

Week 14 summary

- Solving the wave equation:  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$ . Assume  $u(x,t) = f(x)g(t)$ .

Eigenvalue equation (if  $c=1$ ):  $\frac{f''}{f} = \frac{g''}{g} = d$

$f(x) = a \cos wx + b \sin nx$ ,  $g(t) = A \cos wt + B \sin wt$ .

- Laplace operator:  $\nabla^2 f = \Delta f = \sum \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i^2}$

A function  $f$  is harmonic if  $\Delta f = 0$ .

Harmonic functions: \* Are as "flat as possible" (think: plastic wrap)

\* Have no local mins/maxs.

\* Model steady-state temperature distributions.

- Higher dimensional PDEs:

\* Heat equation:  $\Delta u = u_t$

\* Wave equation:  $\Delta u = u_{tt}$

\* Laplace's equation:  $\Delta u = 0$

- Solving Laplace's equation (in 2D):  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$

Assume  $u(x,y) = X(x)Y(y)$ .

Eigenvalue equation:  $\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = d \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} X_n(x) &= a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx \\ Y_n(y) &= A_n \cosh ny + B_n \sinh ny \end{aligned}$

Finally, use boundary conditions to find  $a_n, b_n, A_n, B_n$ .

Solution is the "plastic wrap surface" stretched over the boundary.

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• Solving the heat equation: (In 2D):  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = u_t$

Assume  $u(x, t) = F(x, y) g(t)$ .

Eigenvalue equation:  $\frac{\Delta F}{F} = \frac{g'}{g} = \lambda \Rightarrow F_{xx} + F_{yy} = \lambda$  (Helmholtz eqn)  
 $g(t) = C e^{\lambda t}$

To solve Helmholtz: Assume  $F(x, y) = X(x) Y(y)$ .

Eigenvalue equation:  $\frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \mu, \frac{Y''}{Y} = \nu$ .

$\mu = -m^2, \nu = -n^2, \lambda = \mu + \nu = -(m^2 + n^2)$

$X_m(x) = a_m \cos mx + b_m \sin mx, Y_n(y) = A \cos ny + B_n \sin ny$ .

$g_{mn}(t) = C_{mn} e^{-(m^2 + n^2)t}, F_{mn}(x, y) = X_m(x) Y_n(y)$ .

$u(x, y, t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_{mn}(x, y) g_{mn}(t)$ . Use initial condition.

Steady state:  $u_t \approx 0 \Rightarrow \Delta u = 0$ .

This week: Solving the 2D wave equation, & special topics.

(1) Laplace transforms:  $\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} y(t) e^{-st} dt = Y(s)$

Turned time-derivatives into multiplication by  $s$ :  $\mathcal{L}\{y'(t)\} = sY(s) - y(0)$

$\mathcal{L}\{y''(t)\} = s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0)$ .

We can also take  $\mathcal{L}\{u(x, t)\}(x, s) = \int_0^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{-st} dt = U(x, s)$ .

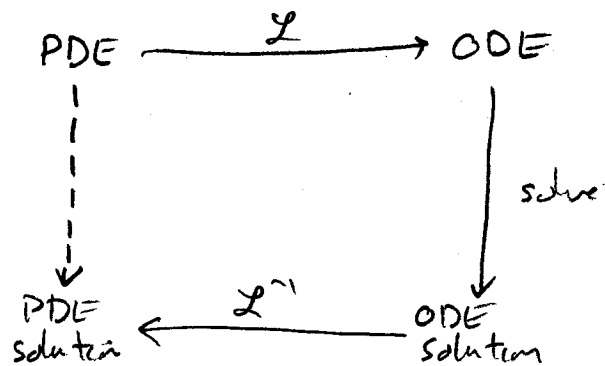
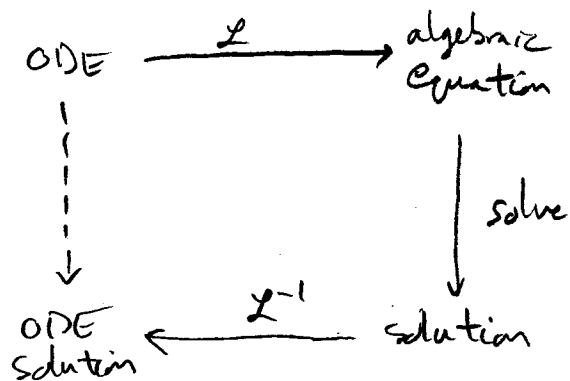
similarly,  $\mathcal{L}\{u_t(x, t)\} = sU(x, s) - u(x, 0)$ .

