



# BIOMATHEMATICS

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## Lecture 28

# Fourier Series

# Fourier series

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

$$f(x) = 0, \quad \text{for } -\pi < x < 0$$

$$f(x) = h, \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi$$

=> Square wave

## Fourier coefficients

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

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 f(x) dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} h dx = h \end{aligned}$$



## Fourier coefficients

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} h \cos(nx) dx = 0, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

## Fourier coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} h \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{h}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi) \end{aligned}$$

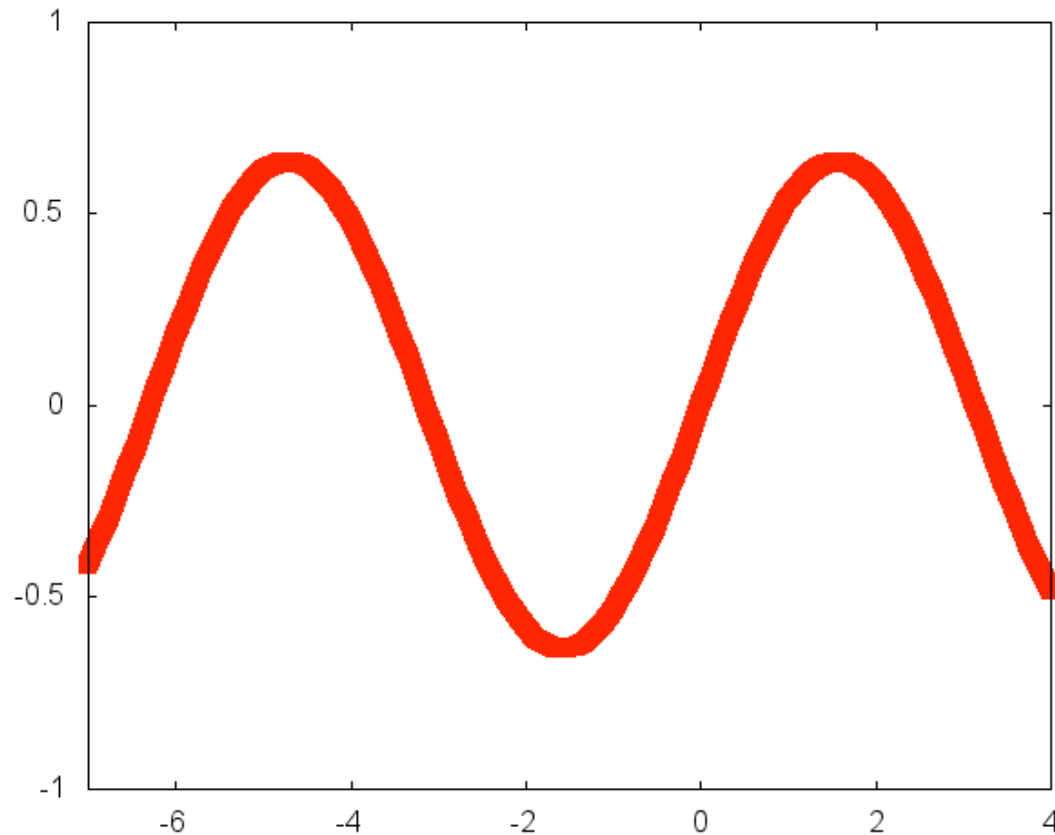
$$b_n = \frac{2h}{n\pi}, \quad \text{for } n \text{ odd,}$$

