

Differential Equations

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1 Chapter 1. Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations

1.1 Basic concepts of ODE

1.1.1 n-th order ODE

$$F(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$$

n represents the highest order of derivative.

1.1.2 linear or non-linear

E.g.

$$y'' + xy = 0, \quad \text{2-nd order linear ODE.}$$

$$y' + e^x y^2 = 0, \quad \text{1-st order non-linear ODE.}$$

1.1.3 solutions of n-th order ODE $F(x, y, \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$

general remarks:

① if exist it's a n-times differentiable function of x.

② explicit solution.

③ implicit solution.

④ general solution and particular solution.

1.1.4 additional constraints in physics problem

1.1.4.1 IVP e.g. $y(x_0) = y_0, y'(x_0) = y_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = y_{n-1}$

1.1.4.2 BVP e.g.

$$y(x_0) + h_{01}y'(x_0) + \dots + h_{0(n-1)}y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = u_0$$

$$y(x_1) + h_{11}y'(x_1) + \dots + h_{1(n-1)}y^{(n-1)}(x_1) = u_1$$

1.1.5 Typical ODE

a) first-order ODE

b) linear ODE with constant coefficients

c) linear ODE with non-constant coefficients

1.2 First-order ODEs $(F(x, y, y') = 0)$

1.2.1 Autonomous

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y) \quad (c \text{ is called a critical point if it is zero of } f(y), \text{ namely } f(c) = 0)$$

Obviously then $y(x) = c$ is a constant solution of the autonomous ODE.

$$X = A + \int \frac{dy}{f(y)}, \text{ with } A \text{ be an arbitrary constant}$$

c: attractor/repeller/semistable

1.2.2 Seperable variable

$$1.2.2.1 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)h(y) \implies \frac{dy}{h(y)} = g(x)dx$$

$$\implies \int \frac{dy}{h(y)} = \int g(x)dx + C$$

(note if r is the zero of $h(y)$, then there also exist constant solution of $y(x)=r$)

$$1.2.2.2 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = f(ax + by) \quad \text{changing variable, first, } z = ax + by.$$

$$\implies \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dz}{dx} - a}{b} = f(z)$$

$$\implies \frac{dz}{dx} = bf(z) + a$$

$$\implies x = \int \frac{dz}{bf(z) + a} + C$$

$$1.2.2.3 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad \text{Assuming } z = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\implies \frac{dy}{dx} = z + x \frac{dz}{dx} = f(z)$$

again using seperable variables:

$$x = C \exp\left(\int \frac{dz}{f(z) - z}\right)$$

$$1.2.2.4 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{a_1x + b_1y + c_1}{a_2x + b_2y + c_2}\right) \quad \text{using substitution } X = x - x_1, Y = y - y_1$$

with x_1, y_1 satisfy

$$\begin{cases} a_1x_1 + b_1y_1 + c_1 = 0 \\ a_2x_1 + b_2y_1 + c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

then with the new variables

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dY}{dX} = f\left(\frac{a_1X + b_1Y}{a_2X + b_2Y}\right)$$

$$\implies \frac{dY}{dX} = f\left(\frac{a_1 + b_1 \frac{Y}{X}}{a_2 + b_2 \frac{Y}{X}}\right) = F\left(\frac{Y}{X}\right) \quad \text{-case 3.}$$

1.2.3 Solution of linear first-order ODE

$$y'(x) + p(x)y(x) = g(x), \quad \text{standard form (coefficient of } y'(x) = 1)$$

suppose $p(x)$ and $g(x)$ are continuous on I .

$$\implies y(x) = e^{-\int p(x)dx} \left(C + \int g(x)e^{\int p(x)dx} dx \right)$$

Proof:

first let $\mu(x) = \exp\left(\int p(x)dx\right)$, note $\mu(x) > 0$, $\mu'(x) = p(x)\mu(x)$.

$$y'(x) + p(x)y(x) = g(x) \iff \mu(x)y'(x) + \mu(x)p(x)y(x) = \mu(x)g(x)$$

by the product rule: $(\mu(x)y(x))' = \mu(x)g(x)$

$$\implies \mu(x)y(x) = \int \mu(x)g(x)dx + C$$

$$\implies y(x) = e^{-\int p(x)dx} \left(C + \int g(x)e^{\int p(x)dx} dx \right)$$

1.2.4 Equation $F(x, y, y') = 0$ can not be solved wrt. y'

1.2.4.1 $F(y') = 0 \implies y' = k_i$ (zeros of $F(x)$),

thus $y = k_i x + C$

1.2.4.2 $F(x, y') = 0$ Assuming parametric solution of $F(p, q) \equiv 0$ being $p = \varphi(t)$, $q = \Psi(t)$,

$$\text{thus } x(t) = \varphi(t), y(t) = \int \Psi(t)\varphi'(t)dt + C$$

E.g.

$$x^2 + (y')^2 = 1 \quad \text{let } x = \cos t, \quad y' = \sin t$$

$$\text{thus } dy = \sin t dx = -\sin^2 t dt \implies y(t) = \frac{1}{4} \sin 2t - \frac{t}{2} + C$$

1.2.4.3 $F(y, y') = 0$ Assuming parametric solution of $F(p, q) \equiv 0$ being $p = \varphi(t)$, $q = \Psi(t)$,

$$\text{then } y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{dx} = \varphi'(t) \frac{dt}{dx} = \Psi(t) \implies \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\varphi'(t)}{\Psi(t)}$$

$$\text{and } x(t) = \int \frac{\varphi'(t)}{\Psi(t)} dt + C, y(t) = \varphi(t)$$

E.g.

$$y = (y')^4 - (y')^3 + 2 \quad \text{let } y' = t, \quad y = t^4 - t^3 + 2$$

$$\text{then } x(t) = \int \frac{4t^3 - 3t^2}{t} dt + C = \frac{4}{3}t^3 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 + C$$

1.2.4.4 $y = f(x, y')$ let $y' = p$, then $y = f(x, p)$, $p = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{dp}{dx}$

$$\implies p = p(x) \implies y = \int p(x)dx + C$$

1.2.4.5 $x = f(y, y')$ let $y' = p$, then $x = f(y, p)$, $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{dp}{dy}$

$$\implies p = p(y) \implies x = \int \frac{dy}{p(y)} + C$$

1.2.4.6 Bernoulli equation: $y' + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n (n \neq 0, 1)$

$$\implies \frac{d(y^{1-n})}{dx} + (1-n)P(x)y^{1-n} = (1-n)Q(x).$$

1.2.5 Exact differential

Considering ODE, $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$, if left side can be written as

$$df(x, y) = M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy,$$

thus solution of ODE can be written as $f(x, y) = C$

(equivalence $\frac{\partial M(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N(x, y)}{\partial x}$)

E.g.

$$(12x + 5y - 9)dx + (5x + 2y - 3)dy = 0$$

$$M(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 12x + 5y - 9$$

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y)dx + g(y) = 6x^2 + (5y - 9)x + g(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N \implies 5x + g'(y) = 5x + 2y - 3 \implies g(y) = y^2 - 3y + C$$

finally $6x^2 + (5y - 9)x + y^2 - 3y = C$

1.3 Second-order and Higher-order ODEs

1.3.1 method of order reduction

1.3.1.1 $F(x, y^{(k)}, y^{(k-1)}, \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$

using substitution $p = y^{(k)}$, $F(x, p, p', \dots, p^{(n-k)}) = 0$

order is lower by k

1.3.1.2 $F(y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$

define $y' = p$, then $y'' = \frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{dp}{dy}p$, similar for $y^{(n)}$

original ODE reduces to $F(y, p, p', \dots, p^{(n-1)}) = 0$, order reduced by one

after getting $p = p(y)$

$$\implies dx = \frac{dy}{p(y)} \implies x = \int \frac{dy}{p(y)} + C$$

1.3.1.3 $F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$

and left side is an exact differential of a function

$$\Phi(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)}), \text{ namely } \frac{d\Phi}{dx} = F$$

Thus the original ODE is equivalent to $\Phi(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)}) = C$

the order of ODE is reduced by one

1.3.1.4 $F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$

and F is homogeneous wrt. arguments $y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}$, namely

$$F(x, ky, ky', \dots, ky^{(n)}) = k^p F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)})$$

Then let $y = e^{\int z(x)dx}$, with an unknown function $z(x)$, (assume $y > 0$)

$$\text{Thus } y' = zy, y'' = y(z' + z^2), \dots$$

$$F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = e^{\int z(x)dx} f(x, z, z', \dots, z^{(n-1)}) = 0$$

$$\implies f(x, z, z', \dots, z^{(n-1)}) = 0, \text{ order reduced by one}$$

1.3.2 Linear ODEs

standard form:

$$y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + P_1(x)y' + P_0(x)y = g(x) \quad (\text{leading coefficient of } y^{(n)} \text{ is } 1)$$

$$\text{linear ODEs} \begin{cases} \text{homogeneous, if } g(x) = 0 \\ \text{nonhomogeneous, otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1.3.2.1 The Wronskian of homogeneous linear ODE

Let y_1, \dots, y_n be any n solutions to the n -th order homogeneous linear ODE as above.

The Wronskian $W(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ of these solutions is defined by the following determinant:

$$W(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

1.3.2.2 THEOREM 1

$W(x)$ satisfy the first-order ODE:

$$W'(x) + P_{n-1}(x)W(x) = 0, \text{ for } x \text{ in } I$$

$$\implies W(x) = Ce^{-\int P_{n-1}(x)dx}$$

[As a consequence, either $W(x) \neq 0$ for all x in I , or $W(x) \equiv 0$ on I .]

Proof:

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x) & \cdots & y_n(x) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(x) & \cdots & y_n^{(n-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{\sigma} y_{\sigma_0}^{(0)} y_{\sigma_1}^{(1)} \cdots y_{\sigma_{n-1}}^{(n-1)} \cdot (-1)^t$$

easy to show:

$$W'(x) = \sum_{\sigma} \left\{ y_{\sigma_0}^{(1)} y_{\sigma_1}^{(1)} \cdots y_{\sigma_{n-1}}^{(n-1)} + \cdots + y_{\sigma_0}^{(0)} y_{\sigma_1}^{(1)} \cdots y_{\sigma_{n-2}}^{(n-1)} y_{\sigma_{n-1}}^{(n-1)} + y_{\sigma_0}^{(0)} y_{\sigma_1}^{(1)} \cdots y_{\sigma_{n-2}}^{(n-2)} y_{\sigma_{n-1}}^{(n)} \right\} \cdot (-1)^t$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x) & \cdots & y_n(x) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-2)}(x) & \cdots & y_n^{(n-2)}(x) \\ y_1^{(n)}(x) & \cdots & y_n^{(n)}(x) \end{vmatrix} = -P_{n-1} W(x)$$

1.3.2.3 THEOREM 2

The homogeneous linear ODE

$$y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_1(x)y' + P_0(x)y = 0,$$

where the coefficient functions $P_j(x)$ are all continuous on an interval I, has n solutions y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n with non-vanishing Wronskian on I.

Furthermore, given any such set y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n and any solution y, then $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \cdots + c_n y_n$ for a unique choice of constants c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n .

The set of solutions y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n with nonvanishing Wronskians is called a fundamental set of solutions.

1.3.2.4 THEOREM 3

Suppose that $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are solutions of the linear homogeneous ODE, and let c and d be any two numbers. Then the linear combination $cu(x) + dv(x)$ is also a solution of the ODE. (also called superposition principle)

1.3.2.5 THEOREM 4

Any solution y of the NH linear ODE has the form: $y = y_h + y_p$.

1.3.2.6 THEOREM 5

IVP with the initial conditions:

$$y(x_0) = y_0, y'(x_0) = y'_0, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = y_0^{(n-1)}$$

Then this problem has a unique solution y on the interval I. The solution exists and is unique.

Proof:

first from THEOREM 4, we know $y_h + y_p = y_p + c_1 y_1 + \cdots + c_n y_n$ is a solution.

thus we just need to solve:
$$\begin{cases} y_p(x_0) + c_1 y_1(x_0) + \cdots + c_n y_n(x_0) = y_0 \\ \vdots \\ y_p^{(n-1)}(x_0) + c_1 y_1^{(n-1)}(x_0) + \cdots + c_n y_n^{(n-1)}(x_0) = y_0^{(n-1)} \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x_0) & \cdots & y_n(x_0) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(x_0) & \cdots & y_n^{(n-1)}(x_0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 - y_p(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ y_0^{(n-1)} - y_p^{(n-1)}(x_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{since } \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x_0) & \cdots & y_n(x_0) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(x_0) & \cdots & y_n^{(n-1)}(x_0) \end{vmatrix} = W(x_0) \neq 0$$

$$\text{thus the solution exist and is unique to be } \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x_0) & \cdots & y_n(x_0) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(x_0) & \cdots & y_n^{(n-1)}(x_0) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} y_0 - y_p(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ y_0^{(n-1)} - y_p^{(n-1)}(x_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

1.3.2.7 THEOREM 6

Let y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n be any n solutions to the n -th order homogeneous linear ODE with coefficients continuous on an interval I . The following are equivalent:

- (i) y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are linearly independent on I ;
- (ii) y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n form a fundamental set of the ODE.
- (iii) $W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)(x_0) \neq 0$ for some x_0 in I ;
- (iv) $W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)(x) \neq 0$ for all x in I ;

1.4 Linear ODEs with constant coefficients

1.4.1 n -th order homogeneous linear ODEs with constant coefficients

general form : $a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$, where each a_j is a constant and $a_n \neq 0$.

Guess a solution like $y = e^{\lambda x}$, substituting into the ODE,

$$\Rightarrow a_n \lambda^n + a_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 \lambda + a_0 = 0 \quad (\text{characteristic equation})$$

Also define $P(\lambda) = a_n \lambda^n + a_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 \lambda + a_0$ as the characteristic polynomial.

1.4.1.1 n distinct real roots

Trivial:

$$y_h = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x} + \cdots + c_n e^{\lambda_n x}$$

[show linearly independence:

$$W(e^{\lambda_1 x}, e^{\lambda_2 x}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n x}) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 x} & \cdots & e^{\lambda_n x} \\ \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} & \cdots & \lambda_n e^{\lambda_n x} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_1^{n-1} e^{\lambda_1 x} & \cdots & \lambda_n^{n-1} e^{\lambda_n x} \end{vmatrix} = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda_i x} \right) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \lambda_1 & \cdots & \lambda_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_1^{n-1} & \cdots & \lambda_n^{n-1} \end{vmatrix} = e^{\sum \lambda_i x} \prod_{i>j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)$$

$W(e^{\lambda_1 x}, e^{\lambda_2 x}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n x}) \neq 0$ on interval I .]

1.4.1.2 real root μ with multiplicity $m \geq 1$

$e^{\mu x}, xe^{\mu x}, \dots, x^{m-1}e^{\mu x}$ all are solutions and independent.

1.4.1.3 complex root $\mu = \alpha + i\beta$ and $\bar{\mu} = \alpha - i\beta$

$e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x$ and $e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$ are two linearly independent solutions.

If the paired complex root has multiplicity, $m \geq 1$, then

$e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, xe^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, \dots, x^{m-1}e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x$

$e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x, xe^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x, \dots, x^{m-1}e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$

all are solutions and independent. (2m in total)

So one solution for each root, we have n in total, forming the fundamental set.

1.4.2 Nonhomogeneous linear ODEs with constant coefficients

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = g(x)$$

according to previous theorem on solutions, we just need to find a particular solution, then $y = y_h + y_p$.

1.4.2.1 The method of undetermined coefficients

To find a particular solution when $g(x) = (b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_0) e^{\alpha x} \begin{cases} \cos \beta x \\ \sin \beta x \end{cases}$

We use $y_p = (A_m x^m + A_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + A_0) e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x + (B_m x^m + B_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + B_0) e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$

providing that no term in the expression of y_p is a solution of the associated homogeneous equation. (If not, we modify above expression by multiplying by x or x^2 or \dots .)

1.4.2.2 The superposition rule

if $g(x) = g_1(x) + g_2(x)$

$F(y_1^{(n)}, \dots, y_1, x) = g_1(x), F(y_2^{(n)}, \dots, y_2, x) = g_2(x)$

let $y = y_1 + y_2 \implies F(y^{(n)}, \dots, y, x) = g(x)$

1.5 Linear ODEs with nonconstant coefficients(second-order)

a nonhomogeneous second-order linear ODE in standard form:

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = g(x)$$

1.5.1 Find solutions for the associated homogeneous ODE with method of Reduction of Order

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \int \frac{\exp(-\int P(x)dx)}{y_1^2(x)} dx$$

Proof:

Suppose $y_2(x) = y_1(x)v(x)$, substituting to the ODE, we have:

$$v''y_1 + vy_1'' + 2v'y_1' + Pv'y_1 + Pvy_1' + Qy_1v = 0$$

then

$$y_1v'' + 2y_1'v' + y_1Pv' = 0$$

let $z = v'$, we arrive at $z' + \frac{2y_1' + y_1P}{y_1}z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow z = \frac{\exp(-\int P(x)dx)}{y_1^2(x)}$$

$$\text{Thus } v(x) = \int \frac{\exp(-\int P(x)dx)}{y_1^2(x)} dx$$

1.5.2 Find solutions for the original ODE with method of Variation of Parameters

$$y_p = y_1(x) \int \frac{-y_2g(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx + y_2(x) \int \frac{y_1g(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$$

Proof:

We start with a trial solution of $y_p = u_1(x)y_1 + u_2(x)y_2$

We further assume : $u_1'(x)y_1 + u_2'(x)y_2 = 0$

(That is always allowed since we have two functions to be solved but with only one constraints)

The condition $u_1'(x)y_1 + u_2'(x)y_2 = 0$ also implies:

$$u_1''(x)y_1 + u_2''(x)y_2 = -(u_1'(x)y_1' + u_2'(x)y_2')$$

Now we substituting y_p back to the original ODE.

$$y_p'' + P(x)y_p' + Q(x)y_p = y_1'u_1' + y_2'u_2' = g(x)$$

$$\text{Thus we have } \begin{cases} y_1u_1' + y_2u_2' = 0 \\ y_1'u_1' + y_2'u_2' = g(x) \end{cases}$$

The determinant of above linear equations is just the Wronskian.

Thus it has a unique solution:

$$u_1' = \frac{-y_2g(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)}, \quad u_2' = \frac{y_1g(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)}$$

1.5.3 Euler's Equations

$$x^2y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y = 0$$

General solution of Euler's Equation:

Let r_1, r_2 denote the indicial roots, $r^2 + (\alpha - 1)r + \beta = 0$

Then the general solution is given by following cases:

Case I.

If r_1 and r_2 are distinct real roots, then $y = c_1|x|^{r_1} + c_2|x|^{r_2}$

Case II.

If $r_1 = r_2$, then $y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln|x|)|x|^{r_1}$

Case III.

If r_1 and r_2 are complex conjugated roots with $r_1 = a + ib$, then $y = |x|^a [c_1 \cos(b \ln|x|) + c_2 \sin(b \ln|x|)]$

And obviously we can drop the absolute values if $x > 0$.

Proof:

Taking $x > 0$ as an example, using change of variables, we define $t = \ln x$.

Thus

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Substituting back to original ODE, we have:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + (\alpha - 1) \frac{dy}{dt} + \beta y(t) = 0$$

That is the linear ODE with constant coefficients.

E.g.

$$(1+x)^2 y'' + (1+x)y' + y = 2 \cos[\ln(1+x)]$$

$$\text{let } t = \ln(1+x), \quad \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + y = 2 \cos t, \quad y = t \sin t + C_1 \sin t + C_2 \cos t$$

$$\text{thus } y = \ln|1+x| \sin(|1+x|) + C_1 \sin(|1+x|) + C_2 \cos(|1+x|)$$

$$x^3 y''' + x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$$

$$\text{let } t = \ln x, \quad y' = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{1}{x}, \quad y'' = \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} \right), \quad y''' = \frac{1}{x^3} \left(\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} - 3 \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} \right), \text{ thus}$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} - 2 \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 0, \quad \lambda = \pm 1, 2, \quad y = C_1 x^2 + C_2 |x| + C_3 \frac{1}{|x|}$$

1.6 System of linear ODEs

$$F_j(y_i^{(n)}, y_i^{(n-1)}, \dots, y_i, x) = 0$$

1.6.1 Several methods

A. method of elimination

system of ODEs \rightarrow a single ODE.

B. reversed problem

a single ODE \rightarrow a system.

general case:

$$y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + P_1(t)y' + P_0(t)y = g(x)$$

let $x_n = y^{(n-1)}, x_{n-1} = y^{(n-2)}, \dots, x_1 = y$.

$$\begin{cases} x'_1 = x_2 \\ x'_2 = x_3 \\ \dots \\ x'_n = -P_{n-1}(t)x_n - \dots - P_0(t)x_1 + y \end{cases}$$

C. System of linear first-order ODEs

precise definition:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}(t)x_i(t) + f_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i}(t)x_i(t) + f_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni}(t)x_i(t) + f_n(t) \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{X}(t) = A(t)X(t) + F(t) \quad [matrix\ form]$$

fundamental solution matrix $\Phi(t)$

1.6.2 Special case with constant coefficients

$\dot{X}(t) = AX$ (homogeneous)

Theorem: the fundamental solution matrix can be $\exp[At]$.

(note matrix exponential $\exp(B) = I + B + \frac{1}{2!}B^2 + \dots$)

Concerning IVP, $X|_{t=0} = X_0$, then

$$X(t) = \exp[At] \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \exp[At] X_0$$

Case I. A has n distinct real eigenvalues λ_i .

each value with eigenvector $v_i, (i=1, \dots, n)$

let $V = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$,

$$\Rightarrow \exp[At] = \exp[At] V V^{-1} = (e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1, \dots, e^{\lambda_n t} v_n) V^{-1}$$

(One may also define $\Phi(t) \equiv \exp[At] V$, which is another choice of fundamental solution matrix.)

Case II. A has m ($m \leq n$) distinct real eigenvalues λ_i with multiplicity α_i .

From theorem of generalized eigenvectors, solution vectors of $(A - \lambda_i I)^{\alpha_i} u = 0$ form a dimensional α_i subspace U_i .

Since $\sum_i \oplus U_i$ is complete,

Suppose initial condition $X_0 = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } X(t) &= \exp[At] X_0 = \sum_{i=1}^m \exp[At] u_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\lambda_i t} \exp[(A - \lambda_i I)t] u_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\lambda_i t} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\alpha_i-1} \frac{(A - \lambda_i I)^j t^j}{j!} \right) u_i \end{aligned}$$

P.S.:calculate $\exp[B]$:

① diagonal form $UBU^{-1} = \Lambda$,

$$\Rightarrow \exp[B] = U^{-1} \exp[\Lambda] U = U^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} U$$

② Jordan form: $UBU^{-1} = J$

$$\Rightarrow \exp[B] = U^{-1} \exp[J] U$$

$$\exp[J] = \exp[\lambda I + J - \lambda I] = \exp[\lambda I] \exp[J - \lambda I] = e^{\lambda} [I + (J - \lambda I) + \cdots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} (J - \lambda I)^{n-1}]$$

2 Chapter 2. Series solutions of linear second-order ODEs and special Functions

2.1 Review of Power series

2.1.1 infinite series

- ①Cauchy's condition;
- ②d'Alembert's convergence test(ratio test);
- ③Cauchy's convergence test(root test);
- ④Gauss test;

2.1.2 power series

- ①a power series centered at a: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$, (c_n are real numbers);

- ②Radius of convergence;

- ③Analytic function:

A function is analytic at point a if it can be represented by a power series centered at a and with a positive or ∞ radius.

Example: take a=0 for simplicity,

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^m = \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{m!} = e^x, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < +\infty$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m+1}}{(2m+1)!} = \sin x, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < +\infty$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{(2m)!} = \cos x, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < +\infty$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} x^m}{m} = \ln(1+x), \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m+1}}{2m+1} = \arctan x, \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2m+1}}{(2m+1)!} = \sinh x, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < +\infty$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2m}}{(2m)!} = \cosh x, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < +\infty$$

- ④ Operations on power series:

A) linear combinations and products

$f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m(x-a)^m$ and $g(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m(x-a)^m$ centered at a and with radius R_1 and R_2 .

Then $\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (\alpha a_m + \beta b_m)(x-a)^m$;

$$f(x) \cdot g(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (a_0 b_m + a_1 b_{m-1} + \cdots + a_m b_0)(x-a)^m$$

these new power series have radius at least as large as $\min\{R_1, R_2\}$ and converge to functions on the left.

B) Composition of power series

If $f(x)$ has a power series expansion centered at a , and $g(x)$ has a power series expansion centered at $f(a)$, then $g(f(x))$ has a power series expansion centered at a .

Examples:

$$e^{x^2} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x^2)^m}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2m}}{m!} \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty);$$

$$\frac{1}{3+2x} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1+\frac{2x}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{2x}{3}\right)^m = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^m}{3^{m+1}} x^m \quad (|x| < \frac{3}{2})$$

C) Differentiation term by term

Given a power series and the analytic function it represents: $f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m(x-a)^m$, $|x-a| < R$

then $f(x)$ is differentiable on the same interval, and $f'(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m C_m(x-a)^{m-1}$, $|x-a| < R$

We can repeat it for $f'(x)$, thus $f(x)$ is infinitely differentiable.

D) The Identity Principle

Given $f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m(x-a)^m$ and $g(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m(x-a)^m$ both have a positive radius of convergence.

If $f(x) \equiv g(x)$ on an interval containing a , then $a_m = b_m$ for all m .

(Or, any analytic function at a has a unique power series representation, with coefficients being $\frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$, thus be its Taylor series.)

E) Integration term by term

$f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m(x-a)^m$, for $|x-a| < R$, then

$$\int_a^x f(t) dt = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_m}{m+1} (x-a)^{m+1}, \text{ for } |x-a| < R$$

F) Shifting index in a power series

$$\sum_{m=s}^{\infty} a_m(x-a)^m = \sum_{m=s-k}^{\infty} a_{m+k}(x-a)^{m+k}$$

$$\sum_{m=s}^{\infty} a_m(x-a)^{m+k} = \sum_{m=s+k}^{\infty} a_{m-k}(x-a)^m$$

⑤ Smooth function

If a function $f(x)$ is infinitely differentiable (smooth) at an interval containing a , then we can define Taylor series:

$$g(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(m)}(a)}{m!} (x-a)^m$$

not necessary converge to $f(x)$.

e.g.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \exp(-\frac{1}{x}), & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$f^{(n)}(0) \equiv 0$, thus $g(x) \equiv 0 \neq f(x)$ for any small interval containing a .

For analytic function, its Taylor series must converge to the function itself.

So $f(x)$ is not analytic.

2.2 Series Solution of ODE about ordinary point

Motivation: solving the 2nd-order linear ODE with non-constant coefficients.

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = g(x)$$

(Assuming $P(x), Q(x)$ and $g(x)$ are continuous on interval I .)

Method of power series at ordinary point.

Theorem 1:

Suppose $P(x), Q(x)$ and $g(x)$ have power series expansions at a with non-zero R (analytic at a), then a is called an ordinary point of the ODE, and any solutions of the ODE can be expressed as a power series centered at a (analytic). $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-a)^n$.

We can plug above into ODE to solve a_n and find the general solution.

Moreover, the radius of converge is at least as large as the minimum of those of $P(x)$, $Q(x)$ and $g(x)$.

Advantages of Method of power series:

- ① can be applied with general case of non-constant coefficients for general solutions
- ② can find solutions that are not ordinary known functions
- ③ can be done systematically in computer programs and also can give approximate numeric solutions.

2.3 Series solution of ODE about singular points

Without loss of generality we assume $a=0$ in the following:

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$$

Assuming 0 is a singular point of ODE, if both $xP(x)$ and $x^2Q(x)$ are analytic at 0, then we say $x=0$ is a regular singular point.

We try solutions $y = x^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, with $a_0 \neq 0$, let $x > 0$, r can be either positive or negative.

We can write $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}$ in terms of generalized power series.

for power series with negative powers, those operations still valid.

$$y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) a_n x^{n+r-1}, \quad y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1) a_n x^{n+r-2}$$

$$\text{also remember } xP(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n x^n, \quad x^2Q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n x^n$$

substitute all above into ODE, we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1) a_n x^{n+r-2} + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n x^n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) a_n x^{n+r-1} \right) + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n x^n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r-2} \right) = 0$$

coefficients of all powers must vanish.

$$\text{power of } x^{r-2} \implies (r(r-1) + p_0 r + q_0) a_0 = 0$$

$$\text{power of } x^{r-1} \implies r(r+1) a_1 + p_0(r+1) a_1 + p_1 r a_0 + q_0 a_1 + q_1 a_0 = 0$$

$$\text{power of } x^{r-2+m} \implies ((m+r)(m+r-1) + p_0(m+r) + q_0) a_m + \dots$$

\vdots

since $a_0 \neq 0$, thus

$$r(r-1) + p_0 r + q_0 = 0 \quad (\text{Indicial equation})$$

(indicial roots, in case of real roots $r_1 \geq r_2$)

The strategy, first determine $p_0, q_0, p_0 = xP(x)|_{x=0}, q_0 = x^2Q(x)|_{x=0}$.

Theorem 2(The Frobenius method):

Suppose $x=0$ is a regular singular point of ODE

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$$

let $r_1 \geq r_2$ denote the two real indicial roots, then the ODE has two linearly independent solutions y_1, y_2 of the form

Case I. If $r_1 - r_2$ is not an integer.

$$y_1 = |x|^{r_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y_2 = |x|^{r_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n, \quad a_0 \neq 0 \text{ and } b_0 \neq 0$$

Case II. If $r_1 = r_2 = r$, then

$$y_1 = |x|^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y_2 = y_1 \ln|x| + |x|^r \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n x^n, a_0 \neq 0$$

Case III. If $r_1 - r_2$ is a positive integer, with $r_1 > r_2$, then

$$y_1 = |x|^{r_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y_2 = k y_1 \ln|x| + |x|^{r_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n, \text{ where } a_0 \neq 0, b_0 \neq 0, \\ (\text{the undetermined constant } k \text{ may or may not be } 0.)$$

2.4 Special functions

e.g.: Gamma function:

$$\Gamma(x) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt, \quad (\Gamma(1) = 1, \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}, \Gamma(n+1) = n!).$$

$$\Gamma(x+1) = \int_0^{\infty} t^x e^{-t} dt = x \cdot \Gamma(x).$$

further define: $\phi(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \Gamma(x) = \frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)}$ as digamma function.