$\mathcal{L}\{u_{tt}(x, t)\} = s^2 U(x, s) - s u_t(x, 0) - u_{tt}(x, 0)$ .

$\mathcal{L}\{u_x(x, t)\} = U_x(x, s)$ .

$\mathcal{L}$  turns: ODEs into algebraic equations.

PDEs into ODEs. (if e.g.,  $u(x, t)$ ).



(2) Fourier transforms:  $\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx$

Turns spatial-derivatives into multiplication by  $2\pi i \xi$ .

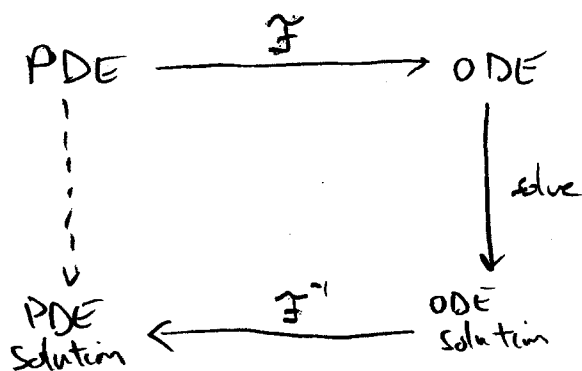
$$\widehat{f'(x)} = 2\pi i \xi \hat{f}(\xi) \quad \text{or more generally,}$$

$$\widehat{f^{(n)}(x)} = (2\pi i \xi)^n \hat{f}(\xi).$$

Similarly,  $\widehat{u_x(x, t)} = (2\pi i \xi) \hat{u}(\xi, t)$ , etc

$$\widehat{u_t(x, t)} = \hat{u}_t(\xi, t)$$

Thus, Fourier transforms turn PDEs into ODEs.



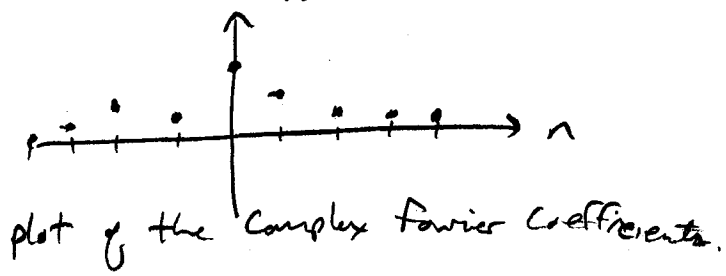
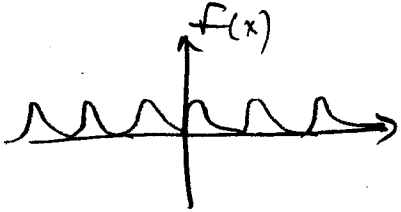
And, the inverse Fourier transform is easy: it's (almost) the same!

