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§1 | Lec 1: Sep 27, 2021

§1.1 Laplace Transforms

Consider the following questions

1. What is a transform?
2. What is a Laplace transform?
3. What are some examples?
4. What are some general properties?
5. Why are they useful for differential equations?

Let's tackle these questions.

1. Notice that functions: sets \rightarrow sets. Transform is in higher hierarchy, i.e.,

Transform/Operator: functions \rightarrow functions

Example 1.1 • differentiation: $\frac{d}{dx} : f \mapsto f'$

- integration: $\int^x dx : f \mapsto \int^x f'(x)dx$
- multiplication by $g(x)$: $f(x) \rightarrow g(x)f(x)$
- shifting: $f(x) \rightarrow f(x - a)$

2. Laplace transform \mathcal{L}

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

where $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

3. Examples:

Example 1.2 • $f(t) : t \mapsto 0 \implies \mathcal{L}[0] = 0$

- $f(t) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[1] &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{-st} dt \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} + \frac{1}{s} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \text{ if } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Example 1.3 • Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[t] &= \int_0^\infty t e^{-st} dt \\ &= \left[\frac{t e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^\infty + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} \text{ if } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\end{aligned}$$

We can generalize this as

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n] = \frac{1}{s^{n+1}}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[e^{at}] &= \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-a)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s-a}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > a \\ \mathcal{L}[\cos \omega t] &= \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} \\ \mathcal{L}[\sin \omega t] &= \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}\end{aligned}$$

4. Properties:

a) Linear!

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[f + g] &= \mathcal{L}[f] + \mathcal{L}[g] \\ \mathcal{L}[af] &= a\mathcal{L}[f]\end{aligned}$$

b) Consider:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)] &= \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-(s-a)t} dt \\ &= F(s-a) \quad \text{if } \operatorname{Re}(s-a) > 0\end{aligned}$$

Multiply an exponential in t -space $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}}$ shift in s -space.

5. In reverse,

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t-a)] = \int_0^\infty f(t-a)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty f(t')e^{-st'} dt' e^{-sa}$$

where $t' = t - a$. So

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t-a)] = F(s)e^{-sa}$$

Thus, a shift in t -space $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}}$ multiply an exponential in s -space.

6. Differentiation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[f'] &= \int_0^\infty f'(t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= [f e^{-st}]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty f(t) s e^{-st} dt \\ &= sF(s) - f(0)\end{aligned}$$

§ 2 | Lec 2: Sep 29, 2021

§ 2.1 Laplace Transform (Cont'd)

Recap: $\mathcal{L} : f \rightarrow F$

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

where $t > 0$ and $s \in \mathbb{C}$.

Example 2.1 • $\mathcal{L}[t^n] = \frac{1}{s^{n+1}}, n \in \mathbb{N}$

• $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a}$

General properties of Laplace transform:

- linear
- shifting \leftrightarrow multiplying by exponential
- $\mathcal{L}[f'] = s\mathcal{L}[f] - f(0)$

Let's now use Laplace transform to solve the following ODE

$$f'' + af' + bf = g(t), \quad f(0) = f_0, \quad f'(0) = f'_0$$

Apply \mathcal{L} ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[f'' + af' + bf] &= \mathcal{L}[g] \\ \mathcal{L}[f''] + a\mathcal{L}[f'] + b\mathcal{L}[f] &= G(s) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\mathcal{L}[f''] = s^2F - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} (s^2 + as + b)F(s) &= G(s) + (s+a)f_0 + f'_0 \\ F(s) &= \frac{G(s) + (s+a)f_0 + f'_0}{s^2 + as + b} \end{aligned}$$

To get $f(t)$ we need to invert \mathcal{L} .

Example 2.2

Consider:

$$f'' + 4f = 4t, \quad f(0) = 1, \quad f'(0) = 5$$

Apply \mathcal{L} , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (s^2 + 4)F(s) &= \frac{4}{s^2} + s + 5 \\ F(s) &= \frac{\frac{4}{s^2} + s + 5}{s^2 + 4} \\ &= \frac{4}{s^2(s^2 + 4)} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{5}{s^2 + 4} \end{aligned}$$

Notice that we need to use partial fractions to decompose the first term.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{s^2(s^2 + 4)} &= \frac{A}{s^2} + \frac{B}{s^2 + 4} \\ 4 &= A(s^2 + 4) + Bs^2 \\ &= (A + B)s^2 + 4A \end{aligned}$$

So, $A = 1$, $B = -1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{5}{s^2 + 4} \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \\ \mathcal{L}[f] &= \mathcal{L}[t + 2\sin 2t + \cos 2t] \\ \implies f &= t + 2\sin 2t + \cos 2t \end{aligned}$$

§3 | Lec 3: Oct 1, 2021

§3.1 Existence of Laplace Transform

Question 3.1. When is Laplace transform is allowed? When does Laplace transform exist?

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

Note: Beware of ∞ – only trust limits.

$$\mathcal{L}[f] = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\tau} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

Laplace transform exists when this limit exists?

$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} f^*(\tau)$ converges to $f_{\infty} \in \mathbb{R}$ if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists M > 0$ s.t.

$$|f^*(\tau) - f_{\infty}| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } \tau > M$$

Convergence test for integrals:

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\tau} f(t) dt$$

Comparison Test: If $|f(t)| < g(t)$ and $\int_0^{\infty} g(t) < \infty$ (converges) then

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(t) dt \leq \int_0^{\infty} |f(t)| dt \leq \int_0^{\infty} g(t) dt < \infty$$

i.e., $\int_0^{\infty} f(t) dt$ converges. Now, back to the Laplace transform

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

What could break this integral?

1. fe^{-st} diverges/unbounded ($\lim_{t \rightarrow t^*} f(t) = \infty$)
2. fe^{-st} doesn't decay fast enough as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

What could prevent these issues?

