

In-class Demonstration: Fourier Approximations

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We start by using Maple to perform some tedious integrals for us.

Verify that the functions used as basis vectors in the approximating subspace are orthogonal.

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> Int(sin(i*Pi*x)*sin(j*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(sin(i*Pi*x)*sin(j*Pi*x)  
,x=-1..1);  
Int(sin(i*Pi*x)*sin(i*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(sin(i*Pi*x)*sin(i*Pi*  
x),x=-1..1);  
Int(sin(i*Pi*x)*cos(j*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(sin(i*Pi*x)*cos(j*Pi*  
x),x=-1..1);  
Int(cos(i*Pi*x)*cos(j*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(cos(i*Pi*x)*cos(j*Pi*  
x),x=-1..1);  
Int(cos(i*Pi*x)*cos(i*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(cos(i*Pi*x)*cos(i*Pi*  
x),x=-1..1);
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$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(i \pi x) \sin(j \pi x) dx = -\frac{2(i \cos(i \pi) \sin(j \pi) - j \sin(i \pi) \cos(j \pi))}{\pi(i^2 - j^2)}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(i \pi x)^2 dx = \frac{-\cos(i \pi) \sin(i \pi) + i \pi}{i \pi}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(i \pi x) \cos(j \pi x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \cos(i \pi x) \cos(j \pi x) dx = \frac{2(i \sin(i \pi) \cos(j \pi) - j \cos(i \pi) \sin(j \pi))}{\pi(i^2 - j^2)}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \cos(i \pi x)^2 dx = \frac{\cos(i \pi) \sin(i \pi) + i \pi}{i \pi} \quad (1)$$

That left us with some work still to do. Try again. This time we first tell Maple that i and j are integers (Maple assumes i and j are nonzero):

```
> assume(i,integer): assume(j,integer):  
interface(showassumed=0):  
> Int(sin(i*Pi*x)*sin(j*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(sin(i*Pi*x)*sin(j*Pi*x)  
,x=-1..1);  
Int(sin(i*Pi*x)*sin(i*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(sin(i*Pi*x)*sin(i*Pi*  
x),x=-1..1);  
Int(sin(i*Pi*x)*cos(j*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(sin(i*Pi*x)*cos(j*Pi*  
x),x=-1..1);  
Int(cos(i*Pi*x)*cos(j*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(cos(i*Pi*x)*cos(j*Pi*  
x),x=-1..1);  
Int(cos(i*Pi*x)*cos(i*Pi*x),x=-1..1) = int(cos(i*Pi*x)*cos(i*Pi*  
x),x=-1..1);
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$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(i \pi x) \sin(j \pi x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(i \pi x)^2 dx = 1$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(i \pi x) \cos(j \pi x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \cos(i \pi x) \cos(j \pi x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \cos(i \pi x)^2 dx = 1 \quad (2)$$

We need to also integrate against 1:

```
> Int(sin(i*Pi*x)*1,x=-1..1) = int(sin(i*Pi*x)*1,x=-1..1);
Int(cos(i*Pi*x)*1,x=-1..1) = int(cos(i*Pi*x)*1,x=-1..1);
Int(1*1,x=-1..1) = int(1*1,x=-1..1);
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$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(i \pi x) dx = 0$$

