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Complex Fourier series.

If we have a function on $(-\pi, \pi)$ we can also expand as an exponential Fourier series.

We define $\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\varphi) e^{-in\varphi} d\varphi$

These are the Fourier coefficients

Then if f is differentiable

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n) e^{in\theta}$$

Similar results hold as for the regular series.

For Example if $\|f\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx$

Then $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 = \|f\|^2$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\hat{f}(n)| = 0$ if f is continuous.

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We will use this later

Return to PDEs We solved

$$u_t = k u_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0$$

$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$, $u(x, 0) = f(x)$. We now know that if f' exists

$$u(x, t) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y) dy \right\} \sin(n\pi x) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 k t}$$

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If $k=1$, $f(x) = x(1-x)$

$$b_n = 2 \int_0^1 y(1-y) \sin(n\pi y) dy = \frac{4(1-(-1)^n)}{n^3 \pi^3}$$

So

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4 \frac{(1-(-1)^n)}{n^3 \pi^3} \sin(n\pi x) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{(2n+1)^3 \pi^3} \sin((2n+1)\pi x) e^{-(2n+1)^2 \pi^2 t}$$

We only need a few terms to get a very accurate solution

Example $u_t = u_{xx}$, $x \in [0, L]$, $t \geq 0$

$$u(x,0) = f(x) \quad u_x(0,t) = u_x(L,t) = 0$$

We use separation of variables.

$$u(x,t) = X(x)T(t), \quad X'(0) = X'(L) = 0$$

We have

$$X''T = XT'$$

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{T} = \lambda, \text{ a constant.}$$

Let $\lambda = \omega^2 > 0$. Then $X'' - \omega^2 X = 0$

or $X(x) = A e^{\omega x} + B e^{-\omega x}$

$$X'(x) = \omega (A e^{\omega x} - B e^{-\omega x})$$

So

$$X'(0) = \omega(A - B) = 0 \quad \therefore A = B$$

$$X'(L) = \omega A(e^{\omega L} - e^{-\omega L}) = 0$$

$$\therefore A = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

and this gives $X = 0$

So λ cannot be positive.

$$X'' + \omega^2 X = 0$$

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If $\lambda = -\omega^2$, $X(x) = A \cos(\omega x) + B \sin(\omega x)$
 $X'(0) = -A\omega \sin 0 + B\omega \cos 0 = 0$
 $\therefore B = 0$

$X'(L) = -\omega A \sin(\omega L) = 0$
 $\therefore \omega L = n\pi, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\omega = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

So $X_n(x) = A \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

$$\lambda = -\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$$

Solution satisfying the boundary conditions are satisfied by

$$u_n(x, t) = B_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} t}$$

($T' = \lambda T$) To satisfy $u(x, 0) = f(x)$

We write

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} t}$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$B_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(y) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right) dy$$

We can have mixed B.C. eg.

$$\alpha_1 u(0, t) + \beta_1 u_x(0, t) = 0$$

$$\alpha_2 u(L, t) + \beta_2 u_x(L, t) = 0$$

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The Wave Equation Solve

$$\frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt} = u_{xx}$$

$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$$

We use separation of variables

$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t). \text{ Then } X(0) = X(L) = 0$$

We have

$$X''T = \frac{1}{c^2}XT''$$

$$\text{or } \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''}{T} = \lambda, \text{ a constant}$$

$$\text{Hence } X'' = \lambda X. \text{ Set } \lambda = k^2 > 0$$

$$X'' - k^2 X = 0 \quad X(0) = X(L) = 0$$

Same problem as before. $X=0$ is only solution. $\lambda=0$ gives $X=0$.

$$\text{If } \lambda = -k^2. \quad X_n(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right). \quad \lambda = -\frac{n^2\pi^2}{L^2}$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{d^2 T}{dt^2} = -\frac{n^2\pi^2 c^2}{L^2} T$$

For each n

$$T_n(t) = D_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L} t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L} t\right)$$

$$u_n(x, t) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) T_n(t)$$

Then we have a solution by superposition

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L} t\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L} t\right)$$

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So $u(x,0) = f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$ as $\sin 0 = 0$
 $\cos 0 = 1$

$$\therefore C_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right) dy$$

Next

$$u_t(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \frac{n\pi c}{L} \sin(0) \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \frac{n\pi c}{L} \cos 0 \\ = g(x)$$

$$\therefore g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \frac{n\pi c}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$\text{So } A_n \frac{n\pi c}{L} = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right) dy$$

$$\text{or } A_n = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^L g(y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right) dy$$

$$\text{So } u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right) dy \right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L} t\right) \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^L g(y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right) dy \right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L} t\right)$$

Example Take $L=1$, $f(x) = x(1-x)$, $g(x) = x$

$$A_n = 2 \int_0^1 g(y) \sin(n\pi y) dy = \frac{4(1-(-1)^n)}{n^3 \pi^3}$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^1 y \sin(n\pi y) dy = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2 \pi^2 c}$$

Take $c=1$. See p148

Laplace's Equation. This is

$$\Delta u = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_k^2} = 0$$

Δ is the Laplacian.

Theorem (The maximum principle). Let $\Delta u = 0$ on $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Then the maximum and minimum values of the solution occur on the boundary of Ω , written $\partial\Omega$.

Theorem Consider the Dirichlet problem $\Delta u = 0$, $x \in \Omega$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
 $u|_{\partial\Omega} = f$

If there is a solution, it is unique.
Proof Let u, v both solve the problem. Thus $\Delta u = \Delta v = 0$
 $u|_{\partial\Omega} = f$, $v|_{\partial\Omega} = f$

$$\Delta(u-v) = 0, \text{ and } u|_{\partial\Omega} - v|_{\partial\Omega} = f - f = 0$$

$$\text{So } \max(u-v) = \min(u-v) = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } u-v = 0 \text{ or } u = v$$

Example Solve

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq a, \quad 0 \leq y \leq b$$

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(a, y) = 0, \quad u(x, b) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x)$$