$$b_n = 0, \quad \text{for } n \text{ even,}$$

## The series

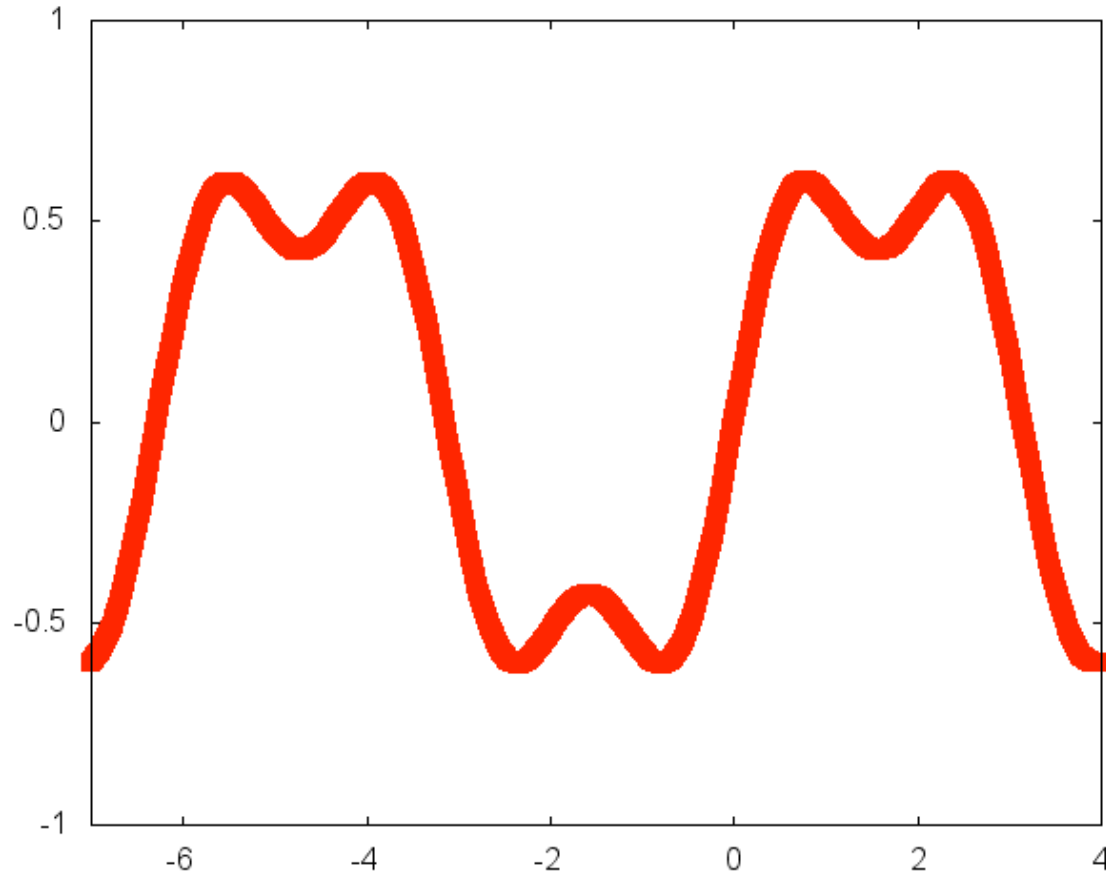
$$f(x) = \frac{h}{2} + \frac{2h}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin x}{1} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5} + \dots \right)$$

