

Some Formulae

Assume that all the functions are “nice”.

1. Fourier transform:

$$\widehat{f}(\omega) = \text{“Fourier transform of } f(x)\text{”} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) e^{i\omega x} dx.$$

$$g^\vee(x) = \text{“inverse Fourier transform of } g(\omega)\text{”}.$$

2. Inverse Fourier transform of the Gaussian:

$$(e^{-\beta\omega^2})^\vee(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\beta}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4\beta}}.$$

3. Fundamental solution $\Phi_k(x, t)$ for the heat equation $u_t = ku_{xx}$:

$$\Phi_k(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4kt}}.$$

i.e. $u(x, t) = (\Phi_k(\cdot, t) * f)(x)$ solves $u_t = ku_{xx}$ with $u(x, 0) = f(x)$.

4. Green’s function for Poisson’s equation:

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0| \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^2, \quad G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_0) = -\frac{1}{4\pi |\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0|} \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

5. Poisson formula for the disk of radius a :

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} h(\theta_0) \frac{a^2 - r^2}{r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos(\theta - \theta_0)} d\theta_0$$

6. Laplacian in 3-d: $\Delta = \nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$.

7. Divergence in 3-d: $\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$.

8. Laplacian in the cylindrical coordinates: With $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, and $z = z$, we have

$$\Delta u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

9. Divergence Theorem:

$$\iiint_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \vec{F} dV = \iint_{\partial\Omega} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS,$$

where $\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F}$.

10. Fourier Series: Given f on $[-L, L]$, we have

$$f(x) \sim a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L},$$

where $a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx.$$