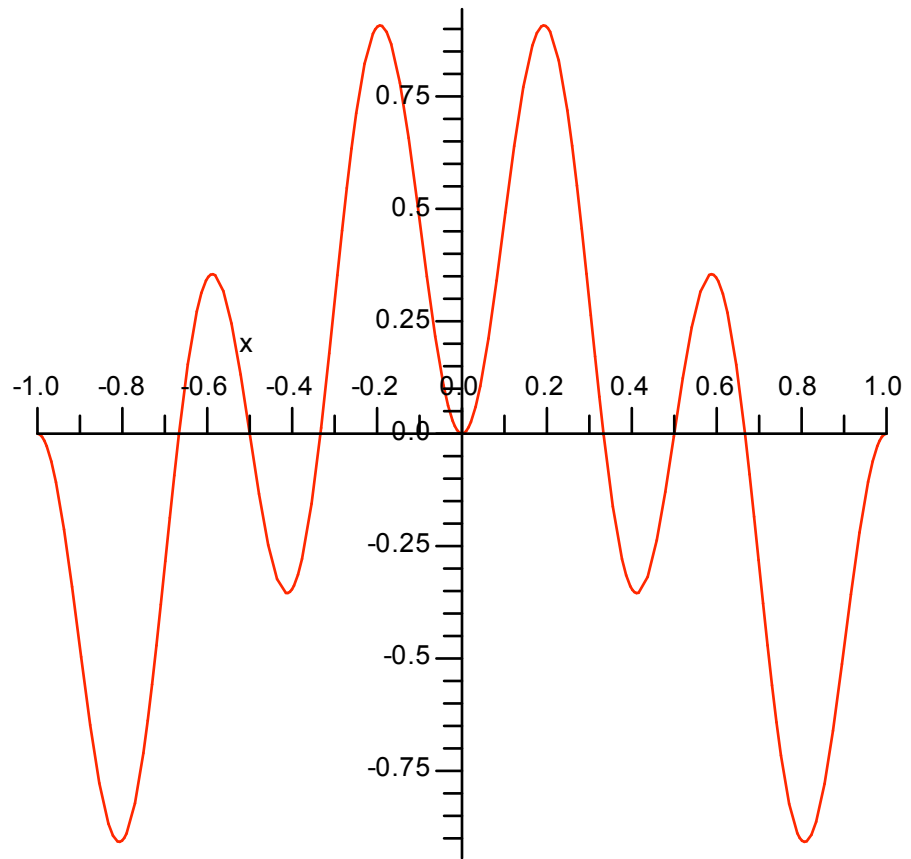
$$\int_{-1}^1 \cos(i \pi x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 2 \quad (3)$$

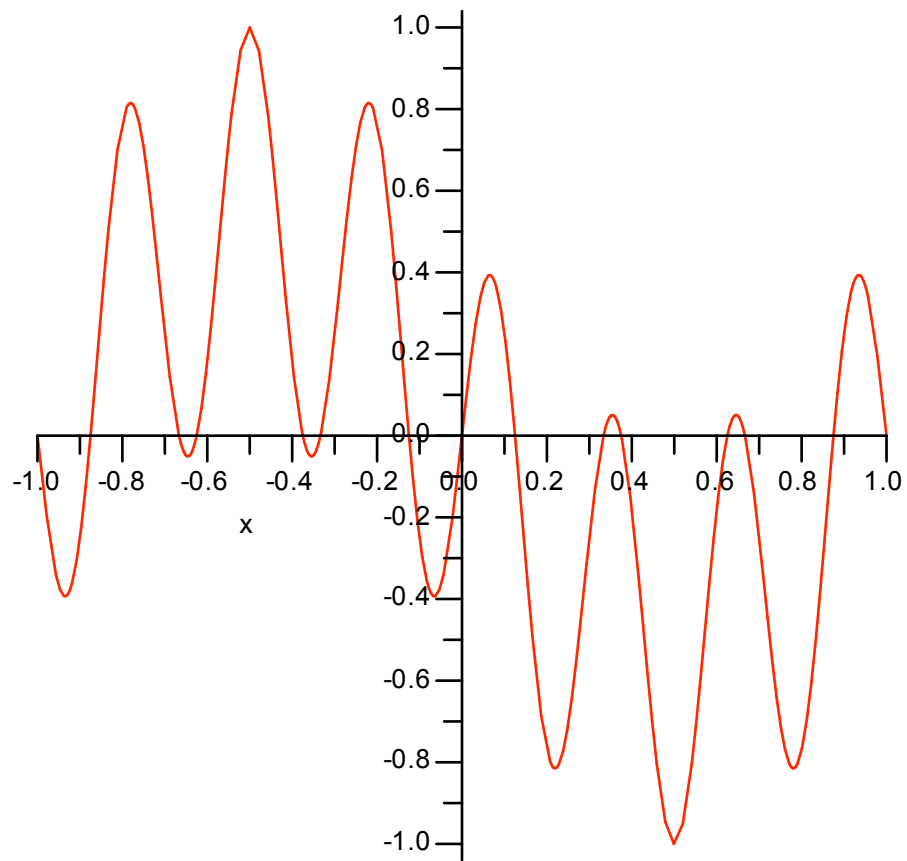
To compensate for the value of this final integral, we must remember to half the coefficient of this constant function later.

