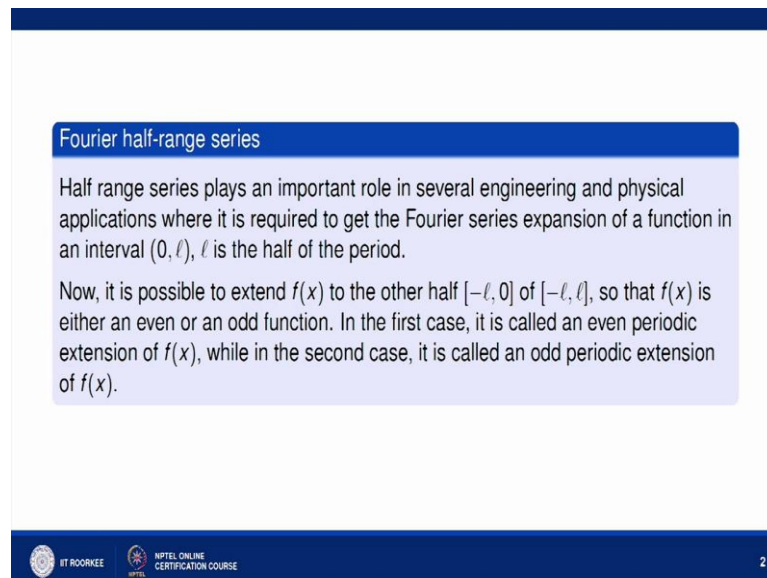


**Mathematical methods and its applications**  
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**Lecture - 50**  
**Fourier half – range series**

Welcome to the lecture series on Mathematical Methods and the Applications. Now, we will discuss Fourier half range series. We have already discussed in last lecture what how we can find out Fourier series expansion of even and odd functions. That we have already seen in the last lecture.

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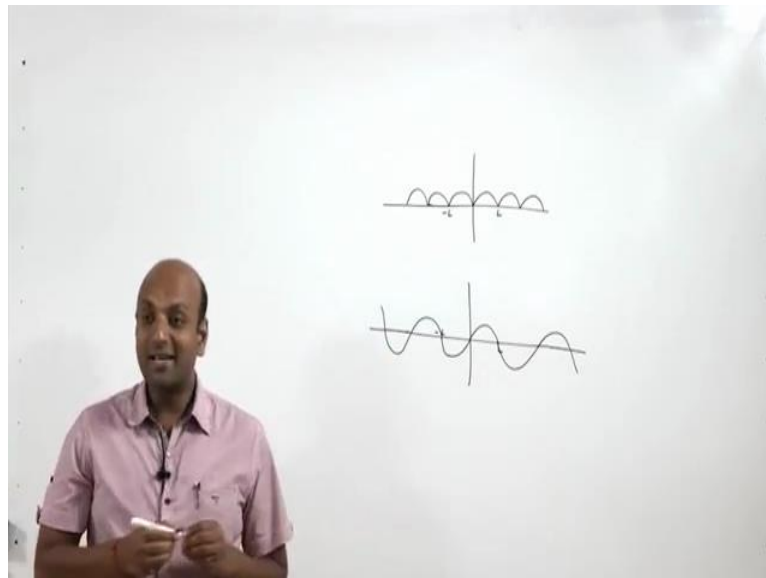
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Now, Fourier half range series let us see half range series plays an important role in solving several engineering and physical applications, where it is required to get the Fourier series expansion of a function in an interval say 0 to 1. So, it is a half range basically, in Fourier series basically in expansion of Fourier series, we need interval minus 1 to 1 and function must be periodic that is the condition for the Fourier series of the expansion  $f(x)$ .

