



Question 1 (Fourier Transforms). Consider the Wave Equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 & -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

(a) [5 pts] If \mathcal{F} denotes the Fourier Transform operator with respect to x , show that

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{F}[u] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] = i\omega \mathcal{F}[u].$$

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right] (\omega, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} (x, t) e^{-i\omega x} dx = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{-i\omega x} dx \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{F}[u](\omega, t)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] (\omega, t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} (x, t) e^{-i\omega x} dx = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{-i\omega x}) dx \\ &= \frac{i\omega}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{-i\omega x} dx = i\omega \mathcal{F}[u](\omega, t) \end{aligned}$$

by integration by parts.

(b) [2 pts] Deduce that

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right] = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathcal{F}[u] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right] = -\omega^2 \mathcal{F}[u].$$

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right] = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathcal{F}[u],$$

and

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right] = i\omega \mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] = (i\omega)^2 \mathcal{F}[u] = -\omega^2 \mathcal{F}[u].$$

(c) [5 pts] Let $U = \mathcal{F}[u]$ and $F = \mathcal{F}[f]$. Use the formulae in part (b) to take Fourier Transforms of equation (1).

$$\begin{cases} U_{tt} + c^2 \omega^2 U = 0 \\ U(\omega, 0) = F(\omega) \\ U_t(\omega, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

(d) [5 pts] Solve the boundary value problem for U [that you wrote in part (c)] and show that

$$U(\omega, t) = \frac{1}{2}F(\omega) (e^{ic\omega t} + e^{-ic\omega t}).$$

[HINT: $\cos z = \frac{1}{2}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz})$.]

The general solution of $U_{tt} + c^2\omega^2U = 0$ is $U(\omega, t) = A(\omega) \cos c\omega t + B(\omega) \sin c\omega t$.

Then

$$0 = U_t(\omega, t) = -c\omega A(\omega) \sin c\omega t + c\omega B(\omega) \cos c\omega t = -c\omega B(\omega) \implies B(\omega) = 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R},$$

and

$$F(\omega) = U(\omega, 0) = A(\omega) \cos c\omega \cdot 0 = A(\omega).$$

So

$$U(\omega, t) = F(\omega) \cos c\omega t = F(\omega) \left(\frac{e^{ic\omega t} + e^{-ic\omega t}}{2} \right).$$

(e) [8 pts] Use the Inverse Fourier Transform, \mathcal{F}^{-1} , to show that

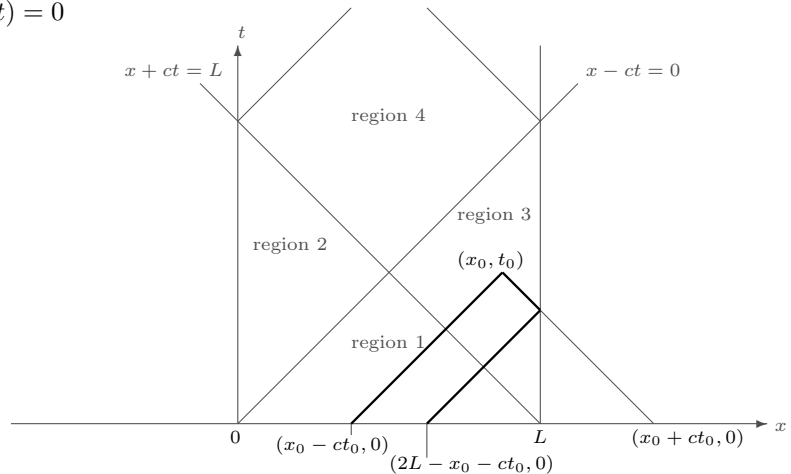
$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(f(x + ct) + f(x - ct) \right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \mathcal{F}^{-1}[U](x, t) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\omega, t) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) (e^{ic\omega t} + e^{-ic\omega t}) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega(x+ct)} d\omega + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega(x-ct)} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F](x + ct) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F](x - ct) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(f(x + ct) + f(x - ct) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Question 2 (Finite String Wave Equation). Consider the wave equation on a string of length L with fixed ends:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 & 0 < x < L \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) & f : (0, L) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) & g : (0, L) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u(0, t) = 0 \\ u(L, t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $c > 0$.



Let

$$\text{region 3} := \{(x, t) : x \leq L, x - ct \geq 0 \text{ and } x + ct \geq L\}.$$

In this question, you will calculate the solution in region 3.

