1. Consider the  $2\pi$ -periodic function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & -\pi \le x < \pi, \\ f(x - 2k\pi), & -\pi + 2k\pi \le x < \pi + 2k\pi \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the graph of f(x) on  $[-5\pi, 5\pi]$ .
- (b) Compute the Fourier series of f(x).
- (c) Solve the differential equation  $x''(t) + \omega_0^2 x(t) = f(t)$ . Look for a particular solution of the form

$$x_p(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt$$

[*Hint*: Can you deduce right away that some of the coefficients will be zero?]

- 2. Determine which of the following functions are even, which are odd, and which are neither:
  - (a)  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x$ (b)  $f(x) = x^2 + |x|$ (c) f(x) = 1/x(d)  $f(x) = e^x$ (e)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x})$ (f)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$
- 3. Suppose that f is a function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  (not necessarily periodic). Show that there is an odd function  $f_{\text{odd}}$  and an even function  $f_{\text{even}}$  such that  $f(x) = f_{\text{odd}} + f_{\text{even}}$ . [*Hint*: As a guiding example, suppose  $f(x) = e^{ix}$ , and consider  $\cos x = \frac{1}{2}(e^{ix} + e^{-ix})$  and  $i \sin x = \frac{1}{2}(e^{ix} e^{-ix})$ .]
- 4. Express the *y*-intercept of  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx$  in terms of the  $a_n$ 's and  $b_n$ 's. (*Hint*: It's not  $a_0$  or  $a_0/2!$ )
- 5. Consider the  $2\pi$ -periodic function  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx$ . Write the Fourier series for the following functions:
  - (a) The reflection of f(x) across the y-axis;
  - (b) The reflection of f(x) across the x-axis;
  - (c) The reflection of f(x) across the origin.
- 6. Consider the function defined on the interval  $[0, \pi]$ :

$$f(x) = x(\pi - x)$$

- (a) Sketch the even extension of this function and find its Fourier cosine series.
- (b) Sketch the odd extension of this function and find its Fourier sine series.

- 7. (a) The Fourier series of an odd function consists only of sine-terms. What additional symmetry conditions on f will imply that the sine coefficients with even indices will be zero (i.e., each  $b_{2n} = 0$ )? Give an example of a non-zero function satisfying this additional condition.
  - (b) What symmetry conditions on f will imply that the sine coefficients with odd indices will be zero (i.e., each  $b_{2n+1} = 0$ )? Give an example of a non-zero function satisfying this additional condition.
  - (c) Sketch the graph of a non-zero even function, such that  $a_{2n} = 0$  for all n.
  - (d) Sketch the graph of a non-zero even function, such that  $a_{2n+1} = 0$  for all n.
- 8. Compute the complex Fourier series for the function defined on the interval  $[-\pi,\pi]$ :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -\pi \le x < 0\\ 5, & 0 \le x \le \pi. \end{cases}$$

Use the  $c_n$ 's to find the coefficients of the real Fourier series [*Hint: Use*  $a_n = c_n + c_{-n}$ , and  $b_n = i(c_n - c_{-n})$ .]

9. On a previous problem, you derived the real Fourier series for the function defined by

$$f(x) = x^2$$
 for  $-\pi < x \le \pi$ .

and extended to be periodic of period  $2\pi$ .

- (a) Compute the complex Fourier coefficients from the real coefficients using the identities  $c_n = (a_n ib_n)/2$  and  $c_{-n} = (a_n + ib_n)/2$ .
- (b) Use the real form of the Fourier series and *Parseval's identity* to compute  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$ .

10. Compute  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}$ . *Hint*: Compute the Fourier series for f(x) = |x|, and then observe that  $f(\pi) = \pi$ . (Parseval's identity not needed!)