Graph several of these integrands as a reality check - note that in each case it appears that the signed area from $x=-1$ to $x=1$ has the appropriate value (0 or 1):

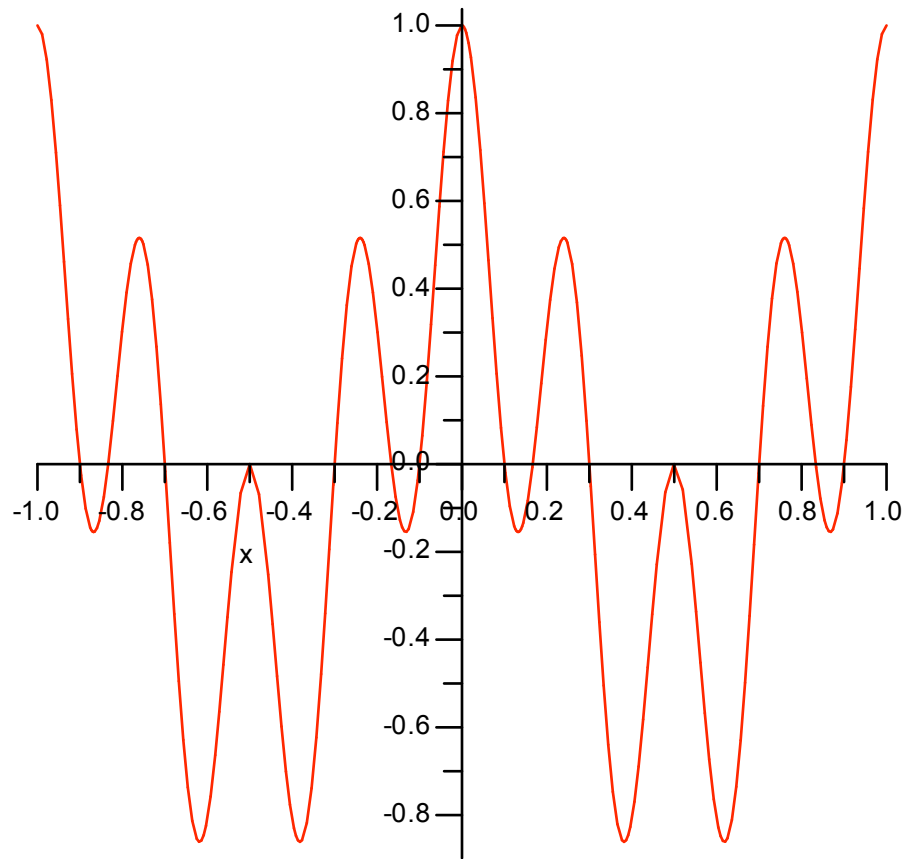
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> plot(sin(2*Pi*x)*sin(3*Pi*x),x=-1..1);
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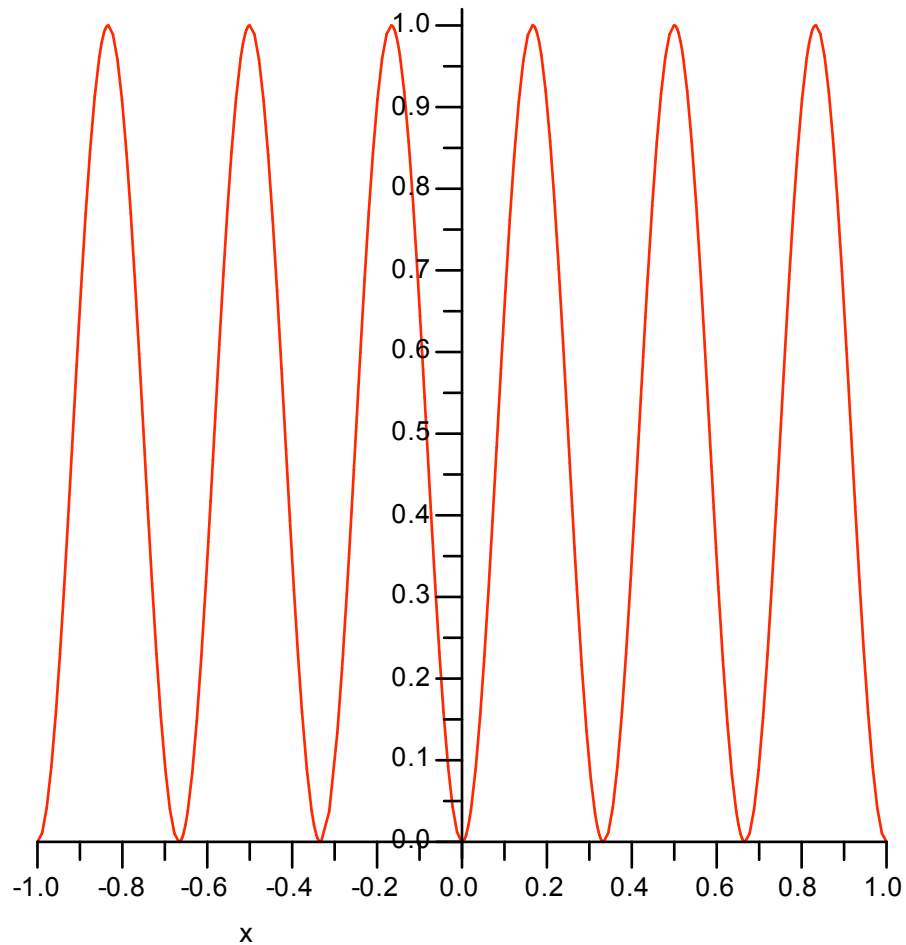
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> plot(sin(3*Pi*x)*cos(4*Pi*x),x=-1..1);
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> plot(cos(5*Pi*x)*cos(3*Pi*x),x=-1..1);
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```
> plot(sin(3*Pi*x)*sin(3*Pi*x),x=-1..1);
```



Example

Find Fourier approximations for $f(x) = x$.

We compute the Fourier coefficients for $f(x) = x$

