

Multiple Fourier Series

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Herein we will explore a few examples of multiple Fourier sine series on the square $D = [0, \pi] \times [0, \pi]$. These have the form:

$$f(x, y) \sim \sum_{n,m} \hat{f}(n, m) \sin(n x) \sin(m y), \quad \hat{f}(n, m) = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_D f(x, y) \sin(n x) \sin(m y) dA_{(x,y)}$$

The following command forms the square partial sums of the Fourier sine series with Fourier coefficients given as a table.

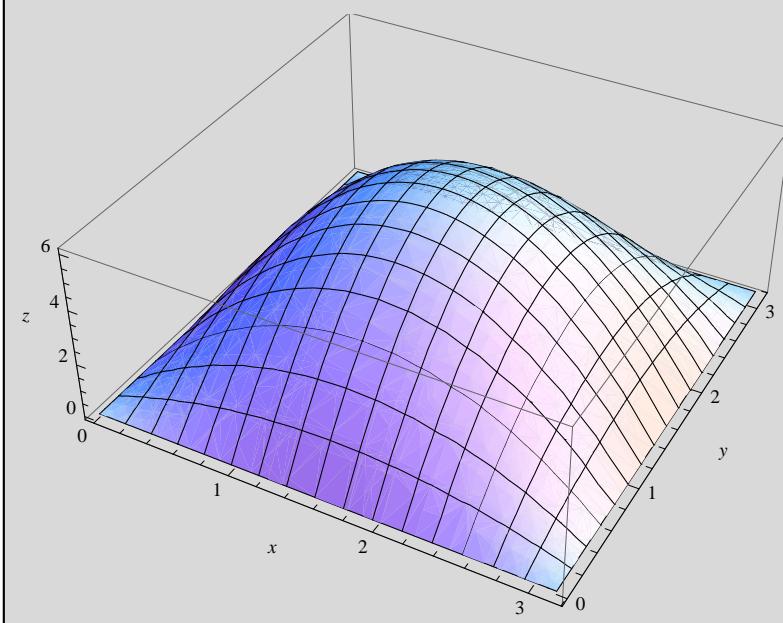
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In[23]:= parsum[x_, y_, N_, a_] :=
  Sum[a[[n, m]] Sin[n x] Sin[m y], {n, 1, N}, {m, 1, N}]
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Example 1

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In[24]:= f1[x_, y_] := x (Pi - x) y (Pi - y)
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In[25]:= Plot3D[f1[x, y], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}, AxesLabel -> {x, y, z}]
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Out[25]=



This function is actually a product of a function of x with a function of y , hence the double Fourier sine coefficients are the products of the one dimensional Fourier coefficients. We can implement this as follows.

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In[26]:= g[k_] := FourierSinCoefficient[x (Pi - x), x, k]
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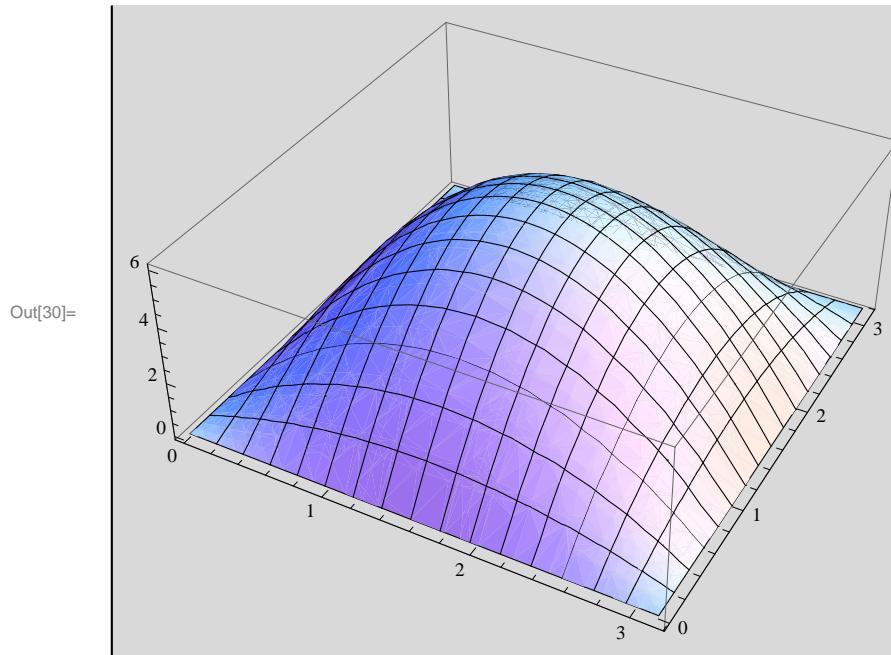
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In[27]:= f1hat[n_, m_] := g[n] g[m]
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In[28]:= f1hat[n, m]
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$$\frac{16 (-1 + (-1)^m) (-1 + (-1)^n)}{m^3 n^3 \pi^2}$$

