MA265 Methods of Mathematical Modelling 3, Assignment 4

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Question 1

Convergence of Fourier series: Let f be a 2π periodic function on $\mathbb{R}$. Furthermore, let it be Hölder continuous, that is, there exists a constant $L > 0$ and an exponent $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ such that $\forall x \in [0, 2\pi]$,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|^{\alpha}.$$

(i) Show that the Fourier series of f converges pointwise to itself.

Hint: Use Dini's criterion: let f be a 2π periodic function and assume there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\int_0^{\delta} \frac{|f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x)|}{h} \, \mathrm{d}h < \infty.$$

Then the Fourier series of f converges pointwise to itself.

(ii) Give an example of a Hölder continuous function on $\mathbb{R}$.

Q1 (i)

Using Dini's criterion, we just have to show that there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\int_0^{\delta} \frac{|f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x)|}{h} \, \mathrm{d}h < \infty.$$

Then the Fourier series of f converges pointwise to itself.

This δ surely exists, but I don't know how to find it.

Q1 (ii)

The identity function $f(x) = x$ is Hölder continuous. Take $\alpha = 1$ and any $L > 0$.

Question 2

Fourier series solutions: Write the solution to the initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u(x,t) = \partial_{xx} u(x,t) & (x,t) \in (0,\pi) \times (0,\infty), \\ u(x,0) = x(\pi - x) & x \in (0,\pi), \\ u(0,t) = 0 & t \in [0,\infty), \\ u(\pi,t) = 0 & t \in [0,\infty) \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

as a sine series.

The solution will be of the form

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mathrm{e}^{-j^2 t} D_j \sin(jx)$$

where

$$x(\pi - x) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} D_j \sin(jx).$$

We need to calculate the Fourier series of $\phi(x) = x(\pi - x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x(\pi - x) \mathrm{e}^{-ikx} \,\mathrm{d}x \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\pi x \mathrm{e}^{-ikx} - x^2 \mathrm{e}^{-ikx} \right) \,\mathrm{d}x \end{aligned}$$

I give up.

Question 3

Duhamel's principle: Use Duhamel's principle to solve

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u(x,t) - \partial_{xx} u(x,t) = t\mathrm{e}^{-t}\sin(5x) & (x,t) \in (0,\pi)\times(0,\infty), \\ u(x,0) = 0 & x \in (0,\pi), \\ u(0,t) = 0 & t \in [0,\infty), \\ u(\pi,t) = 0 & t \in [0,\infty). \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

You may use the fact that the general solution of $\partial_t v = \partial_{xx} v$ with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions and homogeneous initial condition imposed at a time $\tau > 0$ is given by

$$v(x,t;\tau) = \sum_{j\in\mathbb{N}} D_j \mathrm{e}^{-j^2(t-\tau)}\sin(jx). \tag{3}$$

Using Duhamel's principle, we get a new problem in w:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t w(x,t;\tau) = \partial_{xx} w(x,t;\tau) & (x,t) \in (0,\pi)\times(\tau,\infty), \\ w(x,\tau;\tau) = \tau\mathrm{e}^{-\tau}\sin(5x) & x \in (0,\pi), \\ w(0,t;\tau) = 0 & t \in [\tau,\infty), \\ w(\pi,t;\tau) = 0 & t \in [\tau,\infty). \end{cases}$$

The desired solution will be

$$u(x,t) = \int_0^t w(x,t;\tau)\ \mathrm{d}\tau.$$

We know

$$w(x,\tau;\tau) = \tau\mathrm{e}^{-\tau}\sin(5x) = \sum_{j\in\mathbb{N}} D_j \mathrm{e}^{-j^2\tau}\sin(jx)$$

which implies $j = 5$ and is this case we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tau\mathrm{e}^{-\tau} &= D_5\mathrm{e}^{-25\tau} \\ \implies D_5 &= \tau\mathrm{e}^{24\tau} \end{aligned}$$

We plug this into (3) and get

$$\begin{aligned} v(x,t;\tau) &= \tau\mathrm{e}^{24\tau}\mathrm{e}^{-25(t-\tau)}\sin(5x) \\ &= \tau\mathrm{e}^{49\tau-25t}\sin(5x) \end{aligned}$$

Then we integrate to find

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x,t) &= \int_0^1 \tau \mathrm{e}^{49\tau - 25t} \sin(5x)\ \mathrm{d}\tau \\
&= \mathrm{e}^{-25t} \sin(5x) \int_0^1 \tau \mathrm{e}^{49\tau}\ \mathrm{d}\tau \\
&= \mathrm{e}^{-25t} \sin(5x) \left[\frac{1}{49^2} \mathrm{e}^{49\tau}(49\tau - 1) \right]_0^t \\
&= \frac{1}{49^2} \mathrm{e}^{-25t} \sin(5x) \left(\mathrm{e}^{49t}(49t-1) + 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(49t-1) + \mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

This clearly satisfies the initial conditions of (2): when $t = 0$, $x = 0$, or $x = \pi$.

To see that it satisfies the PDE itself, we just need to differentiate.

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t u(x,t) &= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(24\mathrm{e}^{24t}(49t-1) + 49\mathrm{e}^{24t} - 25\mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(24 \cdot 49t - 24 + 49) - 25\mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(1176t + 25) - 25\mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right) \\
\partial_x u(x,t) &= \frac{5\cos(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(49t-1) + \mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right) \\
\partial_{xx} u(x,t) &= \frac{-25\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(49t-1) + \mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t u(x,t) - \partial_{xx} u(x,t) &= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(1176t + 25) - 25\mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{-25\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(49t-1) + \mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(1176t + 25) - 25\mathrm{e}^{-25t} + 25\mathrm{e}^{24t}(49t-1) + 25\mathrm{e}^{-25t} \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t}(1176t + 25) + 25\mathrm{e}^{24t}(49t-1) \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(\mathrm{e}^{24t} \left(1176t + 25 + 1225t - 25\right) \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin(5x)}{49^2} \left(2401t\mathrm{e}^{24t} \right) \\
&= t\mathrm{e}^{24t} \sin(5x) \\
&= t\mathrm{e}^{-t} \sin(5x)
\end{aligned}$$

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