(a) [5 pts] First show that

$$u(x, t) = F(x - ct) + G(x + ct)$$

solves the wave equation, $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$, for any twice differentiable functions $F : (0, L) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $G : (0, L) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Since $u_t(x, t) = -cF'(x - ct) + cG'(x + ct)$, $u_{tt}(x, t) = c^2F''(x - ct) + c^2G''(x + ct)$, $u_x(x, t) = F'(x - ct) + G'(x + ct)$ and $u_{xx}(x, t) = F''(x - ct) + G''(x + ct)$, we have that

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = (c^2F'' + c^2G'') - c^2(F'' + G'') = 0.$$

Using the initial conditions we can see that:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= u(x, 0) = F(x) + G(x) \\ g(x) &= u_t(x, 0) = -cF'(x) + cG'(x) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

(b) [5 pts] Use (3) to show that

$$-F(x) + G(x) = \frac{1}{c} \int_0^x g(z) dz.$$

[HINT: You may assume that $F(0) = G(0)$]

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^x g(z) dz &= \int_0^x (-cF'(z) + cG'(z)) dz = c \left[-F(z) + G(z) \right]_0^x \\ &= c \left(-F(x) + G(x) + F(0) - G(0) \right) = c(-F(x) + G(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$-F(x) + G(x) = \frac{1}{c} \int_0^x g(z) dz.$$

(c) [4 pts] Use (b) and (3) to show that

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x) - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^x g(z) dz.$$

$$\frac{1}{2}f(x) - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^x g(z) dz = \frac{1}{2}(F(x) + G(x)) - \frac{1}{2}(-F(x) + G(x)) = F(x).$$

(d) [4 pts] Next use (a) and (2) show that

$$G(L + ct) = -F(L - ct).$$

and that

$$G(z) = -F(2L - z) \quad \text{for all } z \geq L.$$

$$0 = u(L, t) = F(L - ct) + G(L + ct) \implies G(L + ct) = -F(L - ct). \quad [2]$$

For all $z \geq L$, let $t = \frac{1}{c}(z - L) \geq 0$. Then $L + ct = z$ and so

$$G(z) = G(L + ct) = -F(L - ct) = -F(L - (z - L)) = -F(2L - z). \quad [2]$$

(e) [7 pts] Use (a), (c) and (d) to show that the solution in region 3 is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{f(x - ct) - f(2L - x - ct)}{2} - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x-ct} g(\xi) d\xi + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{2L-x-ct} g(\xi) d\xi. \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= F(x - ct) + G(x + ct) \\ &= F(x - ct) - F(2L - (x + ct)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}f(x - ct) - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x+ct} g(z)dz - \frac{1}{2}f(2L - x - ct) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{2L-x-ct} g(z)dz \\ &= \frac{f(x - ct) - f(2L - x - ct)}{2} - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x-ct} g(\xi) d\xi + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{2L-x-ct} g(\xi) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Question 3 (Characteristics). Consider the PDE

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (5)$$

with the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 3 & x < 2 \\ 1 & x > 2. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

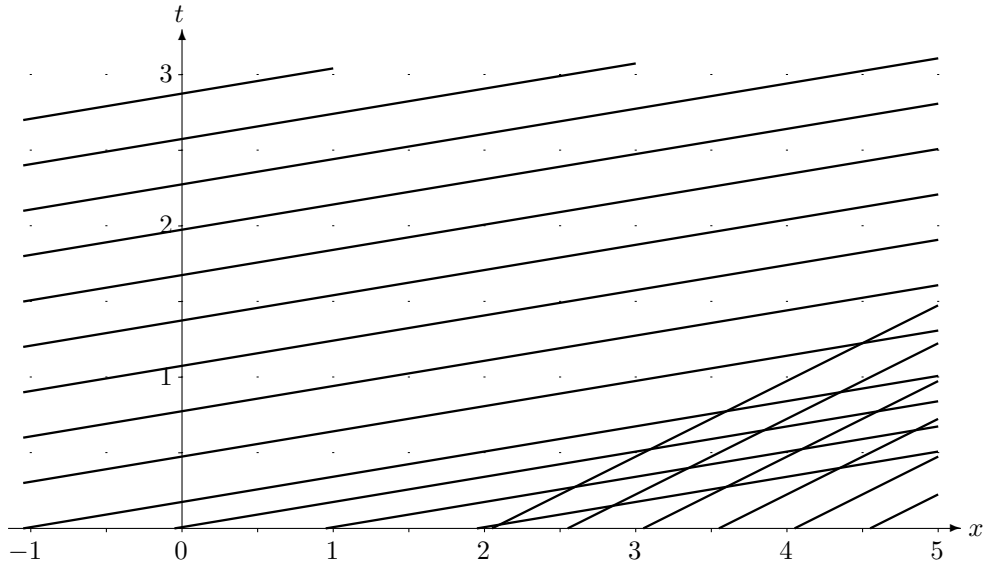
(a) [3 pts] Replace (5) by a system of 2 ODEs

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = 0 \\ \frac{dx}{dt} = 2u \end{cases}$$

(b) [6 pts] Plot the characteristics (t against x) for this problem.

