

Quote of Homework Five

**Carlos Castaneda:** I had not been using my eyes. That was true, yet I was very sure he had said to feel the difference. I brought that point up, but he argued that one can feel with the eyes, when the eyes are not looking right into things.

Carlos Castaneda - The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge (1968)

## 1. FOURIER SERIES : NONSTANDARD DOMAIN

Let  $f(x) = x^2$  for  $x \in (0, 2\pi)$  be such that  $f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$ .

1.1. **Graphing.** Sketch  $f$  on  $(-4\pi, 4\pi)$ .

1.2. **Symmetry.** Is the function even, odd or neither?

1.3. **Integrations.** Determine the Fourier coefficients  $a_0, a_n, b_n$  of  $f$ .

1.4. **Truncation.** Using <http://www.tutor-homework.com/grapher.html>, or any other graphing tool, graph the first five terms of your Fourier Series Representation of  $f$ .

## 2. FOURIER SERIES : NONSTANDARD PERIOD

Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -2 < x < 0 \\ x, & 0 < x < 2 \end{cases}$  be such that  $f(x + 4) = f(x)$ .

2.1. **Graphing.** Sketch  $f$  on  $(-4\pi, 4\pi)$ .

2.2. **Symmetry.** Is the function even, odd or neither?

2.3. **Integrations.** Determine the Fourier coefficients  $a_0, a_n, b_n$  of  $f$ .

2.4. **Truncation.** Using <http://www.tutor-homework.com/grapher.html>, or any other graphing tool, graph the first five terms of your Fourier Series Representation of  $f$ .

## 3. FOURIER SERIES : PERIODIC EXTENSION

Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2k}{L}x, & 0 < x \leq \frac{L}{2} \\ \frac{2k}{L}(L-x), & \frac{L}{2} < x < L \end{cases}$ .

3.1. **Graphing - I.** Sketch a graph  $f$  on  $[-2L, 2L]$ .

3.2. **Graphing - II.** Sketch a graph  $f^*$ , the even periodic extension of  $f$ , on  $[-2L, 2L]$ .

3.3. **Fourier Series.** Calculate the Fourier cosine series for the half-range expansion of  $f$ .

## 4. COMPLEX FOURIER SERIES

4.1. **Orthogonality Results.** Show that  $\langle e^{inx}, e^{-imx} \rangle = 2\pi\delta_{nm}$  where  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x)dx$ .

4.2. **Fourier Coefficients.** Using the previous orthogonality relation find the Fourier coefficients,  $c_n$ , for the complex Fourier series,  $f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$ .

4.3. **Complex Fourier Series Representation.** Find the complex Fourier coefficients for  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $-\pi < x < \pi$ ,  $f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$ .

4.4. **Conversion to Real Fourier Series.** Using the complex Fourier series representation of  $f$  recover its associated real Fourier series.

Consider the ODE, which is commonly used to model forced simple harmonic oscillation,

$$(5.1) \quad y'' + 9y = f(t),$$

$$(5.2) \quad f(t) = |t|, \quad -\pi \leq t < \pi, \quad f(t + 2\pi) = f(t).$$

Since the forcing function (5.2) is a periodic function we can study (5.1) by expressing  $f(t)$  as a Fourier series.<sup>1 2</sup>

5.1. **Fourier Series Representation.** Express  $f(t)$  as a real Fourier series.

5.2. **Method of Undetermined Coefficients.** The solution to the homogeneous problem associated with (5.1) is  $y_h(t) = c_1 \cos(3t) + c_2 \sin(3t)$ ,  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Knowing this, if you were to use the method of undetermined coefficients<sup>3</sup> then what would your choice for the particular solution,  $y_p(t)$ ? DO NOT SOLVE FOR THE UNKNOWN CONSTANTS

5.3. **Resonant Modes.** What is the particular solution associated with the third Fourier mode of the forcing function?<sup>4</sup>

5.4. **Structural Changes.** What is the long term behavior of the solution to (5.1) subject to (5.2)? What if the ODE had the form  $y'' + 4y = f(t)$ ?

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<sup>1</sup>The advantage of expressing  $f(t)$  as a Fourier series is its validity for any time  $t$ . An alternative approach have been to construct a solution over each interval  $n\pi < t < (n+1)\pi$  and then piece together the final solution assuming that the solution and its first derivative is continuous at each  $t = n\pi$ .

<sup>2</sup>It is worth noting that this concepts are used by structural engineers, a sub-disciple of civil engineering, to study the effects of periodic forcing on buildings and bridges. In fact, this problem originate from a textbook on structural engineering.

<sup>3</sup>This is also known as the method of the 'lucky guess' in your differential equations text.

<sup>4</sup>Each term in a Fourier series is called a mode. The first mode is sometimes called the fundamental mode. The rest of the modes, called *harmonics* in acoustics, are just referenced by number. The third Fourier mode would be the third term of Fourier summation