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Lecture Notes: Fourier Analysis: Part C

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Chapter 5

Fourier Analysis

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5. Fourier transform

- Fourier series enable functions and solutions of linear systems defined over a finite interval to be represented as an infinite series of sines and cosines. This suffices for many physical problems.
- When working with **partial differential equations** that describe **heat conduction** and **diffusion** in a half-space, Fourier series cannot be used.
- If a nonperiodic function is to be represented over an arbitrarily large interval, some generalization of a Fourier series is required.
- Letting $L \rightarrow \infty$ in a Fourier series leads to the introduction of a different type of representation called a **Fourier integral** representation, where the function $f(x)$ is defined for all x and need not be periodic. This representation forms the basis of an integral transform called the **Fourier transform**.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\pi x/L}, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) e^{-in\pi x/L} dx$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\pi x/L} \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(u) e^{-in\pi u/L} du$$

Let $\omega_n = n\pi/L$ and $\Delta\omega_n = \omega_{n+1} - \omega_n = \pi/L$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega_n) e^{i\omega_n x} \Delta\omega_n, \quad F(\omega_n) = \int_{-L}^L f(u) e^{-in\pi u/L} du$$

As $L \rightarrow \infty$ $\omega_n \rightarrow \omega$ and $\Delta\omega_n \rightarrow d\omega$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega, \quad F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx$$

Fourier Transform and Its Inverse

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx \quad \text{Fourier transform}$$

$$f(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{F(\omega)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \quad \text{Inverse Fourier transform}$$

- **Theorem 5 (Existence of the Fourier Transform):** If $f(x)$ is absolutely integrable on the x -axis and piecewise continuous on every finite interval, then the Fourier transform $F(\omega)$ exists.
- **Example 17:** Fourier Transform

Find the Fourier transform of $f(x) = 1$ if $|x| < 1$ and $f(x) = 0$ otherwise.

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot e^{-i\omega x} dx = \left. \frac{e^{-i\omega x}}{-i\omega} \right|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{-i\omega} (e^{-i\omega} - e^{i\omega}) = 2 \frac{\sin \omega}{\omega} = 2 \operatorname{sinc} \left(\frac{\omega}{\pi} \right)$$

- **Example 18:** Fourier Transform

Find the Fourier transform of $f(x) = e^{-ax}$ if $x > 0$ and $f(x) = 0$ if $x < 0$, $a > 0$

$$F(\omega) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} \cdot e^{-i\omega x} dx = \frac{e^{-(a+i\omega)x}}{-(a+i\omega)} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{a+i\omega}$$

- **Example 19:** Fourier Transform for the Delta Dirac Function

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1$$

$$f(x)\delta(x-a) = f(a)\delta(x-a) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\delta(x-a) dx = f(a)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx = e^{-i\omega x} \Big|_{x=0} = 1$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x-a)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-a) e^{-i\omega x} dx = e^{-i\omega x} \Big|_{x=a} = e^{-i\omega a}$$

properties of the Fourier transform

- **Theorem 6 (Linearity of the Fourier Transform):** The Fourier transform is a linear operation; that is, for any functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ whose Fourier transforms exist and any constants a and b , the Fourier transform of $af + bg$ exists, and

$$\mathcal{F}\{af(x) + bg(x)\} = a\mathcal{F}\{f(x)\} + b\mathcal{F}\{g(x)\}$$

- **Theorem 7 (Differentiation in the time domain):** Let $f(x)$ be continuous on the x -axis and $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$. Furthermore, let $f'(x)$ be absolutely integrable on the x -axis. Then

$$\mathcal{F}\{f'(x)\} = i\omega\mathcal{F}\{f(x)\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{f^{(n)}(x)\} = (i\omega)^n\mathcal{F}\{f(x)\}$$