Now, here the Fourier series expansion of a function is in the interval 0 to 1, where 1 is an half of the period. Now how can we find out Fourier series expansion of such a function? And these problems are important in several engineering and physical applications. Now it is possible to extend the function  $f(x)$  to the other half, that is minus 1 to 0 of minus 1 to

plus 1. So, that  $f(x)$  is either an even or an odd function. Basically what we do, we know the nature of the function from 0 to 1. And that is given to us. And depending upon the basically nature of the function, we find out we either extend the function, considering function as an even function or we either extend the function taking function as an odd function. Suppose function is given to you from 0 to 1. Suppose, this function  $f$  function is given to us from 0 to 1, this function is given to you from 0 to 1. It is a half period.

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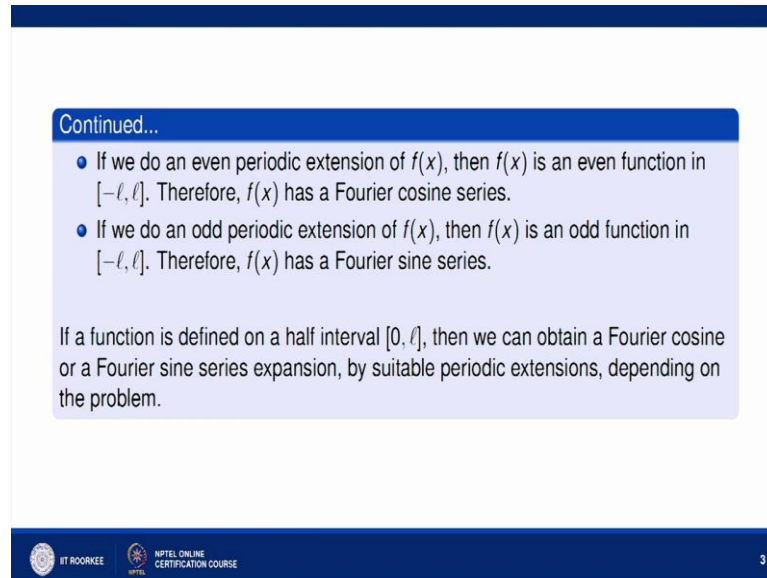
Now, you can find out the even extension of this function, you can extend this function as an even function from minus 1 to plus 1. And then find out the Fourier series expansion of this function. So, you can take this function as an even function, whatever function is given to you from 0 to 1. You can find out the even extension of this function, taking function as an even function. On the other way you can also find the; suppose this is given from 0 to 1, you can find an odd extension of the function.

You can extend this function like this from 0 to minus 1, minus 1 to plus 1 and in the same way over here. So, basically we need a Fourier series expansion of a function which is given in the half range from 0 to 1. So, we can either to find the Fourier series expansion of such a function, we can either extend the function taking function as either as an odd function or taking function either as an even function.

So, in the first case it is called as even periodic extension of  $f(x)$ , while in the second case it is called an odd periodic extension of the function  $f(x)$ . If we do an even periodic

extension of  $f(x)$  which is the first one, which is the first case, it is the even extension of the function  $f(x)$ . Then  $f(x)$  is an even function in  $[-l, l]$ . Of course, it is an even function.

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- If we do an even periodic extension of  $f(x)$ , then  $f(x)$  is an even function in  $[-l, l]$ . Therefore,  $f(x)$  has a Fourier cosine series.
- If we do an odd periodic extension of  $f(x)$ , then  $f(x)$  is an odd function in  $[-l, l]$ . Therefore,  $f(x)$  has a Fourier sine series.

If a function is defined on a half interval  $[0, l]$ , then we can obtain a Fourier cosine or a Fourier sine series expansion, by suitable periodic extensions, depending on the problem.

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Then  $f(x)$  has Fourier cosine series that we already know, that if function is an even function. We extend the function as an even periodic function, then  $f(x)$  will be an even function. And in even function we only have a cosine series, cosine terms in the Fourier series expansion.

Now, if we do an odd periodic extension of the  $f(x)$ , then  $f(x)$  is an odd function in  $[-l, l]$ . And therefore,  $f(x)$  has Fourier sine series. Suppose we extend the function as an odd periodic function. So, this  $f(x)$  will be an odd function and we know that if function is an odd function then, it contains only sine terms. The Fourier series expansion of that function will contain only sine terms.

