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#2. Prove the Schwarz inequality (for any pair of <sup>real</sup> square-integrable functions):

$$(*) \quad |(f, g)| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|g\|.$$

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If  $g = 0$  then clearly equality holds in (\*):

$$|(f, g)| = 0 = \|f\| \cdot \|g\|.$$

Therefore we may suppose that  $g \neq 0$ , and consequently that

$$\|g\|^2 = (g, g) = \int_a^b [g(t)]^2 dt > 0.$$

Consider the <sup>nonnegative</sup> quadratic function of  $t$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} H(t) &= \|f - tg\|^2 \\ &= (f - tg, f - tg) \\ &= (f, f) - 2t(f, g) + t^2(g, g). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $0 = H'(t) = -2(f, g) + 2t(g, g)$  implies  $t = \frac{(f, g)}{(g, g)}$ . Since  $H''(t) = 2(g, g) > 0$  for all  $t$ , the critical number  $t = (f, g)/(g, g)$  minimizes  $H$ :

$$0 \leq H\left(\frac{(f, g)}{(g, g)}\right) = (f, f) - 2 \frac{(f, g)}{(g, g)} \cdot (f, g) + \left(\frac{(f, g)}{(g, g)}\right)^2 \cdot (g, g) = (f, f) - \frac{(f, g)^2}{(g, g)}$$

so rearranging we have  $(f, g)^2 \leq (f, f) \cdot (g, g)$ . Extracting square roots of both sides of this inequality gives (\*):

$$|(f, g)| = \sqrt{(f, g)^2} \leq \sqrt{(f, f)} \cdot \sqrt{(g, g)} = \|f\| \cdot \|g\|.$$

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#4. (a) Solve the problem

$$u_t - ku_{xx} = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < l, 0 < t < \infty,$$

$$u(x, 0) = \varphi(x) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq l,$$

with the unusual boundary conditions

$$u_x(0, t) = u_x(l, t) = \frac{u(l, t) - u(0, t)}{l} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t < \infty.$$

Assume that there are no negative eigenvalues.

(b) Assuming that you can take limits term by term (in the infinite series resulting from part (a)) show that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = A + Bx.$$

(c) Use Green's first identity and exercise #3 to show that there are no negative eigenvalues.

(d) Find A and B.

(a) If we separate variables via  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  in this problem, we arrive at the coupled system

$$\begin{cases} T' + \lambda k T = 0, \\ X'' + \lambda X = 0, \end{cases} \quad X'(0) = X'(l) = \frac{X(l) - X(0)}{l}.$$

It is easy to verify that  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue and any (nonzero) linear function  $X(x) = Ax + B$  is a corresponding eigenfunction.

Suppose  $\lambda = \beta^2 > 0$ . The general solution to the ODE is  $X(x) = c_1 \cos(\beta x) + c_2 \sin(\beta x)$ .

Applying the B.C.'s gives

$$0 = X'(0) - X'(l) = \beta c_2 - \beta c_2 \cos(\beta l) + \beta c_1 \sin \beta l$$

$$0 = X'(0) - \frac{X(l) - X(0)}{l} = \beta c_2 - \frac{c_1 \cos(\beta l) + c_2 \sin(\beta l) - c_1}{l}$$

The existence of a nontrivial solution to this linear homogeneous system of

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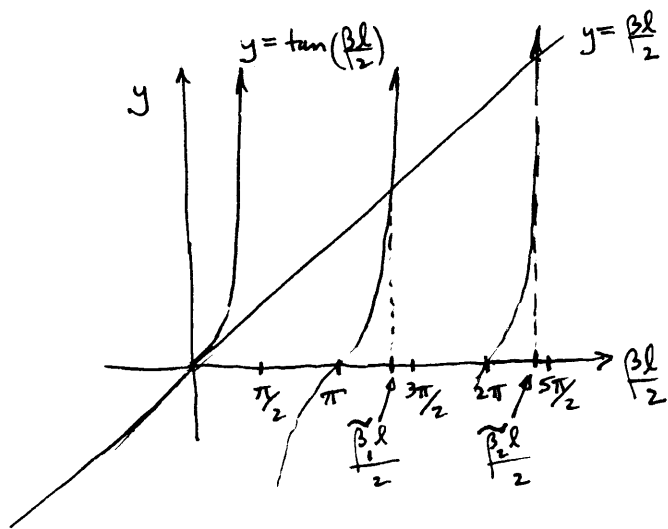
#4 (a) (cont.) equations in the variables  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  is equivalent to the vanishing of the determinant of the coefficient matrix:

