

MthSc 208, Fall 2011 (Differential Equations)

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HW 18

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- (1) (a) Find the complex Fourier coefficients of the function

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{for } -\pi < x \leq \pi,$$

extended to be periodic of period 2π .

- (b) Find the real form of the Fourier series. *Hint: Use $a_n = c_n + c_{-n}$, and $b_n = i(c_n - c_{-n})$.*

- (2) Compute the complex Fourier series for the function defined on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -\pi \leq x < 0, \\ 4, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi. \end{cases}$$

Use the c_n 's to find the coefficients of the real Fourier series (the a_n 's and b_n 's).

- (3) Find the real and complex Fourier series for the function defined on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$:

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

Only compute one of these directly (your choice), and then use the formulas relating the real and complex coefficients to compute the other.

- (4) Compute the complex Fourier series for the function $f(x) = \pi - x$ defined on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$. Use the c_n 's to find the coefficients of the real version of the Fourier series.
- (5) Prove Parseval's identity:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2).$$

- (6) Use Parseval's identity, and the Fourier series of the function $f(x) = x^2$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$, to

compute $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$.

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