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1. Section 6.4 Problem 1

Solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ in the exterior $\{r > a\}$ of a disk, with the boundary condition $u = 1 + 3 \sin \theta$ on $r = a$, and the condition at infinity that u be bounded as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution: We need to solve $\Delta u = 0$ but we can rewrite this in polar coordinates as

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

From the boundary condition we can see that the solution will be of the form $u = 1 + f(r) \sin \theta$. We can plug this into the Laplace equation to get

$$\begin{aligned} f''(r) \sin(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} f'(r) \sin(\theta) - \frac{1}{r^2} f(r) \sin(\theta) &= 0 \\ r^2 f''(r) + r f'(r) - f(r) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can solve this ODE by guessing that the solution is of the form $f(r) = r^m$. Plugging this into the ODE we get

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 m(m-1) r^{m-2} + r m r^{m-1} - r^m &= 0 \\ m(m-1) + m - 1 &= 0 \\ m^2 - 1 &= 0 \\ m &= \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $f(r) = C_1 r + C_2 r^{-1}$.

We can determine the constants C_1 and C_2 by plugging in the boundary condition. We get

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) = 3 &\implies C_1 a + C_2 a^{-1} = 3 \\ f(\infty) = \text{bounded} &\implies C_1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $f(r) = \frac{3a}{r}$. Then the solution is $u = 1 + \frac{3a}{r} \sin \theta$. Now convert this back to Cartesian coordinates to get

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= 1 + \frac{3a}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3ay}{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Section 6.4 Problem 2

Solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ in the disk $r < a$ with the boundary condition $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - hu = f(\theta)$, where

$f(\theta)$ is an arbitrary function. Write the answer in terms of the Fourier coefficients of $f(\theta)$.

Solution: We can convert the Laplace equation to polar coordinates to get

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

With BC $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - hu = f(\theta)$. and $u(0, \theta) = \text{bounded}$. and $u(a, 0) = u(a, 2\pi)$, $u_\theta(a, 0) = u_\theta(a, 2\pi)$.

We can guess that the solution is of the form $u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$.

The BC (with the exception of the first one) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta(0) &= \Theta(2\pi) \\ \Theta'(0) &= \Theta'(2\pi) \\ R(0) &= \text{bounded}\end{aligned}$$

By plugging back into the Laplace equation we get

$$r^2 \frac{R''}{R} = r \frac{R'}{R} = -\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = \alpha$$

We can first solve the Θ equation for α :

We can clearly see that for $\alpha = -\lambda^2$ we cannot solve the BC.

For $\alpha = 0$ we get $\Theta = C_1$ and $R = C_2 \ln(r) + C_3$.

The only way the BC of $R(0) = \text{bounded}$ can be satisfied is if $C_2 = 0$. Thus the eigenvalue of $\alpha = 0$ has eigenfunctions of constants.

For $\alpha = \lambda^2$ we get eigenfunctions $\Theta = C_1 \cos(\lambda\theta) + C_2 \sin(\lambda\theta)$ with eigenvalues of $\lambda = n$. For R we get $R = C_3 r^n + C_4 r^{-n}$.

For the BC to be satisfied we need $C_4 = 0$. Thus the eigenfunctions for $\alpha = \lambda^2$ are $\Theta = C_1 \cos(n\theta) + C_2 \sin(n\theta)$ and $R = C_3 r^n$. with $\lambda = n$ as eigenvalues

Due to superposition we can write the solution as

$$u(r, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r^n) (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta))$$

We can determine the coefficients by applying our last BC. We get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - hu = f(\theta)$$

$$u_r = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n r^{n-1} (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u_r(a, \theta) - hu(a, \theta) &= f(\theta) \\
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} na^{n-1}(A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) - h[A_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n(A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta))] &= f(\theta) \\
-hA_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (na^{-1} - h)a^n(A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta)) &= f(\theta) \\
-hA_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(na^{-1} - h)a^n A_n \cos n\theta + (na^{-1} - h)a^n B_n \sin n] &= f(\theta) \\
\int_0^{2\pi} -hA_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(na^{-1} - h)a^n A_n \cos n\theta + (na^{-1} - h)a^n B_n \sin n] d\theta &= \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) d\theta \\
-hA_0 2\pi &= \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) d\theta \\
A_0 &= \frac{-1}{2\pi h} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

Through a similar process where we first multiply through by $\cos(n\theta)$ and $\sin(n\theta)$ and then integrate we get

$$\begin{aligned}
A_n &= \frac{a^{1-n}}{\pi(n - ah)} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta \\
B_n &= \frac{a^{1-n}}{\pi(n - ah)} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

3. Section 6.4 Problem 10

Solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ in the quarter-disk $\{x^2 + y^2 < a^2, x > 0, y > 0\}$ with the following boundary conditions: $u = 0$ on $x = 0$ and on $y = 0$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = 1$ on $r = a$. Write the answer as an infinite series and write the first two nonzero terms explicitly.

