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## 1 Fourier Analysis in One Variable

**Parseval's Identity**

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)$$

**Generalized Parseval's Identity**

Let  $f(x), f^*(x) \in L^2([-\pi, \pi])$ . Then,

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)f^*(x)dx = \frac{a_0a_0^*}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_na_n^* + b_nb_n^*)$$

**Error Bound**

The error for a Fourier Series approximating  $f(x)$  can be computed by

$$|f(x) - s_N(x)| = \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f'(x))^2 dx - \sum_{n=1}^N n^2 (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

...where  $s_N(x)$  is the partial sum of the Fourier Series for  $f$ .

**Pointwise Convergence of Fourier Series**

- (1) If  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{F(x_0+\tau) - F(x_0)}{\tau} \right| d\tau$  is finite, then we have pointwise convergence at  $x_0$  (Dini's Test)
- (2) Suppose  $f$  is bounded, has finite extrema, and has finite discontinuities. Then, the series converges to  $x_0$  at  $\frac{f(x_0^-) + f(x_0^+)}{2}$  (Dirichlet's Theorem)

**Uniform Convergence of Fourier Series** Let  $f(x)$  be a continuous  $2\pi$ -periodic function that satisfies the below conditions:

- (1)  $f'(x)$  is continuous, except for a finite amount of points
- (2)  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f'(x))^2 dx$  is finite
- (3)  $f(x) - f(-\pi) = \int_{-\pi}^x f'(t) dt$  for all  $x$

...then the Fourier Series of  $f$  converges uniformly to  $f(x)$ .

To show convergence for all  $x$ , prove that this holds for  $f(x - 2\pi m)$

**Convergence in the Mean**

Uniform convergence implies convergence in the mean.  $f(x) \in L^2([-\pi, \pi])$  means  $f$  converges in the  $l_2$  norm.

*Formal definition:* A sequence of functions  $\{f_k(x)\}_{k \geq 1}$  defined over  $a \leq x \leq b$  is said to converge in the mean to  $g(x)$  if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b (f_k(x) - g(x))^2 dx = 0$$

### Completeness

We say a set of orthogonal functions is complete if the Fourier Series based off the set of functions converges in the mean.

### Change of Scale

Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined on  $a \leq x < b$ . We can apply a *change of scale* such that our new domain  $\bar{x}$  satisfies  $-\pi < \bar{x} < \pi$ . So, let

$$\bar{x} = 2\pi \left( \frac{x - \frac{1}{2}(a+b)}{b-a} \right) \implies x = \frac{b-a}{2\pi} \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}(a+b)$$

Thus,  $F(\bar{x})$  has the Fourier Series

$$\begin{aligned} F(\bar{x}) &\sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\bar{x}) + b_n \sin(n\bar{x})) \\ &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cos \left( 2n\pi \left( \frac{x - \frac{1}{2}(a+b)}{b-a} \right) \right) + b_n \sin \left( 2n\pi \left( \frac{x - \frac{1}{2}(a+b)}{b-a} \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

The sine and cosine series is as such

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \\ a_n &= \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \cos \left( \frac{\pi n}{b-a} (x-a) \right) dx \\ b_n &= \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \sin \left( \frac{\pi n}{b-a} (x-a) \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

*Example:* Let  $f(x) = e^x, 1 \leq x < 2$ .

$$\bar{x} = 2\pi \left( x - \frac{1}{2}(1+2) \right) = \pi(2x-3)$$

So, its Fourier Series is

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\pi(2x-3)) + b_n \sin(n\pi(2x-3)))$$

The sine and cosine series is as such

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 2 \int_1^2 e^x dx = 2(e^2 - e) \\ a_n &= 2 \int_1^2 f(x) \cos(\pi n(x-1)) dx \\ b_n &= 2 \int_1^2 f(x) \sin(\pi n(x-1)) dx \end{aligned}$$

*Pointwise Convergence Example:* Let  $f(x) = e^x, 1 \leq x < 2$ .

We have that  $f(x)$  is bounded from  $e \leq x < e^2$  and contains finitely many extrema and discontinuities within  $(1, 2)$ . So,  $\forall x$ , the Fourier Series for  $f$  converges to  $\frac{f(x^-) + f(x^+)}{2}$ .

*Uniform Convergence Example:*  $f(x) = e^x, 1 \leq x < 2$

First, we show that  $\int_a^b (f'(x))^2 dx < \infty$ .

$$\int_1^2 e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2}(e^4 - e^2) < \infty$$

Next,  $f(x) - f(1) = \int_1^x (e^t)' dt$ . Both sides are equivalent to  $(e^x - e)$

Now, consider an extension of  $f$  with periodicity  $= (b-a)m = 1m$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= e^{x+m} = f(1) + \int_1^{x+m} e^t dt = f(1) + \int_{-m}^x e^{t-m} dt \\ &= f(1) + \int_1^2 e^t dt + \int_2^3 e^{t-1} dt + \int_3^4 e^{t-2} dt + \dots + \int_0^m e^t dt \\ &= e + (e^2 - e) + (e^2 - e) + (e^2 - e) + \dots + (e^2 - e) = e + m(e^2 - e) \neq \int_{-m}^x e^{t-m} dt \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f$  does not converge uniformly.

*Convergence in the Mean Example:* Let  $f(x) = e^x, 1 \leq x < 2$ .

We show  $\int_a^b (f(x))^2 dx < \infty$

$$\int_1^2 e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2}(e^4 - e^2) < \infty$$

We have shown that  $f$  converges in the mean.

## 2 Homogeneous PDEs in Two Variables

### Laplace's Equation in a Rectangle

We consider the setup

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 & 0 < x < \pi, 0 < y < A \\ u(0, y) = u(\pi, y) = 0 & 0 < y < A \\ u(x, A) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

Apply the standard separation of variables, guessing  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$ . After solving each ODE we obtain:

$$X_n(x) = \sin(nx), Y_n(y) = \sinh(n(A - y))$$

To find  $Y_n(y)$ , it involves solving for a constant  $c_1$  (or  $c_2$ ) with respect to the other constant.

