Aero 320: Numerical Methods Lab Assignment 15

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Problem 1

Least squares approximation of a continuous function

Find the least squares approximation of the form $\widehat{f}(x) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx$, for the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -\pi \le x < 0, \\ +1, & 0 \le x \le \pi. \end{cases}$$