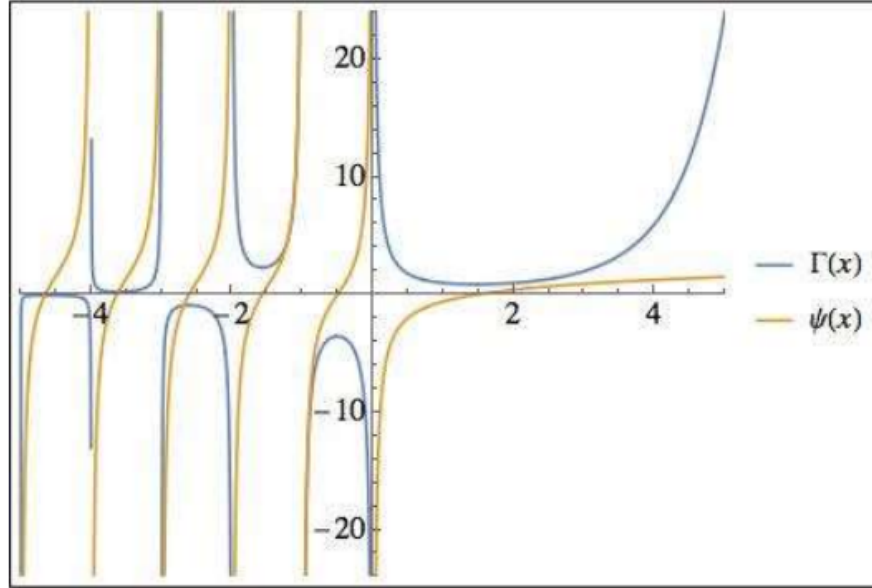


图 1: function pictures of $\Gamma(x)$ and $\phi(x)$

2.4.1 Legendre Polynomials/Functions(from power series)

2.4.1.1 Legendre's Differential equations

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \mu y = 0 \quad , -1 < x < 1. \quad (1)$$

(μ be constant.)

We identify $x = 0$ is an ordinary point, thus all solutions $\rightarrow y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$.

plug into ODE:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n(x^{n-2} - x^n) - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^n + \mu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0.$$

\Rightarrow recurrence relation: $(n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} = (n(n+1) - \mu)a_n, n \geq 0$.

Thus $a_{n+2} = \frac{n(n+1) - \mu}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n$.

Taking either the even or odd terms, we get two independent solutions, known as Legendre functions.

2.4.1.2 Legendre Polynomials

General Legendre functions are not bounded at $x = \pm 1$. Only if $\mu = m(m+1)$, then we get a truncated power series solution of the ODE, and it is a m -th order polynomials.

m is even, $y = a_0 + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_m x^m$;

m is odd, $y = a_1 x + a_3 x^3 + \dots + a_m x^m$;

$$(a_n = -\frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{(m-n)(m+n+1)} a_{n+2})$$

Conventionally we choose/normalize $a_m = \frac{(2m)!}{2^m(m!)^2}$.

thus from the recurrence relation:

$$a_{m-2n} = (-1)^n \frac{(2m-2n)!}{2^m n! (m-n)! (m-2n)!}$$

We define the polynomial solution, called the Legendre polynomial of degree m , $P_m(x)$ as:

$$P_m(x) = \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{n=0}^M (-1)^n \frac{(2m-2n)!}{n! (m-n)! (m-2n)!} x^{m-2n}$$

with $M = \frac{m}{2}$ for even m or $M = \frac{(m-1)}{2}$ for odd m .

Note that the Legendre equation with $\mu = m(m+1)$ also has a second linearly independent power series solution (unbounded at $x = \pm 1$), we denote as $Q_m(x)$, called a Legendre function of the second kind.

The general solution for $\mu = m(m+1)$: $y_h = c_1 P_m(x) + c_2 Q_m(x)$.

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 1}{2}$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{5x^3 - 3x}{2}$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3}{8}$$

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2.4.1.3 Properties of Legendre polynomials

- ① Rodrigues formula: $P_m(x) = \frac{1}{2^m m!} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} (x^2 - 1)^m, m=0,1,2,\dots$
- ② Bonnet's recurrence relation:
 $(m+1)P_{m+1}(x) + mP_{m-1}(x) = (2m+1)xP_m(x), m=1,2,\dots$
- ②(B) $P'_{m+1}(x) = P'_{m-1}(x) + (2m+1)P_m(x)$.
- ③ $P_m(x)$ is even/odd when m is even/odd.
- ④ $P_m(1) = 1, P_m(-1) = (-1)^m, P_{2n+1}(0) = 0, P_{2n}(0) = (-1)^n \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!}$.
- ⑤ $|P_m(x)| \leq 1$ for all m and all x in $[-1,1]$.
- ⑥ $P_m(x)$ has m distinct zeros in $[-1,1]$.
- ⑦ all relative maxima and minima of $P_m(x)$ occur in $[-1,1]$.
- ⑧ integral relations,

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_n(x)P_m(x)dx = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } m \neq n \\ \frac{2}{2n+1}, & \text{for } m = n \end{cases}$$

- ⑨ generating function:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2rx+r^2}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} r^l P_l(x), r < 1;$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2rx+r^2}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} P_l(x), r > 1.$$

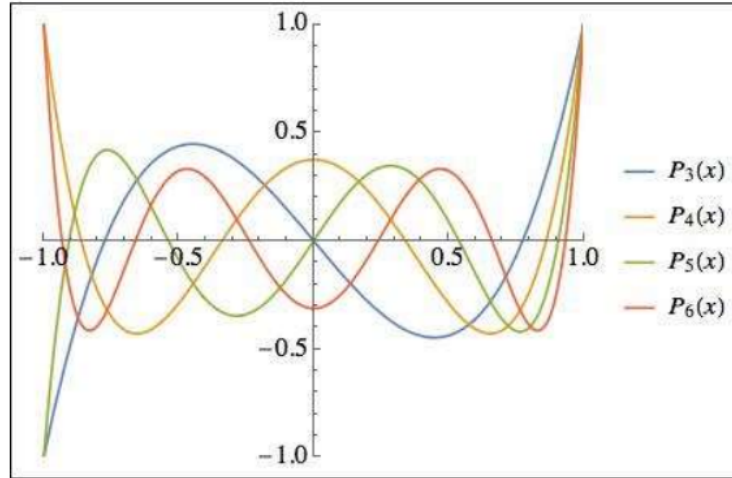


图 2: function pictures of $P_n(x)$

2.4.1.4 Associated Legendre Function

associated Legendre's equation:

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + [l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2}]y = 0, -1 < x < 1, 0 \leq m \leq l (m \rightarrow \text{integer}).$$

One solution of above ODE is :

$$P_l^m(x) = (-1)^m (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^m P_l(x)}{dx^m} = \frac{(-1)^m}{2^l l!} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^{l+m}}{dx^{l+m}} (x^2-1)^l.$$

called associated Legendre functions of order m.

(at endpoints: $P_l^{m \neq 0}(\pm 1) = 0$, $P_l^m(x)$ is bounded in $[-1, 1]$; $Q_l^m(\pm 1) \rightarrow \infty$.)

Proof:

let $y = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} v(x)$, thus the ODE comes to

$$(1-x^2)v'' - 2(m+1)xv' + [l(l+1) - m(m+1)]v = 0.$$

On another hand from Legendre equation:

$$(1-x^2)P_l'' - 2xP_l' + l(l+1)P_l = 0.$$

differentiating m times:

$$(1-x^2)(P_l^{[m]})'' - 2mx(P_l^{[m]})' - 2\frac{m(m-1)}{2}P_l^{[m]} - 2x(P_l^{[m]})' - 2mP_l^{[m]} + l(l+1)P_l^{[m]} = 0.$$

$$(\text{with } P_l^{[m]} = \frac{d^m}{dx^m} P_l(x))$$

Thus it is a solution of v(x) above.

$$(\text{the other solution: } Q_l^m(x) = (-1)^m (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^m Q_l(x)}{dx^m})$$

\Rightarrow the general solution of the associated Legendre equation: $y_h = C_1 P_l^m(x) + C_2 Q_l^m(x)$

We also define:

$$P_l^{-m}(x) = (-1)^m \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} P_l^m(x) = \frac{(-1)^{-m}}{2^l l!} (1-x^2)^{\frac{-m}{2}} \frac{d^{l-m}}{dx^{l-m}} (x^2-1)^l.$$

$$P_l^{-m}(x) \propto P_l^m(x).$$

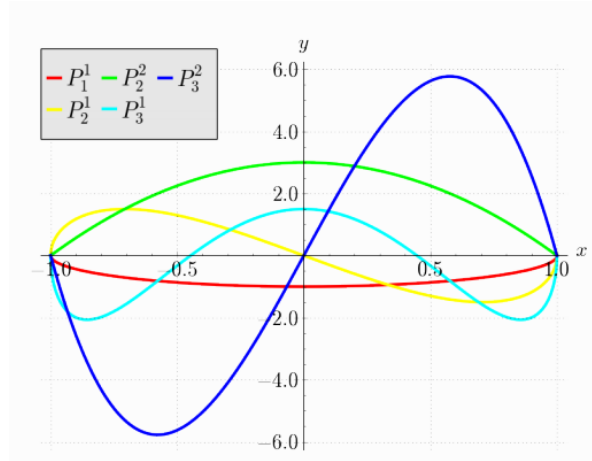


图 3: function pictures of $P_l^m(x)$

2.4.2 Bessel Functions

2.4.2.1 Bessel functions of the First kind

Bessel's equation of order- ν :

$$x^2 y'' + x y' + (x^2 - \nu^2) y = 0, \nu \geq 0 \text{ (not necessary integer)}$$

$x = 0$ is a regular singular point.

$$r(r-1) + r - \nu^2 = 0 \implies r = \pm \nu$$

Thus we have at least one solution of the form: $y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+\nu}$.

plug back into ODE:

$$\implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n^2 + 2n\nu) c_n x^{n+\nu} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_{n-2} x^{n+\nu} = 0.$$

$$\text{so } c_1 = 0, c_n = -\frac{c_{n-2}}{n^2 + 2n\nu}, \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

$$\text{thus } c_{2n+1} = 0, c_{2n} = (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^{2n} n! (n+\nu) \cdots (\nu+1)} c_0 = (-1)^n \frac{\Gamma(1+\nu)}{2^{2n} n! \Gamma(n+\nu+1)} c_0.$$

$$\text{Conventionally we choose } c_0 = \frac{1}{2^\nu \Gamma(1+\nu)}.$$

$$J_\nu(x) \equiv y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(n+\nu+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+\nu} \text{ (check radius of convergence } R=\infty)$$

$$r_1 - r_2 = 2\nu. (\nu \rightarrow 0 / \text{positive integer} / \text{half positive integer} / \text{otherwise})$$

A) for $\nu \rightarrow \text{half positive integer} / \text{otherwise}$:

$$J_{-\nu}(x) \equiv y_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(n-\nu+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n-\nu} \text{ (has negative powers, thus } \infty \text{ at } x=0+)$$

thus the general solution:

$$y_h(x) = C_1 J_\nu(x) + C_2 J_{-\nu}(x).$$

B) for ν is a positive integer:

$$\text{We can also define } J_{-m}(x) \text{ by using the power series, find } J_{-m}(x) = (-1)^m J_m(x).$$

(They are not linearly independent!)

asymptotic behavior:

$$J_\nu(0) = \begin{cases} 1, \nu = 0 \\ 0, \nu > 0 \end{cases};$$

$$J_\nu(x) \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos\left(x - \frac{\nu\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + O(x^{-\frac{3}{2}}) \text{ (when } x \rightarrow +\infty) \quad \text{obvious } \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} J_\nu(x) = 0.$$

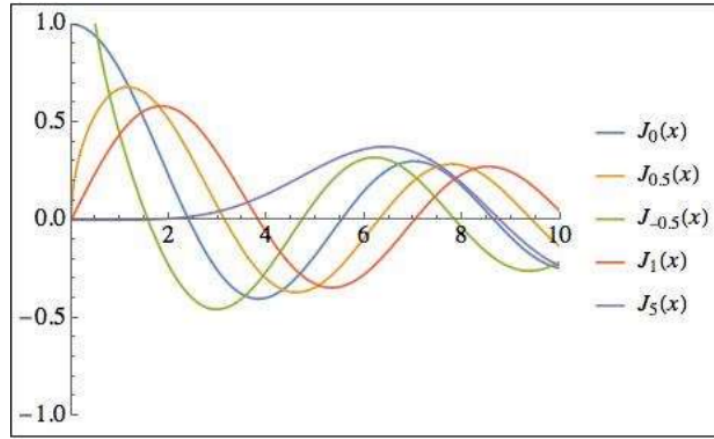


图 4: function pictures of $J_\nu(x)$

2.4.2.2 Bessel function of the second kind

If $\nu \geq 0$ is not an integer, define:

$$Y_\nu(x) \equiv \frac{\cos \nu \pi \cdot J_\nu(x) - J_{-\nu}(x)}{\sin \nu \pi} \quad (\text{another solution linearly independent with } J_\nu(x))$$

when ν is integer (m), define:

$$Y_m(x) \equiv \lim_{\nu \rightarrow m} Y_\nu(x) \quad (\text{One can imagine it is a solution of ODE by taking limit in ODE.})$$

calculate the limit and find:

$$Y_m(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} J_m(x) \ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \frac{(m-n-1)!}{n!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-m+2n} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(m+n)!} [\phi(m+n+1) + \phi(n+1)] \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{m+2n}$$

($Y_m(x)$ is linearly independent with $J_m(x)$)

Thus the general solution can be like ($\forall \nu \geq 0$):

$$y_h = C_1 J_\nu(x) + C_2 Y_\nu(x).$$

We also define: $H_\nu^{(1)}(x) \equiv J_\nu(x) + iY_\nu(x) \rightarrow$ Hankel function.

asymptotic behavior:

$$Y_\nu(x) \rightarrow \begin{cases} -\infty, x \rightarrow 0+ \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin(x - \frac{\nu\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}), x \rightarrow +\infty \end{cases}$$

recurrence relations(for either $Z=J/Y/I/K$):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } 2Z'_\nu(x) &= Z_{\nu-1}(x) - Z_{\nu+1}(x); & [x^\nu Z_\nu(x)]' &= x^\nu Z_{\nu-1}(x) \\ \frac{2\nu Z_\nu(x)}{x} &= Z_{\nu-1}(x) + Z_{\nu+1}(x); & [x^{-\nu} Z_\nu(x)]' &= -x^{-\nu} Z_{\nu+1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

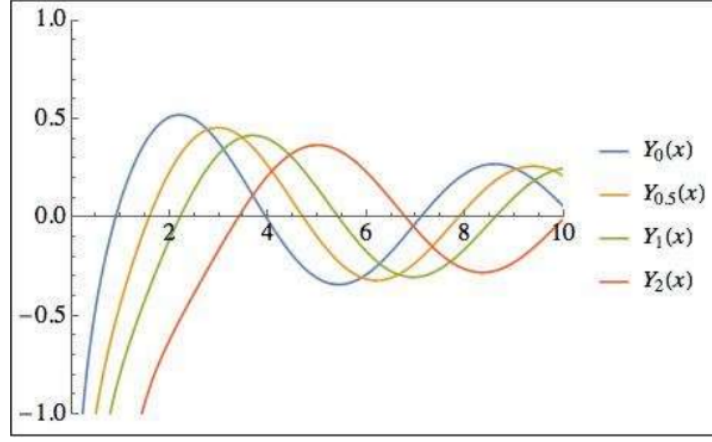


图 5: function pictures of $Y_\nu(x)$

2.4.2.3 Generalization

A) Parametric Bessel equation of order- ν :

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (\alpha^2 x^2 - \nu^2)y = 0, \alpha > 0.$$

let $z = \alpha x$, then find general solution: $y_h = C_1 J_\nu(\alpha x) + C_2 Y_\nu(\alpha x)$.

B) Modified Bessel equation of order- ν :

$$x^2 y'' + xy' - (x^2 + \nu^2)y = 0.$$

let $z = ix$, then find general solution: $y_h = C_1 I_\nu(x) + C_2 K_\nu(x)$.

$$\left(\text{with } \begin{cases} I_\nu(x) = i^{-\nu} J_\nu(ix) \\ K_\nu(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{I_{-\nu}(x) - I_\nu(x)}{\sin \nu \pi} \\ K_n(x) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow n} K_\nu(x) \end{cases} \right) \rightarrow \text{called Modified Bessel functions.}$$

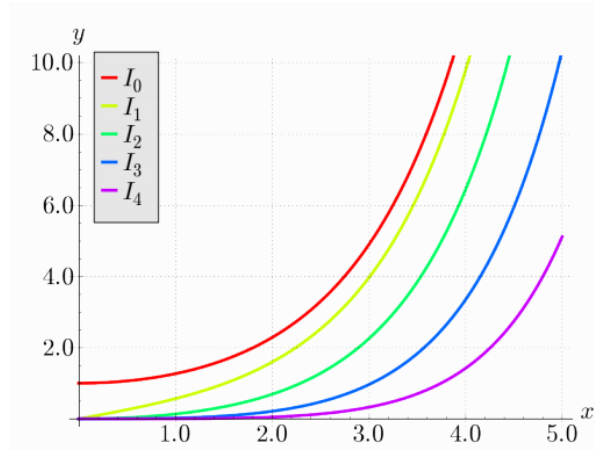


图 6: function pictures of $I_n(x)$

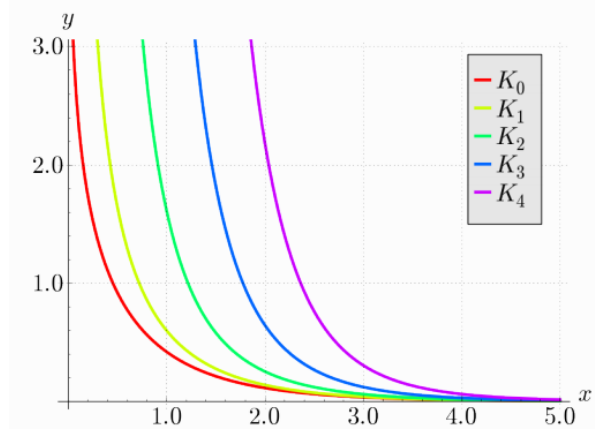


图 7: function pictures of $K_n(x)$

C) Spherical Bessel equation of order-m:

$$x^2 y'' + 2xy' + (kx^2 - m(m+1))y = 0, k > 0.$$

let $w = yx^{\frac{1}{2}}$, plug into ODE:

$$\Rightarrow x^2 w'' + xw' + (kx^2 - (m + \frac{1}{2})^2)w = 0.$$

define: $j_m(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} J_{m+\frac{1}{2}}(x)$, $y_m(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} Y_{m+\frac{1}{2}}(x)$ (called Spherical Bessel functions)

thus we find the general solution: $y_h = C_1 j_m(\sqrt{k}x) + C_2 y_m(\sqrt{k}x)$.

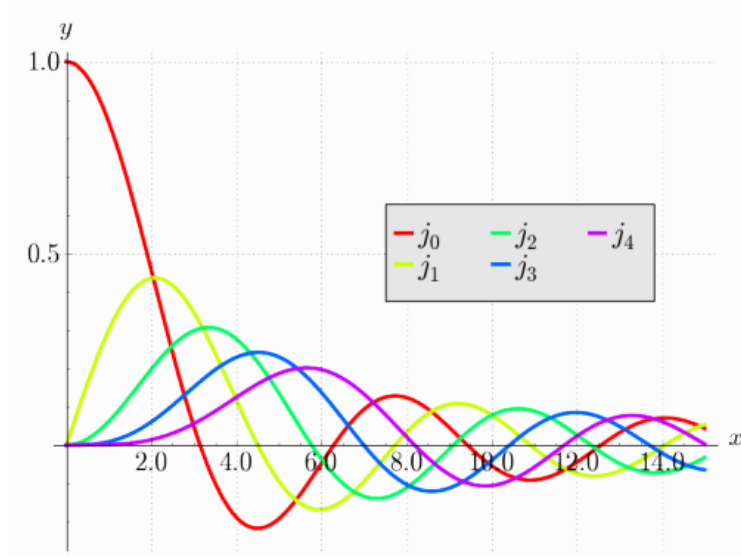


图 8: function pictures of $j_m(x)$

2.4.2.4 Generating function

generating function:

$$\exp\left[\frac{x}{2}\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)\right] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} J_n(x)t^n, 0 < |t| < \infty.$$

$$\text{let } t = e^{i\theta}, e^{ix\sin\theta} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} J_n(x)e^{in\theta}.$$

$$\Rightarrow J_n(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ix\sin\theta} (e^{in\theta})^* d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(x\sin\theta - n\theta) d\theta.$$

$$\text{let } t = ie^{i\theta}, e^{ix\cos\theta} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} J_n(x)i^n e^{in\theta} = J_0(x) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} i^n J_n(x) \cos n\theta.$$

2.4.2.5 Applications

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x; & J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x \\ J_{\frac{3}{2}}(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[\frac{\sin x}{x} - \cos x \right]; & J_{-\frac{3}{2}}(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[-\frac{\cos x}{x} - \sin x \right] \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

2.4.3 Integrations

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 P_n(x) dx &= \delta_{n_0} \cdot 2; (P_0(x) = 1) \\ \int_{-1}^1 x P_n(x) dx &= \delta_{n_1} \cdot \frac{2}{3}; \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^m P_n(x) dx \rightarrow x^m \rightarrow x \cdot x^{m-1} \rightarrow \dots (\text{use the recurrence relation}); (\int_{-1}^1 x^m P_n(x) dx = 0 \text{ when } n > m)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x P_n(x) P_m(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \left(\frac{m+1}{2m+1} P_{m+1}(x) + \frac{m}{2m+1} P_{m-1}(x) \right) P_n(x) dx;$$

general case: $\int x^\alpha J_\nu(x) dx, \alpha - \nu = \text{odd}$

example: $\int x^4 J_3(x) dx = \int d(x^4 J_4(x)) = x^4 J_4(x) + C$

$$\int x^3 J_0(x) dx = \int x^2 d(x J_1(x)) = x^3 J_1(x) - 2 \int x^2 J_1(x) dx = x^3 J_1(x) - 2x^2 J_2(x) + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} J_0(bx) dx &= \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \left(\frac{bx}{2}\right)^{2n} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^{2n} \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} x^{2n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^{2n} \frac{(2n)!}{a^{2n+1}} = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{n!} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{2n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a x J_p(\lambda_{pm} x) J_p(\lambda_{pn} x) dx, & \text{with } \lambda_{pi} \equiv \frac{\alpha_{pi}}{a}, J_p(\alpha_{pi}) = 0, \alpha_{pi} > 0. \\ &= a^2 \int_0^1 z J_p(\alpha_{pm} z) J_p(\alpha_{pn} z) dz = a^2 \int_0^1 z^{-p} J_p(\alpha_{pm} z) z^{p+1} J_p(\alpha_{pn} z) dz \\ &= a^2 \int_0^1 z^{-p} J_p(\alpha_{pm} z) \frac{1}{(\alpha_{pn})} d(z^{p+1} J_{p+1}(\alpha_{pn} z)) \\ &= \frac{\alpha_{pm}}{\alpha_{pn}} \int_0^a x J_{p+1}(\lambda_{pm} x) J_{p+1}(\lambda_{pn} x) dx \\ &\text{thus } \int_0^a x J_p(\lambda_{pm} x) J_p(\lambda_{pn} x) dx \propto \delta_{mn}, \text{ and } y \equiv J_p(\lambda x) \\ &x^2 y'' + xy' + (\lambda^2 x^2 - p^2) y = 0 \rightarrow (xy')' + (\lambda^2 x - \frac{p^2}{x}) y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

times xy' on both side:

$$[(xy')^2]' + (\lambda^2 x^2 - p^2)[y^2]' = 0$$

if $\lambda = \alpha_{pm}$ and integrate over $0 \rightarrow 1$,

$$[x J_p'(\lambda x)]^2|_0^1 + (\lambda^2 x^2 - p^2) J_p^2(\lambda x)|_0^1 - 2\lambda^2 \int_0^1 x J_p^2(\lambda x) dx = 0$$

$$\text{with } \int_0^1 x J_p^2(\alpha_{pm} x) dx = \frac{1}{2\alpha_{pm}^2} \alpha_{pm}^2 J_p'(\alpha_{pm})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{J_{p-1}(\alpha_{pm}) - J_{p+1}(\alpha_{pm})}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (J_{p+1}(\alpha_{pm}))^2$$

3 Chapter 3. Orthogonal functions and Fourier series

3.1 Orthogonal functions

3.1.1 Inner product

$(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^* v_i$, satisfying:

① $(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = (\vec{v}, \vec{u})^*$

② $(k\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = k^*(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$ (k is a scalar)

③ $(\vec{u}, \vec{u}) = 0$ if $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ and $(\vec{u}, \vec{u}) > 0$ if $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$

④ $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}, \vec{w}) = (\vec{u}, \vec{w}) + (\vec{v}, \vec{w})$

(defined on complex number field C.)

Inner-product space+Complete \equiv Hilbert space

3.1.2 Generalization to functions

Square-integrable C-valued $\rightarrow L^2[a, b]$:

$f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$ defined on an interval $[a, b]$ (can be infinite)

Define their inner product: $(f_1, f_2) = \int_a^b f_1^*(x) f_2(x) dx$.

(It is obvious that the definition satisfies all 4 conditions.)

A) $\vec{0} \equiv$ almost vanishing function.

B) $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$ are orthogonal if $(f_1, f_2) = 0$.

C) define the norm of a function:

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{(f, f)} = \left(\int_a^b |f^2(x)| dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

D) A set of functions $\{f_1, f_2, \dots\}$ defined on the interval $[a, b]$ is called an orthogonal set if :

$\|f_n\| \neq 0$ for all n, and $(f_n, f_m) = 0$ for all $n \neq m$.

(If in addition, $\|f_n\| = 1$ for all n, the set is called an orthonormal set.)

E) A function set $\{f_n(x)\}$ is called complete if $\forall g(x)$ in the prescribed function space (can be a subspace of $L^2[a, b]$) can be expressed as : $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n f_n(x)$.

(In case the set is also orthogonal, then $(f_m(x), g(x)) = C_m \|f_m(x)\|^2$,

namely $C_m = \frac{(f_m(x), g(x))}{\|f_m(x)\|^2} \rightarrow$ equivalent to that only zero function can be orthogonal to all $f_n(x)$)

3.1.3 More general definition of inner product

$$(f_1, f_2) = \int_a^b f_1^*(x) f_2(x) w(x) dx.$$

(where $w(x)$ is a non-negative piecewise continuous function on $[a, b]$ that is not identically 0 on any subinterval of $[a, b]$)

A) Orthogonality wrt. $w(x)$: $\int_a^b f_1^*(x) f_2(x) w(x) dx = 0$.

B) norm wrt. the weight function $w(x)$: $\|f\| = \left(\int_a^b |f^2(x)| w(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

3.1.4 BVP

2nd-order linear ODE with linear boundary condition:

$$\begin{cases} y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x), x \in [a, b] \\ \alpha_1 y(a) + \alpha_2 y'(a) + \alpha_3 y(b) + \alpha_4 y'(b) = A_1, & \equiv U_1[y] = A_1 \\ \beta_3 y(a) + \beta_4 y'(a) + \beta_1 y(b) + \beta_2 y'(b) = A_2, & \equiv U_2[y] = A_2 \end{cases}$$

Robin's BCs: $\alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$; (3rd-kind)

Dirichlet's BCs: $\alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$ + $\alpha_2 = \beta_2 = 0$; (1st-kind)

Neuman's BCs: $\alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$ + $\alpha_1 = \beta_1 = 0$. (2nd-kind)

P.S.:

Can always decompose into:

Problem I: non-homogeneous Eq+ homogeneous BCs

Problem II: homogeneous Eq+ non-homogeneous BCs

Solution I:

general solution: $y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) + z(x)$
with $z(x) = -y_1(x) \int_a^x \frac{f(s) y_2(s)}{W[y_1, y_2](s)} ds + y_2(x) \int_a^x \frac{f(s) y_1(s)}{W[y_1, y_2](s)} ds$.

to fulfill BCs,

$$\begin{cases} C_1 U_1[y_1] + C_2 U_1[y_2] = -U_1[z] \\ C_1 U_2[y_1] + C_2 U_2[y_2] = -U_2[z] \end{cases}$$

Thus if $(U_1[y_1] U_2[y_2] - U_1[y_2] U_2[y_1]) \neq 0$, exist a unique solution.

(otherwise no solution in general except the two equations are identicle.)

Solution II:

general solution: $y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$

to fullfill BCs,

$$\begin{cases} C_1 U_1[y_1] + C_2 U_1[y_2] = A_1 \\ C_1 U_2[y_1] + C_2 U_2[y_2] = A_2 \end{cases}$$

Thus if $(U_1[y_1]U_2[y_2] - U_1[y_2]U_2[y_1]) \neq 0$ and $A_1^2 + A_2^2 \neq 0$ exist a unique solution.

3.2 Sturm-Liouville Theory

3.2.1 A regular Sturm-Liouville problem

a boundary value problem on a closed finite interval $[a, b]$ of the form:

$$[p(x)y']' + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y = 0, \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 y(a) + c_2 y'(a) = 0 \\ d_1 y(b) + d_2 y'(b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

(where $c_1^2 + c_2^2 > 0, d_1^2 + d_2^2 > 0$, and λ is a parameter.)

The regularity means requiring:

$p(x), p'(x), q(x)$, and $r(x)$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and with $p(x), r(x) > 0$ on $[a, b]$.

Note a 2-nd order linear ODE with a prescribed constant λ in the following form can always be converted into the SL form.

$$a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + (c(x) + \lambda d(x))y = 0.$$

Let :

$$p(x) = \exp\left(\int \frac{b(x)}{a(x)} dx\right),$$

$$q(x) = \frac{c(x)}{a(x)} \exp\left(\int \frac{b(x)}{a(x)} dx\right),$$

$$r(x) = \frac{d(x)}{a(x)} \exp\left(\int \frac{b(x)}{a(x)} dx\right),$$

thus y satisfies:

$$[p(x)y']' + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y = 0.$$

Remarks:

For above BVP, obviously $y \equiv 0$ is a trivial solution.

The non-zero solutions of a sturm-Liouville problem are called the eigenfunctions of the problem.

And those values of λ for which non-zero solutions can be found are called the eigenvalues.

Theorem 1:

The eigenvalues of a regular Sturm-Liouville problem are all real and form an increasing sequence.

$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots$, where $\lambda_j \rightarrow \infty$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 2:

Each eigenvalue of a regular Sturm-Liouville problem has just one linearly independent eigenfunction corresponding to it.

Proof:

Suppose y_1 and y_2 are eigenfunctions with same λ .

$$W(y_1, y_2)(a) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(a) & y_2(a) \\ y_1'(a) & y_2'(a) \end{vmatrix} = y_1(a)y_2'(a) - y_2(a)y_1'(a)$$

from the boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 y_1(a) + c_2 y_1'(a) = 0 \\ c_1 y_2(a) + c_2 y_2'(a) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{with } c_1 \text{ or } c_2 \neq 0 \implies \begin{vmatrix} y_1(a) & y_1'(a) \\ y_2(a) & y_2'(a) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \implies W(y_1, y_2)(a) = 0.$$

Theorem 3:

Eigenfunctions of a regular Sturm-Liouville problem corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal wrt. the weight function $r(x)$. (also valid for the singular SL problems providing conditions:

$$\lim_{x \uparrow b} p(x)(y_1(x)y_2'(x) - y_2(x)y_1'(x)) - \lim_{x \downarrow a} p(x)(y_1(x)y_2'(x) - y_2(x)y_1'(x)) = 0 \text{ is satisfied.})$$

Proof:

Suppose $\lambda_j \neq \lambda_k$ are eigenvalues of a SL problem, and y_j, y_k be the corresponding eigenfunctions.