## 1<sup>st</sup> term



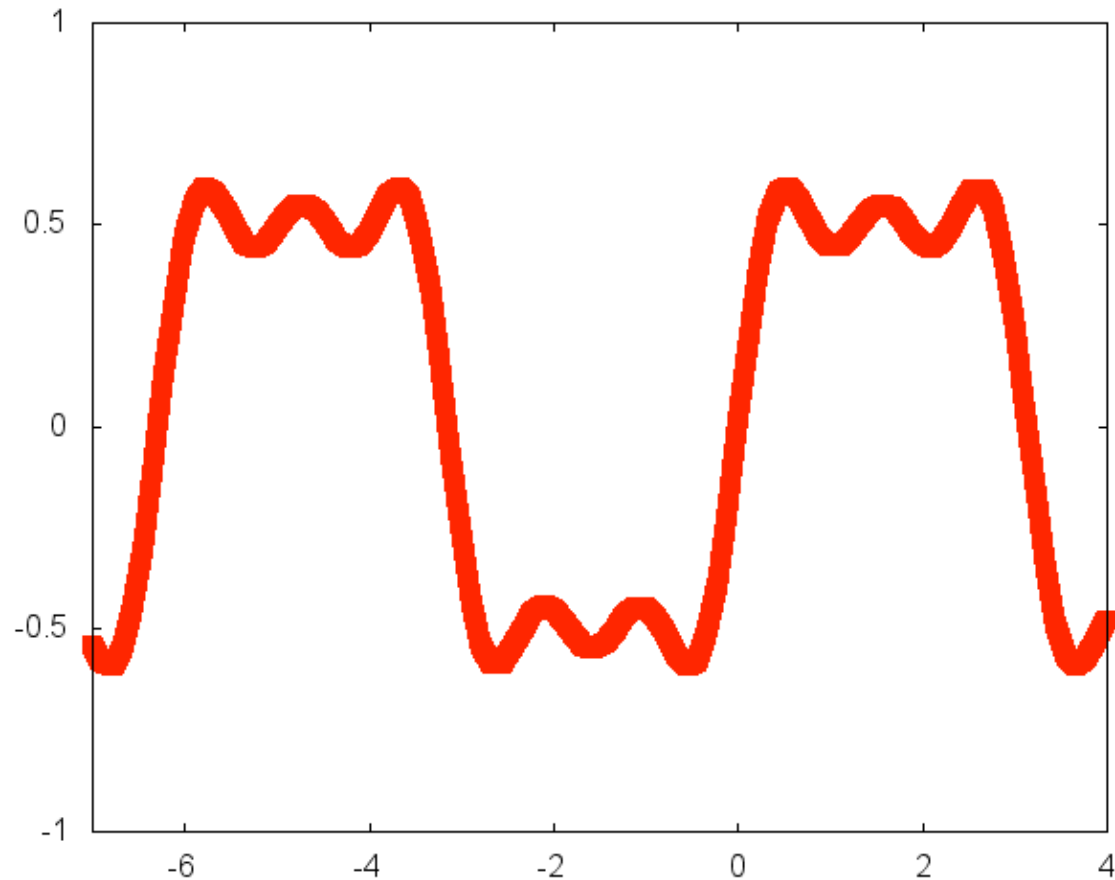
$$f(x) = \frac{h}{2} + \frac{2h}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin x}{1} \right)$$

## 2 terms



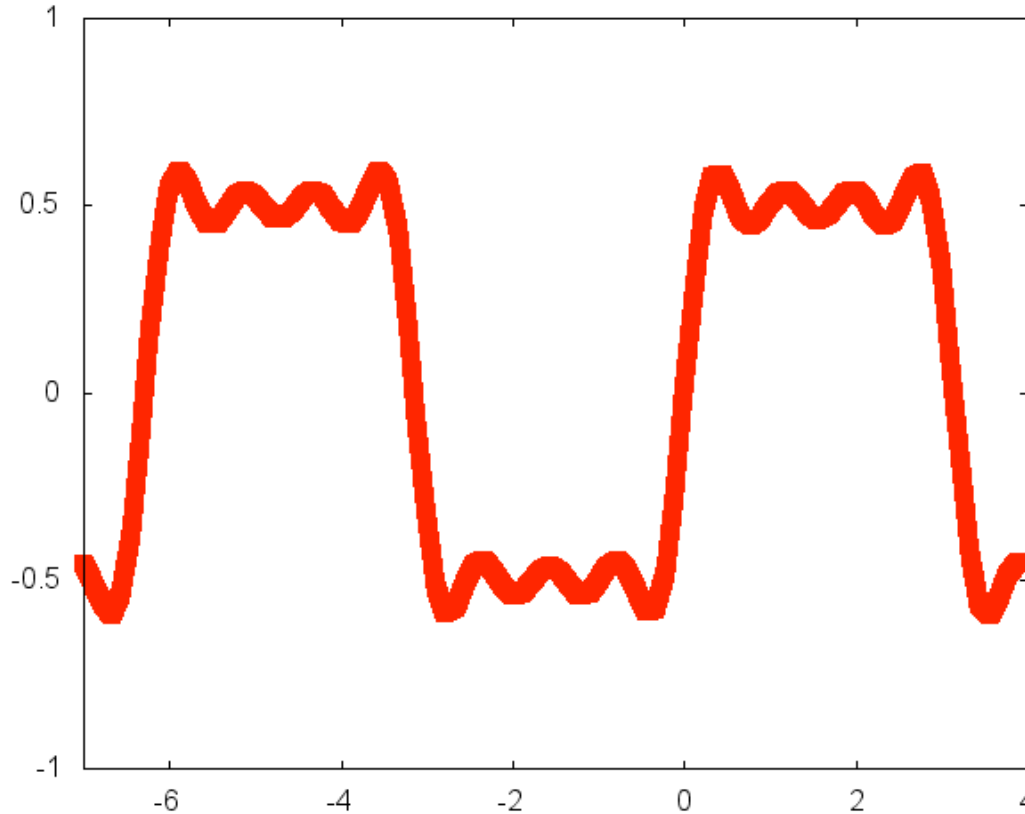
$$f(x) = \frac{h}{2} + \frac{2h}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin x}{1} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} \right)$$

