

Partial Differential Equations Linear and Homogeneous in Partial Derivatives with Constant Coefficients

An equation of the form

$$\frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^n} + k_1 \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^{n-1} \partial y} + k_2 \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^{n-2} \partial y^2} + \dots + k_n \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial y^n} = F(x, y)$$

is linear and homogeneous in partial derivatives of order n and has constant coefficients.

If we write $\frac{\partial^r}{\partial x^r} \equiv D^r$ and $\frac{\partial^r}{\partial y^r} = D'^r$ the equation can be

written as $f(D, D')z = F(x, y) \quad (1)$

$$\text{where } f(D, D') = D^n + k_1 D^{n-1} D' + k_2 D^{n-2} D'^2 + \dots + k_n D'^n$$

The complete solution of (1) is given by

$z = \text{complementary function (C.F.)} + \text{particular integral (P.I.)}$

Rules to write complementary function (C.F.)

C.F. is the complete solution of

$$f(D, D')z = 0$$

① Replacing D by m and D' by l , auxiliary equation is

$$m^n + k_1 m^{n-1} + k_2 m^{n-2} + \dots + k_n = 0 \quad (2)$$

Let the roots of this equation be m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n .

Case I When all roots are different

$$\text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y + m_1 x) + \phi_2(y + m_2 x) + \dots + \phi_n(y + m_n x)$$

Case II If two roots of equation (2) are equal say $m_1 = m_2 = m$ and all others are different

$$\text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y + mx) + x \phi_2(y + mx) + \phi_3(y + m_3 x) + \dots + \phi_n(y + m_n x)$$

Similarly if $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$ and others are different then

$$\text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y + mx) + x \phi_2(y + mx) + x^2 \phi_3(y + mx) + \phi_4(y + m_4 x) + \dots + \phi_n(y + m_n x)$$

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Que Solve the following partial differential equations

$$(i) \frac{\partial^4 z}{\partial x^4} - \frac{\partial^4 z}{\partial y^4} = 0$$

$$(ii) (D^3 - D^2 D' - D D'^2 + D'^3) z = 0 \text{ or } (D_x^3 - D_x^2 D_y - D_x D_y^2 + D_y^3) z = 0$$

Sol (i) The given p.d.e. can be written symbolically as

$$(D^4 - D'^4) z = 0$$

$$\text{A.E. is } m^4 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (m^2 - 1)(m^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \pm 1, \pm i$$

$$\therefore \text{General solution is } z = \phi_1(y+x) + \phi_2(y-x) + \phi_3(y+ix) \\ + \phi_4(y-ix)$$

where ϕ_1, ϕ_2, ϕ_3 and ϕ_4 are arbitrary functions.

$$(ii) \text{ p.d.e. is } (D^3 - D^2 D' - D D'^2 + D'^3) z = 0$$

$$\text{A.E. is } m^3 - m^2 - m + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2(m-1) - 1(m-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m-1)(m^2-1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, 1, -1$$

\therefore General solution is

$$z = \phi_1(y+x) + x \phi_2(y+x) + \phi_3(y-x)$$

Particular Integral (P.I.)

If $f(D, D')z = F(x, y)$ then

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} F(x, y)$$

Formulae regarding P.I.

$$(i) \text{ If } F(x, y) = e^{ax+by}, \text{ then}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} e^{ax+by} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(a, b)} e^{ax+by} & \text{if } f(a, b) \neq 0 \\ \frac{x^k}{\left[\frac{d^k}{dD^k} f(D, D') \right]} & \text{if } f(a, b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$D=a, D'=b$
where k is the least +ive integer so that it
reduces to above form when $\left[\frac{d^k}{dD^k} f(D, D') \right]_{D=a, D'=b} \neq 0$

(2) If $F(x, y) = \sin(ax+by+c)$ or $\cos(ax+by+c)$, then
 P.I. = $\frac{1}{f(D, D')} \frac{\sin(ax+by+c)}{\cos}$

$$= \frac{1}{[f(D, D')]} \frac{\sin(ax+by+c)}{D^2 = -a^2, D'^2 = -b^2, DD' = -ab} \quad \text{provided den} \neq 0$$

(3) If $F(x, y) = \text{polynomial in } x \& y$

$$\text{P.I.} = [f(D, D')]^{-1} \cdot F(x, y)$$

Expand $[f(D, D')]^{-1}$ in ascending powers of D or D' by Binomial theorem and operate on $F(x, y)$.

(4) If $F(x, y) = e^{ax+by} V(x, y)$, then

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} e^{ax+by} V(x, y) = e^{ax+by} \frac{1}{f(D+a, D'+b)} V(x, y)$$

(5) If $F(x, y) = \phi(ax+by)$ and $f(D, D')$ is a homogeneous function of degree n (say) then

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} \phi(ax+by) = \frac{1}{f(a, b)} G(ax+by) \text{ if } f(a, b) \neq 0$$

where $G(ax+by)$ is obtained after integrating $\phi(z)$ w.r.t. z , n times and then taking $z = ax+by$.

$$\text{and P.I.} = \frac{x^k}{\left[\frac{d^k}{dD^k} f(D, D') \right]_{D=a, D'=b}} \quad \text{if } f(a, b) = 0$$

where k is the least positive integer so that it reduces to above form when $\left[\frac{d^k}{dD^k} f(D, D') \right]_{D=a, D'=b} \neq 0$

Now apply the above formula.

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Remark

(1) If $F(x, y) = \sinh(ax+by+c)$ or $\cosh(ax+by+c)$ then convert it in exponential forms and use case ①.

(2) Sometimes it is easy to use the formula

General Formula

$$\frac{1}{(D-mD')} F(x, y) = \int F(x, a-mx) dx$$

$$\text{where } y = a - mx$$

After integrating it we put $a = y + mx$.

Ques Solve the following P.D.E's

$$(1) (D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2) z = \sin(2x+3y) + 3e^{2x+y}$$

$$(2) (D^3 - 7DD'^2 - 6D'^3) z = \sin(x+2y)$$

$$(3) (2D^2 - 5DD' + 2D'^2) z = 5 \sin(2x+y)$$

$$(4) 4r + 12s + 9t = e^{3x-2y}$$

$$(5) r - 2s + t = 2x \cos y$$

$$(6) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - 6 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = y \cos x$$

$$(7) r - s - 2t = (y-1)e^x$$

$$(1) (D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2) z = \sin(2x+3y) + 3e^{2x+y}$$

$$A.E. \text{ is } m^2 + 4m - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow (m+5)(m-1) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow m = 1, -5$$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y+x) + \phi_2(y-5x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)} [\sin(2x+3y) + 3e^{2x+y}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)} \sin(2x+3y) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{(D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)} e^{2x+y}$$

Sol

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$$= \frac{1}{-4-24+45} \sin(2x+3y) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{(4+8-5)} e^{2x+y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{17} \sin(2x+3y) + \frac{3}{7} e^{2x+y}$$

Hence the complete solution is

$$z = \phi_1(y+x) + \phi_2(y-5x) + \frac{1}{17} \sin(2x+3y) + \frac{3}{7} e^{2x+y}$$

