

Math 319, some code to compute Fourier Series coefficients and then plot the Fourier Series

> *with(plots) :*

Consider the following piecewise continuous function defined on the interval $0 < x < 2$:

> $fB := x \rightarrow \text{piecewise}(\text{And}(0 \leq x, x < 1), 2 \cdot x, \text{And}(1 \leq x, x < 2), 2, \text{Or}(x < 0, x \geq 2), 0);$

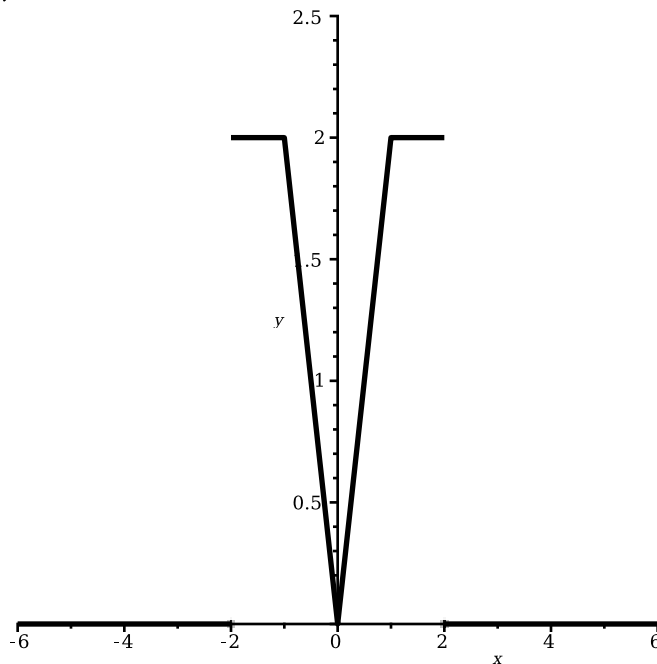
$$fB := x \mapsto \begin{cases} 2 \cdot x & 0 \leq x \wedge x < 1 \\ 2 & 1 \leq x \wedge x < 2 \\ 0 & x < 0 \vee 2 \leq x \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

To find the Fourier Series representation of this function, we need to extend it. There are several options.

Fourier Cosine Series

We can plot part of the even extension of $fB(x)$:

> $\text{plot}([fB(x) + fB(-x)], x = -6..6, y = 0..2.5, \text{discont} = \text{true}, \text{colour} = \text{black}, \text{thickness} = 2);$



The Fourier Series approximation of the even extension of $fB(x)$ is the Fourier Cosine Series. We compute the coefficients:

> $a0 := \text{simplify}(\text{expand}(\text{int}(2 \cdot x, x = 0..1) + \text{int}(2, x = 1..2)));$
 $a0 := 3$ (2)

> $a_n := \text{simplify}(\text{expand}(\text{int}(2 \cdot x \cdot \cos(\frac{n \cdot \text{Pi} \cdot x}{2}), x = 0..1) + \text{int}(2 \cdot \cos(\frac{n \cdot \text{Pi} \cdot x}{2}), x = 1..2)));$

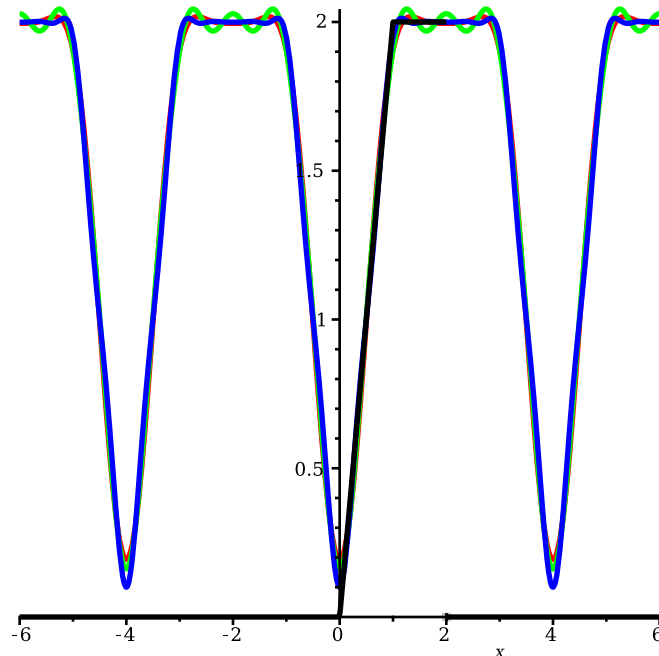
$$a_n := \frac{8 n \pi \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + 8 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - 8}{n^2 \pi^2} \quad (3)$$