## 3 terms



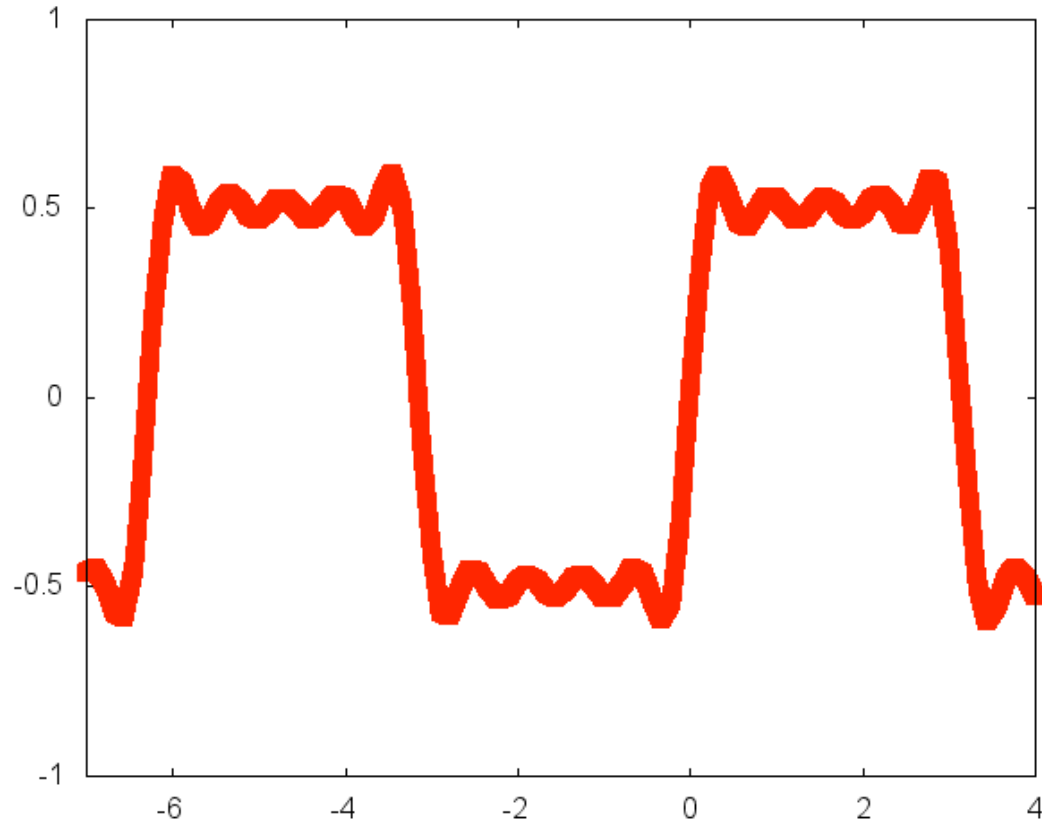
$$f(x) = \frac{h}{2} + \frac{2h}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin x}{1} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5} \right)$$

## 4 terms



$$f(x) = \frac{h}{2} + \frac{2h}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin x}{1} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5} + \frac{\sin 7x}{7} \right)$$