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(2) $(D^3 - 7DD'^2 - 6D'^3)z = \sin(x+2y)$

A.E. is $m^3 - 7m^2 - 6 = 0$

$m = -1$ satisfies it.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m^3 - 7m^2 - 6 &= m^2(m+1) - m(m+1) - 6(m+1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (m+1)(m^2-m-6) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (m+1)(m-3)(m+2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow m = -1, -2, 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y-2x) + \phi_2(y-x) + \phi_3(y+3x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(D^3 - 7DD'^2 - 6D'^3)} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1^3 - 7(1)(2)^2 - 6(2)^3} \cos(x+2y)$$

(after integrating $\sin z$ w.r.t. z
three times and putting $z = x+2y$,
 $D = 1, D' = 2$)

$$= -\frac{1}{75} \cos(x+2y)$$

Other Method to find P.I.

$$\frac{1}{(D^3 - 7DD'^2 - 6D'^3)} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(-D+4D'+24D')} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{(-D-38D')}{(-D+38D')(-D-38D')} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{(-D-38D')}{D^2 - (38)^2 D'^2} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{(-D-38D')}{-1+4 \times 38 \times 38} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= -\frac{\cos(x+2y) - 76 \cos(x+2y)}{5775}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{75} \cos(x+2y)$$

Hence the complete solution is

$$z = \phi_1(y-2x) + \phi_2(y-x) + \phi_3(y+3x)$$

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$$(2D^2 - 5DD' + 2D'^2)z = 5\sin(2x+y)$$

A.E. is $2m^2 - 5m + 2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25-16}}{4} = \frac{5 \pm 3}{4} = \frac{1}{2}, 2$$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y + \frac{1}{2}x) + \phi_2(y + 2x) = \psi_1(2y+x) + \psi_2(y+2x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(2D^2 - 5DD' + 2D'^2)} \cdot 5\sin(2x+y)$$

$$= \frac{5x}{(4D - 5D')} \sin(2x+y) = 5x \frac{1}{4(2) - 5(1)} [-\cos(2x+y)] \\ = -\frac{5x}{3} \cos(2x+y)$$

Hence the solution is

$$\boxed{z = \psi_1(2y+x) + \psi_2(y+2x) - \frac{5x}{3} \cos(2x+y)}$$

$$(4) \quad 4r + 12s + 9t = e^{3x-2y}$$

The given equation can be written as

$$(4D^2 + 12DD' + 9D'^2)z = e^{3x-2y}$$

$$A.E. \text{ is } 4m^2 + 12m + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (2m+3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y - \frac{3}{2}x) + x\phi_2(y - \frac{3}{2}x) = \psi_1(2y-3x) + x\psi_2(2y-3x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(4D^2 + 12DD' + 9D'^2)} e^{3x-2y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2D+3D')^2} e^{3x-2y}$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{\frac{d^2}{dD^2} (2D+3D')^2} e^{3x-2y} \quad [\because 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot (-2) = 0]$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{8} e^{3x-2y}$$

$$\therefore \text{Complete sol. is } \boxed{z = \psi_1(2y-3x) + x\psi_2(2y-3x) + \frac{x^2}{8} e^{3x-2y}}$$

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$$r - 2s + t = 2x \cos y$$

The given eqn. can be written as

$$(D^2 - 2DD' + D'^2) z = 2x \cos y$$

A.E. is $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$ or $(m-1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m=1, 1$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y+x) + x\phi_2(y+x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(D-D')^2} 2x \cos y$$

$$= 2 \operatorname{Re} \text{ part of } \frac{1}{(D-D')^2} x e^{iy}$$

$$= 2 \operatorname{Re} \text{ part of } e^{iy} \frac{1}{(D-D'-i)^2} x$$

$$= 2 \operatorname{Re} \text{ part of } e^{iy} (-1) [1+i(D-D')]^{-2} \cdot x$$

$$= 2 \operatorname{Re} \text{ part of } (-e^{iy}) [1-2iD+\dots] x$$

$$= 2 \operatorname{Re} \text{ part of } (-1) (\cos y + i \sin y) (x - 2i)$$

$$= -2(x \cos y + 2 \sin y)$$

\therefore The complete solution is

$$\boxed{y = \phi_1(y+x) + x\phi_2(y+x) - 2(x \cos y + 2 \sin y)}$$

(6)

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - 6 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = y \cos x$$

The given eqn. can be written as

$$(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2) z = y \cos x$$

A.E. is $m^2 + m - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-2)(m+3) = 0 \Rightarrow m=2, -3$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y+2x) + \phi_2(y-3x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)} y \cos x = \frac{1}{(D+3D')(D-2D')} y \cos x$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} \int (a-2x) \cos x dx \quad \text{where } y = a-2x \\
 &= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} [(a-2x) \sin x - (-2)(-\cos x)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} [y \sin x - 2 \cos x] \\
 &= \int [(b+3x) \sin x - 2 \cos x] dx \quad \text{where } y = b+3x \\
 &= [(b+3x)(-\cos x) - (3)(-\sin x) - 2 \sin x] \\
 &= -y \cos x + 3 \sin x - 2 \sin x = -y \cos x + \sin x
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The complete sol. is

$$z = \phi_1(y+2x) + \phi_2(y-3x) - y \cos x + \sin x$$

$$(7) \quad r-s-at = (y-1)e^x$$

The given eqn. can be written as

$$(D^2 - DD' - 2D'^2) z = (y-1)e^x$$

$$\text{A.E. is } m^2 - m - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-2)(m+1)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow m=2, -1$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y+2x) + \phi_2(y-x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{(D^2 - DD' - 2D'^2)} (y-1)e^x \\
 &= \frac{e^x}{(D+1)^2 - (D+1)D' - 2D'^2} (y-1) \\
 &= \frac{e^x}{D^2 - DD' - 2D'^2 + 2D - D' + 1} (y-1) \\
 &= e^x [1 + (2D - D' - 2D'^2 - DD' + D')]^{-1} (y-1) \\
 &= e^x [1 - 2D + D' + \dots] (y-1) = e^x (y-1+1) = ye^x
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The complete sol. is

$$z = \phi_1(y+2x) + \phi_2(y-x) + ye^x$$

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Linear P.D.E's with constant coefficients, non-homogeneous in partial derivatives

$$f(D, D')z = F(x, y) \quad (1)$$

where $f(D, D')$ is not homogeneous i.e., sum of powers of D and D' in terms may not be equal.

Here we also have complete solution = C.F. + P.I.

Rules for finding C.F.

Case I When $f(D, D')$ can be factorized into linear factors of the type $(D - mD' - c)$ where m, c be any constant (may be zero) and factors are not repeated.

$$\therefore \text{C.F. (corresponding to this factor)} = e^{cx} \phi(y+mx)$$

The solution corresponding to various factors added up, give the C.F. of (1).