```
> Int(x*sin(j*Pi*x), x=-1..1) = int(x*sin(j*Pi*x), x=-1..1);
Int(x*cos(j*Pi*x), x=-1..1) = int(x*cos(j*Pi*x), x=-1..1);
Int(x, x=-1..1) = int(x, x=-1..1);
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$$\int_{-1}^1 x \sin(j \pi x) dx = \frac{2 (-1)^{(1+j)}}{j \pi}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x \cos(j \pi x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x dx = 0$$

(4)

Note there are only sine terms (not surprisingly, since f is an odd function).

Next use Maple to write a general expression for the order n approximation

```
> Fapprox := (x,n) ->
  sum(-2*(-1)^j/(j*Pi)*sin(j*Pi*x),j=1..n);
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$$F_{\text{approx}} := (x, n) \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n \left(-\frac{2(-1)^j \sin(j\pi x)}{j\pi} \right)$$

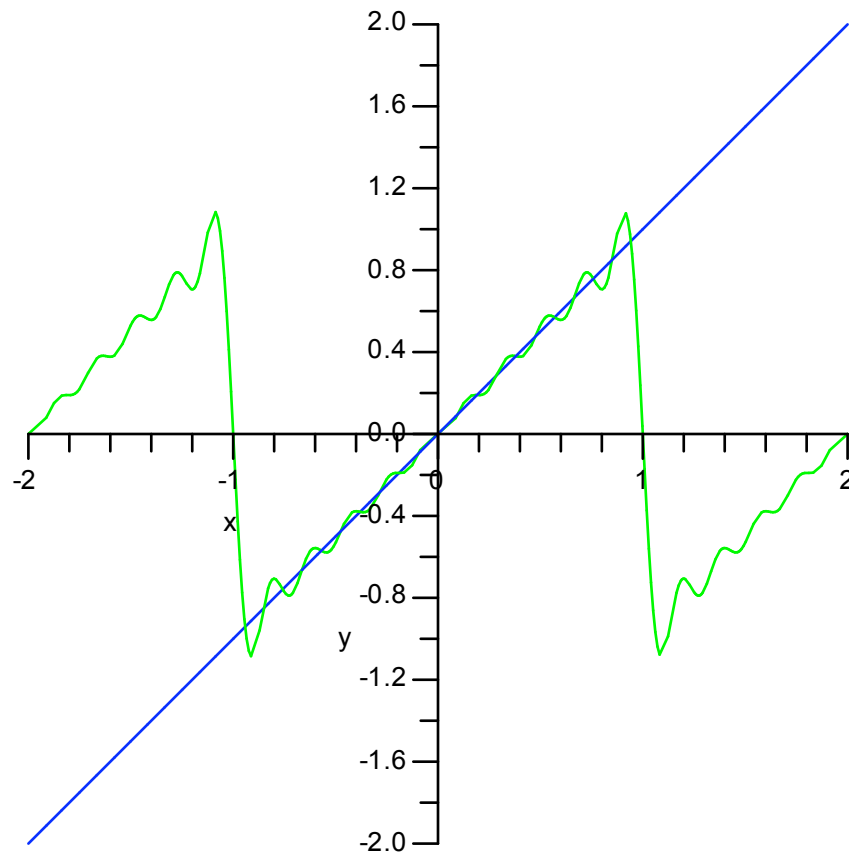
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We can now plot (say) a 10 term approximation against $f(x)$.

```
> eval(Fapprox(x,10));
plot([Fapprox(x,10),x],x=-2..2,y = -2..2,
  title = " 10th Order Fourier approximation to y =x",
  titlefont = [HELVETICA,12], color = [green,blue]);
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$$\frac{2 \sin(\pi x)}{\pi} - \frac{\sin(2\pi x)}{\pi} + \frac{2 \sin(3\pi x)}{3\pi} - \frac{1 \sin(4\pi x)}{2\pi} + \frac{2 \sin(5\pi x)}{5\pi} - \frac{1 \sin(6\pi x)}{3\pi} \\ + \frac{2 \sin(7\pi x)}{7\pi} - \frac{1 \sin(8\pi x)}{4\pi} + \frac{2 \sin(9\pi x)}{9\pi} - \frac{1 \sin(10\pi x)}{5\pi}$$

10th Order Fourier approximation to $y = x$



We can also animate this plot.