We have:

$$[p(x)y_j']' + [q(x) + \lambda_j r(x)]y_j = 0 \implies \times y_k$$

$$[p(x)y_k']' + [q(x) + \lambda_k r(x)]y_k = 0 \implies \times y_j$$

We get

$$y_k[p(x)y_j']' - y_j[p(x)y_k']' = (\lambda_k - \lambda_j)y_j y_k r(x)$$

$$[p(x)(y_k y_j' - y_j y_k')] = (\lambda_k - \lambda_j)y_j y_k r(x)$$

Take integral from a to b:

$$(\lambda_k - \lambda_j) \int_a^b y_j y_k r(x) dx = p(x)(y_k y_j' - y_j y_k')|_a^b = 0 \implies (y_k, y_j) = 0$$

Theorem 4:

Let y_1, y_2, \dots be the set of all eigenfunctions for a regular SL problem on $[a, b]$.

If $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ are piecewise continuous on $[a, b]$, then we have $f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j y_j(x)$, with

$$A_j = \frac{(y_i, f)}{(y_j, y_j)} = \left[\int_a^b r(x) y_j^2(x) dx \right]^{-1} \int_a^b r(x) y_j(x) f(x) dx.$$

The series converges to $f(x)$ at points of continuous and to $\frac{f(x^+) + f(x^-)}{2}$ otherwise.
 (Note this conclusion is also valid for the singular SL problem with Legendre and Bessel's equation.)

3.2.2 Singular Sturm-Liouville problem

Regularity hold on (a, b) .

a or b be infinite/conditions not hold on a or b.

(BCs usually are different.)

Classical singular SL problems:

(a) Legendre's equation:

$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0 \quad (x \in [-1, 1]) \implies [(1 - x^2)y']' + \lambda y = 0$$

BCs: y bounded at ± 1 .

$$p(1) = p(-1) = 0.$$

$$\text{Solution: } \lambda_n = n(n+1), n=0,1,\dots; \quad y_n(x) = P_n(x).$$

(b) Parametric form of Bessel's equation:

$$x^2y'' + xy' + (\lambda'x^2 - \nu^2)y = 0 \quad (x \in [0, a]) \implies [xy']' + [-\frac{\nu^2}{x} + \lambda'x]y = 0$$

BCs: y bounded at 0, y(a)=0.

Solution:

① $\lambda' = 0$: not eigenvalue.

② $\lambda' < 0$: not eigenvalue.

$$y = C_1 I_\nu(\sqrt{-\lambda'}x) + C_2 K_\nu(\sqrt{-\lambda'}x).$$

③ $\lambda' = \lambda^2 > 0$:

$$y = C_1 J_\nu(\lambda x) + C_2 Y_\nu(\lambda x).$$

$$\implies C_2 = 0, C_1 J_\nu(\lambda a) = 0.$$

$$\implies \lambda_n = \frac{\alpha_{\nu n}}{a}, n=1,2,\dots$$

$$\implies \lambda'_n = \left(\frac{\alpha_{\nu n}}{a}\right)^2, y_n = J_\nu\left(\frac{\alpha_{\nu n}}{a}x\right), n=1,2,\dots$$

3.2.3 Formulation of SL problem on Hilbert space

In Hilbert space H:

$\forall \vec{u}, \vec{v}$:

$$(\hat{L}\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = (\vec{u}, \hat{M}\vec{v}) \longrightarrow \hat{L}, \hat{M} \text{ being adjoint.}$$

$$(\hat{L}\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = (\vec{u}, \hat{L}\vec{v}) \longrightarrow \hat{L} \text{ being self-adjoint operator/Hermitian matrix.}$$

find solutions for $\hat{L}\vec{u} = \lambda\vec{u}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

- ① exist eigenvalues and all eigenvalues are real.
- ② eigenvectors of different eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- ③ all eigenvectors form a complete orthogonal basis.

For SL problem:

in real Hilbert space $H = L^2[a, b]$ with inner product $(f, g) \equiv \int_a^b r(x)f(x)g(x)dx$.

considering on the domain:

$$D = \{u \in H | u', u'' \in H, U_1[u] = 0, U_2[u] = 0\}.$$

define: $\hat{L} = -\frac{1}{r(x)} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} [p(x) \frac{d}{dx}] + q(x) \right\}$ is self-adjoint.

$$\text{thus, } \hat{L}\vec{y} = \lambda y \iff [p(x)y']' + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y = 0.$$

further BCs,

$$U_1[y] \equiv \alpha_1 y(a) + \alpha_2 y'(a) = 0$$

$$U_2[y] \equiv \beta_1 y(b) + \beta_2 y'(b) = 0$$

Prove self-adjoint:

$$(\hat{L}u, v) = \int_a^b r(x)(\hat{L}u)v dx = \int_a^b -v \{ [p(x)u']' + q(x)u \} dx = - \int_a^b q(x)uv dx + \int_a^b p(x)u'v' dx - p(x)vu' \Big|_a^b$$

$$(u, \hat{L}v) = \int_a^b r(x)(\hat{L}v)u dx = \int_a^b -u \{ [p(x)v']' + q(x)v \} dx = - \int_a^b q(x)uv dx + \int_a^b p(x)u'v' dx - p(x)v'u \Big|_a^b$$

$$\text{since } \begin{cases} \alpha_1 u(a) + \alpha_2 u'(a) = 0 \\ \alpha_1 v(a) + \alpha_2 v'(a) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 > 0 \implies u(a)v'(a) - v(a)u'(a) = 0.$$

$$\text{Similarly } u(b)v'(b) - v(b)u'(b) = 0.$$

$$\implies \text{the difference : } p(x)(v'u - u'v) \Big|_a^b = 0.$$

3.2.4 BVP with non-homogeneous ODE \rightarrow Green's function

$$\begin{cases} [p(x)y']' + q(x)y = f(x) & \text{on } [a, b] \\ y(a) = 0 \\ y(b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Green's function $G(x, s)$ on $[a, b] \times [a, b]$:

① continuous on $[a, b] \times [a, b]$.

② $G(a, s) = G(b, s) = 0$.

③ $\forall x \in (a, b)$ but $x \neq s$: $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [p(x) \frac{\partial G(x, s)}{\partial x}] + q(x)G(x, s) = 0$.

$$\textcircled{4} \text{ at } x = s: \left. \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \right|_{x=s^+} - \left. \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \right|_{x=s^-} = \frac{1}{p(s)}.$$

if exist $G(x, s)$ then,

$$y(x) = \int_a^b G(x, s) f(s) ds.$$

Supposing $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ are linearly independent solution of homogeneous ODE,

and further $y_1(x)|_{x=a} = 0, y_2(x)|_{x=b} = 0$, then

$$G(x, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{y_2(s)y_1(x)}{W[y_1, y_2](s) \cdot p(s)}, & a \leq x \leq s \\ \frac{y_1(s)y_2(x)}{W[y_1, y_2](s) \cdot p(s)}, & s \leq x \leq b \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and original BVP: } y(x) = \int_a^b G(x, s) f(s) ds = y_1(x) \int_x^b \frac{f(s)y_2(s)}{W(s) \cdot p(s)} ds + y_2(x) \int_a^x \frac{f(s)y_1(s)}{W(s) \cdot p(s)} ds.$$

Dirac delta function $\delta(x)$:

$$\delta(x) = 0, (x \neq 0) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1.$$

$$\implies \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) \delta(x) dx = f(0).$$

$$\implies f(x) = \int_a^b f(s) \delta(s - x) ds.$$

Indeed for every s, $G(x, s)$ is the solution of

$$[p(x)y']' + q(x)y = \delta(x - s), \quad y|_{x=a} = y|_{x=b} = 0.$$

3.3 Classical orthogonal polynomials

define: on interval $[a, b]$ (a, b can be infinite) wrt. weight function $r(x)$

$\{P_n(x)\}, n = 0, 1, \dots$ $P_n(x)$ being n-th order polynomials, satisfying

$$(P_n(x), P_m(x)) \propto \delta_{mn}.$$

($P_n(x)$ are determined upto overall normalization c_n)

Schmidt algorithm:

$$P_0(x) = c_0$$

$$P_1(x) = c_1(x + d_1^0 \frac{P_0(x)}{c_0})$$

$$P_2(x) = c_2(x^2 + d_2^1 \frac{P_1(x)}{c_1} + d_2^0 \frac{P_0(x)}{c_0})$$

\vdots

$$(P_1(x), P_0(x)) = 0 \implies d_1^0 = -\frac{(x, P_0)}{(P_0, P_0)}$$

$$(P_2(x), P_0(x)) = 0 \implies d_2^0$$

$$(P_2(x), P_1(x)) = 0 \implies d_1^2$$

$$\vdots$$

3.3.1 Examples

Laguerre polynomials: $[0, +\infty)$ $r = x^\alpha e^{-x}$ $\alpha > -1 \rightarrow L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$

Hermite polynomials: $(-\infty, +\infty)$ $r = e^{-x^2} \rightarrow H_n(x)$

Jacob polynomials: $[-1, +1]$ $r = (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta$ $\alpha, \beta > -1 \rightarrow P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$

$\alpha = \beta = 0 \rightarrow Legendre's polynomials$

3.3.2 SL problem

In view of SL problem (construct SL \rightarrow eigenfunction orthogonal!)

$$\begin{cases} [\sigma(x)r(x)y']' + \lambda r(x)y = 0 & , x \in [a, b] \\ |y(a)| < +\infty, |y(b)| < +\infty & , if a, b \text{ finite. } (or \int r(x)y^2 dx < +\infty) \end{cases}$$

ODE can be written as:

$$\sigma(x)y'' + \frac{[\sigma(x)r(x)]'}{r(x)}y' + \lambda y = 0.$$

suppose:

$$y = P_0(x) \longrightarrow \lambda_0 P_0(x) = 0. \lambda_0 = 0.$$

$$y = P_1(x) \longrightarrow [\sigma(x)r(x)]' = \tau(x)r(x). \text{ with } \tau(x) = Ax + B.$$

$$y = P_2(x) \longrightarrow \sigma(x) = C_2 x^2 + C_1 x + C_0.$$

in standard form:

$$y'' + \frac{\tau(x)}{\sigma(x)}y' + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma(x)}y = 0.$$

without of generality,

$$\sigma(x) = \begin{cases} (x-a)(b-x), if & a, b \neq \pm\infty & \equiv [-1, 1] \\ x-a, if & b = +\infty & \equiv [0, +\infty) \\ b-x, if & a = -\infty & \equiv (-\infty, 0] \\ 1, if & a = -\infty, b = +\infty & \equiv (-\infty, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

$$r(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma(x)} \exp\left[\int \frac{\tau(x)}{\sigma(x)} dx\right]$$

independent solution:

① If $a = 0, b = +\infty$, then $A = -1, B = 1 + \alpha, r(x) = x^\alpha e^{-x}, \alpha > -1$.

$xy'' + (1 + \alpha - x)y' + \lambda y = 0$. ($x = 0$ is a regular singular point of ODE)

for $y = P_n(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0, a_n \neq 0$:

term of x^n : $a_n(-n + \lambda)x^n = 0$, thus $\lambda = \lambda_n = n, n = 0, 1, \dots$. $P_n(x) = L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$.

In general $\lambda_n = -An - C_2 n(n - 1)$ from term of x^n .

② If $a = -\infty, b = +\infty$. then $A = -2, B = 0, r(x) = e^{-x^2}$

$y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0$. ($x = 0$ is an ordinary point of ODE)

$\lambda_n = 2n, n = 0, 1, \dots$. $P_n(x) = H_n(x)$.

③ If $a = -1, b = 1$. then $A = -(\alpha + \beta + 2), B = \beta - \alpha, \alpha, \beta > -1, r(x) = (1 - x)^\alpha(1 + x)^\beta$.

$(1 - x^2)y'' + (\beta - \alpha - (\alpha + \beta + 2)x)y' + \lambda y = 0$.

$\lambda_n = n(\alpha + \beta + n + 1), n = 0, 1, \dots$. $P_n(x) = P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$.

when $\alpha = \beta = 0 \implies$ Legendre polynomials.

when $\alpha = \beta = -\frac{1}{2} \implies$ Chebyshev's polynomials.

3.3.3 Summary on properties of classical OPs

① Orthogonality, for $n \neq k$,

$$\int_a^b P_n(x)P_k(x)r(x)dx = 0, \int_a^b P'_n(x)P'_k(x)r_1(x)dx = 0$$

$(r_1(x) \equiv r(x) \cdot \sigma(x).)$

② $P_n(x)$ has n zeros inside the interval $[a, b]$, thus all zeros are real numbers.

③ They can be written as:

$$P_n(x) = \frac{c_n}{r(x)} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \{ \sigma^n(x)r(x) \}$$

the normalizations are usually chosen as:

$$c_n^{Jacobi} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n n!}, c_n^{Laguerre} = \frac{1}{n!}, c_n^{Hermite} = (-1)^n. \text{ thus } P_0(x) = 1.$$

Proof:

STEP1.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sigma^n(x)r(x)q_l(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(\sigma r \sigma^{n-1} q_l) = r \sigma^{n-1}(\tau q_l + (n-1)q_l \sigma' + \sigma q'_l) = r \sigma^{n-1} \cdot (l+1) - \text{th polynomials}$$

$$\implies \frac{c_n}{r(x)} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \{ \sigma^n(x)r(x) \} \text{ is a } n\text{-th order polynomials.}$$

STEP2.

$$\text{let } y_n(x) = \frac{1}{r(x)} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \{ \sigma^n(x)r(x) \}$$

$$\text{further, } (y_n(x), y_m(x)) = \int_a^b r(x)y_n y_m dx = \int_a^b y_m d\left(\frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}}(\sigma^n r)\right)$$

$$= y_m \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}}(\sigma^n r) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b y'_m \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}}(\sigma^n r) dx = \dots = 0.$$

④ the norms of OPs:

$$\|P_n(x)\|^2 = \int_a^b P_n^2(x)r(x)dx = (-1)^n n! a_n C_n \int_a^b \sigma^n(x)r(x)dx.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
||P_n(x)||^2 &= \frac{2}{2n+1}; \\
||P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)||^2 &= \frac{2^{\alpha+\beta+1}\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)\Gamma(n+\beta+1)}{n!(2n+\alpha+\beta+1)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta+1)}; \\
||L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)||^2 &= \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{n!}; \\
||H_n(x)||^2 &= 2^n n! \sqrt{\pi}.
\end{aligned}$$

⑤ generating function

$$\Psi(x, z) = \frac{r(t_0)}{r(x)} \frac{1}{1 - z\sigma'(t_0)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_n(x)}{C_n n!} z^n.$$

with t_0 being root of $t - x - z\sigma(t) = 0$.

⑥ m-th order derivative $P_n^{[m]}(x) \equiv \frac{d^m P_n(x)}{dx^m}$ satisfy

$$[\sigma^{m+1}(x)r(x)P_n^{[m]}(x)]' + \lambda_{nm}\sigma^m(x)r(x)P_n^{[m]}(x) = 0.$$

$$(\lambda_{nm} = -(n-m)(A + C_2(n+m-1)).)$$

$$\text{and } \int_a^b \sigma^m(x)r(x)P_n^{[m]}(x)P_k^{[m]}(x)dx = 0, \text{ if } n \neq k$$

3.4 Fourier series

Pre class:

Piecewise Continuous function on $[a, b]$:

$f(a+), f(b-)$ exist;

f is defined and continuous on (a, b) except at a finite number of points in (a, b) where the left and right limits exist.

Periodic function: $f(x) = f(x + T)$

According to the Theorem 4 in 3.2.1:

Let y_1, y_2, \dots be the set of all eigenfunctions for a regular SL problem on $[a, b]$.

If $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ are piecewise continuous on $[a, b]$, then we have $f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j y_j(x)$, with

$$A_j = \frac{(y_j, f)}{(y_j, y_j)} = \left[\int_a^b r(x) y_j^2(x) dx \right]^{-1} \int_a^b r(x) y_j(x) f(x) dx.$$

The series converges to $f(x)$ at points of continuous and to $\frac{f(x^+) + f(x^-)}{2}$ otherwise.

3.4.1 Fourier series

Orthogonal complete set : $\left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p}, \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} \right\}, n = 1, 2, \dots$ for $x \in [-p, p]$, wrt. $r(x) = 1$.

for f, f' piecewise continuous on $[-p, p]$:

$$f = \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} \right)$$

thus, $a_n = \frac{(f, \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p})}{(\cos \frac{n\pi x}{p}, \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p})} = \frac{1}{p} \int_{-p}^p f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} dx$, $b_n = \frac{1}{p} \int_{-p}^p f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} dx$.
 $\{a_n, b_n\}$ are referred to as Fourier coefficients of $f(x)$.

Theorem 1: Fourier series representation

The Fourier series of $f(x)$ converge to $f(x)$ at continuous points,
 $\frac{f(x-) + f(x+)}{2}$ at discontinuous points, $\frac{f(p-) + f(p+)}{2}$ at end points

Fourier series of even or odd functions:

even function on $[-p, p] \Rightarrow b_n = 0$, $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p}$. (cosine series)

odd function on $[-p, p] \Rightarrow a_n = 0$, $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p}$. (sine series)

Fourier series of $f(x)$ defined at $[0, p]$:

using even periodic extension: $f_1(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq p \\ f(-x), & \text{if } -p < x < 0 \end{cases}$

using odd periodic extension: $f_2(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq p \\ -f(-x), & \text{if } -p < x < 0 \end{cases}$

Complex form of Fourier series: $\{e^{i \frac{n\pi x}{p}}\}$, $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} C_n e^{i \frac{n\pi x}{p}}$$

$$\text{with } C_n = \frac{1}{2p} \int_{-p}^p e^{-i \frac{n\pi x}{p}} f(x) dx, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$(C_n = (C_{-n})^* = a_n + ib_n)$$

$$\text{then } f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} 2\text{Re}[C_n e^{i \frac{n\pi x}{p}}]$$

3.4.2 Operations on Fourier series

① linear combinations of Fourier series:

if $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ can be expanded as:

$$u(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p})$$

$$v(x) = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} + d_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p})$$

Thus obviously $g(x) = \lambda_1 u(x) + \lambda_2 v(x)$ can be expanded as:

$$g(x) = \frac{s_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} + t_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p})$$

with

$$s_n = \left(\cos \frac{n\pi x}{p}, g(x)\right) = \lambda_1 a_n + \lambda_2 c_n$$

$$t_n = \left(\sin \frac{n\pi x}{p}, g(x)\right) = \lambda_1 b_n + \lambda_2 d_n$$

② Term-by-Term differentiation:

Suppose that $f(x)$, $f'(x)$, and $f''(x)$ are all piecewise continuous on $[-p, p]$ and in addition $f(x)$ is continuous and $f(p) = f(-p)$, if

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} \right)$$

then

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-na_n \frac{\pi}{p} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} + nb_n \frac{\pi}{p} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} \right)$$

Proof:

$$f'(x) = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(c_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} + d_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} \right)$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{p} \int_{-p}^p \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} f'(x) dx = \frac{1}{p} \left(f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} \Big|_{-p}^p - \int_{-p}^p \left(-\frac{n\pi}{p} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} x f(x) dx \right) = \frac{1}{p} (0 + n\pi b_n) = \frac{n\pi b_n}{p}.$$

③ Term-by-Term integration:

Suppose that $f(x)$, $f'(x)$ be piecewise continuous, thus $f(x)$ can be expanded :

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{p} x + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{p} x \right), \quad -p < x < p$$

For the integral $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$, if $\int_{-p}^p f(t) dt = 0$, then

$$F(x) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{n\pi} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{p} x - \frac{p}{n\pi} b_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{p} x \right), \text{ with } A_0 = \frac{p}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n}.$$

3.4.3 Generalized Fourier series

① Fourier-Legendre series:

Orthogonal complete set : $\{P_n(x)\}, n = 0, 1, \dots$ on $[-1, 1]$ wrt. $r(x) = 1$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n P_n(x), \quad c_n = \frac{(P_n(x), f(x))}{(P_n(x), P_n(x))}$$

② Fourier-Bessel series:

Orthogonal complete set : $\{J_p(\lambda_{pn}x)\}, n = 1, 2, \dots$ on $[0, a]$ wrt. $r(x) = x$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n J_p(\lambda_{pn}x), \quad c_n = \frac{(J_p(\lambda_{pn}x), f(x))}{(J_p(\lambda_{pn}x), J_p(\lambda_{pn}x))}$$

SL problem:

$$[xy']' + \left(\lambda^2 x - \frac{p^2}{x}\right)y = 0 \quad 0 \leq x \leq a$$

BCs: $d_1 y(a) + d_2 y'(a) = 0$ ($d_1^2 + d_2^2 > 0$); $y(0)$ being finite.

Solution:

$$y = J_p(\lambda x).$$

$$d_1 J_p(\lambda a) + d_2 \lambda J'_p(\lambda a) = 0 \implies \lambda = \lambda_{pn}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(\text{note: } \lambda J'_p(\lambda a) = \lambda \frac{1}{2} (J_{p-1}(\lambda a) - J_{p+1}(\lambda a)) = \frac{1}{2a} (\lambda a) \left(\frac{2p J_p(\lambda a)}{\lambda a} - 2 J_{p+1}(\lambda a) \right) = \frac{p}{a} J_p - \lambda J_{p+1})$$

eigenfunctions: $\{J_p(\lambda_{pn} x)\}, n = 1, 2, \dots$

Norm of the eigenfunctions:

$$[xy']' + \left(\lambda^2 x - \frac{p^2}{x}\right)y = 0 \implies (\times 2xy') \quad \frac{d}{dx}[xy']^2 + (\lambda^2 x^2 - p^2) \frac{d}{dx}y^2 = 0.$$

integrating on $[0, a]$, and let $y = J_p(\lambda x)$,

$$2\lambda^2 \int_0^a xy^2 dx = \left\{ [xy']^2 + (\lambda^2 x^2 - p^2)y^2 \right\} \Big|_0^a$$

thus,

$$2\lambda^2 \int_0^a x J_p^2(\lambda x) dx = \lambda^2 a^2 [J'_p(\lambda a)]^2 + (\lambda^2 a^2 - p^2) [J_p(\lambda a)]^2.$$

Case I. $d_1 = 1, d_2 = 0$, or $J_p(\lambda_{pn} a) = 0$.

$$\lambda_{pn} = \frac{\alpha_{pn}}{a}; \text{ eigenfunctions: } J_p(\lambda_{pn} x).$$

$$\|J_p(\lambda_{pn} x)\|^2 = \int_0^a x J_p^2(\lambda_{pn} x) dx = \frac{a^2}{2} J_{p+1}^2(\lambda_{pn} a)$$

Case II. $d_1 = 1, d_2 = h$, or $J_p(\lambda_{pn} a) + h \lambda_{pn} J'_p(\lambda_{pn} a) = 0$.

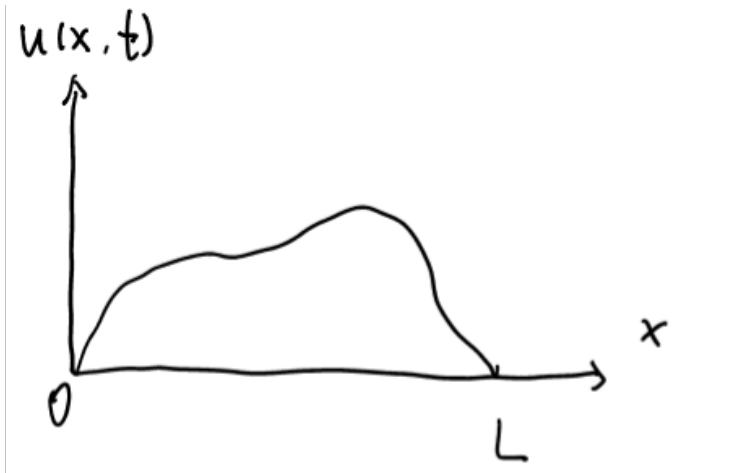
$$\|J_p(\lambda_{pn} x)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(a^2 - \frac{p^2}{\lambda_{pn}^2} + \frac{a^2}{\lambda_{pn}^2 + h^2} \right) J_p^2(\lambda_{pn} a)$$

Case III. $d_1 = 0, d_2 = 1$, or $J'_p(\lambda_{pn} a) = 0$.

$$\|J_p(\lambda_{pn} x)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(a^2 - \frac{p^2}{\lambda_{pn}^2} \right) J_p^2(\lambda_{pn} a) \quad (\text{if } p=0, \lambda = 0 \text{ is also an eigenvalue})$$

3.5 Separation of Variables and origin of the BVP

Example: Vibrating strings and one dimensional wave equation.



- ① two ends fixed at 0 and L;
- ② the motion is transverse only and small, at x-u plane.

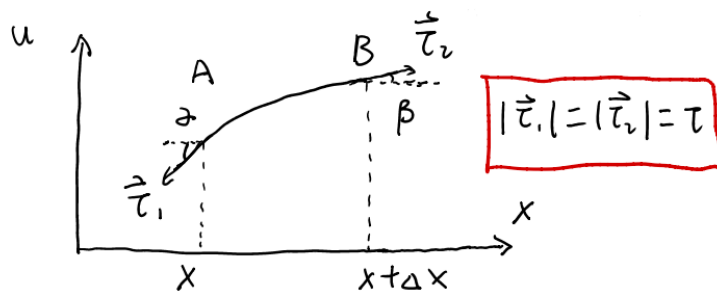


图 9: Force on a small portion of the string

$$F_{\perp} = \tau(\sin\beta - \sin\alpha) = \tau \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x+\Delta x, t} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x, t} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{F_{\perp}}{\rho \Delta x} = \frac{\tau}{\rho} \frac{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x+\Delta x, t} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x, t} \right)}{\Delta x} = \frac{\tau}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}. \quad (\text{in the sense of } \Delta x \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{PDE: } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\tau}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\text{BCs: } u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0.$$

$$\text{ICs: } u(x, t)|_{t=0} = f(x), \quad \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=0} = v(x)$$

The method of separation of variables:

seeking a solution of the form: $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$.

thus, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = XT''$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''T$, plug into wave function (let velocity square $c^2 = \frac{\tau}{\rho}$), get :

$$\frac{T''}{c^2 T} = \frac{X''}{X}, \text{ must equal constant } k \Rightarrow \begin{cases} X'' - kX = 0 \\ T'' - kc^2 T = 0 \end{cases}$$

from the boundary condition,

$$X(0) \cdot T(t) = X(L)T(t) \equiv 0, \text{ for } \forall t$$

if $T(t) \equiv 0$, trivial solution. So must be $X(0) = X(L) = 0$.

Thus we arrive at a regular Sturm-Liouville problem:

$$X'' - kX = 0, X(0) = X(L) = 0$$

from previous we know the eigenvalue and eigenfunctions:

$$k_n = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad X_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

knowing k we can also solve for the time dependent part:

$$T'' + \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 T = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_n = a_n \cos \frac{cn\pi}{L} t + b_n \sin \frac{cn\pi}{L} t$$

the full solution with boundary conditions and eigenvalues k_n ,

$$u_n(x, t) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x (a_n \cos \frac{cn\pi}{L} t + b_n \sin \frac{cn\pi}{L} t), n = 1, 2, \dots \leftarrow \text{normal mode.}$$

since any of u_n is a solution of original PDE, thus

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x (a_n \cos \lambda_n t + b_n \sin \lambda_n t), \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} c$$

can be thought as a general solution of PDE with BC.

$\{a_n, b_n\}$ will be eventually determined by the IC. (Uniquely!)

With ICs:

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x = u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \\ v(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x = \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=0} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \lambda_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} a_n = c_n \\ b_n = \frac{d_n}{\lambda_n} \end{cases}$$

D'Alembert's Method for Dim.1 Wave equation:

$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0, \text{ supposing } u(x, 0) = f(x), u(x, 0)|_t = g(x)$$

We define:

$$f^*(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), 0 < x < L \\ -f(-x), -L < x < 0 \\ f(x + 2mL), \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{odd periodic extension, similar for } g^*(x)$$

Thus solution of the wave equation can be written as:

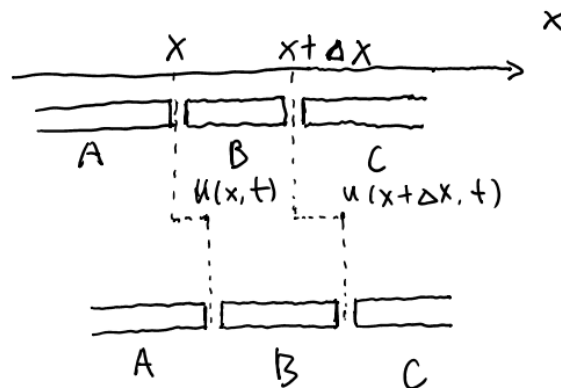
$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f^*(x - ct) + f^*(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g^*(s) ds$$

If we further define $G(x) = \int_a^x g^*(z) dz$, thus

$$\int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g^*(z) dz = G(x + ct) - G(x - ct)$$

$$\text{So we can rewrite } u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} (f^*(x + ct) + \frac{1}{c} G(x + ct)) + \frac{1}{2} (f^*(x - ct) - \frac{1}{c} G(x - ct))$$

Example: Longitudinal vibrations of elastic bars



$$F_x = -\frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} ES + \frac{\partial u(x+\Delta x,t)}{\partial x} ES = ES \left(\frac{\partial u(x+\Delta x,t)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{F_x}{\rho S \Delta x} = \frac{E}{\rho} \frac{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_{x+\Delta x,t} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_{x,t}}{\Delta x} = \frac{E}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (c^2 = \frac{E}{\rho})$$

Applications:

Seismic Waves

① Body waves:

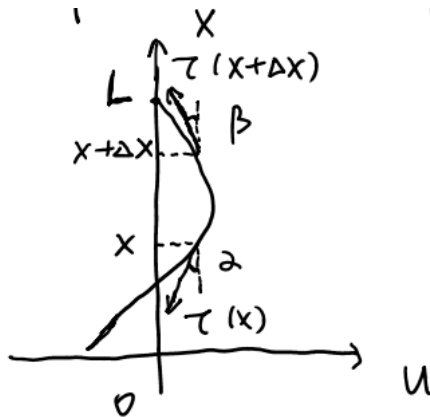
Primary Wave(P-wave) velocity $c_p = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho}}$

Secondary Wave(S-wave) velocity $c_s = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}$

(In rocks, $c_p \approx 5000 \text{ m/s}$, $c_s \approx 3000 \text{ m/s}$)

② Surface waves

Example: The hanging chain



The change of tensions can not be neglected: $\tau(x + \Delta x) - \tau(x) \sim \rho g \Delta x \implies \tau(x) = \rho g x$

Thus $F_{\perp} = \tau(x + \Delta x) \sin \beta - \tau(x) \sin \alpha = \rho \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$

$$\implies \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\tau(x + \Delta x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_{x+\Delta x} - \tau(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_x}{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\tau \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = g \left(x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$u(L, t) = 0, u(x, 0) = f(x), u_t(x, 0) = v(x)$$

Separation of variables:

$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t) \implies XT'' = gT(xX'' + X')$$

$$\frac{1}{g} \frac{T''}{T} = \frac{xX'' + X'}{X} \equiv \lambda$$

① The spatial part:

$$xX'' + X' - \lambda X = 0, \quad 0 < x < L, X(L) = 0 \text{ (singular SL problem)}$$

$$\text{let } s = 2\sqrt{x},$$

$$s^2 \frac{d^2 X}{ds^2} + s \frac{dX}{ds} - \lambda s^2 X = 0, \quad 0 < s < 2\sqrt{L}, X(2\sqrt{L}) = 0 \text{ (parametric Bessel's equation of zero'th order)}$$

$$\text{eigenvalues: } \lambda_n = - \left(\frac{\alpha_n}{2\sqrt{L}} \right)^2 = - \frac{\alpha_n^2}{4L}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{eigenfunctions: } X_n(x) = J_0(\alpha_n \sqrt{\frac{x}{L}})$$

② Time dependent part:

$$T'' = \lambda_n g T \implies T(t) = a_n \cos\left(\frac{\alpha_n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t\right)$$

$$u_n(x, t) = J_0(\alpha_n \sqrt{\frac{x}{L}}) \left(a_n \cos\left(\frac{\alpha_n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t\right) \right)$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_0(\alpha_n \sqrt{\frac{x}{L}}) \left(a_n \cos\left(\frac{\alpha_n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t\right) \right)$$

with $\{a_n, b_n\}$ determined from initial condition

4 Chapter 4. Introduction to Partial Differential Equations

4.1 Partial differential equations

$$\text{PDE: } \Phi \left(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} (i = 1, \dots, n), \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (i, j = 1, \dots, n), \dots \right) = 0$$

order-the highest derivative that appears.

