



# Chapter 6: integral transforms

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# Green's function

Homogeneous:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x)y = 0$$

Nonhomogeneous:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x)y = F(x)$$



Solutions:

$$y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + y_p(x)$$

Green's function:

**A solution to Poisson's equation with a point source**

$$\nabla^2 G = -\delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

Green's theorem

$$\int (\psi \nabla^2 G - G \nabla^2 \psi) d\tau_2 = \int (\psi \nabla G - G \nabla \psi) \cdot d\sigma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \psi \nabla^2 G d\tau_2 = \int G \nabla^2 \psi d\tau_2$$



$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \rho(\mathbf{r}_2) d\tau_2$$

Poisson's equation

$$\nabla^2 \psi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

Source and potential:

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1) = \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}_2)}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} d\tau_2$$

Ex. Electrostatic potential

$$\psi = \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{r} d\tau$$

General 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear nonhomogeneous differential equation

$$Ly(\mathbf{r}_1) = -f(\mathbf{r}_1)$$

$$LG(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = -\delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$y(\mathbf{r}_1) = \int G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) f(\mathbf{r}_2) d\tau_2$$



# Green's function

Examples:

	Laplace $\nabla^2$	Helmholtz $\nabla^2 + k^2$	Modified Helmholtz $\nabla^2 - k^2$
3 D space $G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$	$\frac{1}{4\pi \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 }$	$\frac{\exp(ik \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 )}{4\pi \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 }$	$\frac{\exp(-k \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 )}{4\pi \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 }$

Quantum scattering:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) + V(\mathbf{r})\psi(\mathbf{r}) = E\psi(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) + k^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) = -\left[ -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi(\mathbf{r}), \quad k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) \sim e^{ik_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}} + f_k(\theta, \varphi) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

no scattering                      outgoing scattered

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) \sim e^{ik_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}} - \int \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi(\mathbf{r}_2) G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) d^3 r_2$$

The solution:

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1) \sim e^{ik_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}_1} - \int \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi(\mathbf{r}_2) \frac{\exp(ik|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|)}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} d^3 r_2$$

Neumann series:

$$0\text{-th order} \quad \psi_0(\mathbf{r}_1) = e^{ik_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}_1} \quad 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order} \quad \psi(\mathbf{r}_1) \sim e^{ik_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}_1} - \int \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(\mathbf{r}_2) e^{ik_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}_2} \frac{\exp(ik|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|)}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} d^3 r_2$$



# Eigen-function expansion

Inhomogeneous Helmholtz equation:

$$\nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) + k^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) = -\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

Green's function:

$$\nabla^2 G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) + k^2 G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = -\delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

Homogeneous:

$$\nabla^2 \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}) + k_n^2 \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Eigen-function expansion:

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(\mathbf{r}_2) \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}_1)$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_n(\mathbf{r}_1) \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}_2)}{k_n^2 - k^2}$$

General inhomogeneous differential equation

$$L\psi + \lambda\psi = -\rho$$

Eigen-function expansion:

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_n(\mathbf{r}_1) \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}_2)}{\lambda_n^2 - \lambda^2}$$

Green's function satisfies:

$$LG(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) + \lambda G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = -\delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

The solution to the differential equation:

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1) = \int G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \rho(\mathbf{r}_2) d\tau_2$$



# Strum-Liouville ODEs

S-L equation:

$$Ly(x) + f(x) = 0$$

$$L = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right] + q(x)$$

Define:  $LG_1(x) = 0, \quad a \leq x < t$

$$LG_2(x) = 0, \quad t < x \leq b$$

Boundary conditions:

$$y(a) = 0, \text{ or } y'(a) = 0, \text{ or } \alpha y(a) + \beta y'(a)$$

$$y(b) = 0, \text{ or } y'(b) = 0, \text{ or } \alpha y(b) + \beta y'(b)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow t^-} G_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow t^+} G_2(x)$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dx} G_2(x) \right|_t - \left. \frac{d}{dx} G_1(x) \right|_t = -\frac{1}{p(t)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \int_a^b G(x, t) f(t) dt$$

Construction of Green's function:

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} c_1 u(x), & a \leq x < t \\ c_2 v(x), & t < x \leq b \end{cases}$$

$$c_2 v(t) - c_1 u(t) = 0$$

$$c_2 v'(t) - c_1 u'(t) = -\frac{1}{p(t)}$$

Unique solution if:

$$\begin{vmatrix} u(t) & v(t) \\ u'(t) & v'(t) \end{vmatrix} = u(t)v'(t) - v(t)u'(t) = \frac{A}{p(t)}$$



# Sturm-Liouville ODEs

Green's function for S-L equation:

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{A}u(x)v(t), & a \leq x < t \\ -\frac{1}{A}u(t)v(x), & t < x \leq b \end{cases}$$

$$Ly(x) + f(x) = 0 \quad L = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right] + q(x)$$

$$y(x) = \int_a^b G(x,t) f(t) dt$$

**solution?**

Proof:

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{A} \int_a^x v(x)u(t) f(t) dt - \frac{1}{A} \int_x^b u(x)v(t) f(t) dt$$

$$y'(x) = -\frac{1}{A} \int_a^x v'(x)u(t) f(t) dt - \frac{1}{A} \int_x^b u'(x)v(t) f(t) dt$$

$$y''(x) = -\frac{1}{A} \int_a^x v''(x)u(t) f(t) dt - \frac{1}{A} \int_x^b u''(x)v(t) f(t) dt$$

$$-\frac{1}{A} [u(x)v'(x) - v(x)u'(x)] f(x)$$

$$\longrightarrow Ly(x) + f(x) = 0$$

Boundary conditions:

$$y(a) = -\frac{u(a)}{A} \int_a^b v(t) f(t) dt = cu(a)$$

$$y'(a) = -\frac{u'(a)}{A} \int_a^b v(t) f(t) dt = cu'(a)$$

$u(x), v(x)$  satisfies the homogeneous S-L equation

$$cu(a) - \beta u'(a) = 0$$



# Equivalence

Differential equation  $\rightarrow$  integral equation

$$Ly(x) + f(x) = 0$$

$$L = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right] + q(x)$$

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} G_1(x,t), & a \leq x < t \\ G_2(x,t), & t < x \leq b \end{cases}$$

$$\xrightarrow{?} y(x) = \int_a^b G(x,t) f(t) dt$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow t^-} G_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow t^+} G_2(x)$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dx} G_2(x) \right|_t - \left. \frac{d}{dx} G_1(x) \right|_t = -\frac{1}{p(t)}$$

(dis)continuity

Proof:

$$-\int_a^b G(x,t) Ly(x) dx = \int_a^b G(x,t) f(x) dx$$

$$-\int_a^t G_1(x,t) Ly(x) dx$$

$$= -|G_1(x,t) p(x) y'(x)|_a^t + \int_a^t G_1'(x,t) p(x) y'(x) dx - \int_a^t G_1(x,t) q(x) y(x) dx$$

$$= -|G_1(x,t) p(x) y'(x)|_a^t + |G_1'(x,t) p(x) y(x)|_a^t - \int_a^t y(x) LG_1(x,t) dx$$

$$LHS = -|G_1(x,t) p(x) y'(x)|_a^t + |G_1'(x,t) p(x) y(x)|_a^t$$

$$+ |G_2(x,t) p(x) y'(x)|_t^b + |G_2'(x,t) p(x) y(x)|_t^b$$

$$= y(t)$$

Same boundary conditions for  $G(x,t)$  and  $y(x)$   
and (dis)continuity for  $G$  and  $G'$

$$t \longleftrightarrow x$$

$$y(x) = \int_a^b G(x,t) f(t) dt$$



# Examples

Linear oscillator:

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

$$y(0) = y(1) = 0$$

To construct Green's function:

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{A}u(x)v(t), & 0 \leq x < t \\ -\frac{1}{A}u(t)v(x), & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} u(t) & v(t) \\ u'(t) & v'(t) \end{vmatrix} = u(t)v'(t) - v(t)u'(t) = \frac{A}{p(t)}$$

$$u(x) = x, v(x) = 1 - x$$

$$p(x) = 1, W = -1 \Rightarrow A = -1$$

$$\therefore G(x,t) = \begin{cases} x(1-t), & 0 \leq x < t \\ t(1-x), & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$y(x) = \lambda \int_0^1 G(x,t) y(t) dt$$