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In[29]:= a1 = Table[f1hat[n, m], {n, 1, 10}, {m, 1, 10}];
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In[30]:= Plot3D[parsum[x, y, 10, a1], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}]
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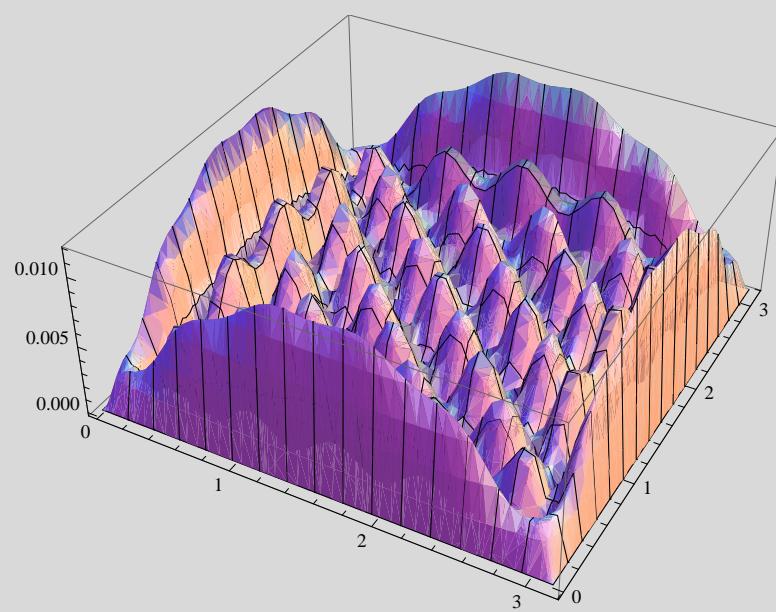


Visually, we cannot see much difference between the partial sum plot and that of the actual function. The following is a depiction of the error.

In[31]:=

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Plot3D[Abs[f1[x, y] - parsum[x, y, 10, a1]],
{x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}, PlotPoints → 40]
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Out[31]=



Notice the growth in error along the boundaries; undoubtably this is due to the fact that the partial derivatives of the function are discontinuous across the boundary (think in terms of the periodic extension of this function).

Example 2

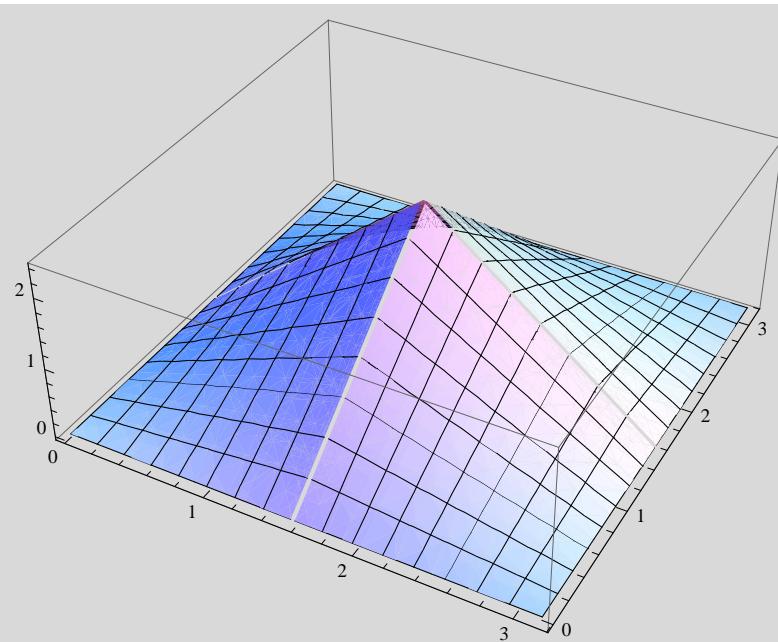
In[32]:=

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f2[x_, y_] := Piecewise[{{x y, 0 ≤ x ≤ Pi / 2 && 0 ≤ y ≤ Pi / 2},
{x (Pi - y), 0 ≤ x < Pi / 2 && Pi / 2 ≤ y ≤ Pi},
{-(Pi - x) y, Pi / 2 ≤ x ≤ Pi && 0 ≤ y ≤ Pi / 2},
{-(Pi - x) (Pi - y), Pi / 2 ≤ x ≤ Pi && Pi / 2 ≤ y ≤ Pi}]
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In[33]:=

