

1. Find the Fourier series for the function  $f$  with period  $2\pi$  defined on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \pi, & |x| \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \\ -\pi, & \frac{\pi}{3} < |x| \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Since  $f$  is an even function,  $b_n = 0$  for all  $n$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\pi/3} \pi \cos(nx) dx + \int_{\pi/3}^{\pi} (-\pi) \cos(nx) dx \right] \\ &= 2 \left[ \int_0^{\pi/3} \cos(nx) dx - \int_{\pi/3}^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then if  $n > 0$ ,

$$a_n = 2 \left[ \left( \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{\pi/3} - \left( \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right) \Big|_{x=\pi/3}^{\pi} \right] = \frac{4}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right),$$

and

$$a_0 = 2 \left[ \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right] = -\frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

Therefore the Fourier series for  $f$  is

$$-\frac{\pi}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) \cos(nx).$$

2. Describe the convergence of the Fourier series in the previous problem: for which values of  $x$  does the series converge, and for those  $x$ , to what value does the series converge?

Since  $f$  and  $f'$  are both piecewise continuous, the Fourier series converges everywhere and is also periodic with period  $2\pi$ . On the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , it converges to the following function:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \pi, & |x| < \frac{\pi}{3} \\ 0, & |x| = \frac{\pi}{3} \\ -\pi, & \frac{\pi}{3} < |x| \leq \pi \end{cases}$$