

# Overview of Fourier Series (Sect. 6.2).

- ▶ Origins of the Fourier Series.
- ▶ Periodic functions.
- ▶ Orthogonality of Sines and Cosines.
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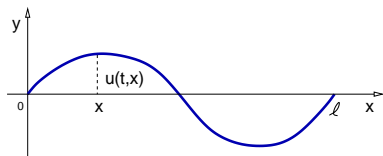
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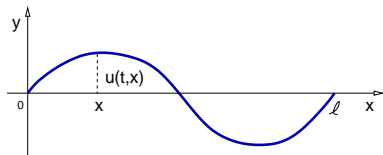
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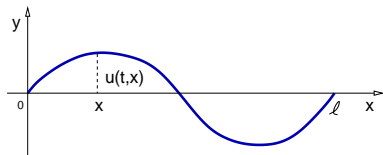


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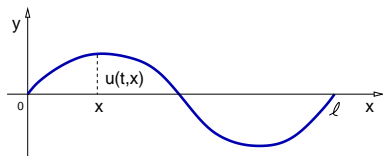


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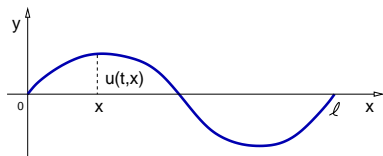
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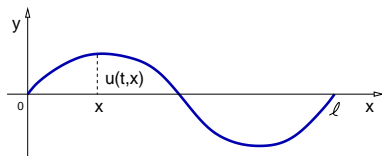
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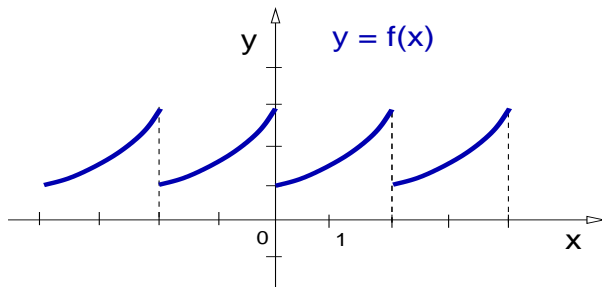
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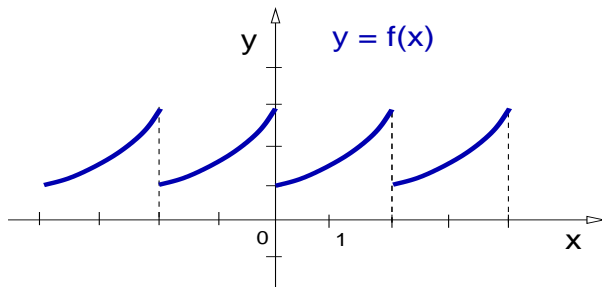
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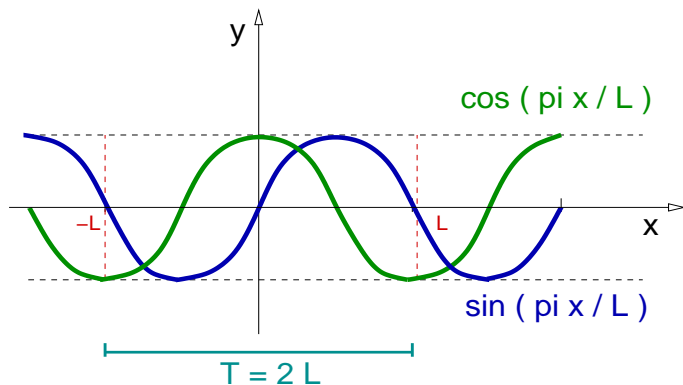
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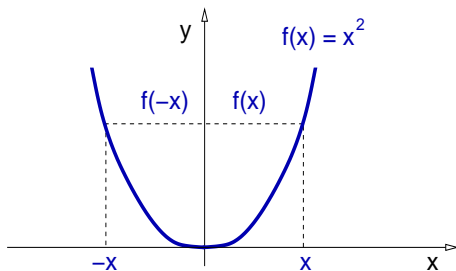
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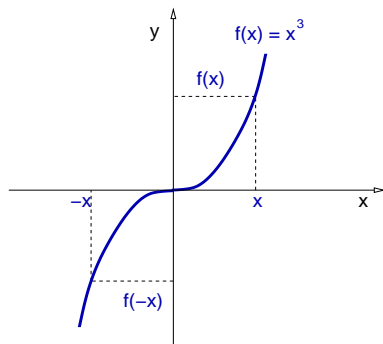
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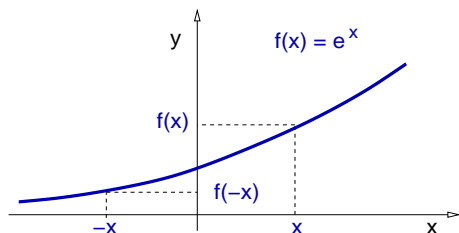
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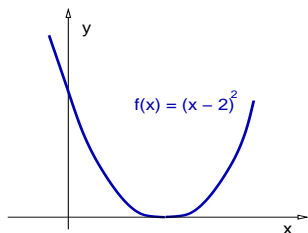
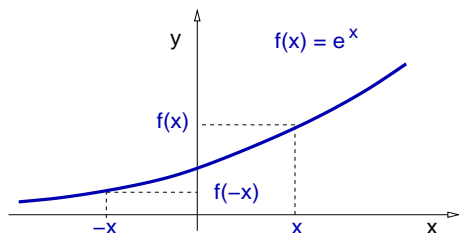
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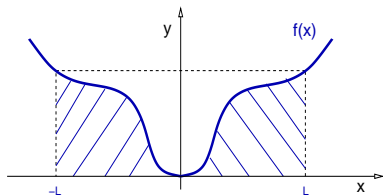
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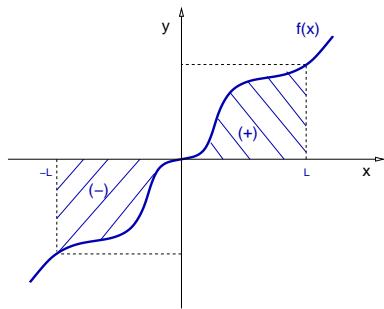
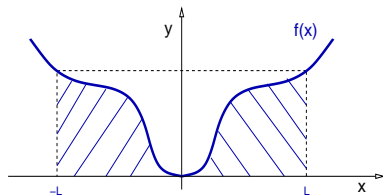