Most of problems in physics lead to second-order PDE:

$$\Phi \left(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) = 0$$

quasi-linear (linear wrt. second-order derivatives):

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x_1, \dots, x_n) u_{x_i x_j} + F \left(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0 \text{ (} a_{ij} \text{ can be symmetric)}$$

linear:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x_1, \dots, x_n) u_{x_i x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) u_{x_i} + b_0(x_1, \dots, x_n) u = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

(homogeneous when $f = 0$)

Classification of 2nd-order linear PDE:

only two independent variables (note always assume $u_{xy} = u_{yx}$):

$$a_{11}(x, y) u_{xx} + 2a_{12}(x, y) u_{xy} + a_{22}(x, y) u_{yy} + F(x, y, u, u_x, u_y) = 0$$

definition:

$$\text{hyperbolic: } a_{12}^2 - a_{11}a_{22} > 0$$

$$\text{parabolic: } a_{12}^2 - a_{11}a_{22} = 0$$

$$\text{elliptic: } a_{12}^2 - a_{11}a_{22} < 0$$

with more independent variables (first turn into a form with all $a_{ij} (i \neq j) = 0$):

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} u_{x_i x_i} + F(x_i, u, u_{x_i}) = 0$$

definition:

parabolic: exists $a_{ii} = 0$

elliptic: all a_{ii} have same sign

hyperbolic: only one a_{ii} has different sign

super-hyperbolic: more than one a_{ii} have different sign

4.2 Some Examples of Equations of Mathematical Physics

A. The wave equation (hyperbolic)

one-dimensional : $u_{tt} - a^2 u_{xx} = f(x, t)$

higher-dimensional : $u_{tt} - a^2 \nabla^2 u = f(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$

Example: acoustic equation

Ideal fluid, \vec{v} , pressure p , density ρ

① The continuous equation:

$$\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \Delta \rho = \Delta x \Delta y (v_z \rho|_z - v_z \rho|_{z+\Delta z}) \Delta t + \dots = -\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \Delta t \frac{\partial(v_z \rho)}{\partial z} + \dots = -\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \Delta t \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v})$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

steady flow field: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$

incompressible fluid: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

② The equation of motion:

$$\rho(\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z) \frac{d}{dt} \hat{v}_x = \Delta y \Delta z (P|_x - P|_{x+\Delta x})$$

$$\implies \rho \frac{d}{dt} \hat{v}_x = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}, \quad \text{or} \quad \rho \frac{d}{dt} \vec{v} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot P$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{v} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{v} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} \quad (x \rightarrow x + v dt \longrightarrow v(x, t) \rightarrow v(x + v dt, t + dt))$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{v} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} \cdot P$$

steady flow field ($\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{v} = 0$) + incompressible fluid $\implies P + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = C$ (Bernoulli's principle)

③ The equation of state:

gas with constant temp. : $\frac{P}{\rho} = \text{Constant}$

gas adiabatic expansion:

$$PV = nRT \quad PdV = -dT \cdot C$$

$$\implies PdV = -C \frac{PdV + VdP}{nR}$$

$$\implies (nR + C)PdV = -CVdP \quad \text{define } \gamma = \frac{nR + C}{C} \text{ (adiabatic index)}$$

$$\implies PV^\gamma = \text{Constant} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{P}{\rho^\gamma} = \text{Constant}$$

Now suppose a small oscillation of air:

$$v = v_1(\vec{r}, t), \quad P(\vec{r}, t) = P_0 + P_1(\vec{r}, t), \quad \rho(\vec{r}, t) = \rho_0 + \rho_1(\vec{r}, t)$$

with $\frac{P_1}{P_0} \ll 1$, $\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} \ll 1$

From equation of state: $\frac{P_1}{P_0} = \beta \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0}$

From equation of motion: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{v} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} \cdot P$ (where $(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v}$ is second-order small)

From equation of continuous: $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \rho_1}{\partial t^2} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \vec{v} + \rho \left(-\frac{1}{\rho} \right) \vec{\nabla} P \right)$$

where $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$ is second-order small

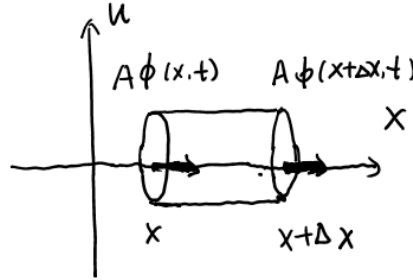
$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 P = \beta \frac{P_0}{\rho_0} \nabla^2 \rho_1 \quad (c^2 = \beta \frac{P_0}{\rho_0} \Rightarrow c = \sqrt{\beta} \sqrt{\frac{P_0}{\rho_0}})$$

Also since $\frac{P_0}{\rho_0} \propto \frac{T}{m}$, thus velocity increase with temp., and decrease with molecular weight.

B. Heat conduction/diffusion equation (parabolic)

one-dimensional case: $u_t - a^2 u_{xx} = f(x, t)$

Example: heat equation of a uniform insulated bar.



$u \rightarrow$ temp.; $\phi \rightarrow$ heat flux; $A \rightarrow$ area; $e \rightarrow$ heat-energy density; $Q \rightarrow$ heat source;

$S(x) \rightarrow$ specific heat (heat energy required to raise one degree/mass);

$\rho(x) \rightarrow$ mass density; $k_0 \rightarrow$ thermal conductivity

Fourier's law of thermal conductivity: $\phi(x, t) = -k_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

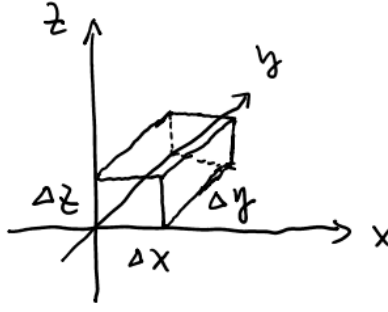
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (eA\Delta x) = A(\phi(x, t) - \phi(x + \Delta x, t)) + Q A \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow S(x)\rho(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + Q$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{k_0}{S\rho} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{S\rho} Q \quad \text{Constant } \frac{k_0}{S\rho} \text{ is called the thermal diffusivity}$$

higher-dimensional case: $u_t - a^2 \nabla^2 u = f(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$

Example: diffusion equation in three dimensions



$u \rightarrow$ number density; $\vec{\phi} \rightarrow$ number flux/diffusion flux

Fick's law: $\vec{\phi} = -D\vec{\nabla}u$

Thus $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(u\Delta x\Delta y\Delta z) = \Delta y\Delta z(\phi_1(x, y, z, t) - \phi_1(x + \Delta x, y, z, t)) + \cdots + \Delta x\Delta y\Delta z \cdot S$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \cdot \nabla^2 u + S, \quad D > 0, S$ be the source

C. Poisson equation (elliptic)

n-dimensional case: $\nabla^2 u = \Delta u = \rho(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

if $\rho = 0, \quad \nabla^2 u = 0 \rightarrow$ Laplace equation

e.g.:

electromagnetism: $\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$

gravitational potential : $\nabla^2 V = -4\pi G\rho$

Supposing in $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = a^2 \nabla^2 u + S(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$ having $S(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = S(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

thus giving long enough time, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$

$\Rightarrow a^2 \nabla^2 u + S(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ turns to poisson/Laplace equation

4.3 Formulation of problems of mathematical physics

A. Initial and boundary conditions

Initial conditionn, E.g.:

in diffusion problem: $u(\vec{x}, t_0) = \phi(\vec{x})$, initial concentration

in heat substance: $u(\vec{x}, t_0) = T(\vec{x})$, initial temperature

in wave equations: $\begin{cases} u(\vec{x}, t_0) = \phi(\vec{x}) & \text{initial position} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(\vec{x}, t_0) = \psi(\vec{x}) & \text{initial velocity} \end{cases}$

Boundary conditions:

Three kinds of boundary conditions:

Dirichlet condition: $u|_{\Sigma} = f_1$

Neumann condition: the normal derivative($\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla}u$) is specified: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}|_{\Sigma} = f_2$

Robin condition: $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + hu\right)\Big|_{\Sigma} = f_3$
 $(f_i = 0 \rightarrow \text{homogeneous BCs})$

Example:

heat conduction:

system in a large reservoir (with perfect thermal conduction): $u(\Sigma, t) = g(t)$

system insulated: $\frac{\partial u(\Sigma, t)}{\partial n} = 0$, no heat flow

in a small reservoir: $\frac{\partial u(\Sigma, t)}{\partial n} = -a[u(\Sigma, t) - g(t)]$

B. Superposition principle

u_1 and u_2 are solutions of a linear homogeneous PDE $\rightarrow u = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2$ is also a solution.

If in addition u_1 and u_2 satisfy a linear homogeneous boundary conditions, then so will $u = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2$.

4.4 Special example for homogeneous PDE with constant coefficients

General: two independent variables:

$$L(D_x, D_y)u = [A_0 D_x^n + A_1 D_x^{n-1} D_y + \dots + A_n D_y^n + B_0 D_x^{n-1} + \dots + M D_x + N D_y + P]u = 0$$

① $L(D_x, D_y)$ being homogeneous in D_x, D_y . (only A_i non-vanishing)

the auxiliary equation: $A_0 \alpha^n + A_1 \alpha^{n-1} + \dots + A_n = 0$

Case I: has distinct n roots, $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \Rightarrow L = \prod_i (D_x - \alpha_i D_y)$

general solution: $u = \phi_1(y + \alpha_1 x) + \dots + \phi_n(y + \alpha_n x)$

(ϕ_i being arbitrary independent functions)

Case II: if exist double root α , then $u = x\phi_1(y + \alpha x) + \phi_2(y + \alpha x) + \dots$

or α being m -times root, $u = x^{m-1}\phi_1(y + \alpha x) + x^{m-2}\phi_2(y + \alpha x) + \dots + \phi_m(y + \alpha x) + \dots$

Proof:

imaging $L(D_x, D_y) = \prod_i (D_x - \alpha_i D_y)$, $Lu = 0$

$$\text{means } \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \alpha_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) \left[\prod_{i>1} (D_x - \alpha_i D_y)u\right] = 0$$

$$\text{let } x' = \alpha_1 x + y, y' = \alpha_1 x - y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \alpha_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 2\alpha_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y'}$$

thus $\prod_{i>1} (D_x - \alpha_i D_y)u = \text{Const wrt. } y' = \phi_1(x') = \phi_1(\alpha_1 x + y)$

further, \dots . For double root, $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} [\prod_{i>2} (D_x - \alpha_i D_y)u] = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{i>2} (D_x - \alpha_i D_y)u = cy' + \text{Const wrt. } y' = x\phi_1(x') + \phi_2(x')$$

② $L(D_x, D_y)$ not homogeneous in D_x, D_y .

e.g.:

$$(D_x - \alpha D_y - \beta)u = 0$$

let $x' = \alpha x + y, y' = \alpha x - y \implies 2\alpha \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} = \beta u$, now thinking x' as Constant. (ODE wrt. y')

$$u = e^{\frac{\beta}{2\alpha} y'} \cdot \phi(x') = e^{\frac{\beta}{2\alpha}(2\alpha x - y')} \phi(x') = e^{\beta x} \psi(\alpha x + y)$$

$$(D_x^2 - D_x D_y - 2D_y^2 + 2D_x + 2D_y)u = 0, \text{ or } (D_x + D_y)(D_x - 2D_y + 2)u = 0,$$

$$u = \phi(x - y) + e^{-2x} \psi(y + 2x)$$

$$(D_x - \alpha D_y - \beta)^2 u = 0, \text{ then}$$

$$u = x e^{\beta x} \phi(y + \alpha x) + e^{\beta x} \psi(y + \alpha x)$$

5 Chapter 5. Partial differential equations in rectangular

any physics problems:

PDEs \oplus boundary conditions \oplus initial conditions

It is always true as in physics:

① the solution exists ② the solution is unique ③ the solution is stable

5.1 Solution of the one dimensional PDEs: separation of variable

A. Homogeneous wave equation

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

with initial condition $u(x, 0) = \varphi(x)$ and $u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x)$, and boundary conditions.

Separation of variable $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$.

$$\implies \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = -\lambda$$

① 1st-kind boundary condition: $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$

$$\implies X(0)T(t) = X(L)T(t) = 0 \implies X(0) = X(L) = 0$$

SL problem: $X''(x) = -\lambda X(x), \quad X(0) = X(L) = 0$

$\lambda = 0, \quad X(x) = ax + b \longrightarrow$ zero solution;

$\lambda < 0, \quad X(x) = a \sinh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) + b \cosh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) \longrightarrow$ zero solution;

$\lambda > 0, \quad X(x) = a \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + b \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \longrightarrow \lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, n = 1, 2, \dots$

Thus, $\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad X_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), n = 1, 2, \dots$

The time dependent part:

$$T''(t) = -\lambda_n c^2 T(t) \implies T(t) = A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right)$$

The full solution with BVC:

$$u_n(x, t) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \left(A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) \right)$$

by superposition rule:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \left(A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) \right) \text{ is solution of PDE+BVC as well.}$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad u_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c}{L} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$\text{Thus if choosing } \begin{cases} A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \varphi(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \\ B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^L \psi(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \end{cases}$$

\implies solution for PDE+BVC+IVC

② 2nd-kind of boundary condition: $u_x(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0$

$$\implies X'(0)T(t) = X'(L)T(t) = 0 \implies X'(0) = X'(L) = 0$$

SL problem: $X''(x) = -\lambda X(x)$, $X'(0) = X'(L) = 0$

$$\lambda = 0, \quad X(x) = ax + b \longrightarrow X(x) = b;$$

$$\lambda < 0, \quad X(x) = a \sinh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) + b \cosh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) \longrightarrow \text{zero solution};$$

$$\lambda > 0, \quad X(x) = a \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + b \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \longrightarrow \lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Thus, } \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad X_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The time dependent part:

$$T''(t) = -\lambda_n c^2 T(t) \implies T(t) = \begin{cases} A_0 + B_0 t, n = 0 \\ A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) \end{cases}$$

The full solution with BVC:

$$u(x, t) = A_0 + B_0 t + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \left(A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}t\right) \right)$$

At initial time:

$$u(x, 0) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \equiv \varphi(x)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = B_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c}{L} B_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \equiv \psi(x)$$

Get A_n, B_n from Fourier expansion of $\varphi(x)$ and $\psi(x)$:

$$A_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \varphi(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, n > 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \varphi(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$B_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^L \psi(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, n > 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \psi(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, n = 0 \end{cases}$$

③ mixed boundary condition: $u(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0$

$$\implies X(0)T(t) = X'(L)T(t) = 0 \implies X(0) = X'(L) = 0$$

SL problem: $X''(x) = -\lambda X(x)$, $X(0) = X'(L) = 0$

$\lambda = 0$, $X(x) = ax + b \longrightarrow$ zero solution ;

$\lambda < 0$, $X(x) = a \sinh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) + b \cosh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) \longrightarrow$ zero solution;

$\lambda > 0$, $X(x) = a \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + b \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \longrightarrow \lambda = \left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi}{L}\right)^2, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Thus, $\lambda_n = \left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi}{L}\right)^2$, $X_n = \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi x}{L}\right), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The time dependent part:

$$T''(t) = -\lambda_n c^2 T(t) \implies T(t) = A_n \cos\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi c}{L} t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi c}{L} t\right)$$

The full solution with BVC:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi x}{L}\right) \left(A_n \cos\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi c}{L} t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi c}{L} t\right) \right)$$

At initial time:

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi x}{L}\right) \equiv \varphi(x)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi c}{L} B_n \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi x}{L}\right) \equiv \psi(x)$$

satisfying IVC if

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

$$B_n = \frac{2}{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi c} \int_0^L \psi(x) \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

B. Homogeneous heat equation

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

with initial condition $u(x, 0) = \varphi(x)$ and boundary conditions.

Separation of variable: $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$

$$\implies \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} = -\lambda$$

① 1st-kind boundary condition: $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$

$$\implies X(0)T(t) = X(L)T(t) = 0 \implies X(0) = X(L) = 0$$

SL problem: $X''(x) = -\lambda X(x)$, $X(0) = X(L) = 0$

solution: $\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$, $X_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), n = 1, 2, \dots$

time dependent part:

$$T'(t) = -\lambda_n c^2 T(t)$$

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

at initial time: $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \equiv \varphi(x)$

Thus choosing $A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \varphi(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$, get solution of BVC+IVC.

② 2nd-kind boundary condition: $u_x(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0$

$$u(x, t) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

$$\text{with } A_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \varphi(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, n > 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \varphi(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, n = 0 \end{cases}$$

③ mixed boundary condition: $u(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi c}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

$$\text{with } A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \varphi(x) \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi x}{L}\right) dx, n=0,1,2,\dots$$

④ mixed 3rd-kind: $u(0, t) = 0, u_x(L, t) + ku(L, t) = 0, k > 0$

$$\implies X(0)T(t) = (X'(L) + kX(L))T(t) = 0 \implies X(0) = X'(L) + kX(L) = 0$$

SL problem: $X''(x) = -\lambda X(x), X(0) = 0, X'(L) + kX(L) = 0$

solution: $\lambda_n = (\mu_n)^2, X_n = \sin \mu_n x, [\mu_n = -ktg(\mu_n L), n = 1, 2, \dots]$

$$\text{thus } u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(\mu_n x) e^{-c^2 \mu_n^2 t}$$

$$\text{choosing } A_n = \frac{\int_0^L \varphi(x) \sin(\mu_n x) dx}{\int_0^L \sin^2(\mu_n x) dx}, \text{ solution for BVC+IVC}$$

C. Nonhomogeneous equations

e.g.:

non-homogeneous wave equation with homogeneous boundary conditions of 1st-kind.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} + f(x, t) \\ u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi(x), u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) \end{cases} \quad t > 0, 0 < x < L$$

Assuming a solution with undetermined coefficients:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \text{ (already satisfying boundary conditions)}$$

Plug into PDE, we arrive at:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T_n''(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = -c^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T_n(t) \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$\text{with } f_n(t) = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x, t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$\text{Thus } T_n(t) \text{ satisfy: } T_n'' + \frac{n^2 \pi^2 c^2}{L^2} T_n = f_n(t), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Similarly from initial conditions: $T_n(0) = \varphi_n, T_n'(0) = \psi_n$

$$\text{with } \varphi_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \varphi(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx, \psi_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \psi(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

Solve $T_n(t)$ ($\omega_n = \frac{n\pi c}{L}$):

$$y_1(t) = \sin \omega_n t, y_2(t) = \cos \omega_n t, W(y_1, y_2) = -\omega_n$$

$$\text{thus } y_p = \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_0^t f_n(\tau) \sin(\omega_n(t - \tau)) d\tau$$

using IVC, we get:

$$T_n(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_0^t f_n(\tau) \sin(\omega_n(t - \tau)) d\tau + \varphi_n \cos \omega_n t + \frac{\psi_n}{\omega_n} \sin \omega_n t$$

D. Wave and heat equations with nonhomogeneous BVC

basic idea: let $u(x, t) = v(x, t) + \omega(x, t)$

with $v(x, t)$ satisfying the BVC. (turns to solve a nonhomogeneous PDE with homogeneous BVC)

E.g.:

wave equation: $t > 0, 0 < x < L$

$$\text{choose } v(x, t) = f_2(t) + (f_2(t) - f_1(t)) \frac{x - L}{L}$$

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \\ u(0, t) = f_1(t), u(L, t) = f_2(t) \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi(x), u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \omega_{tt} = c^2 \omega_{xx} - v_{tt} \\ \omega(0, t) = \omega(L, t) = 0 \\ \omega(x, 0) = \varphi(x) - v(x, 0) \\ \omega_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) - v_t(x, 0) \end{cases}$$

The heat equation: $t > 0, 0 < x < L$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \\ u(0, t) = T_1, u(L, t) = T_2 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x^2} \\ u_2(0, t) = u_2(L, t) = 0 \\ u_2(x, 0) = f(x) - u_1(x) \end{cases}$$

let $u(x, t) = u_1(x) + u_2(x, t)$, with $u_1(x) = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{L}x + T_1$ ($t \rightarrow \infty, u(x, t) \rightarrow u_1(x)$ steady state solution)

5.2 D'Alembert's method

A. Wave equation on infinite intervals (thus no BVC)

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi(x), u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) \end{cases} \quad t > 0, -\infty < x < +\infty$$

$$\text{Solution: } u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[\varphi(x + ct) + \varphi(x - ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(x') dx'$$

Proof: changing of variable

let $y = x + ct, z = x - ct$, thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

So the PDE becomes $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} = 0$.

$$u = \int f(y)dy + g(z) = v(x + ct) + \omega(x - ct)$$

$$\text{apply IVC} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} v(x) + \omega(x) = \varphi(x) \\ v'(x) - \omega'(x) = \frac{\psi(x)}{c} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{solving for } v \text{ and } \omega, \begin{cases} v(x) + \omega(x) = \varphi(x) \\ v(x) - \omega(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\psi(\tau)}{c} d\tau + v(x_0) - \omega(x_0) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{thus } \begin{cases} v(x) = \frac{1}{2}\varphi(x) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\psi(\tau)}{c} d\tau + \frac{1}{2}(v(x_0) - \omega(x_0)) \\ \omega(x) = \frac{1}{2}\varphi(x) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\psi(\tau)}{c} d\tau - \frac{1}{2}(v(x_0) - \omega(x_0)) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{finally we get } u(x, t) = v(x + ct) + \omega(x - ct) = \frac{1}{2}[\varphi(x + ct) + \varphi(x - ct)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \frac{\psi(\tau)}{c} d\tau$$

B. Wave equation on semi-infinite interval

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi(x), u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) \end{cases} \quad t > 0, 0 \leq x < +\infty$$

With BVC: $u(0, t) = 0$.

$$\text{define odd extension of } \varphi(x) \text{ and } \psi(x): f^*(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), x \geq 0 \\ -f(-x), x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[\varphi^*(x + ct) + \varphi^*(x - ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi^*(\tau) d\tau$$

With BVC: $u_x(0, t) = 0$.

$$\text{define even extension of } \varphi(x) \text{ and } \psi(x): f^+(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), x \geq 0 \\ f(-x), x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[\varphi^+(x + ct) + \varphi^+(x - ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi^+(\tau) d\tau$$

C. Wave equation on finite intervals

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \\ u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi(x), u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) \end{cases} \quad t > 0, 0 < x < L$$

$$\text{define the 2L-peiorodic extension } \tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), 0 < x < L \\ -f(-x), -L < x < 0 \\ f(x - 2pL), \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

thus the solution can be written as:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{\varphi}(x + ct) + \tilde{\varphi}(x - ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \tilde{\psi}(\tau) d\tau$$

5.3 Two-dimensional wave and heat equation

Suppose that a thin elastic membrane is stretched over a rectangular frame with dimensions a and b , and the edges are fixed.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), & 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b, t > 0 \\ u(0, y, t) = u(a, y, t) = u(x, 0, t) = u(x, b, t) = 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = \varphi(x, y) \\ u_t(x, y, 0) = \psi(x, y) \end{cases}$$

Assume $u(x, y, t) = X(x)Y(y)T(t)$.

$$\Rightarrow XYT'' = c^2(X''YT + XY''T) \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''}{T}$$

thus we must have:

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\rho, \quad \frac{Y''}{Y} = -r, \quad \frac{T''}{T} = -c^2(\rho + r)$$

from the BVC:

$$X(0)Y(y)T(t) = X(a)Y(y)T(t) = X(x)Y(0)T(t) = X(x)Y(b)T(t) = 0$$

it requires: $X(0) = X(a) = Y(0) = Y(b) = 0$

brings to two SL problems:

$$\begin{cases} \rho_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2, & X_n = \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{a} \right) \\ r_m = \left(\frac{m\pi}{b} \right)^2, & Y_m = \sin \left(\frac{m\pi y}{b} \right) \end{cases} \quad m, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

for time dependent part: $(\lambda_{nm} = c\pi \sqrt{(\frac{n}{a})^2 + (\frac{m}{b})^2})$

$$T_{nm}(t) = A_{nm} \cos \lambda_{nm} t + B_{nm} \sin \lambda_{nm} t$$

full solution:

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} (A_{nm} \cos \lambda_{nm} t + B_{nm} \sin \lambda_{nm} t)$$

The coefficients can be determined from IVC: (two dimensional Fourier series)

$$\begin{cases} A_{nm} = \frac{4}{ab} \int_0^a dx \int_0^b dy \varphi(x, y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} \\ B_{nm} = \frac{4}{c\pi \sqrt{(nb)^2 + (ma)^2}} \int_0^a dx \int_0^b dy \psi(x, y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} \end{cases}$$

Similar for two-dimensional heat equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), & 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b, t > 0 \\ u(0, y, t) = u(a, y, t) = u(x, 0, t) = u(x, b, t) = 0 \\ u(x, y, 0) = \varphi(x, y) \end{cases}$$

full solution:

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_{nm} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} e^{-\lambda_{nm}^2 t}$$

with $\lambda_{nm} = c\pi \sqrt{(\frac{n}{a})^2 + (\frac{m}{b})^2}$

$$A_{nm} = \frac{4}{ab} \int_0^a dx \int_0^b dy \varphi(x, y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} \quad m, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

The physics in Microwave oven:

- ① Generation of microwaves.
- ② pumping into metal box, form of standing waves.
- ③ forced rotation of electric dipoles.
- ④ heat source and redistribution.

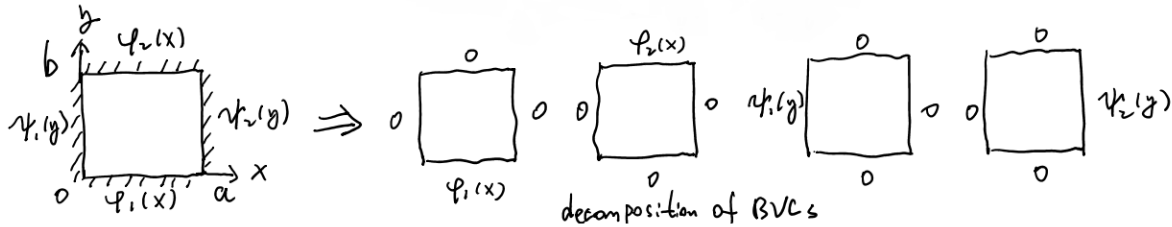
5.4 Laplace's equation in rectangular coordinates

Laplace's equation: $\nabla^2 u = 0$

In one dimension: $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0 \implies u = ax + b$ (trivial)

Two dimensional case:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, & 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi_1(x), u(x, b) = \varphi_2(x) \\ u(0, y) = \psi_1(y), u(a, y) = \psi_2(y) \end{cases} \quad \text{BVCs (no IVC)}$$



$u = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + u_4$, each satisfies PDE with one of above BVCs, taking u_1 as an example.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2} = 0, & 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b \\ u_1(x, 0) = \varphi_1(x), u_1(x, b) = u_1(0, y) = u_1(a, y) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Separation of variables: $u_1(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{-Y''}{Y} = -\lambda, \quad X(0) = X(a) = 0, Y(b) = 0$$

Solving SL problem:

$$u_1(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x \left(A_n \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} (b - y) + 0 \right)$$

$$\text{with } A_n \text{ determined by } u_1(x, 0) = \varphi_1(x) \implies A_n = \frac{2}{a \sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a}} \int_0^a \varphi_1(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx$$

Similarly can find u_2, u_3, u_4 , finally:

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} (b - y) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} y + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sinh \frac{n\pi}{b} (a - x) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \sinh \frac{n\pi x}{b} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{with } B_n &= \frac{2}{a \sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a}} \int_0^a \varphi_2(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx; \\ C_n &= \frac{2}{b \sinh \frac{n\pi a}{b}} \int_0^b \psi_1(y) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} dy; \\ D_n &= \frac{2}{b \sinh \frac{n\pi a}{b}} \int_0^b \psi_2(y) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} dy, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

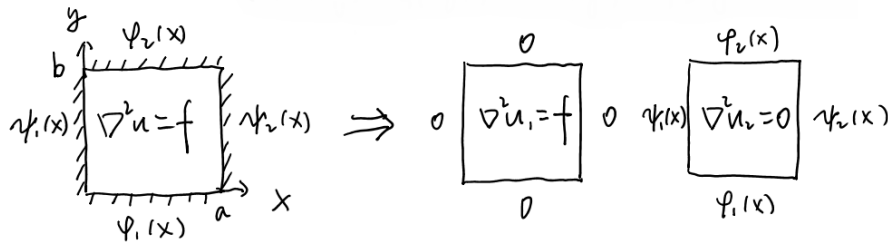
5.5 Poisson equation: method of eigenfunction expansions

Poisson's equation $\nabla^2 u = f$

in two dimensions:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y), & 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi_1(x), u(x, b) = \varphi_2(x) \\ u(0, y) = \psi_1(y), u(a, y) = \psi_2(y) \end{cases}$$

$$u = u_1 + u_2$$



that requires solving for 0 BVCs:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y), & 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b \\ u(0, y) = u(a, y) = u(x, 0) = u(x, b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

try naive separation of variables: $u = X(x)Y(y)$, fails.

From before we know $\phi_{nm} = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b}$, $n, m = 1, 2, \dots$

satisfying 0 BVCs, and $\nabla^2 \phi_{nm} = -\pi^2 \left(\frac{n^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2} \right) \phi_{nm}$

[$\nabla^2 \phi = -\lambda \phi$, Helmholtz equation, one can imagine ϕ_{nm} as eigenfunctions in case of 0 BVCs]

the eigenfunctions are complete on $0 \leq x \leq a$ and $0 \leq y \leq b$,

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_{nm} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} \quad (\text{double Fourier series}).$$

$$\left[\text{or think } f(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{nm} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \right]$$

$$\text{with } C_{nm} = \frac{4}{ab} \int_0^a dx \int_0^b dy f(x, y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b}.$$

$$\text{Thus assuming } u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} E_{nm} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b}, \text{ with } E_{nm} = \frac{-C_{nm}}{\left(\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{m\pi}{b} \right)^2 \right)}$$

then $\nabla^2 u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_{nm} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} = f(x, y)$, and $u = 0$ at boundaries.

