
Homework #4

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Suppose that $u(t, x)$ is a smooth solution of the one-dimensional wave equation,

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0.$$

Prove that

$$(u_t^2 + c^2 u_x^2)_t - (2c^2 u_t u_x)_x = 0.$$

If $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ for all t , deduce that

$$\int_0^1 |u_t(x, t)|^2 + c^2 |u_x(x, t)|^2 dx = \text{constant}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx} \\ \iff 2u_t u_{tt} &= 2c^2 u_t u_{xx} \\ \iff 2u_t u_{tt} + 2c^2 u_x u_{tx} &= 2c^2 u_t u_{xx} + 2c^2 u_x u_{tx} \\ \iff (u_t^2 + c^2 u_x^2)_t &= (2c^2 u_t u_x)_x \end{aligned}$$

Since $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ for all t , then $u(0, t)_t = u(1, t)_t = 0$ for all t . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 2c^2 (u_t(1, t) u_x(1, t) - u_t(0, t) u_x(0, t)) = (2c^2 u_t u_x) \Big|_{x=0}^1 \\ &= \int_0^1 (2c^2 u_t u_x)_x dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (u_t^2 + c^2 u_x^2)_t dx \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 (u_t^2 + c^2 u_x^2) dx \\ \iff \int_0^1 (u_t^2 + c^2 u_x^2) dx &= \text{constant}. \end{aligned}$$

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Show that

$$u(x, t) = f(x + ct) + g(x - ct)$$

is a solution of the one-dimensional wave equation

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0,$$

for arbitrary functions f and g . This solution is called d'Alembert's solution.

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= f(x + ct) + g(x - ct) \\ \implies u_t(x, t) &= c(f'(x + ct) - g'(x - ct)) \\ \implies u_{tt}(x, t) &= c^2(f''(x + ct) + g''(x - ct)) \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= f(x + ct) + g(x - ct) \\ \implies u_x(x, t) &= f'(x + ct) + g'(x - ct) \\ \implies u_{xx}(x, t) &= f''(x + ct) + g''(x - ct) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$u_{tt}(x, t) = c^2(f''(x + ct) + g''(x - ct)) = c^2 u_{xx}(x, t)$$

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Consider the logistic map

$$x_{n+1} = 4\mu x_n(1 - x_n),$$

where $x_n \in [0, 1]$, and $\mu = 1$. Show that the solutions may be written as $x_n = \sin^2 \theta_n$ where $\theta_n \in \mathbb{T}$, and

$$\theta_{n+1} = 2\theta_n.$$

What can you say about the orbits of the logistic map, the existence of an invariant measure, and the validity of an ergodic theorem?

Let $x_n = \sin^2 \theta_n$ and $\theta_{n+1} = 2\theta_n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{n+1} &= 2\theta_n \\ \implies \sin^2(\theta_{n+1}) &= \sin^2(2\theta_n) \\ \implies x_{n+1} &= 4 \sin^2 \theta_n \cos^2 \theta_n \\ \implies x_{n+1} &= 4 \sin^2 \theta_n (1 - \sin^2 \theta_n) \\ \implies x_{n+1} &= 4x_n(1 - x_n) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$x_n = \sin^2 \theta_n \quad \text{where} \quad \theta_{n+1} = 2\theta_n$$

satisfies the logistic map.

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Consider the dynamical system on \mathbb{T} ,

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n \pmod{1},$$

where $\alpha = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ is the golden ration. Show that the orbit with initial value $x_0 = 1$ is not equidistributed on the circle, meaning that it does not satisfy (7.39).

HINT. Show that

$$u_n = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

satisfies the difference equation

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + u_{n-1}$$

and hence s an integer for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then use the fact that

$$\left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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Let B_n and V_n be defined in (7.46) and (7.47). Prove that $\bigcup_{n=0}^N B_n$ is an orthonormal basis of V_N .

HINT. Prove that the set is orthonormal and count its elements.

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Suppose that $B = \{e_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^2([0, 1])$. Prove the following:

- (a) For any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, the set $B_a = \{e_n(x - a)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^2([a, a + 1])$.
- (b) For any $c > 0$, the set $B^C = \{\sqrt{c}e_n(cx)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^2([0, c^{-1}])$.
- (c) With the convention that functions are extended to a larger domain than their original domain by setting them equal to 0, prove that $B \cup B_1$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^2([0, 1])$.
- (d) Prove that $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} B_k$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$.