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1. $f(x)$ is the 2π -periodic function that equals $e^{ix/2}$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 2\pi$.

(a) What is the value of $f(x)$ at $x = 3\pi$? Is that the same as $e^{3\pi i/2}$?

(b) Find the Fourier coefficients c_k in $f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx}$.

(c) What is the decay rate of those coefficients c_k ? How is that decay rate explained using the smoothness properties of $f(x)$?

1) $f(x) = f(x+2\pi)$, $f(x) = e^{ix/2}$ for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$

a) $f(3\pi) = f(\pi) = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$

This is not the same as $e^{i\frac{3\pi}{2}}$, because $e^{i\frac{3\pi}{2}} = -i \neq e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} = i$

b) $f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx} \rightarrow c_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i(k-\frac{1}{2})x} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{-1}{i(k-\frac{1}{2})} \right) \left[e^{-i(k-\frac{1}{2})x} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{i(k-\frac{1}{2})} \right) \left[1 - e^{-i(k-\frac{1}{2})2\pi} \right]$$

$$e^{-i(k-\frac{1}{2})2\pi} = e^{-i(\overbrace{2k-1}^{\text{odd}})\pi} = -1 \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{i\pi(k-\frac{1}{2})}$$

c) The decay rate of c_k is $\frac{1}{k}$.

This is to be expected since there is a jump in $f(x)$ at $x = \dots, 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, \dots$ and a jump in $f(x)$ corresponds to a decay rate of $\frac{1}{k}$ in c_k .

2. (a) Set up 4 equations for the numbers a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 so that the cubic $p(x)$ has the values b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3 at the 4 points $x = 1, i, -1, -i$:

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 = \begin{matrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{matrix} \text{ at } x = \begin{matrix} 1 \\ i \\ -1 \\ -i \end{matrix} .$$

- (b) Those 4 equations could be written in matrix-vector form as $Ma = b$.

What is the inverse of that matrix M ?

- (c) Conclusion: Matching these values b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3 at these points is the same as
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- 2) a)
- i) $a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = b_0$
 - ii) $a_0 + a_1 i - a_2 - a_3 i = b_1$
 - iii) $a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - a_3 = b_2$
 - iv) $a_0 - a_1 i + a_2 + a_3 i = b_3$

b)

$$Ma = b \quad \text{where} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix}, \quad a = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

since $M = F_4$ (Fourier Matrix), $M^{-1} = F_4^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} F_4^T = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{bmatrix} = M^{-1}$

c) Matching these b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3 at these points is the same as doing a discrete Fourier transform from a to b , where a is in k -space and b is in x -space.

3. (a) Find the discrete Fourier coefficients c_0, c_1, c_2 of the discrete values

$$f_0 = 2, f_1 = -1, f_2 = -1.$$

(b) What is the cyclic convolution $c \otimes c$ of $c = (c_0, c_1, c_2)$ with itself ?

(c) Check the convolution rule by multiplying component by component to get

$f \cdot f = (f_0^2, f_1^2, f_2^2)$ and finding the discrete coefficients of this vector. The result should be (and is) the same as _____ .

3) a) $f_0 = 2, f_1 = -1, f_2 = -1$. Find c_0, c_1, c_2

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad F_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 \\ 1 & w^2 & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 \\ 1 & w^2 & w \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } w = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

$$F_3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \overline{F_3}^T = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \overline{w} & \overline{w^2} \\ 1 & \overline{w^2} & \overline{w} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 \\ 1 & w^2 & w \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } w = e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

$$c = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = F_3^{-1} f = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 \\ 1 & w^2 & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2-w-w^2 \\ 2-w^2-w \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &= 0, & c_1 &= c_2 = \frac{1}{3} (2-w-w^2) = \frac{1}{3} (2 - e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} - e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{3}}) = \frac{1}{3} (2 - e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} - e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}) \\ & & &= \frac{1}{3} (2 - 2 \left[\frac{e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} + e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}}}{2} \right]) = \frac{1}{3} (2 - 2 \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3})) \\ & & &= \frac{1}{3} (2 - 2(-\frac{1}{2})) = \frac{1}{3} (3) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\boxed{c_0 = 0, c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1} \quad \checkmark$$

b)

