

# Tutorial 8

## The heat kernel on the circle

Heat kernel  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow u(x,t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e^{-4\pi^2 n^2 t} e^{2\pi i n x}$   
 $= (f * H_t)(x)$

$$H_t(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-4\pi^2 n^2 t} e^{2\pi i n x} \quad \text{good kernel}$$

(not trivial, in Chap. 5)

Poisson kernel  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow u(r, \theta) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} a_m r^{|m|} e^{im\theta}$   
 $= (f * P_r)(\theta)$

$$P_r(\theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} r^{|n|} e^{in\theta} = \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r\cos\theta+r^2}$$

4.5.11 Show that if  $u(x,t) = (f * H_t)(x)$  where  $H_t$  is the heat kernel, and  $f$  is Riemann integral, then

$$\int_0^1 |u(x,t) - f(x)|^2 dx \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof!  $\int_0^1 |u(x,t) - f(x)|^2 dx \leq 2 \int_0^1 |u(x,t) - S_N(f)(x)|^2 dx$   
 $+ 2 \int_0^1 |S_N(f) - f(x)|^2 dx.$

$$\int_0^1 |u(x,t) - S_N(f)(x)|^2 dx \leq \int_0^1 \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a_n (e^{-4\pi^2 n^2 t} - 1) e^{2\pi i n x} \right|^2 dx$$
$$+ \int_0^1 \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a_n e^{-4\pi^2 n^2 t} e^{2\pi i n x} \right|^2 dx := I_1 + I_2$$

$$I_1 \leq \left( \sum_{|n| \leq N} |a_n|^2 \right) (1 - e^{-4\pi^2 N^2 t}), \quad I_2 \leq \sum_{|n| > N} |a_n|^2.$$

Therefore for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$ , st. for any  $t \in (0, \delta)$ ,

$$1 - e^{-4\pi^2 N^2 t} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \|f\|^2}$$

~~$\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , st. for any  $N > N_0$ ,~~

$$\sum_{|n| > N} |a_n|^2 < \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \text{ and } \int_0^1 |S_N(t) - f|^2 dx < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

Hence,  $\int_0^1 |u(x,t) - f(x)|^2 dx < \varepsilon$ , which implies

$$\int_0^1 |u(x,t) - f(x)|^2 dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

□

Proof 2.  $\int_0^1 |u(x,t) - f(x)|^2 dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n) \hat{H}_t(n) - \hat{f}(n)|^2$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 |\hat{H}_t(n) - 1|^2$$

$$= \sum_{|n| \geq N} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 |\hat{H}_t(n) - 1|^2 + \sum_{|n| < N} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 |\hat{H}_t(n) - 1|^2$$

Since for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$ , st.  $\sum_{|n| \geq N} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 < \varepsilon/2$ .

And for that  $N$ ,  $\exists \delta$  st. for any  $0 < t < \delta$ ,

$$|\hat{H}_t(n) - 1|^2 < \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \|f\|^2} \text{ for any } |n| \leq N$$

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□

4.3.17 Prove that if  $f$  is a bounded monotonic function on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , then

$$\widehat{f}(n) = O\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right).$$

Hint: Prove it is true for the characteristic function, and the sum of the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \chi_{[a_k, a_{k+1})}(x)$$

with  $-\pi = a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_N < a_{N+1} = \pi$ ,  $-M \leq \alpha_1 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_N \leq M$ .

Proof. For the sum of the form

$$g_N = \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \chi_{[a_k, a_{k+1})}(x)$$

with  $-\pi = a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_N < a_{N+1} = \pi$ ,  $-M \leq \alpha_1 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_N \leq M$ ,

one has

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{g}_N(n) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \chi_{[a_k, a_{k+1})}(x) \right) e^{-inx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \left( \int_{a_k}^{a_{k+1}} e^{-inx} dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{-in} \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \left( e^{-in a_{k+1}} - e^{-in a_k} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{-in} \left( \alpha_N e^{-in a_{N+1}} - \alpha_1 e^{-in a_1} + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} (\alpha_k - \alpha_{k+1}) e^{-in a_{k+1}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \left| \widehat{g}_N(n) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi|n|} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} |\alpha_k - \alpha_{k+1}| + |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_N| \right) \leq \frac{2M}{\pi|n|}$$

Obviously, for any monotonically increasing function  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ,  
for any  $\forall_{n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0}$ , there exists  <sup>$g$</sup>  function  $g_n$  in the form above such that

$|f - g_n| < \frac{1}{|n|}$ . Therefore,

$$|\widehat{f}(n) - \widehat{g}_n(n)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f - g_n| dx \leq \frac{1}{|n|}$$

So  $\widehat{f}(n) = O\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right)$ . □