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> fc := (x, nmax) → 3/2 + add((8 / (n·Pi)^2 · (cos(n·Pi/2) - 1)) · cos(n·Pi·x/2), n = 1 ..nmax);
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Warning, (in fc) `n` is implicitly declared local

$$fc := (x, nmax) \mapsto \frac{3}{2} + \text{add}\left(\frac{8 \cdot \left(\cos\left(\frac{n \cdot \pi}{2}\right) - 1\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{n \cdot \pi \cdot x}{2}\right)}{n^2 \cdot \pi^2}, n = 1 ..nmax\right) \quad (4)$$

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> plot([fc(x, 3), fc(x, 5), fc(x, 7), fB(x)], x = -6..6, colour = [red, green, blue, black], thickness = 2, discount = true);
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We see that the fourier series is converging to the even extension of $fB(x)$, though with lots of ringing.

Fourier Sine Series

Computing the coefficients

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> bn := expand(int(2·x·sin(n·Pi·x/2), x = 0..1) + int(2·sin(n·Pi·x/2), x = 1 ..2));
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$$b_n := \frac{8 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{n^2 \pi^2} - \frac{4 \cos(n\pi)}{n\pi} \quad (5)$$

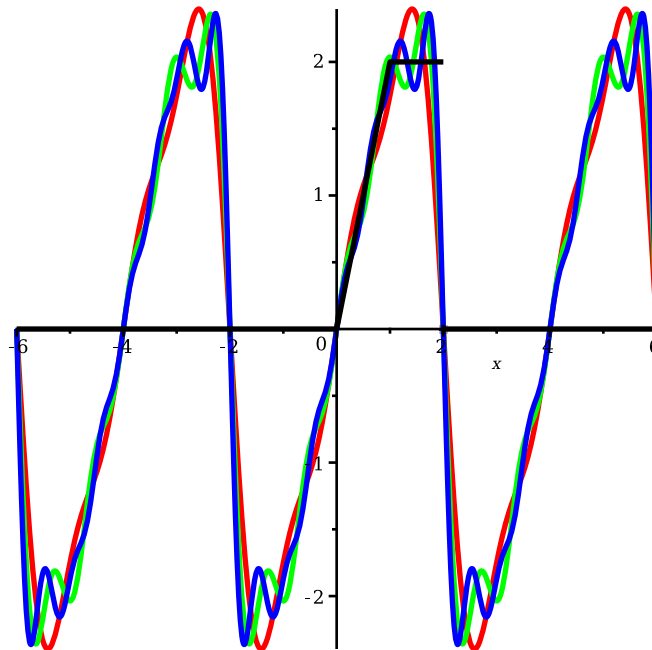
Using the fact that n is an integer, we can simplify the coefficients above, and obtain the fourier sine series:

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> fs := (x, nmax) → add( ( ( 8 / (n·Pi)^2 · sin( n·Pi / 2 ) - 4 / (n·Pi) · (-1)^n ) · sin( n·Pi·x / 2 ), n = 1 ..nmax );
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Warning, (in fs) `n` is implicitly declared local

$$fs := (x, nmax) \mapsto add\left(\left(\frac{8 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n \cdot \pi}{2}\right)}{n^2 \cdot \pi^2} - \frac{4 \cdot (-1)^n}{n \cdot \pi} \right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n \cdot \pi \cdot x}{2}\right), n = 1 ..nmax \right) \quad (6)$$

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> plot([fs(x, 3), fs(x, 5), fs(x, 7), fB(x)], x = -6..6, colour = [red, green, blue, black], thickness = 2, discount = true);
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We see that the fourier series is converging to the odd extension of $fB(x)$, though with lots of ringing.

Other extensions are possible. These two, the even and odd extensions, are the ones that lend themselves most easily to a Fourier Series representation, as they are composed of just cosines (in the odd extension case) and just sines (in the even extension case). Other extensions would lead to a mix of cosine and sine functions in the series.