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Plot3D[f2[x, y], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}]
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Out[33]=



In[34]:=

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Integrate[f2[x, y] Sin[n x] Sin[m y], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}]
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Out[34]=

$$\frac{1}{m^2 n^2} \left(4 \sin\left[\frac{m\pi}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{n\pi}{2}\right] - 2 \sin[m\pi] \sin\left[\frac{n\pi}{2}\right] - 2 \sin\left[\frac{m\pi}{2}\right] \sin[n\pi] + \sin[m\pi] \sin[n\pi] \right)$$

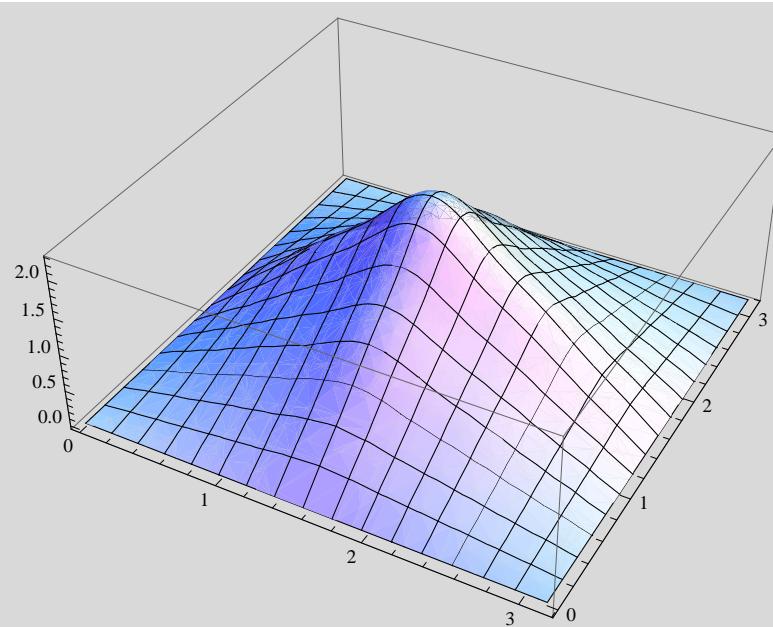
In[35]:=

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a2 = (4 / Pi^2) Table[% , {n, 1, 10}, {m, 1, 10}];
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In[36]:=

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Plot3D[parsum[x, y, 10, a2], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}]
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Out[36]=

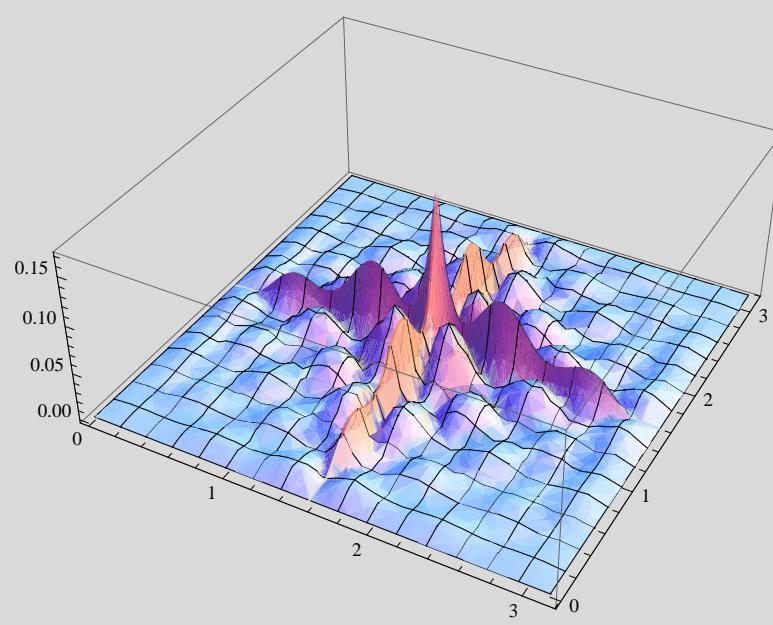


For a look at the error, consider the following.