If a function is defined on a half interval from 0 to  $l$ , then we can obtain a Fourier cosine or Fourier sine series expansion by suitable periodic extensions depending on the problem. If you want a Fourier cosine series expansion; that means, we take an even periodic function or we take function as an even function. And if we want Fourier sine series; that means, we will take as a odd periodic extension of the function that depends on the problem.

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**Fourier sine series**

The Fourier sine series expansion of a piecewise continuous function  $f(x)$  on the half-range interval  $[0, \ell]$  is given as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\ell}\right)$$

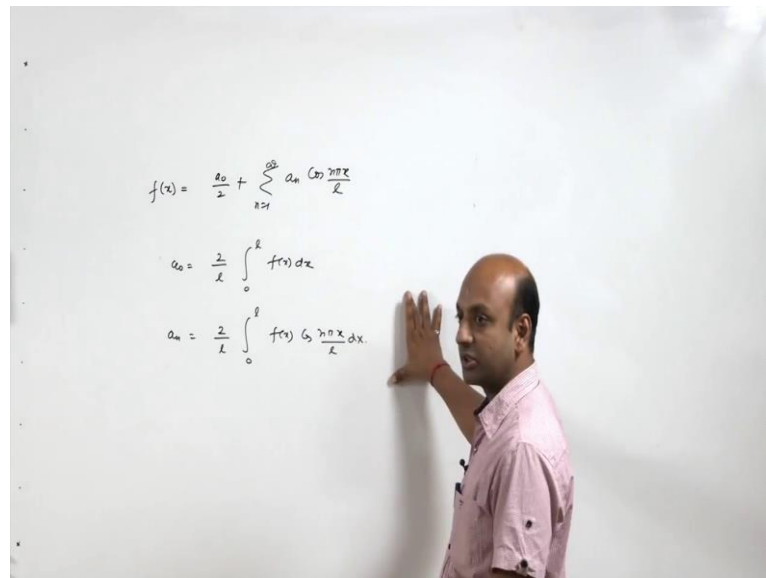
where

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx$$

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So, suppose you want Fourier sine series. So, we already know this result that if you want Fourier sine series. Now function is given in 0 to 1. And you want an odd extension of the function. Odd extension means only sine terms. So, what will be the Fourier series of that that function?

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The Fourier series of that function will be nothing but it will be given by summation  $n$  from 1 to infinity,  $b_n \sin n \pi x$  by  $l$ , and where  $b_n$  is nothing but  $2$  upon  $l$  integral  $0$  to  $l$ ,  $f(x) \sin n \pi x$  by  $l$  into  $dx$ . So, this is an odd extension of the function. Now if we want

Fourier cosine series expansion of the function defined on a half range from 0 to 1. So, that will contain only cosine terms. So, that will be given by, that will be given by a constant by 2 plus summation a<sub>n</sub> cos n π x by l, n varying from 1 to infinity. And here a<sub>n</sub> will be nothing but 2 upon l integral 0 to l f(x) dx and a<sub>n</sub> will be given by 2 upon l integral 0 to l f(x) cos n π x by l into dx. So, this will be the even extension of the function. Function is given from 0 to 1 and we defined an even extension of a function as a cosine terms in the form of cosine terms.

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**Problem**  
 Obtain cosine and sine series for  $f(x) = x$  in the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .  
 Hence show that

$$\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

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Now, let us try to solve this problem. Obtain cosine and sine series for  $f(x)$  equal to  $x$  in the interval from 0 to  $\pi$  and hence show this result.

