

Week 12 summary

- For a vector space  $V$ , we can define an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  (generalized dot product). This allows us to measure vectors (angles & lengths), and project vectors.

- For  $\text{Per}_{2L}$ , define  $\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) g(t) dt$

\* If  $f(t)$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic, then

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt$$

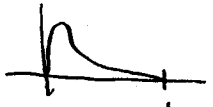
$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos nt dt, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin nt dt$$

- Even functions:
  - \*  $f(t) = f(-t)$
  - \* Symmetric about y-axis
  - \* Fourier series contains only cosine terms
  - \*  $\int_{-L}^L f(t) dt = 2 \int_0^L f(t) dt$

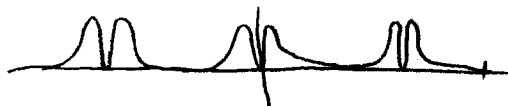
Odd Functions:

- \*  $f(t) = -f(-t)$
- \* Symmetric about origin
- \* Fourier series contains only sine terms
- \*  $\int_{-L}^L f(t) dt = 0$

- Fourier cosine & sine series:

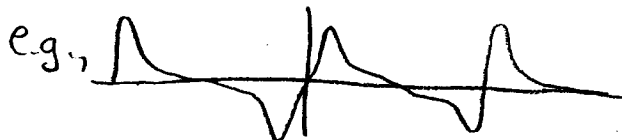
Start with a function  $f(t)$  on  $[0, L]$ , e.g., 

\* Fourier cosine series is the Fourier series of the even extension

e.g.,  
$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$$

[2]

\* Fourier sine series is the Fourier series of the odd extension

e.g.,   $b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt.$

• Real Fourier series:  $f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt)$

Complex Fourier series:  $f(t) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n e^{-int} + c_{-n} e^{int})$   
 $= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{-int}$

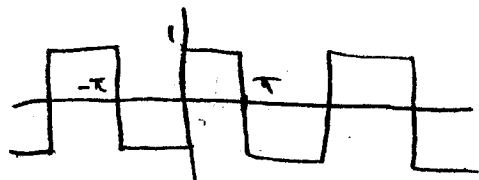
Recall:  $e^{int} = \cos nt + i \sin nt$ ,  $\cos nt = \frac{e^{int} + e^{-int}}{2}$ ,  $\sin nt = \frac{e^{int} - e^{-int}}{2i}$

Thus,  $a_n = c_n + c_{-n}$ ,  $b_n = i(c_n - c_{-n})$ ,  $c_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2}$ ,  $c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}$

\* Key idea:  $B = \{e^{-int} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a (better) basis for  $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$ .

### Complex Fourier series

Ex 1: Compute the complex Fourier series of



$c_0 = 0$  (average value of  $f(t)$ ).

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-int} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -e^{-int} dt + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} e^{int} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{in} e^{-int} \Big|_{-\pi}^0 \right] + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{-1}{in} e^{-int} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi in} (1 - e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi} + 1)$$

Note:  $e^{-in\pi} = e^{in\pi} = (-1)^n = (-1)^{-n}$

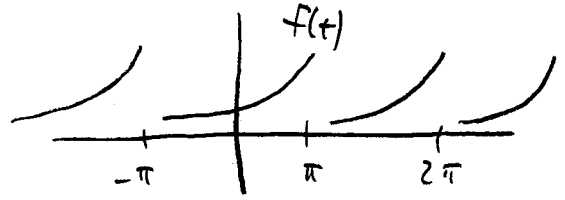
$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{\pi in} (1 - (-1)^n)}$$



Thus,  $f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi in} (1 - (-1)^n) (e^{-int} + e^{int})$

Ex 2: Compute the complex Fourier series of the  $2\pi$ -periodic extension of  $e^t$

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^t dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^t \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2\pi} (e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})}$$



$$\begin{aligned} C_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^t e^{-int} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{(1-in)t} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi(1-in)} e^{(1-in)t} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi(1-in)} \left[ e^{(1-in)\pi} - e^{-(1-in)\pi} \right] = \frac{e^{in\pi}}{2\pi(1-in)} \left[ e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi} \right] \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{2\pi(1-in)} \left[ e^{\pi} - \frac{1}{e^{\pi}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $\frac{1}{1-in} = \frac{1}{1-in} \frac{1+in}{1+in} = \frac{1+in}{1+n^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{C_n = \frac{(-1)^n (e^{\pi} - \frac{1}{e^{\pi}}) (1+in)}{2\pi(1+n^2)}}$

