

Solved Problems.

P.1) Expand $x \sin x$ as Fourier series in $(0, 2\pi)$

Soln. let $f(x) = x \sin x$

The Fourier series of $f(x)$ in $(0, 2\pi)$ is

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

where $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x dx$
 $= \frac{1}{\pi} [-x \cos x + \sin x]_0^{2\pi} = -2$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x \cos nx dx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \cdot (2 \cos nx \sin x) dx$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)} + \frac{1}{(n-1)} = \frac{2}{n^2-1}, \quad n \neq 1$$

For $n=1$ $a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x \cos x dx$ by (1)

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin 2x dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-x \frac{\cos 2x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \cos nx \, dx = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{and } b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x (2 \sin nx \cos nx) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x [\cos(2n-1)x - \cos(2n+1)x] \, dx$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\left. \frac{x \sin(2n-1)x}{(2n-1)} + \frac{\cos(2n-1)x}{(2n-1)^2} \right|_0^{2\pi} - \left. \frac{x \sin(2n+1)x}{(2n+1)} + \frac{\cos(2n+1)x}{(2n+1)^2} \right|_0^{2\pi} \right]$$

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

Therefore the Fourier series expansion of the given function

$$x \sin x = -1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos x + 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n^2-1)} \cos nx \quad \text{Ans.}$$

(P.2) Find the Fourier series of the function

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

and hence prove that $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$.

Soln. The Fourier series of $f(x)$ is given by

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 -x \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} x \, dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{-\pi}^0 + \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right] = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 -x \cos nx \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx \, dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-x \left. \frac{\sin nx}{n} \right|_{-\pi}^0 + \left(x \frac{\sin nx}{n} + \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\cos n\pi}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \frac{1}{\pi n^2} (1 - (-1)^n) = \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{n^2 \pi}, & n \text{ is odd} \\ 0, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 -x \sin nx \, dx + \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[+x \frac{\cos nx}{n} \Big|_{-\pi}^0 + \left(-x \frac{\cos nx}{n} + \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} \right]$$

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

Putting these values in (1), we get

$$f(x) = -\frac{x}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} \cos x + \frac{1}{3^2} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{5^2} \cos 5x + \dots \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1 - 2(-1)^n}{n} \right) \sin nx$$

Putting $x=0$

$$f(0) = -\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots \right) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

It is obvious that 0 is point of discontinuity for $f(x)$ so, we have

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{2} [f(0-0) + f(0+0)] = \frac{1}{2} [-\pi + 0]$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(0) = -\pi/2 = -\pi/2$$

using in (2) we get

$$-\pi/2 = -\pi/4 - 2/\pi \left(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \pi^2/8$$