$$\begin{cases} 0 = (1 - \cos \beta l) c_2 + \sin(\beta l) c_1 \\ 0 = (\beta l - \sin \beta l) c_2 + (1 - \cos \beta l) c_1 \end{cases}$$

$$0 = \begin{vmatrix} \sin(\beta l) & 1 - \cos(\beta l) \\ 1 - \cos(\beta l) & \beta l - \sin \beta l \end{vmatrix} = \beta l \sin(\beta l) - \sin^2(\beta l) - 1 + 2 \cos(\beta l) - \cos^2 \beta l$$

$$0 = \beta l \sin(\beta l) - 2 + 2 \cos \beta l \iff \beta l \sin(\beta l) = 2(1 - \cos \beta l).$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{either } \beta l = 2n\pi, & (n=1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ \text{or} \\ \frac{\beta l}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos(\beta l)}{\sin(\beta l)} = \tan\left(\frac{\beta l}{2}\right). \end{cases}$$



In the first case we have

$$\beta_n = \frac{2n\pi}{l} \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

and in the second case

$$\tilde{\beta}_n \in \left( \frac{2n\pi}{l}, \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{l} \right) \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$\text{with } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \tilde{\beta}_n - (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{l} \right] = 0.$$

(up to a constant multiple)

In the first case, the corresponding eigenfunctions are  $\tilde{X}_n(x) = \cos(\beta_n x) =$

$\cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{l}\right)$ ,  $(n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$ , and in the second they are (up to a constant multiple)

$\tilde{X}_n(x) = \tilde{\beta}_n l \cos(\tilde{\beta}_n x) - 2 \sin(\tilde{\beta}_n x)$ ,  $(n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$ . Thus a (formal) solution is

$$u(x, t) = Ax + B + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e^{-(\beta_n^2 k)t} \cos(\beta_n x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{c}_n e^{-(\tilde{\beta}_n^2 k)t} [\tilde{\beta}_n l \cos(\tilde{\beta}_n x) - 2 \sin(\tilde{\beta}_n x)]$$

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#4(a) (cont.) where the coefficients  $c_n$  and  $\tilde{c}_n$  ( $n=1,2,3,\dots$ ) are chosen so that

$$\varphi(x) = u(x,0) = Ax + B + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \cos(\beta_n x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{c}_n [\beta_n l \cos(\tilde{\beta}_n x) - 2 \sin(\tilde{\beta}_n x)]$$

for all  $0 \leq x \leq l$ .

(b) Taking the formal limit (i.e. term by term in the infinite series expression for  $u = u(x,t)$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x,t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ Ax + B + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e^{-\beta_n^2 k t} \cos(\beta_n x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{c}_n e^{-\tilde{\beta}_n^2 k t} \tilde{\Sigma}_n(x) \right\} \\ &= Ax + B. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $\lambda = -\beta^2 < 0$  and let  $\Sigma = \Sigma(x)$  be a solution to

$$\begin{aligned} (*) & \left\{ \begin{aligned} \Sigma'' + \lambda \Sigma &= \Sigma'' - \beta^2 \Sigma = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < l, \\ \Sigma'(0) &= \Sigma'(l) = \frac{\Sigma(l) - \Sigma(0)}{l}. \end{aligned} \right. \\ (**) & \end{aligned}$$