1. Piecewise continuous: $\lim_{t \rightarrow t^-} f(t)$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow t^+} f(t)$ exist.
2. Exponential order

$$|f(t)| < Me^{ct} \text{ for some } M > 0 \text{ \& } c$$

Have

$$\begin{aligned} c^{-t} &\leq 1 \cdot e^{-t} & \forall t > 0 \\ 1 &\leq 1 \cdot e^{0t} & \forall t > 0 \\ t &\leq 1 \cdot e^t & \forall t > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.1

If f is piecewise continuous and of exponential order c then $\mathcal{L}[f]$ exists for $s \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re}(s) > c$.

Proof. Have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}[f](s) &= \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt \\
 \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\tau f(t)e^{-st} dt &\leq \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\tau |f(t)e^{-st}| dt \\
 &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\tau |f(t)| e^{-s_r t} dt \\
 &\leq \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\tau M e^{ct} \cdot e^{-s_r t} dt \\
 &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} M \left[\frac{e^{(c-s_r)t}}{-(c-s_r)} \right]_0^\tau \\
 &= \frac{1}{s_r - c} \quad \text{if } s_r > c \\
 &< \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\mathcal{L}[f]$ exists (for $\text{Re}(s) > c$) by comparison test. □

This is a sufficient condition but not necessary.

Example 3.2

Consider the function $f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right] &= \int_0^\infty t^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-st} dt \\
 &= s^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^\infty x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-x} dx \\
 &= s^{-\frac{1}{2}} 2 \int_0^\infty e^{-z^2} dz \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}
 \end{aligned}$$

However, we can see that $\frac{1}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ isn't continuous on $[0, \infty)$.

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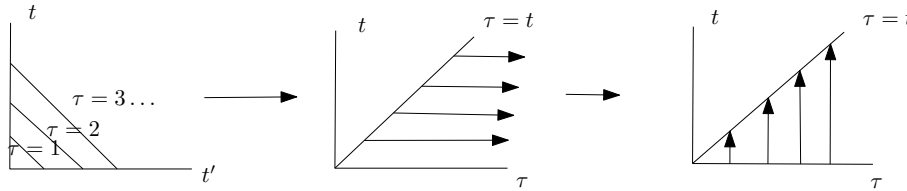
§4.1 Convolution

Question 4.1. Can we invert $\mathcal{L}[f] \cdot \mathcal{L}[g]$?

We have

$$\begin{aligned} F(s)G(s) &= \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt \int_0^\infty g(t')e^{-st'} dt' \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f(t)g(t')e^{-s(t+t')} dt' dt \end{aligned}$$

Let's define $\tau = t + t' \implies d\tau = dt'$



$$\begin{aligned} F(s)G(s) &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f(t)g(t')e^{-s(t+t')} dt' dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f(t)g(\tau - t)e^{-s\tau} d\tau dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\tau f(t)g(\tau - t)e^{-s\tau} dt \right) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\tau f(t)g(\tau - t) dt \right) e^{-s\tau} d\tau \\ &= \mathcal{L} \left[\int_0^\tau f(t)g(\tau - t) dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4.1 (Convolution)

We have

$$\begin{aligned} (f * g)(\tau) &= \int_0^\tau f(t)g(\tau - t) dt \\ \mathcal{L}[f * g] &= \mathcal{L}[f] \cdot \mathcal{L}[g] \end{aligned}$$

§4.2 Application of Laplace Transform – Integral Equation

Consider:

$$f(\tau) = g(\tau) + \int_0^\tau k(\tau - t)f(t) dt$$

Notice

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{f} &= \mathbf{g} + K \cdot \mathbf{f} \\ f(\tau) &\approx f_i \\ g(\tau) &\approx g_i \\ k(\tau - t) &\approx K_{ij}\end{aligned}$$

Have

$$f = g + k * f$$

and we use Laplace

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[f] &= \mathcal{L}[g] + \mathcal{L}[k] \cdot \mathcal{L}[f] \\ \mathcal{L}[f] &= \frac{\mathcal{L}[g]}{1 - \mathcal{L}[k]}\end{aligned}$$

Example 4.2

Consider $f(t) = t^3 + \int_0^t \sin(t - \tau)f(\tau)d\tau$.

$$F(s) = \frac{3!}{s^4} + \mathcal{L}[\sin t] F(s)$$

$$\vdots$$

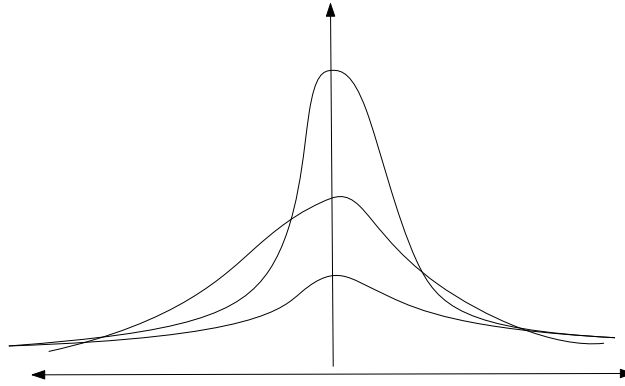
$$F(s) = 3!(s^{-4} + s^{-6})$$

$$f(t) = t^3 + \frac{t^5}{20}$$

§5 | Lec 5: Oct 6, 2021

§5.1 Dirac Delta “Function”

Visually:



The limit of a function concentrated at zero, with integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

Formally:

$$\delta : f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau \implies f = f * \delta$$

δ “picks out” a pointwise value of any function we integrate against/convolve with. For finite dimension, let $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{e}_i = [0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots]$. So

$$f_i = \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{e}_i$$

For infinite dimension, $f(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$f(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(\tau) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau$$

where $\delta(\tau - t) = \delta(t - \tau) = \delta_t(\tau)$. These two notions are analogous, in a sense. Solving a linear finite dimensional system

$$\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

Solve $L\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{h}$. If we know $L\mathbf{f}_i = \mathbf{e}_i$ where

\mathbf{e}_i : unit vector

\mathbf{f}_i : unit response vector

1. $\mathbf{h} = \sum h_i \mathbf{e}_i$

2. Linear superposition means

$$\mathbf{f} = \sum h_i \mathbf{f}_i$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 L\mathbf{f} &= L\left(\sum_i h_i \mathbf{f}_i\right) \\
 &= \sum_i h_i L\mathbf{f}_i \\
 &= \sum_i h_i \mathbf{e}_i \\
 &= \mathbf{h}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving ∞ -dim ODE

$$f'' + af' + bf = h(t) \quad (L[f] = h)$$

Let's say we know

$$g_t'' + ag_t' + bg = \delta_t$$

1. $h = h * \delta$
2. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= h * g \\
 &= \int_0^t g_t(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \\
 &= \int_0^t g(t - \tau) h(\tau) d\tau
 \end{aligned}$$

where g is known as the Green function.

