

Matrices, Geometry & Mathematica

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MGM.11 Function Spaces and Root-Mean-Square Approximation GIVE IT A TRY!

G.1) Fourier Sine approximations on $[0, \pi]$,

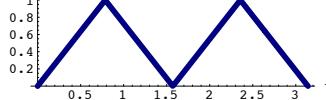
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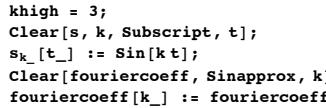
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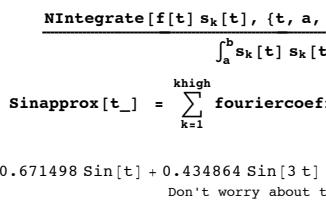
□G.1.a) Fourier Sine wave approximations on $[0, \pi]$

Here is a function $f[t]$ on $[0, \pi]$:

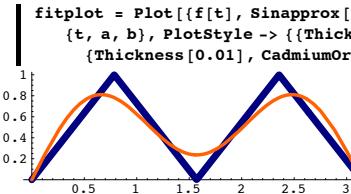
```
a = 0;
b = \pi;
Clear[f, t];
f[t_] = 2.0 Abs[Round[t/(0.5 \pi)] - t/(0.5 \pi)];
fplot = Plot[f[t], {t, a, b}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], NavyBlue}},
AxesLabel -> {"t", "f[t]"}];

```

Here's a quick attempt to get a sine wave approximation of $f[t]$ on $[0, \pi]$:

```
khigh = 3;
Clear[s, Subscript, k, t];
s_k[t_] := Sin[k t];
Clear[fouriercoeff, Sinapprox, k];
fouriercoeff[k_] := fouriercoeff[k] =
NIntegrate[f[t] s_k[t], {t, a, b}, AccuracyGoal -> 2];

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```
NIntegrate[f[t] s_k[t], {t, a, b}, AccuracyGoal -> 2];

Sinapprox[t_] = \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} fouriercoeff[k] s_k[t]
0.671498 Sin[t] + 0.434864 Sin[3 t]
Don't worry about the error messages.
```

Check out the quality of the fit:

```
fitplot = Plot[{f[t], Sinapprox[t]}, {t, a, b}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], NavyBlue},
{Thickness[0.01], CadmiumOrange}}, AxesLabel -> {"t", ""}];

```

This fit needs your help.

- In the space below, kick up $khigh$ to come up with a much better Sine wave approximation of $f[t]$ on $[0, \pi]$:

Show off your approximation with a decisive plot.

Put answer here.

- How do your results mesh with the fact that the sine system $\{\sin[t], \sin[2t], \sin[3t], \sin[4t], \dots, \sin[kt], \dots\}$

is a complete orthogonal family on $[0, \pi]$?

Put answer here.

- When you look in a printed reference book, you find that the Fourier Sine Series for a function $f[t]$ on $[0, \pi]$ with

$$\int_0^\pi f[t]^2 dt < \infty$$

is

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin[kt]$$

where

$$b_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f[t] \sin[kt] dt$$

What do you think this means?

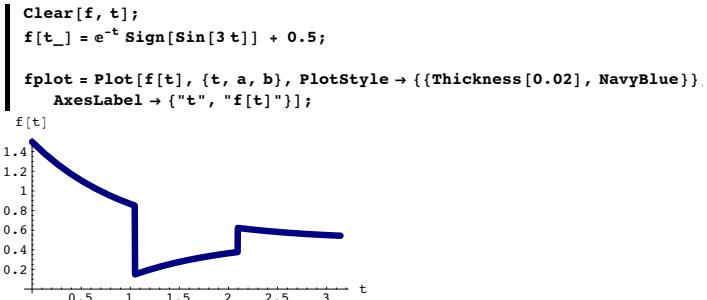
Where did those formulas for the b_k 's come from?

Put answer here

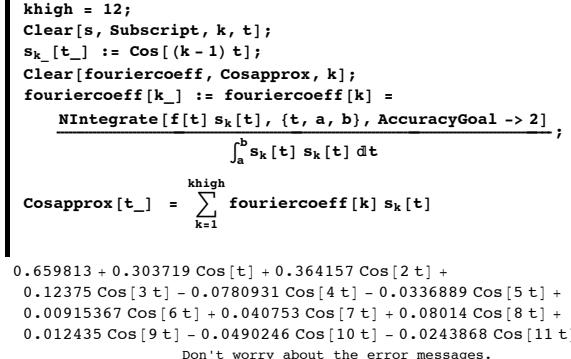
□G.1.b) Fourier Cosine wave approximations on $[0, \pi]$

Here is a function $f[t]$ on $[0, \pi]$:

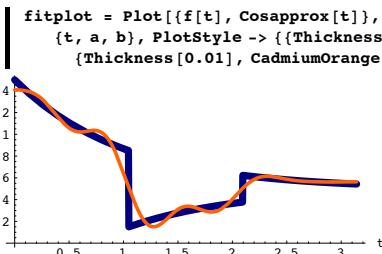
```
a = 0;
b = \pi;
```



Here's a quick attempt to get a Cosine wave approximation of $f[t]$ on $[0, \pi]$:

```
khigh = 12;
Clear[s, Subscript, k, t];
s_k[t_] := Cos[(k - 1)t];
Clear[fouriercoeff, Cosapprox, k];
fouriercoeff[k_] := fouriercoeff[k] =
NIntegrate[f[t] s_k[t], {t, a, b}, AccuracyGoal -> 2];

Cosapprox[t_] = \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} fouriercoeff[k] s_k[t]
0.659813 + 0.303719 Cos[t] + 0.364157 Cos[2t] +
0.12375 Cos[3t] - 0.0780931 Cos[4t] - 0.0336889 Cos[5t] +
0.00915367 Cos[6t] + 0.040753 Cos[7t] + 0.08014 Cos[8t] +
0.012435 Cos[9t] - 0.0490246 Cos[10t] - 0.0243868 Cos[11t]
Don't worry about the error messages.
```

Check out the quality of the fit:

```
fitplot = Plot[{f[t], Cosapprox[t]}, {t, a, b}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], NavyBlue},
{Thickness[0.01], CadmiumOrange}}, AxesLabel -> {"t", ""}];

```

Not bad, but not all that good.