- **Theorem 8 (Differentiation in the frequency domain):** Let $f(x)$ be a continuous and differentiable function with an n times differentiable Fourier transform $F(\omega)$. Then

$$\mathcal{F}\{xf(x)\} = i \frac{d}{d\omega} [F(\omega)]$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{x^n f(x)\} = i^n \frac{d^n}{d\omega^n} [F(\omega)]$$

for all n such that $F^{(n)}(\omega) \rightarrow 0$ as $|\omega| \rightarrow \infty$

- **Example 20:** Fourier Transform

Find the Fourier transform of $f(x) = e^{-a^2 x^2}$, $a > 0$

The function $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable for all x and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{-a^2 x^2}| dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a^2 x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{a}$$

absolutely integrable over the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$. $f(x)$ satisfies the differential equation: $f' + 2a^2xf = 0$.

$$\mathcal{F}\{f'(x)\} + 2a^2 \mathcal{F}\{xf(x)\} = 0 \Rightarrow 2a^2 F'(\omega) + \omega F(\omega) = 0$$

$$\int \frac{F'}{F} d\omega = -\frac{1}{2a^2} \int \omega d\omega \Rightarrow \ln F(\omega) = -\frac{\omega^2}{4a^2} + \ln A \Rightarrow F(\omega) = A e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4a^2}}$$

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx \Rightarrow F(0) = A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{a}$$

$$F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{f(x)\} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{a} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4a^2}}$$

Fourier transform of a Gaussian

$$f(x) = e^{-\pi x^2} \quad \text{Normalized Gaussian function} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} dx = 1$$

$$F(\omega) = F\{f(x)\} = e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4a^2}}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f \Rightarrow F(f) = e^{-\pi f^2}$$

The Gaussian $f(x) = e^{-\pi x^2}$ is its own Fourier transform.

Convolution property

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)g(x-t)dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-t)g(t)dt$$

- **Theorem 9 (The convolution theorem for Fourier transforms):** Let the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be piecewise continuous, bounded, and absolutely integrable over $(-\infty, \infty)$ with the respective Fourier transforms $F(\omega)$ and $G(\omega)$. Then

$$\mathcal{F}\{(f * g)(x)\} = \mathcal{F}\{f(x)\}\mathcal{F}\{g(x)\} = F(\omega)G(\omega)$$

and, conversely,

$$(f * g)(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) G(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

- **Example 21:** Fourier Transform

It was shown in Example 17 that the function $f(x) = 1$ if $|x| < 1$ and $f(x) = 0$ otherwise, has the Fourier transform $F(\omega) = 2\text{sinc}(\omega/\pi)$, so by the convolution theorem it follows that $\mathcal{F}\{(f * f)(x)\} = F(\omega)F(\omega) = 4\text{sinc}^2(\omega/\pi)$.

Confirm this result by calculating $(f * f)(x)$ and finding its Fourier transform.

$$f(t)f(x-t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 < t < x+1, (-2 < x < 0) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f(t)f(x-t) = \begin{cases} 1, & x-1 < t < 1, (0 < x < 2) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(f * f)(x) = \begin{cases} \int_{-1}^{x+1} dt = 2 + x, & (-2 < x < 0) \\ \int_{x-1}^1 dt = 2 - x, & (0 < x < 2) \end{cases} \quad \text{and } (f * f)(x) = 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\{(f * f)(x)\} &= \int_{-2}^0 (2 + x) e^{-i\omega x} dx + \int_0^2 (2 - x) e^{-i\omega x} dx \\ &= 2 \frac{1 - \cos 2\omega}{\omega^2} = 4 \frac{\sin^2 \omega}{\omega^2} = 4 \text{sinc}^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{\omega} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Parseval formula

- Theorem 10 (The Parseval relation for the Fourier transforms):** If $f(x)$ has the Fourier transforms $F(\omega)$, Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

- **Example 22:** Using Parseval formula

Using the result of Example 17 and the Parseval relation, show that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 \omega}{\omega^2} d\omega = \pi$$