In[37]:=

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Plot3D[Abs[f2[x, y] - parsum[x, y, 10, a2]],
{x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}, PlotRange -> Full, PlotPoints -> 25]
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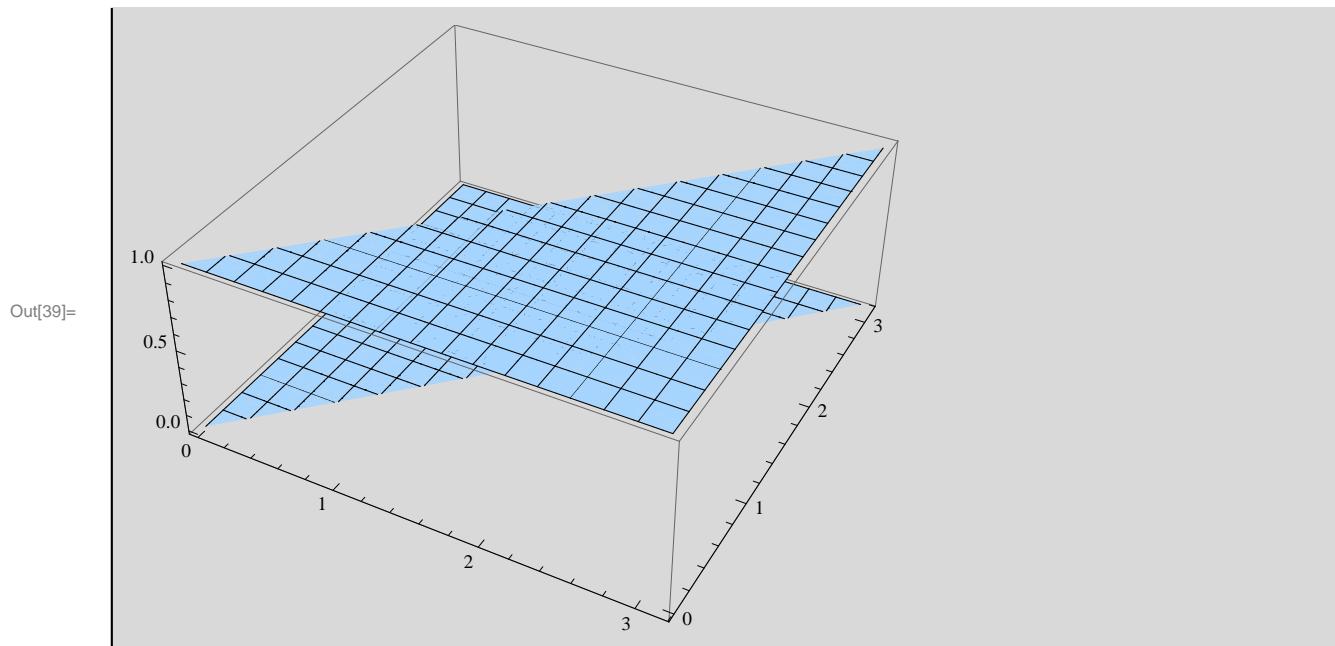
Out[37]=



Example 3

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In[38]:= f3[x_, y_] :=
  Piecewise[{{1, 0 <= x <= Pi && 0 <= y <= x}, {0, 0 <= x <= Pi && x < y <= Pi}}]
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In[39]:= Plot3D[f3[x, y], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}]
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In[40]:= Integrate[Sin[n x] Sin[m y], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, x}]
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Out[40]=

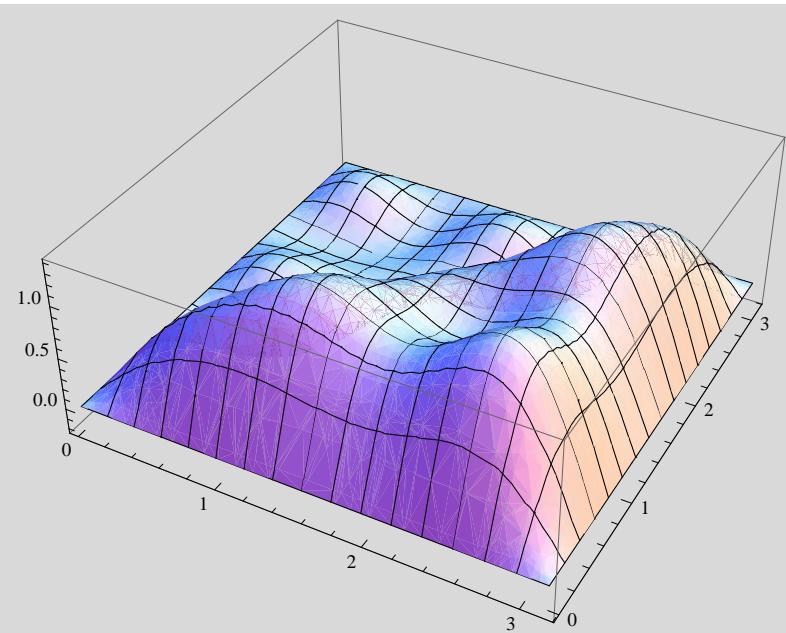
$$\frac{1 - \cos[n\pi]}{m n} + \frac{n - n \cos[m\pi] \cos[n\pi] - m \sin[m\pi] \sin[n\pi]}{m^3 - m n^2}$$