First $u_t = 0 \implies u(x(t), t) = u(x(0), 0) \forall t$. Then $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2u \implies x(t) = 2ut + x(0)$. So

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 6t + x(0) & \text{if } x(0) < 2 \\ 2t + x(0) & \text{if } x(0) > 2. \end{cases}$$



(c) [1 pts] Does the problem have *fan-like characteristics* or *shock wave characteristics*?

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(d) [10 pts] Solve

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

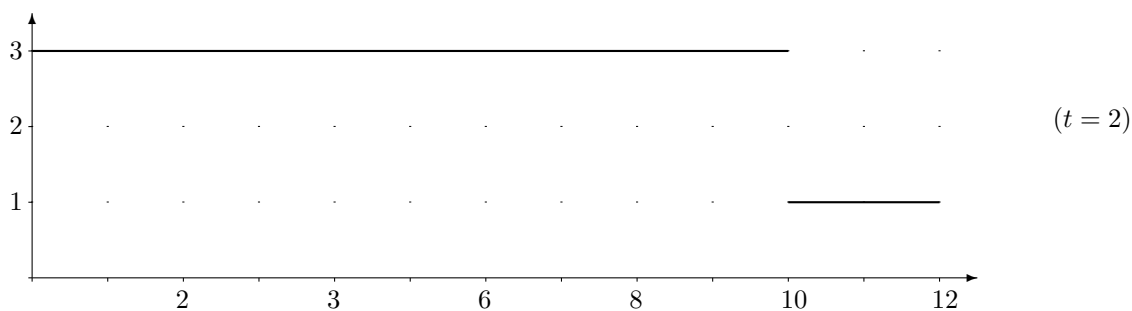
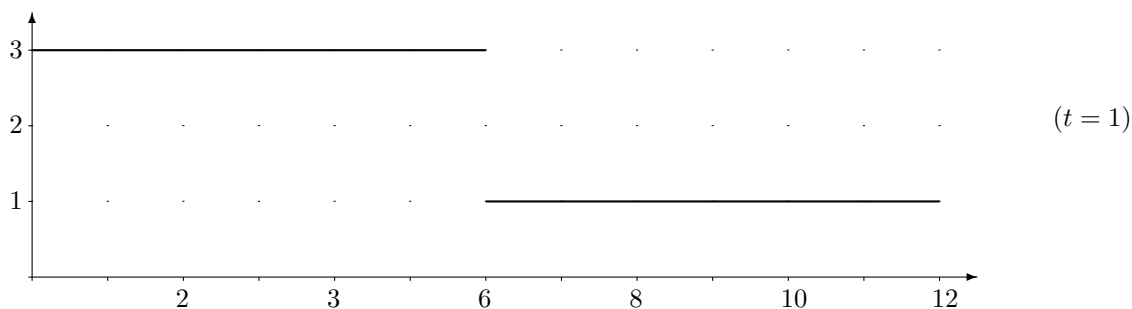
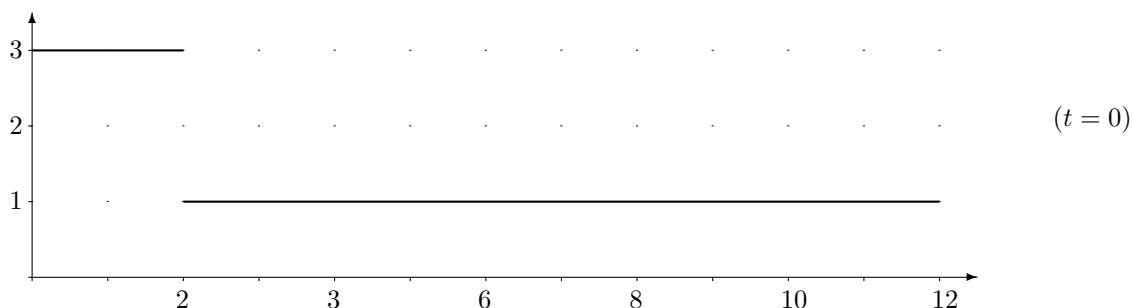
subject to