Solution: Since the domain is on a quarter disk we can convert the Laplace equation to polar coordinates to get

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

With BC $u(0, \theta) = \text{bounded}$, $u(r, 0) = 0$, $u_r(a, \theta) = 1$, and $u(r, \frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$.

We can use separation of variables to get $u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$. Plugging this back into the Laplace equation we get

$$r^2 \frac{R''}{R} + r \frac{R'}{R} = -\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = \alpha$$

The BC can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta(0) &= 0 \\ \Theta\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0 \\ R(0) &= \text{bounded}\end{aligned}$$

We can solve the Θ equation.

Clearly $\alpha = -\lambda^2$ will not satisfy the BC.

For $\alpha = 0$ we get a trivial solution.

For $\alpha = \lambda^2$ we get $\Theta = C_1 \cos(\lambda\theta) + C_2 \sin(\lambda\theta)$.

By applying the BC we get $\Theta = C_2 \sin(\lambda\theta)$ with eigenvalues $\lambda = 2n$.

Thus we get $R = C_3 r^n + C_4 r^{-n}$.

For the BC to be satisfied we need $C_4 = 0$. Thus the eigenfunctions for $\alpha = \lambda^2$ are $\Theta = C_2 \sin(\lambda\theta)$ and $R = C_3 r^\lambda$ with $\lambda = 2n$ as eigenvalues.

Due to superposition we can write the solution as

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^{2n} (B_n \sin(2n\theta))$$

We can now apply our BC of $u_r(a, \theta) = 1$ to get

$$\begin{aligned}u_r &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2na^{2n-1} B_n \sin(2n\theta) \\ u_r(a, \theta) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2na^{2n-1} B_n \sin(2n\theta) = 1\end{aligned}$$

By multiplying through by $\sin(2m\theta)$ and integrating we get

$$2na^{2n-1} B_n \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(2n\theta) \sin(2n\theta) d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(2n\theta) d\theta$$

$$\text{Thus } B_n = \frac{1}{n\pi a^{2n-1}} \cdot \frac{1-(-1)^n}{n}.$$

Since we can see that $B_n = 0$ for even n , The first two nonzero terms are

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{2}{\pi a} r^2 \sin(2\theta) + \frac{2}{9\pi a^5} r^6 \sin(6\theta) + \dots$$

4. Section 5.2 Problem 9 Let $\phi(x)$ be a function of period π . If $\phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx)$ for all x , find the odd coefficients.

Solution: $\phi(x)$ being a function of period π means that $\phi(x) = \phi(x + \pi)$. We have $\phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx)$. So

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x + \pi) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(n(x + \pi)) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx + n\pi) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx) \cos(n\pi) + a_n \cos(nx) \sin(n\pi)\end{aligned}$$

Since $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we know that $\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$ and $\sin(n\pi) = 0$. Thus

$$\phi(x + \pi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (-1)^n \sin(nx)$$

Thus

$$\phi(x) = \phi(x + \pi) \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (-1)^n \sin(nx)$$

Thus $a_n = (-1)^n a_n$ which implies that $a_n = 0$ for odd n . Thus the odd coefficients are $a_n = 0$ for odd n .

5. Section 5.2 Problem 17

Show that a complex-valued function $f(x)$ is real-valued if and only if its complex Fourier coefficients satisfy $c_n = \overline{c_{-n}}$, where $\overline{c_{-n}}$ denotes the complex conjugate.

Solution: If $f(x)$ is real valued and the interval is $-\pi, \pi$ for simplicity (otherwise we can transform the function to fit this property), The complex Fourier series of a function $f(x)$ is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$$

If $f(x)$ is real valued then $f(x) = \overline{f(x)}$. Thus

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$$

$$\overline{f(x)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{c_n} e^{-inx}$$

Now for the series we can substitute $-k$ for n to get

$$\overline{f(x)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{c_{-k}} e^{ikx}$$

Since $f(x) = \overline{f(x)}$ we can see that $c_n = \overline{c_{-n}}$.

Now if $c_n = \overline{c_{-n}}$ then we can see that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{c_{-n}} e^{-inx}$$

substituting $-k$ for n we get

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{c_k} e^{ikx}$$

$$= \overline{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx}}$$

Clearly $\overline{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{ikx}} = \overline{f(x)}$.