Case II When factors are repeated. Suppose $(D - mD' - c)$ is repeated twice. Then C.F. (corresponding to these two factors)

$$= e^{cx} [\phi_1(y+mx) + x\phi_2(y+mx)]$$

$$\text{Similarly C.F.} = e^{cx} [\phi_1(y+mx) + x\phi_2(y+mx) + x^2\phi_3(y+mx)]$$

When factor $(D - mD' - c)$ is repeated thrice,

Case III If $f(D, D')$ cannot be factorized into linear factors. Then

C.F. (corresponding to non-linear factor)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i e^{h_i x + k_i y} \text{ where } f(h_i, k_i) = 0$$

Rules for finding P.I. Formulae ① to ④ of homogeneous form can be used in the same way for finding P.I. for non-homogeneous form.

Remark: We cannot use the formula ⑤ of homogeneous form as $f(D, D')$ is not homogeneous here.

General Formula

(2)

$$\frac{1}{(D-mD'-c)} F(x, y) = e^{cx} \int e^{-cx} F(x, a-mx) dx$$

where $y = a - mx$

After integration, we substitute $a = y + mx$

Ques Find the solutions of the following p.d.e's

$$(1) (D^2 + 2DD' + D'^2 - 2D - 2D')z = \sin(x+2y) + e^{x+2y}$$

$$(2) (D^2 - D')z = xe^{x+2y}$$

$$(3) (D^2 - D'^2 + 3D' - 3D)z = xy$$

$$(4) (D - 3D' - 2)^2 z = 2e^{2x} + \tan(y+3x)$$

Sol (1) $(D^2 + 2DD' + D'^2 - 2D - 2D')z = \sin(x+2y) + e^{x+2y}$

$$\Rightarrow (D+D')(D+D'-2)z = \sin(x+2y) + e^{x+2y}$$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y-x) + e^{2x} \phi_2(y-x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(D^2 + 2DD' + D'^2 - 2D - 2D')} \sin(x+2y) + \frac{1}{(D+D')(D+D'-2)} e^{x+2y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-1+2(-2)+(-4)-2D-2D'} \sin(x+2y) + \frac{1}{(1+2)(1+2-2)} e^{x+2y}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{(2D+2D'+9)} \sin(x+2y) + \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

$$= -\frac{(2D+2D'-9)}{(2D+2D'+9)(2D+2D'-9)} \sin(x+2y) + \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

$$= -\frac{(2D+2D'-9)}{(4D^2+4D'^2+8DD')-81} \sin(x+2y) + \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

$$= -\frac{(2D+2D'-9)}{-4-16-16-81} \sin(x+2y) + \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

$$= \frac{(2D+2D'-9)}{117} \sin(x+2y) + \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{17} [2\cos(x+2y) + 4\cos(x+2y) - 9\sin(x+2y)] + \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{39} [2\cos(x+2y) - 3\sin(x+2y) + \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}]$$

\therefore The complete solution is

$$z = \phi_1(y-x) + e^{2x} \phi_2(y-x) + \frac{1}{39} [2\cos(x+2y) - 3\sin(x+2y)] + \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

$$(2) (D^2 - D') z = xe^{x+y}$$

Here $D^2 - D'$ cannot be factorized into linear factors in D and D' .

$$\therefore C.F. = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i e^{hi x + h_i^2 y} \text{ where } h_i^2 - h_i = 0 \text{ i.e., } h_i = h_i^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i e^{hi x + h_i^2 y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P.I. &= \frac{1}{(D^2 - D')} xe^{x+y} \\ &= \frac{e^{x+y}}{(D+1)^2 - (D'+1)} x \\ &= \frac{e^{x+y}}{(D^2 + 2D - D')} x \\ &= e^{x+y} \frac{1}{(-D')} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2D}{D'} + \frac{D^2}{D'} \right) \right]^{-1} x \\ &= e^{x+y} \frac{1}{(-D')} \left[1 + \frac{2D}{D'} + \frac{D^2}{D'} + \dots \right] x \\ &= e^{x+y} \frac{1}{(-D')} (x+2y) = e^{x+y} (-xy - y^2) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The complete sol. is

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i e^{hi x + h_i^2 y} - e^{x+y} (-xy - y^2)$$

where c_i and h_i are arbitrary constants.

$$(3) (D^2 - D'^2 + 3D' - 3D)z = xy$$

$$\text{or } (D - D')(D + D' - 3)z = xy$$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y+x) + e^{3x} \phi_2(y-x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(D^2 - D'^2 + 3D' - 3D)} xy$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D - D')(D + D' - 3)} xy$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3D} \left(\frac{1 - D'}{D} \right)^{-1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D}{3} + \frac{D'}{3} \right) \right]^{-1} xy$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3D} \left(1 + \frac{D'}{D} + \dots \right) \left(1 + \frac{D}{3} + \frac{D'}{3} + \frac{2}{9} DD' + \dots \right) xy$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3D} \left(1 + \frac{D}{3} + \frac{2D'}{3} + \frac{D'}{D} + \frac{2}{9} DD' + \dots \right) xy$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3D} \left(xy + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2x}{3} + \frac{1}{D} x + \frac{2}{9} \right) = -\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 y + \frac{xy}{3} + \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{2x}{9} \right)$$

\therefore The complete solution is

$$\boxed{z = \phi_1(y+x) + e^{3x} \phi_2(y-x) - \frac{1}{54} (9x^2y + 6xy + 6x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x)}$$

$$(4) (D - 3D' - 2)^2 z = 2e^{2x} \tan(y+3x)$$

$$C.F. = e^{2x} \phi_1(y+3x) + x e^{2x} \phi_2(y+3x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(D - 3D' - 2)^2} 2e^{2x} \tan(y+3x)$$

$$= 2e^{2x} \frac{1}{(D - 3D')^2} \tan(y+3x)$$

$$= 2e^{2x} \frac{1}{(D - 3D')} \int \tan(a - 3x + 3x) dx \quad \text{where } a - 3x = y$$

$$= 2e^{2x} \frac{1}{(D - 3D')} x \tan a = 2e^{2x} \frac{1}{(D - 3D')} x \tan(y+3x)$$

$$= 2e^{2x} \int x \tan a dx \quad \text{where } a - 3x = y$$

$$= 2e^{2x} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \tan a = x^2 e^{2x} \tan(y+3x)$$

\therefore The complete sol. is

$$\boxed{z = e^{2x} \phi_1(y+3x) + x e^{2x} \phi_2(y+3x) + x^2 e^{2x} \tan(y+3x)} \quad A$$

Classification of linear second order, equation

$$A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + B \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + C \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + E \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + Fu = 0 \quad (1)$$

where A, B, C, D, E and F are functions of x, y or are real constants. The p.d.e. is said to be a

parabolic equ. if $B^2 - 4AC = 0$

hyperbolic equ. if $B^2 - 4AC > 0$

elliptic equ. if $B^2 - 4AC < 0$

Some simple examples of the above equ's are the following

- (i) One dimensional heat equ. $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ is parabolic.
- (ii) One dimensional wave equ. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ is hyperbolic.
- (iii) Two dimensional Laplace equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ is elliptic.

Principle of superposition. If $c_1 u_1, c_2 u_2, c_3 u_3, \dots$ are solutions of equ.(1) then the complete sol. of (1) is

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n u_n$$

Method of separation of variables

Ques Using the method of separation of variables, solve

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u$$

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$$\text{where } u(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x}, x > 0, t > 0$$

Sol Let $u(x, t) = X(x) \cdot T(t)$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = X' T, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = X T'$$

where dashes denote derivatives w.r.t. their variables.