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 3 & x < 2 \\ 1 & x > 2. \end{cases}$$

At the discontinuity ($x = 2$), we have $[u] = \lim_{x \searrow 2} u(x, 0) - \lim_{x \nearrow 2} u(x, 0) = 1 - 3 = -2$. Let $q(u) = u^2$. (Then $\frac{dq}{du} = 2u$.) Then $[q] = \lim_{x \searrow 2} q(u(x, 0)) - \lim_{x \nearrow 2} q(u(x, 0)) = 1^2 - 3^2 = -8$. The shock characteristic is found by solving $\frac{dx_s}{dt} = \frac{[q]}{[u]} = \frac{-8}{-2} = 4$. So $x_s(t) = 4t + x_s(0) = 4t + 2$.

Therefore

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } x < 4t + 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 4t + 2. \end{cases}$$

(e) [5 pts] Sketch the graph (u against x) of the solution at times $t = 0$, $t = 1$ and $t = 2$.

Question 4 (Separation of Variables). Consider the heat equation on a rod of length L :

$$\begin{cases} u_t = ku_{xx} & 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < t \\ u_x(0, t) = 0 \\ u_x(L, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 7 - \cos \frac{3\pi x}{L}. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

(a) [5 pts] If $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$, show that X and T satisfy

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad T' + k\lambda T = 0$$

for some constant $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Since $XT' - u_t = ku_{xx} = kX''T$, we have that $\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{T'(t)}{kT(t)}$ [2]. The left-hand side is a function only of x ; the right-hand side is a function only of t . Therefore both sides must be equal to a constant; equal to $-\lambda$ say [2]. Then $\frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda \implies X'' + \lambda X = 0$ and $\frac{T'}{kT} = -\lambda \implies T' + k\lambda T = 0$ [1].

(b) [3 pts] What boundary conditions does X satisfy?

First note that $0 = u_x(0, t) = X'(0)T(t)$ and $0 = u_x(L, t) = X'(L)T(t)$. Since we don't want $T(t) = 0 \forall t$, we must have... optional

$$\begin{cases} X'(0) = 0 \\ X'(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

(c) [10 pts] By considering the cases $\lambda < 0$, $\lambda = 0$ and $\lambda > 0$ separately, find all the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0$$

subject to the boundary conditions that you wrote in part (b).

CASE 1: $\lambda < 0$.
The solution of $X'' + \lambda X = 0$ is $X(x) = Ae^{\sqrt{-\lambda}x} + Be^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}x}$. Then $0 = X'(0) = A\sqrt{-\lambda}e^0 - B\sqrt{-\lambda}e^0 \implies A = B$ and $0 = X'(L) = A\sqrt{-\lambda}(e^{\sqrt{-\lambda}L} - e^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}L}) \implies A = 0 \implies B = 0$. There are no eigenvalues or non-trivial eigenfunctions in this case. [2]

CASE 2: $\lambda = 0$.
The solution of $X'' = 0$ is $X(x) = Ax + B$. Then $0 = X'(0) = A$ and $0 = X'(L) = A \implies A = 0$. We can choose any B we like. Therefore $\lambda_0 = 0$ is an eigenvalue with eigenfunction $X_0(x) = 1$. [4]

CASE 3: $\lambda > 0$.
The solution of $X'' + \lambda X = 0$ is $X(x) = A \cos \sqrt{\lambda}x + B \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x$. So $0 = X'(0) = -A\sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda}0 + B\sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda}0 \implies B = 0$; and $0 = X'(L) = -A\sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda}L$. Since we don't want $A = 0$, we must have that $\sin \sqrt{\lambda}L = 0$. So $\sqrt{\lambda}L = n\pi$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. So $\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$ are eigenvalues with eigenfunctions $X_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$. [4]

(d) [4 pts] Find the general solution of

$$\begin{cases} u_t = ku_{xx} & 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < t \\ u_x(0, t) = 0 \\ u_x(L, t) = 0. \end{cases}$$

The solution of $T'_n + k\lambda_n T_n = 0$ is $T_n(t) = a_n e^{-k\lambda_n t}$. So

$$u(x, t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-k\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}.$$

(e) [3 pts] Now use the initial condition,

$$u(x, 0) = 7 - \cos \frac{3\pi x}{L},$$

to write down the solution to equation (7).