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$f(x) = x, [0, \pi]$

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

$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{2} - 0 \right] = \pi$

$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ x \left( \frac{\sin nx}{n} \right) - 1 \left( -\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right) \right]_0^{\pi}$

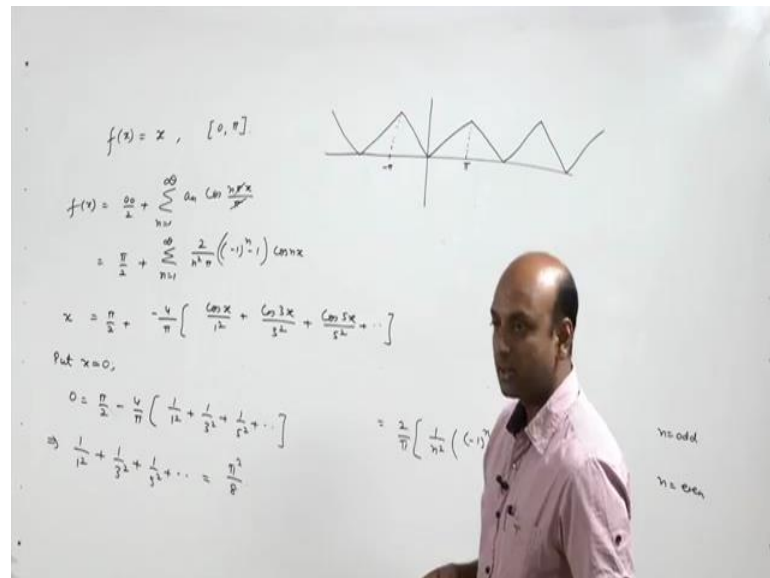
$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \left( (-1)^n - 1 \right) \right] = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{\pi n^2} & n = \text{odd} \\ 0 & n = \text{even} \end{cases}$

So, first of all function is given function is  $x$ ,  $f(x)$  equal to  $x$ . So, a very simple function  $f(x)$  equal to  $x$  interval is  $0$  to  $0$  to  $\pi$ . Now suppose you want cosine series expansion of this function. Cosine series expansion means we want to extend this function as an even function. We want to extend this function as an even function. So, this function is like this it is from  $0$  to  $\pi$  it is  $x$ ,  $f(x)$  equal to  $x$  from  $0$  to  $\pi$ . And we want to extend the function as an even periodic function. So, from  $-\pi$  also if it is an even function it must be symmetrical about  $x$  axis. So, we will draw this function like this. We extend this function like this.

And similarly, here also like this and similarly here also like this and similarly here also. This will be an even extension of this function or now we can write this function in the cosine series form. How  $f(x)$  will be nothing but a naught by  $2$  plus summation  $a_n \cos n\pi x$  by  $\pi$ ,  $n$  varying from  $1$  to infinity. And what will be a naught now it is  $2$  upon  $\pi$  integral  $0$  to  $\pi$ . So, here  $\pi$   $\pi$  cancels out.  $0$  to  $\pi$   $f(x) dx$   $f(x)$  is nothing but  $f(x)$  is nothing but  $x dx$ . So, it is nothing but  $2$  upon  $\pi$ . It is  $x$  square upon  $2$  from  $0$  to  $\pi$ . So, it is nothing but  $2$  upon  $\pi$ ,  $\pi$  square by  $2$  minus  $0$ . So, it is nothing but  $\pi$ . So, a naught is nothing but  $\pi$ . And  $a_n$  what will be  $a_n$ ,  $a_n$  will be nothing but  $2$  upon  $\pi$  integral  $0$  to  $\pi$   $f(x) \cos nx dx$ . So, it is equal to  $2$  upon  $\pi$  integral  $0$  to  $\pi$ . Now what is  $f(x)$ ,  $f(x)$  is  $x$ ; so  $x \cos nx dx$ .

So, now we will apply integration by parts to simplify this expression. So, this will be nothing but  $\frac{2}{n^2}$  upon  $\pi$ . So, first as it is integral of  $\sin nx$  upon  $n$ , minus derivative of this and integration of this. So, this is nothing but  $-\frac{\cos nx}{n^2}$  from  $0$  to  $\pi$ . So, that is further equal to  $\frac{2}{n^2}$  upon  $\pi$ . Now the first term is  $0$  when  $x$  is  $\pi$  or  $x$  is  $0$ . Now second term is  $1$  upon  $n^2$  times when  $x$  is  $\pi$  it is  $-1$  to the power  $n$  and when  $x$  is  $0$  it is  $1$ . So, this would be this term. So, this  $a_n$  is equal to now when  $n$  is odd when  $n$  is odd. So, this is nothing but when  $n$  is odd it is  $-1$ ,  $-1$ ,  $-2$ ,  $-2$ ,  $-2$ ,  $-2$ ,  $-2$  into  $2$  minus  $4$  upon  $\pi$  into  $n^2$ . So, this will be nothing but this term when  $n$  is odd. And when  $n$  is even it is nothing but  $0$ . Because  $1 - 1 = 0$ . So,  $a_n$  is defined like this.