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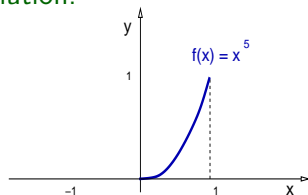
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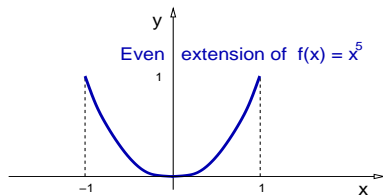
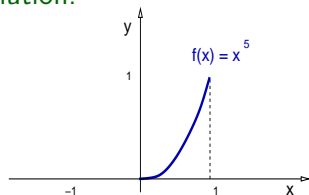


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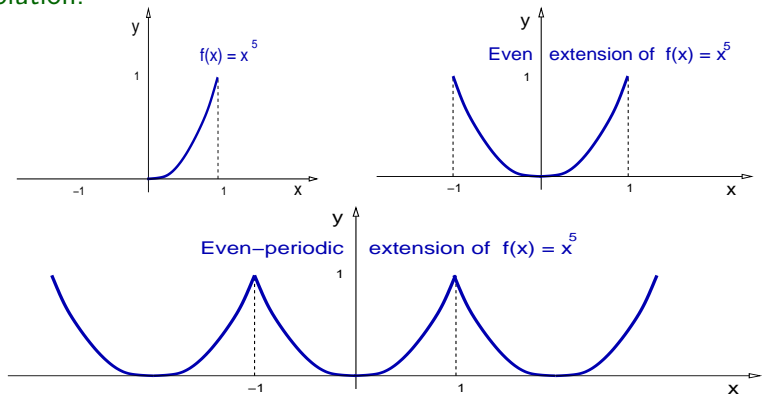


