

Laplacian on an interval

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0.1 Some series

Proposition 0.1

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-\alpha)^2 - \omega^2} = \frac{\pi \sin(2\omega\pi)}{2\omega \sin(\alpha-\omega)\pi \sin(\alpha+\omega)\pi}, \quad (0.1)$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 - \omega^2} = -\frac{\pi \cos(\omega\pi)}{\omega \sin \alpha\pi}. \quad (0.2)$$

Proof. $f(z) := \frac{1}{(z-\alpha)^2 - \omega^2}$ is meromorphic on $\mathbb{C}$, has a finite number of poles and $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} z f(z) = 0$. Hence one can use the method of Prob. 4.6.1. J. Krzyż, “Zbiór zadań z funkcji analitycznych” involving integrating $\cot(\pi z)f(z)$ on a big square:

$$0 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2i}{(n-\alpha)^2 - \omega^2} \quad (0.3)$$

$$+ 2\pi i \operatorname{Res} \frac{\cot(\pi z)}{(z-\alpha)^2 - \omega^2} \Big|_{z=\alpha+\omega} + 2\pi i \operatorname{Res} \frac{\cot(\pi z)}{(z-\alpha)^2 - \omega^2} \Big|_{z=\alpha-\omega} \quad (0.4)$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2i}{(n-\alpha)^2 - \omega^2} + 2\pi i \frac{\cot \pi(\omega + \alpha)}{2\omega} - 2\pi i \frac{\cot \pi(\omega - \alpha)}{2\omega} \quad (0.5)$$

□

Proposition 0.2 For $x \in [0, 2\pi]$,

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i(n-\alpha)x}}{(n-\alpha)^2 - \omega^2} = \frac{\pi (\sin(2\omega\pi - \omega x) + e^{-2i\alpha\pi} \sin(\omega x))}{2\omega \sin((\alpha-\omega)\pi) \sin((\alpha+\omega)\pi)}. \quad (0.6)$$

Proof. Set

$$f(x) = f_{\omega, \alpha}(x) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i(n-\alpha)x}}{(n-\alpha)^2 - \omega^2}.$$

We have

$$(\partial_x^2 + \omega^2)f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(n-\alpha)x} = 2\pi e^{-i\alpha x} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - 2\pi m), \quad (0.7)$$

In particular, (0.7) is zero in $]0, 2\pi[$. Hence $f(x) = a_+ e^{i\omega x} + a_- e^{-i\omega x}$ there. Now

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= a_+ + a_- \\ f(2\pi) &= a_+ e^{i\omega 2\pi} + a_- e^{-i\omega 2\pi} = e^{-i\alpha 2\pi} f(0). \end{aligned} \quad ,$$

Hence

$$a_- = \frac{e^{2i\omega\pi} - e^{-2i\alpha\pi}}{e^{2i\omega\pi} - e^{-2i\omega\pi}} f(0), \quad (0.8)$$

$$a_+ = \frac{-e^{-2i\omega\pi} + e^{-2i\alpha\pi}}{e^{2i\omega\pi} - e^{-2i\omega\pi}} f(0), \quad (0.9)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(\sin(2\omega\pi - \omega x) + e^{-2i\alpha\pi} \sin(\omega x))}{\sin(2\omega\pi)} f(0) \quad (0.10)$$

$$= \frac{\pi (\sin(2\omega\pi - \omega x) + e^{-2i\alpha\pi} \sin(\omega x))}{2\omega \sin((\alpha - \omega)\pi) \sin((\alpha + \omega)\pi)}. \quad (0.11)$$

□

0.2 Laplacian on an interval with twisted boundary conditions

Let H_κ be $-\partial_x^2$ on smooth functions on $[0, \pi]$ satisfying

$$e^{i\pi\kappa} f(0) = f(\pi), \quad e^{i\pi\kappa} f'(0) = f'(\pi). \quad (0.12)$$

Then H_κ defines a self-adjoint operator. From its eigenvectors one can form an o.n. basis

$$e_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{i(2n+\kappa)x}, \quad H_\kappa e_n = (2n + \kappa)^2 e_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (0.13)$$

Hence

$$\text{sp} H_\kappa = \text{sp}_p H_\kappa = \{(2n + \kappa)^2 : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

The following cases are especially important:

- (1) periodic $\kappa = 0$;
- (2) antiperiodic, for $\kappa = 1$.