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_i &\approx \delta_t \\
 \mathbf{f}_i &\approx g_t \mathbf{f} = \sum h_i \mathbf{f}_i \approx f = h * g
 \end{aligned}$$

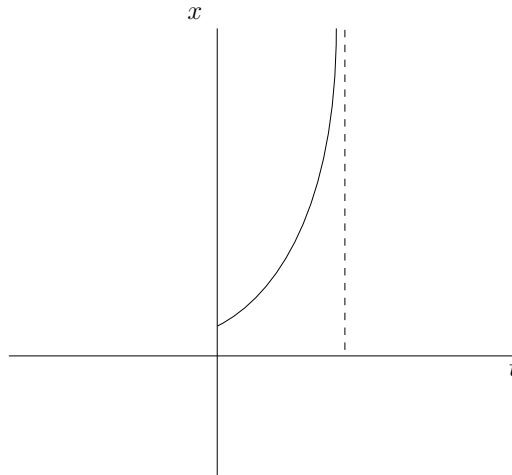
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§6.1 Existence & Uniqueness of ODE Solutions

Intuitively, $f(t, x)$ is continuous seems like it guarantees a solution – **this is not true!**

1. Failure of existence over \mathbb{R} .

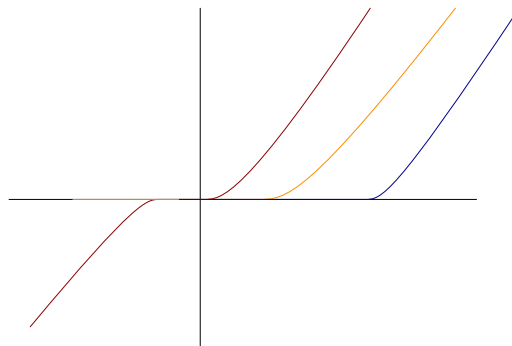
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2, \quad x(0) = 1$$



We can easily solve this and obtain $x(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$ which blows up in finite time.

2. What about uniqueness?

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x^{\frac{2}{3}}, \quad x(0) = 0$$



This has infinite number of solution through $(0, 0)$ – non-unique. Notice that $x' = 3x^{\frac{2}{3}}$ is an autonomous ODE where the solution is $x(t) = t^3$. However, $x(t) = 0$ is also a solution which shows that solutions are not unique.

Question 6.1. What can prove existence and uniqueness?

1. Converting to “nicer” problem, $DE \iff$ integral equation
2. Devise an iterative algorithm to approximate solutions (Picard iteration)
3. Prove the algorithm converges to a unique solution

§7 | Lec 7: Oct 11, 2021

§7.1 Picard Iteration

Goal: Find sufficient conditions to prove existence and uniqueness of solution to ODE

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

Idea:

1. Smoother is better (integration is preferred over differentiation). Make things smoother by integrating

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

Then, we can transform it into an integral equation

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(t', x(t')) dt'$$

Notice that f is continuous and x is continuous imply x is differentiable.

2. Iteration: If we can't solve it at first, try again.

Example 7.1

Newton's root-finding algorithm

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Picard Iteration: Iterative approximation to solutions of the integral equation

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(t', x(t')) dt'$$

Start with a guess for the function $x_0(t) = x_0$ (can be a constant)

$$x_{n+1}(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(t', x_n(t')) dt'$$

In general,

$$x_0(t) \xrightarrow{\text{Picard}} x_1(t) \xrightarrow{\text{Picard}} x_2(t) \xrightarrow{\text{Picard}} x_3(t) \xrightarrow{\infty} \dots$$

If $x_{n+1}(t) = x_n(t) = \bar{x}(t)$, then $\bar{x}(t)$ has to solve the IE. We want $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(t) \rightarrow x(t)$ solves IE.

Example 7.2

Consider $\dot{x}(t) = x(t)$, $x(0) = 1$. This is equivalent to the following integral equation

$$x(t) = 1 + \int_0^t x(t') dt'$$

Picard:

$$x_0(t) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= 1 + \int_0^t x_0(t') dt' = 1 + \int_0^t 1 dt' \\ &= 1 + t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2(t) &= 1 + \int_0^t 1 + t dt \\ &= 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} \end{aligned}$$

\vdots

$$x_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{t^k}{k!}$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(t) \rightarrow e^t$$

§8 | Lec 8: Oct 13, 2021

§8.1 Continuity

Limit of continuous function is not necessarily continuous.

Example 8.1

Consider $x_n(t) = t^n$ on $[0, 1]$

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$x_1 = t$$

$$x_2 = t^2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\bar{x} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 1 \\ 1, & t = 1 \end{cases}$$

which is discontinuous.

Idea: We need “more” continuity. Given x , and given any $\varepsilon > 0$, if $|x - x'| < \delta(x, \varepsilon)$ then $|f(x) - f(x')| < \varepsilon$.

Example 8.2

Consider $f(x) = x$ on \mathbb{R} . We can see that

$$|x - x'| < \varepsilon \quad \forall |x - x'| < \varepsilon$$

in which we pick $\delta(x, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon$.

How about $f(x) = x^2$ on \mathbb{R} ?

$$|x^2 - y^2| < \varepsilon$$

If we pick $\delta(x, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon$, then $|x - y| < \delta = \varepsilon$ which does not necessarily imply $|x^2 - y^2| < \varepsilon$ because

$$\begin{aligned} |x^2 - y^2| &= |(x + y)(x - y)| \\ &= |x + y| |x - y| \\ &\leq \varepsilon |x + y| \end{aligned}$$

$|f(x) - f(y)| > \varepsilon$. So we need to pick smaller δ as x and y get larger. It would work for $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \max(|x|, |y|)}$.

