

$$Q.1 \ g(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & , -\pi \leq t \leq 0 \\ 1 & , 0 \leq t \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

We can observe that

$$g(-t) = \begin{cases} -1 & , -\pi \leq -t \leq 0 \\ 1 & , 0 \leq -t \leq \pi \end{cases} = \begin{cases} -1 & , \pi \geq t \geq 0 \\ 1 & , 0 \geq t \geq -\pi \end{cases} = -g(t)$$

Which means this function is an odd function, and hence we will only expand it using sin terms of Fourier expansion.

$$\text{Fourier expansion of the function above is } g(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_n \times \sin nt$$

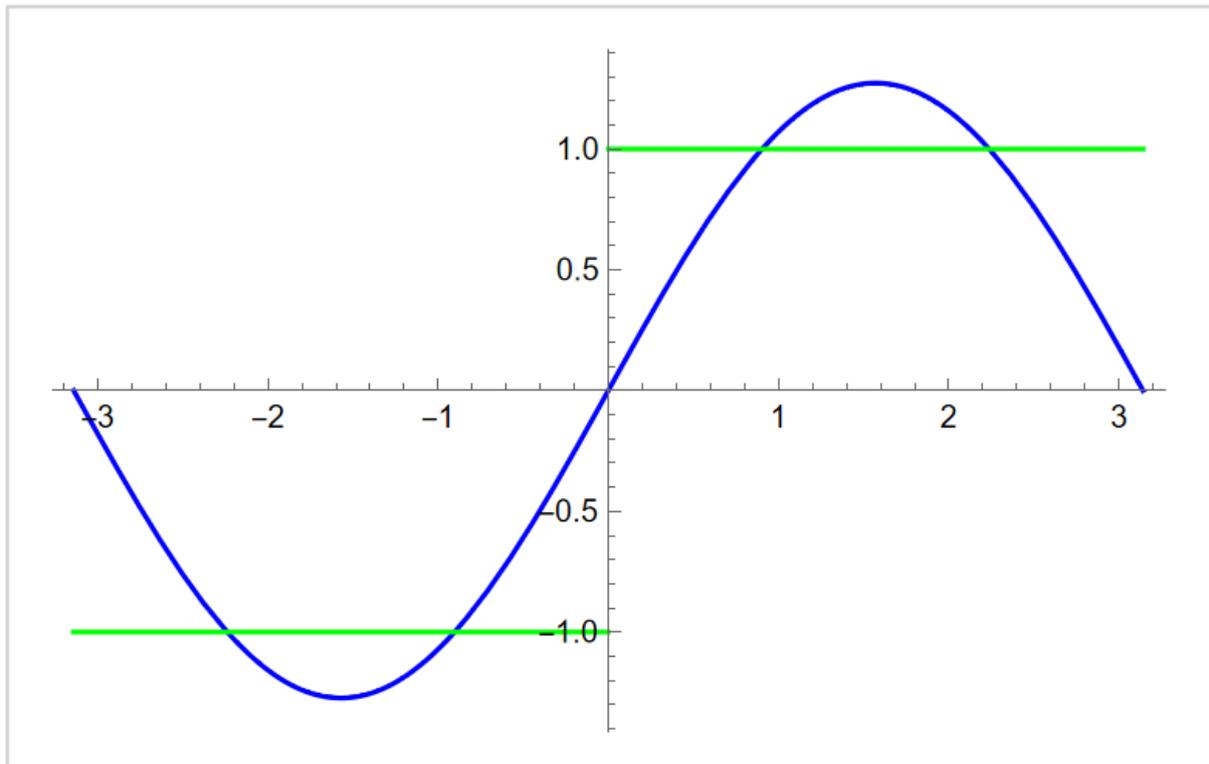
$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} * \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(t) \times \sin nt = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 -\sin nt + \int_0^{\pi} \sin nt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos nt}{n} \Big|_{-\pi}^0 - \frac{\cos nt}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right] = \frac{1}{n\pi} [\cos 0 - \cos n\pi - \cos n\pi + \cos 0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{taking } \cos n\pi = (-1)^n, b_n = \frac{1}{n\pi} [2 - 2(-1)^n]$$

