Physics 211: Modern Physics

Problem Set 6: Due 19 Nov 2024

1. Fourier Series

Consider a piecewise function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \le 1\\ 2 - x & \text{if } 1 < x \le 3\\ x - 4 & \text{if } 3 \le x \le 5 \end{cases}$$

a) Sketch the function in a Pluto notebook. You will have to define a function f(x) that takes as input values of x between 0 and 5. Label your axes!

b) Now compute the Fourier series for this function. I recommend using paper to start, but then typeset the resulting series in a markdown cell in your Pluto notebook. (Hint: Will your Fourier series include both sine and cosine terms? Think about the symmetry of the function!)

c) Define a function and use a slider or a some interactive element to plot the original function and the Fourier series on the same plot.

2. De Broglie

Taylor, problem 6.2

3. Electron vs Blue light

Taylor, problem 6.4

4. Electron vs Neutron

Taylor, problem 6.6

5. Double Slit Electron

Taylor, problem 6.14