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So, what will be the cosine series of this function  $f(x)$ . So,  $a_0$  is  $\pi$ ,  $a_0$  is  $\pi$ . So, it will be nothing but  $\frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2} (-1)^{n+1} \cos nx$ . Which is further equal to  $\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{1^2} (-1)^{1+1} \cos x + \frac{1}{3^2} (-1)^{3+1} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{5^2} (-1)^{5+1} \cos 5x + \dots \right]$ . So, when  $n$  is odd it is  $-4$  upon  $\pi$  into  $1$  by  $n^2$  that is  $\cos x$  upon  $1^2$  plus  $\cos 3x$  upon  $3^2$  plus  $\cos 5x$  into  $5^2$  and so on. And when  $n$  is even it is  $0$ . So, this will be the expansion of  $x$ ,  $f(x) = x$ . So, this is an even extension of the function  $x$ .

So,  $x$  is defined in only 0 to  $\pi$ . We extend this function taking assuming the function as an even function. And that will contain only cosine terms these are the cosine series expansion of function  $f(x) = x$ . Now to reduce this expression  $1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots$ , we can simply substitute  $x = 0$ , so put  $x = 0$  both sides. So, when you put  $x = 0$ , it is  $\pi^2$  by 8 plus or minus, minus  $\frac{4}{\pi^2}$ , it is  $1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots$  and so on. So, that implies  $1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots$  is simply equal to  $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$ . So, that we have proved this result also.

Now, to obtain Fourier sine series of this function  $f(x) = x$ ; so how you will obtain that the first part is over of this problem. Now we want to obtain Fourier sine series of this function; that means, we have to extend the function  $f(x) = x$ , as an odd function. Then only we can obtain Fourier sine series that is the series containing sine terms only. So, how can we do that we have the function  $f(x) = x$  here?

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$f(x) = x, [0, \pi]$   
 $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$   
 where  
 $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx$   
 $= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ x \left( -\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right) - \int_0^{\pi} \left( -\frac{\sin nx}{n} \right) dx \right]$   
 $= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x(-1)^n}{n} - \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \right]$   
 $x = 2 \left[ \frac{\sin x}{1} - \frac{\sin 2x}{2} + \frac{\sin 3x}{3} - \dots \right]$

We have the function  $f(x) = x$  here is  $y = x$  and we have to extend this function as an odd function, to obtain the Fourier sine series of this function  $f(x) = x$ . So, it must be like this. And assuming function as periodic function we can extend this function as an odd function. So, what will be the Fourier sine series of this function? It will be summation  $n$  from 1 to infinity  $b_n \sin nx$ , where  $b_n$  is nothing but  $\frac{2}{\pi}$  integral 0 to  $\pi$ ,  $f(x) \sin nx \, dx$ . So, this is nothing but is equal to  $\frac{2}{\pi}$  integral 0 to



$\int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx \, dx$ . So, this is nothing but  $\frac{2}{n^2}$  upon  $\pi$  integral of this is  $x$  into  $-\cos nx$  upon  $n$ , minus derivative of this and integration of this will be  $-\sin nx$  upon  $n^2$  from 0 to  $\pi$ .