$$c \otimes c = (0, 1, 1) \otimes (0, 1, 1) = \boxed{(0, 1, 1)} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\hookrightarrow C(z) = 0 + z + z^2 \quad (C(z))^2 = (z+z^2)^2 = z^2 + 2z^3 + z^4 = z^2 + 2z^0 + z^1 \quad (\text{Cyclic: } z^3 = z^0)$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad F_3(C \otimes C) = (F_3 c) * (F_3 c) = f * f = (f_0^2, f_1^2, f_2^2) = (4, 1, 1) \quad \checkmark$$

$$(C \otimes C) = F_3^{-1} (F_3(C \otimes C)) = F_3^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 \\ 1 & w^2 & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4+w+w^2 \\ 4+w+w^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$(4+w+w^2 = 4 + 2 \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3}) = 4 - 1 = 3) \quad \checkmark$$

So the discrete coefficients of the vector $(f * f)$ are identical to $(C \otimes C)$ as was expected.

4. A Helmholtz equation (with $c =$ real constant) looks like

$$-\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + u(x) - c^2u(x) = f(x) \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

(a) With Fourier integrals, transform this into an equation for $\hat{u}(k)$.

Find $\hat{u}(k)$ in terms of $\hat{f}(k)$. Give a formula (an integral, not to compute it) for $u(x)$.

(b) Which values of c lead to difficulty in working with your formula for $\hat{u}(k)$?

What is the problem?

(c) With $c = 1$ and $f(x) = \delta(x)$, show directly that $-u''(x) = \delta(x)$ has no solution with

$u(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$.

4) $-\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + u(x) - c^2 u(x) = f(x)$ for $-\infty < x < \infty$ with $c = \text{real constant}$

10/10. (a) $-\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} e^{-ikx} dx + (1-c^2) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x) e^{-ikx} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$

$-(ik)^2 \hat{u}(k) + (1-c^2) \hat{u}(k) = \hat{f}(k)$

$(k^2 + 1 - c^2) \hat{u}(k) = \hat{f}(k)$ ✓

$\hat{u}(k) = \frac{\hat{f}(k)}{(1-c^2) + k^2} = \hat{f}(k) \hat{g}(k)$ where $\hat{g}(k) \equiv \frac{1}{(1-c^2) + k^2}$

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

To find $g(x)$, we must find the inverse Fourier transform of $\hat{g}(k) = \frac{1}{(1-c^2) + k^2}$

$\hat{g}(k) = \frac{1}{(1-c^2) + k^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-c^2}} \frac{2\sqrt{1-c^2}}{(1-c^2) + k^2} = \frac{1}{2a} \frac{2a}{a^2 + k^2}$ with $a = \sqrt{1-c^2}$

This is the Fourier transform of a two-sided decaying pulse (assuming $a > 0$).

$g(x) = \frac{1}{2a} e^{-a|x|} = \frac{1}{2a} \begin{cases} e^{ax} & x < 0 \\ e^{-ax} & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

So $u(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-t) g(t) dt$ where $g(x) = \frac{1}{2a} e^{-a|x|}$ and $a = \sqrt{1-c^2}$
Excellent! ✓

(b) 5/5

for $u(x)$ to be a solution, a must be a real, positive number.

This restricts c to $-1 < c < 1$.

If $|c| \geq 1$, there will be an issue with the solution $u(x)$,

because then a will be 0 or imaginary, which will mean that

$g(x)$ would not approach 0 as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ (and thus $u(x)$ would also not approach 0 as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$)

(c) 10/10

If $c = 1$, then from the criterion above there is no solution in which $u(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$.
But, this can also be shown directly (with $f(x) = \delta(x)$):

$-u''(x) + u(x) - u(x) = f(x) = \delta(x) \rightarrow u''(x) = -\delta(x) \rightarrow u'(x) = -\delta(x) + C_1$

$u(x) = \begin{cases} (C_1 - 1)x + C_2, & x \geq 0 \\ C_1 x + C_3, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$

Clearly $u(x)$ cannot approach 0 for both $x \rightarrow \infty$ and $x \rightarrow -\infty$ no matter what values are chosen for C_1 and C_2 .

Ex) If $C_1 = 1, C_2 = 0$, $u(x) = 0$ for $x \geq 0$ but $u(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ for $x \rightarrow -\infty$

If $C_1 = 0, C_2 = 0$, $u(x) = 0$ for $x \leq 0$ but $u(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ for $x \rightarrow \infty$