

Lecture 6:

Recall: Many times we need to approximate $f(x)$ by:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx \quad \text{where}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx; \quad a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos kx dx; \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin kx dx$$

Definition: (Real Fourier Series)

Consider $f(x) \in V = \{ \text{real-valued } 2\pi\text{-periodic smooth functions} \}$.

Then, the real Fourier Series of $f(x)$ is given by:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin kx, \quad \text{where } \{a_k\} \text{ and } \{b_k\} \text{ are given}$$

$$\text{by: } a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx; \quad a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos kx dx; \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin kx dx$$

Definition: (Complex Fourier Series)

Consider $f(x) \in W = \{\text{complex-valued } 2\pi\text{-periodic smooth functions}\}$

Then, the complex Fourier Series is given by =

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} C_k e^{ikx} \quad \text{where } \{C_k\} \text{ is determined by:}$$

$$C_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx \quad (\text{Here, } e^{ikx} = \cos kx + i \sin kx)$$

The integration is computed separately for the real part and imaginary part.

Example: Consider: $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ where $x \in (0, \pi)$, $t > 0$ such that

$$\begin{cases} u(0, t) = 0, & u(\pi, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \phi(x), & u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) \end{cases}$$

Solution: Assume $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$.

Consider $L = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$. Then, we choose $\{\phi_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \{\sin nx, \cancel{\cos nx}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.

$\because u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0 \quad \therefore X(0) = X(\pi) = 0$. We neglect $\cos nx$'s.

We can let $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n(t) \sin nx$.

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^N a_n''(t) \sin nx = \sum_{n=1}^N (-n^2) a_n(t) \sin nx$$

Comparing coefficients $\Rightarrow a_n''(t) = -n^2 a_n(t)$.

$$\therefore a_n''(t) = -n^2 a_n(t)$$

Not:

$$\sum (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt)$$

$\therefore a_n(t)$ = eigenfunction with eigenvalue $-n^2$.

$$\therefore a_n(t) = a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt \quad (a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n \cos nt + \beta_n \sin nt) \sin nx$$

Now, a_n and b_n can be determined by initial condition:

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \sin nx \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \phi(x) \sin nx dx$$

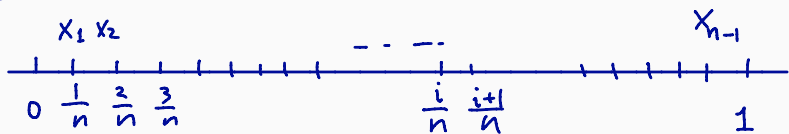
$$u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N n b_n \sin nx \Rightarrow b_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \psi(x) \sin nx dx$$

(WHY?)

(Check!)

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x) = g(x) \quad 0 < x < 1 \quad \text{with } f(0) = 1 ; f(1) = 2.$$

Discretize $(0, 1)$:



Approximation of $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{i+1}) &\approx f(x_i) + \frac{1}{n} f'(x_i) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{n^2} f''(x_i) \\ + f(x_{i-1}) &\approx f(x_i) - \frac{1}{n} f'(x_i) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{n^2} f''(x_i) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Taylor's expansion})$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_{i-1}) \approx 2f(x_i) + \frac{1}{n^2} f''(x_i)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x_i) \approx \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x_i) = g(x_i) \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)} = g(x_i) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

$$D\vec{f} = \vec{g} ; \vec{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} ; \vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

In discrete case, a differential equation can be discretized as:

$$D \vec{u} = \vec{g}$$

where $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u(x_1) \\ u(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$ = values of u at N points $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$

$\vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g(x_1) \\ g(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$ = values of g at N points $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$

$D = N \times N$ matrix approximating the differential operator.

Question: Can we "transform" \vec{u} and \vec{g} to turn the (BIG) linear system to SIMPLE algebraic equation?

Answer: YES! Discrete Fourier Transform!!