- In the space below, kick up $khigh$ to come up with a much better Cosine wave approximation of $f[t]$ on $[0, \pi]$:

Show off your approximation with a decisive plot.

Put answer here.

- How do your results mesh with the fact that the Cosine system $\{1, \cos[t], \cos[2t], \cos[3t], \cos[4t], \dots, \cos[kt], \dots\}$

is a complete orthogonal family on $[0, \pi]$?

Put answer here

- When you look in a printed reference book, you find that the Fourier Cosine Series for a function $f[t]$ on $[0, \pi]$ with

$$\int_0^\pi f[t]^2 dt < \infty$$

is

$$a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos[kt]$$

where $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f[t] dt$

$$a_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f[t] \cos[kt] dt \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

What do you think this means?

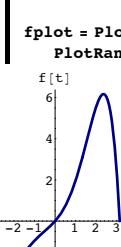
Where did those formulas for the a_k 's come from?

Put answer here

□G.1.c) Fourier Sine-Cosine wave approximations on $[-\pi, \pi]$

Here is a function $f[t]$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$:

```
a = -\pi;
b = \pi;
Clear[f, t];
f[t_] = Sin[t] Cosh[t + 0.5];
```

```
fplot = Plot[f[t], {t, a, b}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], NavyBlue}},
PlotRange -> All, AxesLabel -> {"t", "f[t]"}];

```

Here's a quick attempt to get a Sine-Cosine wave approximation of $f[t]$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$:

```
khigh = 5;
Clear[s, k, t];
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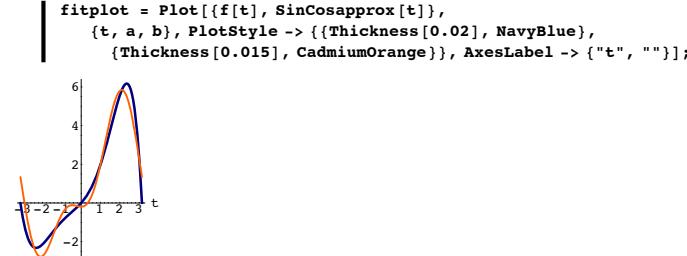
sk[t_] := If[EvenQ[k], Sin[((k)/2)t], Cos[((k - 1)/2)t]];
Clear[fouriercoeff, SinCosapprox, k];
fouriercoeff[k_] := fouriercoeff[k] =
  
$$\frac{\text{NIntegrate}[f[t] s_k[t], \{t, a, b\}, \text{AccuracyGoal} \rightarrow 2]}{\int_a^b s_k[t] s_k[t] dt}$$

SinCosapprox[t_] = 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{khigh} \text{fouriercoeff}[k] s_k[t]$$

0.957793 - 0.766235 Cos[t] -
  0.383117 Cos[2 t] + 3.31619 Sin[t] - 1.6581 Sin[2 t]

```

Check out the quality of the fit:



Not all that good.

- In the space below, kick up khig to come up with a better Sine wave and Cosine wave approximation of f[t] on [-pi,pi]:

Show off your approximation with a decisive plot.

Put answer here

- How do your results mesh with the fact that the sine system

{1, Sin[t], Cos[t], Sin[2 t], Cos[2 t], Sin[3 t], Cos[3 t], Sin[4 t], Cos[4 t], ... Sin[k t], Cos[k t], ...}

is a complete orthogonal family on [-pi,pi]?

Put answer here

- When you look in a printed reference book, you find that the Fourier Sine-Cosine Series for a function f[t] on [-pi, pi] with

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f[t]^2 dt < \infty$$

is

$$a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos[k t] + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin[k t]$$

where $a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f[t] dt$

$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f[t] \cos[k t] dt$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f[t] \sin[k t] dt \text{ both for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

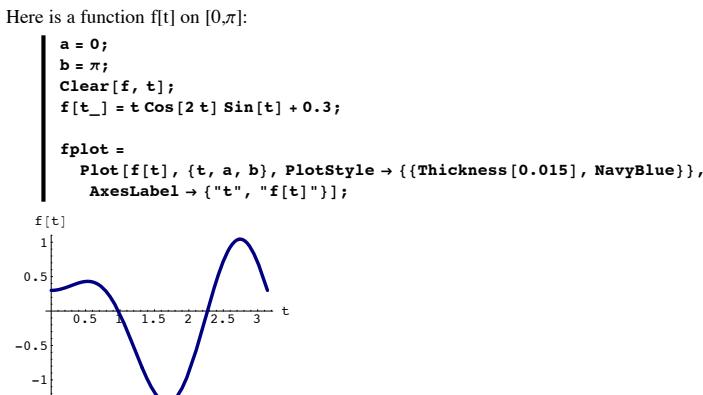
What do you think this means?

Where did those formulas for the a_k 's and the b_k 's come from?

Put answer here

G.1.d) Endpoints and extended intervals

Here is a function f[t] on [0,pi]:



Here's a quick attempt to get a sine wave approximation of f[t] on [0,pi]:

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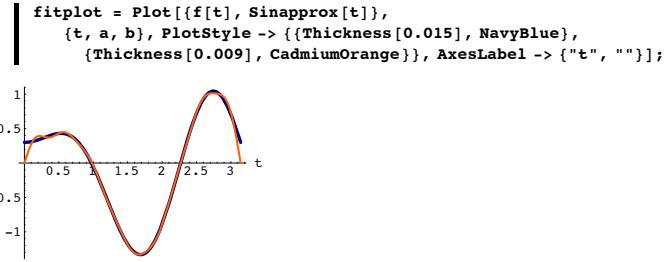
khig = 16;
Clear[s, k, t];
sk[t_] := Sin[k t];
Clear[fouriercoeff, Sinapprox, k];
fouriercoeff[k_] := fouriercoeff[k] =
  
$$\frac{\text{NIntegrate}[f[t] s_k[t], \{t, a, b\}, \text{AccuracyGoal} \rightarrow 2]}{\int_a^b s_k[t] s_k[t] dt}$$

Sinapprox[t_] = 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{khig} \text{fouriercoeff}[k] s_k[t]$$