The Fourier transform of $f(x) = 1$ if $|x| < 1$ and $f(x) = 0$ otherwise is

$$F(\omega) = 2 \frac{\sin \omega}{\omega}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 1^2 dx = 2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 4 \frac{\sin^2 \omega}{\omega^2} d\omega \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 \omega}{\omega^2} d\omega = \pi$$

- **Theorem 11 (Fourier transforms involving scaling x by a , shifting x by a , and shifting ω by ω_0):** If $f(x)$ has the Fourier transforms $F(\omega)$, Then:

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(ax)\} = \frac{1}{a} F(\omega/a), a > 0$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(x - a)\} = e^{-i\omega a} F(\omega)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{e^{i\omega_0 x} f(x)\} = F(\omega - \omega_0)$$

Duality property

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega \Rightarrow 2\pi f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\lambda) e^{i\lambda x} d\lambda$$

$$2\pi f(-\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\lambda) e^{-i\omega\lambda} d\lambda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx = \mathcal{F}\{F(x)\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{F(x)\} = 2\pi f(-\omega)$$

- **Example 23:** Fourier transform of $f(x) = 1$

Find the Fourier transform of $f(x) = 1$

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega x} dx \quad \text{could not be evaluated}$$

The signal $f(x) = 1$ does not satisfy the existence conditions; it is neither absolute integrable nor square integrable. Its FT does not converge.

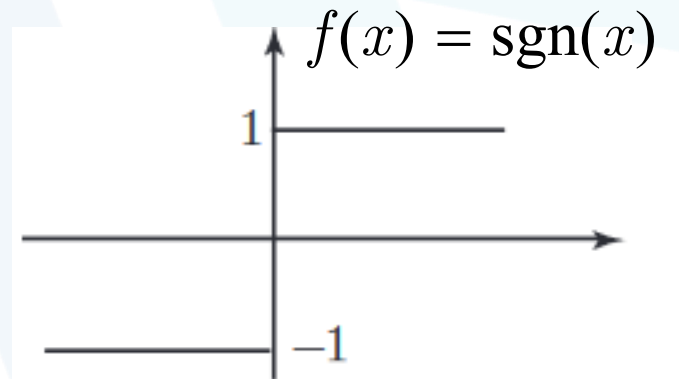
$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(t)\} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{F}\{1\} = 2\pi\delta(-\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega)$$

- **Example 24:** Fourier transform of the signum function

$$f(x) = \text{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^0 (-1) e^{-i\omega x} dx + \int_0^{\infty} (1) e^{-i\omega x} dx$$

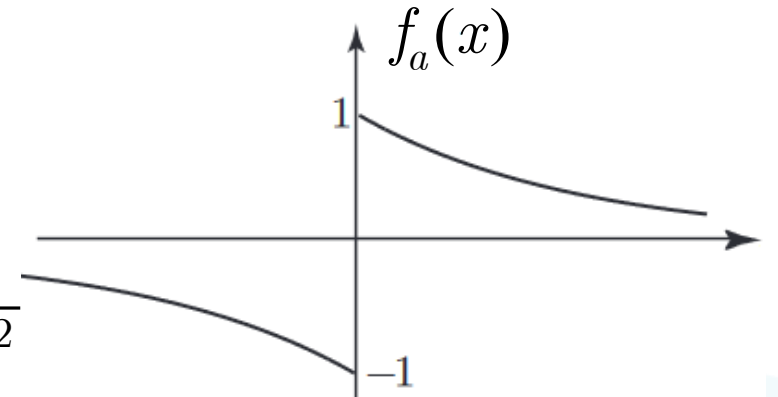
The two integrals cannot be evaluated. Instead, we will define an intermediate signal $f_a(x)$ as:



$$f_a(x) = \begin{cases} -e^{ax}, & x < 0 \\ e^{-ax}, & x > 0 \end{cases}, \text{ where } a \geq 0$$

$$F_a(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^0 (-e^{at}) e^{-i\omega t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} (e^{-at}) e^{-i\omega t} dt = -\frac{i2\omega}{a^2 + \omega^2}$$