One can use similar trick but only using one-dimensional expansion.

assuming $u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n(y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}$

plug into PDE $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{n^2\pi^2}{a^2} g_n(y) \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n''(y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}$

$\Rightarrow g_n''(y) - \frac{n^2\pi^2}{a^2} g_n(y) = f_n(y), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$

similarly get BVCs: $g_n(0) = g_n(b) = 0$.

solving the non-homogeneous ODE, recall:

$h_1 = \sinh \left(\frac{n\pi}{a}(b-y) \right), \quad h_2 = \sinh \left(\frac{n\pi}{a}y \right), \quad W(h_1, h_2) = \frac{n\pi}{b} \sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a}$

thus particular solution: $g_{n,p} = h_1 \int_{-}^y \frac{-h_2 f_n}{W} ds - h_2 \int_y^{-} \frac{h_1 f_n}{W} ds$

one can adjust the integration region to satisfy BVC, e.g.:

$g_n = h_1 \int_0^y \frac{-h_2 f_n}{W} ds - h_2 \int_y^b \frac{h_1 f_n}{W} ds, \quad g_n(0) = g_n(b) = 0$

finally the full solution to original problem $u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n(y) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}$

Example: $\nabla^2 u = 1$ in a $|x|$ rectangle with 0 BVCs.

in terms of double Fourier series:

$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} B_{nm} \sin(n\pi x) \sin(m\pi y), \quad B_{nm} = -\frac{4}{\pi^2(n^2 + m^2)} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \sin(n\pi x) \sin(m\pi y)$

thus $B_{nm} = -\frac{16}{\pi^4 mn(m^2 + n^2)}$, both m and n odd; 0, otherwise.

in terms of single Fourier series:

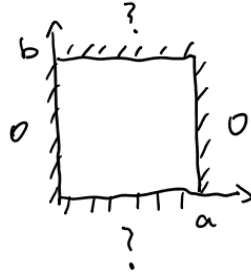
$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n(y) \sin(n\pi x), \quad f_n(y) = 2 \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi)$

$g_n(y) = \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2 \sinh n\pi} \left(-\sinh n\pi(1-y) \int_0^y \sinh n\pi s ds - \sinh n\pi y \int_y^1 \sinh n\pi(1-s) ds \right)$
 $= \frac{4}{n^3\pi^3} \frac{\sinh(n\pi(1-y)) + \sinh(n\pi y) - \sinh n\pi}{\sinh n\pi}$

5.6 Neumann and Robin conditions

Considering Laplace's equation with more general BVCs, e.g.:

two dimensions: $\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad u(0, y) = u(a, y) = 0, \dots$



- ① Dirichlet condition: $u(x, 0) = \psi_1(x), u(x, b) = \psi_2(x)$;
 - ② Neumann condition: $u_y(x, 0) = g_1(x), u_y(x, b) = g_2(x)$;
 - ③ Robin condition: $u_y(x, 0) + \alpha u(x, 0) = f_1(x), \dots$
- can also be different on two ends.(mixed)

again using separation of variables, $u = X(x)Y(y)$,
 $u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \left(A_n \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{a} + B_n \cosh \frac{n\pi y}{a} \right)$, satisfying PDE and BVCs on vertical lines,
 only need to determine A_n, B_n using BVCs on horizontal lines.

E.g.: Robin $u_y(x, b) = f(x), u_y(x, 0) + 2u(x, 0) = 0$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{n\pi}{a} \left(A_n \cosh \frac{n\pi b}{a} + B_n \sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a} \right) = f_n(x) \\ \frac{n\pi}{a} A_n + 2B_n = 0 \end{cases} \implies A_n, B_n$$

5.7 The maximum principle

A. Maximum principle for the heat equation:

Considering heat equation with nonconstant BVC:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\ u(0, t) = g_1(t), u(L, t) = g_2(t), & t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi(x), & 0 < x < L \end{cases}$$

Suppose $g_{1,2}(x)$ and $\varphi(x)$ are all bounded, namely exist m and M , $m \leq \varphi(x) \leq M$, $m \leq g_{1,2}(x) \leq M$

then the solution satisfies: $m \leq u(x, t) \leq M$, for $0 \leq x \leq L, t \geq 0$

(show the local min or max must be on the boundaries $x = 0, L$ or $t = 0$)

① \implies uniqueness of the solution:

Supposing both $u_1(x, t)$ and $u_2(x, t)$ are solutions, then $u = u_1(x, t) - u_2(x, t)$ is a solution for heat equation with zero BVC and zero IVC. $\implies 0 \leq u(x, t) \leq 0 \implies u_1 = u_2$

② \implies comparable principle:

Supposing $u_1(x, t)$ and $u_2(x, t)$ are two solutions with BVC and IVC, $\{g_1, g_2, \varphi\}$ and $\{g_1^*, g_2^*, \varphi^*\}$

If $g_1 \geq g_1^*, g_2 \geq g_2^*, \varphi \geq \varphi^*$, then $u_1(x, t) \geq u_2(x, t)$.

B. Maximum principle for Laplace's equation:

Considering Laplace's equation with BVCs:

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, & 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi_1(x), u(x, b) = \varphi_2(x), & 0 < x < a \\ u(0, y) = \psi_1(y), u(a, y) = \psi_2(y), & 0 < y < b \end{cases}$$

Suppose $\varphi_{1,2}(x)$ and $\psi_{1,2}(x)$ are bounded, namely existing m and M , $m \leq \varphi_{1,2}(x) \leq M$, $m \leq \psi_{1,2}(x) \leq M$ then the solution satisfying

$$m \leq u(x, y) \leq M \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq b$$

Proof:

let $u(x, y)$ be a solution for Laplace's equation,

$$\text{construct } v(x, y) = u(x, y) + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{4n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{thus } \nabla^2 v = \nabla^2 u + \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n} > 0$$

suppose $v(x, y)$ reach a maximum for $0 < x_0 < a, 0 < y_0 < b$,

$$\text{that requires } \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} = 0, \quad \left. \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} \leq 0, \left. \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{Conflicition!}$$

In the closed region $v(x, y)$ must have a maximum,

$$\text{from above it can only be on the boundary} \Rightarrow v(x, y) \leq M + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{4n}$$

$$\text{and } u \leq v \leq M + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{4n}, \quad n \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow u \leq M$$

5.8 Schrödinger's equation

One dimensional quantum system:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(x, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi(x, t) + V(x, t) \psi(x, t)$$

If $V(x, t) = V(x)$, let $\psi(x, t) = T(t) \cdot \phi(x)$, thus

$$i\hbar \frac{T'}{T} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \cdot \frac{\phi''}{\phi} + V(x) = E$$

$$\text{E.g.: infinite well potential: } V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 < x < L \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \cdot \frac{\phi''}{\phi} = E, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad BVC : \phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0$$

solving for the eigenvalues:

$$E_n = \frac{n^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\pi \hbar}{L} \right)^2, \quad \phi_n = \sin \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x \right), n = 1, 2, \dots$$

time dependence:

$$i\hbar \frac{T'}{T} = E_n \rightarrow T_n = \exp \left(-\frac{iE_n t}{\hbar} \right)$$

6 Chapter 6. Partial differential equations in Polar and Cylindrical Coordinates

6.1 General product solutions of Laplace's and Helmholtz's equations

6.1.1 Laplace's equation, $u(r, \theta, z)$

$$\Delta u = \nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\text{let } u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)Z(z), \quad \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} + \frac{Z''}{Z} = 0$$

$$\text{must have } \frac{Z''}{Z} = \mu, \quad \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -m^2, \quad R'' + \frac{1}{r} R' + \left(-\frac{m^2}{r^2} + \mu\right)R = 0$$

angular component:

natural/periodic condition: $\Theta(0) = \Theta(2\pi)$, $\Theta'(0) = \Theta'(2\pi)$ (since $(\Theta(0)) \equiv (\Theta(2\pi))$ in physics)

that fixes the eigenvalue to be $m^2 \geq 0$, $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

solutions: $\Theta_m(\theta) = A \cos m\theta + B \sin m\theta$

$$\text{for } Z \text{ component, general solution } Z(z) = \begin{cases} C + Dz, & \mu = 0 \\ Ce^{-\sqrt{\mu}z} + De^{\sqrt{\mu}z}, & \mu > 0 \\ C \cos \sqrt{-\mu}z + D \sin \sqrt{-\mu}z, & \mu < 0 \end{cases}$$

the actual value of μ may be fixed later by BVCs associated with z .

$$\text{now the radial part: } r^2 R'' + r R' + (\mu r^2 - m^2)R = 0 \begin{cases} \mu = 0, \text{ Euler's equation} \\ \mu \neq 0, \text{ Bessel's equations} \end{cases}$$

$$R(r) = \begin{cases} E + F \ln r, & \mu = 0, m = 0 \\ Er^m + Fr^{-m}, & \mu = 0, m > 0 \\ EJ_m(\sqrt{\mu}r) + FY_m(\sqrt{\mu}r), & \mu > 0, m \geq 0 \\ EI_m(\sqrt{-\mu}r) + FK_m(\sqrt{-\mu}r), & \mu < 0, m \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

6.1.2 Helmholtz's equation

$$\Delta u + ku = 0, \quad (\text{think } k \text{ as eigenvalues})$$

In a similar manner,

$$\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -m^2, \quad \frac{Z''}{Z} = \mu, \quad R'' + \frac{1}{r} R' + \left[\frac{-m^2}{r^2} + (k + \mu)\right]R = 0$$

let $\nu = k + \mu$, thus the general product solution is similar as for Laplace's equation, with radial part:

$$R(r) = \begin{cases} E + F \ln r, & \nu = 0, m = 0 \\ Er^m + Fr^{-m}, & \nu = 0, m > 0 \\ EJ_m(\sqrt{\nu}r) + FY_m(\sqrt{\nu}r), & \nu > 0, m \geq 0 \\ EI_m(\sqrt{-\nu}r) + FK_m(\sqrt{-\nu}r), & \nu < 0, m \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

6.2 Laplace's equation in Circular regions

Removing z from last section, ($\mu = 0$)

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi$$

thus the general solution becomes,

$$u(r, \theta) = a_0 + c_0 \ln r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n [a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^{-n} [c_n \cos n\theta + d_n \sin n\theta]$$

The coefficients a_n, b_n, c_n, d_n are determined by BVCs.

If considering the steady-state temperature distribution in a circular plate of radius a , with temperature at boundary: $u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$. ($0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$)

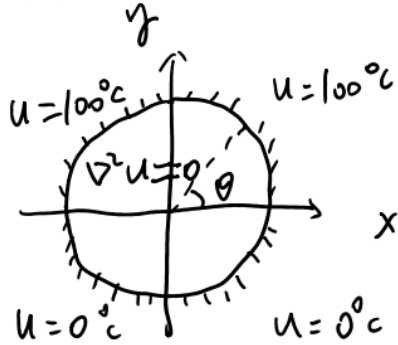
We further require the physical solution to be finite at $r = 0$, thus

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^n [a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta]$$

To satisfy the BVCs, simply take:

$$\begin{cases} a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \cos n\theta d\theta \\ b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \sin n\theta d\theta \end{cases}$$

Example: A Dirichlet problem on the disk with unit radius.



$$\nabla^2 u(r, \theta) = 0, \quad \text{with BVCs} \quad u(1, \theta) = \begin{cases} 100, & \text{if } 0 < \theta < \pi \\ 0, & \text{if } \pi < \theta < 2\pi \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 100 \cos n\theta d\theta = \begin{cases} 100, & n = 0 \\ 0, & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 100 \sin n\theta d\theta = \frac{100}{n\pi} (1 - \cos n\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(r, \theta) = 50 + \frac{100}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (1 - \cos n\pi) r^n \sin n\theta$$

a useful formula: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n \frac{\sin n\theta}{n} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{r \sin \theta}{1 - r \cos \theta} \right)$ valid for $0 < r < 1$, and all θ .

Proof:

Taylor expansion of the right:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dRHS}{dr} &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{(1 - r \cos \theta)^2}} \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{1 - r \cos \theta} + \frac{r \sin \theta \cos \theta}{(1 - r \cos \theta)^2} \right) = \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + r^2 - 2r \cos \theta} \\ \frac{1}{1 + r^2 - 2r \cos \theta} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2r \cos \theta - r^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n (-1)^m r^{n+m} (2 \cos \theta)^{n-m} \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n \sum_{m=0}^M (-1)^m (2 \cos \theta)^{n-2m} \frac{(n-m)!}{(n-2m)!m!}, \quad M = \frac{n}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{n-1}{2} \\ \text{thus } \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + r^2 - 2r \cos \theta} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n \sin(n+1)\theta. \end{aligned}$$

now apply on the example:

$$\begin{aligned} u(r, \theta) &= 50 + \frac{100}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (1 - \cos n\pi) r^n \sin n\theta \\ &= 50 + \frac{100}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} r^n \sin n\theta - \frac{1}{n} r^n \sin n(\theta - \pi) \right) \\ &= 50 + \frac{100}{\pi} \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{r \sin \theta}{1 - r \cos \theta} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{r \sin \theta}{1 + r \cos \theta} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Isotherms, $u(r, \theta) \equiv T$,

$$\frac{\pi}{100} (T - 50) = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{1 - y} + \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{1 + y}, \quad \text{take } \tan \text{ on both side.}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 1 - 2y \tan \left(\frac{\pi T}{100} \right) = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 + [y - \tan \left(\frac{\pi T}{100} \right)]^2 = 1 + \tan^2 \left(\frac{\pi T}{100} \right)$$

If restrict to a planar region of wedge:

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0, \quad 0 < \theta < \alpha$$

supplying with BVCs, $u(r, 0) = u(r, \alpha) = 0$.

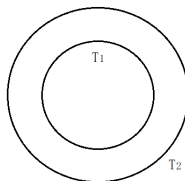
Thus the periodic conditions should be replaced, $\Theta(0) = \Theta(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \Theta_n(\theta) = \sin \frac{n\pi\theta}{\alpha}$, integer $n \geq 1$.

and the radial part: $R_n(r) = a_n r^{\frac{n\pi}{\alpha}}$,

general solution $u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n r^{\frac{n\pi}{\alpha}} \sin \frac{n\pi\theta}{\alpha}$.

a_n can be determined. (e.g. using BVCs on circular $r = a$).

e.g.



$$r_1 \leq r \leq r_2; \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi.$$

$$u(r, \theta) = v(r) = C_1 + C_2 \ln r = a \left(\frac{\ln r - \ln r_1}{\ln r_2 - \ln r_1} \right) + b \left(\frac{\ln r - \ln r_2}{\ln r_1 - \ln r_2} \right) \implies b = T_1, \quad a = T_2$$

6.3 Helmholtz's equation and Poisson's equations in circular regions

6.3.1 Helmholtz's equation (think k as eigenvalues to be determined)

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -k\phi(r, \theta), \quad 0 < r < a, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi$$

with boundary condition $\phi(a, \theta) = 0, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi$

The angular part $\Theta_m(\theta) = A \cos m\theta + B \sin m\theta, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The radial part satisfying: $r^2 R'' + rR' + (kr^2 - m^2)R = 0$

BVCs: $R(0)$ finite, $R(a) = 0$. [non-trivial solution requires $k > 0$]

$$\implies k = \lambda_{mn}^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}}{a} \right)^2, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad R_n(r) = J_m(\lambda_{mn}r)$$

thus the eigenvalues: $k = \lambda_{mn}^2 = \left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}}{a} \right)^2, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots, \infty, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$

corresponding eigenfunctions: $J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) \cos m\theta$ and $J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) \sin m\theta$

Any function $f(r, \theta), \quad 0 < r < a, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi$ can be expanded using the eigenfunctions.

$$f(r, \theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) (a_{mn} \cos m\theta + b_{mn} \sin m\theta)$$

a_{mn} and b_{mn} can be calculated by taking integrals timed by individual eigenfunctions.

$$(f, g) \equiv \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta f(r, \theta) g(r, \theta)$$

$$\| \cos m\theta J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) \|^2 = \frac{1}{2} a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn}) \pi \quad (m > 0)$$

[think as Fourier-Bessel+Fourier expansions]

Example: The method of eigenfunction expansions.

solve $\nabla^2 u = u + 3r^2 \cos 2\theta$ in the unit disk, given $u = 0$ on the boundary ($r = 1$).

solution: assuming $u = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\alpha_{mn}r) (A_{mn} \cos m\theta + B_{mn} \sin m\theta)$

$$\implies \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\alpha_{mn}r) (-\alpha_{mn}^2 - 1) (A_{mn} \cos m\theta + B_{mn} \sin m\theta) = 3r^2 \cos 2\theta$$

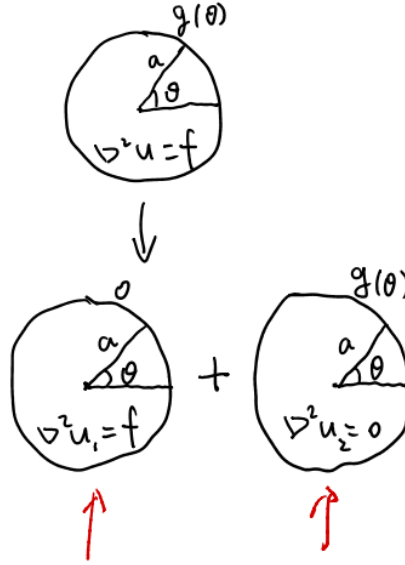
easy to show only $A_{2n} \neq 0$, and

$$A_{2n} = \frac{3 \int_0^1 r \cdot r^2 J_2(\alpha_{2n}r) dr}{(-\alpha_{2n}^2 - 1) \frac{1}{2} J_3^2(\alpha_{2n})} = \frac{-6}{(1 + \alpha_{2n}^2)} \frac{1}{\alpha_{2n} J_3(\alpha_{2n})}$$

6.3.2 Poisson's equation

Considering the Poisson problem in a disk:

$$\nabla^2 u = f(r, \theta), \quad 0 < r < a, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi, \quad u(a, \theta) = g(\theta)$$



solution: $u = u_1 + u_2$ with u_2 from Laplace case, u_1 can be solved based on eigenfunction expansion.

for u_1 :

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) (A_{mn} \cos m\theta + B_{mn} \sin m\theta)$$

$$f(r, \theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) (C_{mn} \cos m\theta + D_{mn} \sin m\theta)$$

substituting into the PDE:

$$\nabla^2 u = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}}{a}\right)^2 J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) (A_{mn} \cos m\theta + B_{mn} \sin m\theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) (C_{mn} \cos m\theta + D_{mn} \sin m\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{mn} = \frac{C_{mn}}{-\left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}}{a}\right)^2}, \quad B_{mn} = \frac{D_{mn}}{-\left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}}{a}\right)^2}$$

6.4 The wave equations in polar coordinates

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

in region $0 < r < a, 0 < \theta < 2\pi, t > 0$

$$\text{BVCs: } u(a, \theta, t) = 0; \quad \text{IVCs: } \begin{cases} u(r, \theta, 0) = f(r, \theta) \\ \left. \frac{\partial u(r, \theta, t)}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = g(r, \theta) \end{cases}$$

using separation of variables, $u = \Theta(\theta)R(r)T(t)$,

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''}{T} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} + \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'}{R}, \text{ thus}$$

$$\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = k_1, \quad \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''}{T} = -k_2, \quad R'' + \frac{R'}{r} + \left(\frac{k_1}{r^2} + k_2\right)R = 0$$

angular part: $\Theta_m(\theta) = a \cos m\theta + b \sin m\theta, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$ (periodic conditions)

radial part, $R(a) = 0$, $R(0)$ finite.

$$k_2 = \lambda_{mn}^2 = \left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}}{a}\right)^2, \quad R(r) = J_m(\lambda_{mn}r), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

time-dependent part:

$$T(t) = A \cos \lambda_{mn} ct + B \sin \lambda_{mn} ct$$

thus the full solution:

$$u_{mn}(r, \theta, t) = J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) [(a_{mn} \cos m\theta + b_{mn} \sin m\theta) \cos \lambda_{mn} ct + (c_{mn} \cos m\theta + d_{mn} \sin m\theta) \sin \lambda_{mn} ct], \quad m \geq 0, n \geq 1$$

general solution can be expressed as:

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_{mn}(r, \theta, t)$$

plug in the IVCs, can determine $a_{mn}, b_{mn}, c_{mn}, d_{mn}$.

thus,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{mn} &= \frac{2\delta_m}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta f(r, \theta) \cos m\theta J_m(\lambda_{mn}r); \\ b_{mn} &= \frac{2\delta_m}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta f(r, \theta) \sin m\theta J_m(\lambda_{mn}r); \\ c_{mn} &= \frac{2\delta_m}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta g(r, \theta) \cos m\theta \frac{J_m(\lambda_{mn}r)}{\lambda_{mn}c}; \\ d_{mn} &= \frac{2\delta_m}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta g(r, \theta) \sin m\theta \frac{J_m(\lambda_{mn}r)}{\lambda_{mn}c}; \end{aligned}$$

with $\delta_m = \begin{cases} 1, & m > 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & m = 0 \end{cases}$ to account for definition of 0-th coefficients.

In radially symmetric case ($f = f(r), g = g(r)$) only a_{0n}, c_{0n} exist, and dependence on θ drops out.

Example:

① $f(r, \theta) = 0, g(r, \theta) = v_0$ (zero displacement and constant velocity)

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_0(\lambda_{0n}r) (a_n \cos \lambda_{0n} ct + b_n \sin \lambda_{0n} ct)$$

$$\text{further } a_n = 0, \quad b_n = \frac{2}{a^2 J_1^2(\lambda_{0n})} \int_0^a r v_0 \frac{J_0(\lambda_{0n}r)}{\lambda_{0n}c} dr$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{2v_0 a}{a^2 J_1^2(\lambda_{0n}) c \lambda_{0n}^2} = \frac{2av_0}{\alpha_{0n}^2 c J_1^2(\lambda_{0n})}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

② $f(r, \theta) = (1 - r^2), g(r, \theta) = 0, a = 1$

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_0(\alpha_{0n}r) a_n \cos \alpha_{0n} ct$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{2}{J_1^2(\alpha_{0n})} \int_0^1 r(1 - r^2) J_0(\alpha_{0n}r) dr = \frac{2}{J_1^2(\alpha_{0n})} \frac{2J_2(\alpha_{0n})}{\alpha_{0n}^2} = \frac{8}{\alpha_{0n}^3 J_1(\alpha_{0n})}$$

$$[\text{using } \frac{2\nu Z_\nu(x)}{x} = Z_{\nu+1}(x) + Z_{\nu-1}(x)]$$

③ considering a more general initial conditions:

$$f(r, \theta) = (1 - r^2)r \sin \theta, g(r, \theta) = (1 - r^2)r^2 \sin 2\theta, a = 1$$

One can easily verify: $a_{mn} = 0, b_{1n} \neq 0, c_{mn} = 0, d_{2n} \neq 0$

and

$$\begin{aligned} b_{1n} &= \frac{2}{\pi J_2^2(\alpha_{1n})} \int_0^1 r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta (1 - r^2) r J_1(\alpha_{1n} r) \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \frac{2}{J_2^2(\alpha_{1n})} \int_0^1 r^2 (1 - r^2) J_1(\alpha_{1n} r) dr = \frac{4 J_3(\alpha_{1n})}{\alpha_{1n}^2 J_2^2(\alpha_{1n})} = \frac{16}{\alpha_{1n}^3 J_2(\alpha_{1n})} \\ d_{2n} &= \frac{2}{\pi J_3^2(\alpha_{2n})} \int_0^1 r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta (1 - r^2) r^2 \frac{J_2(\alpha_{2n} r) \sin^2 2\theta}{c \alpha_{2n}} \\ &= \frac{2}{J_3^2(\alpha_{2n})} \int_0^1 r^3 (1 - r^2) J_2(\alpha_{2n} r) dr \frac{1}{c \alpha_{2n}} = \frac{4 J_4(\alpha_{2n})}{c \alpha_{2n}^3 J_3^2(\alpha_{2n})} = \frac{24}{c \alpha_{2n}^4 J_3(\alpha_{2n})} \end{aligned}$$

6.5 The heat equation in polar coordinates

two dimensional heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \nabla^2 u = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} \right)$$

with $0 < r < a, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi, \quad t > 0.$

BVCs: $u(a, \theta, t) = 0;$ IVCs: $u(r, \theta, 0) = g(r, \theta)$

product solution: $u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)T(t),$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T'}{T} = \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta}$$

with separation of variable:

$$\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -k_1, \quad \frac{T'}{T} = -c^2 k_2, \quad R'' + \frac{1}{r} R' + (k_2 - \frac{k_1}{r^2}) R = 0$$

periodic conditions on Θ leads to:

$$k_1 = m^2, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \quad \Theta_m(\theta) = e \cos m\theta + b \sin m\theta$$

for the radial part with $R(0)$ finite, $R(a) = 0$ (from BVCs)

$$k_2 = 0 \implies f + d \ln r, \quad \text{or } f r^m + d r^{-m}. \quad \text{no non-zero solution.}$$

$$k_2 < 0 \implies f I_m(\sqrt{-k_2} r) + d K_m(\sqrt{-k_2} r). \quad \text{no non-zero solution.}$$

$$k_2 > 0 \implies f J_m(\sqrt{k_2} r) + d Y_m(\sqrt{k_2} r), \quad \text{thus } \sqrt{k_2} = \lambda_{mn} \equiv \frac{\alpha_{mn}}{a}, n = 1, 2, \dots; R(r) = J_m(\lambda_{mn} r)$$

time dependence:

$$\frac{T'}{T} = -c^2 k_2 \implies T(t) = e^{-c^2 \lambda_{mn}^2 t} \quad (\text{overall constant can all be absorbed into definition of } e \text{ and } b \text{ in } \Theta)$$

putting all possible product solution together:

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\lambda_{mn} r) (a_{mn} \cos m\theta + b_{mn} \sin m\theta) e^{-\lambda_{mn}^2 c^2 t}$$

if choosing :

$$a_{mn} = \frac{2\delta_m}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta J_m(\lambda_{mn} r) \cos m\theta g(r, \theta)$$

$$b_{mn} = \frac{2\delta_m}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta J_m(\lambda_{mn} r) \sin m\theta g(r, \theta)$$

with $\delta_m = \begin{cases} 1, & m > 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & m = 0 \end{cases}$ then:

$u(r, \theta, 0) = g(r, \theta)$, satisfying IVCs.

6.6 Laplace's equation in a cylinder

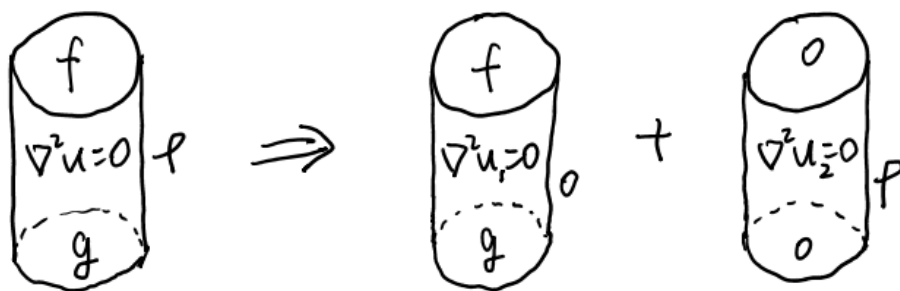
Three dimensional Laplace's equation:

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0, \quad 0 < r < a, 0 < \theta < 2\pi, 0 < z < h$$

With the general Dirichlet BVCs,

$$u(a, \theta, z) = \rho(\theta, z), u(r, \theta, 0) = g(r, \theta), u(r, \theta, h) = f(r, \theta)$$

using superposition principle:



problem 1:

separation of variable , $u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)Z(z)$

$$\frac{\nabla^2 u}{u} = \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} + \frac{Z''}{Z} = 0$$

thus,

$$\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -k_1, \quad \frac{Z''}{Z} = k_2, \quad R'' + \frac{1}{r} R' + (k_2 - \frac{k_1}{r^2}) R = 0$$

periodic conditions on Θ leads to:

$$k_1 = m^2, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \quad \Theta_m(\theta) = A \cos m\theta + B \sin m\theta$$

for the radial part with $R(0)$ finite, $R(a) = 0$ (from BVCs)

$$k_2 = \lambda_{mn}^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}}{a}\right)^2, n = 1, 2, \dots; R(r) = J_m(\lambda_{mn} r)$$

$$\text{and finally } Z(z) = C \cosh \lambda_{mn} z + D \sinh \lambda_{mn} z$$

adding all product solutions together:

$$u(r, \theta, z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) [A_{mn} \cosh \lambda_{mn}z + B_{mn} \sinh \lambda_{mn}z] \cos m\theta + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) [C_{mn} \cosh \lambda_{mn}z + D_{mn} \sinh \lambda_{mn}z] \sin m\theta$$

with coefficients determined by:

$$A_{mn} = \frac{2\delta_m}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta g(r, \theta) J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) \cos m\theta$$

$$C_{mn} = \frac{2\delta_m}{\pi a^2 J_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{mn})} \int_0^a r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta g(r, \theta) J_m(\lambda_{mn}r) \sin m\theta$$

problem2:

separation of variable , $u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)Z(z)$

$$\frac{\nabla^2 u}{u} = \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} + \frac{Z''}{Z} = 0$$

thus,

$$\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -k_1, \quad \frac{Z''}{Z} = k_2, \quad R'' + \frac{1}{r} R' + (k_2 - \frac{k_1}{r^2}) R = 0$$

periodic conditions on Θ leads to:

$$k_1 = m^2, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \quad \Theta_m(\theta) = A \cos m\theta + B \sin m\theta$$

$$\text{with BVCs: } Z(0) = Z(h) = 0, \quad k_2 = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{h}\right)^2, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; \quad Z(z) = \sin \frac{n\pi z}{h}$$

$$\text{the radial part (with } R(0) \text{ be finite): } R(r) = I_m\left(\frac{n\pi}{h}r\right)$$

adding all product solutions together:

$$u(r, \theta, z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_m\left(\frac{n\pi}{h}r\right) \sin \frac{n\pi z}{h} [B_{mn} \cos m\theta + D_{mn} \sin m\theta]$$

from further BVCs: $u(a, \theta, z) = \rho(\theta, z)$ easily derive:

$$B_{mn} = \frac{2\delta_m}{I_m\left(\frac{n\pi a}{h}\right) \pi h} \int_0^h dz \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \rho(\theta, z) \cos m\theta \sin \frac{n\pi z}{h}$$

$$D_{mn} = \frac{2\delta_m}{I_m\left(\frac{n\pi a}{h}\right) \pi h} \int_0^h dz \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \rho(\theta, z) \sin m\theta \sin \frac{n\pi z}{h}$$

(note in both problem 1 and 2, if BVCs be radially symmetric, then only coefficients with $m = 0$ are non-zero.)