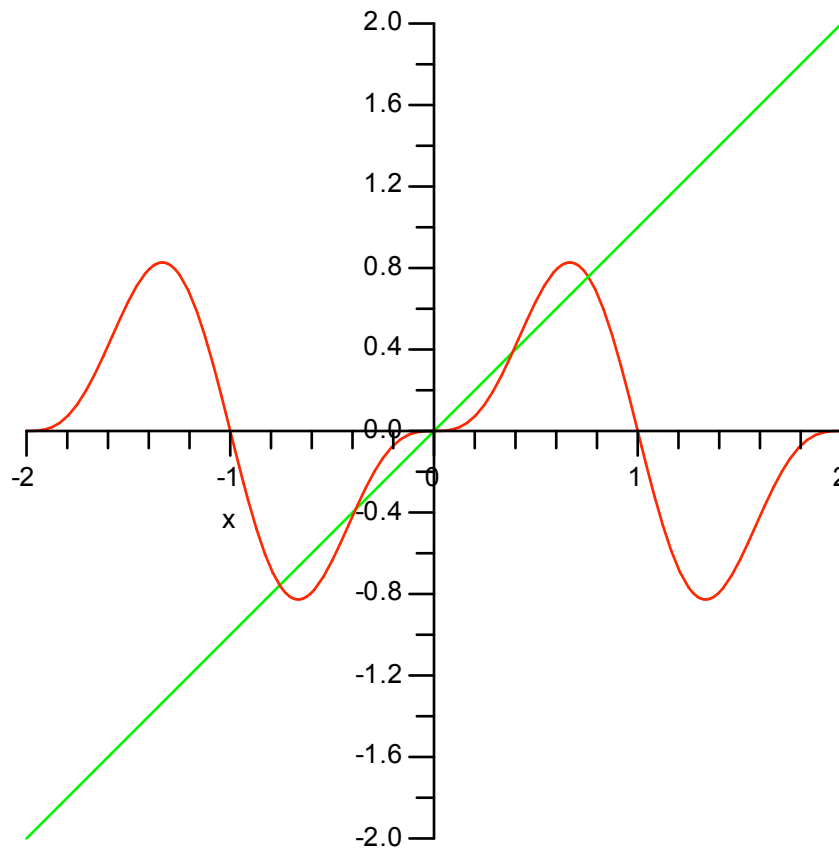
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> mindeg := 2: degsteps := 20: bydeg := 4:
A := display(seq(plot([Fapprox(x,mindeg + bydeg*i),x],
  x=-2..2,y=-2..2,
  title="degree = " || (mindeg + bydeg*i), titlefont=[HELVETICA,
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14]),
    i=0..degsteps), insequence=true):
B := animate(func, x=-2..2, y=-2..2, frames=degsteps+1):
print(" x vs its Fourier approximation");
display(A, B, view=[-2..2, -2..2]);
" x vs its Fourier approximation"

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degree = 2



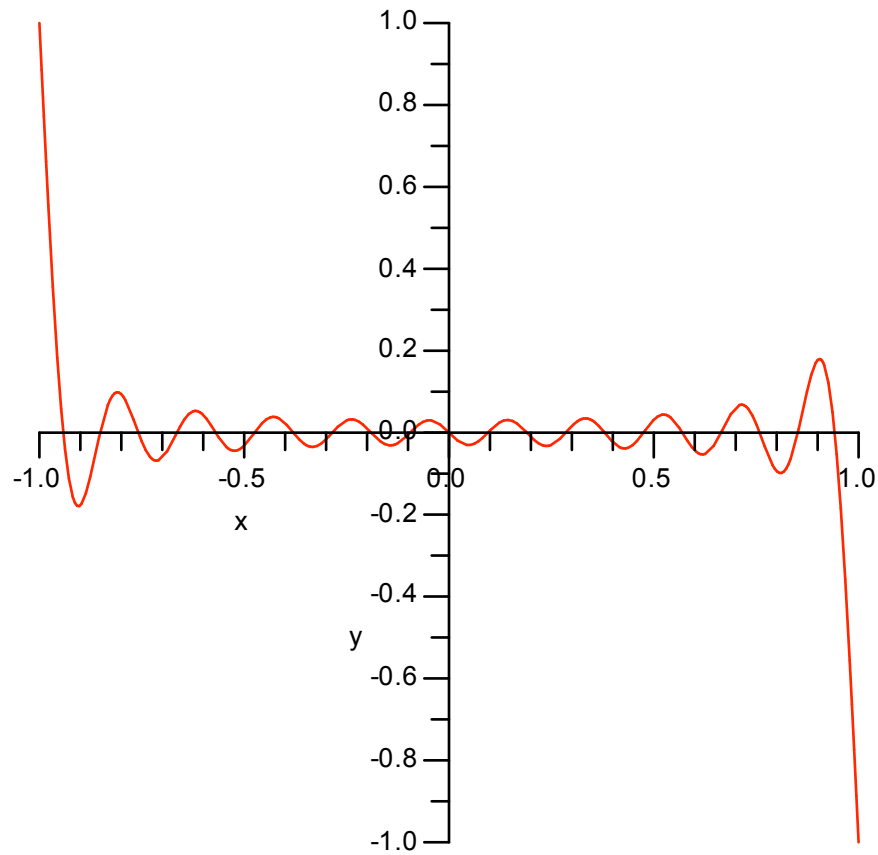
It is also useful to plot the error between the function and the approximation.