\therefore The given equ. becomes

(2)

$$X' T = 2XT' + XT$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X'}{X} = \frac{2T' + T}{T} = \text{constant } (\lambda) \text{ say}$$

$$\Rightarrow X' - \lambda X = 0 \text{ and } T' - \frac{(\lambda-1)}{2} T = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X = Ae^{\lambda x}, T = Be^{\frac{(\lambda-1)}{2} t}$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = Ce^{\lambda x} e^{\frac{(\lambda-1)}{2} t} \quad \text{where } AB = C$$

$$\text{Given } u(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x}$$

$$\therefore Ce^{\lambda x} = 6e^{-3x} \Rightarrow C = 6, \lambda = -3$$

Hence $\boxed{u(x, t) = 6e^{-(3x+2t)}} \quad \underline{A}$

Ques (for practice) Use the method of separation of variables

to solve the p.d.e. $3\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0, u(x, 0) = 4e^{-x}$

[A $u(x, y) = 4e^{-x}e^{3y/2}$]

Ques Solve the equation $4\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3u$ given $u = 3e^{-4t} - e^{-5t}$ when $x=0$.

Sol. Let $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = X'Y, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = XY'$$

where dashes denote derivatives w.r.t. their variables.

\therefore The given equation becomes

$$4X'Y + XY' = 3XY$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4X'}{X} = \frac{-Y' + 3Y}{Y} = \text{constant } (\lambda) \text{ say}$$

$$\therefore X' - \frac{\lambda}{4}X = 0, Y' - (3-\lambda)Y = 0$$

$$\therefore X = Ae^{\frac{\lambda}{4}x}, Y = Be^{(3-\lambda)y}$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = Ce^{\frac{\lambda}{4}x}e^{(3-\lambda)y} \quad \text{where } AB = C$$

(3)

$$\therefore \text{Now } u(0, y) = 3e^{-y} - e^{-5y}$$

$\therefore u(x, y)$ is sum of two solutions as

$$u(x, y) = C_1 e^{\frac{\lambda_1}{4}x} e^{(3-\lambda_1)y} + C_2 e^{\frac{\lambda_2}{4}x} e^{(3-\lambda_2)y}$$

$$u(0, y) = C_1 e^{(3-\lambda_1)y} + C_2 e^{(3-\lambda_2)y} = 3e^{-y} - e^{-5y} \text{ (given)}$$

$$\therefore \text{Either } C_1 = 3, \lambda_1 = 4, C_2 = -1, \lambda_2 = 8$$

$$\text{or } C_1 = -1, \lambda_1 = 8, C_2 = 3, \lambda_2 = 4$$

In both cases, solution is $u(x, y) = 3e^{-y} - e^{2x-5y}$

Ques Use the method of separation of variables to solve the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \text{ given that } V=0 \text{ when } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ as well as } V=0 \text{ at } x=0$$

and $x=l$.

Sol

$$\text{Let } V = X(x).T(t)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = X''T, \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = XT' \text{ where dashes denote derivatives w.r.t. to their variables}$$

$$\therefore \text{The given eqn. becomes } X''T = XT' \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{T} = \text{constant (1) say}$$

$$\therefore X'' - \lambda X = 0, T' - \lambda T = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } T' - \lambda T = 0 \Rightarrow T = A e^{\lambda t}$$

As $V = XT = 0$ when $t \rightarrow \infty$ so λ must be negative.

$$\text{Take } \lambda = -\beta^2, \beta > 0$$

$$\therefore T = A e^{-\beta^2 t}$$

$$\text{Now, } X'' - \lambda X = 0 \Rightarrow X'' + \beta^2 X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X = B \cos \beta x + C \sin \beta x$$

$$\therefore V = (D \cos \beta x + E \sin \beta x) e^{-\beta^2 t} \text{ where } AB = D \text{ and } AC = E$$

$$V(0, t) = 0 \Rightarrow D e^{-\beta^2 t} = 0 \Rightarrow D = 0$$

$$\therefore V = E \sin \beta x e^{-\beta^2 t}$$

$$\text{Now } V(l, t) = 0 \Rightarrow E \sin \beta l e^{-\beta^2 t} = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \beta l = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{n\pi}{l}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (\because \beta > 0)$$

$$\therefore \text{Solutions are } V(x, t) = E_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

\therefore By principle of superposition, complete solution is

$$V(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t}$$

$$\text{One Dimensional Heat Flow Equation} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

Consider the flow of heat by conduction in a uniform bar. We assume the sides of the bar are insulated and the loss of heat from the sides by conduction or radiation is negligible.

Take one end of the bar as origin and x -axis along the direction of flow of heat. Let $u(x,t)$ be temperature at a point distance x from origin at time t and the temperature at all points of a cross section is same. (Also, we know that in a body heat flows in a direction of decreasing temperature).



Then $u(x,t)$ is given by the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{where } c^2 \text{ is diffusivity of bar.} \quad (1)$$

Let its solution be given by

$$u(x,t) = X(x) \cdot T(t) \quad (2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X'' T \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = X T'$$

\therefore The p.d.e. (1) becomes,

$$X T' = c^2 X'' T$$

$$\therefore \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T'}{T} = \text{constant} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \quad (3)$$

Case I If $\lambda = 0$, then from (3),

$$X'' = 0, T' = 0$$

$$\therefore X = Ax + B, T = C$$

$$\therefore \text{By } ②, \quad u(x,t) = C(Ax+B)$$

$$\therefore [u(x,t) = Dx+E] \quad \text{where } D=CA, E=CB \quad \text{--- } ④$$

Case II If $\lambda > 0$ i.e., $\lambda = \frac{p^2}{c^2}$, $p > 0$, we have from (3)

$$X'' - \frac{p^2}{c^2}X = 0 \text{ and } T' - \frac{p^2}{c^2}T = 0$$

$$\therefore X = (Ae^{\frac{px}{c}} + Be^{-\frac{px}{c}}) \text{ and } T = Ce^{\frac{p^2 c^2 t}{c^2}}$$

$$\therefore \text{By } ②, \quad u(x,t) = (Ae^{\frac{px}{c}} + Be^{-\frac{px}{c}})Ce^{\frac{p^2 c^2 t}{c^2}}$$

$$\therefore [u(x,t) = (De^{\frac{px}{c}} + Ee^{-\frac{px}{c}})e^{\frac{p^2 c^2 t}{c^2}}] \quad \text{--- } ⑤$$

Case III If $\lambda < 0$ i.e., $\lambda = -\frac{p^2}{c^2}$, $p > 0$ then from (3)

$$X'' + \frac{p^2}{c^2}X = 0, \quad T' + \frac{p^2}{c^2}T = 0$$

$$\therefore X = A \cos px + B \sin px \text{ and } T = Ce^{-\frac{p^2 c^2 t}{c^2}}$$

$$\therefore \text{By } ②, \quad u(x,t) = (A \cos px + B \sin px)Ce^{-\frac{p^2 c^2 t}{c^2}}$$

$$\therefore [u(x,t) = (D \cos px + E \sin px)e^{-\frac{p^2 c^2 t}{c^2}}] \quad \text{--- } ⑥$$

Out of these three solutions, we are to choose solutions satisfying initial and boundary conditions. Since the temperature $u(x,t)$ decreases as the time t increases (as we are dealing with problems on heat conduction, it must be a transient solution), therefore the solution given by (5) can be rejected.