Now, derive the real Fourier series coefficients:

$$a_n = C_n + C_{-n} = \frac{(-1)^n (e - \frac{1}{e})}{\pi(1+n^2)}$$

$$b_n = i(C_n - C_{-n}) = \frac{(-1)^n n (e - \frac{1}{e})}{\pi(1+n^2)}$$

Parseval's identity: If  $f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(t))^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(t))^2 dt &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \left( \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt) \right) dt \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos nt dt + b_n \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin nt dt \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

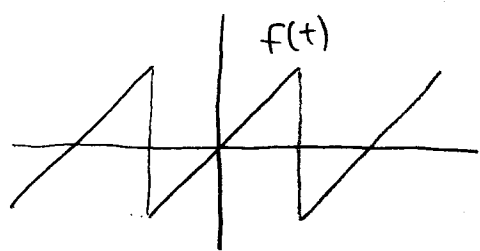
(4)

Application: Compute  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots$

let  $f(t) = t$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

$a_n = 0$  (since  $f(t)$  is odd)

$b_n = \frac{2}{n} (-1)^n$  (last week)



$$\Rightarrow b_n^2 = \frac{4}{n^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(t))^2 dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t^2 dt = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$$

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + b_n^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2}$$

Parseval  $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}}$

### Partial differential equations

Let  $u(x, t)$  be a 2-variable function. A partial differential equation (PDE) is an equation involving  $u$ ,  $x$ ,  $t$ , and the partial derivatives of  $u$ .

Example:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  or just  $u_t = u_{xx}$ .

ODE's have a unifying theory of existence & uniqueness of solutions.

PDE's have no such theory.

PDE's arise from physical phenomena & modeling.

Heat equation:  $\rho(x) \sigma(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \kappa(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$ , where

$u(x, t)$  = temperature of a bar at position  $x$  & time  $t$

$\rho(x)$  = density of bar at position  $x$ .

$\sigma(x)$  = specific heat at position  $x$

$\kappa(x)$  = thermal conductivity of the bar.

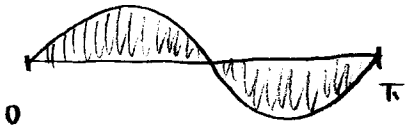
Usually, the bar is homogeneous (i.e.,  $\rho$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\kappa$  are constants).

In this case, the heat equation becomes

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}}$$

$$\text{where } c = \frac{\kappa}{\rho\sigma}$$

Example: Let  $u(x, t)$  = temp. of a bar of length  $\pi$ , insulated along the sides, whose ends are kept at zero temp. (Boundary conditions).



and,  $u(x, 0) = 3 \sin 2x$  (Initial condition).

Thus, we have the following initial value problem:

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx} \quad u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(\pi, t) = 0 \quad u(x, 0) = 3 \sin 2x.$$

Note: This is homogeneous and linear, i.e., if  $u_1$  &  $u_2$  are solutions, then so is  $c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2$  (superposition).

Step 1: Find the general solution to  $u_t = c^2 u_{xx}$ .

\* Assume  $u(x, t) = f(x)g(t)$ .  $u_t = f(x)g'(t)$ ,  $u_{xx} = f''(x)g(t)$ .

Plug back in & solve for  $f$  &  $g$ .

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx} \rightsquigarrow f(x)g'(t) = c^2 f''(x)g(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{g'(t)}{c^2 g(t)} = \frac{f''(x)}{f(x)} = \lambda$$

must be constant!

Doesn't depend on  $x$

Doesn't depend on  $t$

6

Now, we have 2 ODEs:  $\frac{g'(t)}{c^2 g(t)} = \lambda$ ,  $\frac{f''(x)}{f(x)} = \lambda$ .

Solve for g:  $g' = c^2 \lambda g \Rightarrow g(t) = A e^{c^2 \lambda t}$  ✓

Suppose  $g(t) \neq 0$ . Boundary condition:  $u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$   
becomes  $f(0)g(t) = f(\pi)g(t) = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$  and  $f(\pi) = 0$ .

Solve for f:  $f'' = \lambda f$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(\pi) = 0$ .

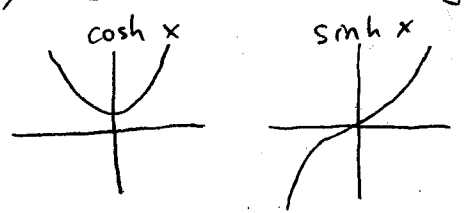
Case 1:  $\lambda = 0$ .  $f'' = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = ax + b$ .  $f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ .  
 $f(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = 0$ .

Case 2:  $\lambda > 0$   $f(x) = C_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda}x} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}x}$ .

OR  $f(x) = A \cosh(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + B \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$  [This will be easier]

[Recall:  $\cosh 0 = 1$ ,  $\sinh 0 = 0$ ]

$f(0) = A = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = B \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$



$f(\pi) = B \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda}\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = 0$ .

