

## Fourier series

$f$   $2L$ -periodic

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \right)$$

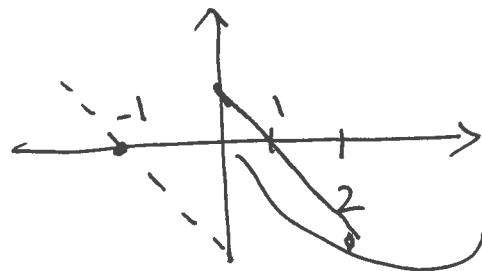
$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$

Example (Fall 2015 #1)

Let  $f(x) = 1-x$  ~~be 2-periodic~~, defined  $[0, 2]$

Consider the odd extension of period 4,  $g(x)$ .

Find the Fourier series of  $g(x)$ .



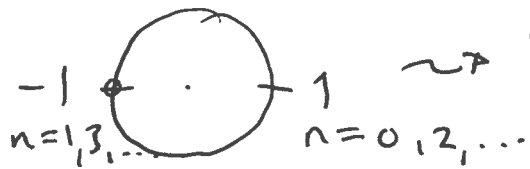
$$g(-x) = -g(x)$$

Fourier series converges  
at the average.

Since we compute the Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$   
 (since  $g(x)$  is the odd extension)

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx = \int_0^2 (1-x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 + \cos n\pi)$$



$$\cos n\pi = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\ -1 & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \end{cases} = (-1)^n$$

$$= \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 + (-1)^n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{4}{n\pi} & \text{if } n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Fourier series:  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{2m\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2m\pi}{2}x\right)$

→ Replace  $n \rightsquigarrow 2m$

# Solving PDEs with Fourier series

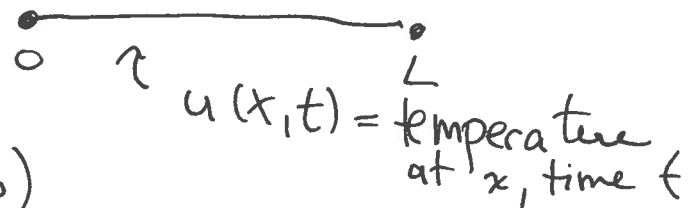
Wave equation:  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$



Boundary conditions:  $u(0, t) = 0 = u(L, t)$   
for all  $t \geq 0$

Initial conditions:  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  initial position  
 $u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$  initial velocity  
 $0 \leq x \leq L$

Heat equation:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$



Boundary conditions (varies)

Initial condition:  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  initial temperature

Example (Fall 2015 #6a): PDE  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - 2\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

$$0 < x < \pi, t \geq 0$$

Find all solutions of the form  $u(x,t) = F(x)G(t)$  that satisfy the boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,t) = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\pi,t) = 0 \quad t \geq 0$$

1) Suppose  $u(x,t) = F(x)G(t)$ . Plug this into the PDE to get two ODEs.

$$FG'' - 2FG' + FG = F''G$$

$$\Rightarrow F(G'' - 2G' + G) = F''G$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{F''}{F} = \frac{G'' - 2G' + G}{G} = K \text{ constant}$$

$$\text{Two ODEs: } \begin{cases} F'' - kF = 0 \\ G'' - 2G' + G = kG \end{cases}$$

2) Use the boundary conditions:  $F'(0)G(t) = 0 \Rightarrow F'(0) = 0$

$$F'(\pi) = 0$$

Three cases:  $\underbrace{k=p^2}_{\text{trivial}}$ ,  $\underbrace{k=0}_{F(x)=A}$ ,  $k=-p^2$

$k=0$ : 1<sup>st</sup> ODE  $F'' = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = A + Bx$   
 $\Rightarrow F'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$   
 $F'(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$

}  $F(x) = A$  is a solution.

