



BIOMATHEMATICS

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Lecture 27

Fourier Series

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A period function $f(x)$ can be written as sums of sines and cosines

Fourier series

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

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$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

Some properties of sin and cos

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = \pi \delta_{mn}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mx) \cos(nx) dx = \pi \delta_{mn}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx = 0$$

Example of a Fourier series

$$f(x) = x, \quad \text{for } -\pi < x < \pi$$

$$f(x + 2\pi) = f(x), \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

=> Saw-tooth wave

Fourier coefficients

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x dx = 0$$

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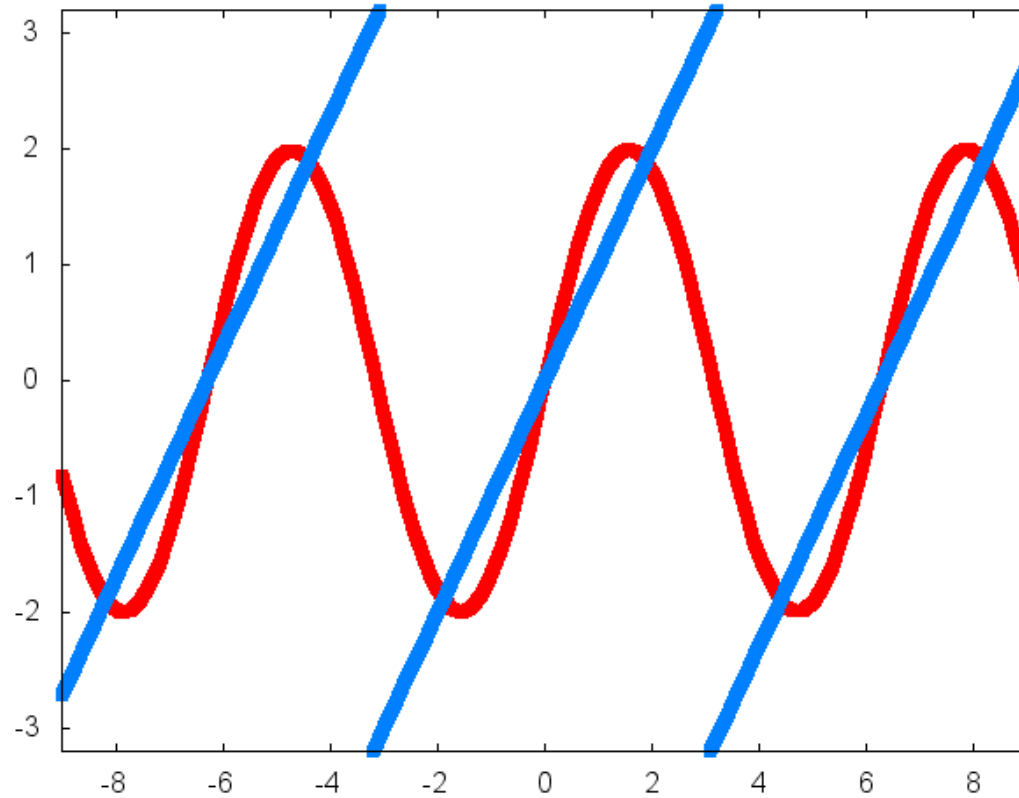
Fourier coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx \\ &= -\frac{2}{n} \cos(n\pi) + \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \sin(n\pi) \\ &= 2 \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \end{aligned}$$