The solution of differential equation:

$$y(x) = \sin(n\pi x), \lambda = n^2 \pi^2$$



$$y(x) = \lambda \int_0^1 G(x,t) y(t) dt$$



# Integral transforms

Green's function:

$$y(x) = \int_a^b G(x,t) f(t) dt$$

General transforms:

$$g(\alpha) = \int_a^b K(\alpha,t) f(t) dt$$

Most useful transforms:

$$g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt, \quad \text{Fourier}$$

$$g(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-\alpha t} dt, \quad \text{Laplace}$$

$$g(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) t J_n(\alpha t) dt, \quad \text{Hankel}$$

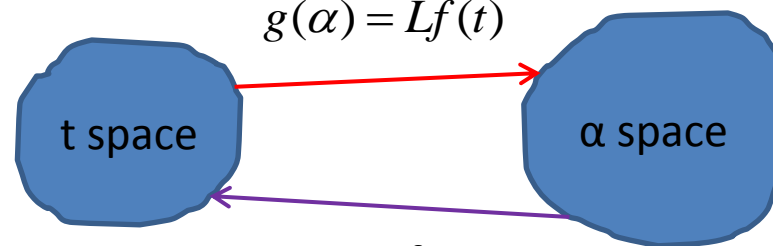
$$g(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) t^{\alpha-1} dt, \quad \text{Mellin}$$

$$g(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \cos(\omega t) dt, \quad \text{Cosine}$$

$$g(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sin(\omega t) dt, \quad \text{Sine}$$

Linear transforms:

$$g(\alpha) = Lf(t)$$



Inverse transforms:

$$f(t) = L^{-1} g(\alpha)$$

Ex:

$$g(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d^3r$$

$$f(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\mathbf{k}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d^3k$$



# Fourier transforms

Fourier integral theorem:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos[\omega(t-x)] dt$$

$f(x)$  is (1) piecewise continuous, (2) differentiable, (3) absolutely integrable.

Exponential form:

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

Fourier transforms:

$$g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

Inverse transforms:

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

$$\text{Delta function: } \delta(t-x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega(t-x)} d\omega$$

Fourier transforms of derivatives:

$$g_1(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{df(t)}{dt} e^{i\omega t} dt = -i\omega g(\omega)$$

$$g_n(\omega) = (-i\omega)^n g(\omega)$$



# Applications

1-D wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + H(x, t) \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad \frac{\partial u(x, 0)}{\partial t} = g(x) \end{cases}$$

Fourier transforms:

$$\hat{u}(k, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{ikx} dx$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}(k, t) e^{-ikx} dk$$

In k-space:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \hat{u}(k, t)}{\partial t^2} + c^2 k^2 \hat{u}(k, t) - \hat{H}(k, t) \right] e^{-ikx} dk = 0 \longrightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \hat{u}(k, t)}{\partial t^2} + c^2 k^2 \hat{u}(k, t) = \hat{H}(k, t)$$

$$\therefore \hat{u}(k, t) = A(k) \cos(ckt) + B(k) \sin(ckt) + \frac{1}{ck} \int_0^t \hat{H}(k, t_1) \sin[ck(t-t_1)] dt_1$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ f(x_1) \cos(ckt) + g(x_1) \frac{\sin(ckt)}{ck} + \int_0^t H(x_1, t_1) \frac{\sin[ck(t-t_1)]}{ck} dt_1 \right\} e^{ikx_1} dx_1$$

The solution:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}(k, t) e^{-ikx} dk$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikx} dk \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikx_1} dx_1 \left\{ f(x_1) \cos(ckt) + g(x_1) \sin(ckt) + \frac{1}{ck} \int_0^t H(x_1, t_1) \sin[ck(t-t_1)] dt_1 \right\}$$

# Wave equation

The solution:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikx} dk \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikx_1} dx_1 \left\{ f(x_1) \cos(ckt) + g(x_1) \sin(ckt) + \frac{1}{ck} \int_0^t H(x_1, t_1) \sin[ck(t-t_1)] dt_1 \right\}$$

