

$$b_n = \frac{8(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi(4 - n^2\pi^2)} \quad (6)$$

Using (6) in (4) we get,

$$x(t) = \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \sin n\pi t}{n(4 - n^2\pi^2)} \quad (7)$$

Example- 4. Consider an undefined spring-mass system given by:

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + k(x) = f(t) \quad (1)$$

where $m = \frac{1}{16} \text{ slug}$, spring constant $k = 4 \text{ lb / ft}^2$ and $f(t) = 4t, \quad 0 < t < 1.$

Solution. The Fourier series of $f(t)$ is:

$$4t = \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin n\pi t \quad (2)$$

So, equation (1) can also be written as:

$$\frac{1}{16} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 4x = \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin n\pi t \quad (3)$$