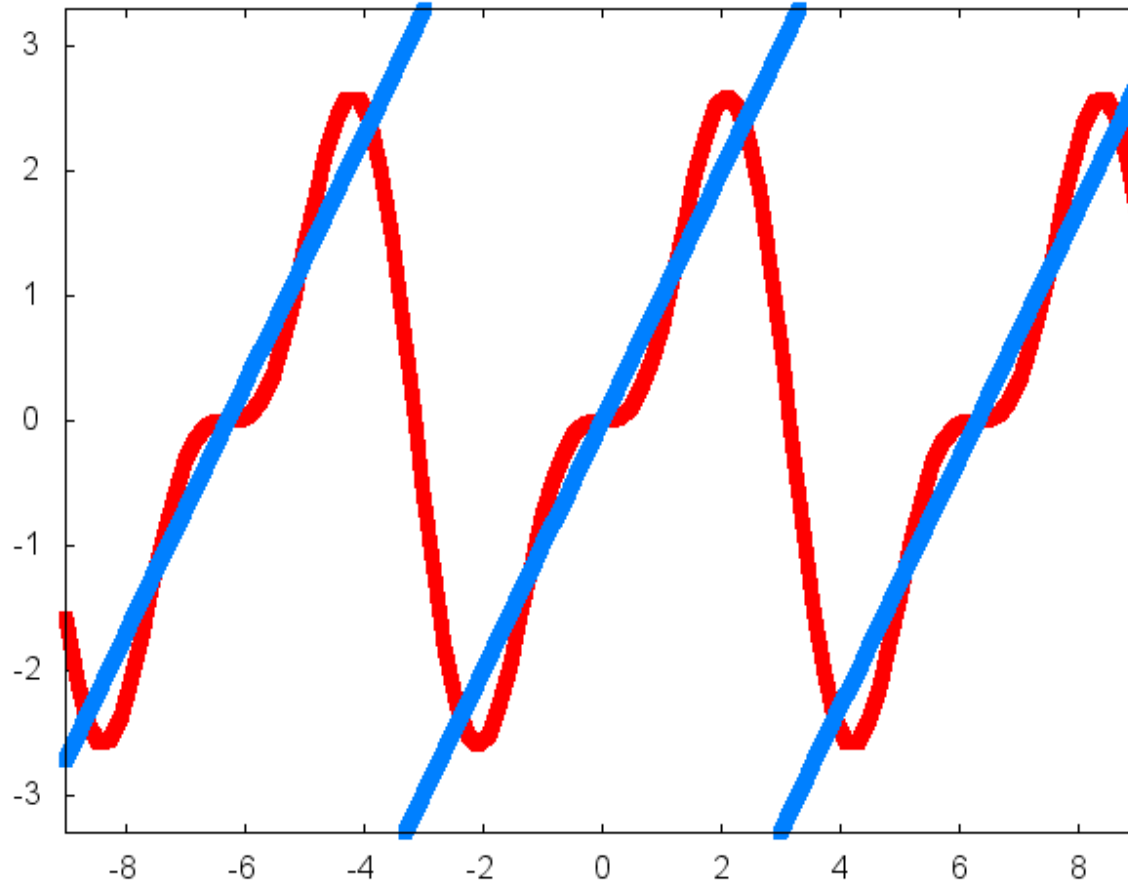
The series

$$f(x) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(nx)$$