Hence, the solution  $u(x, y)$  is the following series

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{\sinh(n(A - y))}{\sinh(nA)} \sin(nx)$$

$\frac{1}{\sinh(nA)}$  is obtained from the boundary condition  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

### Laplace's Equation in a Circle

The PDE is still of the form  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ , but now we have a new boundary condition:  $x^2 + y^2 < 1$ . Our new PDE becomes:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 & x^2 + y^2 < 1 \\ u = f(\theta), 0 < \theta \leq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

We apply separation of variables: guess  $u(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$ . Solving for  $\Theta$  is a familiar situation to previous PDEs, as we will obtain  $\Theta_n(\theta) = A_n \sin(n\theta) + B_n \cos(n\theta)$ .

To solve  $R(r)$ , we will get a characteristic ODE  $r^2 R'' + rR' - n^2 R = 0$ . However, we also have to analyze two separate cases:  $n = 0$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

If  $n = 0$ , then we have  $R(r) = a + \ln|r| + b$ .

If  $n \geq 1$ , the ODE is a characteristic polynomial. Therefore, we guess  $R(r) = r^\alpha$ , and the final solution is  $n = \pm\alpha$ . So,  $R(r) = r^n - r^{-n}$ .

However, we need the series to converge. Because  $r < 1$  by assumption,  $r^{-n}$  diverges and so we exclude  $r^{-n}$  from our final solution.

The series solution to our PDE is

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n (A_n \sin(n\theta) + B_n \cos(n\theta)).$$

with  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  complying to the standard Fourier Coefficients

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta, B_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta$$

Suppose the circle had a radius  $r$  as opposed to 1 such that boundary condition is  $x^2 + y^2 < a$ . Then, we can apply a *change of scale*. Let  $r = \sqrt{a}\bar{r}$ . Consider a new solution  $v(\bar{r}, \theta) = u(\sqrt{a}\bar{r}, \theta)$ . We now have that  $\Delta v$  satisfies our standard boundary condition  $\bar{r} < 1$ . Solve the PDE as you would in the above case, and then rewrite  $\bar{r}$  in terms of  $r$  in your final solution.

### Other boundary types: Annulus, Wedge

On an annulus, we have a different condition

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 & a < r < b, \theta_1 \leq \theta < \theta_2 \\ u(a, \theta) = f_1(\theta), u(b, \theta) = f_2(\theta) \end{cases}$$

The procedure is mostly similar. Apply separation of variables and obtain the series solution. However, we have to be cautious of how we set it up. For example, if  $u(a, \theta) = 0$ , we have to make sure  $f(b, \theta) = a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta)$ .

On a wedge, we have the boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 & 0 < r \leq a, 0 \leq \theta < \theta \\ u(r, 0) = f(r), u(a, \theta) = f(\theta) \end{cases}$$

### Poisson's Integral

ASSUME that  $u(r, \theta)$  is a solution to Laplace's Equation on a circle with radius  $R$ . Then,

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{R^2 - r^2}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{f(\phi)}{r^2 + R^2 - 2Rr \cos(\theta - \phi)} d\phi$$

### 3 Nonhomogeneous Problems and Green's Function

#### Green's Function for Initial Value Problems

Let an ODE be of the form

$$u''(x) + p(x)u'(x) + q(x)u(x) = f(x), \quad u(a) = A, u'(a) = B$$

We can first guess **two linearly independent solutions**  $v_1(x), v_2(x)$  of the non-homogeneous equation

$$v''(x) + p(x)v'(x) + q(x)v(x) = 0$$

Now, let's introduce the [Wronskian](#), which outputs the determinant of a matrix containing  $v_1, v_2$ . More specifically,

$$W(v_1, v_2) = v_1 v_2' - v_1' v_2$$

Finally, we denote the one-sided **Green's Function**

$$R(x, \xi) = \frac{-v_1(x)v_2(\xi) + v_1(\xi)v_2(x)}{W(v_1, v_2)}$$

The solution to such ODE is

$$u(x) = \int_a^x R(x, \xi) f(\xi) d\xi$$

**Remark:** Note that the above solution is final **IF** the initial values are zero. If that is not the case, we must add  $c_1 v_1(x) + c_2 v_2(x)$  to our solution, using our initial conditions to find such  $c_1, c_2$ .

#### Green's Function for Boundary Value Problems

Let an ODE be of the form

$$u''(x) + p(x)u'(x) + q(x)u(x) = f(x), \quad u(a) = A, u(b) = B$$

Then

$$G(x, \xi) = \begin{cases} G^-(x, \xi) & \xi \leq x \\ G^+(x, \xi) & \xi \geq x \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= \int_a^b G(x, \xi) f(\xi) d\xi - A \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi}(x, a) + B \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi}(x, b) \\ &= \int_a^x G^+(x, \xi) f(\xi) d\xi + \int_x^b G^-(x, \xi) f(\xi) d\xi - A \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi}(x, a) + B \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi}(x, b) \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$G^-(x, \xi) = \frac{[v_1(x)v_2(b) - v_1(b)v_2(x)][v_1(\xi)v_2(a) - v_1(a)v_2(\xi)]}{[v_1(a)v_2(b) - v_1(b)v_2(a)][v_1(\xi)v_2'(\xi) - v_1'(\xi)v_2(\xi)]}$$

and

$$G^+(x, \xi) = \frac{[v_1(x)v_2(a) - v_1(a)v_2(x)][v_1(\xi)v_2(b) - v_1(b)v_2(\xi)]}{[v_1(a)v_2(b) - v_1(b)v_2(a)][v_1(\xi)v_2'(\xi) - v_1'(\xi)v_2(\xi)]}.$$

Alternatively, you can write expressions for  $G(a, \xi)$ ,  $G(b, \xi)$  and set them equal to our boundary values.