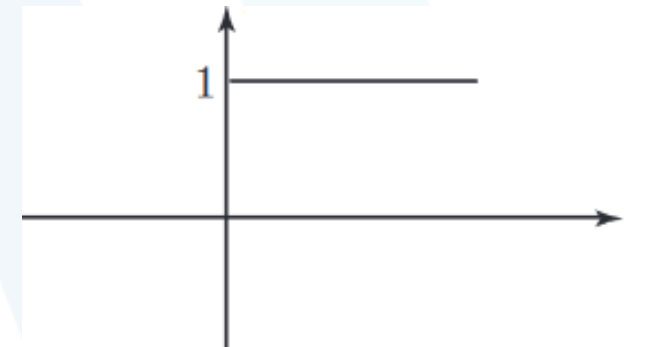
$$F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{\text{sgn}(x)\} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \left[-\frac{i2\omega}{a^2 + \omega^2} \right] = \frac{2}{i\omega}$$



- **Example 25:** Fourier transform of the unit step function

$$f(x) = H(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{H(x)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-i\omega x} dx \quad \text{could not be evaluated}$$



$$H(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}\{H(x)\} = \mathcal{F}\{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(x)\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{H(x)\} = \pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{i\omega}$$

6. Boundary-Value Problems in Rectangular Coordinates

Separable Partial Differential Equations PDEs

- A PDE is an equation that contains one or more partial derivatives of an unknown function, call it u , that depends on at least two variables. Usually one of these deals with time t and the remaining with space (spatial variable(s)).
- The most important PDEs are the wave **equations** that can model the **vibrating string** and the **vibrating membrane**, the heat **equation** for temperature in a bar or wire, and the **Laplace equation** for electrostatic potentials.

- PDEs are very important in dynamics, elasticity, heat transfer, electromagnetic theory, and quantum mechanics.
- PDEs, like ordinary differential equations (ODEs), are classified as either **linear** or **nonlinear**.
- The dependent variable u and its partial derivatives in a linear PDE are only to the first power. We shall be interested in linear **second-order PDEs**.
- **Example 26:** Important Second-Order PDEs

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

One-dimensional wave equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

One-dimensional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Two-dimensional Laplace equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

Two-dimensional wave equation

- the general form of a linear second-order PDE is given by:

$$A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + B \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + C \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + E \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + Fu = G$$

where the coefficients A, B, C, \dots, G are functions of x and y . When $G(x, y) = 0$, the equation is said to be **homogeneous**; otherwise, it is **nonhomogeneous**.

- A **solution** of a linear PDE is a function $u(x, y)$ of two independent variables that possesses all partial derivatives occurring in the equation and that satisfies the equation in some region of the xy -plane.

- It is often difficult to obtain a **general solution** of a linear second-order PDE. In general, the totality of solutions of a PDE is very large. For example, the functions: $u = x^2 - y^2$, $u = e^x \cos y$, $u = \sin x \cosh y$, $u = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$ which are entirely different from each other, are solutions of 2D Laplace equation.
- Thus our focus throughout will be on finding **particular solutions** of some of the more important linear PDEs.
- There are several methods that can be tried to find particular solutions of a linear PDE, the one we are interested is called the method of **separation of variables**. In this method we seek a particular solution of the form of a product of a function of x and a function of y : $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = X'Y, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = XY', \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''Y, \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = XY''$$

- **Example 27:** Separation of Variables

Find product solutions of $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

Substituting $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$ into the partial differential equation

$$X''Y = 4XY' \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{4X} = \frac{Y'}{Y}$$

Since the left-hand side of the last equation is independent of y and is equal to the right-hand side, which is independent of x , we conclude that both sides of the equation are independent of x and y .

$$\frac{X''}{4X} = \frac{Y'}{Y} = -\lambda$$

$$X'' + 4\lambda X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Y' + \lambda Y = 0$$