First term:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikx} dk \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikx_1} dx_1 f(x_1) \cos(ckt) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1 f(x_1) \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikx} e^{ikx_1} \frac{1}{2} (e^{ickt} + e^{-ickt}) dk \\ &= \frac{1}{2} f(x+ct) + \frac{1}{2} f(x-ct) \end{aligned}$$

Second term:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1 g(x_1) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik(x-x_1)} \frac{1}{2ck} (e^{ickt} - e^{-ickt}) dk \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1 g(x_1) [h(x-x_1+ct) - h(x-x_1-ct)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} dx_1 g(x_1) \end{aligned}$$

Third term (source):

$$= \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t dt_1 \int_{x-c(t-t_1)}^{x+c(t-t_1)} dx_1 H(x_1, t_1)$$

Special case

(1) Point source:

$$H(x, t) = \delta(x-x_0) f(t)$$

$$u_H(x, t) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t dt_1 \int_{x-c(t-t_1)}^{x+c(t-t_1)} dx_1 \delta(x_1-x_0) f(t_1)$$

$$f(t) = \cos(\omega t)$$

$$u_H(x, t) = \frac{1}{2c\omega} \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{x-x_0}{c} \right) \right] \quad \text{for } t > \frac{x-x_0}{c}$$

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# Doppler's effect

(2) Moving source:

$$H(x, t) = \delta(x - x_0 - vt) \cos(\omega t)$$

$$u_H(x, t) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t dt_1 \int_{x-c(t-t_1)}^{x+c(t-t_1)} dx_1 \delta(x_1 - x_0 - vt_1) \cos(\omega t_1)$$

For  $v < c$

$$u_H(x, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < \frac{x-x_0}{c} \\ \frac{1}{2\omega c} \sin\left(\frac{\omega c}{c-v} t - \omega \frac{x-x_0}{c-v}\right), & \frac{x-x_0}{c} < t < \frac{x-x_0}{v} \\ \frac{1}{2\omega c} \sin\left(\frac{\omega c}{c+v} t + \omega \frac{x-x_0}{c+v}\right), & \frac{x-x_0}{v} < t \end{cases}$$

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Red shift

For  $v > c$

$$u_H(x, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < \frac{x-x_0}{v} \\ \frac{1}{2\omega c} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\omega c}{c+v} t + \omega \frac{x-x_0}{c+v}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\omega c}{c-v} t - \omega \frac{x-x_0}{c-v}\right) \right], & \frac{x-x_0}{v} < t < \frac{x-x_0}{c} \\ \frac{1}{2\omega c} \sin\left(\frac{\omega c}{c+v} t + \omega \frac{x-x_0}{c+v}\right), & \frac{x-x_0}{c} < t \end{cases}$$



# Laplace transforms

Definition:

$$f(s) = L[F(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} F(t)e^{-st} dt, \quad \text{Laplace}$$

Linear transforms:

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} f(s)e^{st} ds, \quad \text{inverse transform}$$

$$F(t) = L^{-1}[f(s)]$$

Examples:

$$L[1] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0$$

$$L[\cos kt] = \int_0^{\infty} \cos kte^{-st} dt = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$$

$$L[e^{kt}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{kt} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s-k}, \quad s > k$$

$$L[\sin kt] = \int_0^{\infty} \sin kte^{-st} dt = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$$

Derivatives:

$$L[F'(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dF(t)}{dt} e^{-st} dt = e^{-st} F(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} F(t) e^{-st} dt = sL[F(t)] - F(0)$$

Harmonic oscillator:

$$m \frac{d^2 X(t)}{dt^2} + kX(t) = 0, \quad X(0) = X_0, X'(0) = 0$$

$$mL\left[\frac{d^2 X(t)}{dt^2}\right] + kL[X(t)] = 0 \Rightarrow ms^2 x(s) - msX(0) + kx(s) = 0$$

$$x(s) = X_0 \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega_0^2}, \quad \omega_0 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$X(t) = X_0 \cos(\omega_0 t)$$