### Nonhomogeneous Heat Equation

Say we have a PDE of the following form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = F(x, t) & 0 < x < \pi, t > 0. \\ u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = u(x, 0) = 0 & 0 \leq x \leq \pi, t > 0. \end{cases}$$

If a solution  $u(x, t)$  exists, then we can represent  $u(x, t)$  as a Fourier Series

$$u(x, t) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \sin(nx).$$

We can apply a [Fourier Sine Transform](#) because  $b_n(t)$  uniquely describes the solution  $u(x, t)$ . To find such  $b_n(t)$ , we first want to find the standard Fourier coefficients written solely as a function of  $t$ . We will call these set of coefficients  $B_n(t)$ . So

$$B_n(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} F(x, t) \sin(nx) dx.$$

Now to solve  $b_n'(t) + n^2 b_n(t) = B_n(t)$  you apply the integrating factor and so

$$b_n(t) = \int_0^t e^{-n^2(t-\tau)} B_n(\tau) d\tau = e^{-n^2 t} \int_0^t e^{n^2 \tau} B_n(\tau) d\tau$$

And so

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \sin(nx)$$

*Example*

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = x(\pi - x) \sin t & 0 < x < \pi, t > 0. \\ u(x, 0) = u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0 & 0 \leq x \leq \pi, t \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

First, find the sine series for  $f(x) = x(\pi - x)$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (x(\pi - x)) \sin(nx) dx$$

The terms vanish when  $n$  is even so we get

$$B_{2k-1}(t) = \frac{8}{\pi(2k-1)^3} \sin t$$

To find our  $b_{2k-1}(t)$  terms we apply the above integral

$$b_{2k-1} = \int_0^t e^{-(2k-1)^2(t-\tau)} \left( \frac{8}{(2k-1)^3\pi} \right) \sin(\tau) d\tau$$

After integrating by parts twice, the coefficients for  $b_{2k-1}$  is

$$b_{2k-1}(t) = \frac{8((2k-1)^2 \sin t - \cos t + e^{-(2k-1)t})}{(\pi(2k-1)^3)((2k-1)^4 + 1)}$$

Hence our solution  $u(x, t)$  is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{8((2k-1)^2 \sin t - \cos t + e^{-(2k-1)t})}{(\pi(2k-1)^3)((2k-1)^4 + 1)} \sin((2k-1)x)$$

### Nonhomogenous Laplace's Equation on a Rectangle

Consider the PDE

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = F(x, y) & 0 < x < \pi, 0 < y < A. \\ u(0, y) = u(\pi, y) = u(x, 0) = u(x, A) = 0 & 0 \leq x \leq \pi, 0 \leq y \leq A. \end{cases}$$

Compared to the Nonhomogeneous Heat Equation, the general approach is exactly the same. Find the coefficients  $B_n(y)$  and then solve for  $b_n(y)$ . Find the Fourier Coefficients for  $B_n(y) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi F(x, y) \sin(nx) dx$ . Now we solve the nonhomogeneous ODE for  $b_n(y)$ .

$$b_n''(y) - n^2 b_n(y) = B_n(y)$$

This can be solved using the Green's Function, but generally an easier approach will be guessing the particular solution  $b_{n,p}(y)$ , which depends on the form of  $B_n(y)$ .

As for the homogeneous solution of the ODE, the solution for each  $b_n(y)$  is

$$b_{n,h}(y) = c_1 e^{ny} + c_2 e^{-ny}$$

So the general solution of the ODE, for each  $n$ , is

$$b_n(y) = b_{n,p}(y) + b_{n,h}(y) = b_{n,p}(y) + c_1 e^{ny} + c_2 e^{-ny}.$$

Use the boundary conditions  $u(x, 0)$  and  $u(x, A)$  to solve for coefficients  $c_1, c_2$ .



The final solution of the PDE is

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(y) \sin(nx)$$

*Example*

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = y(1-y) \sin^3(x) & 0 < x < \pi, 0 < y < 1. \\ u(0, y) = u(\pi, y) = u(x, 0) = u(x, 1) = 0 & 0 \leq x \leq \pi, 0 \leq y \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

While we can find the Fourier Series for  $B_n(y)$  by integrating, we know that  $\sin^3(x) = \frac{3}{4} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3x)$ . Therefore we will have to solve two ODEs, one for  $b_1(y)$  and  $b_3(y)$ .

We have that  $B_1(y) = \frac{3}{4}y(1-y)$ . We can ignore  $\sin x$  because we are solving the ODE with respect to  $y$ . In order to solve  $b_1''(y) - b_1(y) = \frac{3}{4}y(1-y)$ , we need to guess the particular solution. Here we can guess  $b_{1,p} = ay^2 + by + c$ , where  $b_{1,p}'' = 2a$ . Our system becomes

$$2a - ay^2 - by - c = \frac{3}{4}y - \frac{3}{4}y^2.$$

Solving the system gives us  $a = \frac{3}{4}, b = -\frac{3}{4}, c = -\frac{3}{2}$  and so

$$b_{1,p}(y) = \frac{3}{4}y^2 - \frac{3}{4}y - \frac{3}{2}.$$

Now, for the homogeneous solution  $b_{1,h}$ , we have

$$b_{1,h} = c_1 e^y + c_2 e^{-y}$$

Hence our final  $b_1(y)$  is

$$b_1(y) = \frac{3}{4}y^2 - \frac{3}{4}y + \frac{3}{2} + c_1 e^y + c_2 e^{-y}.$$

Using our boundary conditions  $b_1(0) = 0, b_1(1) = 0$ , we can solve for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  and obtain the solution to this ODE

$$b_1(y) = \frac{3}{4} \left( y^2 - y + 2 - 2 \left( 1 + \frac{e^2 - 1}{e^2 + e} \right) e^y + 2 \left( \frac{e^2 - 1}{e^2 + e} \right) e^{-y} \right)$$

Solving for  $b_3(y)$  follows the same procedure. Instead, we solve the ODE  $b_3''(y) - 9b_3(y) = -\frac{1}{4}y(1-y)$ . We apply the same guess for our characteristic solution and our homogeneous solution is  $b_{3,h} = c_1 e^{3y} + c_2 e^{-3y}$ . The solution  $b_3(y)$  for this specific ODE is

$$b_3(y) = \left( -\frac{1}{36}y^2 + \frac{1}{36}y + \frac{1}{162} - \frac{1}{162} \left( \frac{e^3 - e^6}{e^6 - 1} + 1 \right) e^{3y} + \frac{1}{162} \left( \frac{e^3 - e^6}{e^6 - 1} \right) e^{-3y} \right)$$

