

**PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**  
(P.D.E.)

—  $F(x, y, u, u_x, u_y, u_{xx}, u_{xy}, u_{yy}, \dots) = 0$

general partial differential eqn

Soln.  $\rightarrow u = u(x, y)$

— order of the P.D.E. is the order of the highest derivative of  $u$ .

— Linear PDE:  $F$  is linear fn. of  $u$  & its derivatives.

**Example 1**

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$ , Solve for  $u = u(x, y)$

Note in the case of ODE  $\frac{du}{dx} = 0$  Solve for  $u = u(x)$   
 $u = c$  (const.)

Here we have soln. of

$u(x, y) = c(y) \leftarrow$  arbitrary fn. of  $y$

$\Rightarrow$  General solns. of PDE's involve arbitrary fns.

— How to solve PDE? PDE  $\rightarrow$  ODE?

**Ex 2**

PDE's

—  $u_t - c \overset{\text{const.}}{u_x} = 0$  (Kinematic eqn)  
traffic flow, gas dynamics

—  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$  (Wave eqn)

—  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  (Laplace eqn)

$\nabla^2 u = 0$

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## Application of PDE

Weather prediction, airplane design, shock waves,

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**Ex-3** 
$$\begin{cases} u'' + u = 0 & u = u(x) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ u(0) = 0 \\ u'(0) = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{IVP for ODE}$$

**Ex-4** 
$$\begin{cases} u'' + u = 0 & u = u(x) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ u(0) = 0 \\ u'(1) = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{BVP for ODE}$$

What will happen to IVP/BVP for PDE?

**Ex-5** Find P.D.E. that governs the family of surfaces  $u(x, y) = (x - \alpha)^2 + (y - \beta)^2$

$$\square \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2(x - \alpha) \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2(y - \beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{P.D.E. is } 4u = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

**Ex-6** Find the P.D.E. from

$$u(x, y) = ax + by + a^2b^2$$
  
 $a, b \text{ are const.}$

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

is the required P.D.E..

## FIRST ORDER P.D.E.

$$F(x, y, z, p, q) = 0$$

$$p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \quad q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

## SECOND ORDER P.D.E.

Linear PDE of order 2 in 2 variables

$$a u_{xx} + 2b u_{xy} + c u_{yy} + d u_x + e u_y + f u = g \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$u \equiv u(x, y)$$

&  $a, b, c, d, e, f$  are constt.

The characteristic polynomial is

$$P(\alpha, \beta) \equiv a\alpha^2 + 2b\alpha\beta + c\beta^2 + d\alpha + e\beta + f \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

## Classification:

P.D.E. (1) is said to be.

- hyperbolic if  $b^2 - ac > 0$
- parabolic if  $b^2 - ac = 0$
- elliptic if  $b^2 - ac < 0$

Ex: P.D.E.

$$3u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + 5u_{yy} + xu_y = 0$$

$$\text{is elliptic } \because b^2 - ac = 1^2 - 3 \cdot 5 = -14 < 0$$

Ex. The Tricomi  $\Sigma^n$

$$u_{xx} + y u_{yy} = 0$$

$$\text{has } b^2 - ac = -y$$

$\Rightarrow$  the  $\Sigma^n$  is elliptic for  $y > 0$   
parabolic for  $y = 0$

— The general linear PDE of order 2 in  $n$  variables has the form

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_i x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i u_{x_i} + cu = d \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

## Special P.D.E.

① Parabolic eqn

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

(One-dim.  
heat eqn)

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

(2-dim  
heat eqn)

② Hyperbolic eqn

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

(1-dim  
wave eqn)

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

(2-dim  
wave eqn)

③ elliptic eqn

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

(2-dim  
Laplace eqn)

Solving a P.D.E. using the method of separation of variables (Fourier Method)

$u(x, y) \rightarrow$  dep. variable

independ variables

We seek a soln. of the form  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$

then we have  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (XY) = X'Y$

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

$$X' = \frac{dX}{dx}$$

$$Y' = \frac{dY}{dy} \text{ etc.}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = XY'' \text{ \& so on}$$

Example

Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 16 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

□ Using  $u(x, y) = X(x) Y(y)$  we obtain

$$X'' Y = 16 X Y'$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''}{16 X} = \frac{Y'}{Y} \rightarrow \text{RHS is a fn. of } y \text{ alone}$$

L.H.S. is a fn. of  $x$  alone  $\Rightarrow \frac{X''}{16 X} = \frac{Y'}{Y} = \text{some constant} = \lambda$  (say)

Case ①  $\lambda = 0$   $\frac{X''}{16 X} = \frac{Y'}{Y} = 0 \Rightarrow X'' = 0$   
 $\text{ \& } Y' = 0$

$$\Rightarrow X = (A_1 x + B_1) \text{ \& } Y = C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, y) = (A_1 x + B_1) C_1 = A x + B$$