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} d\xi.$$

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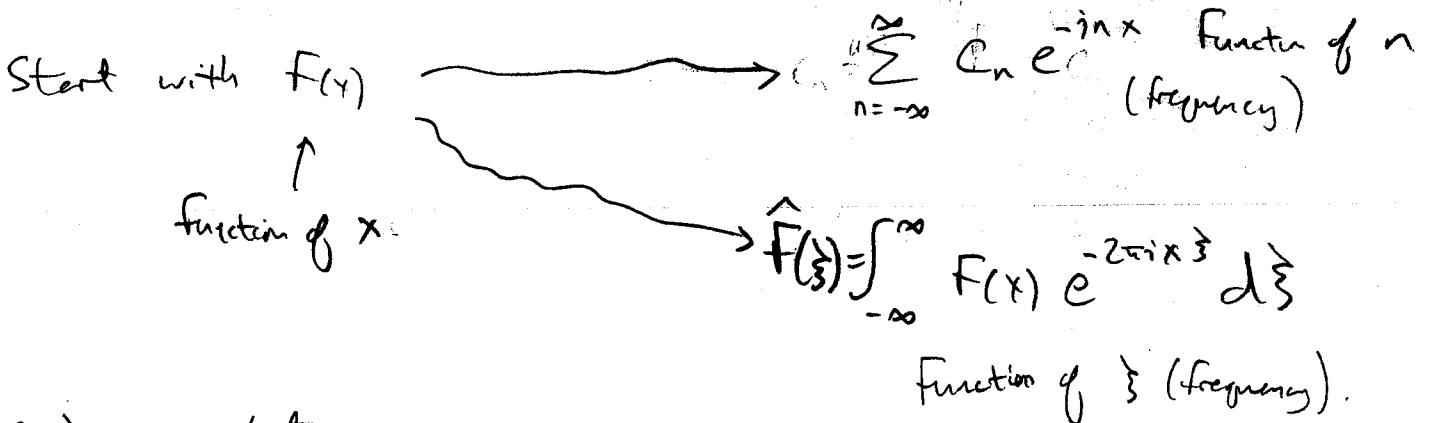
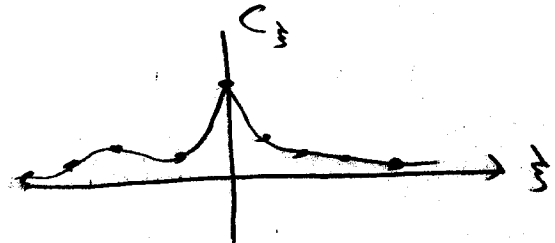
A neat way to think of Fourier ( & Laplace) transforms.

Let  $f(x)$  be  $2\pi$ -periodic. We can plot  $f$  as a function of  $x$  (space) or as a function of  $n$  (frequency)



Question: what would a function look like if we allowed a continuum of frequencies?

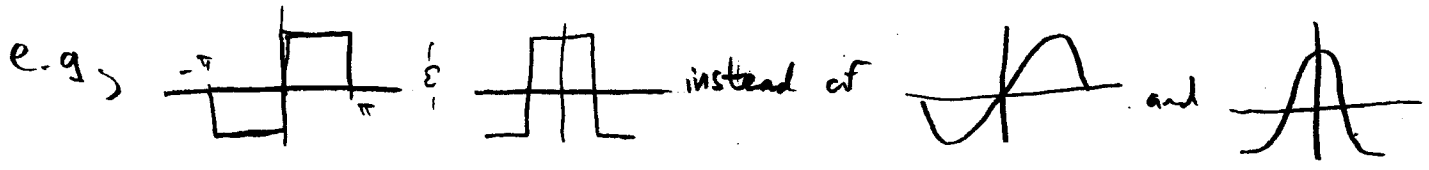
It need not even be periodic.



(3) Wavelets:

Big idea: Many periodic functions aren't smooth, so representing them as sines & cosines isn't natural.

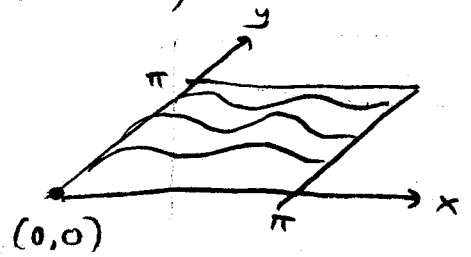
Solution: Use a different basis for  $Per_{2\pi}$ .



These are called the Haar wavelets.

The 2D wave equation:  $u_{tt} = c^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$

Let  $u(x, y, t)$  = displacement of a square membrane of length  $\pi$ .