6.7 Wave and heat equation in a cylinder

recall the Helmholtz's equation (think as SL problem of PDEs)

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = -ku$$

separation of variable , $u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)Z(z)$

$$\frac{\nabla^2 u}{u} = \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} + \frac{Z''}{Z} = -k$$

thus,

$$\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -k_1, \quad \frac{Z''}{Z} = k_2, \quad R'' + \frac{1}{r}R' + (k + k_2 - \frac{k_1}{r^2})R = 0$$

with periodic conditions on Θ leads to:

$$k_1 = m^2, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots;$$

$$\text{with BVCs: } Z(0) = Z(h) = 0, \quad k_2 = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{h}\right)^2, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots;$$

$$\text{lastly } R(0) \text{ finite, } R(a) = 0 \text{ gives } k + k_2 = \lambda_{mp}^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\alpha_{mp}}{a}\right)^2, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots \text{ meaning:}$$

$$k = \left(\frac{n\pi}{h}\right)^2 + \lambda_{mp}^2, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots \text{ for fixed } m \geq 0 \text{ and } n \geq 1.$$

thus the eigenfunctions are :

$$J_m(\lambda_{mp}r)\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{h}z\right)\cos m\theta \text{ and } J_m(\lambda_{mp}r)\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{h}z\right)\sin m\theta$$

similar as in SL problem, eigenvalues/functions depend on the BVCs.

e.g. in case of $u|_{z=0} = 0$ and $u_z|_{z=h} = 0$

$$\text{that leads to } Z(0) = 0 \text{ and } Z'(h) = 0, \quad k_2 = -\left(\frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{h}\right)^2, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$\text{the eigenvalues: } k = \left(\frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{h}\right)^2 + \lambda_{mp}^2, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots; m = 0, 1, \dots; n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$\text{the eigenfunctions: } J_m(\lambda_{mp}r)\sin\left(\frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{h}z\right)\cos m\theta \text{ and } J_m(\lambda_{mp}r)\sin\left(\frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{h}z\right)\sin m\theta$$

Example: considering the radially symmetric problem.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \nabla^2 u, \quad 0 < r < a, \quad 0 < z < h, \quad t > 0$$

$$\text{with BVCs: } u(a, z, t) = u(r, 0, t) = u_0, \quad u_z(r, h, t) = 0$$

$$\text{IVCs: } u(r, z, 0) = u_0 + f_1(r)f_2(z)$$

Solution:

with decomposition $u = u_1 + u_2$, and let $u_1 = u_0$

$$\text{thus } \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} = c^2 \nabla^2 u_2, \quad u_2(a, z, t) = u_2(r, 0, t) = 0, \quad u_{2z}(r, h, t) = 0, \quad u_2(r, z, 0) = f_1(r)f_2(z)$$

It can be solved either using separation of variable or eigenfunction expansion.

e.g. the solution can be expanded using eigenfunctions of the Helmholtz's equation with same BVCs, namely

$$u_2(r, z, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} a_{np}(t) J_0(\lambda_{0p}r) \sin\left(\frac{n+\frac{1}{2}}{h}\pi z\right)$$

plug into PDE,

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{da_{np}(t)}{dt} = -k_{pn}^2 a_{np}(t)$$

$$\text{thus } a_{np}(t) = A_{np} \exp(-c^2 k_{pn}^2 t)$$

using ICs:

$$u_2(r, z, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} A_{np} J_0(\lambda_{0p} r) \sin\left(\frac{n + \frac{1}{2}}{h} \pi z\right) = f_1(r) f_2(z)$$

thus choosing

$$A_{np} = \frac{2}{a^2 J_1^2(\lambda_{0p} a)} \int_0^a r f_1(r) J_0(\lambda_{0p} r) dr \frac{2}{h} \int_0^h f_2(z) \sin\left(\frac{n + \frac{1}{2}}{h} \pi z\right) dz$$

and finally

$$u = u_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} A_{np} \exp(-c^2 k_{pn}^2 t) J_0(\lambda_{0p} r) \sin\left(\frac{n + \frac{1}{2}}{h} \pi z\right)$$

additional exercises:

① An integral formula for Bessel functions, for any $k \geq 0$ and integer $l \geq 0$

$$\int r^{k+1+2l} J_k(r) dr = \sum_{n=0}^l (-1)^n 2^n \frac{l!}{(l-n)!} r^{k+1+2l-n} J_{k+n+1}(r) + C$$

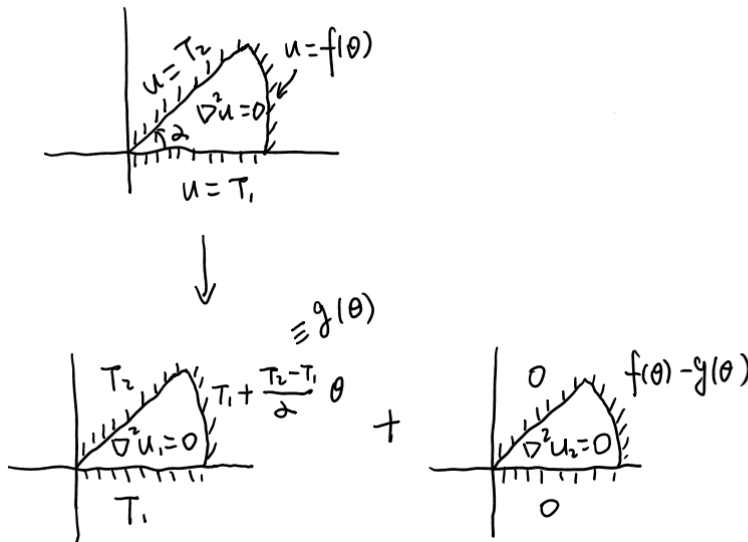
proof:

a) for $l = 0$ and all k holds: $\int r^{k+1} J_k(r) dr = r^{k+1} J_{k+1}(r) + C$

b) assuming it holds for $l - 1$ and all k .

$$\begin{aligned} \int r^{k+1+2l} J_k(r) dr &= \int r^{2l} d(r^{k+1} J_{k+1}(r)) = r^{k+1+2l} J_{k+1}(r) - 2l \int r^{k+1+2l-1} J_{k+1}(r) dr \\ &= r^{k+1+2l} J_{k+1}(r) - 2l \sum_{n=0}^{l-1} (-1)^n 2^n \frac{(l-1)!}{(l-1-n)!} r^{k+2l-n} J_{k+n+2}(r) + C = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

② consider a problem on the wedge as following:



then from superposition principle,

$$u = u_1 + u_2$$

with $a = 1, \alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}, T_1 = 0, T_2 = 1, f(\theta) = 3\sin 4\theta$.

for problem 1, it is easy to guess the solution be: $u_1(r, \theta) = T_1 + \frac{T_2 - T_1}{\alpha} \theta = \frac{4\theta}{\pi}$
for problem 2, from previous sections,

$$u_2(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{1}\right)^{\frac{n\pi}{\alpha}} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi\theta}{\alpha} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n r^{4n} \sin 4n\theta$$

from BVCs, $u_2(1, \theta) = 3\sin 4\theta - \frac{4\theta}{\pi}$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left(3\sin 4\theta - \frac{4\theta}{\pi}\right) \sin 4n\theta d\theta = 3\delta_{1n} + \frac{2}{n\pi} \cos n\pi$$

$$\text{thus } u_2(r, \theta) = 3r^4 \sin 4\theta + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \cos n\pi r^{4n} \sin 4n\theta$$

③ A Neumann problem on the disk.

solve the Neumann problem $\nabla^2 u = 0$ for $0 \leq r < a$ with BVCs, $u_r(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$

For this problem to have a solution, we must require the compatibility condition $\int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) d\theta = 0$.

Proof: Gauss's theorem

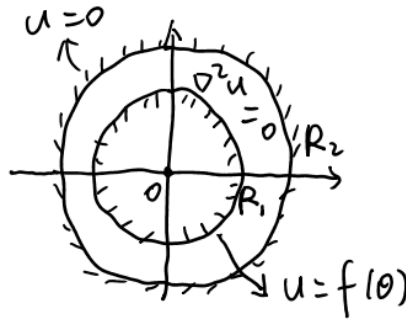
$$\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} u) dV = \int_{\Sigma} \vec{\nabla} u \cdot d\vec{s} \text{ or } \int_{\Sigma} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} u) ds = \int_L \vec{\nabla} u \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\text{thus } 0 = \int_0^{2\pi} a d\theta \frac{\partial u(a, \theta)}{\partial r} = a \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) d\theta$$

(physics interpretation: electricstatic field/ steady state of diffusion)

④ Solve the Dirichlet problem on angular regions.

Find the steady-state solution for problem below.



$$0 < \theta < 2\pi, \text{ BVCs: } u(R_1, \theta) = f(\theta), \quad u(R_2, \theta) = 0$$

Solution:

Separation of variable: $u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$

the angular part: $\Theta(\theta) = a \cos m\theta + b \sin m\theta, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

radial part follows Euler's equation:

$$m = 0, \quad R(r) = c + d \ln r$$

$$m > 0, \quad R(r) = cr^m + dr^{-m}$$

with the BVCs $R(R_2) = 0$, thus

$$m = 0, \quad R(r) = c \frac{\ln r - \ln R_2}{\ln R_1 - \ln R_2}$$

$$m > 0, \quad R(r) = c \left(\frac{R_1}{r} \right)^m \frac{R_2^{2m} - r^{2m}}{R_2^{2m} - R_1^{2m}}$$

the full solution:

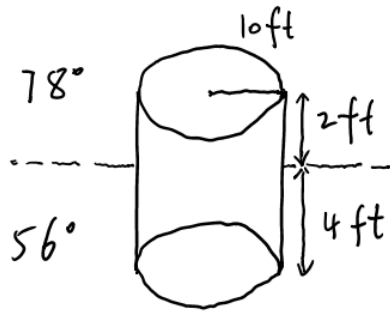
$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{a_0}{2} \frac{\ln r - \ln R_2}{\ln R_1 - \ln R_2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_m \cos m\theta + b_m \sin m\theta) \left(\frac{R_1}{r} \right)^m \frac{R_2^{2m} - r^{2m}}{R_2^{2m} - R_1^{2m}}$$

the coefficients a_n, b_n can be determined via $u(R_1, \theta) = f(\theta)$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos n\theta f(\theta) d\theta$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin n\theta f(\theta) d\theta$$

⑤ Find the steady-state temperature in a cylindrical barrel floating in water as shown in below.

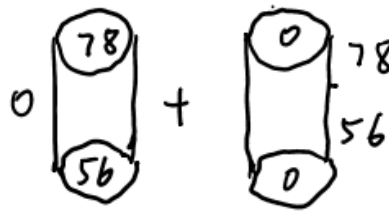


Formulation of the problem:

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

$$\text{with } 0 < r < 10, \quad 0 < z < 6, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi, \quad u(r, \theta, 0) = 56, \quad u(r, \theta, 6) = 78, \quad u(10, \theta, z) = \begin{cases} 78, & z > 4 \\ 56, & z < 4 \end{cases}$$

decomposition: $u = u_1 + u_2$



problem 1:

$$u_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_0(\lambda_{0n} r) (a_n \cosh \lambda_{0n} z + b_n \sinh \lambda_{0n} z)$$

with $u_1(r, \theta, 0) = 56$ and $u_1(r, \theta, 6) = 78$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{a^2 J_1^2(\lambda_{0n} a)} \int_0^a r dr 56 J_0(\lambda_{0n} r) = \frac{112}{\alpha_{0n} J_1(\alpha_{0n})}$$

$$b_n = \frac{\frac{78}{56} a_n - a_n \cosh \lambda_{0n} h}{\sinh \lambda_{0n} h} = a_n \frac{\frac{39}{28} - \cosh \frac{3}{5} \alpha_{0n}}{\sinh \frac{3}{5} \alpha_{0n}}$$

problem 2:

$$u_2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_0\left(\frac{n\pi}{h} r\right) a_n \sin \frac{n\pi z}{h}$$

$$\text{with } u_2(a, \theta, z) = \begin{cases} 78, & z > 4 \\ 56, & z < 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{thus } a_n = \frac{2}{h I_0\left(\frac{n\pi a}{h}\right)} \left(\int_0^4 56 \sin \frac{n\pi z}{6} dz + \int_4^6 78 \sin \frac{n\pi z}{6} dz \right) = \frac{4}{3n\pi I_0\left(\frac{5n\pi}{3}\right)} \left[84 - 117 \cos n\pi + 33 \cos \frac{2n\pi}{3} \right]$$

6.8 Orthogonal coordinates (R^3 as example)

For any coordinate system:

$$x^1 = \xi(x, y, z), \quad x^2 = \eta(x, y, z), \quad x^3 = \zeta(x, y, z), \quad \frac{\partial(x^1, x^2, x^3)}{\partial(x, y, z)} \neq 0.$$

① coordinate surface ($x^1 \equiv \text{constant}$, $x^2 \equiv \text{constant}$, $x^3 \equiv \text{constant}$) \perp .

$$\text{② The infinitesimal distance: } ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 g_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

Supposing $g_{ij} = g_{ii} \delta_{ij}$, (or equivalently any two coordinate surfaces are perpendicular), then $\{x^1, x^2, x^3\}$ is called orthogonal coordinate system.

$$\text{The infinitesimal volumn : } dV = \sqrt{g_{11} g_{22} g_{33}} dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 = \sqrt{\det G} dx^1 dx^2 dx^3$$

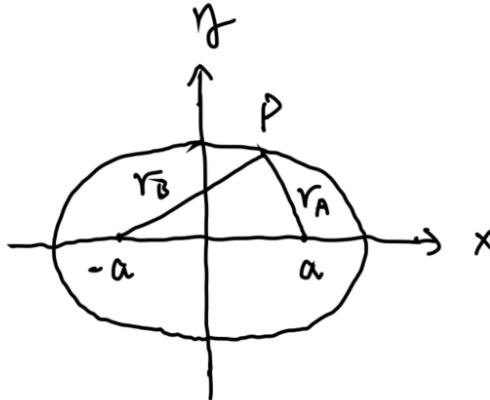
Examples:

$$\text{rectangle/cartesian: } ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

$$\text{spherical: } ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$$

$$\text{cylindrical: } ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + dz^2$$

elliptic cylindrical:



$$\xi = \frac{r_B + r_A}{2a} \equiv \cosh u, \quad \eta = \frac{r_B - r_A}{2a} \equiv \cos v, \quad z = z$$

$$ds^2 = a^2(\cosh^2 u - \cos^2 v)(du^2 + dv^2) + dz^2$$

Laplacian in various coordinates:

$$\text{Cylindrical: } \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\text{Spherical: } \nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

$$\text{Elliptic cylindrical: } \nabla^2 = \frac{1}{a^2(\cosh^2 u - \cos^2 v)} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} \right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

7 Chapter 7. Partial differential equations in Spherical Coordinates

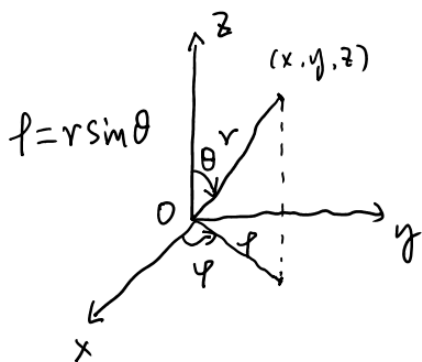
7.1 Preparations

7.1.1 Laplace's operator in spherical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \csc^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

coordinate transform:

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \varphi, \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \quad z = r \cos \theta \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, \quad 0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi, \quad r > 0$$



① first from rectangular to cylindrical: $\{x, y, z\} \longrightarrow \{\rho, \varphi, z\}$

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

Now further replace $\{\rho, z\}$ with $\{r, \theta\}$
$$\begin{cases} \rho = r \sin \theta \\ z = r \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

thus

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} &= \frac{\rho}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{z\rho}{r^3 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \csc^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \right)$$

7.1.2 Spherical Bessel's equation

$$x^2 y'' + 2xy' + (kx^2 - m(m+1))y = 0, \quad \text{arbitrary } m, \quad k > 0$$

with change of variable $y = x^{-\frac{1}{2}}\omega$,

$$x^2 \omega'' + x\omega' + (kx^2 - (m + \frac{1}{2})^2)\omega = 0$$

thus the solution: $y = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{x}} J_{m+\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{k}x) + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{x}} Y_{m+\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{k}x)$

define spherical Bessel's functions: $\begin{cases} j_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} J_{n+\frac{1}{2}}(x) \\ y_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} Y_{n+\frac{1}{2}}(x) \end{cases}$

the solution of spherical Bessel's equation: $y = C_1 j_m(\sqrt{k}x) + C_2 y_m(\sqrt{k}x)$

useful identities:

$$\begin{aligned} j_0(x) &= \frac{\sin x}{x}, & j_{-1}(x) &= \frac{\cos x}{x}, \dots \\ y_0(x) &= -\frac{\cos x}{x}, & y_{-1}(x) &= \frac{\sin x}{x}, \dots \end{aligned}$$

asymptotics, for any $m \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} j_m(x)|_{x \rightarrow 0+} &\rightarrow \begin{cases} 1, & m = 0 \\ 0, & m > 0 \end{cases} & y_m(x)|_{x \rightarrow 0+} &\rightarrow -\infty \\ j_m(x)|_{x \rightarrow +\infty} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \cos(x - \frac{m+1}{2}\pi) \\ y_m(x)|_{x \rightarrow +\infty} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \sin(x - \frac{m+1}{2}\pi) \end{aligned}$$

SL problem with spherical Bessel's equation:

$$[x^2 y']' + (kx^2 - m(m+1))y = 0, \quad y(0) \text{ finite}, \quad y(a) = 0$$

eigenvalues: $k = \lambda_{mn}^2 \equiv (\frac{\alpha_{m+\frac{1}{2},n}}{a})^2$

eigenfunctions: $y_n = j_m(\lambda_{mn}x)$

($\alpha_{m+\frac{1}{2},n}$ be n-th zero of $j_m(x)$ or $J_{m+\frac{1}{2}}(x)$)

note the orthogonal relation:

$$\int_0^a x^2 j_m(\lambda_{mn}x) j_m(\lambda_{ml}x) dx = \delta_{nl} \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{1}{\lambda_{mn}} \frac{a^2}{2} J_{m+\frac{3}{2}}^2(\lambda_{mn}a) = \delta_{nl} a^3 \frac{j_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{m+\frac{1}{2},n})}{2}$$

Similar we can have expansion: $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n j_m(\lambda_{mn}x)$

$$\text{with } a_n = \frac{\int_0^a x^2 f(x) j_m(\lambda_{mn}x) dx}{a^3 \frac{j_{m+1}^2(\alpha_{m+\frac{1}{2},n})}{2}}$$

7.1.3 Associated Legendre's Equation:

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + [k - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2}]y = 0, \quad -1 < x < 1, \quad m \text{ be positive integer or } 0$$

using substituting $y = (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} v(x)$, find

$$v = C_1 \frac{d^m}{dx^m} P(x, k) + C_2 \frac{d^m}{dx^m} Q(x, k)$$

with $P(x, k)$, $Q(x, k)$ be solutions of general Legendre's equation.

SL problem with $y(\pm 1)$ finite:

eigenvalues: $k = l(l+1)$, $l = m, m+1, \dots$

eigenfunctions: $P_l^m(x) = (-1)^m (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^m P_l(x)}{dx^m}$

(further define: $P_l^{-m}(x) = (-1)^m \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} P_l^m(x)$)

Orthogonality and expansions of associated Legendre's functions:

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_n^m(x) P_l^m(x) dx = \delta_{nl} \int_{-1}^1 [P_n^m(x)]^2 dx$$

We know :

$$\int_{-1}^1 [P_n^0(x)]^2 dx = \int_{-1}^1 [P_n(x)]^2 dx = \frac{2}{2n+1}$$

further:

$$\frac{d[P_n^m(x)]}{dx} = (-1)^m \left[\frac{m}{2} (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} (-2x) \frac{d^m P_n(x)}{dx^m} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{d^{m+1} P_n(x)}{dx^{m+1}} \right]$$

$$\implies P_n^{m+1}(x) = -(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{d[P_n^m(x)]}{dx} - m(1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} x P_n^m(x)$$

thus, $\int_{-1}^1 [P_n^{m+1}(x)]^2 dx = \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2) \left(\frac{d[P_n^m(x)]}{dx} \right)^2 dx + 2m \int_{-1}^1 x P_n^m(x) \frac{d[P_n^m(x)]}{dx} dx + m^2 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x^2}{1-x^2} [P_n^m(x)]^2 dx$
the first term:

$$\int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2) \left(\frac{d[P_n^m(x)]}{dx} \right)^2 dx = (1-x^2) P_n^m(x) \frac{d[P_n^m(x)]}{dx} \Big|_{-1}^1 - \int_{-1}^1 P_n^m(x) \frac{d}{dx} [(1-x^2) \frac{d[P_n^m(x)]}{dx}] dx$$

the second term:

$$\begin{aligned} 2m \int_{-1}^1 x P_n^m(x) d[P_n^m(x)] &= 2mx[P_n^m(x)]^2 \Big|_{-1}^1 - 2m \left(\int_{-1}^1 [P_n^m(x)]^2 dx + \int_{-1}^1 x P_n^m(x) d[P_n^m(x)] \right) \\ \implies 2m \int_{-1}^1 x P_n^m(x) d[P_n^m(x)] &= -m \int_{-1}^1 [P_n^m(x)]^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

we know :

$$\frac{d}{dx}[(1-x^2) \frac{d[P_n^m(x)]}{dx}] = - \left(n(n+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right) P_n^m(x)$$

adding all together:

$$\int_{-1}^1 [P_n^{m+1}(x)]^2 dx = (n-m)(n+m+1) \int_{-1}^1 [P_n^m(x)]^2 dx$$

thus

$$\int_{-1}^1 [P_n^m(x)]^2 dx = (n-m+1)(n+m) \cdot (n-m+2)(n+m-1) \cdots n(n+1) \frac{2}{2n+1} = \frac{(n+m)!}{(n-m)!} \frac{2}{2n+1}$$

Supposing $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ be piecewise continuous on $[-1, 1]$, thus

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n P_n^m(x), \quad \text{with } a_n = \frac{2n+1}{2} \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) P_n^m(x) dx$$

7.1.4 Spherical harmonics $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, 0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi) &= \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!}} P_n^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi} \\ n &= 0, 1, \dots; \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm n \end{aligned}$$

One can easily check:

$$(Y_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi), Y_{n',m'}(\theta, \varphi)) = \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi Y_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi) \overline{Y_{n',m'}(\theta, \varphi)} = \delta_{nn'} \delta_{mm'} \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi |Y_{n,m}|^2 = \delta_{nn'} \delta_{mm'}$$

(complex conjugate: $\overline{Y_{n',m'}(\theta, \varphi)} = Y_{n',-m'}(\theta, \varphi) \cdot (-1)^{m'}$)

$\{e^{im\varphi}\}$ are complete for $0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$;

$\{P_n^m(\cos\theta)\}$ are complete for any fixed m , on $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

thus,

$$f(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{n=|m|}^{+\infty} a_{nm} Y_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n a_{nm} Y_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

added:

complex conjugate:

$$c = a + bi, \quad a, b \in R, \bar{c} = a - bi$$

$$c = re^{i\theta}, \quad r, \theta \in R, \bar{c} = re^{-i\theta}$$

for spherical harmonics:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi) &= \overline{\left(\sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos\theta) e^{-im\varphi} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \frac{(n+m)!}{(n-m)!}} (-1)^m \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!} P_l^m(\cos\theta) e^{-im\varphi} (-1)^m = (-1)^m Y_{n,-m}(\theta, \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

and the expansion coefficients (complex number in general):

$$a_{nm} = \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f(\theta, \varphi) \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

since $f(\theta, \varphi)$ are real, thus we always have: $a_{nm} = \bar{a}_{n-m} \cdot (-1)^m$

First few spherical harmonics:

$$Y_{0,0} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}}, \quad Y_{1,0} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \cos\theta$$

$$Y_{1,1} = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \sin\theta e^{i\varphi}, \quad Y_{1,-1} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \sin\theta e^{-i\varphi}$$

norm of the spherical harmonics: $|Y_{l,m}| \equiv (Y_{l,m}, \bar{Y}_{l,m})^{\frac{1}{2}}$

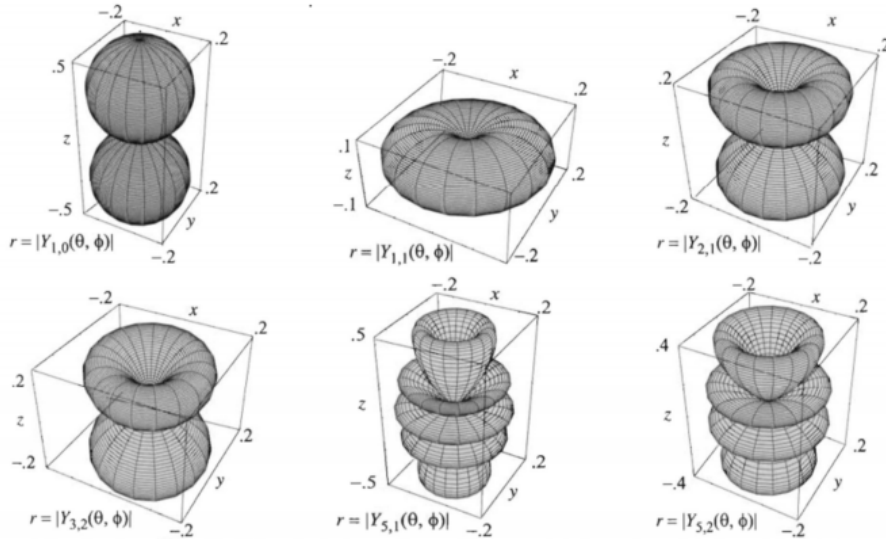


Figure 1 Graphs of $r = |Y_{n,m}(\theta, \phi)|$ in spherical coordinates. Because r is independent of ϕ , the graphs are symmetric with respect to the z -axis.

Example:

spherical harmonic expansion for $f(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\varphi$.

$$f(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n a_{nm} Y_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, \quad 0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$$

We know:

$$a_{nm} = \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f(\theta, \varphi) \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\theta, \varphi) = \int_{-1}^1 ds \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi P_n^m(s) e^{-im\varphi} \varphi \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!}}$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi e^{-im\varphi} \varphi = \begin{cases} \frac{2\pi}{m}i, & m \neq 0 \\ 2\pi^2, & m = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 ds P_n^m(s) = 0, \text{ if } n-m \text{ is odd.}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 ds P_0^0(s) = 2, \quad \int_{-1}^1 ds P_1^1(s) = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \int_{-1}^1 ds P_1^{-1}(s) = \frac{\pi}{4}, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{00} = \sqrt{\pi}, \quad a_{1-1} = -\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{2}}i, \quad a_{11} = -\bar{a}_{1-1}, \dots$$

7.2 General product solutions of Laplace's and Helmholtz's equations in spherical coordinates

separation of variable: $u(r, \theta, \varphi) = R(r)Y(\theta, \varphi)$

in case of Laplace's equation: $\Delta u = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{Y} \left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\varphi^2} \right] Y = 0$$

$$\text{thus } \left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\varphi^2} \right] Y = -\mu Y, \quad \frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) = \mu$$

for the angular part:

it is similar to a SL problem, with further separation of variable $Y(\theta, \varphi) = \Theta(\theta)\Phi(\varphi)$

$$\text{we get : } \frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\varphi^2} = -\mu$$

$$\text{thus must have: } \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\varphi^2} = \text{constant} = -m^2, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots \text{ (as from periodic BVCs)}$$

$$\Phi = a \cos m\varphi + b \sin m\varphi$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) = \left(\frac{m^2}{\sin^2\theta} - \mu \right) \Theta$$

changing of variable: $x = \cos\theta$ ($[-1, 1]$)

$$(1 - x^2)\Theta'' - 2x\Theta' + (\mu - \frac{m^2}{1 - x^2})\Theta = 0$$

so Θ follows the associated Legendre's equation.

To have finite solution at $x = \pm 1$ ($\theta = 0, \pi$) requires:

$$\mu = l(l + 1), \text{ with } l = m, m + 1, \dots; \text{ and } \Theta = P_l^m(x) = P_l^m(\cos\theta)$$

thus finally:

$$\text{eigenvalues: } \mu = l(l + 1), \text{ with } l = 0, 1, \dots;$$

$$\text{eigenfunctions (2l + 1 in total) : } P_l^m(\cos\theta)\cos m\varphi \text{ and } P_l^m(\cos\theta)\sin m\varphi \text{ with } m = 0, 1, \dots, l$$

or using another linear combinations:

$$\text{eigenvalues: } \mu = l(l + 1), \text{ with } l = 0, 1, \dots;$$

$$\text{eigenfunctions : } Y_{l,m}(\theta, \varphi) \text{ with } m = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm l$$

the radial part:

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \frac{dR}{dr}) = \mu = l(l + 1) \implies r^2 R'' + 2r R' - l(l + 1)R = 0$$

again Euler's equation with indicial equation: $\lambda^2 + \lambda - l(l + 1) = 0$

$$\text{so } R(r) = ar^l + br^{-(l+1)}.$$

$$\text{thus the full product solution: } u = (ar^l + br^{-(l+1)})Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

In case of Helmholtz's equation: $\Delta u = -ku$

the only modification is the radial part:

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \frac{dR}{dr}) = \mu - kr^2 \implies r^2 R'' + 2r R' + (kr^2 - l(l + 1))R = 0$$

So that turns into the spherical Bessel's equation:

$$\begin{cases} k > 0 : & \text{solution } R(r) = aj_l(\sqrt{kr}) + by_l(\sqrt{kr}) \\ k < 0 : & \text{solution } R(r) = a \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} I_{l+\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{-kr}) + b \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} K_{l+\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{-kr}) \end{cases}$$

the full solution for Helmholtz's equation:

$$u = \begin{cases} (aj_l(\sqrt{kr}) + by_l(\sqrt{kr}))Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi), & k > 0 \\ (a \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} I_{l+\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{-kr}) + b \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} K_{l+\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{-kr}))Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi), & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

given certain BVCs of r , that represents a SL problem, the eigenvalues k and the associated eigenfunctions will be further determined.

7.3 Solutions of Laplace's equation

7.3.1 Case 1:



considering a region of $r \leq a$, requiring u be finite at $r = 0$, thus

$$u(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l C_{lm} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^l Y_{l,m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

Now with the BVCs: $u(a, \theta, \varphi) = f(\theta, \varphi)$

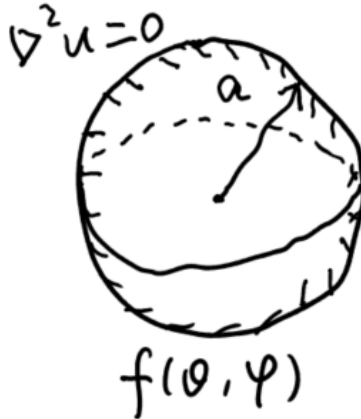
If choosing $C_{lm} = \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f(\theta, \varphi) \bar{Y}_{l,m}(\theta, \varphi)$, satisfy both PDE & BVCs.

In case of axial symmetric, namely $f(\theta, \varphi) = f(\theta)$, thus solution

$$u(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} C_l \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^l P_l(\cos\theta) \quad (\text{only have } m = 0 \text{ component})$$

and choosing $C_l = \frac{2l+1}{2} \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta f(\theta) P_l(\cos\theta)$ will give $u(a, \theta, \varphi) = f(\theta)$

7.3.2 Case 2:



considering a region of $r \geq a$, then similarly

$$u(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l C_{lm} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{-(l+1)} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

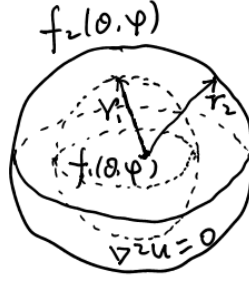
if requiring $u(r \rightarrow \infty) = 0$.

with BVCs $u(a, \theta, \varphi) = f(\theta, \varphi)$

simely choosing $C_{lm} = \int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f(\theta, \varphi) \bar{Y}_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$

7.3.3 Case 3:

Considering region between two concentric sphere, $r_1 \leq r \leq r_2$



the general solution:

$$u(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} (a_{lm} r^l + b_{lm} r^{-(l+1)}) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) =$$

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) r^{-(l+1)} \left\{ C_{lm} \left(\frac{r^{2l+1} - r_1^{2l+1}}{r_2^{2l+1} - r_1^{2l+1}} \right) + D_{lm} \left(\frac{r^{2l+1} - r_2^{2l+1}}{r_1^{2l+1} - r_2^{2l+1}} \right) \right\}$$

must keeping both powers of r .