By Green's first identity (exercise #12, Sec. 5.3) or integration by parts

$$(***) \quad \int_0^l \Sigma''(x) \Sigma(x) dx = - \int_0^l [\Sigma'(x)]^2 dx + \Sigma'(x) \Sigma(x) \Big|_0^l.$$

$$\text{But } \int_0^l \Sigma''(x) \Sigma(x) dx = \beta^2 \int_0^l [\Sigma(x)]^2 dx \quad \text{by } (*),$$

$$- \int_0^l [\Sigma'(x)]^2 dx \leq - \frac{[\Sigma(l) - \Sigma(0)]^2}{l} \quad \text{by exercise #3,}$$

$$\text{and } \Sigma'(x) \Sigma(x) \Big|_0^l = \Sigma'(l) \Sigma(l) - \Sigma'(0) \Sigma(0) = \left( \frac{\Sigma(l) - \Sigma(0)}{l} \right) (\Sigma(l) - \Sigma(0)) \quad \text{by } (**).$$



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#4 (d) (cont.) where  $A$  and  $B'$  are given by the familiar Fourier coefficient formulas:

$$A = \frac{(\varphi, x - \frac{l}{2})}{(x - \frac{l}{2}, x - \frac{l}{2})} \quad \text{and} \quad B' = \frac{(\varphi, 1)}{(1, 1)}.$$

$$\text{But } (1, 1) = \int_0^l 1^2 dx = l$$

$$\text{and } (x - \frac{l}{2}, x - \frac{l}{2}) = \int_0^l (x - \frac{l}{2})^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} (x - \frac{l}{2})^3 \Big|_0^l = \frac{1}{3} (\frac{l}{2})^3 - \frac{1}{3} (-\frac{l}{2})^3 = \frac{l^3}{12},$$

so

$$(iii) \quad \boxed{A = \frac{12}{l^3} \int_0^l \varphi(x) (x - \frac{l}{2}) dx} \quad \text{and} \quad B' = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \varphi(x) dx.$$

From (ii) it is clear that

$$B = B' - \frac{l}{2} A,$$

so substituting from (iii) we have

$$B = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \varphi(x) dx - \frac{6}{l^2} \int_0^l \varphi(x) (x - \frac{l}{2}) dx$$

$$B = \frac{2}{l^2} \int_0^l \varphi(x) \frac{l}{2} dx - \frac{2}{l^2} \int_0^l \varphi(x) (3x - \frac{3l}{2}) dx$$

$$\boxed{B = \frac{2}{l^2} \int_0^l \varphi(x) (2l - 3x) dx}.$$

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#8 Prove that both integrals in

(12) 
$$\int_0^{\pi} g_+(\theta) \sin\left[\left(N+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta\right] d\theta + \int_{-\pi}^0 g_-(\theta) \sin\left[\left(N+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta\right] d\theta$$

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tend to zero (as  $N$  tends to infinity).

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Because the quotient of two piecewise continuous functions is piecewise continuous as long as the denominator isn't zero, it follows that

$$g_+(\theta) = \frac{f(x+\theta) - f(x^+)}{\sin(\theta/2)}$$

is piecewise continuous for  $\theta \in (0, \pi]$ . Also, l'Hospital's rule implies

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} g_+(\theta) &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+\theta) - f(x^+)}{\sin(\theta/2)} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f'(x+\theta)}{\frac{1}{2}\cos(\theta/2)} \\ &= 2f'(x^+). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the discontinuity in  $g_+$  at  $\theta = 0$  is removable, and

consequently  $\int_0^{\pi} |g_+(\theta)|^2 d\theta < \infty$ . If we apply Bessel's inequality (18), p. 128, with  $\Sigma_n(\theta) = \sin\left[\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta\right]$ ,  $(a, b) = (0, \pi)$ , we get

$$(*) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^2 \int_0^{\pi} |\Sigma_n(\theta)|^2 d\theta \leq \int_0^{\pi} |g_+(\theta)|^2 d\theta$$

$$\text{where } A_n = \frac{(g_+, \Sigma_n)}{(\Sigma_n, \Sigma_n)} = \frac{\int_0^{\pi} g_+(\theta) \sin\left[\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta\right] d\theta}{\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2\left[\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta\right] d\theta} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} g_+(\theta) \sin\left[\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta\right] d\theta$$