Question 8.1. Is $\frac{1}{x}$ continuous?

Ans: It depends on the domain. If we're talking about \mathbb{R} , it doesn't work at 0; on $(0, \infty)$, yes it's continuous.

Definition 8.3 (Uniform Continuity) — $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ s.t. $|x - y| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$.

Remark 8.4. Notice that the definition is similar to continuity except that δ doesn't depend on x .

Example 8.5

x^2 on \mathbb{R} is not uniformly continuous but x^2 on $(a, b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is continuous since

$$\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{\max(|x|, |y|)} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\max(|a|, |b|)}$$

Remark 8.6. Uniform continuity also depends on the domain as continuity does.

Exercise 8.1. Is $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ uniformly continuous on $[0, 1]$?

Lipschitz Continuity: “gradient is bounded”

$$\frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|} < L < \infty$$

We can pick $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{L}$ everywhere.

Example 8.7 • x^2 on \mathbb{R} is not Lipschitz but it is on a finite interval.

• $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is not Lipschitz continuous on $[0, 1]$. However, it's uniformly continuous.

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§9.1 Picard's Theorem

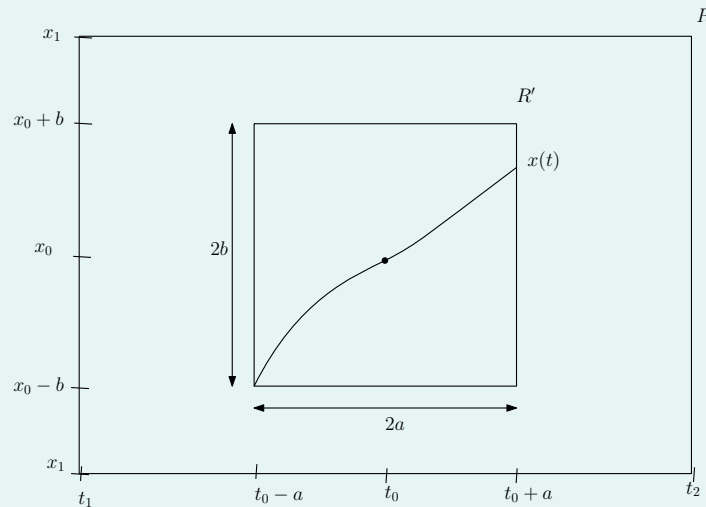
Let's prove local existence of the theorem.

Theorem 9.1 (Picard)

If $f(t, x)$ and $\partial_x f(t, x)$ are continuous function on a bounded rectangle $R = [t_1, t_2] \times [x_1, x_2]$ and (t_0, x_0) is in interior of R ($t_1 < t_0 < t_2$, $x_1 < x_0 < x_2$). Then \exists a smaller rectangle $R' = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times [x_0 - b, x_0 + b]$ s.t. ODE

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

has a solution in R' .



Note: Since R closed and bounded, then f , $\partial_x f$ are bounded, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_R f(t, x) &= M \\ \max_R \partial_x f(t, x) &= L \end{aligned}$$

Thus, f is Lipschitz.

Proof Outline:

1. Solving ODE \iff Soling IE
2. Approximate solutions using Picard iteration

$$x_0(t) = x_0, \quad x_n(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(t', x_{n-1}(t')) dt'$$

3. Prove Picard iterates converges

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(t) \rightarrow \bar{x}(t)$$

4. Prove limit $\bar{x}(t)$ solves IE.
5. Prove limit $\bar{x}(t)$ is continuous.

6. Prove limit $\bar{x}(t)$ is unique.
7. How big is $R' = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times [x_0 - b, x_0 + b]$?

$$\text{Pick } a \ni aL < 1 \text{ \& } b = Ma \leq |x_0 - x_1| |x_0 - x_2|$$

Proof. 2. Prove Picard iterates converge

a) We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(t) \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_0(t) + \sum_{k=1}^n x_k(t) - x_{k-1}(t)$$

telescoping sum!

- b) Series $x_0(t) + \sum_{k=1}^n x_k(t) - x_{k-1}(t)$ converges by Weierstrass M-test - If $|f_n(x)| < M_n$
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x \in D$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n$ converges, then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(x)$$

converges absolutely and uniformly.

- i) Show $x_i(t)$ are all in $R' \subseteq R$ so we can use bounds L, M .

$$\begin{aligned} |x_0(t) - x_0| &= 0 \\ |x_1(t) - x_0| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(t', x_0(t')) dt' \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(t', x_0(t'))| dt \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t M dt \\ &\leq Ma = b \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $x_1(t)$ is in the rectangle. By induction, every $x_n(t)$ in $R' \subseteq R$.

- ii) Show $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i(t) - x_{i-1}(t)|$ is bounded.

Define $\Delta = \max_{R'} |x_1(t) - x_0|$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |x_2(t) - x_1(t)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(t', x_1(t')) - f(t', x_0(t')) dt' \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(t', x_1(t')) - f(t', x_0(t'))| dt' \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t L |x_1(t') - x_0(t')| dt' \\ &\leq \Delta aL \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |x_3(t) - x_2(t)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(t, x_2(t)) - f(t, x_1(t)) dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(t, x_2(t)) - f(t, x_1(t))| dt \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t L |x_2(t') - x_1(t')| dt' \\ &\leq L(\Delta aL)(t - t_0) \\ &\leq \Delta(aL)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Every $|x_n(t) - x_{n-1}(t)|$ depends on $|x_{n-1}(t) - x_{n-2}(t)|$ recursively. The general pattern is

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n(t) - x_{n-1}(t)| &\leq \Delta(aL)^{n-1} \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n - x_{n-1}| &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta(aL)^n \\ &= \frac{\Delta}{1 - aL} \\ &< \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\sum x_n - x_{n-1}$ converges absolutely and uniformly by the Weierstrass M-test. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(t) = \bar{x}(t) \text{ exists!}$$

3. \bar{x} solves I.E.