Suppose the boundary is held fixed.

This is modeled by the following PDE (say  $c=1$ )

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$$

$$u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = 0 \quad (\text{BC's}).$$

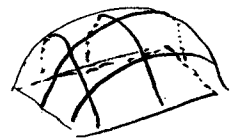
$$u(x, y, 0) = p(x)g(y), \quad u_t(x, y, 0) = 0 \quad (\text{IC's})$$

Let's solve this if  $p(x) = x(\pi - x)$ ,  $g(y) = y(\pi - y)$ .

$$\text{Recall that on } [0, \pi], \quad p(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin nx$$

$$g(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin ny.$$

This initial wave is like a paraboloid:



Step 1: Assume  $u(x, y, t) = f(x, y)g(t)$ .

$$\text{Plug back in: } fg'' = f_{xx}g + f_{yy}g \Rightarrow \frac{f_{xx} + f_{yy}}{f} = \frac{g''}{g} = -\lambda$$

Step 2: Get boundary conditions for  $f$  &  $g$ :

$$u(x, 0, t) = f(x, 0)g(t) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x, 0) = 0$$

$$\text{Similarly, } f(x, \pi) = f(0, y) = f(\pi, y) = 0.$$

$$\text{Also, } u_t(x, y, 0) = f(x, y)g'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow g'(0) = 0.$$

6 Step 3: Solve eigenvalue equation: (for  $f$ )

$$F_{xx} + F_{yy} = \lambda F, \quad \text{Assume } f(x,y) = X(x) Y(y)$$

$$\text{Plug back in: } \frac{X''Y + XY''}{XY} = \lambda \frac{XY}{XY}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underbrace{\frac{X''}{X}}_{\text{independent of } y} = \underbrace{\frac{-Y''}{Y} + \lambda}_{\text{independent of } x} = \mu \Rightarrow \text{Const.}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{X''}{X} = \mu, \quad X(0) = X(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\mu = -m^2 \text{ and } X_m(x) = b_m \sin mx}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda - \mu := \nu \quad Y(0) = Y(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\nu = -n^2 \text{ and } Y_n(y) = B_n \sin ny}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \boxed{F_{mn}(x,y) = b_{mn} \sin mx \sin ny}, \quad \lambda = \mu + \nu \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = -(m^2 + n^2)}$$

Step 4: Solve eigenvalue equation (for  $g$ ).

$$g'' = \lambda g \Rightarrow g'' = -(m^2 + n^2)g$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{mn}(t) = A_{mn} \cos(\omega_{mn} t) + B_{mn} \sin(\omega_{mn} t)$$

$$\text{where } \omega_{mn} = \sqrt{-\lambda} = \sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$$

$$\text{use } g'(0) = 0: \quad g'(t) = -\omega_{mn} A_{mn} \sin(\omega_{mn} t) + B_{mn} \omega_{mn} \cos(\omega_{mn} t)$$

$$g'(0) = B_{mn} \omega_{mn} \Rightarrow B_{mn} = 0.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \boxed{g_{mn}(t) = A_{mn} \cos(\sqrt{m^2 + n^2} t)}$$

Step 4: Write down general solution:

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_{m, n \geq 0} F_{mn}(x, y) g_{mn}(t)$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{mn} (\sin mx \sin ny) \cos(\sqrt{m^2+n^2} t)$$

Step 5: Use initial conditions to find particular sol'n:

$$u(x, y, 0) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{mn} \sin mx \sin ny$$

$$= p(x) q(y) = [x(\pi-x)] [y(\pi-y)]$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi m^3} (1 - (-1)^m) \sin mx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin ny$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{\pi^2 m^3 n^3} (1 - (-1)^m) (1 - (-1)^n) \sin mx \sin ny$$

Thus, 
$$b_{mn} = \frac{16 (1 - (-1)^m) (1 - (-1)^n)}{\pi^2 m^3 n^3} = \begin{cases} \frac{64}{\pi^2 m^3 n^3} & m, n \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$