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#8 (cont.) Substituting these expressions into Bessel's inequality (\*) gives

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} g_+(\theta) \sin\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta d\theta \right\}^2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \int_0^{\pi} |g_+(\theta)|^2 d\theta < \infty,$$

and consequently

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} g_+(\theta) \sin\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta d\theta \right\}^2 < \infty.$$

Since the terms in a convergent series must go to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the desired result:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} g_+(\theta) \sin\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta d\theta \right\}^2 = 0$$

and hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\pi} g_+(\theta) \sin\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta d\theta = 0.$$

The result

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\pi}^0 g_-(\theta) \sin\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta d\theta = 0$$

is proved similarly.



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#9 Fill in the missing steps in the proof of uniform convergence.

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" Similarly  $B_n = \frac{1}{n} A_n'$ . (16) "

Verification:  $B_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$        $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Parts:} \\ U = f(x) \quad dV = \sin(nx) dx \\ dU = f'(x) dx \quad V = -\frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \end{array} \right.$

$$= \frac{-1}{n\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \cos(nx) dx$$
$$= \frac{-1}{n\pi} \left[ f(\pi)(-1)^n - f(-\pi)(-1)^n \right] + \frac{1}{n} A_n'$$

Since  $f$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic,  $f(\pi) = f(-\pi)$ . Thus

$$B_n = \frac{1}{n} A_n', \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

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" On the other hand, we know from Bessel's inequality [for the derivative function  $f'$ ] that the infinite series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|A_n'|^2 + |B_n'|^2) < \infty. "$$

Verification: If  $\Sigma_n(x) = \cos(nx)$ , ( $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $\Upsilon_n(x) = \sin(nx)$ , ( $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) then the collection  $\{\Sigma_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \cup \{\Upsilon_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an orthogonal set of functions on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ . (See pp. 103-104.)

If we apply Bessel's inequality (18), p. 128, to the derivative function  $f'$  on  $(a, b) = (-\pi, \pi)$ , then

$$(*) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( |A_n'|^2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\Sigma_n(x)|^2 dx + |B_n'|^2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\Upsilon_n(x)|^2 dx \right) \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f'(x)|^2 dx < \infty$$

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#9 (cont.) where the coefficients  $A_n'$  and  $B_n'$  are given by

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

$$B_n' = \frac{(f', \sin(nx))}{(\sin(nx), \sin(nx))} = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \sin(nx) dx}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2(nx) dx} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \sin(nx) dx,$$

( $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) and

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\Sigma_n(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(nx) dx = \pi,$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\Upsilon_n(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2(nx) dx = \pi,$$

( $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). Substituting these expressions into Bessel's inequality (\*) yields

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|A_n'|^2 \pi + |B_n'|^2 \pi) < \infty$$

and thus, the desired conclusion:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|A_n'|^2 + |B_n'|^2) < \infty.$$

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"Therefore, ...

$$\dots \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (|B_n'| + |A_n'|) \leq \sqrt{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|A_n'|^2 + |B_n'|^2) \right)^{1/2} < \infty.$$

Here we have used Schwarz's inequality (Exercise 5, p. 139). "

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#9 (cont.)

Verification: In this part of the problem we will need the following fact: For all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $2(x^2+y^2) \geq (x+y)^2$ .