Idea: We know $|\bar{x} - x_n|$ gets small so break $\left| \bar{x} - x_0 - \int_{t_0}^t f(t', \bar{x}(t')) dt' \right|$ into pieces like $|\bar{x} - x_n(t)|$.

$$\text{subtract } x_n(t) - x_0 - \int_{t_0}^t f(t', x_{n-1}(t')) dt' = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \kappa = \left| \bar{x} - x_0 - \int_{t_0}^t f(t', \bar{x}(t')) dt' \right|.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &= \left| -(x_n - x_0 - \int_{t_0}^t f(t', x_{n-1}(t')) dt') \right| \\ &\leq |\bar{x} - x_n| + \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(t, \bar{x}) - f(t, x_{n-1}) dt \right| \\ &\leq |\bar{x} - x_n| + \int_{t_0}^t |f(t, \bar{x}) - f(t, x_{n-1})| dt \\ &\leq |\bar{x} - x_n| + aL |\bar{x} - x_{n-1}| \end{aligned}$$

which approaches 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$ because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bar{x}$.

4. $\bar{x} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ is continuous, i.e., given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$|t - t'| < \delta \implies |\bar{x}(t) - \bar{x}(t')| < \varepsilon$$

Idea: Split into known things

$$\begin{aligned} |\bar{x}(t) - \bar{x}(t')| &= |\bar{x}(t) - x_n(t) + x_n(t) - x_n(t') + x_n(t') - \bar{x}(t)| \\ &\leq |\bar{x}(t) - x_n(t)| + |x_n(t) - x_n(t')| + |x_n(t') - \bar{x}(t)| \end{aligned}$$

We pick n s.t. $|\bar{x}(t) - x_n(t)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \forall t$ which is possible because Weierstrass implies uniform convergence. Then pick δ s.t.

$$|x_n(t) - x_n(t')| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \forall |t - t'| < \delta$$

which is possible because x_n is continuous.

5. \bar{x} is unique.

Idea: Prove $|\bar{x} - \tilde{x}| \leq |\bar{x} - \tilde{x}|$.

- If \tilde{u} is other solution, it also exists in R' .

Proof. (by contradiction) If not, then

$$|\tilde{x}(t_*) - x_0| = b = Ma$$

for some $|t_* - t| < a$. But

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{x}(t_*) - x_0| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^{t_*} f(t', \tilde{x}(t')) dt' \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^{t_*} |f(t', \tilde{x}(t'))| dt' \\ &\leq M(t_* - t_0) \\ &< Ma = b \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction! □

- Have

$$\begin{aligned} |\bar{x}(t) - \tilde{x}(t)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(t', \bar{x}(t')) - f(t', \tilde{x}(t')) dt' \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(t', \bar{x}(t')) - f(t', \tilde{x}(t'))| dt' \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t L \max |\bar{x}(t') - \tilde{x}(t')| dt' \\ &\leq La \max |\bar{x}(t') - \tilde{x}(t')| \\ \max |\bar{x}(t) - \tilde{x}(t)| &\leq \max |\bar{x}(t) - \tilde{x}(t)| \end{aligned}$$

which is only possible if $\bar{x}(t) - \tilde{x}(t) = 0$, i.e., solution is unique. □

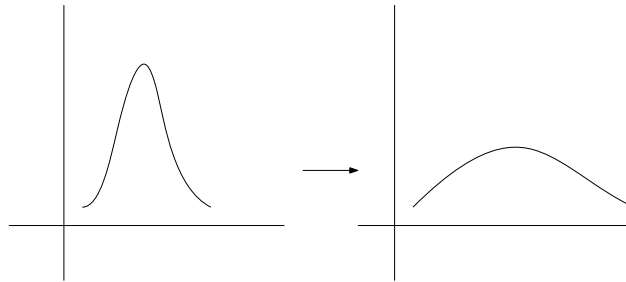
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§10.1 Fourier Series

Goal: Solve linear PDE: 3 canonical examples

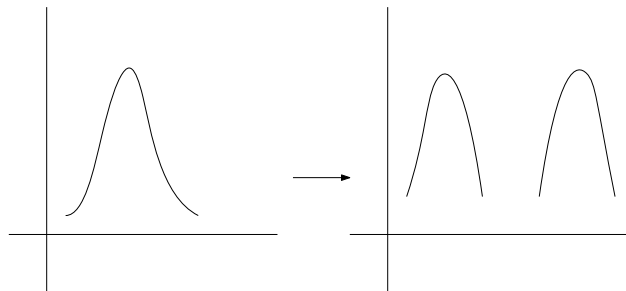
1. Heat/Diffusion equation

$$\partial_t u(t, x) - \partial_x^2 u(t, x) = 0$$



2. Wave equation

$$\partial_t^2 u = \partial_x^2 u$$



3. Laplace equation:

$$\partial_x^2 u + \partial_y^2 u = 0$$

Question 10.1. How do we solve linear PDEs?

Use linearity to split big problems into small ones that you can solve (find the eigenvectors). Then we split 1 PDE $\rightarrow \infty$ ODEs. First, let's define Fourier series.

Definition 10.1 (Fourier Series) — Fourier Series is a function written as a sum of sines and cosines

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx) + b_n \cos(nx) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} \end{aligned}$$

where $c_n = c_r + ic_{in}$.

They have amazing properties:

1. They can approximate almost anything

- analytic function
- smooth function
- periodic function
- differentiable function
- continuous/discontinuous function

2. They simplify differentiation!

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}e^{ikx} &= ik e^{ikx} \\ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sin kx &= -k^2 \sin kx \\ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \cos kx &= -k^2 \cos kx\end{aligned}$$

Just like Laplace transform, Fourier series transform differentiation into multiplication problem (easier to deal with).

3. Fourier series are orthogonal

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \cos nx \, dx = 0$$

or

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = 0 \quad \text{if } m \neq n$$

or

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \cos nx \, dx = 0 \quad \text{if } m \neq n$$

This gives easy formulas

From these facts follow from linear algebra, because Fourier series are eigenfunctions of differentiation. They are the correct basis to solve linear PDEs.