Hence the solution  $u(x, y)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(y) \sin(nx) = b_1(y) \sin x + b_3(y) \sin(3x) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left( y^2 - y + 2 - 2 \left( 1 + \frac{e^2 - 1}{e^2 + e} \right) e^y + 2 \left( \frac{e^2 - 1}{e^2 + e} \right) e^{-y} \right) \sin x \\ &\quad + \left( -\frac{1}{36} y^2 + \frac{1}{36} y + \frac{1}{162} - \frac{1}{162} \left( \frac{e^3 - e^6}{e^6 - 1} + 1 \right) e^{3y} + \frac{1}{162} \left( \frac{e^3 - e^6}{e^6 - 1} \right) e^{-3y} \right) \sin(3x) \end{aligned}$$

### Nonhomogeneous Laplace's Equation on a Disk

Consider the following PDE with corresponding boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = F(r, \theta) & r < R, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \\ u(R, \theta) = 0 & -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \end{cases}$$

Much like the other nonhomogeneous problems, we seek coefficients  $a_n(r), b_n(r)$  that solve each ODE and conditions. Here we find  $a_n(r), b_n(r)$  such that

$$a_n''(r) + \frac{1}{r} a_n'(r) - \frac{n^2}{r^2} a_n(r) = A_n(r)$$

$$b_n''(r) + \frac{1}{r} b_n'(r) - \frac{n^2}{r^2} b_n(r) = B_n(r)$$

where

$$A_n(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(r, \theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta, \quad B_n(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(r, \theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta$$

In the case where  $n = 0$ , we have that  $a_n = a_n''(r) + \frac{1}{r} a_n'(r) = 0$ . Multiplying by  $r^2$  yields

$$r^2 a_n''(r) + r a_n'(r) = 0$$

We can solve the ODE using the integrating factor, giving the result

$$a_0(r) = \int_0^r \ln \left( \frac{r}{\rho} \right) A_0(\rho) \rho d\rho + C$$

The integrand  $\rho d\rho$  comes from rewriting the integral in polar form. With the initial condition  $a_0(R) = 0$  gives us

$$C = - \int_0^R \ln \left( \frac{R}{\rho} \right) A_0(\rho) \rho d\rho$$

So

$$a_0(r) = \int_0^r \ln\left(\frac{r}{R}\right) A_0(\rho) \rho d\rho + \int_r^R \ln\left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right) A_0(\rho) \rho d\rho$$

For  $n \geq 1$ , we can use **Green's Function** to find the solution. Guess

$v_1(r) = r^n, v_2(r) = r^{-n}$ . Simple computation yields the coefficients

$$a_n(r) = \frac{1}{2n} \int_0^r \left[ \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n - \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n \right] \left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right)^n A_n(\rho) \rho d\rho + \frac{1}{2n} \int_r^R \left[ \left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right)^n - \left(\frac{R}{\rho}\right)^n \right] \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n A_n(\rho) \rho d\rho$$

$$b_n(r) = \frac{1}{2n} \int_0^r \left[ \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n - \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n \right] \left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right)^n B_n(\rho) \rho d\rho + \frac{1}{2n} \int_r^R \left[ \left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right)^n - \left(\frac{R}{\rho}\right)^n \right] \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n B_n(\rho) \rho d\rho$$

### Green's Function for Nonhomogeneous PDEs

Recall Laplace's Equation on a Rectangle

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = F(x, y) & 0 < x < \pi, 0 < y < A. \\ u(0, y) = u(\pi, y) = u(x, 0) = u(x, A) = 0 & 0 \leq x \leq \pi, 0 \leq y \leq A. \end{cases}$$

The corresponding Green's Function is as such

$$u(x, y) = \int_0^A \int_0^\pi G(x, y, \xi, \eta) F(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta$$

where

$$G(x, y, \xi, \eta) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n(y, \eta) \sin(nx) \sin(n\eta)$$

and

$$G_n(y, \eta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sinh(n(\eta-A)) \sinh(ny)}{n \sinh(nA)}, & 0 \leq y \leq \eta \\ \frac{\sinh(n\eta) \sinh(n(y-A))}{n \sinh(nA)}, & \eta \leq y \leq A \end{cases}$$

Now, recall Laplace's Equation on a Circle

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = F(r, \theta) & r < R, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \\ u(R, \theta) = 0 & -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \end{cases}$$

The idea is that we want to find the corresponding Green's Function  $G(r, \theta; \rho, \phi)$ . We have that

$$u(r, \theta) = \int_0^R \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G(r, \theta; \rho, \phi) F(\rho, \phi) \rho d\rho d\phi$$

where

$$G(r, \theta; \rho, \phi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left\{ -\ln \left[ R^2 + \frac{r^2 \rho^2}{R^2} - 2r\rho \cos(\theta - \phi) \right] + \ln[r^2 + \rho^2 - 2r\rho \cos(\theta - \phi)] \right\}$$

Note that the derivation comes from deriving the complex form of the Green's Function. In addition, the arguments inside  $\ln$  resemble the Law of Cosines formula.

## 4    Fourier Series in Two Variables

### Double Fourier Series

Consider a  $2\pi$ -periodic function  $f(x, y)$  in **both**  $x$  and  $y$ . Then its Fourier Series can be derived as

$$f(x, y) \sim \frac{1}{4}a_{00} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [a_{0m} \cos(my) + b_{0m} \sin(my)] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_{n0} \cos(nx) + c_{n0} \sin(nx)]$$

$$+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [a_{nm} \cos(nx) \cos(my) + b_{nm} \cos(nx) \sin(my) + c_{nm} \sin(nx) \cos(my) + d_{nm} \sin(nx) \sin(my)]$$

with corresponding coefficients

$$a_{00} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$a_{0m} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos(my) dx dy$$

$$b_{0m} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin(my) dx dy$$

$$a_{n0} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos(nx) dx dy$$

$$c_{n0} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin(nx) dx dy$$

$$a_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos(nx) \cos(my) dx dy$$

$$b_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos(nx) \sin(my) dx dy$$

$$c_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin(nx) \cos(my) dx dy$$

$$d_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin(nx) \sin(my) dx dy$$

### Parseval's Identity for Double Fourier Series

$$\frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2(x, y) dx dy = \frac{1}{4}a_{00}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{0m}^2 + b_{0m}^2) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_{n0}^2 + c_{n0}^2) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{nm}^2 + b_{nm}^2 + c_{nm}^2 + d_{nm}^2)$$

*Example:* Find the double sine series of  $f(x, y) = x^2 y^2$ . Also discuss its uniform convergence.