Remark (1) The solution $Dx+E$ is the solution of $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$ and hence $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$ in heat equation (1). Thus, solution $Dx+E$ is steady state solution.

(3)

(2) If $u(0,t) = u(l,t) = 0 \forall t$, then there is no steady state solution and $u(x,t)$ decrease, as time t increases and hence in this case solution is given by eqn. (6).

[by (4), $u(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow E = 0$ and $u(l,t) = 0 \Rightarrow Dl + E = 0$
 $\therefore D = E = 0$, so no steady state solution exist.]

Ques A rod of length l with insulated sides is initially at a uniform temperature u_0 . Its ends are suddenly cooled to 0°C , are kept at that temperature. Find the temperature $u(x,t)$.

Sol The temperature $u(x,t)$ is given by the solution of one dimensional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

Given $u(x,0) = u_0$, $u(0,t) = 0$, $u(l,t) = 0$

Since $u(0,t) = u(l,t) = 0$, therefore the solution of eqn.(1) is given by $u(x,t) = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x) e^{-\beta^2 c^2 t}$; $\beta > 0$ — (2)

$$\text{Now, } u(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow A e^{-\beta^2 c^2 t} = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{By (2), } u(x,t) = B \sin \beta x e^{-\beta^2 c^2 t}; \beta > 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Now, } u(l,t) = 0 \Rightarrow B \sin \beta l e^{-\beta^2 c^2 t} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sin \beta l = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{n\pi}{l}, n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{By (3), } u(x,t) = B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2 c^2}{l^2} t}; n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

By the principle of superposition,

(4)

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 c^2 \pi^2 t}{l^2}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{Now, } u(x,0) = u_0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = u_0$$

which is half range Fourier sine series of u_0 in $(0, l)$.

$$\begin{aligned} B_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l u_0 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \\ &= \frac{2u_0}{l} \cdot \frac{l}{n\pi} \left[-\cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right]_0^l = \frac{2u_0}{n\pi} [1 - (-1)^n] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{2n} &= 0 \\ B_{2n-1} &= \frac{4u_0}{(2n-1)\pi} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{By (4), } \boxed{u(x,t) = \frac{4u_0}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)} \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{(2n-1)^2 c^2 \pi^2 t}{l^2}}}$$

Ques (a) An insulated rod of length l has its ends A and B maintained at 0° and 100°C respectively until steady state conditions prevail. If B is suddenly reduced to 0°C and are maintained at 0°C , find the temperature at a distance x from A at time t .

(b) Solve the above problem, if the change consists of raising the temperature of A to 20°C and reducing that of B to 80°C .

Sol (a) The temperature $u(x,t)$ is given by the one dimensional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

(5)

Before changing the temperature at the end B,

When $t=0$, the heat flow was in steady state (i.e., independent of time) i.e., $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$. So by (1), $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$

$$\therefore u(x, 0) = Ax + B$$

Now $u(0, 0) = 0$ and $u(l, 0) = 100$

$$\therefore B = 0 \text{ and } A = \frac{100}{l}$$

$$\therefore u(x, 0) = \frac{100x}{l}$$

Now, for the subsequent flow,

$$u(0, t) = 0 \neq t \quad \text{and} \quad u(l, t) = 0 \neq t$$

\therefore Solution of (1) is of the form

$$u(x, t) = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x) e^{-\beta^2 c^2 t}; \beta > 0 \quad (2)$$

[Now, do the same steps upto eqn.(4) as in above que.(1)]

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 c^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Now, } u(x, 0) = \frac{100x}{l}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = \frac{100x}{l}$$

which is half range, sine series of $\frac{100x}{l}$ in $(0, l)$

$$\therefore B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \frac{100x}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

$$= \frac{200}{l^2} \left[x \left(-\frac{l}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) - \left(-\frac{l^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \right]_0^l$$

$$= \frac{200}{l^2} \left[-\frac{l^2}{n\pi} (-1)^n \right] = \frac{200}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1}$$

$$\therefore \text{By (4), } u(x, t) = \frac{200}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 c^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t} \quad \underline{A}$$

(b)

Here the initial condition

$$u(x,0) = \frac{100x}{l}$$

remains the same as in (a) part.

Also, the boundary conditions are

$$u(0,t) = 20 + t \quad \text{and} \quad u(l,t) = 80 + t$$

Since the boundary values $u(0,t)$ and $u(l,t)$ are given to be non-zero, so we split the temperature function $u(x,t)$ into two parts as

$$u(x,t) = u_s(x) + u_t(x,t) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{where } u_s(x) = Ax + B \quad \text{s.t. } u_s(0) = 20 \text{ and } u_s(l) = 80$$

$$\therefore B = 20, A = \frac{60}{l}$$

$$\therefore u_s(x) = \frac{60x}{l} + 20 \quad (3)$$

Put $x = 0$ in (2), we have

$$u_t(0,t) = u(0,t) - u_s(0) = 20 - 20 = 0 \quad (4)$$

Put $x = l$ in (2), we have

$$u_t(l,t) = u(l,t) - u_s(l) = 80 - 80 = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Also, by (2), } u_t(x,0) = u(x,0) - u_s(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{100x}{l} - \left(\frac{60x}{l} + 20 \right) \quad (\because u(x,0) = \frac{100x}{l}) \\ &= \frac{40x}{l} - 20 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Now $u_t(x,t)$ is given by

$$u_t(x,t) = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x) e^{-\frac{\beta^2 c^2 t}{l}} ; \beta > 0$$

(7)

where $u_t(0,t) = 0$, $u_t(l,t) = 0$ and $u_t(x,0) = \frac{40x}{l} - 20$

[Now, do the same steps as in que (1) upto equation (4)]

$$\therefore u_t(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 c^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$\text{Now, } u_t(x,0) = \frac{40x}{l} - 20$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = \frac{40x}{l} - 20$$

which is half range Fourier sine series of $\frac{40x}{l} - 20$ in $(0,l)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore B_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \left(\frac{40x}{l} - 20 \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{l} \left[\left(\frac{40x}{l} - 20 \right) \left(-\frac{l}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) - \left(\frac{40}{l} \right) \left(\frac{-l^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \right]_0^l \\ &= \frac{2}{l} \left(-\frac{l}{n\pi} \right) [20 \cos n\pi + 20] = -\frac{40}{n\pi} [(-1)^n + 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore B_{2n} = -\frac{80}{2n\pi} \quad \text{and} \quad B_{2n-1} = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{By (7), } u_t(x,t) = -\frac{40}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{2n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{4n^2 c^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t}$$

\therefore By (2), (3) and (4),

$$u(x,t) = \frac{60x}{l} + 20 - \frac{40}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{2n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{4n^2 c^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t}$$

(8)

Ques A bar of length l with insulated sides is initially at 0°C temperature throughout. The end $x=0$ is kept at 0°C for all time and heat is suddenly applied such that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 10$ at $x=l$ for all time. Find the temperature function $u(x,t)$.