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§11.1 Coefficients of Fourier Series

Question 11.1. How do we calculate Fourier Series $a_n, b_n = ?$

Consider the domain: $[-\pi, \pi]$, finite dimensions N , vector

$$\mathbf{u} = \sum u_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

How do we calculate u_i ?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{e}_j &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^N u_i \mathbf{e}_i \right) \cdot \mathbf{e}_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N u_i (\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

We want to do this in ∞ dimensions – inner product

$$\begin{aligned} N : \langle u, v \rangle &= u \cdot v = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i v_i \\ \infty : \langle u, v \rangle &\propto \int_a^b u(x) v(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Inner Product: $\langle u, v \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ takes in two function & spits out a number. It has to satisfy the following properties

1. Bilinear

$$\langle au + bv, w \rangle = a \langle u, w \rangle + b \langle v, w \rangle$$

2. Symmetric $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$.

3. Positivity: $\langle u, u \rangle > 0$ unless $u = 0$.

Inner products are important

- They imply a norm $\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$
- Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

$$\langle u, v \rangle^2 \leq \langle u, u \rangle \langle v, v \rangle$$

- Triangle inequality

$$\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$$

Exercise 11.1. Prove these properties.

Now, we will use inner products to calculate Fourier. Define

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u(x)v(x) dx$$

Under this inner product, $\sin kl$, $\cos kl$ are orthogonal functions, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \sin kx, \cos lx \rangle &= 0 \quad \forall k, l \\ \langle \sin kx, \sin lx \rangle &= 0 \quad \text{if } k \neq l \\ \langle \cos kx, \cos lx \rangle &= 0 \quad \text{if } k \neq l\end{aligned}$$

Note: $1 = \cos 0x$

Proof. Left as exercise, but use

$$\begin{aligned}\cos((k+l)x) &= \cos kx \cos lx - \sin kx \sin lx \\ \sin((k+l)x) &= \sin kx \cos lx + \sin lx \cos kx\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \sin kx, \sin kx \rangle &= 1 \\ \langle \cos kx, \cos kx \rangle &= 1 \quad k \neq 0 \\ \langle 1, 1 \rangle &= 2\end{aligned}$$

□

We have

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx \\ \langle f, \cos lx \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx, \cos lx \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} \langle 1, \cos lx \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \langle \cos kx, \cos lx \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \langle \sin kx, \cos lx \rangle \\ \langle f, \cos lx \rangle &= a_l \\ \langle f, \sin lx \rangle &= b_l\end{aligned}$$

So we can write any function $f(x)$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx$$

where

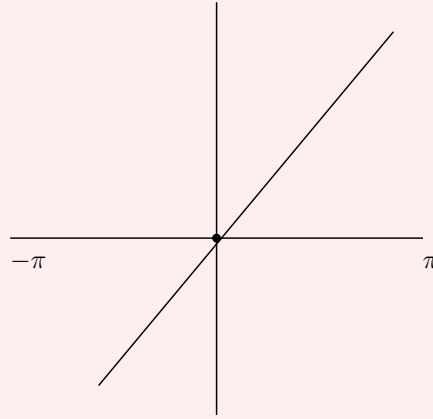
$$\begin{aligned}a_k &= \langle f, \cos kx \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos kx dx \\ b_k &= \langle f, \sin kx \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin kx dx\end{aligned}$$

Question 11.2. Are these orthogonal functions under $\langle u, v \rangle$?

Question 11.3. Are there any other kind of L^2 inner product?

Example 11.1

Consider $f(x) = x$



We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx \\
 a_k &= \langle x, \cos kx \rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \cos kx \, dx \\
 &= 0 - 0 - 0 = 0 \quad (\text{integration by parts}) \\
 b_k &= \langle x, \sin kx \rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin kx \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\pi \frac{\cos k\pi}{k} - (-(-\pi)) \frac{\cos(-k\pi)}{k} \right] \quad (\text{integration by parts}) \\
 &= \frac{2(-1)^{k+1}}{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$x \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \sin kx$$

To show that infinite series converges

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{2(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \right| < 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$$

which is conclusive (by Weierstrass-M test).

§12 | Lec 12: Oct 22, 2021

§12.1 Convergence of Fourier Series

Consider the last example from last lecture

$$f(x) = x \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \sin kx$$

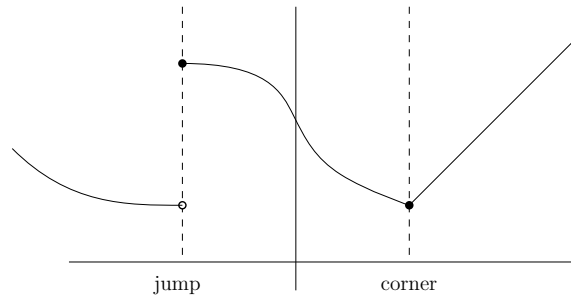
Question 12.1. In what sense does it converge? (What's happening at $\pm\pi$)

Fourier series must be 2π periodic (because $\cos kx$, $\sin kx$ are 2π -periodic) so the y must converge to a 2π -periodic extension of the function.

$$\tilde{f}(x + 2\pi) = \tilde{f}(x)$$

Note: x is C' (derivative continuous) but \tilde{x} is not C' . It is piecewise C' (C' : f continuous and $\frac{df}{dx}$ is continuous).

Piecewise C' on $[a, b]$



f is C' except at finitely many points. At any bad point we have

$$\begin{cases} f(x^-) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x-h) & \text{if } f(x^+) \neq f(x^-) \text{ jump} \\ f(x^+) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x+h) \\ f'(x^-) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f'(x-h) & \text{if } f(x^+) = f(x^-) \\ f'(x^+) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f'(x+h) & \text{but } f'(x^+) \neq f'(x^-) \text{ corner} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 12.1 (Fourier Convergence)

If $\tilde{f}(x)$ is 2π -periodic, piecewise C' function, then its Fourier series converges to \tilde{f} everywhere except jump points x where the series converges to $\frac{f(x^+) + f(x^-)}{2}$

Question 12.2. Recall the example at the beginning, why is there no cosines for x ?