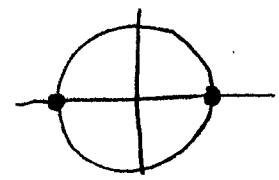
Case 3:  $\lambda < 0$  let  $\omega = \sqrt{-\lambda}$ ,  $f'' = -\omega^2 f$ .

$f(x) = a \cos \omega x + b \sin \omega x$ .  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(\pi) = 0$ .

$f(0) = a = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = b \sin \omega x$

$f(\pi) = b \sin \omega \pi = 0 \Rightarrow \omega \pi = n \pi$

$\Rightarrow \omega = n$



Recall,  $\omega = \sqrt{-\lambda}$ , so  $\lambda = -n^2$

Thus,  $f(x) = B \sin nx$

Putting this together, for any integer  $n$ , we have a sol'n

$$u_n(x, t) = f_n(x) g_n(t) \quad \text{where} \quad g_n(t) = A_n e^{-c^2 n^2 t}$$

$$f_n(x) = B_n \sin nx$$

Thus,  $u_n(x, t) = A_n e^{-c^2 n^2 t} \sin nx$  is a sol'n for any  $n$ .

By superposition, any linear combination is also a solution.

So, the general solution is  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t)$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx e^{-c^2 n^2 t} \quad (*)$$

Now, let's solve the initial value problem:  $u(x, 0) = 3 \sin 2x$ .

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx = 3 \sin 2x \Rightarrow b_2 = 3 \text{ and } b_n = 0 \text{ (} n \neq 2 \text{)}$$

Thus, (\*) reduces down to  $u(x, t) = \sin 2x e^{-4c^2 t}$

Question: What if instead, we had the init. condition  $u(x, 0) = x(\pi - x)$ ?

i.e., we had the following initial value problem:

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = x(\pi - x)$$

As before, we get the same gen'l sol'n

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx e^{-c^2 n^2 t}$$



$$\text{Plug in } t=0: \quad u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx = x(\pi - x)$$

To solve for the  $b_n$ 's, we must write  $x(\pi - x)$  as a

Fourier sine series

8

Recall that in the Fourier sine series of  $x(\pi-x)$ ,

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x(\pi-x) \sin nx \, dx = \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

Thus,  $u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin nx$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

Our particular soln is now 
$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin nx e^{-c^2 n^2 t}$$

Note: In both cases, the steady-state solution is

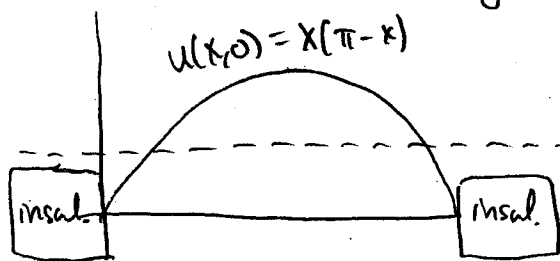
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x,t) = 0. \quad \text{Algebraically, } e^{-c^2 n^2 t} \rightarrow 0.$$

Physically, heat dissipates.

Now, consider the same problem, but with different boundary cond:

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad u_x(0,t) = u_x(\pi,t) = 0, \quad u(x,0) = x(\pi-x).$$

represents insulated endpoints, through which no heat can pass.



steady-state soln = average temperature (as we'll see, is  $\frac{a_0}{2}$ !)

To solve this, proceed as before, but we'll get

$$f'' = \lambda f, \quad f'(0) = f'(\pi) = 0 \quad (\text{instead of } f(0) = f(\pi) = 0).$$

This has solution  $f(x) = a \cos nx + b \sin nx, \quad b=0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f_n(x) = a_n \cos nx} \quad \text{for } n \geq 0.$$



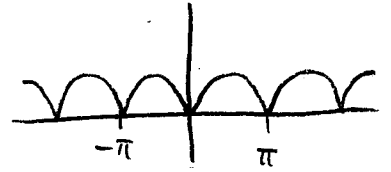
Thus, the general solution becomes

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(x) g_n(t). \quad (\text{Note: when } n=0, f_n \text{ \& } g_n \text{ are constants})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u(x, t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx e^{-c^2 n^2 t}}$$

To find the particular sol'n, plug in  $t=0$ :

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx = \underbrace{x(\pi - x)}.$$



Must express as a Fourier cosine series

Recall (From Hw) :  $x(\pi - x) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2} (1 - (-1)^n) \cos nx$

Thus, the particular sol'n is  $\boxed{u(x, t) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2} (1 - (-1)^n) \cos nx e^{-c^2 n^2 t}}$

Note: The steady-state sol'n is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ , which is the average temperature.