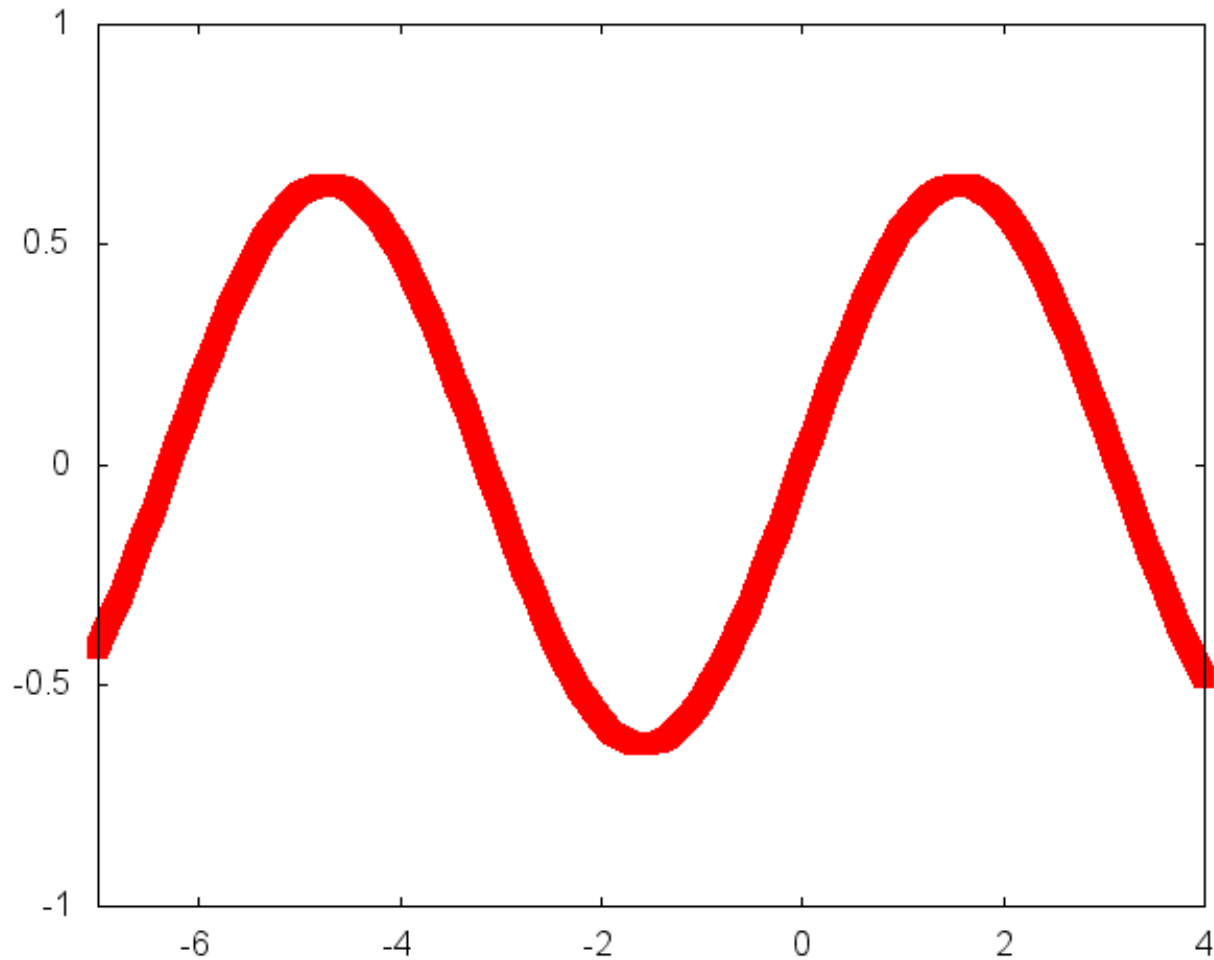
## 5 terms



$$f(x) = \frac{h}{2} + \frac{2h}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin x}{1} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} + \frac{\sin 5x}{5} + \frac{\sin 7x}{7} + \frac{\sin 9x}{9} \right)$$



# Square wave



# Exponential Fourier series

Euler's formula,

$$e^{inx} = \cos(nx) + i \sin(nx)$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$$

# Exponential Fourier series

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

# Relation among the coefficients

$$a_n = c_n + c_{-n} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$b_n = i(c_n - c_{-n}) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n - ib_n), \quad \text{for } n > 0$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2}a_0, \quad \text{for } n = 0$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_{-n} + ib_{-n}), \quad \text{for } n < 0$$