Odd/even symmetries!

Fact 12.1. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{odd} + \text{odd} &= \text{odd} \\ \text{even} + \text{even} &= \text{even} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\text{odd} \times \text{odd} &= \text{even} \\ \text{even} \times \text{even} &= \text{even} \\ \text{odd} \times \text{even} &= \text{odd}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-a}^a \text{odd } dx &= 0 \\ \int_{-a}^a \text{even } dx &= 2 \int_0^a \text{even } dx\end{aligned}$$

This implies odd functions f have sine series and even functions have cosine series.

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Recap:

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx$$

where the coefficients are calculated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \langle f, \cos kx \rangle \\ b_k &= \langle f, \sin kx \rangle \\ \langle u, v \rangle &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u(x)v(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Symmetry simplifies a_k, b_k . Fourier series converges for periodic and piecewise C^1 functions.

§13.1 Complex Fourier Series

Recall the Euler's formula

$$e^{ikx} = \cos kx + i \sin kx$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos kx &= \frac{e^{ikx} + e^{-ikx}}{2} \\ \sin kx &= \frac{e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx}}{2i} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$f \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx}$$

We want $c_k = \langle f, e^{ikx} \rangle$

$$\langle e^{ikx}, e^{ikx} \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{2ikx} dx$$

which is not necessarily positive and we want it to be strictly positive, i.e., norm.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{2ikx} dx &= \left[\frac{e^{2ikx}}{2ik} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{e^{2\pi ki} - e^{-2\pi ki}}{2ik} \\ &= \frac{\sin 2\pi k}{k} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

To fix this, let's define Hermitian inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$$

where $x \in (-\pi, \pi]$ and $f, g : (-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. So

$$\begin{aligned} c_k &= \langle f, e^{ikx} \rangle \\ c_k &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx \end{aligned}$$

Question 13.1. How do Fourier series work with integration?

Integration makes things smoother. We have

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx$$

$$\int f(x) dx \sim \int \frac{a_0}{2} dx + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \int \cos kx dx + b_k \int \sin kx dx$$

Question 13.2. Is this okay?

Notice that

$$\int \cos kx dx = \frac{\sin kx}{k} \quad \int \sin kx dx = \frac{-\cos kx}{k}$$

Problem: If $f(x) = 1$, then

$$f \sim 1$$

$$\int_0^x f dx \sim 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \sin kx$$

Constants terms in Fourier series are bad under integration.

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

Integration is fine if the function has mean 0

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = 0$$

Compare $f(x) = 1$ and $g(x) = x$.

Remark 13.1. Fourier series need piecewise C^1 . To have Fourier of f' , it must be C^1 so f must be continuous (can have corners but not jumps).

$$f = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx$$

$$f' = -ka_k \sin kx + kb_k \cos kx$$

if f is continuous.

Summary:

- Integrate: divide by k
- Differentiation: multiply by k

§14 | Lec 14: Oct 29, 2021

§14.1 Rescaling Intervals of Fourier Series

We know Fourier series on $[-\pi, \pi]$. What about $[-l, l]$? We use coordinate transformation

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{\pi}{l} x \\ F(y) &= f(x(y)) \\ F(y(x)) &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$F(y) = f(x(y)) = f\left(\frac{l}{\pi}y\right)$$

So $F(y) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos ky + b_k \sin ky$

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(y) \cos ky \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-l}^l F(y(x)) \cos ky(x) \frac{\pi}{l} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) \cos \left(\frac{k\pi}{l}x\right) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

So

$$f(x) = F(y(x)) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos \frac{k\pi}{l}x + b_k \sin \frac{k\pi}{l}x$$

We can find b_k similarly.

§15 | Lec 15: Nov 1, 2021

§15.1 The Relationship between Smoothness and Fourier Coefficients

Smother functions (more differentiable) have faster decaying Fourier coefficients. (infinitely differentiable leads to exponential decay).

Example 15.1 • Discontinuous function $\rightarrow c_k \propto \frac{1}{k}$

- $C^0 \rightarrow c_k \propto \frac{1}{k^2}$
 - $C^1 \rightarrow c_k \propto \frac{1}{k^3}$
 - $C^2 \rightarrow c_k \propto \frac{1}{k^4}$
- Why?

Recall these definitions

Definition 15.2 — $\forall \varepsilon, x \exists N$ s.t.

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N(x)$$

Then, $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ (pointwise convergence).

Definition 15.3 — $\forall \varepsilon, \exists N$ s.t.

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N, \quad \forall x$$

Then, $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ (uniform convergence).

Series converges $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x) \rightarrow g(x)$ if

$$s_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x) \rightarrow g(x) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Weierstrass M-test: If $|f_n(x)| < M_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n < \infty$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$ converges (absolutely/uniformly). So the limit is continuous if f_n are continuous.

Consider a complex Fourier series

$$f \sim \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx}$$

Theorem 15.4

If $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_k| < \infty$, then the Fourier series is “good”, i.e., the limit of the Fourier series is continuous.

Proof. Weierstrass!

$$|c_k e^{ikx}| \leq |c_k| |e^{ikx}| = |c_k|$$

□

Corollary 15.5

If $|c_k| < \frac{M}{|k|^\alpha}$ where $\alpha > 1$. Then Fourier series is continuous.

Proof. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{M}{k^\alpha} < \infty$ for $\alpha > 1$ by comparison test. □

Note:

$$f \sim \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx}$$

$$f' \sim \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} ik c_k e^{ikx}$$

Differentiation: $c_k \rightarrow ikc_k$ or $|c_k| \rightarrow k|c_k|$

Theorem 15.6

If $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |k|^n |c_k| < \infty$ where $f \sim \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx}$, then $f^{(n)}$ is continuous (f is C^n)

Proof. Have

$$f^{(n)} \sim \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (ik)^n c_k e^{ikx}$$

then Weierstrass $|(ik)^n c_k e^{ikx}| \leq |k|^n |c_k|$ □

Corollary 15.7

If $|c_k| < \frac{M}{|k|^\alpha}$ where $\alpha > n + 1$ then f is n times differentiable.

