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$$\bullet \mu(0) = 0 = \frac{\mu_1}{\sqrt{-\lambda}} \underbrace{\sinh(0\sqrt{-\lambda})}_{=0} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\bullet \mu(L) = 0 = \frac{\mu_1}{\sqrt{-\lambda}} \underbrace{\sinh(L\sqrt{-\lambda})}_{\neq 0} \Rightarrow \mu_1 = 0$$

$\mu(x) = 0$ † trivial solution!

• Case 3: $\lambda > 0$

$$\mu''(x) + \lambda \mu(x) = 0 \quad \text{in } x \in]0, L[$$

$$\mu(0) = \mu(L) = 0$$

$$u(x) = \frac{\mu_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sin(x\sqrt{\lambda}), \quad u'(x) = \mu_1 \cos(x\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$u''(x) = -\mu_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(x\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$u''(x) + \lambda u(x) = -\mu_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(x\sqrt{\lambda}) + \lambda \frac{\mu_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sin(x\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\bullet u(0) = \frac{\mu_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \underbrace{\sin(0\sqrt{\lambda})}_{=0} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\bullet u(L) = \frac{\mu_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \underbrace{\sin(L\sqrt{\lambda})}_{=0} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad L\sqrt{\lambda} = n\pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$(n = -\infty, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, \infty)$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

$$u(x) = \alpha_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \quad \text{where } \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Example: changing boundary conditions:

$$u''(x) + \lambda u(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in]0, L[\quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\underline{u'(0) = 0 = u'(L)}$$

• Case 1: $\lambda = 0$:

$$u''(x) = 0 \rightarrow u(x) = \mu_1 x + \mu_0, \quad u'(x) = \mu_1$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Impose } u'(0) = u'(L) = 0 \rightarrow \mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$u(x) = \mu_0$$

• Case $\lambda < 0$:

$$u(x) = \mu_0 \cosh(x\sqrt{-\lambda}), \quad u'(x) = \mu_0 \sqrt{-\lambda} \sinh(x\sqrt{-\lambda})$$

$$u''(x) = -\mu_0 \lambda \cosh(x\sqrt{-\lambda})$$

$$u''(x) + \lambda u(x) = \underbrace{(-\mu_0 \lambda + \lambda \mu_0)}_{=0} \cosh(x\sqrt{-\lambda}) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

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$$u'(0) = \mu_0 \sqrt{-\lambda} \underbrace{\sinh(0\sqrt{-\lambda})}_{=0} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$u'(L) = \mu_0 \sqrt{-\lambda} \underbrace{\sinh(L\sqrt{-\lambda})}_{\neq 0} = 0 \rightarrow \mu_0 = 0$$

triviale solution!

• case 3: $\lambda > 0$

$$u(x) = u_0 \cos(x\sqrt{\lambda}), \quad u'(x) = -u_0\sqrt{\lambda} \sin(x\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$u''(x) = -u_0 \lambda \cos(x\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$u''(x) + \lambda u(x) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

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$$u'(0) = -u_0\sqrt{\lambda} \underbrace{\sin(0\sqrt{\lambda})}_{=0} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

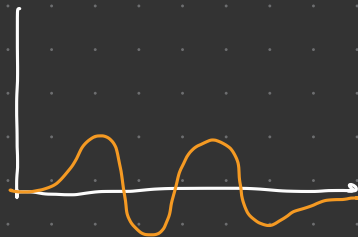
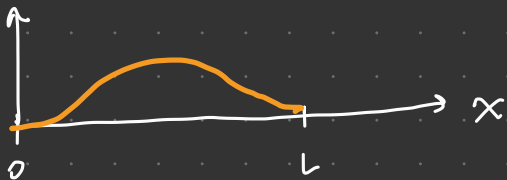
$$u'(L) = -u_0\sqrt{\lambda} \underbrace{\sin(L\sqrt{\lambda})}_{=0} = 0 \rightarrow L\sqrt{\lambda} = n\pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

$$u(x) = \beta_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \quad \text{where } \beta_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$u''(x) + \lambda u(x) = 0$$

$$u'(0) = 0 = u'(L)$$



6.2.3 Application of Fourier series

study differential equations where the additional data is of

the form $u(0) = u(T)$, $u(x) = u(x+T)$, $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$

\implies I.e., u is T -periodic.

Example : Heat diffusion of very thin plate

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = r^2 f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$$

$$u(0) = u(2\pi)$$

$$u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$$

u is the temperature at every point.

$$(x, y) = r(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$



Example 1:

let be $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ and 2π -periodic

let $m, k \in \mathbb{R}$, s.t. $m \neq 0$ ($m \in \mathbb{R}^*$). Find a solution

$u = u(x)$ of the problem:

$$m u''(x) + k u(x) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in]0, 2\pi[$$

$$u(0) = u(2\pi), \quad u'(0) = u'(2\pi).$$

Particularize the solution for $f(x) = \cos x$.

$$u(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx) \right]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx] = Ff(x) \quad (\text{Dirichlet})$$

a_n, b_n are "known"; A_n, B_n are my unknown.