Proof of fact: 
$$\begin{aligned} 2(x^2+y^2) - (x+y)^2 &= 2x^2 + 2y^2 - x^2 - 2xy - y^2 \\ &= x^2 - 2xy + y^2 \\ &= (x-y)^2 \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We apply the Schwarz inequality for infinite series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n \leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

(see exercise 5, p. 139) with  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $b_n = |B'_n| + |A'_n|$ ,  
 $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (|B'_n| + |A'_n|) &\leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|B'_n| + |A'_n|)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{(fact above)}}{\leq} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2(|B'_n|^2 + |A'_n|^2) \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|B'_n|^2 + |A'_n|^2) \right]^{1/2} \\ &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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#9 (cont.) " ... we can write

$$\max_{-\infty < x < \infty} |f(x) - S_N(f; x)| \leq \max_{-\infty < x < \infty} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx)|$$

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Verification. By Theorem 4<sup>∞</sup> of Section 5.4, the classical full Fourier series of  $f$  at  $x$  converged to  $f(x)$  pointwise for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ . That is,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(f; x) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N [A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx)] \right\} \\ &= \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx)] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - S_N(f; x)| &= \left| \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx)) - \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left\{ \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx) \right\} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx)] \right| \\ \Rightarrow |f(x) - S_N(f; x)| &\leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx)| \end{aligned}$$

Taking the maximum of both members of the above inequality as  $x$  ranges over  $(-\infty, \infty)$  yields the desired result.

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#11 Prove that the full Fourier series of the function  $f(x) = |x|$  in the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  converges uniformly to  $f$  in  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

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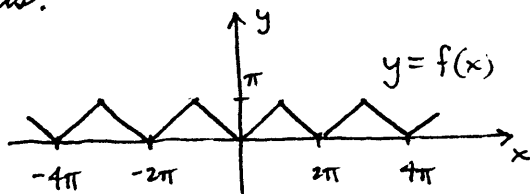
By exercise #14, p. 114 (Sec. 5.2) with  $\lambda = \pi$ , the full classical Fourier series of  $f(x) = |x|$  on  $(-\pi, \pi)$  is

$$|x| \sim \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \cos((2k-1)x).$$

Since  $f(x) = |x|$  is continuous on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ,  $f(-\pi) = f(\pi)$ , and

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x \in (-\pi, 0), \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in (0, \pi), \end{cases}$$

is piecewise continuous on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ , the function  $f$  has a continuous  $2\pi$ -periodic extension to the whole real line such that  $f'$  is piecewise continuous.



By Theorem 4<sup>∞</sup> (Sec 5.4, p. 125) the Fourier series of  $f$  at  $x$  converges to  $f(x)$  for all real  $x$ . In particular,

$$|x| = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \cos((2k-1)x) \quad \text{for all } x \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

$$\text{Thus } \max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \left| |x| - S_{2N}(f; x) \right| = \max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \left| |x| - S_{2N-1}(f; x) \right| =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \#11 \text{ (cont.)} &= \max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \left| \overbrace{\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \cos((2k-1)x)}^{|x|} - \overbrace{\left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \cos((2k-1)x) \right)}^{S_{2N-1}(f; x)} \right| \\
 &= \max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \left| \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \cos((2k-1)x) \right| \\
 &\leq \max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \cos((2k-1)x) \right| \\
 &= \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The last expression is the tail of a convergent numerical series, and thus goes to zero as  $N$  tends to infinity. Therefore

$$\max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \left| |x| - S_M(f; x) \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } M \rightarrow \infty;$$

i.e. the full Fourier series of  $|x|$  in  $[-\pi, \pi]$  converges uniformly to  $|x|$  in  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

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#13. A very slick proof of the pointwise convergence of Fourier series, due to P. Chernoff (*American Mathematical Monthly*, May 1980), goes as follows.

(a) Let  $f$  be a  $C^1$  function of period  $2\pi$ . First show that we may as well assume that  $f(0) = 0$  and we need only show that the Fourier series converges to zero at  $x = 0$ .

(b) Let  $g(x) = f(x)/(e^{ix} - 1)$ . Show that  $g$  is a continuous function.

(c) Let  $\{C_n\}$  be the complex Fourier coefficients of  $f$  and  $\{D_n\}$  the coefficients of  $g$ . Show that  $D_n \rightarrow 0$  (as  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$ ).

(d) Show that  $C_n = D_{n-1} - D_n$  so that the series  $\sum C_n$  is telescoping.

(e) Deduce that the Fourier series of  $f$  at  $x = 0$  converges to zero.

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