Case ② when  $\lambda = k^2$  (say)  $> 0$

Then  $X'' - 16 k^2 X = 0$  \&  $Y' - k^2 Y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow X(x) = A_1 e^{4kx} + B_1 e^{-4kx}$$

$$\Rightarrow X(x) = A_2 \cosh(4kx) + B_2 \sinh(4kx)$$

$$\text{ \& } Y(y) = C_1 e^{k^2 y}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, y) = [A_2 \cosh(4kx) + B_2 \sinh(4kx)] \cdot C_1 e^{k^2 y}$$
$$= [A \cosh(4kx) + B \sinh(4kx)] e^{k^2 y}$$

Case ③ when  $\lambda = -k^2 < 0$

$$X'' + 16 k^2 X = 0 \text{ \& } Y' + k^2 Y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X(x) = A_1 \cos(4kx) + B_1 \sin(4kx) \text{ \& }$$

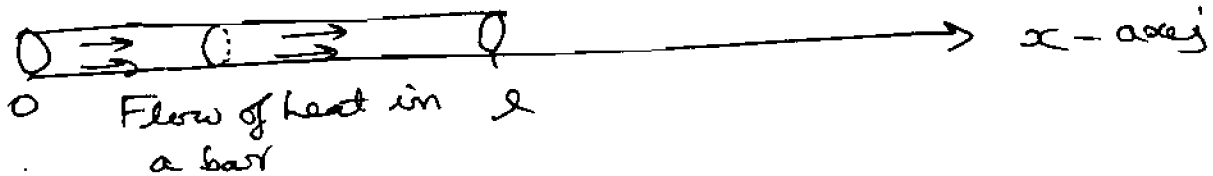
$$Y(y) = C_1 e^{-k^2 y}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, y) = [A \cos(4kx) + B \sin(4kx)] e^{-k^2 y}$$

## One dimensional heat eqn

Heat eqn arises in many context (such as financial math). Black-Scholes option pricing model D.E's can be transformed into heat eqn.

— Consider a thin homo. bar of length  $l$ .



—  $u(x, t)$  — temp. distribution or heat flow in the bar

— Assume that the initial temp. in the bar is  $f(x)$  & the ends of the bar are at zero temp. all the time.

— The BVP modeling is given by

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < l, \quad t > 0$$

with I.C.  $u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < l$  &

S.C.  $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0, \quad t > 0.$

$c^2 \rightarrow$  const. (thermal diffusivity)

— Look at the Fourier series soln. of this at page 629 of the book using method of sep. of variables. (Do it yourself!)

Hint: Let  $u(x, t) = X(x) T(t)$

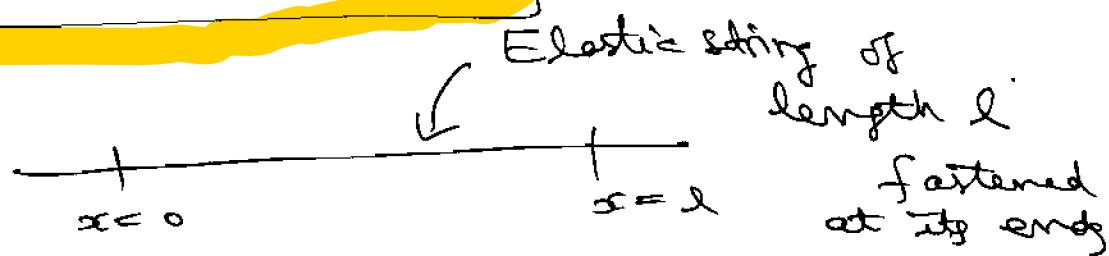
$$\Rightarrow X T' = c^2 X'' T \text{ or } \frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{T'}{c^2 T} = \lambda \quad (\text{say})$$

use 3 cases  $\rightarrow$  ①  $\lambda = 0$

②  $\lambda = k^2$

③  $\lambda = -k^2$  etc. ....

# One dimensional wave eqn



— If the string is displaced & then released to vibrate in the  $x-t$  plane then let  $u(x,t)$  denote the vertical displacement of the vibrating string.

— The modeling is given by

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < l, t > 0$$

with B.C.  $u(0,t) = 0, u(l,t) = 0, t > 0$

& I.C.  $u(x,0) = f(x), \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = g(x)$

Initial displacement at  $t = 0$

Initial velocity of the string

For solution see page 636 of the book

Hint: Let  $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$

$$\Rightarrow X T'' = c^2 X'' T \text{ or } \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{c^2 T} = \lambda (\text{say})$$

Now one can show that (Verify!)

$$\lambda \neq 0 \text{ \& } \lambda \neq k^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = -k^2 \text{ only}$$

& then solve.

## Laplace eq<sup>n</sup>

• We want to study the steady-state temp. distribution in a thin, flat, rectangular plate

— Suppose boundaries of the plate be  $x=0$   
 $x=a$   
 $y=0$   
 $y=b$

— The P.E. modeling is given by

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < a, \quad 0 < y < b$$

— Different B.C. will give different answer

— Let B.C. are

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(a, y) = 0, \quad 0 < y < b$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad u(x, b) = g(x), \quad 0 < x < a$$

— Look for soln. at page 646 of the book

Hint: Let  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$

Now  $\Rightarrow X''Y + XY'' = 0$  or  $\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda$  (say)

—  $\lambda \neq 0 \Leftarrow \lambda = -k^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = -k^2$  & solve