

Assignment 1

Hand in no 3 and 5 by Jan 24.

1. Prove the formula

$$\cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \cdots + \cos N\theta = \frac{\sin \left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right) \theta - \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}, \quad \theta \neq 0.$$

Hint: Multiply both sides of the formula by $\sin(\theta/2)$ and then use the compound angle formula.

2. Verify that the Fourier series of every even function is a cosine series and the Fourier series of every odd function is a sine series. A 2π -periodic function is even if $f(-x) = f(x)$ and odd if $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$.
3. Show that the Fourier series of $f_1(x) = x^2, x \in [-\pi, \pi]$, is given by

$$f_1(x) \sim \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nx.$$

4. Show that the Fourier series of $f_2(x) = -1, x \in [-\pi, 0)$ and $= 1, x \in [0, \pi]$, is given by

$$f_2(x) \sim \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{2n-1}.$$

5. Show that the Fourier series of $f_3(x) = e^{bx}, x \in [-\pi, \pi], b \in \mathbb{R}$, is given by

$$f_3(x) \sim \frac{\sinh b\pi}{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{b - in} e^{inx}.$$

Here the hyperbolic sine function is given by $\sinh \theta = (e^\theta - e^{-\theta})/2$.