So, after integration by parts, we obtain this thing. So, this is nothing but it is  $\frac{2}{n^2}$  upon  $\pi$  when you put  $x$  equal to  $\pi$  here or 0 here, this term is 0. And here when you put  $x$  equal to 0 it is 0. So, only term is left here. So, negative will come here. So, it is  $\pi$  into  $-\frac{1}{n^2}$  plus  $\frac{1}{n^2}$  upon  $n$ . So,  $\pi$   $\pi$  cancels out it is nothing but  $-\frac{1}{n^2}$  plus  $\frac{1}{n^2}$  upon  $n$ . So, this will be  $\frac{2}{n^2}$  into  $-\frac{1}{n^2}$  plus  $\frac{1}{n^2}$  upon  $n$ . So, this will be  $\frac{2}{n^3}$ . So, what will be  $f(x)$ ,  $f(x)$  will be nothing but summation  $n$  from 1 to infinity  $\frac{2}{n^3} \sin nx$ . So, this is nothing but  $\frac{2}{3}$ , when  $n$  is 1 it is  $\sin x$  upon 1, minus  $\sin 2x$  upon 2, plus  $\sin 3x$  upon 3 and so on.  $f(x)$  is  $x$ . So, this will be the odd extension of the sine series expression of the function  $f(x)$  in terms of sine. So, this will be the final solution of this problem.

So, now let us try to solve one more problem of this function, which is we find as an, this function is also given from 0 to 1. And that is in half range. And we want function to expand as an Fourier sine series; that means, we want an odd extension of this function. So, how we can expand this as an odd function? Again for the odd expansion that is we want the Fourier sine series of this function  $f(x)$  will be given by this expression. So, what will be  $b_n$ ,  $b_n$  will be nothing but  $\frac{2}{n}$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) \\
 b_n &= \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) dx = 2 \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{4} - x\right) \sin(n\pi x) dx + \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^1 \left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right) \sin(n\pi x) dx \right) \\
 &= 2 \left[ -\left(\frac{1}{4} - x\right) \frac{\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} - (-1) \left(-\frac{\sin n\pi x}{n^2 \pi^2}\right) \right]_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
 &\quad + 2 \left[ \left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right) \left(-\frac{\cos n\pi x}{n\pi}\right) - (-1) \left(-\frac{\sin n\pi x}{n^2 \pi^2}\right) \right]_{\frac{1}{4}}^1 \\
 &= 2 \left[ \frac{1}{4n\pi} \cos \frac{3n\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \left(\sin \frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{4n\pi} - \frac{1}{4n\pi} (-1)^n + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\cos n\pi}{n\pi} - \frac{\sin n\pi}{n^2 \pi^2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, here  $l$  is 1 in this problem  $l$  is 1, 0 to 1,  $f(x)$  and here also it is  $\sin \pi x$  upon 1, because  $l$  is 1,  $f(x) \sin n \pi x$  upon 1, into  $dx$ .

Now, we have to split the function. From 0 to half it is  $1 - 4x$ . From 0 to half, from 0 to half sorry 0 to half it is  $1 - 4x$  into  $\sin n \pi x dx$  plus half to 1, it is  $x - \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\sin n \pi x$  into  $dx$ , and whole 2 times. So, we can simplify this to find out the sin series expansion of this function. So, how we can simplify, simplification is simple we have to apply by parts only 2 times. It is nothing but  $1 - 4x$ , into minus of cos of  $n \pi x$  upon  $n \pi$  and minus derivative of this which is nothing but minus 1 and integration of this which is nothing but  $-\sin n \pi x$  upon  $n^2 \pi^2$ .

And that whole from 0 to 1 by 2 I simply apply integration by parts first. As it is integration of second minus derivative of this and integration of this which is nothing but this again for the second part plus 2, times again 2 is here for second part. It is  $x - \frac{3}{4}$  by 4 that you will easily solve by your own you can easily apply integration by parts and simplify to find the Fourier series expansion of this function. So, it is nothing but minus  $\cos n \pi x$ , upon  $n \pi$  and it is minus plus 1 into minus  $\sin n \pi x$ , upon  $n^2 \pi^2$  square, and it is varying from half to 1. So, so after simplification what we will get 2 times. So, when  $x$  is half  $1 - 4x$  minus half is minus 1 by 4, minus minus plus. So, it is  $1 - 4x$ , into  $\cos n \pi x$  remains same into  $\cos n \pi x$  by 2. When  $x$  is half, here it is nothing but minus of 1 upon  $n^2 \pi^2$  square. And when  $n$  is half it is  $\sin n \pi x$  by 2. When  $x$  is 0, it is 0, when  $x$  is 0, it is 1, 1 upon 1 by four. So, it is minus minus plus  $1 - 4x$  into  $n \pi$ .

