

3) Determine the Fourier Series for the function

$$f(x) = \pi x \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$= \pi(2-x) \quad 1 \leq x \leq 2$$

Solution:

Step 1: Fourier Series of  $f(x)$

Here  $c=0$  ;  $c+2l=2$   
 $\Rightarrow l=1$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos n\pi x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\pi x$$

Step 2: To find  $a_0$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^2 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{l} \left\{ \int_0^1 \pi x dx + \int_1^2 \pi(2-x) dx \right\}$$

$$= \int_0^1 \pi x dx + \int_1^2 \pi(2-x) dx$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\pi x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 + \left[ \pi \left( 2x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right]_1^2$$

$$= \pi \left[ \frac{1}{2} - 0 \right] + \left[ \pi \left[ \left( 2(2) - \frac{4}{2} \right) - \left( 2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi \left( \frac{4}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$\boxed{a_0 = \pi}$$

Step 3: To find  $a_n$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^2 f(x) \cos n\pi x dx = \int_0^1 \pi x \cos n\pi x dx + \int_1^2 \pi(2-x) \cos n\pi x dx$$

$$= \pi \int_0^1 x \cos n\pi x dx + \pi \int_1^2 (2-x) \cos n\pi x dx$$

$$\begin{array}{l} u = x \quad du = dx \\ dv = \cos n\pi x \\ v = \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} \end{array}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$= x \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} - \int \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} dx$$

$$= \frac{x \sin n\pi x}{n\pi} + \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \cos n\pi x$$

$$\begin{array}{l} u = 2-x \quad dv = \cos n\pi x \\ du = -dx \quad v = \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} \end{array}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$= (2-x) \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} - \int \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} (-dx)$$

$$= (2-x) \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \cos n\pi x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \pi \left[ \frac{x \sin n\pi x}{n\pi} + \frac{\cos n\pi x}{n^2 \pi^2} \right]_0^1 \\
 &+ \pi \left[ (2-x) \frac{\sin n\pi x}{n\pi} - \frac{\cos n\pi x}{n^2 \pi^2} \right]_1^2 \\
 &= \pi \left[ 0 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 \pi^2} - 0 - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \right] + \pi \left[ 0 - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} - 0 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 \pi^2} \right] \\
 &= \pi \left[ \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 \pi^2} - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} + \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 \pi^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{2\pi}{n^2 \pi^2} \left[ (-1)^n - 1 \right] = \frac{2}{n^2 \pi} \left[ (-1)^n - 1 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{-4}{n^2 \pi}, & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Step 1: To find  $b_n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{1}{l} \int_0^2 f(x) \sin n\pi x \, dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \pi x \sin n\pi x \, dx + \int_1^2 \pi(2-x) \sin n\pi x \, dx \\
 &= \pi \int_0^1 x \sin n\pi x \, dx + \pi \int_1^2 (2-x) \sin n\pi x \, dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$  \begin{aligned}  u &= x & dv &= \sin n\pi x \, dx \\  du &= dx & v &= \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi}  \end{aligned}  $	$  \begin{aligned}  u &= 2-x & dv &= \sin n\pi x \, dx \\  du &= -dx & v &= \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi}  \end{aligned}  $
$  \begin{aligned}  \int u \, dv &= x \left( \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \right) \\  &- \int \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \, dx \\  &= -\frac{x \cos n\pi x}{n\pi} + \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin n\pi x  \end{aligned}  $	$  \begin{aligned}  \int u \, dv &= (2-x) \left( \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \right) - \int \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \\  &= \frac{(x-2)}{n\pi} \cos n\pi x - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin n\pi x  \end{aligned}  $

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \pi \left[ \frac{-x \cos n\pi x}{n\pi} + \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin n\pi x \right]_0^1 \\
 &+ \pi \left[ \frac{(x-2)}{n\pi} \cos n\pi x - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin n\pi x \right]_1^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \pi \left[ \frac{-(-1)^n}{n\pi} + 0 + 0 + 0 \right] + \pi \left[ 0 - 0 - \frac{(1-2)}{n\pi} (-1)^n - 0 \right]$$

$$= \pi \left[ \frac{-(-1)^n}{n\pi} + \frac{(-1)^n}{n\pi} \right] = \frac{\cancel{\pi}}{\cancel{\pi}} \left[ \cancel{(-1)^n} \right]$$