We only have to find the coefficient  $d_{nm}$

$$d_{nm} = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi x^2 y^2 \sin(nx) \sin(my) = \left[ \frac{\pi^2(-1)^n}{n} + \frac{2((-1)^n - 1)}{n^3} \right] \left[ \frac{\pi^2(-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2((-1)^m - 1)}{m^3} \right]$$

So

$$f(x, y) \sim \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi^2(-1)^n}{n} + \frac{2((-1)^n - 1)}{n^3} \right] \left[ \frac{\pi^2(-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2((-1)^m - 1)}{m^3} \right] \sin(nx) \sin(my)$$

We do not have uniform convergence as the double series does not have absolute convergence.

*Example:* Find the full Fourier Series for  $f(x, y) = \sin^2(x)y^3$ ,  $-\pi < x, y < \pi$

To simplify a lot of the computation, the only nonzero coefficients are  $b_{0m}$  and  $b_{nm}$ . The other coefficients vanish because the integrands are odd functions. Now we compute  $b_{0m}$ .

$$b_{0m} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 x \sin(my) y^3 dx dy = 4\pi \left( \frac{6\pi(-1)^m - \pi^3(-1)^m}{m} \right)$$

While computing  $b_{nm}$ , we evaluate the same integral for  $y$  in  $b_{0m}$ . When we integrate

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

we notice that this integral is nonzero only when  $n = 2$ . When  $n = 2$ , the integral comes out to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . So we can rename the coefficient to  $b_{2m}$  and so

$$b_{2m} = \frac{6(-1)^m - \pi^2(-1)^m}{m}$$

Therefore, the Fourier Series expansion is

$$f(x, y) \sim 2\pi \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{6\pi(-1)^m - \pi^3(-1)^m}{m} \sin(my) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{6(-1)^m - \pi^2(-1)^m}{m} \cos(2x) \cos(my)$$

## 5 Homogeneous PDEs in Three Variables

### The Heat Equation in a Square

We consider

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, & 0 < x, y < \pi, t > 0 \\ u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = g(x, y), & 0 \leq x, y \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

We apply the standard separation of variables, this time with 3 variables:  $X, Y, T$ . So guess a solution of the form  $u(x, y, t) = X(x)Y(y)T(t)$ . Dividing by  $XYT$  yields

$$\frac{T'}{T} - \frac{X''}{X} - \frac{Y''}{Y} = 0$$

We first solve the case for  $X(x)$ . We consider

$$\frac{T'}{T} - \frac{Y''}{Y} = \frac{X''}{X}$$

But we know that both sides must be constant, so let

$$\frac{T'}{T} - \frac{Y''}{Y} = \frac{X''}{X} = C_1.$$

We solve the case for  $X(x)$ .

$$\begin{cases} X'' - C_1 X = 0 & 0 < x < \pi \\ X(0) = X(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

We already know this yields the solution  $X(x) = \sin(nx)$ , where  $C_1 = -n^2$  for  $n \geq 1$ . For solving  $Y(y)$  and  $T(t)$ , we have the setup

$$\frac{T'}{T} = \frac{Y''}{Y} + C_1$$

Again, both sides are equal to a constant, say  $C_2$ . So

$$\frac{T'}{T} = \frac{Y''}{Y} + C_1 = C_2$$

We solve  $Y(y)$

$$\begin{cases} Y'' + (C_1 - C_2)Y = 0 & 0 < y < \pi \\ Y(0) = Y(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

This will also yield  $Y(y) = \sin(my)$ , this time  $C_1 - C_2 = m^2$  for  $m \geq 1$ .

Since  $C_1 - C_2 = m^2$ , this gives  $C_2 = C_1 - m^2 = m^2 + n^2$ . As for solving  $T(t)$ , we have the equation

$$T' + (m^2 + n^2)T = 0 \implies e^{-(m^2+n^2)t}.$$

By verifying the boundary conditions and checking for convergence, we conclude that the double series solution

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_{nm} e^{-(m^2+n^2)t} \sin(nx) \sin(my)$$

satisfies the Heat Equation.

*Example:* Solve the Heat Equation in a Square

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, & 0 < x, y < \pi, t > 0 \\ u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = \sin^3 x \sin^5 y, & 0 \leq x, y \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

We have that  $\sin^3 x = \frac{3}{4} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3x)$  and  $\sin^5 y = \frac{5}{8} \sin y - \frac{5}{16} \sin(3y) + \frac{1}{16} \sin(5y)$  (See Appendix).

By expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^3 x \sin^5 y &= \frac{15}{32} \sin x \sin y - \frac{15}{64} \sin x \sin(3y) + \frac{3}{64} \sin x \sin(5y) \\ &\quad - \frac{5}{32} \sin(3x) \sin y + \frac{5}{64} \sin(3x) \sin(3y) - \frac{1}{64} \sin(3x) \sin(5y) \end{aligned}$$

So  $d_{1,1} = \frac{15}{32}, d_{1,3} = -\frac{15}{64}, d_{1,5} = \frac{3}{64}, d_{3,1} = -\frac{5}{32}, d_{3,3} = \frac{5}{64}, d_{3,5} = -\frac{1}{64}$ .

Our final solution is

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, t) &= \frac{15}{32} e^{-2t} \sin x \sin y - \frac{15}{64} e^{-10t} \sin(x) \sin(3y) + \frac{3}{64} e^{-26t} \sin x \sin(5y) \\ &\quad - \frac{5}{32} e^{-10t} \sin(3x) \sin y + \frac{5}{64} e^{-18t} \sin(3x) \sin(3y) - \frac{1}{64} e^{-34t} \sin(3x) \sin(5y) \end{aligned}$$

### Laplace's Equation in a Cube

Consider the PDE

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0, & 0 < x, y, z < \pi \\ u(0, y, z) = u(\pi, y, z) = u(x, 0, z) = u(x, \pi, z) = 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = g(x, y), & 0 \leq x, y \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

We guess a solution of the form  $u(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$  that solves the Laplace Equation. We follow the same procedure as with the Heat Equation in a Square. We get

the  $X(x) = \sin(nx)$ ,  $Y(y) = \sin(my)$ . Solving  $Z(z)$  will yield a function of hyperbolic sine/cosine.