To satisfy $u(r_1, \theta, \varphi) = f_1(\theta, \varphi)$ and $u(r_2, \theta, \varphi) = f_2(\theta, \varphi)$

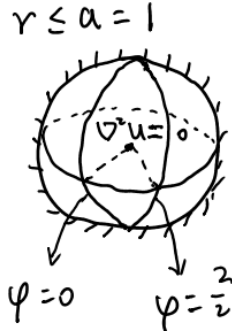
simply choosing:

$$C_{lm} = r_2^{l+1} \int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f_2(\theta, \varphi) \bar{Y}_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$D_{lm} = r_1^{l+1} \int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f_1(\theta, \varphi) \bar{Y}_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

Example:

solve the steady-state problem inside a unit sphere , with temperature on the boundary.



$$u(1, \theta, \varphi) = \begin{cases} 100^\circ, & 0 \leq \varphi \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0^\circ, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Inside the sphere the general solution is : $u = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} C_{lm} r^l Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$

$$\text{with } C_{lm} = \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f(\theta, \varphi) \bar{Y}_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = 100 \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\varphi \bar{Y}_{l,m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

Recall the expressions for Y_{lm} :

$$\begin{aligned} C_{00} &= 100 \left(\int_{-1}^1 dx \cdot 1 \right) \cdot \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\varphi \cdot 1 \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} = 50\sqrt{\pi} \\ C_{1-1} &= 100 \left(\int_0^\pi \sin^2\theta d\theta \right) \cdot \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\varphi e^{i\varphi} \right) \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \right) = 25\sqrt{3\pi} e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \\ C_{10} &= 100 \left(\int_{-1}^1 x dx \right) \cdot \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\varphi \right) \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} = 0 \\ C_{11} &= (-1)^m \bar{C}_{1-1} = -25\sqrt{3\pi} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} \\ C_{2-2} &= 100 \left(\int_0^\pi \sin^3\theta d\theta \right) \cdot \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\varphi e^{i2\varphi} \right) \left(\frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{5}{6\pi}} \right) = 100\sqrt{\frac{5}{6\pi}} i \\ C_{2-1} &= C_{20} = 0 = C_{21} = 0 \\ C_{22} &= (-1)^m \bar{C}_{2-2} = -100\sqrt{\frac{5}{6\pi}} i \end{aligned}$$

7.4 The Helmholtz's equation with application to the Poisson, heat, and wave equations

The Helmholtz's equation together with certain BVCs can be think as a SL problem.

$$(0 < r < a, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi, \quad 0 < \varphi < 2\pi)$$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 \psi(r, \theta, \varphi) = -k\psi(r, \theta, \varphi) \\ \psi(r, \theta, \varphi)|_{r=a} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Recall the general product solution:

$$k = 0 : \quad Y_{lm}(ar^l + br^{-l-1}) \longrightarrow a = b = 0$$

$$k < 0 : \quad Y_{lm}\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{r}} I_{l+\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{r}} K_{l+\frac{1}{2}}\right) \longrightarrow a = b = 0$$

$$\text{Nontrivial solution only if } k = \lambda_{lj}^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\alpha_{l+\frac{1}{2},j}}{a} \right)^2, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

for each eigenvalue (l and j fixed),

$$\text{eigenfunctions } (2l+1 \text{ in total}): \Psi_{jlm} = Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) j_l(\lambda_{lj}r), \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm l$$

Orthogonality of solutions of the Helmholtz's equation:

$$\int_0^a r^2 dr \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \Psi_{jlm} \bar{\Psi}_{j'l'm'} = 0, \quad \text{if any } j \neq j', \quad l \neq l', \quad \text{or } m \neq m'$$

in analogy to the SL problem of ODE, or explicitly,

$$\int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi Y_{lm} \bar{Y}_{l'm'} = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

$$\int_0^a r^2 dr j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) j_{l'}(\lambda_{l'j} r) \quad \text{if } l = l', \frac{a^3}{2} j_{l+1}^2(\alpha_{l+\frac{1}{2},j}) \delta_{jj'}$$

thus we also have norms of above eigenfunctions:

$$\int_0^a r^2 dr \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi |\Psi_{jlm}|^2 = \frac{a^3}{2} j_{l+1}^2(\alpha_{l+\frac{1}{2},j}), \quad \text{independent of } m$$

Series expansions of functions defined in a ball:

Let $f(r, \theta, \varphi)$ be a square integrable function, defined for $0 < r < a$, $0 < \theta < \pi$, $0 < \varphi < 2\pi$

it can be expanded as :

$$f(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} A_{jlm} j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\text{where } A_{jlm} = \frac{2}{a^3 j_{l+1}^2(\alpha_{l+\frac{1}{2},j})} \int_0^a r^2 dr \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f(r, \theta, \varphi) j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) \bar{Y}_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

Note above triple series always converge to zero on the sphere $r = a$, and satisfy the periodic condition in φ , thus solution of PDE with zero BVCs, e.g. Poisson, heat equations must can be expressed as above.

$$\text{Example: function inside an unit ball } f(r, \theta, \varphi) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < r < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

find the expansion using eigenfunctions of Helmholtz's equation (Ψ_{jlm})

Solution:

One can easily identify only terms with $l = m = 0$, thus $f(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j j_0(\lambda_{0j} r)$

$$\text{with } A_j = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{2}^3 j_1^2(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} r^2 dr j_0(\lambda_{0j} r) = \frac{16}{j_1^2(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})} \frac{1}{\lambda_{0j}^3} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\lambda_{0j}}{2}} x^{\frac{3}{2}} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{16}{2\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j}} \frac{j_1(\frac{\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j}}{2})}{j_1^2(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})} = 8 \left(\frac{2\sin\frac{j\pi}{2}}{j\pi} - \cos\frac{j\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$\left(j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}, \quad j_1(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}, \quad \alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j} = j\pi \right)$$

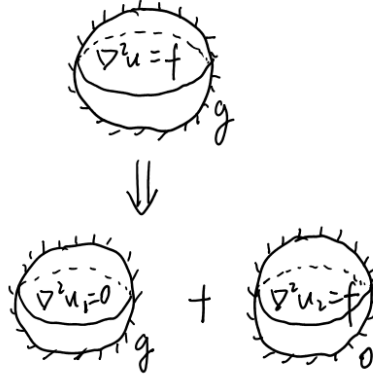
Poisson's equation in a ball:

We consider Dirichlet problem of Poisson's equation:

$$0 < r < a, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi, \quad 0 < \varphi < 2\pi$$

$$\nabla^2 u(r, \theta, \varphi) = f(r, \theta, \varphi), \quad u(r, \theta, \varphi)|_{r=a} = g(\theta, \varphi)$$

let $u = u_1 + u_2$



with u_1 know from last section.

$$u_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} B_{jlm} j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

from Helmholtz's equation, we know:

$$\nabla^2 u_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} (-\lambda_{lj}^2) B_{jlm} j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm} = f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} A_{jlm} j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm} \implies B_{jlm} = -\frac{A_{jlm}}{\lambda_{lj}^2}$$

Example: Solve the Poisson problem inside the unit ball with $f = 1$ and $g = \frac{\varphi}{2\pi}$

Solution:

with the superposition rule $u = u_1 + u_2$

for u_1 refer to last section.

for u_2 :

$$\text{first, } f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j j_0(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j} r) \text{ with } A_j = \frac{2}{j_1^2(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})} \int_0^1 r^2 dr j_0(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j} r) = \frac{2}{\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j} j_1(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})}$$

$$\text{thus } u_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j j_0(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j} r)$$

$$\text{with } B_j = -\frac{A_j}{(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})^2} = -\frac{2}{(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})^3 j_1(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})} = \frac{2}{(j\pi)^2} (-1)^j$$

A nonhomogeneous heat equation:

recall the heat equation: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \nabla^2 u + q(r, \theta, \varphi, t)$ with $0 < r < a$, $0 < \theta < \pi$, $0 < \varphi < 2\pi$, $t > 0$

the BVCs: $u(a, \theta, \varphi, t) = 0$

the IVCs: $u(r, \theta, \varphi, 0) = f(r, \theta, \varphi)$

As mentioned earlier, the solution must can be expressed:

$$u(r, \theta, \varphi, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} B_{jlm}(t) j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

plug into PDE:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} \left(B'_{jlm}(t) + c^2 \lambda_{lj}^2 B_{jlm}(t) \right) j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = q(r, \theta, \varphi, t)$$

In addition the nonhomogeneous term and IVC can also be expanded:

$$q(r, \theta, \varphi, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} q_{jlm}(t) j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$f(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} f_{jlm} j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

put q back into PDE:

$$B'_{jlm}(t) + c^2 \lambda_{lj}^2 B_{jlm}(t) - q_{jlm}(t) = 0, \quad \text{for any } j, l, m$$

from the IVCs: $B_{jlm}(0) = f_{jlm}$, thus

$$B_{jlm}(t) = e^{-c^2 \lambda_{lj}^2 t} \left(f_{jlm} + \int_0^t q_{jlm}(\tau) e^{c^2 \lambda_{lj}^2 \tau} d\tau \right)$$

in case q has no t dependence:

$$B_{jlm}(t) = e^{-c^2 \lambda_{lj}^2 t} \left(f_{jlm} - \frac{q_{jlm}}{c^2 \lambda_{lj}^2} \right) + \frac{q_{jlm}}{c^2 \lambda_{lj}^2}$$

Example: A heat problem with symmetry, a solid ball at 30° with radius $a = 1$ placed in a fridge of constant temperature of 0° . Take $c = 1$ and determine the temperature inside the ball.

Solution:

using the eigenfunction expansion with the fact that only $m = l = 0$ contributes.

$$u(r, \theta, \varphi, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} B_{j00}(t) j_0(\lambda_{0j} r)$$

and

$$B_{j00}(t) = f_{j00} e^{-\lambda_{0j}^2 t}, \quad f_{j00} = \frac{2}{j_1^2(\lambda_{0j})} 30 \int_0^1 r^2 dr j_0(\lambda_{0j} r) = \frac{60}{\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j} j_1(\alpha_{\frac{1}{2},j})} = (-1)^{j+1} \cdot 60$$

$$\text{in the center: } u(0, \theta, \varphi, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 60 (-1)^{j+1} e^{-j^2 \pi^2 t}$$

A homogeneous wave equation in a ball:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u, \quad 0 < r < a, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi, \quad 0 < \varphi < 2\pi, \quad t > 0$$

with homogeneous BVCs: $u(a, \theta, \varphi, t) = 0$

and IVCs: $u(r, \theta, \varphi, 0) = f(r, \theta, \varphi), \quad u_t(r, \theta, \varphi, 0) = g(r, \theta, \varphi)$

By means of eigenfunction expansion or from separation of variable:

$$u(r, \theta, \varphi, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} B_{jlm}(t) j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

and further:

$$B''_{jlm}(t) = -\lambda_{lj}^2 c^2 B_{jlm}(t) \implies B_{jlm} = C_{jlm} \cos c\lambda_{lj} t + D_{jlm} \sin c\lambda_{lj} t$$

As usual C_{jlm} and D_{jlm} can be determined from the IVCs.

$$C_{jlm} = \frac{2}{a^3 j_{l+1}^2(\alpha_{l+\frac{1}{2},j})} \int_0^a r^2 dr \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f(r, \theta, \varphi) j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) \bar{Y}_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$D_{jlm} \cdot c\lambda_{lj} = \frac{2}{a^3 j_{l+1}^2(\alpha_{l+\frac{1}{2},j})} \int_0^a r^2 dr \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi g(r, \theta, \varphi) j_l(\lambda_{lj} r) \bar{Y}_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

asymptotic behavior of wave solution wrt. r :

- ① one dimension: $u(x) \sim \sin(\lambda x + \varphi)$
- ② polar case: $u(r) \sim J_n(\lambda r) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \cos(\lambda r + \varphi)$
- ③ spherical case: $u(r) \sim j_l(\lambda r) \sim \frac{1}{r} \cos(\lambda r + \varphi)$

energy conservation:

- ① one dimension: flow \propto constant
- ② polar case: $\propto \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}\right)^2 2\pi r = \text{constant}$
- ③ spherical case: $\propto \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^2 4\pi r^2 = \text{constant}$

8 Chapter 8. Fourier and Laplace transforms and their applications to PDE

8.1 The Fourier transform

starting from Fourier series for $x \in [-p, p]$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} \right) = \frac{p}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} \right) \frac{\pi}{p}$$

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

$$\omega_n = \frac{n\pi}{p}, \quad \text{let } p \rightarrow \infty \implies f(x) = \int_0^\infty [a(\omega) \cos \omega x + b(\omega) \sin \omega x] d\omega$$

Suppose $f(x)$ is piecewise continuous on every finite interval and that $\int_{-\infty}^\infty |f(x)| dx < \infty$.

Then $f(x)$ has the Fourier integral representation of the form:

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty [A(\omega) \cos \omega x + B(\omega) \sin \omega x] d\omega \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty)$$

where for all $\omega \geq 0$:

$$A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) \cos \omega x dx, \quad B(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) \sin \omega x dx$$

Integral representation of $f(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ if $f(x)$ is continuous at x , to $\frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2}$ otherwise.
 (for delta function: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i\omega x} \delta(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i\omega x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} d\omega = \delta(x)$)

Or using a more compact form:

for any function $f(x)$, define its Fourier transform:

$$F[f(x)](\omega) = \hat{f}(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx \quad (-\infty < \omega < +\infty)$$

Inverse Fourier transform:

$$F^{-1}[\hat{f}(\omega)](x) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega = f(x) \quad (-\infty < \omega < +\infty)$$

or in a familiar way: $F^{-1}[F[f(x)]] = f(x)$

Example: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |x| < a \\ 0, & \text{if } |x| > a \end{cases}$

$$F[f(x)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a e^{-i\omega x} dx = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin \omega a}{\omega}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\cos \omega x \sin \omega a}{\omega} d\omega$$

Operation properties:

① linearity: $F[af + bg] = aF[f] + bF[g]$

② Suppose f and f' both be piecewise continuous and integrable and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = 0$, then $F[f'] = i\omega F[f]$
 if in addition: f'' is piecewise continuous and integrable, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f'(x) = 0$, then $F[f''] = -\omega^2 F[f]$

③ Suppose $f(x)$ and $x^n f(x)$ are integrable:

$$F[x^n f(x)] = i^n \frac{d^n}{d\omega^n} F[f(x)]$$

④ shifting on the ω -axis: $F[e^{iax} f(x)] = F[f(x)](\omega - a)$

shifting on the x -axis: $F^{-1}[e^{-ihx} \hat{f}(\omega)] = F^{-1}[\hat{f}(\omega)](x - h)$

⑤ define convolution of two functions f and g : $f * g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x-t)g(t)dt$

then $F[f * g] = F[f] \cdot F[g]$

Example: Fourier transform of the Gaussian function: $f(x) = e^{-\frac{ax^2}{2}}$, $a > 0$

we know $f(x)$ satisfy $f'(x) + axf(x) = 0$, taken F on the both side.

$$\Rightarrow i\omega \hat{f}(\omega) + ai\hat{f}'(\omega) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{f}(\omega) = Ae^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2a}}$$

$$\hat{f}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{ax^2}{2}} e^{-i0x} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$$

Fourier Sine/Cosine transform: defined on $0 \leq x < +\infty$, $0 \leq \omega < +\infty$

$$F_c[f(x)](\omega) = \hat{f}(\omega) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} dx f(x) \cos \omega x$$

$$F_c^{-1}[\hat{f}(\omega)](x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega \hat{f}(\omega) \cos \omega x = f(x)$$

$$F_s[f(x)](\omega) = \hat{f}(\omega) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} dx f(x) \sin \omega x$$

$$F_s^{-1}[\hat{f}(\omega)](x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega \hat{f}(\omega) \sin \omega x = f(x)$$

derivatives:

$$F_c[f'(x)] = \omega F_s[f(x)] - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f(0); \quad F_c[f''(x)] = -\omega^2 F_c[f(x)] - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} f'(0)$$

$$F_s[f'(x)] = -\omega F_c[f(x)]; \quad F_s[f''(x)] = -\omega^2 F_s[f(x)] + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \omega f(0)$$

8.2 Fourier transform method on PDE on infinite region

When discussing infinite region, the series expansion method fails.

E.g.

① heat equation for an infinite rod, $t \geq 0$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u, \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty) \quad u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

take F on both side wrt. x , considering ω as fixed:

$$\hat{u}(\omega, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x, t) e^{-i\omega x} dx, \quad u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{u}(\omega, t) e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

back to PDE:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\hat{u}(\omega, t)}{dt} e^{i\omega x} d\omega = c^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{u}(\omega, t) (-\omega^2) e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

which leads to:

$$\frac{d\hat{u}(\omega, t)}{dt} = -c^2 \omega^2 \hat{u}(\omega, t), \quad \hat{u}(\omega, 0) = \hat{f}(\omega) \implies \hat{u}(\omega, t) = \hat{f}(\omega) e^{-c^2 \omega^2 t}$$

thus $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2c^2 t}} (f * g)(x)$, with $g(x) \equiv e^{-\frac{x^2}{4c^2 t}}$.

So $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2c\sqrt{\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(s) e^{-\frac{(x-s)^2}{4c^2 t}} ds$.

② wave equation on an infinite string, $t \geq 0$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u, \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty) \quad u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$$

take F on both side wrt. x ,

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{u}(\omega, t)}{dt^2} = -c^2 \omega^2 \hat{u}(\omega, t), \quad \hat{u}(\omega, 0) = \hat{f}(\omega), \quad \hat{u}'(\omega, 0) = \hat{g}(\omega)$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}(\omega, t) &= \hat{f}(\omega) \cos \omega c t + \frac{\hat{g}(\omega)}{\omega c} \sin \omega c t \\ u(x, t) &= F^{-1}[\hat{u}(\omega, t)] = F^{-1}\left[\frac{\hat{f}(\omega)}{2}(e^{i\omega c t} + e^{-i\omega c t})\right] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \hat{g}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} \int_0^t dt' \cos \omega c t' \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)] + \int_0^t dt' \left(\frac{1}{2}g(x+ct') + \frac{1}{2}g(x-ct')\right) \quad \left(\int_0^t dt' \cos \omega c t' = \frac{1}{\omega c} \sin \omega c t' \Big|_0^t = \frac{\sin \omega t}{\omega c}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

③ Laplace's Equation on the upper $x-y$ plane ($f(\pm\infty) = 0$)

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad -\infty < x < +\infty, \quad y \geq 0, \quad u|_{y=0} = f(x)$$

take F on both side wrt. x ,

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{u}(\omega, y)}{dy^2} - \omega^2 \hat{u} = 0, \quad \hat{u}(\omega, 0) = \hat{f}(\omega), \quad \hat{u}(\omega, +\infty) = 0$$

thus $\hat{u}(\omega, y) = \hat{f}(\omega) e^{-|\omega|y}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= F^{-1}[\hat{u}(\omega, y)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} e^{-|\omega|y} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx' f(x') \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega e^{-i\omega(x'-x)} e^{-|\omega|y} = \frac{y}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx' \frac{f(x')}{(x-x')^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

④ wave equation in 3-D without boundaries

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u, \quad u|_{t=0} = f(\vec{r}), \quad u_t|_{t=0} = g(\vec{r})$$

Now introducing 3-D F wrt. $\vec{r} \equiv \{x, y, z\} \longrightarrow \vec{\omega} \equiv \{\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z\}$

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{u}(\vec{\omega}, t)}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 c^2 \hat{u}(\vec{\omega}, t), \quad \hat{u}(\vec{\omega}, 0) = \hat{f}(\vec{\omega}), \quad \hat{u}'(\vec{\omega}, 0) = \hat{g}(\vec{\omega})$$

$$\text{thus, } \hat{u}(\vec{\omega}, t) = \hat{f}(\vec{\omega}) \cos \omega c t + \frac{\hat{g}(\vec{\omega})}{\omega c} \sin \omega c t$$

$$\text{and } u(\vec{r}, t) = F^{-1}[\hat{u}(\vec{\omega}, t)] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int d\vec{\omega} \cdot e^{i\vec{\omega}\vec{r}} \hat{u}(\vec{\omega}, t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \int d\vec{r}' f(\vec{r}') \int d\vec{\omega} \cdot e^{-i\vec{\omega}(\vec{r}' - \vec{r})} \cos \omega c t + \int d\vec{r}' g(\vec{r}') \int d\vec{\omega} \cdot e^{-i\vec{\omega}(\vec{r}' - \vec{r})} \frac{\sin \omega c t}{\omega c} \right\}$$

$$\text{now } \int d\vec{r}' f(\vec{r}') \int d\vec{\omega} e^{-i\vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{r}' - \vec{r})} \cos \omega c t = \int d\vec{r}' f(\vec{r} + \vec{r}') \int d\vec{\omega} \cdot e^{-i\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}'} \cos \omega c t$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\vec{r}' f(\vec{r} + \vec{r}') \int d\vec{\omega} \frac{\sin \omega c t}{\omega c} \cdot e^{-i\omega r' \cos \theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\vec{r}' f(\vec{r} + \vec{r}')$$

$$\left(\int d\vec{\omega} = \int_0^\infty \omega^2 d\omega \int_{-1}^1 d\cos \theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \right)$$

$$\int_0^\infty \omega^2 d\omega \frac{2\pi}{-i\omega^2 c r'} \sin \omega c t (e^{-i\omega r'} - e^{i\omega r'}) = \frac{(2\pi)^2}{2c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\vec{r}' f(\vec{r} + \vec{r}') \frac{\delta(r' - ct)}{r'} = \frac{(2\pi)^2}{2c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_{S_{ct}^{\vec{r}}} \frac{f(\vec{r}')}{ct} ds'$$

$S_{ct}^{\vec{r}} \longrightarrow$ surface of sphere centered at \vec{r} , with radius ct .

similar for the second term.

finally:

$$u(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_{S_{ct}^{\vec{r}}} \frac{f(\vec{r}')}{ct} ds' + \frac{1}{4\pi c} \iint_{S_{ct}^{\vec{r}}} \frac{g(\vec{r}')}{ct} ds'$$

Fourier transform in 3-D space: $u(x, y, z, t) \longrightarrow \hat{u}(\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z, t)$

$$F[u(x, y, z)](\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz u(x, y, z) e^{-i\omega_x x} e^{-i\omega_y y} e^{-i\omega_z z}$$

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \vec{r}, \quad (\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z) \rightarrow \vec{\omega}, \quad dxdydz \rightarrow d\vec{r}, \quad d\omega_x d\omega_y d\omega_z \rightarrow d\vec{\omega}$$

$$\delta(x)\delta(y)\delta(z) \equiv \delta(\vec{r}), \quad \int d\vec{r} \delta(\vec{r}) = 1, \quad \int d\vec{\omega} e^{i\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}} = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{r})$$

$$F[u(\vec{r})](\vec{\omega}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int d\vec{r} u(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$F^{-1}[u(\vec{\omega})](\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int d\vec{\omega} \hat{u}(\vec{\omega}) e^{i\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

⑤ non-homogeneous Wave equation in 3-D without any boundaries

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u + f(\vec{r}, t), \quad u|_{t=0} = 0, \quad u_t|_{t=0} = 0$$

using 3-D F wrt. \vec{r} :

$$\hat{u}(\vec{\omega}, t) = \cos\omega c t \int_0^t dt' \hat{f}(\vec{\omega}, t') \frac{-\sin\omega c t'}{\omega c} + \sin\omega c t \int_0^t dt' \hat{f}(\vec{\omega}, t') \frac{\cos\omega c t'}{\omega c}$$

now apply F^{-1} :

$$\begin{aligned} u(\vec{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int d\vec{\omega} e^{i\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}} \hat{u}(\vec{\omega}, t) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\vec{r}' \int_0^t dt' f(\vec{r}', t') \int d\vec{\omega} \frac{1}{\omega c} e^{i\vec{\omega}(\vec{r}-\vec{r}')} \sin\omega c(t-t') = \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \iiint_{T_{ct}^{\vec{r}}} \frac{f(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}{c})}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d\vec{r}' \end{aligned}$$

⑥ semi-infinite region, 1-D heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u, \quad x \geq 0, \quad t \geq 0, \quad u(x, t)|_{x=0} = u_0, \quad u(x, t)|_{t=0} = 0$$

using F_s wrt. x :

$$\frac{d\hat{u}(\omega, t)}{dt} = c^2 \left(-\omega^2 \hat{u}(\omega, t) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \omega u(0, t) \right), \quad \hat{u}(\omega, 0) = 0$$

thus $\hat{u}(\omega, t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{u_0}{\omega} (1 - e^{-\omega^2 c^2 t})$, and the inverse

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{u_0}{\omega} (1 - e^{-\omega^2 c^2 t}) \sin\omega x = u_0 \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} (1 - e^{-\omega^2}) \sin \frac{\omega x}{c\sqrt{t}}, \text{ let } z = \frac{x}{2c\sqrt{t}} \\ &= u_0 \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^z dy \int_0^\infty d\omega (1 - e^{-\omega^2}) \cos(2\omega y) = \frac{u_0}{\pi} \int_0^z dy \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega (1 - e^{-\omega^2}) (e^{i2\omega y} + e^{-i2\omega y}) \\ &= u_0 \left(1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-y^2} dy \right) \\ & (= u_0 \operatorname{erfc}(\frac{x}{2c\sqrt{t}})) = 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-y^2} dy, \quad \operatorname{erfc}(z) = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(z) \end{aligned}$$

8.3 The Laplace transform

Definition:

Suppose $f(t)$ is defined for all $t \geq 0$, the Laplace transform of f is the function:

$$L[f(t)](s) = \int_0^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \quad (\text{s can be on the full complex-plane})$$

If f is piecewise continuous on $[0, +\infty)$, and is exponential ordered, namely exist M and S_0 ,

$$|f(t)| \leq M e^{S_0 t} \text{ for all } t \geq 0$$

Then the Laplace transform exist for all $s > S_0$.

E.g.

$$\begin{aligned}
L[t^\beta](s) &= \int_0^{+\infty} t^\beta e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s^{\beta+1}} \int_0^{+\infty} x^\beta e^{-x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\beta+1)}{s^{\beta+1}} \\
L[e^{\alpha t}](s) &= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{\alpha t} e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s-\alpha}, \text{ for } s > \alpha \\
L[\sin \omega t](s) &= \int_0^{+\infty} \sin \omega t e^{-st} dt = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \quad L[\cos \omega t] = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Properties of Laplace transform:

- ① linearity: $L[\alpha f + \beta g] = \alpha L[f] + \beta L[g]$;
- ② $L[f'(t)] = \int_0^{+\infty} f'(t) e^{-st} dt = f(t) e^{-st} \Big|_0^{+\infty} + s \int_0^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt = sL[f(t)] - f(0)$
 $L[f^{(n)}(t)] = s^n L[f] - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
- ③ $L[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n L[f(t)]}{ds^n}$
- ④ $L[e^{\alpha t} f(t)] = L[f(t)](s - \alpha)$
- ⑤ Convolutions: define $f * g(t) = \int_0^t f(x) g(t-x) dx$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
L[f * g(t)] &= \int_0^{+\infty} dt \int_0^t dx f(x) g(t-x) e^{-st}, \text{ let } y = x, \quad z = t - x \\
&= \int_0^{+\infty} dy \int_0^{+\infty} dz f(y) g(z) e^{-s(y+z)} = L[f(t)] \cdot L[g(t)]
\end{aligned}$$

Inverse of Laplace transform:

given $\hat{f}(s)$, find $f(t)$, let $L[f(t)] = \hat{f}(s)$ or $f(t) \equiv L^{-1}[\hat{f}(s)]$

e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}
L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] &= 1, \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] = t, \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3}\right] = \frac{1}{2}t^2, \dots \\
L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3(s+\alpha)}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1}{s^3} - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{\alpha^3} \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{\alpha^3} \frac{1}{s+\alpha}\right] = \frac{1}{2\alpha}t^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha^2}t + \frac{1}{\alpha^3} - \frac{1}{\alpha^3}e^{-\alpha t}
\end{aligned}$$

Supposing $\hat{f}(s)$ being analytic, and $\lim_{|s| \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}(s) = 0$, on $\text{Re } s > S_0$

further $\int_{p-i\infty}^{p+i\infty} |\hat{f}(s)| d\sigma$ exist for $p = \text{Re } s > S_0$, then

$$f(t) \equiv L^{-1}[\hat{f}(s)] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{p-i\infty}^{p+i\infty} \hat{f}(s) e^{st} ds, \quad p > S_0$$

Application to PDE on semi-infinite region, e.g. heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \geq 0, \quad t \geq 0, \quad u|_{x=0} = f(t), \quad u|_{t=0} = 0, \quad u|_{x=+\infty} = 0$$

now apply L on both side wrt. t :

$$c^2 \frac{d^2 \hat{u}(x, s)}{dx^2} = s \hat{u}(x, s) + 0, \quad \hat{u}(0, s) = \hat{f}(s), \quad \hat{u}(+\infty, s) = 0$$

thus $\hat{u}(x, s) = \hat{f}(s) e^{-\frac{\sqrt{s}}{c} x}$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-\alpha \sqrt{s}}\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{\alpha^2}{4t}} \implies L^{-1}\left[e^{-\frac{\sqrt{s}}{c} x}\right] = \frac{x}{2c\sqrt{\pi t^3}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4tc^2}}$$

from convolutions:

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^t f(t-z) \frac{x}{2c\sqrt{\pi z^3}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4zc^2}} dz$$

E.g.

wave equation on 1-D, $0 \leq x < +\infty, \quad t > 0$

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 \\ u|_{t=0} = u_t|_{t=0} = 0 \\ u|_{x=0} = f(t), \text{ or } u_x|_{x=0} = f(t) \end{cases}$$

Solution:

① In case of 1-st kind BVCs, using F_s wrt. x , $\hat{u}(\omega, t) \equiv F_s[u(x, t)]$, thus:

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{u}}{dt^2} + \omega^2 c^2 \hat{u} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} c^2 \omega f(t) = 0, \quad \hat{u}|_{t=0} = \hat{u}_t|_{t=0} = 0$$

② In case of 2-nd kind BVCs, using F_c wrt. x , $\hat{u}(\omega, t) \equiv F_c[u(x, t)]$, thus:

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{u}}{dt^2} + \omega^2 c^2 \hat{u} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} c^2 f(t) = 0, \quad \hat{u}|_{t=0} = \hat{u}_t|_{t=0} = 0$$

In both cases: $y_1 = \cos \omega c t$, $y_2 = \sin \omega c t$, and $W[y_1, y_2] = \omega c$

while the non-hom. term is $\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} c^2 \omega f(t)$ and $-\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} c^2 f(t)$ respectively.

for case ①:

$$y_p = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} c \int_0^t f(\tau) \sin \omega c (t - \tau) d\tau$$

the solution of IVP: $y = y_p + c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$

$$\text{since } y'_p = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} c \left(f(t) \cdot 0 + \int_0^t f(\tau) \omega c \cdot \cos \omega c (t - \tau) d\tau \right), \quad y'_p|_{t=0} = 0.$$

Thus from $y|_{t=0} = y_t|_{t=0} = 0$, we know

$$y = y_p = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} c \int_0^t f(\tau) \sin \omega c (t - \tau) d\tau$$

$$\text{Similarly for case ②, } y = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{c}{\omega} \int_0^t f(\tau) \sin \omega c (t - \tau) d\tau$$

In the last step we need to do inverse transform,

case ①:

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x, t) &= F_s^{-1}[\hat{u}] = \frac{2}{\pi}c \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega \sin\omega x \int_0^t f(\tau) \sin\omega c(t - \tau) d\tau \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi}c \int_0^t d\tau f(\tau) \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2} [\cos\omega(x - c(t - \tau)) - \cos\omega(x + c(t - \tau))] \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi}c \int_0^t d\tau f(\tau) \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \left[\frac{1}{2}(e^{i\omega(x - c(t - \tau))} + e^{-i\omega(x - c(t - \tau))}) - \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\omega(x + c(t - \tau))} + e^{-i\omega(x + c(t - \tau))}) \right] \\
&= c \int_0^t d\tau f(\tau) (\delta(x - c(t - \tau)) - \delta(x + c(t - \tau))) \\
&= \theta(t - \frac{x}{c}) \cdot f(t - \frac{x}{c})
\end{aligned}$$

case②:

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x, t) &= F_c^{-1}[\hat{u}] = -\frac{2}{\pi}c \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega \cos\omega x \int_0^t \frac{f(\tau)}{\omega} \sin\omega c(t - \tau) d\tau \\
&= -\frac{2}{\pi}c \int_0^t d\tau f(\tau) \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\omega} [\sin\omega(x - c(t - \tau)) + \sin\omega(x + c(t - \tau))] \\
&= -\frac{2}{\pi}c \int_0^t d\tau f(\tau) \theta(c(t - \tau) - x) \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega \frac{\sin\omega}{\omega} \\
&= -c\theta(t - \frac{x}{c}) \int_0^{t - \frac{x}{c}} d\tau f(\tau)
\end{aligned}$$

One can try Laplace transform for case①,

L wrt. t :

$$s^2 \hat{u}(x, s) - su(x, 0) - u_t(x, 0) - c^2 \frac{d^2 \hat{u}(x, s)}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$\implies s^2 \hat{u}(x, s) - c^2 \frac{d^2 \hat{u}(x, s)}{dx^2} = 0, \text{ further } \hat{u}(0, s) = \hat{f}(s), \text{ with } \hat{f}(s) = L[f(t)]$$

considering $u(+\infty, t)$ is finite, only one of the two solutions of ODE survives,

$$\hat{u}(x, s) = \hat{f}(s) \exp\left[\frac{-sx}{c}\right]$$

the inverse:

$$u(x, t) = L^{-1}[\hat{u}] = L^{-1}[\hat{f}(s) \exp\left[\frac{-sx}{c}\right]]$$

$$\text{we know : } L^{-1}[\hat{f}(s)] = f(t), \quad L^{-1}[\exp\left[\frac{-sx}{c}\right]] = \delta(t - \frac{x}{c})$$

thus using convolution:

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^t d\tau f(\tau) \delta(t - \tau - \frac{x}{c}) = \theta(t - \frac{x}{c}) \cdot f(t - \frac{x}{c})$$

Intuitive picture on wave equations

examples:

① 1D space with $x \in [0, +\infty)$:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad u|_{t=0} = 0, \quad u_t|_{t=0} = 0$$

and boundary conditions, either $u|_{x=0} = f(t)$ or $u_x|_{x=0} = g(t)$

(From general solution of PDEs, we know $u(x, t) = \phi_1(x - ct) + \phi_2(x + ct)$, namely two travelling waves, and only $\phi_1(x - ct)$ in this case ($v=+c$). Thus at any point x , its movement can be think as duplicate of that at $x_0 = 0$ but with time delay $\frac{x}{c}$. The latter starts to propagate at $t = 0$.)

