

Chapter I: Introduction and motivation

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Terminology:

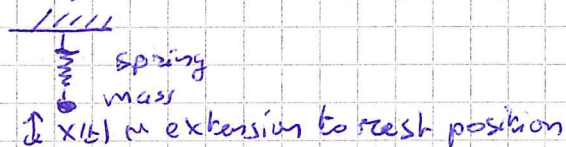
- A differential equation (DE) is an equation that relates an unknown fct and its derivatives. ^(for more)
- An ordinary differential equation (ODE) is a DE, where the unknown fct depends only on one variable (say $y(x)$)
- A partial differential equation (PDE) is a DE, where the unknown fct depends on 2 or more variables (say $u(x, y)$)

Ex: (ODE)

- Malthusian growth model for bacteria $\frac{d}{dt} P(t) = \lambda \cdot P(t)$
 $\frac{d}{dt}$ given parameter λ $\rightarrow$ # of bacteria at time t

Obs: $\dot{P}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} P(t)$ (notation)

- Mass-spring system



Newton's law $m \cdot \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x(t) + k \cdot x(t) = 0$
 $\downarrow$ mass $\downarrow$ accel. $\downarrow$ force (k is stiffness const.)

⑤ $u'(x) + 5u(x) + 22\cos(x) = 0$

To determine a unique sol. to a DE, one needs to specify additional conditions. For instance:

Ex: (IVP)

Add an initial condition $\rightarrow$ this gives us an initial value problem (IVP)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} P(t) = \lambda P(t) & \text{(DE)} \\ P(0) = P_0 & \text{(IV/IC) } \leftarrow \text{initial population of bacteria} \end{cases}$$

⑤ ex: $\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} P(t) = 2 \cdot P(t) \\ P(0) = 1 \end{cases}$ has solution $P(t) = 1 \cdot e^{2t}$

Ex: (BVP)

Add boundary conditions $\rightarrow$ gives a boundary value problem (BVP)

$$\begin{cases} -u''(x) = \cos(x) & \text{for } x \in (0,1) \\ u(0) = 0, u(1) = 5 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} (DE) \\ (BC) \end{matrix}$$

Let us now introduce the Laplace operation

In 2D (for 2 variables x, y): $\Delta u(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, y) + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}(x, y) = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$

In 3D ("3" x, y, z): $\Delta u(x, y, z) = u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz}$, etc.

Notation in physics $\nabla^2 u = \Delta u$

Ex: Consider $u(x, y) = 5x^2y^4$, compute $\Delta u(x, y)$:

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$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= 10xy^4 \rightarrow u_{xx} = 10y^4 \\ u_y &= 20x^2y^3 \rightarrow u_{yy} = 60x^2y \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 10y^4 + 60x^2y$$

Ex: (PDE)

(P) • Laplace equation: $\Delta u = 0$ (in 1D, 2D, 3D, ...)

• Heat equation (1D) $u_t - u_{xx} = f$ ($u_t(x, t) - u_{xx}(x, t) = f(x, t, u)$)

describes evolution of temperature in a thin wire

• Wave equation (1D) $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = g$ ($u_{tt}(x, t) - u_{xx}(x, t) = g(x, t, u)$)

describes motion of guitar string

Again, one needs to add conditions to find a unique sol. to a PDE

Ex: Consider heat eq. on $[0, 1]$:

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) - u_{xx}(x, t) = 0 & \text{for } x \in (0, 1) \text{ and } t \in (0, T] & (DE) \\ u(0, t) = 0, u(1, t) = \sin(t) & \text{for } t \in (0, T] & (BC) \\ u(x, 0) = 3x & \text{for } x \in (0, 1) & (IC) \end{cases}$$

Chapter II: Mathematical tools

Goal: Introduce some (abstract) spaces, where we will live and work.

1) Vector spaces:

Rem: If vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$ Ok for you, below is the same!