$b_n = 0$

Steps: Fourier Series

Substituting  $a_0, a_n, b_n$  in step 1

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1,3,5}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2\pi} \cos n\pi x$$

1) Express  $f(x) = (\pi-x)^2$  as a Fourier Series of period  $2\pi$  in the interval  $0 < x < 2\pi$ . Hence deduce the sum of the series  $1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$

Solution:

Step 1: Fourier series of  $f(x)$  in  $(0, 2\pi)$

Here  $c=0$ ;  $c+2l=2\pi$  |  $f(x) = (\pi-x)^2$   
 $\Rightarrow l=\pi$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right)$$

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

Step 2: To find  $a_0$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{l} \int_c^{c+2l} f(x) dx$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi-x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{2}{3} (\pi-x)^3 (-1) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(\pi-2\pi)^3}{3} - \frac{(\pi)^3}{3} \right] = \frac{-2}{\pi} (-2\pi)^3 = \frac{+8\pi^3}{\pi} = +$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(\pi-x)^3}{3} \right]_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{-1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{3\pi} \left[ (\pi-2\pi)^3 - (\pi)^3 \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{3\pi} \left[ (-\pi)^3 - (\pi)^3 \right] = \frac{2\pi^3}{3\pi} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$$

$a_0 = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$

Step 3: To find  $a_n$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_c^{c+2l} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi-x)^2 \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

By Bernoulli's formula

$$\int u dv = uv - u'v_1 + u''v_2 - \dots$$

$$u = (\pi-x)^2$$

$$u' = 2(\pi-x)(-1)$$

$$u'' = -2(-1)$$

$$= 2$$

$$dv = \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

$$v = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \sin(n\pi x)$$

$$v_1 = \frac{-1}{n^2} \cos(n\pi x)$$

$$v_2 = \left(\frac{-1}{n^3}\right) \sin(n\pi x)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ (\pi-x)^2 \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \sin(n\pi x) - 2(\pi-x)(-1) \left(\frac{-1}{n^2}\right) \cos(n\pi x) \right. \\ \left. + 2 \left(\frac{-1}{n^3}\right) \sin(n\pi x) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(\pi-x)^2}{n} \sin(n\pi x) - \frac{2(\pi-x)}{n^2} \cos(n\pi x) - \frac{2}{n^3} \sin(n\pi x) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \left[ 0 - \frac{2(\pi-2\pi)}{n^2} (1) - 0 \right] - \left[ 0 - \frac{2\pi}{n^2} (1) - 0 \right] \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{+2\pi}{n^2} + \frac{2\pi}{n^2} \right] = \frac{4\pi}{\pi(n^2)} = \frac{4}{n^2}$$

$$\boxed{a_n = \frac{4}{n^2}}$$

Step 4: To find  $b_n$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_c^{c+2l} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\pi-x)^2 \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

By Bernoulli's formula

$$\int u dv = uv - u'v_1 + u''v_2 - \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 u = (\pi - x)^2 \\
 u' = 2(\pi - x)(-1) \\
 \quad = -2(\pi - x) \\
 u'' = -2(-1) = 2
 \end{array}
 \left|
 \begin{array}{l}
 dv = \sin(nx) dx \\
 v = -\cos(nx) \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \\
 v_1 = \left(-\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \sin(nx) \\
 v_2 = \left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \cos(nx)
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ (\pi - x)^2 \left(-\frac{1}{n}\right) \cos(nx) + 2(\pi - x) \left(-\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \sin(nx) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \cos(nx) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{(\pi - x)^2}{n} \cos(nx) - \frac{2(\pi - x)}{n^2} \sin(nx) + \frac{2}{n^3} \cos(nx) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \left[ -\frac{(\pi - 2\pi)^2}{n} (1) - 0 + \frac{2}{n^3} (1) \right] - \left[ -\frac{\pi^2}{n} (1) - 0 + \frac{2}{n^3} (1) \right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ -\frac{\pi^2}{n} + \frac{2}{n^3} + \frac{\pi^2}{n} - \frac{2}{n^3} \right\} = 0 \quad \boxed{b_n = 0}$$

Step 5: Fourier Series

Substituting  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  in step 1

$$f(x) = \frac{(2\pi^2/3)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n}{n^2} \cos(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (0) \sin(nx)$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} \quad (\text{is the req. fourier series})$$