*Idea:* We solve the ODE  $Z'' + c_1 Z = 0$ . Since  $c_1 = -(n^2 + m^2)$  (see Heat Eq in a Square), we have  $Z'' = (n^2 + m^2)Z$ . This gives

$$Z(z) = Ae^{\sqrt{n^2+m^2}z} + Be^{-\sqrt{n^2+m^2}z}$$

Plugging in the initial conditions  $Z(\pi) = 0$

$$B = -Ae^{2\sqrt{m^2+n^2}\pi}$$

And so

$$Z(z) = 2Ae^{\sqrt{n^2+m^2}\pi} \left( \frac{e^{\sqrt{n^2+m^2}(z-\pi)} - e^{\sqrt{n^2+m^2}(\pi-z)}}{2} \right)$$

Therefore  $Z$  is a multiple of  $\sinh(\pi - z)$  and the candidate solution for  $u(x, y, z)$  is

$$u(x, y, z) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{nm} \sinh\left(\sqrt{n^2 + m^2}(\pi - z)\right) \sin(nx) \sin(my)$$

Plugging in our initial condition  $u(x, y, 0) = g(x, y)$  yields

$$u(x, y, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_{nm} \frac{\sinh\left(\sqrt{n^2 + m^2}(\pi - z)\right)}{\sinh \sqrt{n^2 + m^2}\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(my)$$

Note that  $d_{nm}$  is obtained by setting it equal to  $\alpha_{nm} \sinh \sqrt{n^2 + m^2}\pi$ , where

$$d_{nm} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi g(x, y) \sin(nx) \sin(my) dx dy$$

*Example:* Solve the Laplace's Equation in a Cube

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0, & 0 < x, y, z < \pi \\ u(0, y, z) = u(\pi, y, z) = u(x, 0, z) = u(x, \pi, z) = 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = \sin(x) \sin^3(y), & 0 \leq x, y \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Since  $\sin^3(y) = \frac{3}{4} \sin(y) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3y)$ , we have that  $d_{1,1} = \frac{3}{4}, d_{1,3} = -\frac{1}{4}$ . We hence obtain the solution

$$u(x, y, z) = \frac{3 \sinh(\sqrt{2}(\pi - z))}{4 \sinh \sqrt{2}\pi} \sin(x) \sin(y) - \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{10}(\pi - z))}{4 \sinh \sqrt{10}\pi} \sin(x) \sin(3y)$$



*Example:* Solve the Modified Laplace's Equation on a Cube

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} - u = 0, & 0 < x < \pi, 0 < y < \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 < z < 1 \\ u(0, y, z) = u(x, 0, z) = u(x, y, 1) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y, z) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, \frac{\pi}{2}, z) = 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = 2x - \pi \end{cases}$$

Guess the solution  $u(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} X''YZ + XY''Z + XYZ'' - XYZ &= 0 \implies \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} + \frac{Z''}{Z} - 1 = c_1 \\ \implies \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} &= -\frac{Z''}{Z} + c_1 \implies \frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} + c_1 = c_2. \end{aligned}$$

Solving the below ODE

$$\begin{cases} X'' = c_2 X \\ X(0) = X'(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Guess  $X(x) = A \cos(\sqrt{c_2}x) + B \sin(\sqrt{c_2}x)$ .

$$X(0) = 0 \implies A = 0, X'(\pi) = 0 \implies \cos(\sqrt{c_1}x) = 0 \implies c_1 = -\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2$$

So  $X(x) = \sin\left(\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)x\right)$ .

Now we solve the ODE for  $Y(y)$

$$\begin{cases} Y'' = (c_1 - c_2)Y \\ Y(0) = Y'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Guess  $Y(y) = A \cos(\sqrt{c_1 - c_2}y) + B \sin(\sqrt{c_1 - c_2}y)$ . We follow the same procedure for  $X(x)$ , this time let  $\sqrt{c_1 - c_2} = 2m - 1$ . So  $c_1 - c_2 = (2m - 1)^2$ .

Therefore  $Y(y) = \sin((2m - 1)y)$ .

Also,  $c_1 - c_2 = -(2m - 1)^2 \implies c_1 = -(2m - 1) + c_2 = -(2m - 1) - \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2$ .

Solving  $Z(z)$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{Z''}{Z} + 1 &= c_1 \implies Z'' = (1 - c_1)Z \\ \begin{cases} Z'' = (c_1 - c_2)Z \\ Z(1) = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We obtain

$$Z(z) = \sinh(\sqrt{1 - c_1}) = \sinh \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2(1-z)}$$

Therefore the candidate solution for the series solution is

$$u(x, y, z) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_{nm} \sinh \left( \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2(1-z)} \right) \sin \left( \frac{2n-1}{2} x \right) \sin((2m-1)y)$$

Plugging in initial condition yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} &= -\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_{nm} \cosh \left( \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2} \right) \\ &\quad \sin \left( \frac{2n-1}{2} x \right) \sin((2m-1)y) = 2x - \pi \end{aligned}$$

And so

$$d_{nm} = -\frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\pi} (2x - \pi) \sin \left( \frac{2n-1}{2} x \right) \sin((2m-1)y) dx dy}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2} \cosh \left( \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2} \right)}$$

We have

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

By plugging in the above integral in the expression for  $d_{nm}$  we get our final solution

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, z) &= \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{2(-1)^n}{(2n-1)^2} \right) \sinh \left( \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2(1-z)} \right)}{(2m-1) \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2} \cosh \left( \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 + (2m-1)^2} \right)} \\ &\quad \cdot \sin \left( \frac{2n-1}{2} x \right) \sin((2m-1)y) \end{aligned}$$