Def: A set V of "vectors" on fcts is called a vector space or linear space if $\forall u, v, w \in V$ and $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, one has:

axioms

- (i) $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$ (associativity) (2)
- (ii) $u + v = v + u$ (commutativity)
- (iii) $\exists 0 \in V$ s.t. $v + 0 = v$ (identity zero vector)
- (iv) $\forall v \in V, \exists$ inverse $(-v) \in V$ s.t. $v + (-v) = (-v) + v = 0$ (inverse)
- (v) $\alpha(\beta v) = (\alpha\beta)v$ (compatibility)
- (vi) $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $1 \cdot v = v$ (identity) [ok since $\mathbb{R}$]
- (vii) $\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$ (distributivity)
- (viii) $(\alpha + \beta)v = \alpha v + \beta v$

Ex: $V = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ with $(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$
 $\alpha \cdot (x, y) = (\alpha x, \alpha y) \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

verifies (i) - (viii) and is a vector space/linear space

$\bullet V = \mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z) : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$ + and $\cdot$ as above

$\bullet V = \mathbb{R}^n$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex: How can we define the space of polynomials of degree ≤ 1 on $(0, 1)$?

$V = \{p(x) \text{ polynomial with } \deg(p(x)) \leq 1 \text{ and } x \in (0, 1)\} =$
 $= \{ax + b : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, 0 < x < 1\} = \underline{\mathcal{P}^{(1)}(0, 1)}$

$\leadsto$ this is a vector space/linear space with usual $+$, $\cdot$

Ex: More generally, $\underline{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}(\mathbb{R})}$ denotes the linear space of all polynomials of degree $\leq n$ on $\mathbb{R}$.

Ex: $\mathcal{P}^{(3)}(\mathbb{R})$ contains all polyn. of the form
 $a_0 / a_0 + a_1 x / a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 / a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3$, where $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$.

Def: A subset $U \subset V$ of a vector space V is called a subspace of V if $\alpha u + \beta v \in U \quad \forall u, v \in U, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

Ex: Let $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $U = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Show that U subspace of V .

(i) $U \subset V$ ok :-)

(ii) Take any $u = (u_1, u_2, 0) \in U$ and $v = (v_1, v_2, 0) \in U, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$. One has

$\alpha u + \beta v = \alpha(u_1, u_2, 0) + \beta(v_1, v_2, 0) = (\alpha u_1, \alpha u_2, 0) + (\beta v_1, \beta v_2, 0) =$
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{\in U} \quad \quad \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{linear so.}}$

$$= (\alpha u_1 + \beta v_1, \alpha u_2 + \beta v_2, 0) \in U \quad \text{if } U \text{ is linear sp.}$$

$\hookrightarrow U$ is a subspace of V .

Ex: Is $\{\text{polyn. of deg} \leq 1\}$ a subspace of $\mathcal{P}^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$?

No! $\begin{bmatrix} x-x=0 \\ \text{deg} \quad 1 \quad 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex: Let $V = \mathcal{P}^{(5)}(\mathbb{R})$ and $U = \mathcal{P}^{(1)}(\mathbb{R})$. Show that $U \subset V$ subspace?

(i) $U \subset V$ $\checkmark \hookrightarrow$

(ii) Let $p_1(x) = a_0 + a_1x \in \mathcal{P}^{(1)}(\mathbb{R})$, $p_2(x) = b_0 + b_1x \in \mathcal{P}^{(1)}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

It is clear that $\alpha p_1(x) + \beta p_2(x) \in U$ (i.e. polyn. deg ≤ 1) $\checkmark$

$\hookrightarrow U$ subspace of V .

Def: Let V be a vector space and $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$.

A linear combination of these vectors is given by

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n \quad \text{for some } a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(5) Ex: Let $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

All linear comb. of v_1 and v_2 are given by

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ 2a_2 \\ 3a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + a_2 \\ 2a_2 \\ 3a_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for all } a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Def: Let V be a vector space and $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$.

The space of all linear combinations of these vectors is

denoted span $(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \{a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(5) Ex: $V = \mathbb{R}^3$, $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V$, $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \in V$, $\text{span}(v_1, v_2) = ?$

$$\text{span}(v_1, v_2) = \{a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ 2a_2 \\ 3a_2 \end{pmatrix} : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

(5) Ex: Consider the monomials $1, x, x^2$, $\text{span}(1, x, x^2) = ?$

$$\text{span}(1, x, x^2) = \{a_0 \cdot 1 + a_1 \cdot x + a_2 \cdot x^2 : a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathcal{P}^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$$

Let us for ex. write the polynomial $4x-2 \in \mathcal{P}^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$ with

$$1, x, x^2, \quad 4x-2 = (-2) \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2$$