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> plot(Fapprox(x,10)-x,x=-1..1,y=-1..1,
      title = "error in 10th Order Fourier approximation to y = x",
      titlefont = [HELVETICA,12], color = red);

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error in 10th Order Fourier approximation to $y = x$



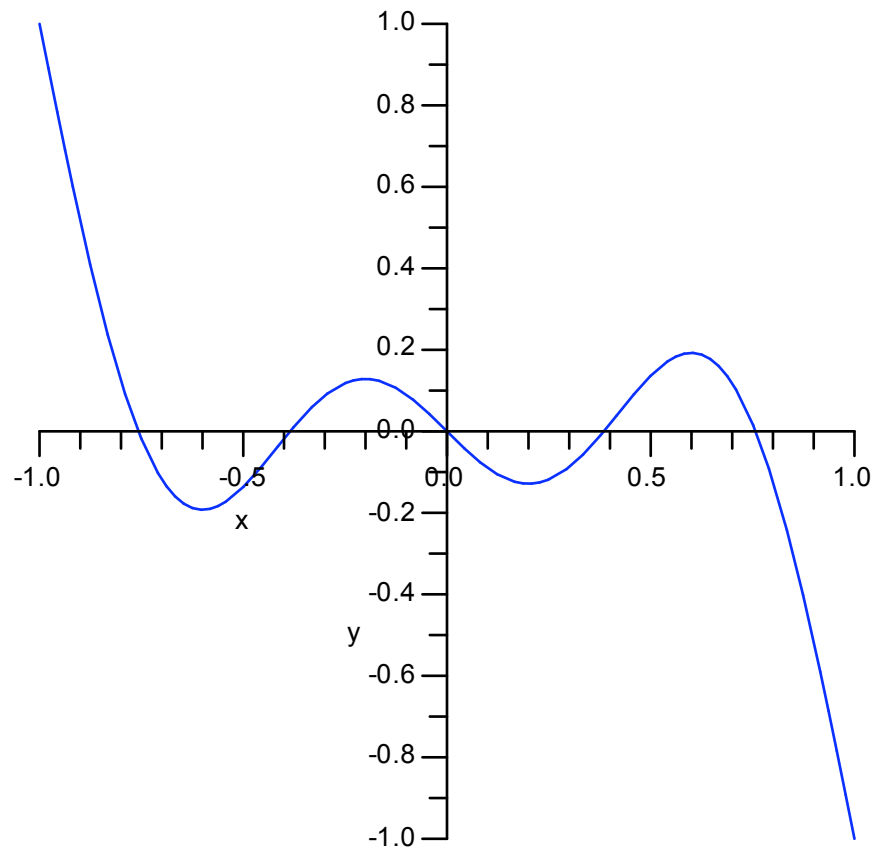
Similarly, we can animate the plot of the error function.

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> mindeg := 2: degsteps := 20: bydeg :=4:  
print("Error in nth order Fourier approximation to y=x"):  
display(seq(  
  plot(Fapprox(x,mindeg + bydeg*i)-x,  
    x=-1..1, y=-1..1, color=blue,  
    title="order = " || (mindeg + bydeg*i), titlefont=[HELVETICA,  
14]),  
  i=0..degsteps), insequence=true);
```

>

"Error in nth order Fourier approximation to y=x"

order = 2



Higher order approximations match the function f even more closely!

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