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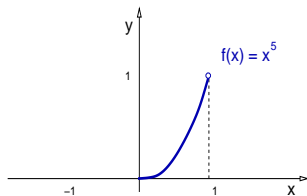
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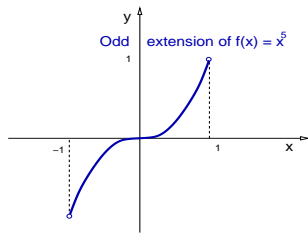
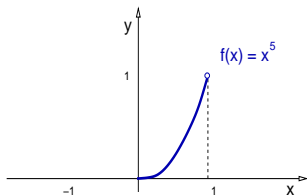


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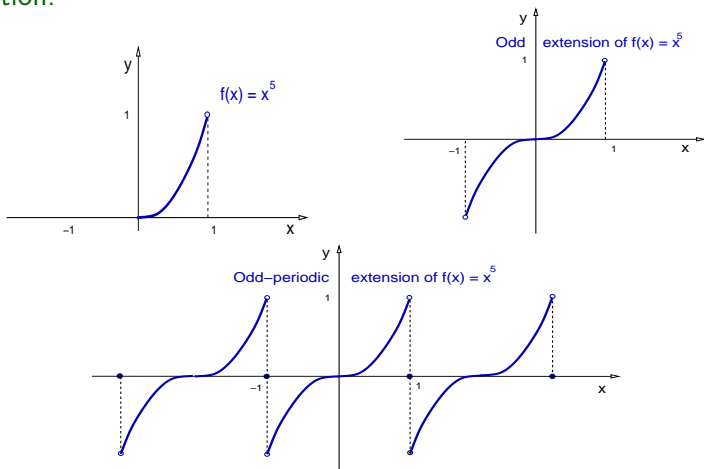


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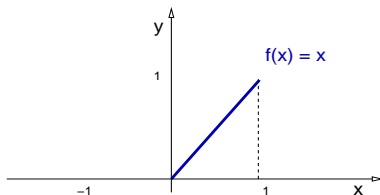
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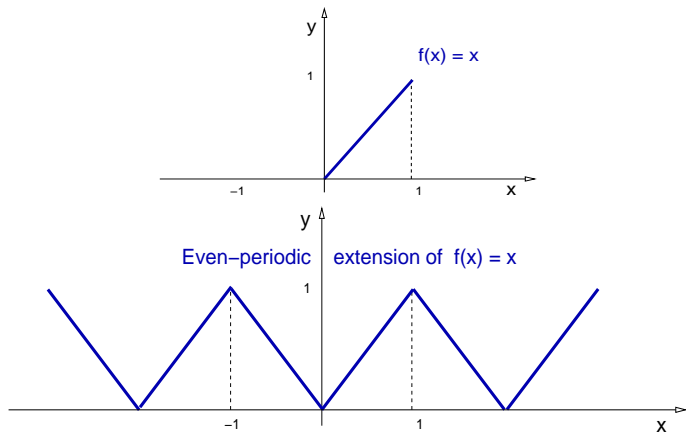


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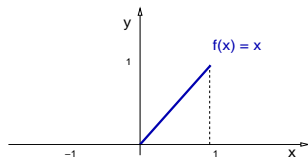
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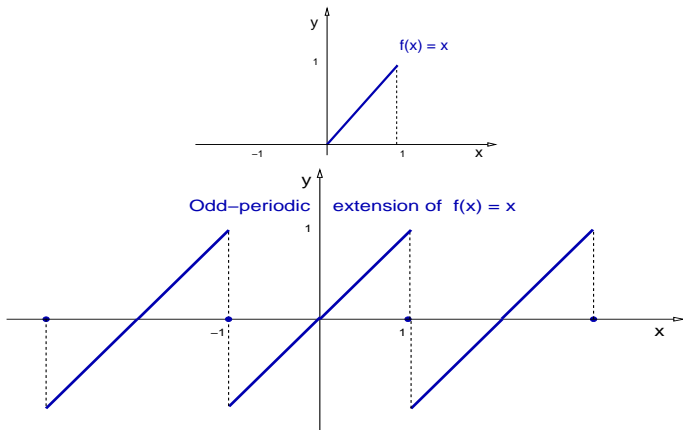


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