For first case, $u(x, t) = \theta(t - \frac{x}{c}) \cdot f(t - \frac{x}{c})$

For second case, since $u_t(x, t) = \theta(t - \frac{x}{c}) \cdot u_t(0, t - \frac{x}{c})$, the total momentum:

$$P = \int_0^{+\infty} u_t(x, t) \rho dx = \rho \int_0^{ct} u_t(0, t - \frac{x}{c}) dx = \rho c \int_0^t u_t(0, t') dt' = \rho c u(0, t) = \int_0^t (-Tg(t')) dt'$$

(note $c^2 = \frac{T}{\rho}$)

So we derive: $u(0, t) = -\frac{T}{\rho c} \int_0^t g(t') dt' = -c \int_0^t g(t') dt'$

and with the propagation picture $u(x, t) = -\theta(t - \frac{x}{c}) c \int_0^{t - \frac{x}{c}} g(t') dt'$

② 3D space non-homogeneous equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u + f(\vec{r}, t), \quad u|_{t=0} = 0, \quad u_t|_{t=0} = 0$$

Now imagine $f(\vec{r}, t) = \int d\vec{r}' \int_0^t dt' f(\vec{r}', t') \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \delta(t' - t)$

using superposition principle, each small part induces an initial speed/thrust at $\vec{r} = \vec{r}'$, $t = t'$

initial speed: $u_t^\delta(\vec{r}, t') = \delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{r})$; $u^\delta(\vec{r}, t') = 0$

thus

$$u^\delta(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi c} \iint_{S_{\vec{r}(t-t')}} \frac{u_t^\delta(\vec{R}, t')}{c(t-t')} dS = \frac{1}{4\pi c} \frac{\delta(c(t-t') - |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

and finally:

$$u(\vec{r}, t) = \int d\vec{r}' \int_0^t dt' u^\delta(\vec{r}, t) \cdot f(\vec{r}', t') = \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \int_{T_{\vec{r}}} d\vec{r}' \frac{f(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

9 Chapter 9. Method of Green's functions on PDEs

9.1 Green's function for Poisson's equation

9.1.1 Integral formular for poisson's equation (3D case)

Supposing $u(\vec{r})$ and $v(\vec{r})$ have continuous 2nd derivatives in region T and continuous 1st derivatives on its surface \sum ,

i.e. $u(\vec{r})$ and $v(\vec{r}) \in C^2(T) \cap C^1(\sum)$, thus

$$\iint_{\Sigma} u \vec{\nabla} v \cdot d\vec{s} = \iiint_T \vec{\nabla} \cdot (u \vec{\nabla} v) dV = \iiint_T (\vec{\nabla} u \cdot \vec{\nabla} v + u \nabla^2 v) dV \quad (\text{first Green's formular})$$

$$\iint_{\Sigma} (u \vec{\nabla} v - v \vec{\nabla} u) \cdot d\vec{s} = \iiint_T (u \nabla^2 v - v \nabla^2 u) dV \quad (\text{second Green's formular})$$

Now to solve for $\nabla^2 u = f(\vec{r})$, $\vec{r} \in T$ with a general BVC $\left[\alpha \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \beta u \right] \Big|_{\Sigma} = \varphi(\vec{r})$, $\vec{r} \in \Sigma$.

We first introduce an auxiliary/Green's function, satisfying:

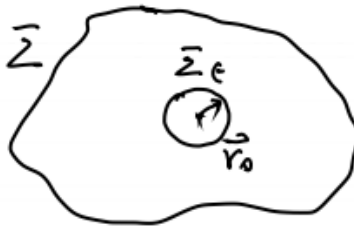
$$\nabla^2 v(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \quad (\text{no BVCs, thus not unique})$$

and consider T_ε being $T - T_{\vec{r}_0}^\varepsilon$ (subtracting spherical region centered at \vec{r}_0 with radius ε)
 apply Green's second formular for T_ε ,

$$\iint_{\Sigma} (u \vec{\nabla} v - v \vec{\nabla} u) \cdot d\vec{s} - \iint_{\Sigma_\varepsilon} (u \vec{\nabla} v - v \vec{\nabla} u) \cdot d\vec{s} = \iiint_{T_\varepsilon} (u \nabla^2 v - v \nabla^2 u) dV$$

with $v = v(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)$, in the limit $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ (note $v \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|}$)
 one get

$$u(\vec{r}_0) = \iiint_T v f(\vec{r}) dV + \iint_{\Sigma} (u \vec{\nabla} v - v \vec{\nabla} u) \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{integral formular for poisson's equation!}$$



9.1.2 Applications to Laplace's equation ($f(\vec{r}) \equiv 0$), $\nabla^2 u = 0$

one can simply let $v(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|}$, then

$$u(\vec{r}_0) = \iint_{\Sigma} (u \vec{\nabla} v - v \vec{\nabla} u) \cdot d\vec{s} = \iint_{\Sigma} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - u \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|} \right) \right) \frac{ds}{4\pi}$$

further note for Laplace's equation:

$$\nabla^2 u = 0 \rightarrow \iiint_T \nabla^2 u dV = 0 \rightarrow \iint_{\Sigma} \vec{\nabla} u \cdot d\vec{s} = 0 = \iint_{\Sigma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} ds$$

(Consistency condition for Neunman's BVC, $\iint_{\Sigma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} ds = 0$)

Now if T is a spherical region centered at \vec{r}_0 with radius a,

$$u(\vec{r}_0) = \frac{1}{4\pi a} \iint_{\Sigma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} ds + \frac{1}{4\pi a^2} \iint_{\Sigma} u ds = \langle u(\vec{r}) \rangle_{\Sigma} \quad \text{equals mean temperature on sphere!}$$

9.1.3 Green's functions for Poisson's equation

① Dirichlet's BVCs:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = f(\vec{r}), \vec{r} \in T \\ u(\vec{r})|_{\Sigma} = \varphi(\vec{r}), \vec{r} \in \Sigma \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{Green's function}} \begin{cases} \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0), \vec{r} \in T \\ G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)|_{\Sigma} = 0, \vec{r} \in \Sigma \end{cases}$$

in integral formular of Poisson's equation, let $v = G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)$,

$$u(\vec{r}_0) = \iiint_T G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) f(\vec{r}) dV + \iint_{\Sigma} \varphi(\vec{r}) \frac{\partial G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)}{\partial n} ds$$

using symmetric relation of Green's function, $G(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = G(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1)$

that comes to:

$$u(\vec{r}_0) = \iiint_T G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}) f(\vec{r}) dV + \iint_{\Sigma} \varphi(\vec{r}) \frac{\partial G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r})}{\partial n} ds$$

where $\iiint_T G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}) f(\vec{r}) dV$ is by charge inside T $\iint_{\Sigma} \varphi(\vec{r}) \frac{\partial G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r})}{\partial n} ds$ is by potential on Σ

Proof of the symmetric relation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \iiint_T (G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1) \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_2) - G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_2) \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1)) dV \\ &= \iint_{\Sigma} (G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1) \vec{\nabla} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_2) - G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_2) \vec{\nabla} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1)) \cdot d\vec{s} \\ &= 0, \quad \text{due to BVCs.} \end{aligned}$$

further from PDE, above = $\iiint_T (G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2) - G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_2) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1)) dV = G(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1) - G(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$

thus $G(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1) = G(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$, valid also for Robin's homogeneous BVCs.

② Robin's BVCs:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = f(\vec{r}), \vec{r} \in T \\ \left[\alpha \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \beta u \right]_{\Sigma} = \varphi(\vec{r}), \vec{r} \in \Sigma \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{Green's function}} \begin{cases} \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0), \vec{r} \in T \\ \left[\alpha \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} + \beta G \right]_{\Sigma} = 0, \vec{r} \in \Sigma \end{cases}$$

using integral formular of Poisson's equation, Similar to Dirichlet's BVCs.

$$u(\vec{r}_0) = \iiint_T G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}) f(\vec{r}) dV + \frac{1}{\beta} \iint_{\Sigma} \varphi(\vec{r}) \frac{\partial G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r})}{\partial n} ds$$

$$= \iiint_T G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}) f(\vec{r}) dV - \frac{1}{\alpha} \iint_{\Sigma} \varphi(\vec{r}) G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}) ds$$

when $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$, that goes back to Dirichlet's BVCs.

③ Neuman's BVCs:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla^2 u = f(\vec{r}), \vec{r} \in T \\ \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \right|_{\Sigma} = \varphi(\vec{r}), \vec{r} \in \Sigma \end{array} \right. \xrightarrow{\text{Green's function}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) - \frac{1}{V_T}, \vec{r} \in T \\ \left. \frac{\partial G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)}{\partial n} \right|_{\Sigma} = 0, \vec{r} \in \Sigma \end{array} \right.$$

here V_T is the total volume of region T.

The $\frac{1}{V_T}$ term is introduced otherwise no solution for G.

(Imagine total charge in $T = 0$, since $\vec{E}|_{\Sigma} = 0$. In this case it is called generalized Green's function)

$$u(\vec{r}_0) = \iiint_T G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) f(\vec{r}) dV - \iint_{\Sigma} \varphi(\vec{r}) G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) ds$$

Note for Neuman's BVCs, either u or G can be only determined up to a constant.

9.2 Green's functions and electric-image method

9.2.1 Green's function in unbounded space

$$\text{Definition: } \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$$

in connection with EM of a point electric charge, thus

$$\begin{aligned} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|} \quad \text{for 3-D} \\ G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0| \quad \text{for 2-D} \\ G(x, x_0) &= \frac{1}{2} |x - x_0| \quad \text{for 1-D} \end{aligned}$$

note in unbounded case G can be only determined upto a constant!

9.2.2 Green's functions from method of eigenfunction expansion

$$\text{Definition: (1-st kind)} \quad \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0), \quad G|_{\Sigma} = 0$$

Now suppose we know $u_N(\vec{r})$ being eigenfunctions of the Helmholtz's equation with same BVCs, namely

$$\nabla^2 u_N(\vec{r}) = -\lambda_N u_N(\vec{r}), \quad u_N|_{\Sigma} = 0, \quad (u_N, u_M) = \iiint_T u_N u_M dV \propto \delta_{MN}$$

then we know must exist:

$$G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \sum_N a_N(\vec{r}_0) u_N(\vec{r})$$

$$\implies \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \sum_N (-\lambda_N a_N(\vec{r}_0)) u_N(\vec{r}) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$$

taken inner product with $u_M(\vec{r}) \implies a_M(\vec{r}) = -\frac{u_M(\vec{r}_0)}{\lambda_M(u_M, u_M)}$

$$\left(\frac{(u_N, f(\vec{r}))}{(u_N, u_N)} = \frac{\iiint_V d\vec{r} u_N(\vec{r}) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)}{\|u_N\|^2} = \frac{u_N(\vec{r}_0)}{\|u_N\|^2} \right)$$

Consider a rectangle region: $\nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) = \delta(x - x_0) \delta(y - y_0)$
for $0 \leq x \leq a$, $0 \leq y \leq b$, and $G|_{\Sigma} = 0$.

We've already know:

$$u_{mn}(\vec{r}) = \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}, \quad \nabla^2 u_{mn} = -\left[\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 \right] \pi^2 u_{mn} \text{ and}$$

$$(u_{mn}, u_{mn}) = \int_0^a dx \int_0^b dy u_{mn}^2 = \frac{ab}{4}, \quad m, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

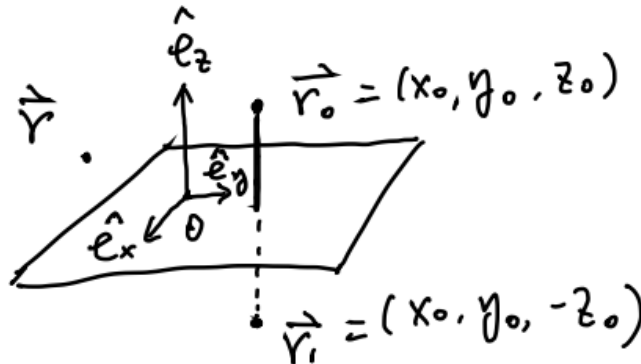
Thus

$$G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = - \sum_{m,n} \frac{4 \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi x_0}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \sin \frac{n\pi y_0}{b}}{ab\pi^2 \left[\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 \right]}$$

Now according to Green's solution of Poisson's equation:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u(\vec{r}) = f(\vec{r}) \\ 0 \leq x \leq a, \quad 0 \leq y \leq b \\ u|_{\Sigma} = 0 \end{cases} \implies u(\vec{r}) = \iint_T d\vec{r}_0 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) f(\vec{r}_0) = - \sum_{m,n} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \int \frac{dx_0 dy_0 f(\vec{r}_0) u_{mn}(\vec{r}_0)}{\frac{ab}{4} \pi^2 \left[\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 \right]}$$

9.2.3 Method of electric image



$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \\ z \geq 0, -\infty < x < +\infty, -\infty < y < +\infty & \text{in 3-D region with } z \geq 0 \\ G|_{z=0} = 0 \end{cases}$$

The solution of Green's function is the potential sum of a point-like charge at \vec{r}_0 and another with same but opposite charge at \vec{r}_1

$$G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|} - \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|} \right)$$

and on the boundary $z = 0$,

$$\left. \frac{\partial G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{2z_0}{((x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + z_0^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Now solutions for the poisson's equation can be obtained,

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u(\vec{r}) = f(\vec{r}) \\ z \geq 0, -\infty < x < +\infty, -\infty < y < +\infty & \text{with Dirichlet BVCs.} \\ u|_{z=0} = \varphi(\vec{r}) \end{cases}$$

Solution:

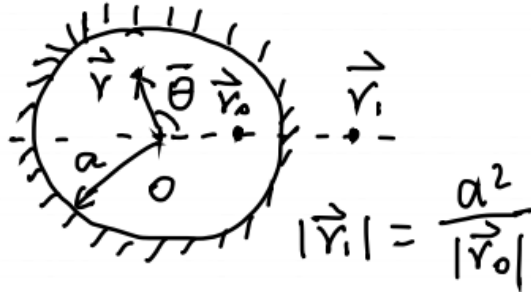
$$u(\vec{r}) = \iiint_T G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) f(\vec{r}_0) dV_0 + \iint_{\Sigma} \varphi(\vec{r}_0) \frac{\partial G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)}{\partial n_0} ds_0$$

if Laplace's equation, $f(\vec{r}) = 0$,

$$u(\vec{r}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx_0 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_0 \varphi(x_0, y_0) \frac{z}{2\pi ((x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

recall similar formula we derived for 2-D case with the Fourier transform's method.

inside a sphere with radius a :



$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \\ |\vec{r}| \leq a \\ G|_{|\vec{r}|=a} = 0 \end{cases}$$

The solution of G is the potential sum of a point-like charge at \vec{r}_0 and its image at \vec{r}_1 with opposite charge $\frac{a}{|\vec{r}_0|}$, namely

$$G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|} - \frac{\frac{a}{|\vec{r}_0|}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|} \right)$$

and on the boundary

$$\frac{\partial G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)}{\partial n} \Big|_{|\vec{r}|=a} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{-(a - |\vec{r}_0| \cos \bar{\theta})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^3} + \frac{\frac{a^2}{|\vec{r}_0|} (1 - \frac{a}{|\vec{r}_0|} \cos \bar{\theta})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|^3} \right) = -\frac{1}{4\pi a} \frac{r_0^2 - a^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^3}$$

Now solution for the Poisson's equation can be obtained,

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u(\vec{r}) = f(\vec{r}) \\ |\vec{r}| \leq a \\ u|_{\Sigma} = g(\vec{r}) \end{cases} \quad \text{with Dirichlet's BVCs.}$$

Solution:

$$u(\vec{r}) = \iiint_V G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0) f(\vec{r}_0) dV_0 + \iint_{\Sigma} g(\vec{r}_0) \frac{\partial G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0)}{\partial n_0} ds_0$$

if Laplace's equation, $f(\vec{r}) = 0$:

$$(g(\vec{r}) \equiv 1 \implies u(\vec{r}) \equiv 1)$$

$$u(\vec{r}) = \int d\Omega_0 a^2 g(\theta_0, \varphi_0) \left(-\frac{1}{4\pi a} \right) \frac{r^2 - a^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^3} = -\frac{a}{4\pi} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta_0 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi_0 g(\theta_0, \varphi_0) \frac{r^2 - a^2}{(r^2 + a^2 - 2ar\cos\bar{\Theta})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

note $|\vec{r}_0| = a$, with $\cos\bar{\Theta} = \cos\theta\cos\theta_0 + \sin\theta\sin\theta_0\cos(\varphi - \varphi_0)$

9.3 Green's function method for nonhomogeneous heat/wave equations

Wave equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 \nabla^2 u = f(\vec{r}, t), \quad \vec{r} \in T \\ \left[\alpha \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \beta u \right] \Big|_{\Sigma} = \theta(\vec{r}, t), \quad \vec{r} \in \Sigma \\ u|_{t=0} = \varphi(\vec{r}), \quad \vec{r} \in T \\ u_t|_{t=0} = \psi(\vec{r}), \quad \vec{r} \in T \end{cases}$$

Green's function

$$\begin{cases} G_{tt} - c^2 \nabla^2 G = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \delta(t - t_0) \\ \left[\alpha \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} + \beta G \right] \Big|_{\Sigma} = 0 \\ G|_{t=0} = 0 \\ G_t|_{t=0} = 0 \end{cases}$$

if $G(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, t_0)$ is known, [symmetric relation $G(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, t_0) = G(\vec{r}_0, -t_0; \vec{r}, -t)$]

$$u(\vec{r}, t) = \iiint_{T_0} \int_0^t G f(\vec{r}_0, t_0) d\vec{r}_0 dt_0 + c^2 \iint_{\Sigma_0} \int_0^t \left(G \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_0} - u \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_0} \right) ds_0 dt_0 + \iiint_{T_0} \left(G \frac{\partial u}{\partial t_0} - u \frac{\partial G}{\partial t_0} \right) \Big|_{t_0=0} d\vec{r}_0$$

note in the integral: $G = G(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, t_0)$, $u = u(\vec{r}_0, t_0)$

Proof:

starting with

$$u_{t_0 t_0} - c^2 \nabla_0^2 u = f(\vec{r}_0, t_0) - - - - - \otimes G(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, t_0)$$

$$G_{t_0 t_0} - c^2 \nabla_0^2 G = \delta(t_0 - t) \delta(\vec{r}_0 - \vec{r}) - - - - - \otimes u(\vec{r}_0, t_0)$$

and integrating over t_0 from 0 to $t + \epsilon$, ($\epsilon > 0$), and on T_0 ,

$$\iiint_{T_0} dV_0 \int_0^{t+\epsilon} (Gu_{t_0 t_0} - uG_{t_0 t_0}) dt_0 - c^2 \int_0^{t+\epsilon} dt_0 \iiint_{T_0} dV_0 (G \nabla_0^2 u - u \nabla_0^2 G) =$$

$$\int_0^{t+\epsilon} dt_0 \iiint_{T_0} dV_0 f(\vec{r}_0, t_0) G(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, t_0) - u(\vec{r}, t)$$

integrating for the first term and using Green's 2nd formular for second term,

$$u(\vec{r}, t) = \int_0^t dt_0 \iiint_{T_0} dV_0 f(\vec{r}_0, t_0) G + c^2 \int_0^t dt_0 \iint_{\Sigma_0} \left(G \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_0} - u \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_0} \right) ds_0 + \iiint_{T_0} dV_0 (Gu_{t_0} - uG_{t_0})|_{t_0=0} -$$

$$\iiint_{T_0} dV_0 (Gu_{t_0} - uG_{t_0})|_{t_0=t+\epsilon}$$

heat equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t - c^2 \nabla^2 u = f(\vec{r}, t), & \vec{r} \in T \\ \left[\alpha \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \beta u \right] \Big|_{\Sigma} = \theta(\vec{r}, t), & \vec{r} \in \Sigma \\ u|_{t=0} = \varphi(\vec{r}), & \vec{r} \in T \end{cases}$$

Green's function

$$\begin{cases} G_t - c^2 \nabla^2 G = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \delta(t - t_0) \\ \left[\alpha \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} + \beta G \right] \Big|_{\Sigma} = 0 \\ G|_{t=0} = 0 \end{cases}$$

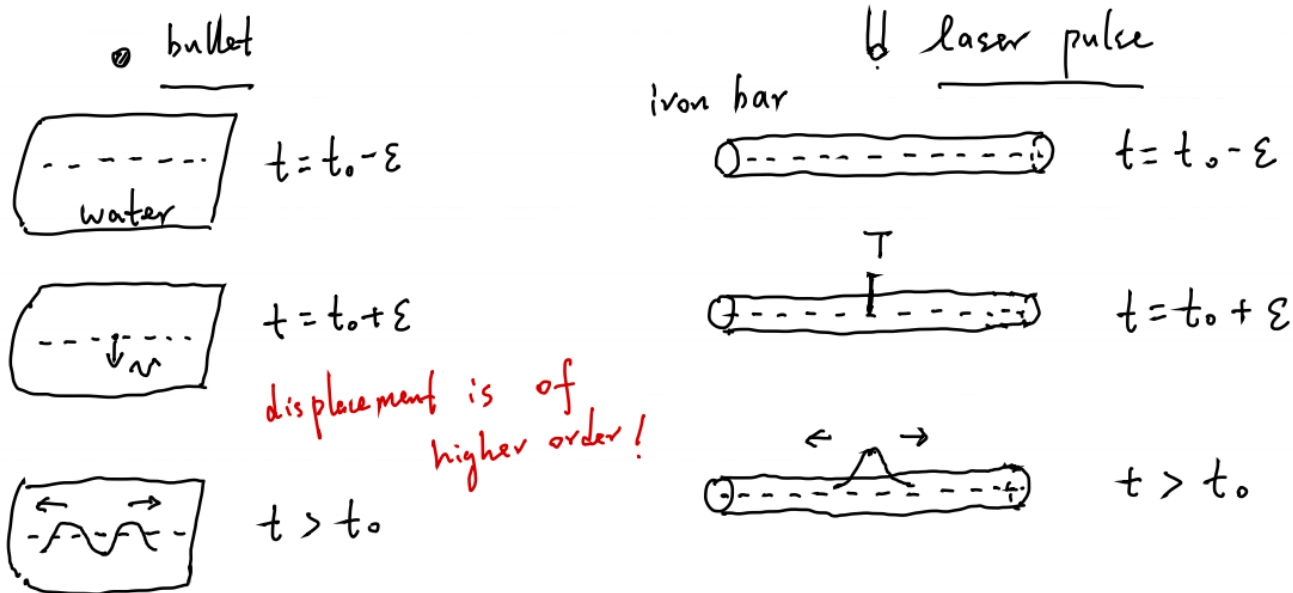
if $G(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, t_0)$ is known

$$u(\vec{r}, t) = \iiint_{T_0} \int_0^t G f(\vec{r}_0, t_0) f(\vec{r}_0, t_0) dt_0 d\vec{r}_0 + c^2 \iint_{\Sigma_0} \int_0^t \left(G \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_0} - u \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_0} \right) dt_0 ds_0 + \iiint_{T_0} G u|_{t_0=0} d\vec{r}_0$$

note in the integral $G = G(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, t_0)$ $u = u(\vec{r}_0, t_0)$

9.4 Evaluation of Green's function by means of impulse theorem

The problem of Green's function is a non-homogeneous equation with homogeneous BVCs and zero initial conditions, that can be related to homogeneous equation.



Example 1: 1-D wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = f(x, t) \\ u|_{t=0} = 0, \quad u_t|_{t=0} = 0 \\ -\infty < x < +\infty, \quad t > 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} G_{tt} - c^2 G_{xx} = \delta(x - x_0)\delta(t - t_0) \\ G|_{t=0} = 0, \quad G_t|_{t=0} = 0 \\ -\infty < x, x_0 < +\infty, \quad t, t_0 > 0 \end{cases}$$

now using impulse theorem, we know $G \equiv 0$ when $t < t_0$, and

$$\begin{cases} G_{tt} - c^2 G_{xx} = 0 \\ G|_{t=t_0} = 0, \quad G_t|_{t=t_0} = \delta(x - x_0) \end{cases}$$

By D'Alembert's method: $G = \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-c(t-t_0)}^{x+c(t-t_0)} \delta(s-x_0) ds = \Theta(t-t_0) \cdot \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2c}, & x_0 - c(t-t_0) < x < x_0 + c(t-t_0) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

thus

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx_0 \int_0^{+\infty} dt_0 G(x, t; x_0, t_0) f(x_0, t_0) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t dt_0 \int_{x-c(t-t_0)}^{x+c(t-t_0)} dx_0 f(x_0, t_0)$$

Example 2: 1-D heat equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_t - c^2 u_{xx} = f(x, t) \\ u|_{t=0} = 0 \\ -\infty < x < +\infty, \quad t > 0; \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} G_t - c^2 G_{xx} = \delta(x - x_0)\delta(t - t_0) \\ G|_{t=0} = 0 \\ t, t_0 > 0, -\infty < x < +\infty \end{cases}$$

using impulse theorem, we know $G \equiv 0$ when $t < t_0$, and

$$\begin{cases} G_t - c^2 G_{xx} = 0, \quad t > t_0, -\infty < x < +\infty \\ G|_{t=t_0} = \delta(x - x_0) \end{cases}$$

using F method: $G = \Theta(t - t_0) \frac{1}{2c\sqrt{\pi(t-t_0)}} e^{-\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{4c^2(t-t_0)}}$

thus,

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^{+\infty} dt_0 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx_0 G(x, t; x_0, t_0) f(x_0, t_0) = \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx_0 \frac{f(x_0, t_0)}{2c\sqrt{\pi(t-t_0)}} e^{-\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{4c^2(t-t_0)}}$$

Example 3: 1-D wave equation (finite interval) :

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = A \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \omega t, & 0 < x < l, t > 0 \\ u_x|_{x=0} = 0, & u_x|_{x=l} = 0, & t > 0 \\ u|_{t=0} = 0, & u_t|_{t=0} = 0, & 0 < x < l \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} G_{tt} - c^2 G_{xx} = \delta(x-x_0)\delta(t-t_0) \\ G_x|_{x=0} = 0, & G_x|_{x=l} = 0 \\ G|_{t=0} = 0, & G_t|_{t=0} = 0 \end{cases}$$

using impulse theorem, we know $G \equiv 0$, if $t < t_0$, and

$$\begin{cases} G_{tt} - c^2 G_{xx} = 0, & 0 < x < l, t > t_0 \\ G_x|_{x=0} = 0, & G_x|_{x=l} = 0 \\ G|_{t=t_0} = 0, & G_t|_{t=t_0} = \delta(x-x_0) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{solution } G(x, t; x_0, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cos \frac{n\pi x_0}{l}}{n\pi c} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi c(t-t_0)}{l} + \frac{t-t_0}{l}$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \int_0^t dt_0 \int_0^l dx_0 \cdot G \cdot A \cos \frac{\pi x_0}{l} \sin \omega t_0 = \left(\int_0^t dt_0 \sin \frac{\pi c(t-t_0)}{l} \sin \omega t_0 \right) \frac{lA}{\pi c} \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \\ &= \cos \frac{\pi x}{l} \left(A \sin \omega t \frac{1}{(\frac{\pi c}{l})^2 - \omega^2} - \frac{\omega A l}{\pi c} \sin \frac{\pi c t}{l} \frac{1}{(\frac{\pi c}{l})^2 - \omega^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$