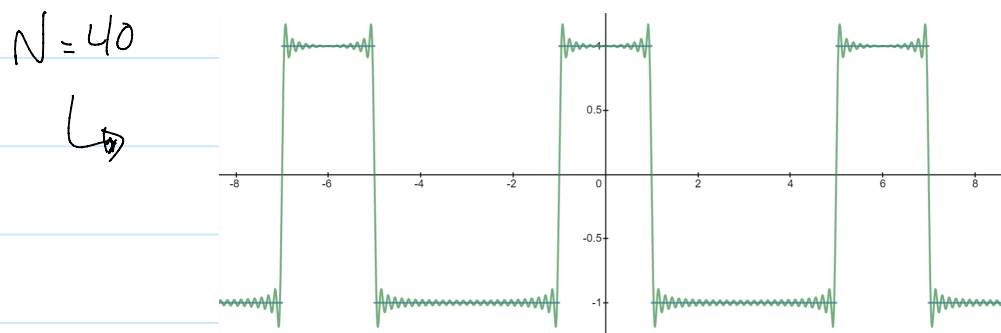
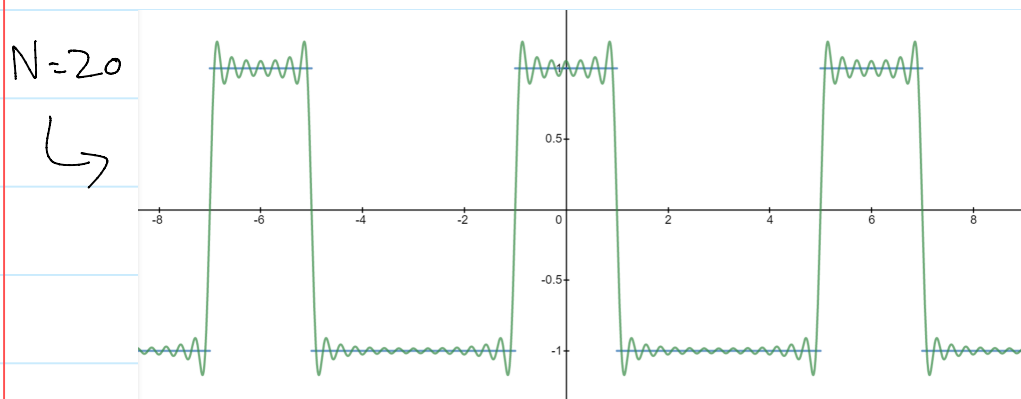
$N=5$

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let's jump ahead to a larger  $N$ .



Question:

Will the partial sums converge  
to  $f(x)$ ? I.e. as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

will

$$f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right)}{n} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) \right]$$

Answer:

as long as

$x \neq \dots, -7, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, \dots$

the limit will converge to  $f(x)$ .

Why?

Thm (Fourier convergence theorem)

Suppose  $f$  and  $f'$  are piecewise continuous functions on

$-L \leq x \leq L$ , and  $f$  is  $2L$ -periodic.

Then with  $a_0, a_n, b_n$  defined above let

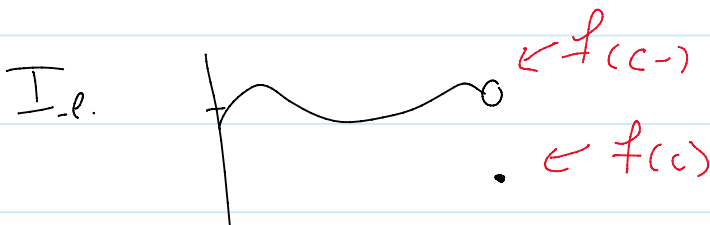
$$S_N(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$$

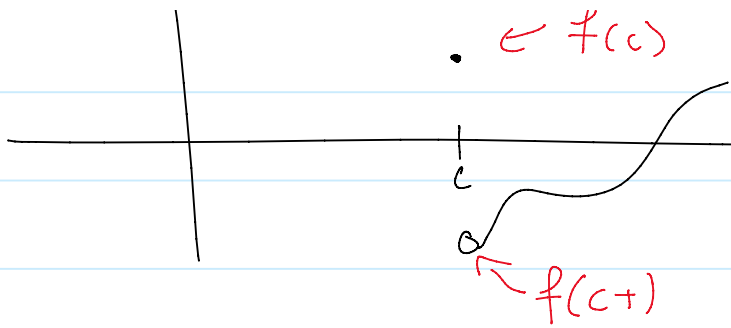
Then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(x_0) = \begin{cases} f(x_0) & f \text{ is continuous at } x_0 \\ \frac{f(x_0+) + f(x_0-)}{2} & f \text{ is discontinuous at } x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Here } f(c+) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$$

$$f(c-) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x).$$





Take away:

Every  $2L$ -periodic  
function  $f$  has a Fourier  
series

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