### Laplace's Equation in a Cylinder

Consider the PDE

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0 & 0 < r < R_1, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi, 0 < z < \pi \\ u(r, \theta, 0) = u(r, \theta, \pi) = 0 & 0 < r < R_1, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \\ u(R_1, \theta, z) = g(\theta, z) & -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi, 0 \leq z \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Let  $R(r)\Theta(\theta)Z(z)$  be a function that satisfies the equation. Then, we have that

$$R''\Theta Z + \frac{1}{r}R\Theta Z + \frac{1}{r^2}R\Theta''Z + R\Theta Z'' = 0$$

Dividing by  $R\Theta Z$  yields

$$\frac{R'' + \frac{1}{r}R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -\frac{Z''}{Z} = C_1 \text{ and } \frac{r^2R'' + rR'}{R} - C_1r^2 = -\frac{\Theta}{\theta} = C_2.$$

We get  $Z(z) = \sin(nx)$  and  $c_1 = n^2$  for  $n \geq 1$ . As for  $\Theta(\theta)$ , the solution to its ODE is  $\Theta(\theta) = \sin(m\theta) + \cos(m\theta)$  for  $C_2 = m^2$ . Finding  $R(r)$  involves solving a special type of ODE: the [Modified Bessel's Equation](#). We will see that its corresponding equation for  $R$  is

$$r^2R'' + rR' - (n^2r^2 + m^2)R = 0$$

The components to solving the ODE is very technical, involving manipulation of power series. The final form of the solution is

$$I_m(\gamma) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell!(\ell+m)!} \left(\frac{\ell}{2}\right)^{m+2\ell}.$$

If we choose  $R_{mn}(R_1) = 1$  for all  $m, n$ , then the solution for  $R_{mn}(r)$  is

$$R_{mn}(r) = \frac{I_m(nr)}{I_m(nR_1)}$$

where  $I_m(nr)$  and  $I_m(nR_1)$  are the associated Bessel's equations. Therefore, the final solution for the PDE becomes

$$\begin{aligned} u(r, \theta, z) = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n0} \frac{I_0(nr)}{I_0(nR_1)} \sin(nz) \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_0(nr)}{I_0(nR_1)} \sin(nz) (c_{nm} \cos(m\theta) + d_{nm} \sin(m\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

If we set  $r = R_1$  then the Bessel's equations vanish and we get

$$g(\theta, z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n0} \sin(nz) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sin(nz) (c_{nm} \cos(m\theta) + d_{nm} \sin(m\theta))$$

with the Fourier coefficients

$$c_{nm} = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(\theta, z) \sin(nz) \cos(m\theta) d\theta dz$$

$$d_{nm} = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \int_{-\pi}^\pi g(\theta, z) \sin(nz) \sin(m\theta) d\theta dz$$

*Example:* Solve Laplace's Equation in a Cylinder

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0 & 0 < r < 1, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi, 0 < z < \pi \\ u(r, \theta, 0) = u(r, \theta, \pi) = 0 & 0 < r < 1, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \\ u(1, \theta, z) = z(\pi - z) \cos^2 \theta & -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi, 0 \leq z \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

First notice that  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\theta)$  and finding the sine series for  $z(\pi - z) \sin(nz)$  yields

$$z(\pi - z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(1 - (-1)^n)}{\pi n^3} \sin(nz)$$

$d_{nm}$  has no terms because we only have cosine terms and the solution is defined for  $m = 0, 2$  but is zero otherwise. So, the final solution is

$$u(r, \theta, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(1 - (-1)^n)}{n^3 \pi} \cdot \frac{I_0(nr)}{I_0(n)} \sin(nz) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(1 - (-1)^n)}{n^3 \pi} \frac{I_2(nr)}{I_2(n)} \sin(nz) \cos(2\theta)$$

### Damped Waves in a Square

Consider the PDE

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + 2a \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0 & 0 < x, y < \pi, t > 0 \\ u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = 0 & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = f(x, y) & 0 \leq x, y \leq \pi \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, y, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $X(x)Y(y)T(t)$  be a function that satisfies the equation. Then

$$XYT'' + 2aXYT' - c^2(X''YT + XY''T) = 0$$

Dividing by  $XYTc^2$  yields

$$\frac{T''}{c^2T} + \frac{2aT'}{c^2T} - \frac{X''}{X} - \frac{Y''}{Y} = 0 \implies \frac{T'' + 2aT'}{c^2T} - \frac{Y''}{Y} = \frac{X''}{X} = c_1$$

Standard arguments lend  $X(x)$  to the solution  $X(x) = \sin(nx)$  for  $c_1 = -n^2$ . Now we find a solution for  $Y(y)$ .

$$\frac{T'' + 2aT'}{c^2T} - c_1 = \frac{Y''}{Y} = c_2$$

By similar reasoning,  $Y(y) = \sin(my)$  for  $c_2 = -m^2$ . For  $T(t)$ , we get a characteristic ODE of the form

$$T^2 + 2aT + c^2(n^2 + m^2) = 0$$

The corresponding solution depends on the discriminant for given  $a, c, n, m$ . We have that

$$T_{nm}(t) = e^{-at} \left[ \cosh \sqrt{a^2 - c^2(n^2 + m^2)}t + \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 - c^2(n^2 + m^2)}} \sinh \sqrt{a^2 - c^2(n^2 + m^2)}t \right] \\ \text{for } \sqrt{n^2 + m^2} < \frac{a}{c}$$

$$T_{nm}(t) = e^{-at}(1 + at) \text{ for } \sqrt{n^2 + m^2} = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$T_{nm}(t) = e^{-at} \left[ \cos \sqrt{c^2(n^2 + m^2) - a^2}t + \frac{a}{\sqrt{c^2(n^2 + m^2) - a^2}} \sin \sqrt{c^2(n^2 + m^2) - a^2}t \right] \\ \text{for } \sqrt{n^2 + m^2} > \frac{a}{c}$$

Hence we obtain the solution

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_{nm} T_{nm}(t) \sin(nx) \sin(my)$$

Where  $d_{nm}$  is the Fourier coefficients of the double sine-series from the condition  $u(x, y, 0) = f(x, y)$ .

$$d_{nm} = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin(nx) \sin(my) dx dy$$

