PHYS 301 HOMEWORK #3

Due: 31 Jan. 2014

1. Find the Fourier coefficients and Fourier series for the function :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi < x < 0 \\ \sin x, & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$$

You may use Mathematica to compute integrals, but you must submit your output with your homework. Then use the series you compute to show that :

$$\sum_{n=2,\text{even}}^{\infty} 2 / (n^2 - 1) = 1$$

where the sum is over all even values of n.

For problems 2 - 5, compute the values of the indicated expressions for integer values of n. You can end your computations when the pattern begins to repeat. (You may use *Mathematica* to verify your results, but you must do these calculations by hand.)

- 2. $1 \cos(n \pi/2)$
- 3. $\cos (n \pi/4)$
- 4. $\sin (n \pi/4) 1$
- 5. $\sin (n \pi/8)$
- 6. Show that $\cos (i y) = \cosh y$ and $\sin (i y) = i \sinh y$ where \cosh and \sinh are the hyperbolic functions.