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In[41]:= a3 =
  Table[(4/Pi^2) Integrate[Sin[n x] Sin[m y], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, x}],
  {n, 1, 15}, {m, 1, 15}];
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In[42]:=

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Plot3D[parsum[x, y, 5, a3], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}]
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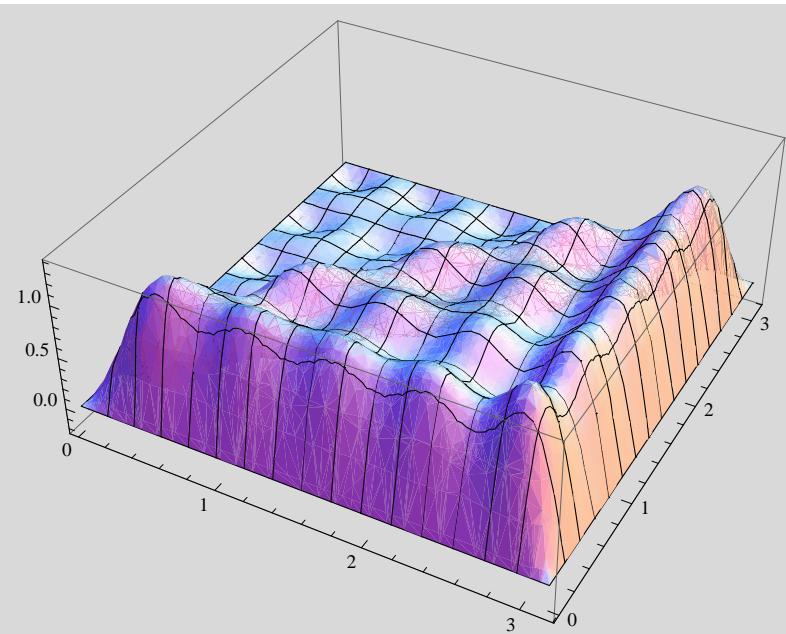
Out[42]=



In[43]:=

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Plot3D[parsum[x, y, 10, a3], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}]
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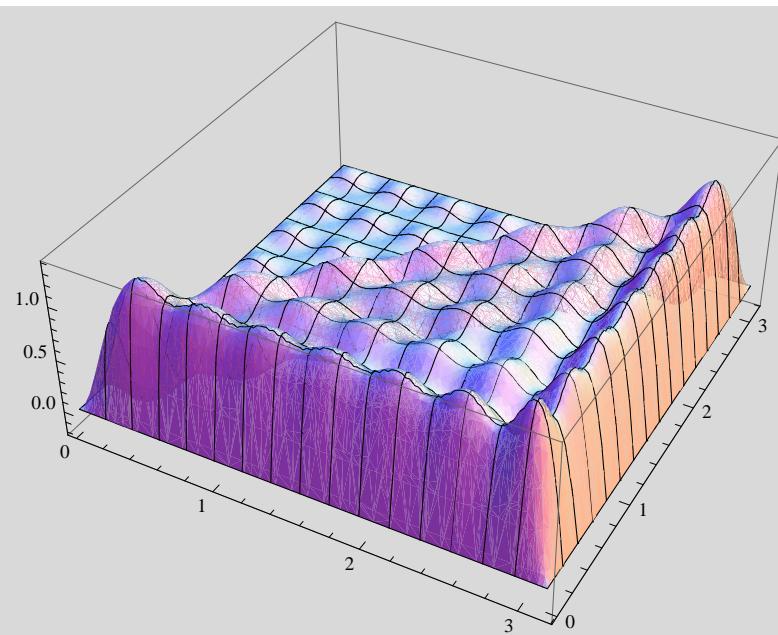
Out[43]=



In[44]:=

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Plot3D[parsum[x, y, 15, a3], {x, 0, Pi}, {y, 0, Pi}, PlotPoints -> 30]
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Out[44]=



A view of the partial sums relative to the periodic extension of this function is seen as follows.

In[45]:=

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Plot3D[parsum[x, y, 15, a3], {x, 0, 2 Pi}, {y, 0, 2 Pi}]
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Out[45]=