*Example:* Solve the Damped Wave equation in a Square

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + 4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0 & 0 < x, y < \pi, t > 0 \\ u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = 0 & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = \sin^3 x \sin^3 y & 0 \leq x, y \leq \pi \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, y, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Here  $a = 2, c = 1$ . By decomposition of  $\sin^3 x \sin^3 y$

$$\sin^3 x \sin^3 y = \frac{9}{16} \sin x \sin y - \frac{3}{16} \sin x \sin(3y) - \frac{3}{16} \sin(3x) \sin y + \frac{1}{16} \sin(3x) \sin(3y)$$

Finding each  $T_{mn}(t)$  is simply checking the conditions of the discriminant. For example,  $T_{1,1}(t)$  has  $\sqrt{2} < 2$ , so we use the first equation in the last page. Similar arguments yield to the final solution

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, t) = & \frac{9}{16} e^{-2t} [\cosh \sqrt{2}t + \sqrt{2} \sinh \sqrt{2}t] \sin x \sin y - \frac{3}{16} e^{-2t} \left[ \cos \sqrt{6}t + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \sin \sqrt{6}t \right] \sin x \sin(3y) \\ & - \frac{3}{16} e^{-2t} \left[ \cos \sqrt{6}t + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \sin \sqrt{6}t \right] \sin(3x) \sin y + \frac{1}{16} e^{-2t} \left[ \cos \sqrt{14}t + \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \sin \sqrt{14}t \right] \sin(3x) \sin(3y) \end{aligned}$$

## 6 About Uniform Convergence and Differentiation

When we find a series solution to a PDE, we require uniform convergence and term-by-term differentiation to know that the series converges to the solution everywhere. To prove that a series is uniformly convergent, we show that the series solution is absolutely convergent. To prove that a series can be differentiated term by term, show that the derivative of a series converges absolutely.

*Example:* Let the following series be a solution to a PDE. Show that it converges uniformly.

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{2k-1}(y) \sin((2k-1)x)$$

where

$$b_{2k-1} = \frac{8}{(2k-1)^5\pi} y^2 - \frac{8}{(2k-1)^5} y + \frac{16}{(2k-1)^7\pi} + \frac{16}{(2k-1)^7\pi} \cdot \frac{\sinh((2k-1)(y-\pi)) - \sinh((2k-1)y)}{\sinh((2k-1)\pi)}$$

First, we have  $|\sin((2k-1)x)| \leq 1$ . Now we show  $b_{2k-1}(y)$  converges. We rewrite the sinh terms as

$$\sinh((2k-1)(y-\pi)) = e^{(2k-1)(y-\pi)} - e^{(2k-1)(\pi-y)}$$

$$\sinh((2k-1)y) = e^{(2k-1)y} - e^{-(2k-1)y}$$

$$\sinh((2k-1)\pi) = e^{(2k-1)\pi} - e^{-(2k-1)\pi}$$

so  $\frac{\sinh((2k-1)(y-\pi)) - \sinh((2k-1)y)}{\sinh((2k-1)\pi)}$  becomes

$$\frac{e^{(2k-1)(y-\pi)} - e^{(2k-1)(\pi-y)} - e^{(2k-1)y} + e^{-(2k-1)y}}{e^{(2k-1)\pi} - e^{-(2k-1)\pi}}.$$

We factor out  $e^{(2k-1)\pi}$  from both the numerator and the denominator to obtain

$$\frac{e^{(2k-1)\pi}(e^{(2k-1)(y-2\pi)} - e^{-(2k-1)(y-\pi)})}{e^{(2k-1)\pi}(1 - e^{-2(2k-1)\pi})} = \frac{e^{(2k-1)(y-2\pi)} - e^{-(2k-1)(y-\pi)}}{1 - e^{-2(2k-1)\pi}}$$

We can verify that on  $y \in [0, \pi]$ , the numerator is always smaller than 1, and the denominator is always larger than  $1 - e^{-2\pi}$ . It should be obvious that

$$\frac{1}{1 - e^{-2\pi}} < 2.$$

Now we look at the other terms. We have that

$$b_{2k-1} \leq \left| \frac{8\pi + 8\pi}{(2k-1)^5} \right| + \left| \frac{16}{(2k-1)^7\pi} \right| + 2 \cdot \left| \frac{16}{(2k-1)^7\pi} \right|$$

Since  $\frac{1}{(2k-1)^\tau} \leq \frac{1}{(2k-1)^5}$  we finally have

$$b_{2k-1}(y) \leq \frac{16}{(2k-1)^5} + \frac{48}{(2k-1)^5} = \frac{16\pi + 48}{(2k-1)^5}$$

which converges by  $p$ -series. So,  $b_{2k-1}(y)$  converges by comparison to the above series, and we have uniform converge.

The proof for term-by-term differentiation is the same idea. This time, we show that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$  are all uniformly convergent. Proving all of these follows the process we did for the actual series solution. Therefore, term-by-term differentiation is valid.



## 7 Appendix and Other Resources

Product-to-Sum Identities

$$\cos(a) \cos(b) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(a+b) + \cos(a-b))$$

$$\sin(a) \sin(b) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(a-b) - \cos(a+b))$$

$$\cos(a) \sin(b) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(a+b) + \sin(a-b))$$

$$\sin(a) \cos(b) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(a+b) - \sin(a-b))$$

Deriving  $\sin^5 x$ : We use the fact that  $\sin^3 x = \frac{3}{4} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3x)$  to lower the computation.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^5 x &= \sin^3 x \cdot \sin^2 x = \left( \frac{3}{4} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3x) \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos(2x)) \right) \\ \sin x \cos(2x) &= \frac{1}{2}(\sin(3x) - \sin x), \sin(3x) \cos(2x) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(5x) + \sin(x))\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^5 x &= \frac{3}{8} \sin(x) - \frac{1}{8} \sin(3x) - \frac{3}{16} \sin(3x) + \frac{3}{16} \sin(x) + \frac{1}{16} \sin(5x) + \frac{1}{16} \sin(x) \\ &= \frac{5}{8} \sin x - \frac{5}{16} \sin(3x) + \frac{1}{16} \sin(5x)\end{aligned}$$