-0.403426 Sin[t] - 0.0226354 Sin[2 t] +
  0.912722 Sin[3 t] - 0.289178 Sin[4 t] + 0.0763944 Sin[5 t] -
  0.0252017 Sin[6 t] + 0.0545674 Sin[7 t] - 0.00753537 Sin[8 t] +
  0.0424413 Sin[9 t] - 0.00331354 Sin[10 t] + 0.0347201 Sin[11 t] -
  0.00176787 Sin[12 t] + 0.0293825 Sin[13 t] -
  0.00106046 Sin[14 t] + 0.0254648 Sin[15 t] - 0.000751917 Sin[16 t]

```

Check out the quality of the fit:



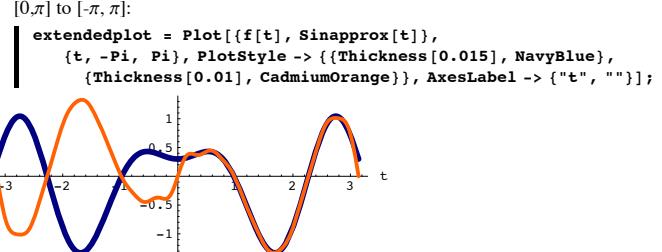
Looking good - except at the endpoints at 0 and π .

- Give your opinion on why the approximation was always destined to break down at the endpoints at 0 and π .

For what types of functions f[t] would you be guaranteed that a good Sine fit on [0 π] is possible -even at the at the endpoints.

Put answer here.

- Keep everything the same and check out what happens when you extend the plotting interval from [0,pi] to [-pi,pi]:



Describe what you see and explain why you see it.

For what types of functions f[t] will you be guaranteed that the good Sine fit on [0 π] will hold up on the extended interval [-pi, pi]?

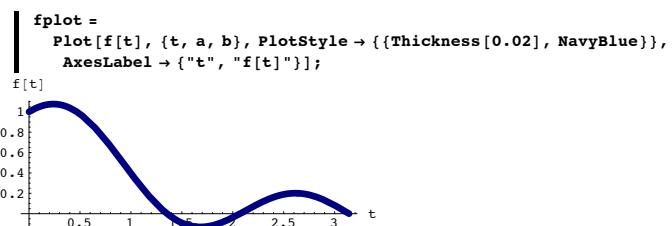
Put answer here.

- Here's a function f[t] on [0,pi]:

```

a = 0;
b = \pi;
Clear[f, t];
f[t_] = e^{-t^2} + 0.2 Sin[3 t];

```



Here's a quick attempt to get a Cosine wave approximation of f[t] on [0,pi]:

```

khig = 8;
Clear[s, k, t];
sk[t_] := Cos[(k - 1) t];
Clear[fouriercoeff, Cosapprox, k];
fouriercoeff[k_] := fouriercoeff[k] =
  
$$\frac{\text{NIntegrate}[f[t] s_k[t], \{t, a, b\}, \text{AccuracyGoal} \rightarrow 2]}{\int_a^b s_k[t] s_k[t] dt}$$

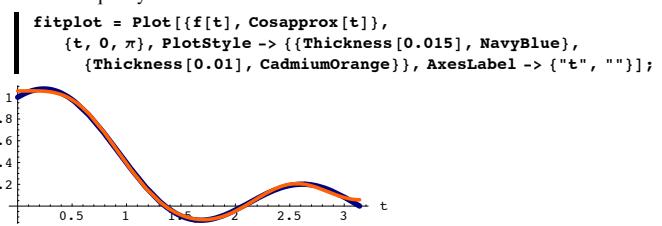
Cosapprox[t_] = 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{khig} \text{fouriercoeff}[k] s_k[t]$$


```

$$0.324534 + 0.439396 \cos[t] + 0.360338 \cos[2 t] + 0.0594694 \cos[3 t] - 0.0988051 \cos[4 t] + 0.00109239 \cos[5 t] - 0.0282274 \cos[6 t] + 5.09913 \times 10^{-6} \cos[7 t]$$

Don't worry about the error messages.

Check out the quality of the fit:



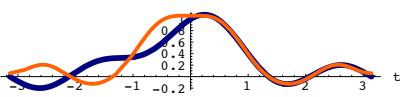
Looking good.

Now see what happens when you extend the plotting interval from [0,pi] to [-pi,pi]:

```

extendedplot = Plot[{f[t], Cosapprox[t]}, {t, -Pi, Pi}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.015], NavyBlue}, {Thickness[0.01], CadmiumOrange}}, AxesLabel -> {"t", ""}];

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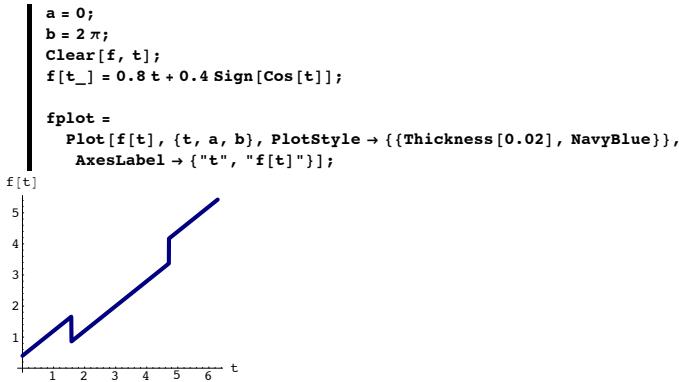


Describe what you see and explain why you see it.

For what types of functions $f[t]$ would you be guaranteed that the good fit will hold up on the extended interval $[-\pi, \pi]$?

Put answer here.

