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$$u(L, t) = 0 \Rightarrow \sinh L = 0 \Rightarrow hL = n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow X(x) = C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$T(t) = ae^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt}$$

Superposition :

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

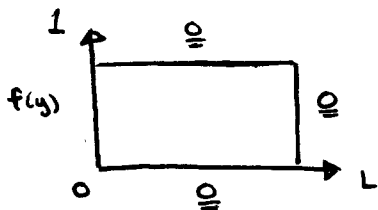
$$\text{At } t=0 : f(x) = u(x, 0)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

Today: Laplace eq'n  $\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$   
 wave eq'n  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$   
 with boundary conditions

### Example



Electric Field  $u(x, y)$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{on } \{y=0\} \quad \{x=L\} \\ & \{y=1\} \end{cases}$$

Find  $u(x, y)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_{xx} + u_{yy} &= 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, 1) \\ u(x, 0) &= u(x, 1) = u(L, y) = 0 \\ u(0, y) &= f(y) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

1) First solve PDE  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{X'(x)Y(y)}_{u_{xx}} + \underbrace{X(x)Y'(y)}_{u_{yy}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = \lambda \text{ const.}$$

(divide by  $X(x)Y(y)$  here.)

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} X''(x) &= \lambda X(x) \\ Y''(y) &= -\lambda Y(y) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  use boundary conditions:

$$\text{IF } \lambda = 0 : X(x) = a_1 x + b_1$$

$$Y(y) = a_2 y + b_2$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0 = X(x)Y(0), \\ = (a_1 x + b_1)(b_2) \rightarrow b_2 = 0$$

$$u(x, 1) = 0 = X(x)Y(1) = \underbrace{(a_1 x + b_1)}_{X(x)} \underbrace{a_2}_{Y(1)} \rightarrow a_2 = 0$$

$$a_2 = b_2 = 0 \rightarrow Y(y) = 0 \quad (\text{for all } y)$$

$$u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y) = 0 \quad (\text{for all } x)$$

→ You violate condition  $u(0, y) = f(y)$  (no solution for  $\lambda = 0$ )

• IF  $\lambda = h^2 > 0$

$$X(x) = a_1 e^{hx} + b_1 e^{-hx}$$

$$Y(y) = a_2 \cos(hy) + b_2 \sin(hy)$$

$$0 = u(x, 0) = X(x)Y(0)$$

$$0 = Y(0) = a_2 \cosh 0 + b_2 \sinh 0 \rightarrow a_2 = 0$$

$$0 = u(x, 1) = X(x)Y(1)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = Y(1) = b_2 \sinh \rightarrow h = n\pi, n \geq 1$$

$$\text{then } Y(y) = b_2 \sin(n\pi y)$$

$$0 = u(L, y) = X(L)Y(y)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = X(L) = a_1 e^{hL} + b_1 e^{-hL}$$

$$\rightarrow b_1 = \frac{a_1 e^{hL}}{e^{-hL}} = -a_1 e^{2hL}$$

$f(y) = u(0, y)$  to use

(careful: write generic solution first - most likely a series - before using non-zero boundary conditions)

Generic solution

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{(a_n e^{n\pi x} + b_n e^{-n\pi x})}_{X(x)} \cdot \underbrace{b_2 \sin(n\pi y)}_{Y(y)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{A_n}_{\leftarrow \pm a, b_2} [e^{n\pi x} - e^{2n\pi L} e^{-n\pi x}] \sin(n\pi y)$$

should get rid of "difficult" part.

Now we can use

$$f(y) = u(0, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n [1 - e^{2n\pi L}] \sin(n\pi y)$$

→ Multiply by  $\sin(n\pi y)$ , then integrate over  $y \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y) dy \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n (1 - e^{2n\pi L}) \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi y) \sin(n\pi y) dy \\
 &= A_n (1 - e^{2n\pi L}) \int_0^1 \sin^2(n\pi y) dy \\
 &= 1/2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rightarrow A_n &= \frac{2}{1 - e^{2n\pi L}} \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y) dy \\
 u(x, y) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{2}{1 - e^{2n\pi L}} \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y) dy \right\} \\
 &\quad [e^{n\pi x} - e^{2n\pi L - n\pi x}] \sin(n\pi y)
 \end{aligned}$$

• IF  $\lambda = h^2 < 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X''(x) &= -h^2 X(x) \\ Y''(y) &= h^2 Y(y) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$X(x) = a_1 \cosh x + b_1 \sinh x$$

$$Y(y) = a_2 e^{hy} + b_2 e^{-hy}$$

No solution  
for  $\lambda < 0$

$$\textcircled{1} = u(x, 0) = X(x)Y(0)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = Y(0) = a_2 + b_2 \rightarrow a_2 = -b_2$$

$$0 = u(x, 1) = X(x)Y(1)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = Y(1) = a_2 e^h + b_2 e^{-h} = a_2 (e^h - e^{-h})$$

$$\text{IF } a_2 = 0 \rightarrow Y(0) \rightarrow u(x, y) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{violate } u(0, y) = f(y) \dots$$

$$\text{IF } a_2 \neq 0 \rightarrow e^h - e^{-h} \dots \text{impossible}$$

Example

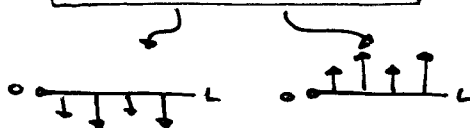
oscillating  
string

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$$

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$$



1) Solve PDE :  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{X(x)T''(t)}_{\rightarrow u_{tt}} = c^2 \underbrace{X''(x)T(t)}_{\rightarrow u_{xx}}$$