Sol

The temperature function $u(x,t)$ is given by

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{where } c^2 \text{ is diffusivity of bar.}$$

Since the temperatures at both end points are not given to be 0°C , therefore we split $u(x,t)$ into two parts as

$$u(x,t) = u_s(x) + u_t(x,t) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } u_s(x) = Ax + B \text{ s.t. } u_s(0) = 0 \text{ and } \left(\frac{\partial u_s}{\partial x}\right)_{x=l} = 10$$

$$\therefore B = 0 \text{ and } A = 10$$

$$\therefore u_s(x) = 10x$$

Also, boundary conditions are given as

$$u(0,t) = 0 \forall t, \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{x=l} = 10 \quad \forall t$$

and initial condition as $u(x,0) = 0 \quad \forall x$

$$\text{By (1), } u(x,t) = 10x + (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x) e^{-\frac{\beta^2 c^2 t}{(f>0)}} \quad (2)$$

(\because temperature at $x=l$ is

$$\therefore u(0,t) = 0 \quad \forall t \quad \text{not given}$$

$$\Rightarrow A e^{-\frac{\beta^2 c^2 t}{(f>0)}} = 0 \quad \forall t \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{By (2), } u(x,t) = 10x + B \sin \beta x e^{-\frac{\beta^2 c^2 t}{(f>0)}} \quad (3)$$

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$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{x=l} = 10 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\therefore 10 + B_0 \cos \beta l e^{-\beta^2 c^2 t} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow B_0 \cos \beta l e^{-\beta^2 c^2 t} = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \beta l = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2l}; n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

\therefore By principle of superposition,

$$u(x, t) = 10x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l} e^{-\frac{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2 c^2 t}{4l^2}} \quad (4)$$

by (3)

$$\text{Now, } u(x, 0) = 0 \neq x$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l} = -10x$$

which is half range Fourier sine series of $-10x$ in $[0, l]$

$$\therefore B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l (-10x) \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l} dx$$

$$= -\frac{20}{l} \left[x \left\{ \frac{-2l}{(2n-1)\pi} \cos \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l} \right\} \right.$$

$$\left. - (-1) \cdot \left\{ \frac{-4l^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l} \right\} \right]_0^l$$

$$= -\frac{20}{l} \cdot \frac{4l^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}$$

$$= \frac{80l}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2} (-1)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\because \sin(n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}) \right. \\ & = -\cos n\pi \\ & = -(-1)^n \end{aligned}$$

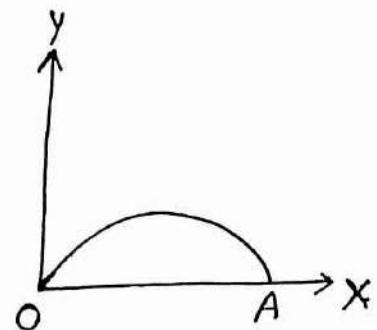
\therefore Solution is

$$u(x, t) = 10x + \frac{80l}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)^2} \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l} e^{-\frac{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2 c^2 t}{4l^2}}$$

(1)

Vibrations of a Stretched String (One dimensional wave equation)

Consider a uniform elastic string of length l stretched tightly between two points O and A . Taking O as origin, x -axis along OA and y -axis perpendicular to OA at O .



We assume each point of the string moves parallel to the equilibrium position OA in xy -plane. Then the vertical displacement of points of the string is given by the wave eqn.

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

where $c^2 = \frac{T}{m}$ is called the diffusivity of string
($T \rightarrow$ tension & $m \rightarrow$ mass of the string)

To find the solution of wave eqn. (1),

$$\text{let } y(x, t) = X(x) \cdot T(t) \quad (2)$$

where $X(x)$ is function of x only and $T(t)$ is function of t only.

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = X T'' , \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = X'' T$$

\therefore Equation (1) becomes, $X T'' = c^2 X'' T$

$$\text{or } \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''}{T} = \text{constant} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \quad (3)$$

Case I If $\lambda = 0$, then from (3),

$$X'' = 0, T'' = 0$$

$$\therefore X = Ax + B, T = Ct + D$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y(x, t) = (Ax + B)(Ct + D)} \quad (\text{by (2)}) \quad (4)$$

Case II If $\lambda > 0$ i.e., $\lambda = \beta^2$; $\beta > 0$, we have from (3), (2)

$$X'' - \beta^2 X = 0 \text{ and } T'' - \beta^2 c^2 T = 0$$

$$\therefore X = (A e^{\beta x} + B e^{-\beta x}) \text{ and } T = (C e^{\beta c t} + D e^{-\beta c t})$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y(x,t) = (A e^{\beta x} + B e^{-\beta x})(C e^{\beta c t} + D e^{-\beta c t})} \quad (\text{by (2)}) \quad (5)$$

Case III If $\lambda < 0$ i.e., $\lambda = -\beta^2$; $\beta \geq 0$, we have from (3),

$$X'' + \beta^2 X = 0 \text{ and } T'' + \beta^2 c^2 T = 0$$

$$\therefore X = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x) \text{ and } T = (C \cos \beta c t + D \sin \beta c t)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y(x,t) = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x)(C \cos \beta c t + D \sin \beta c t)} \quad (6)$$

The solution of wave equation can be one (4) or (5) or (6) or
can be combination of these three solutions.

Remark:

But when the ends 0 and A are fixed then

$$y(0,t) = y(l,t) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

In this case, solutions given by eqn. (4) and (5) are invalid

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \because \text{From (4), } y(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow B(Ct+D) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0 \text{ or } Ct+D = 0 \\ \quad y(l,t) = 0 \Rightarrow (Al+B)(Ct+D) = 0 \Rightarrow Al+B = 0 \text{ or } Ct+D = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{In this case } y(x,t) = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Similarly from (5), } y(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow (A+B)(C e^{\beta c t} + D e^{-\beta c t}) = 0 \\ \quad \Rightarrow A = -B \text{ or } (C e^{\beta c t} + D e^{-\beta c t}) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y(l,t) = 0 \Rightarrow (A e^{\beta l} + B e^{-\beta l})(C e^{\beta c t} + D e^{-\beta c t}) = 0 \\ \quad \Rightarrow A e^{\beta l} + B e^{-\beta l} = 0 \text{ or } C e^{\beta c t} + D e^{-\beta c t} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Combining it} \quad A = B = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 0$$

$$\therefore y(x,t) = 0$$

Hence the solution is given by equation (6) only.

(3)

D'Alembert's method of solving wave equation

$$\text{Wave equation is } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

From D'Alembert method solution is given by

$$u(x,t) = \phi(x+ct) + \psi(x-ct)$$

where ϕ, ψ are arbitrary functions which will be determined from initial conditions.

Remark: If stretched string is infinite then method of solution in article just before D'Alembert's method cannot be applied and solution will be obtained by D'Alembert's method.

