

# Math 135 – Differential Equations

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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  $\infty$  – 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  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > c$ ) 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  $[0, \infty)$ .



## §4 | Lec 4: Oct 4, 2021

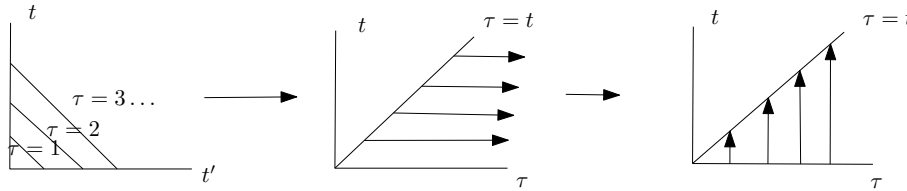
### §4.1 Convolution

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

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

$$\vdots$$

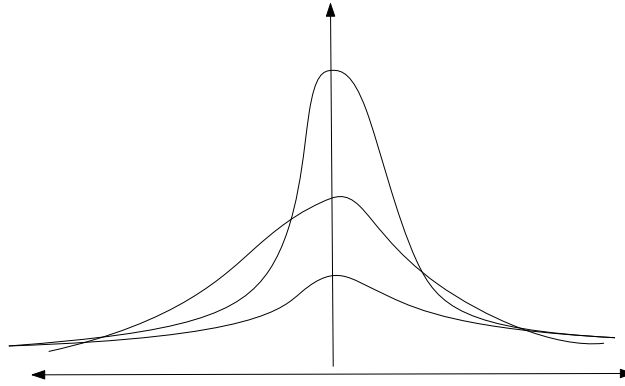
$$F(s) = 3!(s^{-4} + s^{-6})$$

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

## §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:

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

$\delta$  “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  $\infty$ -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.

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

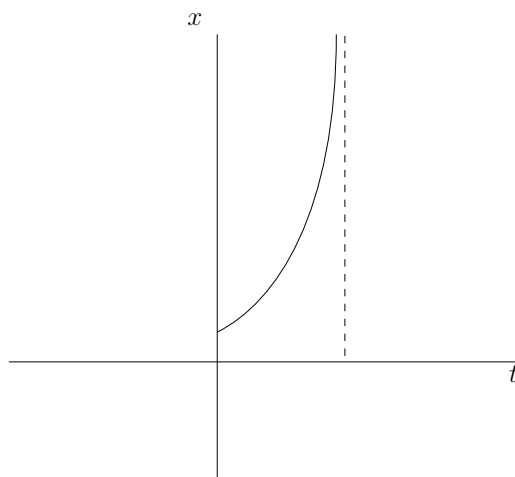
## §6 | Lec 6: Oct 08, 2021

### §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  $\mathbb{R}$ .

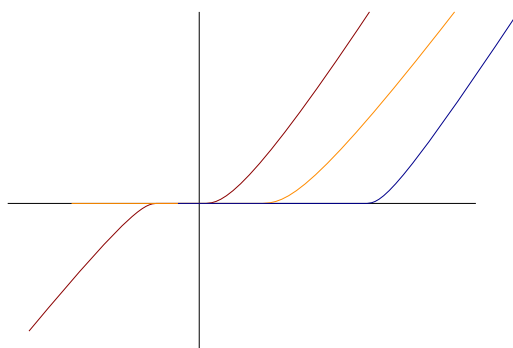
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2, \quad x(0) = 1$$



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  $\delta$  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  $\delta$  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.