Proof. Comparison test: $c_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$, then

$$|c_k| < \frac{1}{k^{1.5}} \propto \frac{1}{k}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{k^2} &\rightarrow C^0 \\ \frac{1}{k^3} &\rightarrow C^1 \\ \frac{1}{k^4} &\rightarrow C^2 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

□

§16 | Lec 16: Nov 3, 2021

§16.1 Hilbert Spaces & Convergence in Norm

Goal: Prove Fourier series converge “in norm”. First, we need some definitions.

Definition 16.1 (L^2 integrable) — f is L^2 integrable if $\|f\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$.

Definition 16.2 (Hilbert Space) — Hilbert space is vector space of L^2 integrable function

Proof. Have

- Has a 0 (0 function)
- Closed under addition

$$\|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\| < \infty$$

- Closed under scalar multiplication

$$\|cf\| = |c|\|f\| < \infty$$

□

- test other axioms ...

Note: L^2 function have Fourier series.

Proof. $|c_k| = |\langle f, e^{ikx} \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|e^{ikx}\| < \infty$ (Cauchy-Schwarz).

□

Note: L^2 functions are “abnormal” TBA

Fact 16.1. Hilbert spaces are complete (every “convergent” sequence has a limit that is L^2)

Definition 16.3 — “Convergent” means Cauchy sequence for sequence $a_n \rightarrow a$. We need

$$\text{Cauchy} : \forall \varepsilon, \exists N \ni |a_m - a_n| < \varepsilon \quad \forall m, n > N$$

Aside: Completeness is the difference between rationals \mathbb{Q} , and reals \mathbb{R} (\mathbb{Q} isn’t complete because π is limit of sequence in \mathbb{Q} but $\pi \notin \mathbb{Q}$). Completeness matters for taking limits.

Definition 16.4 (Convergence in Norm) — $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ if $\|f_n(x) - f(x)\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

We’ll prove Fourier series converge to their function in norm in a general way for a general ∞ -dim vector space V with an inner product.

Definition 16.5 (Orthonormal System) — Orthonormal system $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots \in V$

$$\langle \phi_i, \phi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j \\ 1, & i = j \end{cases}$$

Definition 16.6 (General Fourier Series) — $f \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \phi_k$ where $c_l = \langle f, \phi_l \rangle$ and c_k comes from $\langle f, \phi_l \rangle$ on both sides.

Theorem 16.7

The truncated Fourier series

$$s_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \phi_k$$

is the best approximation to f in least squares sense, that is, consider $V_n = \text{span}\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}$ and take any $p_n = \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \phi_k \in V_n$ then

$$\|s_n - f\| \leq \|p_n - f\| \quad \forall p_n \in V_n$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \phi_k \\ s_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \phi_k \\ c_k &= \langle f, \phi_k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|p_n\|^2 &= \langle p_n, p_n \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \phi_k, \sum_{l=1}^n d_l \phi_l \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n d_k d_l \langle \phi_k, \phi_l \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n d_k d_l \delta_{kl} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n |d_k|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|p_n - f\|^2 &= \langle p_n - f, p_n - f \rangle \\ &= \langle p_n, p_n \rangle - 2\langle p_n, f \rangle + \langle f, f \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n |d_k|^2 - 2 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n d_k \langle \phi_k, f \rangle \right) + \|f\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n |d_k - c_k|^2 - \sum_{k=1}^n |c_k|^2 + \|f\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Pick $d_k = c_k$ – norm minimized by s_n . □

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§17.1 Pointwise Convergence of Fourier Series

We know Fourier series converge in norms for continuous, piecewise C^1 , periodic functions. But Fourier series seemed to work even for discontinuous functions too (Gibbs phenomenon!). Today we will prove it works pointwise for discontinuous function if $s_n = \sum_{k=-n}^n c_k e^{ikx}$. Prove

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} (f(x^+) + f(x^-))$$

1. Use the formulas for c_k

$$\begin{aligned} s_n &= \sum_{k=-n}^n \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) e^{-iky} dy \right) e^{ikx} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \underbrace{\left(\sum_{k=-n}^n e^{ik(x-y)} \right)}_{dy?} dy \end{aligned}$$

Notice that $\sum_{k=-n}^n e^{ikx}$ is a geometric series

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=-n}^n e^{ikx} &= e^{-inx} \left(\frac{e^{i(2n+1)x} - 1}{e^{ix} - 1} \right) \\ &= \vdots \\ &= \frac{\sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})x\right)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}x} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} s_n(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \frac{\sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})(x - y)\right)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(x - y)} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x + y) \frac{\sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})y\right)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x + y) \frac{\sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})y\right)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}y} dy + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 f(x + y) \frac{\sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})y\right)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}y} dy \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{top} &= f(x^+) \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow -\infty} \text{bottom} &= f(x^-) \end{aligned}$$

Note

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})y\right)}{\sin y} dy &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{k=-n}^n e^{iky} dy \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

which is valid if only e^{i0} counts.

2. Prove a difference integral $\rightarrow 0$ by showing that it's a Fourier coefficient. Prove

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (f(x + y) - f(x^+)) \frac{\sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})y\right)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}y} dy = 0$$

Notice that

$$g(y) \equiv \frac{f(x+y) + f(x^-)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}y}$$

is piecewise continuous $\forall y \in [0, \pi]$. We need $\int_0^\pi g(y) \sin \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) y dy = 0$. Note that

$$\sin \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) y = \sin \frac{1}{2}y \cos ny + \cos \frac{1}{2}y \sin ny$$

Then,

$$\int_0^\pi \left(g(y) \sin \frac{y}{2}\right) (0)ny + \left(g(y) \cos \frac{y}{2} \sin ny\right)$$

But we know Fourier coefficients decay for all L^2 integrable functions. So these terms $\rightarrow 0$ and we prove pointwise convergence.