Case I If $\lambda = 0$, then the two ODEs are: $X'' = 0$ and $Y' = 0$

$$X = c_1 + c_2x \text{ and } Y = c_1 \Rightarrow u = XY = A_1 + B_1x$$

Case II If $\lambda = -\alpha^2 < 0$, then the two ODEs are:

$$X'' - 4\alpha^2 X = 0 \text{ and } Y' - \alpha^2 Y = 0$$

$$X = c_4 \cosh 2\alpha x + c_5 \sinh 2\alpha x \text{ and } Y = c_6 e^{\alpha^2 y}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = XY = A_2 e^{\alpha^2 y} \cosh 2\alpha x + B_2 e^{\alpha^2 y} \sinh 2\alpha x$$

Case III If $\lambda = \alpha^2 > 0$, then the two ODEs are:

$$X'' + 4\alpha^2 X = 0 \text{ and } Y' + \alpha^2 Y = 0$$

$$X = c_7 \cos 2\alpha x + c_8 \sin 2\alpha x \text{ and } Y = c_9 e^{-\alpha^2 y}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = XY = A_3 e^{-\alpha^2 y} \cos 2\alpha x + B_2 e^{-\alpha^2 y} \sin 2\alpha x$$

- **Theorem 12 (Superposition principle):** If u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k are solutions of a homogeneous linear partial differential equation, then the linear combination $u = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_k u_k$, where the $c_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, are constants, is also a solution.
- **Definition:** classification of equations

The linear second-order partial differential equation

$$A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + B \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + C \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + E \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + F u = G$$

where the coefficients A, B, C, \dots, G are real constants, is said to be

hyperbolic if $B^2 - 4AC > 0$,

parabolic if $B^2 - 4AC = 0$,

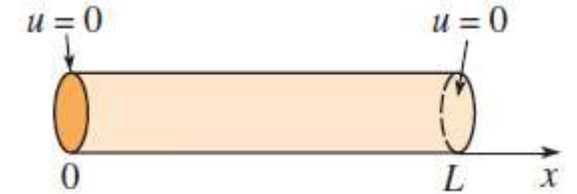
elliptic if $B^2 - 4AC < 0$.

Heat Equation: Solution by Fourier Series

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0, \quad t > 0 \quad \text{boundary conditions}$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < L \quad \text{initial condition}$$



$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t) \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{c^2 T} = -\lambda$$

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad T' + c^2 \lambda T = 0$$

$$u(0, t) = X(0)T(t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(L, t) = X(L)T(t) = 0$$

$$T(t) \neq 0 \text{ for all } t \Rightarrow X(0) = 0 \text{ and } X(L) = 0$$

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = 0, \quad X(L) = 0$$

$$X(x) = c_1 + c_2x, \quad \lambda = 0$$

$$X(x) = c_1 \cosh \alpha x + c_2 \sinh \alpha x, \quad \lambda = -\alpha^2 < 0$$

$$X(x) = c_1 \cos \alpha x + c_2 \sin \alpha x, \quad \lambda = \alpha^2 > 0$$

- When the boundary conditions $X(0) = 0$ and $X(L) = 0$ are applied to the first and second equations, these solutions yield only $X(x) = 0$, so $u = 0$.
- But when $X(0) = 0$ is applied to the third equation, we find that $c_1 = 0$ and $X(x) = c_2 \sin \alpha x$. The second boundary condition then implies that $X(L) = c_2 \sin \alpha L = 0$.
- To obtain a nontrivial solution, we must have $c_2 \neq 0$ and $\sin \alpha L = 0$. So $\alpha L = n\pi$ or $\alpha = n\pi/L$.
- Hence $X'' + \lambda X = 0$ possesses nontrivial solutions when:

$$\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2 = n^2 \pi^2 / L^2, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- These values of λ are the **eigenvalues** of the problem; the **eigenfunctions** are:

$$X_n(x) = c_2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

$$T' + c^2 \lambda T = 0 \Rightarrow T_n(t) = c_3 e^{-c^2(n^2\pi^2/L^2)t}$$

$$u_n(x, t) = X_n(x) T_n(t) = c_2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x c_3 e^{-c^2(n^2\pi^2/L^2)t} = A_n e^{-c^2(n^2\pi^2/L^2)t} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