Set

$$R_\kappa(\omega^2, x, y) = (\omega^2 - H_\kappa)^{-1}(x, y)$$

Equation

$$(\partial_x^2 + \omega^2)R_\kappa(\omega^2, x, y) = \delta(x - y)$$

is solved by

$$R_\kappa(\omega^2, x, y) = \begin{cases} a_- e^{ix\omega} + b_- e^{-ix\omega}, & x < y; \\ a_+ e^{ix\omega} + b_+ e^{-ix\omega}, & x > y. \end{cases} \quad (0.14)$$

Let $y^\pm = y$, where we use the left- resp. right-sided limit. We get

$$R_\kappa(\omega^2, y^+, y) - R_\kappa(\omega^2, y^-, y) = 0, \quad (0.15)$$

$$\partial_x R_\kappa(\omega^2, y^+, y) - \partial_x R_\kappa(\omega^2, y^-, y) = 1, \quad (0.16)$$

$$e^{i\kappa\pi} R_\kappa(\omega^2, 0, y) = R_\kappa(\omega^2, \pi, y), \quad (0.17)$$

$$e^{i\kappa\pi} \partial_x R_\kappa(\omega^2, 0, y) = \partial_x R_\kappa(\omega^2, \pi, y). \quad (0.18)$$

We have 4 equations with 4 unknowns. According to W. Ciszewski this is solved by

$$R_\kappa(\omega^2, x, y) = \frac{i}{2\omega} \begin{cases} \frac{e^{i\omega(y-x)}}{e^{i\pi(\omega+\kappa)} - 1} - \frac{e^{-i\omega(y-x)}}{e^{i\pi(-\omega+\kappa)} - 1}, & x < y; \\ \frac{e^{i\omega(x-y)}}{e^{i\pi(\omega-\kappa)} - 1} - \frac{e^{-i\omega(x-y)}}{e^{i\pi(-\omega-\kappa)} - 1}, & x > y. \end{cases} \quad (0.19)$$

Problem. Check (0.19) using (0.6) and

$$R_\kappa(\omega^2, x, y) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{e^{i(2n+\kappa)(x-y)}}{\pi(\omega^2 - (2n + \kappa)^2)}. \quad (0.20)$$

0.3 Laplacian on an interval with Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions

Problem. Using (0.6) and (0.21),

$$R_D(\omega^2)(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \sin(xn) \sin(yn)}{\pi(\omega^2 - n^2)}, \quad (0.21)$$

check the following formula for the integral kernel of the resolvent of the Dirichlet Laplacian:

$$\begin{aligned} R_D(\omega^2)(x, y) &= \frac{\sin \omega x \sin \omega(y - \pi) \theta(y - x)}{\omega \sin \omega \pi} \\ &+ \frac{\sin \omega(x - \pi) \sin \omega y \theta(x - y)}{\omega \sin \omega \pi} \end{aligned}$$

Problem. Using (0.6) and (0.22)

$$R_N(\omega^2)(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi \omega^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cos(xn) \cos(yn)}{\pi(\omega^2 - n^2)}, \quad (0.22)$$

check the following formula for the integral kernel of the resolvent of the Neumann Laplacian:

$$R_N(\omega^2)(x, y) = \frac{\cos \omega x \cos \omega(y - \pi) \theta(y - x)}{\omega \sin \omega \pi} + \frac{\cos \omega(x - \pi) \cos \omega y \theta(x - y)}{\omega \sin \omega \pi}.$$