Clearly $a_0 = 7$, $a_3 = -1$ and $a_n = 0$ for all other n . Therefore

$$u(x, t) = 7 - e^{-k\left(\frac{3\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \cos \frac{3\pi x}{L}.$$

Question 5 (Fourier Series). Define the function $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = x \tag{8}$$

(a) [6 pts] Show that

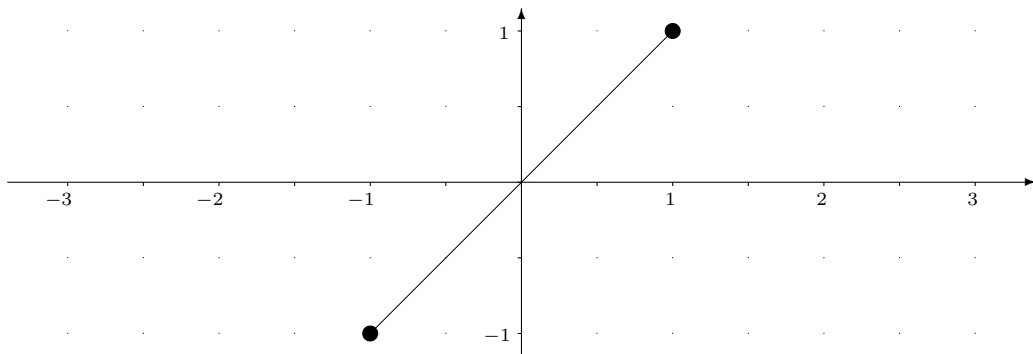
$$\{\cos n\pi x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

is an orthogonal system on $[-1, 1]$ with respect to the weight function $w(x) = 1$.

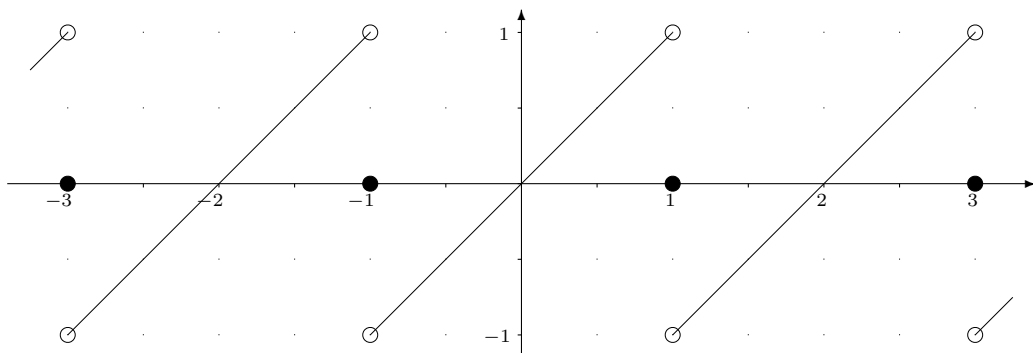
Let $n \neq m$. Since $\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B) = 2 \cos A \cos B$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \cos n\pi x, \cos m\pi x \rangle_1 &= \int_{-1}^1 \cos n\pi x \cos m\pi x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \cos(n - m)\pi x + \cos(n + m)\pi x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{(n - m)\pi} \sin(n - m)\pi x + \frac{1}{(n + m)\pi} \sin(n + m)\pi x \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) [2 pts] Sketch f .



(c) [5 pts] Sketch the Fourier Series of f .



- (d) [12 pts] Calculate the coefficients (a_0 , a_k and b_k , for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) of the Fourier Series of $f(x) = x$.

First

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{1} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 x dx = 0 \quad \boxed{3}$$

because $f(x) = x$ is an odd function. Similarly $x \cos k\pi x$ is an odd function, so

$$a_k = \int_{-1}^1 x \cos k\pi x dx = 0 \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \boxed{3}.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= \int_{-1}^1 x \sin k\pi x dx \\ &= \left[\frac{-x \cos k\pi x}{k\pi} \right]_{-1}^1 + \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\cos k\pi x}{k\pi} dx \quad (\text{integration by parts}) \\ &= \left[\frac{-x \cos k\pi x}{k\pi} + \frac{\sin k\pi x}{k^2 \pi^2} \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= -\frac{\cos k\pi}{k\pi} + 0 - \frac{(-1) \cos k\pi(-1)}{k\pi} - 0 \\ &= \frac{-2 \cos k\pi}{k\pi} \\ &= \frac{-2}{k\pi} (-1)^k. \quad \boxed{6} \end{aligned}$$