

Summary

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1. Vectors

1.1 Vector Operator: $\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{k}$

① $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \text{div } \vec{v}$; $\nabla \times \vec{v} = \text{curl } \vec{v}$

② $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$ is the Laplacian (scalar) of a function

③ $\nabla \cdot (\phi \vec{v}) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot \vec{v} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \vec{v})$

④ $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{v}) = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) - (\nabla \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} = \nabla (\text{div } \vec{v}) - \nabla^2 \vec{v}$

1.2 Curl of cross product

$$\nabla \times (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{A} (\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) - (\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} - \vec{B} (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{A}$$

2. Multivariable Calculus

2.1 Stokes Theorem

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$$

① Green's Theorem

$$\iint_A \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A} = \oint_{\partial A} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\iint_A \text{div } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A} = \oint_{\partial A} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, ds$$

② Stokes Theorem

$$\iint_S \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA = \oint_{\partial S} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

③ Divergence Theorem

$$\iiint_V \text{div } \vec{F} \, dV = \iint_{\partial V} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA$$

2.2 Surface Integral

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} \text{ if } \phi(x, y, z) \text{ is the surface}$$

$$\text{Surface area: } ds = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} dA$$

$$\text{If } z = f(x, y) \quad \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1}$$

3. Complex Number

3.1 Conjugate

$$Z = \frac{a+bi}{c+di} \quad \bar{Z} = \frac{a-bi}{c-di}$$

3.2 Disk of convergence: ratio test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1 \text{ means that the series is convergent}$$

3.3 Complex functions

① Exponential and logarithms

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$\ln(z) = \ln(re^{i\theta}) = \ln r + i\theta$$

② Powers and roots

$$Z^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

$$Z^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{r} \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{n} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{n} \right) \text{ Normally have } n \text{ roots}$$

③ Hyperbolic functions

$$\sinh(y) = \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2} \quad \cosh(y) = \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2}$$

$$i \sinh(y) = \sin(iy) \quad \cosh(y) = \cos(iy)$$

$$\cosh^2(z) - \sinh^2(z) = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \cosh(z) = \sinh(z)$$

4. Fourier Series and Fourier Transform

4.1 Fourier Series

① real form

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx$$

② Complex form

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{inx}$$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

$$\text{Relation: } C_n = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}, C_{-n} = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} = C_n^*$$

Generalization to period of $2L$

$\sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x, \cos \frac{n\pi}{L}x$ forms a basis

4.2 Fourier Transform

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(k) e^{ikx} dk \quad g(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

① Sine transform

$$f_s(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} g_s(k) \sin kx dk \quad g_s(k) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f_s(x) \sin kx dx$$

② Cosine transform

$$f_c(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} g_c(k) \cos kx dk \quad g_c(k) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f_c(x) \cos kx dx$$

5. Laplace Transform

5.1 Definition

A transform from t (real space) to p (complex)

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} f(t) dt = F(p) \quad f(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0$$

5.2 Linearity

$$\mathcal{L}[af_1(t) + bf_2(t)] = a\mathcal{L}[f_1(t)] + b\mathcal{L}[f_2(t)]$$

5.3 Laplace Transform of Specific Functions

5.3.1 Derivatives

$$\mathcal{L}[y^{(n)}] = p^n Y - p^{n-1}y(0) - \dots - p y^{(n-2)}(0) - y^{(n-1)}(0)$$

5.3.2 Dirac Delta Function

① Definition

$$\int_a^b \delta(t-t_0) f(t) dt = \begin{cases} f(t_0) & \text{if } t_0 \in (a,b) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{open interval}$$

② Laplace Transform

$$\mathcal{L}[\delta(t-t_0)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \delta(t-t_0) dt = e^{-pt_0}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[g(t-t_0)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} g(t-t_0) dt = e^{-pt_0} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-p(t-t_0)} g(t-t_0) d(t-t_0) \\ = e^{-pt_0} \mathcal{L}[g(t)]$$

③ Derivatives

$\delta'(x-x_0)$ is meaningless on its own, but could act on test functions

like an operator

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta^{(n)}(x-x_0) dx = (-1)^n f^{(n)}(x_0)$$

④ Properties

$$\delta(x) = \delta(-x), \delta'(x) = -\delta'(-x), \delta(ax) = \frac{1}{|a|} \delta(x) \quad (a \neq 0)$$