→ divide by  $u = X(x)T(t)$  :

$$\frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = c^2 \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \lambda \text{ const.}$$

• if  $\lambda = 0$

$$X(x) = a_1 x + b_1$$

$$T(t) = a_2 t + b_2$$

$a_2 = 0$   $\rightarrow$  "non-oscillating"  
 $a_2 \neq 0$   $\rightarrow$  "infinite amplitude"  
 then  $a_2 t \cdot a_1 x \rightarrow \pm \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$

Physically, both  $a_2 \neq 0$ ,  $a_2 = 0$  are unrealistic ... expect no solution.

$$0 = u(0, t) = X(0)T(t)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = X(0) = a_1 \cdot 0 + b_1 \rightarrow b_1 = 0$$

$$0 = u(L, t) = X(L)T(t)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = X(L) = a_1 L + b_1 \rightarrow a_1 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow X(x) = 0 \rightarrow u(x, t) = X(x)T(t) = 0$$

violating both  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$

$$u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$$

No solutions  
for  $\lambda = 0$

- can use physical intuition to guess when you have no solution ...
- But need math to prove no solutions ...

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$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx} \rightarrow u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \\
 u(x, 0) &= f(x) \\
 u_t(x, 0) &= g(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$$

$$c^2 X''(x)T(t) = T''(t)X(x)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = c^2 \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \lambda \text{ const.}$$

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \vee \quad \lambda > 0 \quad \vee \quad \lambda < 0$$

$$\text{Case (1): } \lambda > 0$$

$$\lambda = h^2 > 0$$

$$\text{From (1) } T''(t) = \lambda T(t)$$

$$X''(x) = \frac{\lambda}{c^2} X(x) = \frac{\lambda^2}{c^2} X(x)$$

...? TA trailed off.

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Recap:

- Laplace eq'n  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$
- Wave eq'n  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$ ,  $c > 0$

1)  $u = X(x)Y(y)$

$$\rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda \text{ constant}$$

2)  $\lambda \leq 0$  no solutions

$$\lambda > 0 : X(x) = a_1 e^{hx} + b_1 e^{-hx}$$

$$Y(y) = a_2 \cosh y + b_2 \sinh y$$

$$a_2 = 0$$

$$h = n\pi \\ n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$0 = u(L, y) \rightarrow b_1 = -a_1 e^{2n\pi L}$$

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \left[ -e^{2n\pi L - n\pi x} + e^{n\pi x} \right] \cdot \sin(n\pi y)$$

To Find  $A_n$ : plug  $x=0$

$$f(y) = u(0, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \left[ 1 - e^{2n\pi L} \right] \sin(n\pi y)$$

multiply by  $\sin(n\pi y)$ :

$$f(y) \sin(n\pi y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \left[ 1 - e^{2k\pi L} \right] \sin(k\pi y) \sin(n\pi y)$$

Integrate over  $y \in (0, 1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y) dy &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \left[ 1 - e^{2k\pi L} \right] \int_0^1 \sin(k\pi y) \sin(n\pi y) dy \\ &= A_n \left[ 1 - e^{2n\pi L} \right] \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$= 0$  if  $k \neq n$ ,  $= 1/2$  if  $k = n$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y) dy = A_n \frac{1 - e^{2n\pi L}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{1 - e^{2n\pi L}} \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y) dy = A_n$$

- Wave eq'n:  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$

$$u = X(x)T(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{T''}{T} = c^2 \frac{X''}{X} = \lambda \text{ const.}$$

$$\lambda = 0 : T(t) = a_1 t + b_1$$

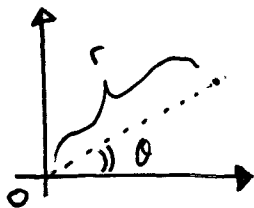
$$X(x) = a_2 x + b_2$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = 0 \\ a_2 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{no oscillations} \\ \text{always "flat"} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 \neq 0 \\ a_2 \neq 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{oscillations get} \\ \text{stronger in time} \end{cases}$$

Today: polar, cylindrical, spherical coordinates

- Polar coordinates (2D)



$$P = (x, y) = (r, \theta)$$

"radius"  
or  
"norm"
"anomaly"  
or  
"azimuth"

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad (r \geq 0)$$

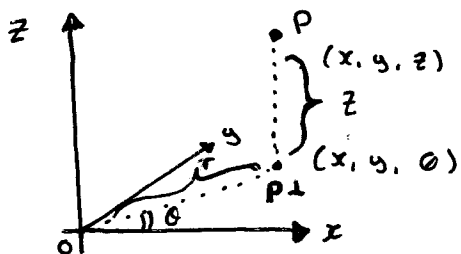
$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \arctan(y/x) \quad (0 \leq \theta < 2\pi)$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

- useful with rotation symmetry  
(e.g. disk, annulus/ring, ...)