2<sup>nd</sup> ODE:  $G'' - 2G' + G = 0$

$$\leadsto G(t) = Ce^t + Dte^t$$

$k=-p^2$ : 1<sup>st</sup> ODE:  $F(x) = A \cos px + B \sin px$ ,  $F'(x) = -A^p \sin px + B^p \cos px$

$$F'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow Bp = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$F'(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow -Ap \sin p\pi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{A=0}_{\text{trivial}} \text{ or } \sin p\pi = 0$$

$$F(x) = A \cos px \quad \Rightarrow p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\text{2nd ODE: } G'' - 2G' + G = -p^2 G$$

$$\leadsto G(t) = e^t (C \cos pt + D \sin pt)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_p(x, t) = e^t (C \cos pt + D \sin pt) \cos px \quad p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

————— The End

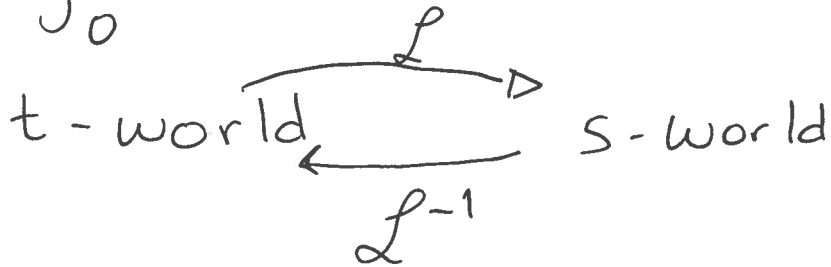
Normally, 3) If initial conditions, sum over all  $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} u_p(x, t)$  and use the initial conditions to find values for the coefficients via Fourier series.

Laplace transforms

$f$  defined  $t \geq 0$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f)(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

Solving ODEs:

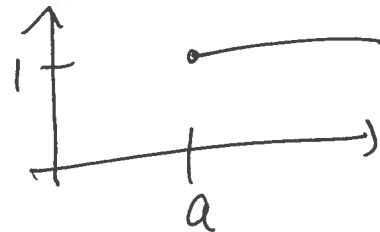


$$y'' + ay' + by = r(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{(sa)y(0) + y'(0)}{s^2 + as + b} + \frac{\mathcal{L}(r)}{s^2 + as + b}$$

$\xleftarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}}$

Unit step function

$$u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq a \\ 1 & \text{if } t > a \end{cases}$$



Functions by parts,  $f(t) = \begin{cases} g(t) & \text{if } 0 < t < a \\ h(t) & \text{if } t \geq a \end{cases}$

$$= g(t)(u(t-0) - u(t-a)) + h(t)u(t-a)$$

Example: (August 2016, #1)

Solve  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = t\delta(t-1)$ ,  $y(0)=1$ ,  $y'(0)=-1$

Apply  $\mathcal{L}$  on both sides:

$$(s^2 \mathcal{L}(y) - s(y(0)) - y'(0)) + 3(s \mathcal{L}(y) - y(0)) + 2 \mathcal{L}(y)$$

$$= e^{-s} \mathcal{L}(t+1) = e^{-s} \left( \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \right) = e^{-s} \left( \frac{s+1}{s^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{e^{-s} \frac{s+1}{s^2} + (s+2)}{s^2 + 3s + 2} = \frac{e^{-s} \frac{s+1}{s^2} + (s+2)}{(s+2)(s+1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s+1} + e^{-s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2(s+2)}$$

$$\leadsto \frac{1}{s^2(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{B}{s} + \frac{C}{s^2} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} C &= 1/2 \\ B &= -1/4 \\ A &= 1/4 \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{1}{s+1} + e^{-s} \left( \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{s^2} \right)$$

Apply inverse LT:  $y = e^{-t} + \left( \frac{1}{4} \cdot e^{-2(t-1)} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(t-1) \right) u(t-1)$

Fourier transforms

Example (August 2016, #8)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = t \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0 \quad \text{with initial conditions} \\ u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2/2}$$

We apply FT with respect to  $x$ .

$$\mathcal{K}(u_t) = \mathcal{K}(t u_{xx})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{K}(u) = t \mathcal{K}(u_{xx}) = -\omega^2 t \mathcal{K}(u)$$

↳ formula for derivatives

This is an ODE of  $t$

Can solve by separation of variables

$$\int \frac{\partial^2 F(u)}{\partial t^2} = \int -\omega^2 t \partial t \Rightarrow F(u) = C(\omega) e^{-\frac{\omega^2 t^2}{2}}$$

↳ Apply the inverse FT

From the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} C(\omega) = F(u)(\omega, 0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, 0) e^{-i\omega x} dx = \underbrace{F(u(x, 0))}_{\text{initial conditions}} \\ &= F(e^{-x^2/2}) \\ &= e^{-\omega^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

Get  $u$  by inverse FT:

$$u = \sqrt{\frac{1}{t^2+1}} e^{-\frac{1}{2t^2+2} x^2}$$