- Here's a function $f[t]$ on $[0, 2\pi]$:



Here's a quick attempt to get a Sin-Cosine wave approximation of $f[t]$ on $[0, 2\pi]$:

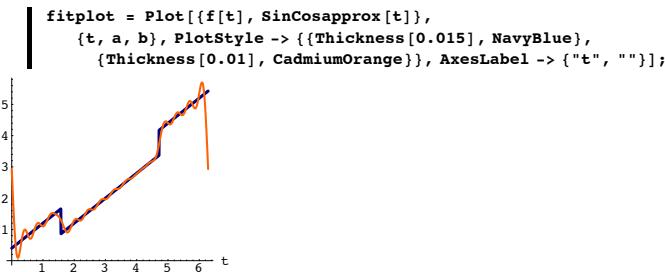
```
khigh = 30;
Clear[s, k, t];

s[k_][t_] := If[EvenQ[k], Sin[((k)/2)t], Cos[((k-1)/2)t]];
Clear[fouriercoeff, SinCosapprox, k];
fouriercoeff[k_] := fouriercoeff[k] =
  NIntegrate[f[t] s[k][t], {t, a, b}, AccuracyGoal -> 2],
  \int_a^b s_k[t] s_k[t] dt
SinCosapprox[t_] = \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} fouriercoeff[k] s_k[t]

2.51327 + 0.509296 Cos[t] - 0.169765 Cos[3t] + 0.101859 Cos[5t] -
0.0727565 Cos[7t] + 0.0565884 Cos[9t] - 0.0462996 Cos[11t] +
0.0391766 Cos[13t] + 4.23156 \times 10^{-10} Cos[14t] - 1.6 Sin[t] -
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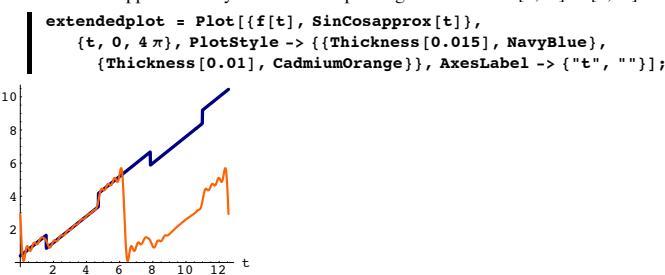
$$0.8 \sin[2t] - 0.533333 \sin[3t] - 0.4 \sin[4t] - 0.32 \sin[5t] - 0.266667 \sin[6t] - 0.228571 \sin[7t] - 0.2 \sin[8t] - 0.177778 \sin[9t] - 0.16 \sin[10t] - 0.145455 \sin[11t] - 0.133333 \sin[12t] - 0.123077 \sin[13t] - 0.114286 \sin[14t] - 0.106667 \sin[15t]$$

Check out the quality of the fit:



Not all that bad.

Now see what happens when you extend the plotting interval from $[0, 2\pi]$ to $[0, 4\pi]$:



Describe what you see and explain why you see it.

For what types of functions $f[t]$ will you be guaranteed that the good fit will hold up on the extended interval $[0, 4\pi]$?

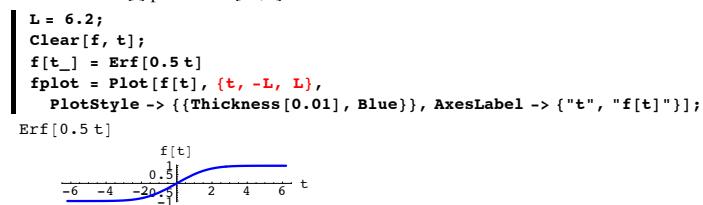
For what types of functions $f[t]$ do you expect to be able to get good approximations at 0 and 2π ?

Put answer here.

G.2) Scaling for other intervals

G.2.a.i) Polynomial approximation on intervals $[-L, L]$ with $L \neq 1$

Here is a function $f[t]$ plotted on $[-L, L]$ with $L = 6.2$.



Come up with a pretty good root-mean square approximation of $f[t]$ on $[-L, L]$ by polynomials.

G.3) What are the Legendre polynomials?

What are the Chebyshev polynomials?

G.3.a) What are the Legendre polynomials?

You might have wondered what the Legendre polynomials are:

If so then look no further.

Start with these power functions:

```
Clear[s, f, Subscript, k, t];
f_k_[t_] := t^(k - 1);
powerfunctions = Table[f_k[t], {k, 1, 8}]
{1, t, t^2, t^3, t^4, t^5, t^6, t^7}
```

Gram-Schmidt this set on $[a,b]$ with $a = -1$ and $b = 1$ to get

```
a = -1;
b = 1;
orthospanners = GramSchmidt[powerfunctions, InnerProduct ->
  \left( \int_a^b #1 #2 dt \& \right)];
Clear[s, j];
s_j_[t_] := Simplify[orthospanners[[j]]];
schmidts = Table[s_j[t], {j, 1, Length[orthospanners]}]
```

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t, \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} (-1 + 3t^2), \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} t (-3 + 5t^2), \right. \\ &\frac{3 (3 - 30t^2 + 35t^4)}{8\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{\frac{11}{2}} t (15 - 70t^2 + 63t^4), \\ &\frac{1}{16} \sqrt{\frac{13}{2}} (-5 + 105t^2 - 315t^4 + 231t^6), \\ &\left. \frac{1}{16} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2}} t (-35 + 315t^2 - 693t^4 + 429t^6) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Compare with the first eight Legendre polynomials:

```
legendres = Table[LegendreP[j - 1, t], {j, 1, Length[orthospanners]}]
\{1, t, -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3t^2}{2}, -\frac{3t}{2} + \frac{5t^3}{2}, \frac{3}{8} - \frac{15t^2}{4} + \frac{35t^4}{8}, \frac{15t}{8} - \frac{35t^3}{4} + \frac{63t^5}{8}, 
-\frac{5}{16} + \frac{105t^2}{16} - \frac{315t^4}{16} + \frac{231t^6}{16}, -\frac{35t}{16} + \frac{315t^3}{16} - \frac{693t^5}{16} + \frac{429t^7}{16}\}
```

Do you see the relationship?

How far does this relationship go to explain why

$$\int_{-1}^1 \text{LegendreP}[p, t] \text{LegendreP}[q, t] dt = 0 \text{ for } p \neq q?$$

G.3.b) What are the Chebyshev polynomials?

You might have wondered what the Chebyshev polynomials are:

If so then look no further.

Start with these power functions:

```
Clear[s, f, Subscript, k, t];
f_k_[t_] := t^{k-1};
powerfunctions = Table[f_k[t], {k, 1, 6}]
{1, t, t^2, t^3, t^4, t^5}
```

Gram-Schmidt this set on $[a,b]$ with $a = -1$ and $b = 1$ with respect to the weight function

$$\text{weight}[t] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

to get:

```
Clear[weight];
weight[t_] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}};
a = -1;
b = 1;
orthospanners = GramSchmidt[powerfunctions, InnerProduct ->
  \left( \int_a^b #1 #2 weight[t] dt \& \right)];
```