Now, for this term when  $x$  is 1 it is  $1 - 3/4$ , that is  $1 - 4x$  negative is here, so minus  $1 - 4x$ , and  $\pi$  into minus  $1 - k^n$ . And when  $x$  is 1, here it is 0. Now when  $x$  is half it is half minus  $3/4$ , half minus  $3/4$  is minus,  $1 - 4x$  it is minus  $1 - 4x$  minus plus  $1 - 4x$ . And minus is again here. So, it is minus and then it is  $\cos n \pi x$  by 2 upon  $n \pi$ . And when  $n$  is half here it is nothing but minus minus plus and minus again. So, it is  $\sin n \pi x$  by 2 upon  $n^2 \pi^2$  square. So, you can simplify this entire expression, to find out the value of  $b_n$ .

And that  $b_n$  you can substitute here to find out the Fourier series expansion Fourier series expansion of this function  $f(x)$ .

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**Problem**

Find the Fourier expansion of  $x \sin x$  as a cosine series in  $(0, \pi)$ .

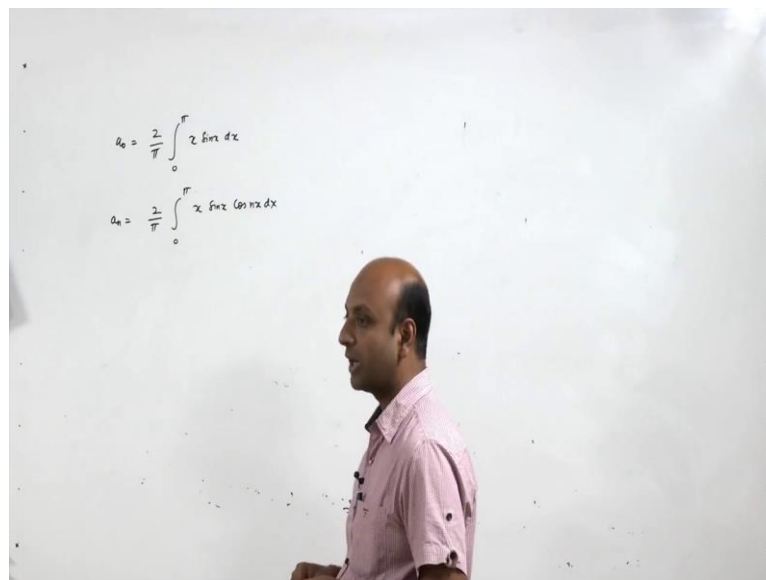
Hence show that

$$\frac{1}{1.3} - \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} - \dots \infty = \frac{\pi - 2}{4}.$$

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Now, on the in the same lines, we can also find out the Fourier series expansion of  $x \sin x$  as a cosine series. Cosine series means you want an even extension of this function.

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That means, for this function  $x \sin x$  you will simply find a naught and a n. And a naught will be given by a naught will be given by. So, for this problem a naught will be given by  $2$  upon  $\pi$  integral  $0$  to  $\pi$   $x \sin x dx$ . And a n will be given by  $2$  upon  $\pi$ , integral  $0$  to  $\pi$  it will be  $x \sin x$  into  $\cos nx dx$ . So, this is how we can find a naught and

$a_n$  in this expression. And finally, for some  $x$  we can also find out the series expansion of this function.

So, thank you for this lecture. In the next lecture we will study an identity and some problems based on that and also complex form of Fourier series expansion.

Thank you.