Ques 1 Solve the p.d.e. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 4 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ subject to the conditions

$$u = \sin t \text{ at } x=0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sin t \text{ at } x=0.$$

Sol Since boundary conditions at $x=0$ are trigonometric functions, therefore solution of p.d.e. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 4 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ is given by

$$u(x,t) = (A \cos px + B \sin px) (C \cos 2pt + D \sin 2pt) \quad (1)$$

where $p > 0$

$$\text{Now, } u(0,t) = \sin t \text{ (given)}$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1)} \quad A(C \cos 2pt + D \sin 2pt) = \sin t$$

$$\therefore AC = 0, AD = 1, 2p = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0, AD = 1, p = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1), } u(x,t) = \cos \frac{x}{2} \sin t + E \sin \frac{x}{2} \sin t \quad (\text{where } BD = E) \quad (2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{x}{2} \sin t + \frac{1}{2} E \cos \frac{x}{2} \sin t$$

$$\text{Given } \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{x=0} = \sin t$$

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$$\therefore \frac{E}{2} \sin t = \sin t \Rightarrow E = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{From (2), } u(x,t) = \cos \frac{x}{2} \sin t + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \sin t$$

$$\text{i.e., } \boxed{u(x,t) = \cos \left(\frac{x}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) \sin t}$$

Ans

Ques A thin uniform tightly stretched vibrating string fixed at the points $x=0$ and $x=l$ satisfy the equation

$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$; $y(x,0) = y_0 \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$ and released from rest from this position. Find the displacement $y(x,t)$ at any x and any time t .

Sol Since the ends are fixed

$$\therefore y(0,t) = y(l,t) = 0$$

\therefore Solution of wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$ is given

$$\text{by } y(x,t) = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x) (C \cos \omega t + D \sin \omega t) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } y(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow A(C \cos \omega t + D \sin \omega t) = 0 \quad \forall t \\ \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1), } y(x,t) = (E \cos \omega t + F \sin \omega t) \sin \beta x \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where $BC = E$ and $BD = F$

$$\text{Now, } y(l,t) = 0 \Rightarrow (E \cos \omega t + F \sin \omega t) \sin \beta l = 0 \quad \forall t \\ \Rightarrow \sin \beta l = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{n\pi}{l}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

\therefore Solutions are

$$y(x,t) = \left[E_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l} \right) + F_n \sin \left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l} \right) \right] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}; n=1,2,3,\dots$$

By principle of superposition,

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Solution is given by

$$y(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[E_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) + F_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) \right] \sin\frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Now, } y(x,0) = y_0 \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l} \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore y(x,0) = \frac{y_0}{4} \left[3 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \right]$$

∴ From eqn. (3),

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = \frac{y_0}{4} \left[3 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \right]$$

Comparing both sides, we get

$$E_1 = \frac{3y_0}{4}, \quad E_2 = 0, \quad E_3 = -\frac{y_0}{4}, \quad E_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 4$$

$$\therefore \text{By (3), } y(x,t) = \frac{y_0}{4} \left[3 \cos \frac{\pi ct}{l} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \cos \frac{3\pi ct}{l} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \right] \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \sin \left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)_{t=0} = 0 \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore \text{From (4), } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \cdot \left(\frac{n\pi c}{l} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = 0 \Rightarrow F_n = 0 \quad \forall n$$

∴ From (4), Solution is

$$y(x,t) = \frac{y_0}{4} \left[3 \cos \left(\frac{\pi ct}{l} \right) \sin \left(\frac{\pi x}{l} \right) - \cos \left(\frac{3\pi ct}{l} \right) \sin \left(\frac{3\pi x}{l} \right) \right]$$

Ques 3 Solve the wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $0 < x < l$, $0 < t < 4$

with the boundary conditions $u(0,t) = u(l,t) = 0$, and initial conditions $u(x,0) = f(x)$ and $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)_{t=0} = g(x)$, $0 < x < l$.

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Sol As $u(0,t) = u(l,t) = 0$

∴ Solution of wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$; $0 < x < l$, $0 < t < 4$ is given by

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[E_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) + F_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) \right] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad (3)$$

[Do the same steps as in above question upto eqn. (3)]

Given $u(x,0) = f(x) \quad (0 < x < l)$

$$\therefore \text{By (3), } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = f(x)$$

which is Half range Fourier sine series of $f(x)$ in $(0,l)$

$$\therefore E_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

Also, by (3) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c}{l} \left[-E_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) + F_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) \right] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ (4)

Given $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right)_{t=0} = g(x) \quad (0 < x < l)$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi c}{l}\right) F_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = g(x)$$

which is Half range Fourier sine series of $g(x)$ in $(0,l)$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{n\pi c}{l}\right) F_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow F_n = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^l g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

∴ By (3), Solution is

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[E_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) + F_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) \right] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

where $E_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$, $F_n = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^l g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$

$0 \leq x \leq l$; $0 \leq t < 4$

Que 4 Using D'Alembert method find the deflection of a vibrating string of unit length having fixed ends with initial velocity zero and initial deflection $f(x) = k(\sin x - \sin 2x)$.

Sol The deflection $y(x,t)$ of a vibrating string at any time t is given by $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$

By D'Alembert method its solution is given by

$$y(x,t) = \phi(x+ct) + \psi(x-ct) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where ϕ and ψ are arbitrary functions.

$$\therefore \text{Initial deflection } y(x,0) = \phi(x) + \psi(x)$$

$$\text{Given } y(x,0) = f(x) = k(\sin x - \sin 2x)$$

$$\therefore \phi(x) + \psi(x) = k(\sin x - \sin 2x) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Now, Initial velocity } = \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)_{t=0} = 0 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1), } c\phi'(x) - c\psi'(x) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } \phi'(x) - \psi'(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) - \psi(x) = d \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where d is arbitrary constant.

$$\text{From (2) and (3), } \phi(x) = \frac{k}{2}(\sin x - \sin 2x) + \frac{d}{2}$$

$$\psi(x) = \frac{k}{2}(\sin x - \sin 2x) - \frac{d}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1), } y(x,t) = \frac{k}{2} [\sin(x+ct) - \sin 2(x+ct)] + \frac{d}{2} \\ + \frac{k}{2} [\sin(x-ct) - \sin 2(x-ct)] - \frac{d}{2}$$

$$= \frac{k}{2} [\{ \sin(x+ct) + \sin(x-ct) \} - \{ \sin 2(x+ct) + \sin 2(x-ct) \}]$$

Hence,
$$y(x,t) = k[\sin x \cos ct - \sin 2x \cos 2ct]$$

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(1)

Solution of Two dimensional Laplace equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Let $u(x, y) = X(x) \cdot Y(y) \quad \text{--- (2)}$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''Y, \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = XY''$$

where $X(x)$ is function of x only & $Y(y)$ is function of y only.