Thus $f(x) = \overline{f(x)}$ and $f(x)$ is real valued.

6. Section 5.3 Problem 2

- (a) On the interval $[-1, 1]$, show that the function x is orthogonal to the constant functions.
- (b) Find a quadratic polynomial that is orthogonal to both 1 and x .
- (c) Find a cubic polynomial that is orthogonal to all quadratics. (These are the first few Legendre polynomials.)

Solution: Note for sake of ease we will use the inner product defined as $\int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$.

(a)

We can show that the function x is orthogonal to the constant functions by taking the inner product of the two functions.

$$\int_{-1}^1 x \cdot C dx = C \int_{-1}^1 x dx = C \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 = 0$$

Thus x is orthogonal to the constant functions.

(b)

We need a, b, c such that $ax^2 + bx + c$ is orthogonal to both 1 and x .

Thus $\langle 1, ax^2 + bx + c \rangle = 0$ and $\langle x, ax^2 + bx + c \rangle = 0$.

We can see that if under the integral if there is a term with an odd power it will be zero.

Clearly $\langle 1, ax^2 + bx + c \rangle = \frac{2}{3}a + 2a = 0$

And $\langle x, ax^2 + bx + c \rangle = \frac{2}{3}b = 0$

Thus $c = -\frac{1}{3}a$ and $b = 0$.

Thus the quadratic polynomial that is orthogonal to both 1 and x is $f(x) = ax^2 - \frac{1}{3}a$ or $f(x) = 3x^2 - 1$.

(c)

We need a, b, c, d such that $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is orthogonal to $\alpha x^2 + \beta x + \gamma$.

Thus $\langle \alpha x^2 + \beta x + \gamma, ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \rangle = 0$.

$$\int_{-1}^1 (\alpha x^2 + \beta x + \gamma)(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \alpha x^2(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) + \beta x(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) + \gamma(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 (\alpha ax^5 + \alpha bx^4 + \alpha cx^3 + \alpha dx^2 + \beta ax^4 + \beta bx^3 + \beta cx^2 + \beta dx + \gamma ax^3 + \gamma bx^2 + \gamma cx + \gamma d) dx = 0$$

for the terms with an odd power of x we can see that they will be zero.

Thus we can simplify to

$$\int_{-1}^1 (\alpha bx^4 + \alpha dx^2 + \beta ax^4 + \beta cx^2 + \gamma bx^2 + \gamma d) dx = 0$$

$$\alpha b \frac{2}{5} + \alpha d \frac{2}{3} + \beta a \frac{2}{5} + \beta c \frac{2}{3} + \gamma b \frac{2}{3} + 2\gamma d = 0$$

Now we can group the terms in terms of $\alpha\beta\gamma$ to get

$$(2b/5 + 2d/3)\alpha + (2a/5 + 2c/3)\beta + (2b/3 + 2d)\gamma = 0$$

Since α, β, γ are arbitrary we can see that the coefficients of each term must be zero.

Thus through some manipulation we can see that $b = 0, d = 0$ and $c = -\frac{3}{5}a$. Thus our cubic polynomial is $f(x) = ax^3 - \frac{3}{5}ax$ or $f(x) = 5x^3 - 3x$.

7. Section 5.3 Problem 6

Find the complex eigenvalues of the first-derivative operator $\frac{d}{dx}$ subject to the single boundary condition $X(0) = X(1)$. Are the eigenfunctions orthogonal on the interval $(0, 1)$?

Solution: This is an eigenvalue problem where we need to solve

$$\frac{d}{dx}X(x) = \lambda X(x)$$

This can be solved with separation of variables and we can see that

$$X(x) = Ce^{x\lambda}$$

$$X(x) = C(\cos(i\lambda) - i\sin(i\lambda))$$

Our BC of $X(0) = X(1)$ implies

$$A = A(\cos(i\lambda) - i\sin(i\lambda))$$

Thus we need to solve $\cos(i\lambda) - i\sin(i\lambda) = 1$

We can match the real and imaginary parts to get

$$\cos(i\lambda) = 1$$

$$\sin(i\lambda) = 0$$

Thus $\lambda = 2\pi ni$, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

These have corresponding eigenfunctions of $X(x) = e^{2\pi nix}$

We can check for orthogonality by taking the inner product of two eigenfunctions.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 X_n \overline{X_m} dx &= \int_0^1 e^{2\pi nix} e^{-2\pi m ix} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{2\pi(n-m)ix} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi(n-m)i} [e^{2\pi(n-m)ix}]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi(n-m)i} [e^{2\pi(n-m)i} - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi(n-m)i} [1 - 1] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the eigenfunctions are orthogonal on the interval $(0, 1)$.