- Each of the product functions $u_n(x, t)$ is a particular solution of the partial differential equation, and each $u_n(x, t)$ satisfies both boundary conditions as well.
- The solution of the entire problem: by the superposition principle

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n e^{-c^2(n^2\pi^2/L^2)t} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

- To satisfy the initial condition, we would have to choose the coefficient A_n in such a manner that:

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

- Hence A_n must be the coefficients of the Fourier sine series (half-range expansion of f in a sine series), thus

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

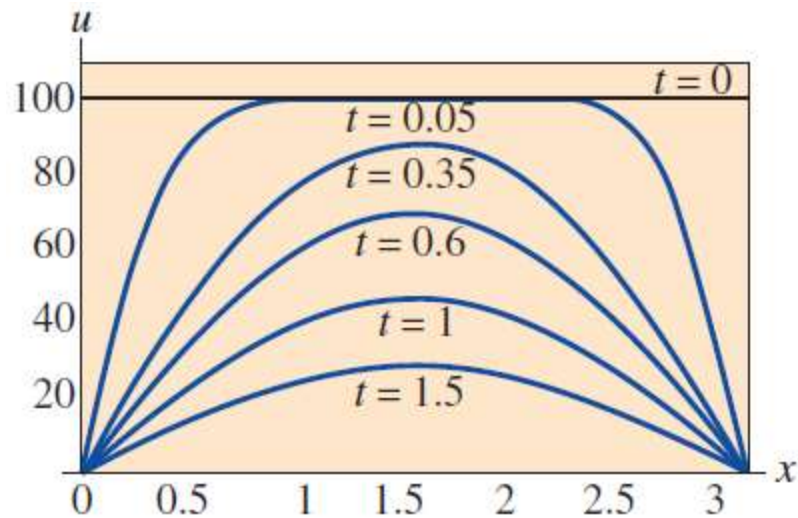
$$u(x, t) = \frac{2}{L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx \right) e^{-c^2(n^2\pi^2/L^2)t} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

In the special case when the initial temperature is $u(x, 0) = 100$, $L = \pi$, and $c^2 = 1$,

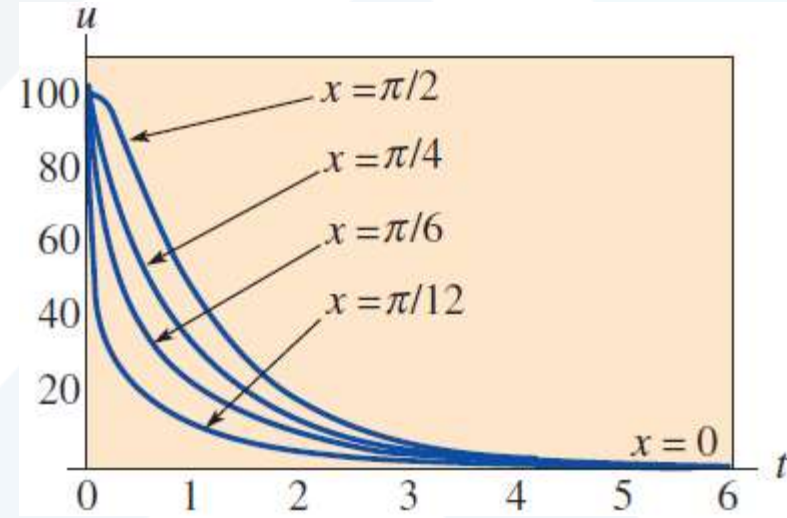


$$A_n = \frac{200}{\pi} \left[\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n} \right]$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{200}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n} \right] e^{-n^2 t} \sin nx$$



$u(x, t)$ graphed as a function of x



$u(x, t)$ graphed as a function of t