\therefore The p.d.e. (1) becomes

$$X''Y + XY'' = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \text{constant} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Case I: If $\lambda = 0$, then from (3),

$$X'' = 0, \quad Y'' = 0$$

$$\therefore X = Ax + B, \quad Y = Cy + D$$

$$\therefore \text{By (2), } \boxed{u(x, y) = (Ax + B)(Cy + D)} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Case II: If $\lambda > 0$ i.e., $\lambda = \beta^2$; $\beta > 0$, we have from (3),

$$X'' - \beta^2 X = 0, \quad Y'' + \beta^2 Y = 0$$

$$\therefore X = Ae^{\beta x} + Be^{-\beta x}, \quad Y = C \cos \beta y + D \sin \beta y$$

$$\therefore \text{By (2), } \boxed{u(x, y) = (A e^{\beta x} + B e^{-\beta x})(C \cos \beta y + D \sin \beta y)}$$

Case III: If $\lambda < 0$ i.e., $\lambda = -\beta^2$; $\beta > 0$, we have from (3),

$$X'' + \beta^2 X = 0, \quad Y'' - \beta^2 Y = 0$$

$$\therefore X = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x), \quad Y = (C e^{\beta y} + D e^{-\beta y})$$

$$\therefore \text{By (2), } \boxed{u(x, y) = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x)(C e^{\beta y} + D e^{-\beta y})}$$

Among these solutions, we are to find those solutions which satisfy initial and boundary conditions consistent with the physical nature.

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Remark

(1) In particular, if $u \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$ for all x , then solution must be

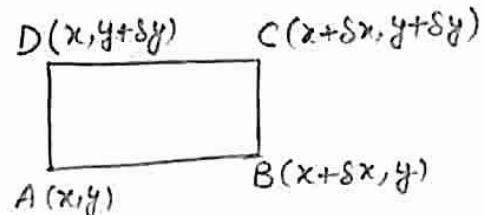
$$u(x,y) = e^{-\beta y} (E \cos \beta x + F \sin \beta x); \beta > 0$$

and if $u \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ for all y , then solution must be

$$u(x,y) = e^{-\beta x} (E \cos \beta y + F \sin \beta y); \beta > 0$$

(2) Two dimensional heat equation is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$



In steady state it reduces to Laplace equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Ques Find the solution of the Laplace equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

which satisfies the conditions

- (i) $u \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$ for all x
- (ii) $u = 0$ at $x = 0$ for all y
- (iii) $u = 0$ at $x = l$ for all y
- (iv) $u = lx - x^2$ if $y = 0$ for all $x \in (0,l)$

Solution Since $u \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$ for all x

∴ Solution is of the form

$$u(x,y) = e^{-\beta y} (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x); \beta > 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$u(0,y) = 0 + y \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1), } Ae^{-\beta y} = 0 + y \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1), } u(x,y) = Be^{-\beta y} \sin \beta x; \beta > 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

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$$\text{Now, } u(l, y) = 0 \quad \forall y$$

$$\therefore \text{By (2), } B e^{-py} \sin pl = 0 \quad \forall y$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin pl = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{n\pi}{l}; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{By (2), } u(x, y) = B_n e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{l}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

\therefore By principle of superposition, solution is

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{l}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Now, } u(x, 0) = lx - x^2 \quad \forall x \in (0, l) \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore \text{By (3), } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = lx - x^2$$

which is half range Fourier sine series in $(0, l)$

$$\therefore B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l (lx - x^2) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{l} \left[(lx - x^2) \left(\frac{-l}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) - (l - 2x) \left(\frac{-l^2}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) + (-2) \left(\frac{l^3}{n^3\pi^3} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \right]_0^l$$

$$B_n = -\frac{4l^2}{n^3\pi^3} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore B_{2n} &= 0 \\ B_{2n-1} &= \frac{8l^2}{(2n-1)^3\pi^3} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

\therefore By (3), solution is

$$u(x, y) = \frac{8l^2}{\pi^3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^3} e^{-\frac{(2n-1)\pi y}{l}} \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{l}$$

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(4)

Ques Solve $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ which satisfies the conditions:

$$u(0, y) = u(l, y) = u(x, 0) = 0 \quad \& \quad u(x, a) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

Sol According to boundary conditions, the solution of given Laplace equation is given by

$$u(x, y) = (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x) (C e^{\beta y} + D e^{-\beta y}) ; \beta > 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Given } u(0, y) = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1)} \quad A(C e^{\beta y} + D e^{-\beta y}) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{By (1), } u(x, y) = (E e^{\beta y} + F e^{-\beta y}) \sin \beta x \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where BC = E, BD = F

$$\text{Now, } u(x, 0) = 0 \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore \text{By (2)} \quad (E + F) \sin \beta x = 0 \Rightarrow F = -E$$

\therefore By (2), solution is given by

$$u(x, y) = E(e^{\beta y} - e^{-\beta y}) \sin \beta x$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = 2E \sinh \beta y \sin \beta x \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Now, } u(l, y) = 0 \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore 2E \sinh \beta y \sinh \beta l = 0 \Rightarrow \sinh \beta l = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{m\pi}{l}; m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{By (3), solutions are } u(x, y) = 2E_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{l} \sinh \frac{m\pi y}{l}, m = 1, 2, \dots$$

\therefore By principle of superposition, solution is

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2E_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{l} \sinh \frac{m\pi y}{l} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{Now, } u(x, a) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2E_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{l} \sinh \frac{m\pi a}{l} = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2E_n \sinh \frac{n\pi a}{l} = 1 \quad \text{and } E_m = 0 \quad \forall m \neq n$$

$$\therefore E_n = \frac{1}{2 \sinh \frac{n\pi a}{l}}$$

∴ By (4), solution is

$$u(x,y) = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{l}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi a}{l}\right)} \quad \underline{A}$$

Ques A long rectangular plate of width π cm with insulated surfaces has its temperature equal to zero on both the long sides and one of the short side so that $u(0,y)=0$, $u(\pi,y)=0$, $u(x,\infty)=0$ and $u(x,0)=kx$. Find the steady state temperature within the plate.

Sol The steady state temperature within the plate is given by the Laplace equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Since $u \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$ for all x , therefore solution is given by

$$u(x,y) = e^{-\beta y} (A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x); \beta > 0 \quad \underline{1}$$

$$u(0,y) = 0 + y \text{ (given)}$$

$$\therefore \text{By } \underline{1}, \quad Ae^{-\beta y} = 0 + y \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{By } \underline{1}, \quad u(x,y) = Be^{-\beta y} \sin \beta x; \beta > 0 \quad \underline{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } u(\pi,y) = 0 + y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{By } \underline{2}, \quad Be^{-\beta y} \sin \beta \pi &= 0 + y \\ \Rightarrow \sin \beta \pi &= 0 \Rightarrow \beta = n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{By } \underline{2}, \quad u(x,y) = B_n e^{-ny} \sin nx; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

∴ By principle of superposition, solution is given by

$$u(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n e^{-ny} \sin nx \quad \underline{3}$$

$$\text{Now, } u(x,0) = kx$$

$$\therefore \text{By } ③, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin nx = kx$$

It is Fourier half range sine series in $[0, \pi]$

$$\therefore B_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} kx \sin nx dx$$

$$= \frac{2k}{\pi} \left[x \cdot \left(-\frac{\cos nx}{n} \right) - 1 \cdot \left(-\frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right) \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{2k}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{n} (-1)^{n+1}$$

$$\therefore B_n = \frac{2k}{n} (-1)^{n+1} ; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

\therefore By ③, solution is

$$u(x, y) = 2k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} e^{-ny} \frac{\sin nx}{n}$$