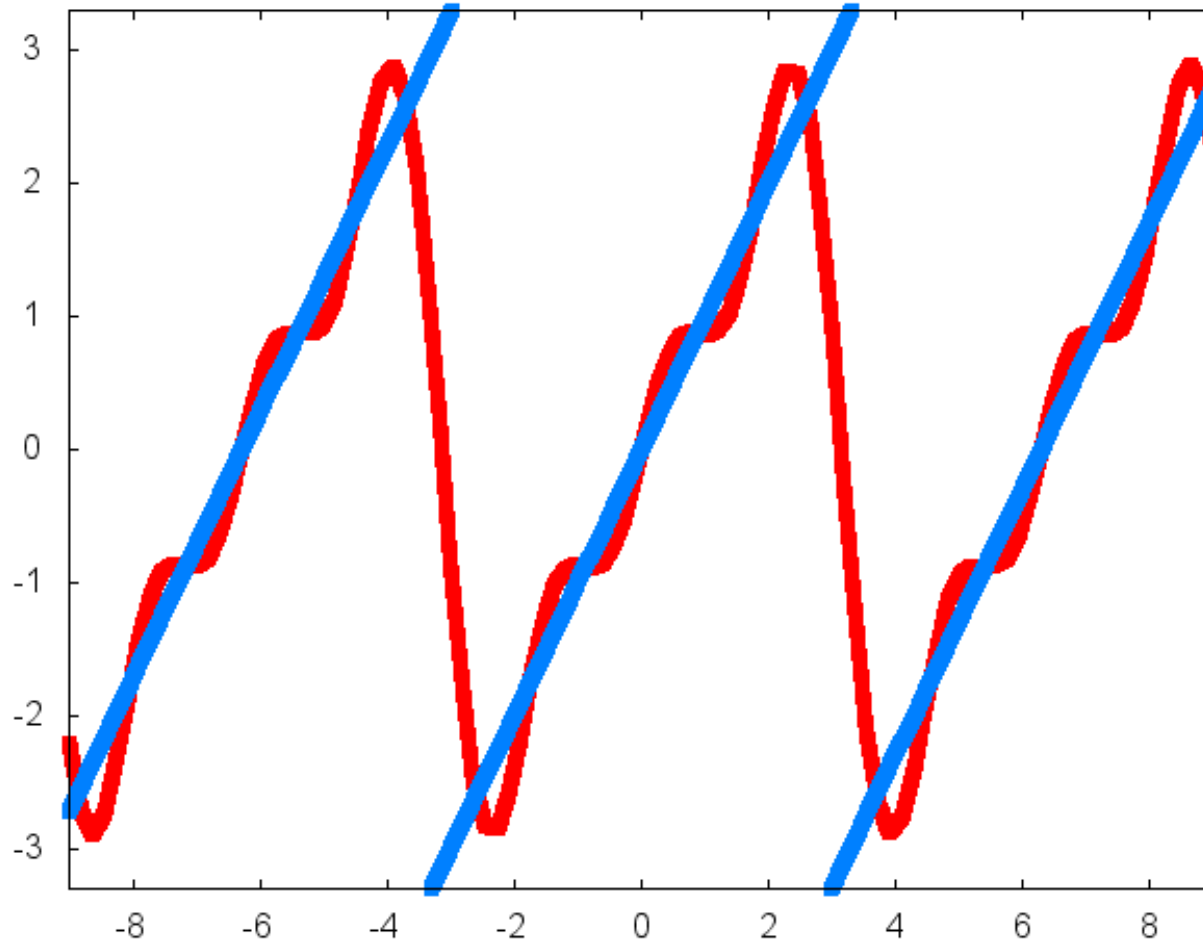
1 term



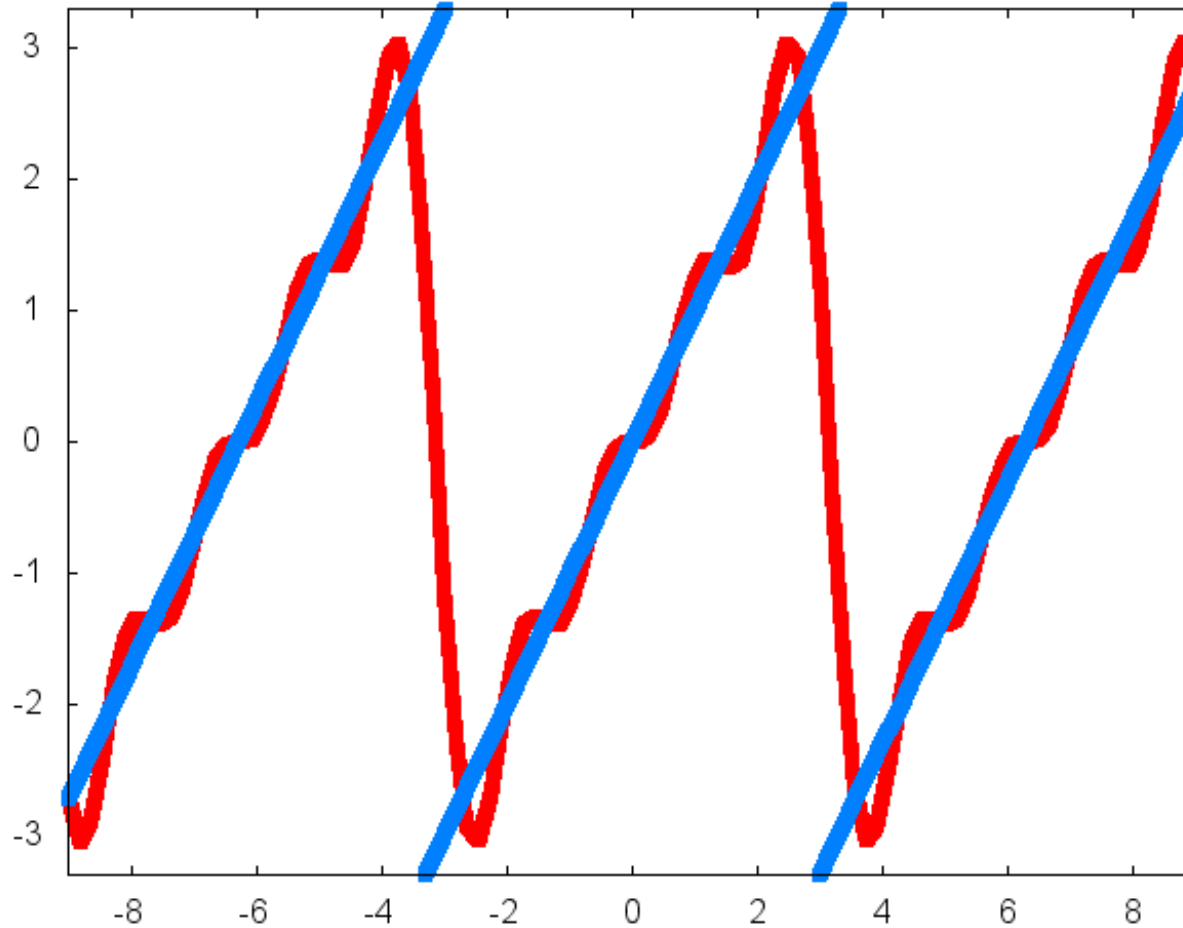
2 terms



3 terms



4 terms



5 terms