5.4 Applications of Laplace Transform

5.4.1 Convolution of functions: Inverse Transform of products

$$f(t), g(t) \xrightarrow[\text{Transform}]{\text{Laplace}} F(p), G(p)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(p)G(p)] = f * g$$

$$f * g = \int_0^t f(t-\tau) g(\tau) d\tau \text{ is a function of only } t$$

5.4.2 Solving ODEs with Laplace Transform

$$Ay'' + By' + Cy = f(t) \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$

$$Y(p) = T(p) \cdot \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \quad \text{where } T(p) = \frac{1}{Ap^2 + Bp + C}$$

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(p)] = f(t) * \mathcal{L}^{-1}[T(p)] \Rightarrow \text{find the inverse transform, and calculate the convolution}$$

6. Series Solutions of Differential Equations

6.1 General Procedure

6.1.1 Simple Solution

$$\text{Let } y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \text{ then } y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) x^{n-2}$$

① Substitute the polynomial expressions into original equation

② Shift the sum to make the powers to be same

③ Adjust the starting point to combine the sum (write some terms explicitly)

- ④ Coefficient inside the sum is 0 \Rightarrow Recursion Relation
 Coefficients of explicit terms are 0 \Rightarrow Constraints (ex. $a_1 + a_0 = 0$)
 ⑤ Use the recursion relation to find a_n in terms of a_0 (and a_1, \dots depends on the order)
 ⑥ Substitute a_n and get the solution Nth order $\rightarrow a_{N-1}$

6.1.2 Generalized Solution

Let $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+s}$, addition of s allows negative and fractional powers

Since the first term is $a_0 x^s$, we assume $a_0 \neq 0$

Now, the coefficients of explicit terms (with a_0) give N possible values of s for an N th order equation
 Plug in different values of s , solve for solutions

The linear combination of all solutions gives the general solution

6.2 Orthogonality and Completeness

6.2.1 Orthogonality

$$\int_a^b A^*(x) B(x) dx = 0 \Rightarrow A(x), B(x) \text{ are orthogonal on } (a, b)$$

$$\int_a^b A_m^*(x) A_n(x) dx = C \delta_{mn} \Rightarrow \{A_n(x)\} \text{ is an orthogonal set on } (a, b)$$

6.2.2 Completeness

A set of orthogonal functions is complete on (a, b) if there is no other function orthogonal to all of them on interval (a, b)

On interval $(0, \pi)$ $\sin nx$ and $\cos nx$ are both complete sets because we could construct function on $(-\pi, 0)$ to make it odd/even.

6.3 Legendre Polynomials

6.3.1 Legendre Equation

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + l(l+1)y = 0$$

Appears in PDEs in Spherical coordinates, like wave function and heat

6.3.2 Legendre Polynomials

$$\text{The series solution is } y = a_0 \left[1 - \frac{l(l+1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{(l-2)l(l+1)(l+3)}{4!} x^4 - \dots \right] + a_1 \left[x - \frac{(l-1)(l+2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots \right]$$

even series odd series

Ratio test suggests that it converges on $x \in (-1, 1)$

To make the series converge at $x = \pm 1$, we choose l specifically to:

① truncate even series, discard odd series (by setting $a_1 = 0$)

or ② truncate odd series, discard even series (by setting $a_0 = 0$)

The remaining polynomial after truncation is Legendre Polynomial, $P_l(x)$, satisfying $P_l(1) = 1$

$$P_0(x) = 1; P_1(x) = x; P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$$

6.3.3 Orthogonality

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_l(x) P_m(x) dx = \frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{lm}$$

$\therefore \{P_l(x)\}$ is an orthogonal set on $(-1, 1)$

6.3.4 Completeness

$\{P_l(x)\}$ is a complete set on $(-1, 1)$

6.3.5 Normalization

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_l^2(x) dx = \frac{2}{2l+1}, \sqrt{\frac{2}{2l+1}} \text{ is the norm of } P_l(x)$$

$\therefore \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{2}} P_l(x)$ is the normalized Legendre Polynomials

6.3.6 Rodrigues' Formula: Construct Legendre Polynomials

$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2 - 1)^l$$

6.3.7 Legendre Series: Using $P_l(x)$ as a complete, orthonormal basis

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n P_n(x)$$

$$C_l = \frac{2l+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) P_l(x) dx$$

6.3.8 Generating Functions

$$\Phi(x, h) = (1 - 2xh + h^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} h^l P_l(x)$$

$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l}{dh^l} \Phi(x, h) \Big|_{h=0}$$

Another way to define $P_l(x)$, and is directly connected to multipole expansion in electrostatics