$$u'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-a_n n \sin nx + b_n n \cos nx)$$

$$u''(x) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n n^2 \cos nx + b_n n^2 \sin nx)$$

$$m u''(x) + k u(x) = f(x)$$

$$m (F u(x))'' + k F u(x) = F f(x)$$

$$\frac{k a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(k - m n^2) a_n \cos(nx) + (k - m n^2) b_n \sin(nx)]$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)]$$

$$\bullet \frac{k a_0}{2} = \frac{\alpha_0}{2} \rightarrow a_0 = \frac{\alpha_0}{k}$$

$$\bullet (k - mn^2) a_n = \alpha_n \rightarrow a_n = \frac{\alpha_n}{k - mn^2}$$

$$\bullet (k - mn^2) b_n = \beta_n \rightarrow b_n = \frac{\beta_n}{k - mn^2}$$

$$f(x) = \cos x \rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha_0 = 0 \\ \alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2 \\ \beta_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = 0, a_1 = \frac{1}{k - m}, a_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2, b_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

$$\text{The solution is } u(x) = \frac{1}{k - m} \cos x.$$

• Example 2:

let be $k \neq \pm 1$ and $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 2π -periodic and piecewise defined in $[0, 2\pi]$. Find $\mu: [0, 2\pi]$ st.

$$\mu(x) + k\mu(x-\pi) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in]0, 2\pi[$$

$$\mu(0) = \mu(2\pi)$$

$$\mu(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx \right)$$

$$\left(\text{f. u. p. } \mu(0) = \mu(2\pi) \right)$$

$$\mu(x-\pi) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos(n(x-\pi)) + b_n \sin(n(x-\pi)) \right)$$

$$\cos(n(x-\pi)) = \cos nx \cos n\pi + \sin nx \sin n\pi = (-1)^n \cos nx$$

$$\sin(n(x-\pi)) = \sin nx \cos n\pi - \cos nx \sin n\pi = (-1)^n \sin nx$$

$$u(x-\pi) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left((-1)^n a_n \cos nx + (-1)^n b_n \sin nx \right)$$

$$\frac{1+k}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[(1+k(-1)^n) a_n \cos nx + (1+k(-1)^n) b_n \sin nx \right]$$

$$= F f(x) = f(x) = \frac{\alpha_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\alpha_n \cos nx + \beta_n \sin nx \right)$$

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where $f(x)$ is continuous.

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{1+k} \alpha_0, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{1+k(-1)^n} \alpha_n, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{1+k(-1)^n} \beta_n$$

If, for instance, $f(x) = \cos x + 3 \sin 2x + 4 \cos 5x$

$$\alpha_1 = 1, \quad \beta_2 = 3, \quad \alpha_5 = 4$$

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{1-k} \cos x + \frac{4}{1-k} \cos 5x + \frac{3}{1+k} \sin 2x$$

6.2.4 Application of Fourier transform to ODEs

Recall:

$$\bullet \quad \mathcal{F}(af + bg)(\alpha) = a \hat{f}(\alpha) + b \hat{g}(\alpha)$$

$$\bullet \quad \mathcal{F}(f')(\alpha) = i\alpha \hat{f}(\alpha), \quad \mathcal{F}(f^{(k)})(\alpha) = (i\alpha)^k \hat{f}(\alpha)$$

$$\bullet \quad \mathcal{F}(f * g)(\alpha) = \sqrt{2\pi} \hat{f}(\alpha) \hat{g}(\alpha) \quad \bullet \text{ shift } \dots$$

Example: Find the solution $u(x)$ of:

$$9u(x) + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 8u(t) e^{-|x-t|} dt = e^{-|x|} \quad (\text{integral equation})$$

$$\Rightarrow u''(x) - u(x) = e^{-|x|} \quad \text{ODE}$$

6.2.5 Incompatibility of Fourier series and Fourier transform methods

Let's assume that we can solve a problem using both methods.

The following hypotheses hold:

• μ is piecewise defined

• μ is T -periodic

• $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\mu(x)| dx < \infty$

$$\text{Then } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\mu(x)| dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{nT}^{(n+1)T} |\mu(x)| dx$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_0^T |\mu(y+nT)| dy = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{\int_0^T |\mu(y)| dy}_I$$

$y = x - nT$ (orange arrow)

$\mu(y) = \mu(y+nT)$ (green arrow)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\mu(x)| dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} I < \infty \rightarrow I = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \int_0^T |\mu(y)| dy = 0 \rightarrow |\mu(y)| = 0 \quad \forall y \in [0, T]$$

$$\rightarrow \mu(y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

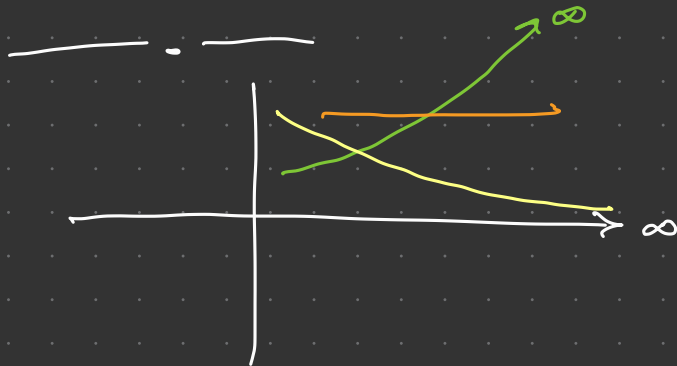
μ is T -periodic

Then, if both methods are applicable, μ is a trivial solution.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\mu(x)| dx < \infty$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \mu(x) = 0.$$



How can $\mu(x)$ be periodic? $\rightarrow \mu(x) = 0.$

6.3 Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

We are going to solve PDEs using separation of variables.

Then we will use Sturm-Liouville problem.

6.3.1 Heat equation for a finite length bar

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$, $L \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $f: [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f \in C^1([0, L])$

s.t. $f(0) = f(L) = 0$. Find the solution $u = u(x, t)$ of:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t) + f(x) \quad \forall x \in]0, L[, \quad \forall t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0 \quad (\text{Dirichlet condition})$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad (\text{initial condition})$$