- cylindrical coordinates (3D)



$$= (r, \theta, z)$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \arctan(y/z)$$

$$z = z$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

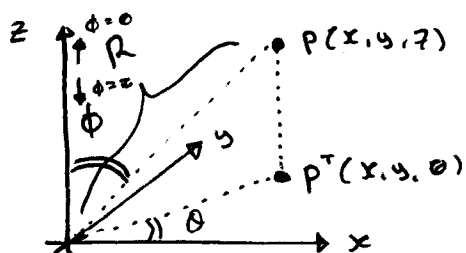
$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$P_{\perp}$  is projection  
of  $P$  on  $x$ - $y$  plane

- useful with rotational symmetry  
around  $z$ -axis

(e.g. cylinders, pipes, ...)

- Spherical coordinates (3D)



$$P(x, y, z) = (R, \theta, \phi)$$

$$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\theta = \arctan(y/x)$$

$$\phi = \arctan(z/R)$$

$$= \arccos \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

$$R \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

$$0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$$



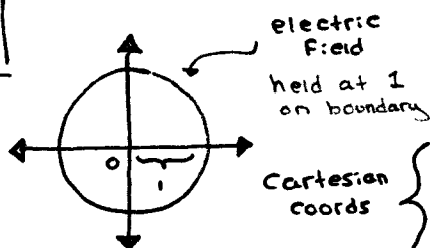
Useful For spheres (or parts of sphere)

↳ bad for everything else

$$\begin{cases} x = R \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ y = R \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ z = R \cos \phi \end{cases}$$

$$dx dy dz = R^2 \sin \phi dR d\theta d\phi$$

Ex



Find electric field

u in the disk.

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \\ u(x, y) = 1 \\ \text{on } x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

↓

$$u(x, \pm \sqrt{1-x^2}) = 1$$

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

$$u(1, \theta) = 1$$

$$\text{for all } \theta \in [0, 2\pi)$$

polar coords

Suggest to drop  $\theta$

(→ 1 coordinate instead of 2 ...)

• Guess  $u(r, \theta) = R(r)$  ← "drop  $\theta$ "

Need to write  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  in polar

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0 \quad (\text{From books})$$

How to do partial derivatives in polar:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) \left( \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{\partial x} = \frac{x \cos \theta}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\arctan y/x) = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \cdot \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right) = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= \frac{-r \sin \theta}{r^2} = -\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$$

We solve:  $\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + r \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} \right] = 0$  Since we guessed  $u = R(r)$

Plug  $u = R(r)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} [R'(r) + r R''(r)] = 0$$

Simplified:

$$R''(r) = -\frac{1}{r} R'(r) \rightarrow \frac{R''(r)}{R'(r)} = -\frac{1}{r}$$

$$\frac{R''(r)}{R'(r)} = \frac{d}{dr} \ln |R'(r)| \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dr} \ln |R'(r)| = -\frac{1}{r}$$

Integrating both sides:

$$\ln |R'(r)| = \int -\frac{1}{r} dr = -\ln r + C$$

Take exponential:

$$e^{\ln |R'(r)|} = |R'(r)| = e^{-\ln r + C} = e^C \cdot \frac{1}{r}$$

$$R'(r) = B \cdot \frac{1}{r}$$

$$B = \pm e^C$$

Integrate again:

$$R(r) = \int \underbrace{B \cdot \frac{1}{r}}_{\leftarrow R'(r)} dr = \underbrace{B \ln r + A}_{\leftarrow \int B \cdot \frac{1}{r} dr}$$

To Find A:

$$1 = u(1, 0) = R(1) = B \ln(1) + A \rightarrow A = 1$$

How to Find B:

• Task is to Find  $u$  on all of the disk

But if  $B \neq 0$ :  $R(r) = \underbrace{B \ln r + 1}_{\text{undefined}} = u(r, \theta)$

( $\rightarrow \pm \infty$ ) at  $r = 0$

Not acceptable

$\rightarrow$  need  $B = 0$

$$\text{Solution } u(r, \theta) = 1$$

IF we used Cartesian:  $u = X(x)Y(y)$

$$\rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda \text{ const.}$$

• case  $h = \sqrt{\lambda}$ ,  $h > 0$  ( $\lambda = h^2$ )

$$X(x) = a_1 e^{hx} + b_1 e^{-hx}$$

$$Y(y) = a_2 \cosh y + b_2 \sinh y$$

$$u(x, \pm\sqrt{1-x^2}) = 1 = X(x)Y(y) = X(x)Y(\sqrt{1-x^2})$$

$$\rightarrow (a_1 e^{hx} + b_1 e^{-hx})(a_2 \cosh[\pm h\sqrt{1-x^2}] + b_2 \sinh[\pm h\sqrt{1-x^2}]) = 1$$

— very lengthy to solve...