## §9 | Lec 9: Oct 15, 2021

### §9.1 Picard's Theorem

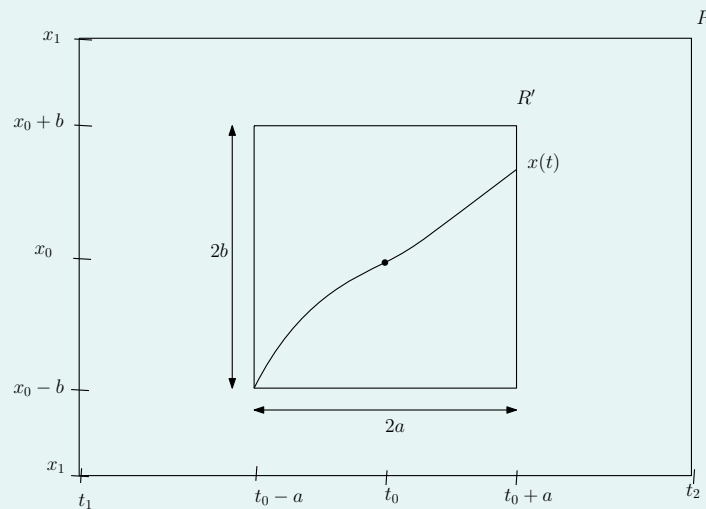
Let's prove local existence of the theorem.

#### 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  $\delta$  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. □

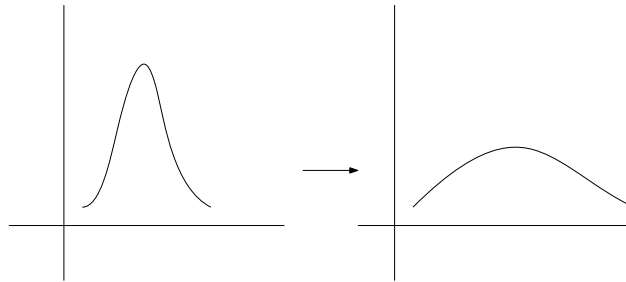
# §10 | Lec 10: Oct 18, 2021

## §10.1 Fourier Series

Goal: Solve linear PDE: 3 canonical examples

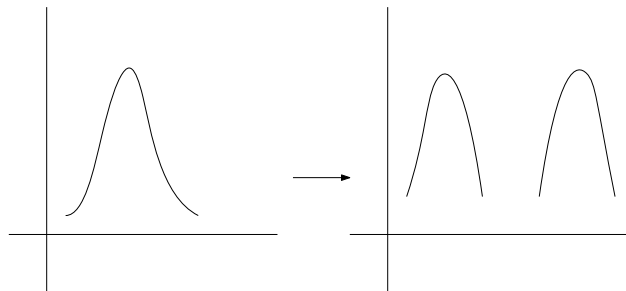
1. Heat/Diffusion equation

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



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.

# §11 | Lec 11: Oct 20, 2021

## §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  $\infty$  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

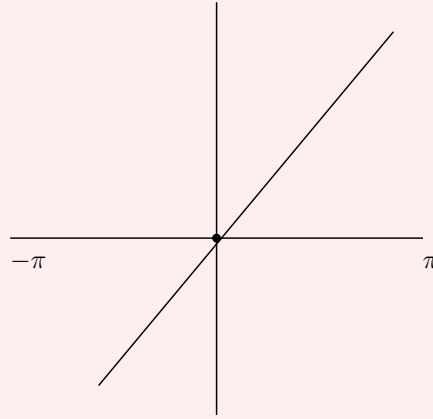
$$\begin{aligned}a_k &= \langle f, \cos kx \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos kx dx \\ b_k &= \langle f, \sin kx \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin kx dx\end{aligned}$$

**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

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

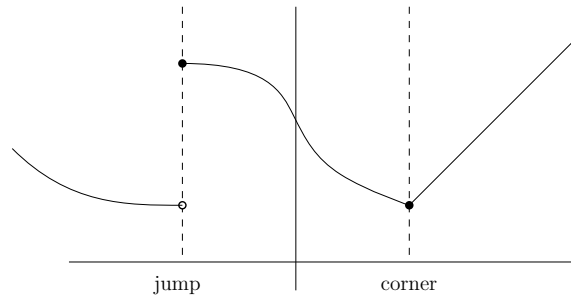
**Question 12.1.** In what sense does it converge? (What's happening at  $\pm\pi$ )

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