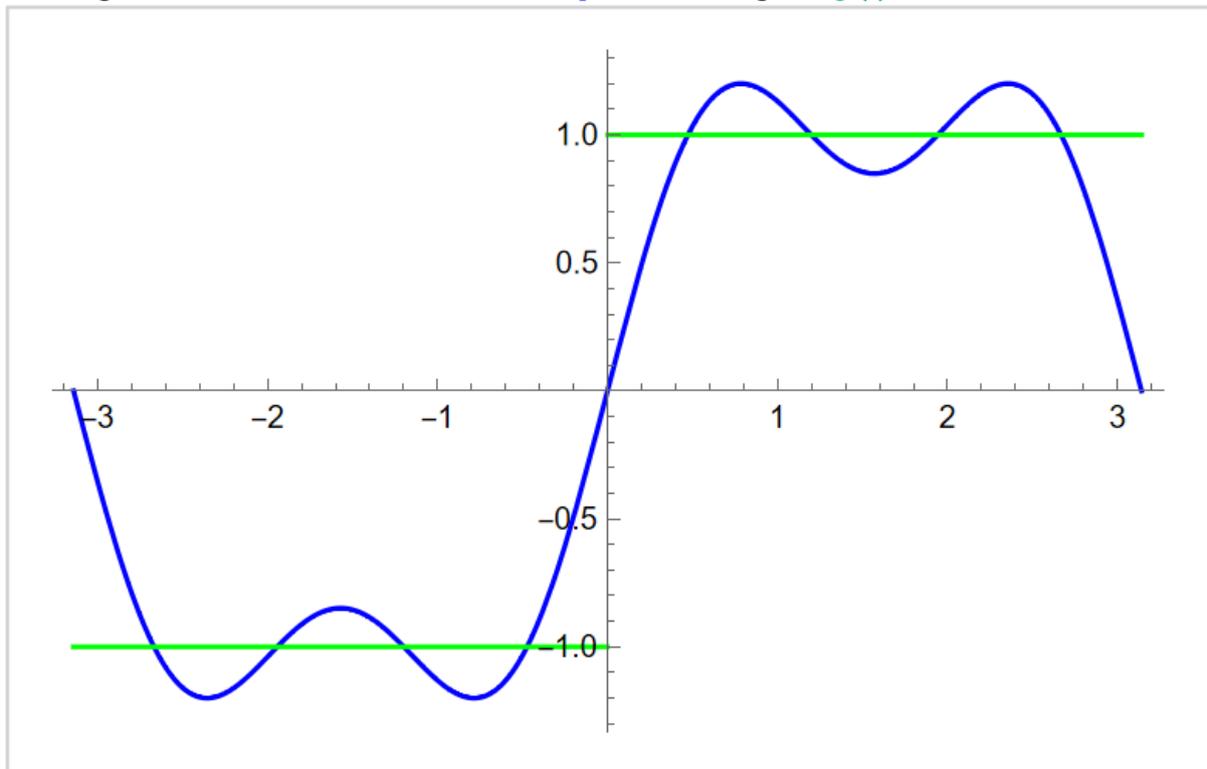
$$b_n = \frac{2 - 2(-1)^n}{n\pi}$$

$$g(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2 - 2(-1)^n}{n\pi} \times \sin nt$$

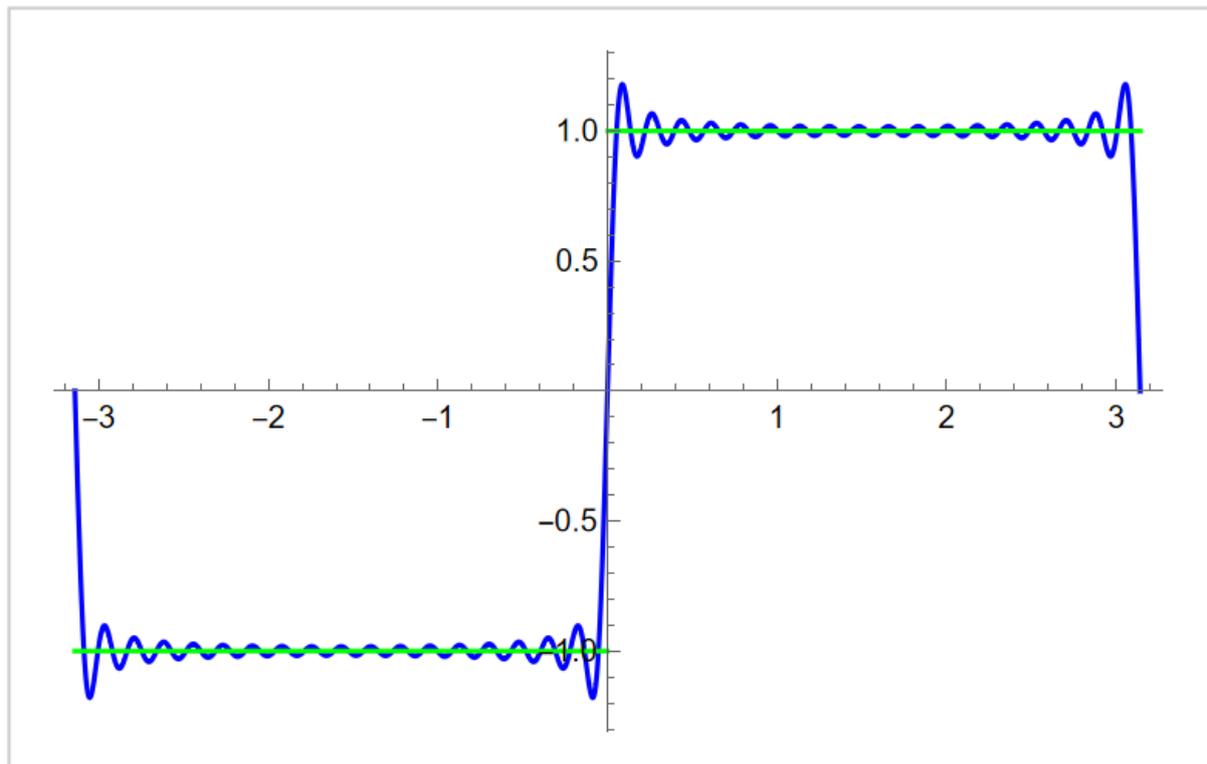
Plotting the first two terms of [Fourier expansion](#) alongside $g(t)$:



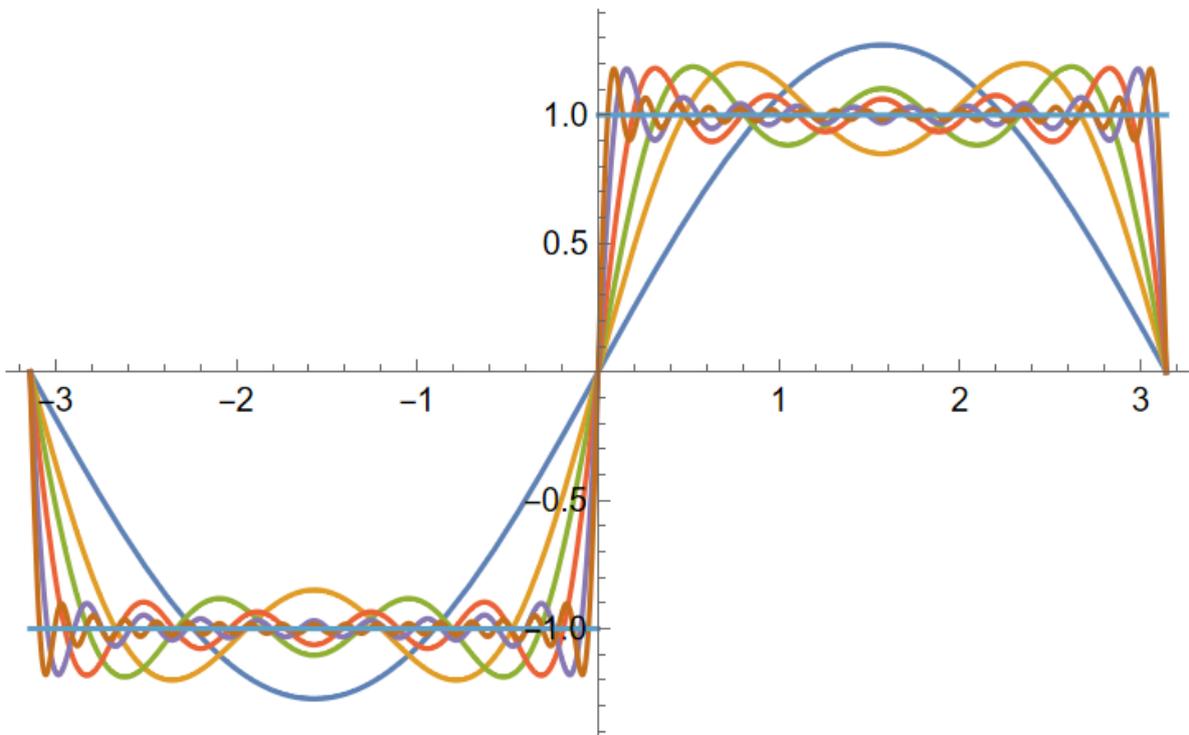
Plotting the first three terms of [Fourier expansion](#) alongside $g(t)$:



Plotting the first 35 term of [Fourier expansion](#) alongside $g(t)$, where I believe maximum convergence is achieved:



A combined plot for multiple terms of Fourier expansion, up to 35 showing how more terms of Fourier expansion yield more accurate approximation:



The fluctuation at the boundaries:

We can notice that the Fourier series expansion has a disturbance around its boundaries and also around any jump discontinuity. This is phenomenon known as Gibbs Phenomenon which is a ringing effect caused by the limitation of the *finite* sum of Fourier series terms. However, taking the *infinite* sum of Fourier series terms will generate a smooth convergent curve that exactly matches the function before the expansion. A detailed article is attached as well as numerical code.