

Setting  $t = 0$ , we have

$$0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c}{l} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

so that all the  $B_n = 0$ . Setting  $t = 0$  in the expansion of  $u(x, t)$ , we have

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}.$$

This is exactly the series of Example 3. Therefore, the complete solution is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{2l}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l}. \quad \square$$

### EXERCISES

- In the expansion  $1 = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} (4/n\pi) \sin n\pi$ , valid for  $0 < x < \pi$ , put  $x = \pi/4$  to calculate the sum

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{13} + \cdots) + (\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{11} - \frac{1}{15} + \cdots) \\ = 1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

(Hint: Since each of the series converges, they can be combined as indicated. However, they cannot be arbitrarily rearranged because they are only conditionally, not absolutely, convergent.)

- Let  $\phi(x) \equiv x^2$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1 = l$ .
  - Calculate its Fourier sine series.
  - Calculate its Fourier cosine series.
- Consider the function  $\phi(x) \equiv x$  on  $(0, l)$ . On the same graph, *sketch* the following functions.
  - The sum of the first three (nonzero) terms of its Fourier sine series.
  - The sum of the first three (nonzero) terms of its Fourier cosine series.
- Find the Fourier cosine series of the function  $|\sin x|$  in the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ . Use it to find the sums

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4n^2 - 1}.$$

- Given the Fourier sine series of  $\phi(x) \equiv x$  on  $(0, l)$ . Assume that the series can be integrated term by term, a fact that will be shown later.
  - Find the Fourier cosine series of the function  $x^2/2$ . Find the constant of integration that will be the first term in the cosine series.