```

Clear[s, j];
s[j][t_] := Simplify[orthospanners[[j]]];
schmidt = Table[s[j][t], {j, 1, Length[orthospanners]}];
{1/Sqrt[\pi], Sqrt[2/\pi] t, Sqrt[2/\pi] (-1 + 2 t^2), Sqrt[2/\pi] t (-3 + 4 t^2),
Sqrt[2/\pi] (1 - 8 t^2 + 8 t^4), Sqrt[2/\pi] t (5 - 20 t^2 + 16 t^4)}

```

Compare:

```

chebys = Table[ChebyshevT[j - 1, t], {j, 1, Length[orthospanners]}]
{1, t, -1 + 2 t^2, -3 t + 4 t^3, 1 - 8 t^2 + 8 t^4, 5 t - 20 t^3 + 16 t^5}

```

Do you see the relationship?

How far does this relationship go to explain why

$$\int_{-1}^1 \text{ChebyshevT}[p, t] \text{ChebyshevT}[q, t] \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt = 0 \text{ for } p \neq q?$$

G.3.c) FYI only - No work for you to do but maybe some juicy info

Start with these Chebyshev polynomials:

```

Clear[j, t];
chebys = Table[ChebyshevT[j - 1, t], {j, 1, 8}]
{1, t, -1 + 2 t^2, -3 t + 4 t^3, 1 - 8 t^2 + 8 t^4, 5 t - 20 t^3 + 16 t^5,
-1 + 18 t^2 - 48 t^4 + 32 t^6, -7 t + 56 t^3 - 112 t^5 + 64 t^7}

```

Change t to Cos[s]:

```

Clear[s];
Table[ChebyshevT[j - 1, Cos[s]], {j, 1, 8}]
{1, Cos[s], -1 + 2 Cos[s]^2, -3 Cos[s] + 4 Cos[s]^3,
1 - 8 Cos[s]^2 + 8 Cos[s]^4, 5 Cos[s] - 20 Cos[s]^3 + 16 Cos[s]^5,
-1 + 18 Cos[s]^2 - 48 Cos[s]^4 + 32 Cos[s]^6,
-7 Cos[s] + 56 Cos[s]^3 - 112 Cos[s]^5 + 64 Cos[s]^7}

```

Apply Trig identities:

```

Table[TrigReduce[ChebyshevT[j - 1, Cos[s]]], {j, 1, 8}]
{1, Cos[s], Cos[2 s], Cos[3 s], Cos[4 s], Cos[5 s], Cos[6 s], Cos[7 s]}

```

Yes!

ChebyshevT[k, Cos[s]] = Cos[k s] for every k.

The upshot:

ChebyshevT[k, t] is nothing more or less than the polynomial P_k[t] that makes
 $P_k[\text{Cos}[s]] = \text{Cos}[k s]$.

Lots of folks really like this definition. And this definition makes it fairly easy to see why

$$\int_{-1}^1 \text{ChebyshevT}[p, t] \text{ChebyshevT}[q, t] \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt = 0 \text{ for } p \neq q.$$

If this intrigues you then click on the right.

Explanation of why

$$\int_{-1}^1 \text{ChebyshevT}[p, t] \text{ChebyshevT}[q, t] \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt = 0 \text{ for } p \neq q$$

Start with

$$\int_{-1}^1 \text{ChebyshevT}[p, t] \text{ChebyshevT}[q, t] \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt$$

Transform this integral via the substitution

$t = \text{Cos}[s]$ (so that $dt = -\text{Sin}[s] ds$)

to get

$$\int_{-1}^1 \text{ChebyshevT}[p, t] \text{ChebyshevT}[q, t] \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\text{Cos}[s]^2}} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^0 \text{ChebyshevT}[p, \text{Cos}[s]] \text{ChebyshevT}[q, \text{Cos}[s]] \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\text{Cos}[s]^2}} (-\text{Sin}[s]) ds$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^0 \text{Cos}[p s] \text{Cos}[q s] \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\text{Cos}[s]^2}} (-\text{Sin}[s]) ds$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^0 \text{Cos}[p s] \text{Cos}[q s] \frac{1}{-\text{Sin}[s]} (-\text{Sin}[s]) ds$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^0 \text{Cos}[p s] \text{Cos}[q s] ds$$

For s in $[-\pi, 0], \text{Sin}[s] \leq 0$.
so for s in $[-\pi, 0], \sqrt{1-\text{Cos}[s]^2} = -\text{Sin}[s]$

Now look at:

```

Clear[p, q, s];
Integrate[Cos[p s] Cos[q s], s]
Sin[\pi (p - q)] + Sin[\pi (p + q)]
2 (p - q) + 2 (p + q)

```

When p and q are integers, all the terms in the numerator are 0, so when p and q are unequal positive integers,

$$\int_{-1}^1 \text{ChebyshevT}[p, t] \text{ChebyshevT}[q, t] \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^0 \text{Cos}[p s] \text{Cos}[q s] ds = 0.$$

Nice calculus.

G.4) Dimension of a function space

G.4.a.i)

When you go with a finite set of functions

$\{s_1[t], s_2[t], s_3[t], s_4[t]\}$

orthogonal on the interval $a \leq t \leq b$ and then you make the function space $S[a,b]$ spanned by this finite set.

This function space consists of all functions $f[t]$ of the form.

$$f[t] = \sum_{j=1}^4 c_j s_j[t] \text{ with } a \leq t \leq b.$$

Read off the dimension of $S[a,b]$.

G.4.a.ii)

When you go with a finite set of functions

$\{s_1[t], s_2[t], s_3[t], s_4[t], s_5[t], s_6[t], s_7[t]\}$

orthogonal on the interval $a \leq t \leq b$ and then you make the function space $S[a,b]$ spanned by this finite set.

This function space consists of all functions $f[t]$ of the form.

$$f[t] = \sum_{j=1}^7 c_j s_j[t] \text{ with } a \leq t \leq b.$$

Read off the dimension of $S[a,b]$.

G.4.a.iii)

When you go with a finite set of functions

$\{s_1[t], s_2[t], s_3[t], s_4[t], s_5[t], s_6[t], s_7[t]\}$

not necessarily orthogonal on the interval $a \leq t \leq b$ and then you make the function space $S[a,b]$ spanned by this finite set.

This function space consists of all functions $f[t]$ of the form.

$$f[t] = \sum_{j=1}^7 c_j s_j[t] \text{ with } a \leq t \leq b.$$

Is the dimension of $S[a,b]$ necessarily equal to 7?

Could it be more than 7?

G.4.b)

Lots of folks call the space of all square-integrable functions on $[0,\pi]$ contains by the name $L^2[0, \pi]$.

This space, $L^2[0, \pi]$, contains all these orthogonal families and more:

```

Clear[k, t];
orthogfamily1 = Table[Sin[k t], {k, 1, 4}]

```

```

{Sin[t], Sin[2 t], Sin[3 t], Sin[4 t]}
orthogfamily2 = Table[Sin[k t], {k, 1, 10}]
{Sin[t], Sin[2 t], Sin[3 t], Sin[4 t], Sin[5 t],
Sin[6 t], Sin[7 t], Sin[8 t], Sin[9 t], Sin[10 t]}
orthogfamily3 = Table[Sin[k t], {k, 1, 20}]
{Sin[t], Sin[2 t], Sin[3 t], Sin[4 t], Sin[5 t],
Sin[6 t], Sin[7 t], Sin[8 t], Sin[9 t], Sin[10 t],
Sin[11 t], Sin[12 t], Sin[13 t], Sin[14 t], Sin[15 t],
Sin[16 t], Sin[17 t], Sin[18 t], Sin[19 t], Sin[20 t]}
orthogfamily4 = Table[Sin[k t], {k, 1, 100}]
{Sin[t], Sin[2 t], Sin[3 t], Sin[4 t], Sin[5 t], Sin[6 t],
Sin[7 t], Sin[8 t], Sin[9 t], Sin[10 t], Sin[11 t], Sin[12 t],
Sin[13 t], Sin[14 t], Sin[15 t], Sin[16 t], Sin[17 t],
Sin[18 t], Sin[19 t], Sin[20 t], Sin[21 t], Sin[22 t], Sin[23 t],
Sin[24 t], Sin[25 t], Sin[26 t], Sin[27 t], Sin[28 t], Sin[29 t],
Sin[30 t], Sin[31 t], Sin[32 t], Sin[33 t], Sin[34 t], Sin[35 t],
Sin[36 t], Sin[37 t], Sin[38 t], Sin[39 t], Sin[40 t], Sin[41 t],
Sin[42 t], Sin[43 t], Sin[44 t], Sin[45 t], Sin[46 t], Sin[47 t],
Sin[48 t], Sin[49 t], Sin[50 t], Sin[51 t], Sin[52 t], Sin[53 t],
Sin[54 t], Sin[55 t], Sin[56 t], Sin[57 t], Sin[58 t], Sin[59 t],
Sin[60 t], Sin[61 t], Sin[62 t], Sin[63 t], Sin[64 t], Sin[65 t],
Sin[66 t], Sin[67 t], Sin[68 t], Sin[69 t], Sin[70 t], Sin[71 t],
Sin[72 t], Sin[73 t], Sin[74 t], Sin[75 t], Sin[76 t], Sin[77 t],
Sin[78 t], Sin[79 t], Sin[80 t], Sin[81 t], Sin[82 t], Sin[83 t],
Sin[84 t], Sin[85 t], Sin[86 t], Sin[87 t], Sin[88 t], Sin[89 t],
Sin[90 t], Sin[91 t], Sin[92 t], Sin[93 t], Sin[94 t], Sin[95 t],
Sin[96 t], Sin[97 t], Sin[98 t], Sin[99 t], Sin[100 t]}

```

Based on these observations and any others you care to make, what do you say is the dimension of $L^2[0, \pi]$?

G.5) Taylor versus Legendre:

Taylor polynomial approximation versus best root-mean-square polynomial approximation via Legendre polynomials

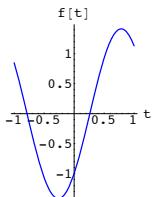
G.5.a) Taylor versus root-mean-square

Here's an a function plotted on $[-1,1]$:

```

Clear[f, t];
{a, b} = {-1, 1};
f[t_] = Sin[3 t] - Cos[3 t];
fplot = Plot[f[t], {t, a, b}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.01], Blue}},
AxesLabel -> {"t", "f[t]"}];

```



You probably remember the issue of expansions in powers of t from your calculus course.

The Taylor expansion of $f[t]$ in powers of t through the t^5 term is

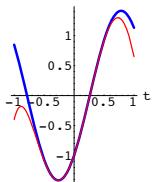
$$f[0] + t f'[0] + \frac{1}{2} t^2 f''[0] + \frac{1}{3!} t^3 f^{(3)}[0] + \frac{1}{4!} t^4 f^{(4)}[0] + \frac{1}{5!} t^5 f^{(5)}[0]$$

Let Mathematica calculate this for you:

```
Clear[taylor5];
taylor5[t_] = Normal[Series[f[t], {t, 0, 5}]];
-1 + 3 t +  $\frac{9 t^2}{2}$  -  $\frac{9 t^3}{2}$  -  $\frac{27 t^4}{8}$  +  $\frac{81 t^5}{40}$ 
```

See both:

```
taylorfitplot = Plot[{f[t], taylor5[t]}, {t, -1, 1},
PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], Blue}, {Thickness[0.01], Red}},
AxesLabel -> {"t", ""}];
```



The set of functions

$$\{s_1[t], s_2[t], s_3[t], \dots, s_k[t], \dots\}$$

for

$$s_k[t] = \text{LegendreP}[k-1, t]$$

is an orthogonal set on the interval $a \leq t \leq b$ with $a = -1$ and $b = 1$.

Here are the formulas for the first six::

```
khigh = 6;
Clear[k];
Clear[s, g, k, t];
s_k[t_] := LegendreP[k-1, t];
ColumnForm[Table[s_k[t], {k, 1, khigh}]]
```

1
t

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3 t^2}{2} \\ & -\frac{3 t}{2} + \frac{5 t^3}{2} \\ & \frac{3}{8} - \frac{15 t^2}{4} + \frac{35 t^4}{8} \\ & \frac{15 t}{8} - \frac{35 t^3}{4} + \frac{63 t^5}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Go with the function space $S[-1,1]$ spanned by this orthogonal set

Notice that this function space consists of polynomials of degree 5 (or less).

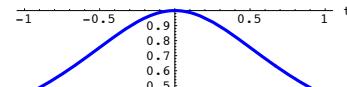
Come up with the function $\text{Sclosest}[t]$ in $S[-1,1]$ so that

the root-mean-square distance between $f[t]$ and $\text{Sclosest}[t]$ is as small as possible.

Compare the quality of the approximation of $f[t]$ by $\text{taylor5}[t]$ and $\text{Sclosests}[t]$. Which do you like? The Root-Mean-Square approximation or the Taylor approximation? Put answers here.

▪ Here's another function $f[t]$ plotted on $[-1,1]$:

```
Clear[f, t];
{a, b} = {-1, 1};
f[t_] =  $\frac{1}{1 + 1.3 t^2}$ ;
fplot = Plot[f[t], {t, a, b}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.01], Blue}},
AxesLabel -> {"t", "f[t]"}];
```



You probably remember the issue of expansions in powers of t from your calculus course.

The expansion of $f[t]$ in powers of t through the t^6 term is

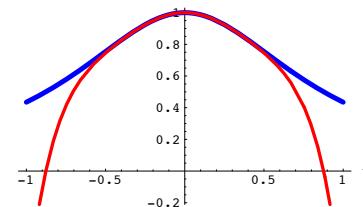
$$f[0] + t f'[0] + \frac{1}{2} t^2 f''[0] + \frac{1}{3!} t^3 f^{(3)}[0] + \frac{1}{4!} t^4 f^{(4)}[0] + \frac{1}{5!} t^5 f^{(5)}[0] + \frac{1}{6!} t^6 f^{(6)}[0] +$$

Let Mathematica calculate this for you:

```
Clear[taylor6];
taylor6[t_] = Normal[Series[f[t], {t, 0, 6}]];
1 - 1.3 t^2 + 1.69 t^4 - 2.197 t^6
```

See both:

```
taylorfitplot = Plot[{f[t], taylor6[t]}, {t, -1, 1},
PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.015], Blue}, {Thickness[0.01], Red}},
AxesLabel -> {"t", ""}];
```



Yuck!

The set of functions

$$\{s_1[t], s_2[t], s_3[t], \dots, s_k[t], \dots\}$$

for

$$s_k[t] = \text{ChebyshevT}[k-1, t]$$

is an orthogonal set on the interval $a \leq t \leq b$ with $a = -1$ and $b = 1$.

Here are the formulas for the first seven:

```
khigh = 7;
Clear[k];
Clear[s, g, k, t];
s_k[t_] := ChebyshevT[k-1, t];
ColumnForm[Table[s_k[t], {k, 1, khigh}]]
```

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \\ t \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3 t^2}{2} \\ -\frac{3 t}{2} + \frac{5 t^3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{8} - \frac{15 t^2}{4} + \frac{35 t^4}{8} \\ \frac{15 t}{8} - \frac{35 t^3}{4} + \frac{63 t^5}{8} \\ -\frac{5}{16} + \frac{105 t^2}{16} - \frac{315 t^4}{16} + \frac{231 t^6}{16} \end{aligned}$$

Go with the function space $S[-1,1]$ spanned by this orthogonal set

Notice that this function space consists of polynomials of degree 6 (or less).

Come up with the function $\text{Sclosest}[t]$ in $S[-1,1]$ so that

the root-mean-square distance between $f[t]$ and $\text{Sclosest}[t]$ is as small as possible.

Compare the quality of the approximation of $f[t]$ by $\text{taylor6}[t]$ and $\text{Sclosests}[t]$.

Which do you like?

The Root-Mean-Square approximation or the Taylor approximation?

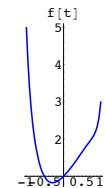
Put answers here.

G.6) Weighted Fourier-Chebyshev polynomial approximation

□ G.6.a)

Here is a function $f[t]$ plotted on $[a,b] = [-1,1]$:

```
Clear[f, t];
a = 1;
b = -1;
f[t_] = 1 + t + t^2 - t^3 + t^4 - t^5 + t^12;
fplot = Plot[f[t], {t, a, b}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], Blue}},
PlotRange -> All, AxesLabel -> {"t", "f[t]"}];
```



The set of functions

$$\{s_1[t], s_2[t], s_3[t], \dots, s_k[t], \dots\}$$

for

$$s_k[t] = \text{ChebyshevT}[k-1, t]$$

is an orthogonal set with respect to the weight function

$$\text{weight}[t] = 1 / \sqrt{1 - t^2}$$

on the interval $a \leq t \leq b$ with $a = -1$ and $b = 1$.

Here are the formulas for the first seven:

```
Clear[k];
ColumnForm[Table[ChebyshevT[k-1, t], {k, 1, 7}]]
```

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \\ t \\ -1 + 2 t^2 \\ -3 t + 4 t^3 \\ 1 - 8 t^2 + 8 t^4 \\ 5 t - 20 t^3 + 16 t^5 \\ -1 + 18 t^2 - 48 t^4 + 32 t^6 \end{aligned}$$

Go with the function space $S[a,b]$ spanned by

```
khigh = 6;
Table[s_k[t], {k, 1, khigh}]
```

$$\{1, t, -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3 t^2}{2}, -\frac{3 t}{2} + \frac{5 t^3}{2}, \frac{3}{8} - \frac{15 t^2}{4} + \frac{35 t^4}{8}, \frac{15 t}{8} - \frac{35 t^3}{4} + \frac{63 t^5}{8}\}$$

Come up with the function $\text{Sclosest}[t]$ in $S[a,b]$ so that

the weighted root-mean-square distance between $f[t]$ and Sclosest is as small as possible. Give a fit plot.

Note that you get a nice approximation of a 12th degree polynomial by 5th degree

polynomial

G.7) Cranking up the Gram-Schmidt process

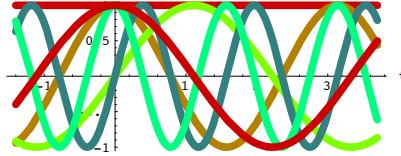
□G.7.a.i) Not orthogonal

Here is a set of functions

$f_1[t], f_2[t], f_3[t], f_4[t], f_5[t], f_6[t]$

plotted on an interval $[-1.4, 3.7]$:

```
Clear[s, f, k, t]; f1[t_] = 1; f2[t_] = Cos[2 t]; f3[t_] = Sin[Sqrt[2] t];
f4[t_] = Sin[4 t];
f5[t_] = Cos[4 t];
f6[t_] = Cos[Sqrt[2] t];
a = -1.4;
b = 3.7;
Plot[{f1[t], f2[t], f3[t], f4[t], f5[t], f6[t]}, {t, a, b},
PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], RGBColor[0.8, 0, 0]},
{Thickness[0.02], RGBColor[0.7, 0.5, 0]},
{Thickness[0.02], RGBColor[0.5, 1, 0]},
{Thickness[0.02], RGBColor[0.2, 0.5, 0.5]},
{Thickness[0.02], RGBColor[0, 1, 0.5]}}, AxesLabel -> {"t", ""}];
```



A tangled mess of spaghetti.

You make the function space $S[a, b]$ spanned by

$\{f_1[t], f_2[t], f_3[t], f_4[t], f_5[t], f_6[t]\}$.

This function space $S[a, b]$ consists of all functions $s[t]$ of the form.

$$s[t] = \sum_{j=1}^6 c_j f_j[t] \text{ with } a \leq t \leq b.$$

See a random member of this function space :

```
ck_ := Random[Real, {-2, 2}]
s[t_] = \sum_{k=1}^6 ck fk[t]
```

$$1.07027 + 1.56351 \cos[2t] + 1.32107 \cos[4t] +
0.849818 \cos[\sqrt{2}t] - 1.23328 \sin[4t] - 0.285021 \sin[\sqrt{2}t]$$

And its plot:

```
Plot[s[t], {t, a, b}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.01], Blue}},
AxesLabel -> {"t", "f[t]"}, AspectRatio -> 1/GoldenRatio];
f[t]
```



Keep everything the same as the above and look at:

$$\int_a^b f_3[t] f_4[t] dt
-0.290918$$

Interpret the result.

Put answer here.

▪ Use the Gram-Schmidt process to come up with an orthogonal family

$\{s_1[t], s_2[t], s_3[t], s_4[t], s_5[t], s_6[t]\}$ on $[a, b]$

so that function space spanned by

$\{s_1[t], s_2[t], s_3[t], s_4[t], s_5[t], s_6[t]\}$

is the same as the function space spanned by

$\{f_1[t], f_2[t], f_3[t], f_4[t], f_5[t], f_6[t]\}$.

Then use your orthogonal family to come up with the best root-mean-square approximation on $[a, b]$ of $\cos[3t]$ by a member of the function space spanned by $\{f_1[t], f_2[t], f_3[t], f_4[t], f_5[t], f_6[t]\}$.

Put answer here.

G.8) Fourier Sine approximation and the heat equation

Fourier Sine approximation and the wave equation

Fourier invented Fourier approximations for the purpose of working on this very problem.

□G.8.a) Fourier Sine approximation and the heat equation

Start with a heated wire L units long with the temperature allowed to vary from position to position on the wire. Think of the wire as the interval $0 \leq x \leq L$. At the start of the experiment, you instantly cool the ends at $x = 0$ and $x = L$ and maintain these ends at temperature 0, and you take pains to guarantee that the rest of the wire is perfectly insulated.

At the start of this particular experiment, the temperature of the wire at position x (for $0 \leq x \leq L = \pi$) is given by the following function `startertemp[x]`:

```
L = \pi;
Clear[startertemp, x];
startertemp[x_] = x Tan[\frac{x}{4}] (\pi - x);

startertplot = Plot[startertemp[x],
{x, 0, L}, PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.015], Blue}}},
AxesLabel -> {"x", "starting temperature"}];
starting temperature
```

Think of the interval $[0, L] = [0, \pi]$ as the wire.

The tip of the pointer tells you the starting temperature (at time $t = 0$) at the tail of the pointer.

Your problem here is to use Fourier Sine approximation on $[0, \pi]$ of `startertemp[x]` come up with a function `temp[x,t]` that estimates the temperature of the wire at position x at time t after the experiment begins.

Do it.

□G.8.b.i) Fourier Sine approximation and the wave equation

The ends of a guitar string are anchored at 0 and L on the x-axis and the string is pulled to an initial position and then allowed to vibrate on its own starting with initial velocity 0.

At the start of this particular experiment, the position of the guitar string at position x (for $0 \leq x \leq L = \pi$) is given by the following function `starterposition[x]`:

```
L = \pi;
Clear[starterposition, x];
starterposition[x_] = Sin[x] (x - 1) (x - 2);

starterplot = Plot[starterposition[x], {x, 0, L},
PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.01], Blue}}, PlotRange -> All,
1
AspectRatio -> --\frac{1}{4}, AxesLabel -> {"x", "starting position"}];
starting position
```

Your problem here is to use Fourier Sine approximation on $[0, \pi]$ of `starterposition[x]` come up with a function `position[x,t]` that estimates the position of the guitar string at position x on the x-axis at time t after the experiment begins.

Do it.

G.9) A small Dirac mystery

□G.9.a.i) Spikes

Here's a formula

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{khig} \cos[kt]$$

and plots of it for various choices of khig:

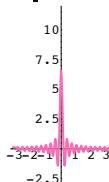
```
khig = 12;
Plot[\frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{khig} \cos[kt], {t, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-5, 12},
PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], HotPink}}], AspectRatio -> 2];

```

```

khigh = 20;
Plot[  $\frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} \cos[k t]$ , {t, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-5, 12},
      PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], HotPink}}, AspectRatio -> 2];

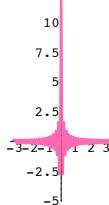
```



```

khigh = 40;
Plot[  $\frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} \cos[k t]$ , {t, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-5, 12},
      PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.02], HotPink}}, AspectRatio -> 2];

```



What mysterious "function" are these plots associated with?

□G.9.a.ii) The integral is 1

Here's that same formula

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} \cos[k t]$$

Integrate it from $-h$ to h to get:

$$\int_{-h}^h \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} \cos[k t] \right) dt = \frac{2h}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} \frac{\sin[kh] - \sin[-kh]}{k}$$

$$= \frac{h}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{khigh} \frac{2\sin[kh]}{k}.$$

When you let $khigh$ go to infinity, *Mathematica* gives you for a random small h :

```

h = Random[Real, {0, 0.1}];
result =  $\frac{h}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\text{Infinity}} \frac{2 \sin[k h]}{k}$ 
1.

```

Do you think this an accident? If not, then why not?