

**Homework 8**  
**Partial Differential Equations**  
**Math 531**  
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**Excercise 7.7.1:** Solve as simply as possible:

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

with  $u(a, \theta, t) = 0, u(r, \theta, 0) = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, 0) = \alpha(r) \sin 3\theta$

Let the following be true:

$$u(r, \theta, t) = f(r)g(\theta)h(t)$$

From this, and our original equation, we get the following:

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} = -\lambda c^2 h \quad \frac{d^2 g}{d\theta^2} = -\mu g \quad r \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{df}{dr} \right) + (\lambda r^2 - \mu) f = 0$$

Solving the second ODE, we get the following eigenvalues and eigenfunctions:

$$\mu_m = m^2 \quad g(\theta) = a_m \cos m\theta + b_m \sin m\theta$$

Now we consider the third ODE, we use the product rule, substitute our value of  $\mu_m$  and then using a simple scaling transformation ( $z = \sqrt{\lambda}r$ ):

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dz^2} + z \frac{df}{dz} + (z^2 - m^2) f = 0$$

This is the Bessel's Differential Equation with solution:

$$f(z) = c_1 J_m(z) + c_2 Y_m(z) \implies f(r) = c_1 J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r) + c_2 Y_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$$

We know that  $|f(0)| < \infty$  and that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} Y_m(z) = \pm\infty$ , we have that  $c_2 = 0$ . Now we use the fact that  $f(a) = 0$ :

$$f(a) = c_1 J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}a) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_{mn} = \left( \frac{z_{mn}}{a} \right)^2$$

where  $z_{mn}$  represents the  $n^{th}$  zero of  $J_m(z)$ .

Now we consider the first ODE:

(a) If we let  $\lambda = 0$ , we get the following:

$$h(t) = c_1 t + c_2 \rightarrow h(0) = c_2 = 0 \rightarrow h(t) = c_1 t$$

(b) If we let  $\lambda > 0$ , we get the following:

$$h(t) = c_1 \cos c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}t + c_2 \sin c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}t \rightarrow h(0) = c_1 = 0 \rightarrow h(t) = c_2 \sin c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}t$$

Notice our solution for  $u(r, \theta, t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u(r, \theta, t) = & c_1 t + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} J_m \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r \right) \cos m\theta \sin \left( c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right) \\ & + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{mn} J_m \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r \right) \sin m\theta \sin \left( c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now notice the derivative in respect to  $t$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, t) = & c_1 + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} A_{mn} J_m \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r \right) \cos m\theta \cos \left( c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right) \\ & + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} B_{mn} J_m \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r \right) \sin m\theta \cos \left( c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now we include our last boundary condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, 0) = & \alpha(r) \sin 3\theta = c_1 + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} A_{mn} J_m \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r \right) \cos m\theta \\ & + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} B_{mn} J_m \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r \right) \sin m\theta \end{aligned}$$

From this, we get that  $c_1 = 0$  for all  $m$  with  $A_{mn} = 0$  and  $B_{mn} = 0$  for all  $m \neq 3$ . From here, we solve for  $\alpha(r)$ :

$$\alpha(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} B_{3n} J_3 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r \right)$$

Using the orthogonality of the Bessel functions with weight  $r$ , we get the following coefficient:

$$B_{3n} = \frac{\int_0^a \alpha(r) J_3 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r \right) r dr}{c\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} \int_0^a J_3^2 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r \right) r dr}$$

Thus, we get the final solution:

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{3n} J_3 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r \right) \sin 3\theta \sin \left( c\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} t \right)$$

**Excercise 7.7.2a:** Solve as simply as possible:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u \quad \text{subject to} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(a, \theta, t) = 0$$

with initial conditions:

$$u(r, \theta, 0) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, 0) = \beta(r) \cos 5\theta$$

Let the following be true:

$$u(r, \theta, t) = f(r)g(\theta)h(t)$$

From this, and our original equation, we get the following:

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} = -\lambda c^2 h \quad \frac{d^2 g}{d\theta^2} = -\mu g \quad r \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{df}{dr} \right) + (\lambda r^2 - \mu) f = 0$$

Solving the second ODE, we get the following eigenvalues and eigenfunctions:

$$\mu_m = m^2 \quad g(\theta) = a_m \cos m\theta + b_m \sin m\theta$$

Now we consider the third ODE, we use the product rule, substitute our value of  $\mu_m$  and then using a simple scaling transformation ( $z = \sqrt{\lambda}r$ ):

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dz^2} + z \frac{df}{dz} + (z^2 - m^2) f = 0$$

This is the Bessel's Differential Equation with solution:

$$f(z) = c_1 J_m(z) + c_2 Y_m(z) \implies f(r) = c_1 J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r) + c_2 Y_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$$

We know that  $|f(0)| < \infty$  and that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} Y_m(z) = \pm\infty$ , we have that  $c_2 = 0$ . Now we use the fact that  $f'(a) = 0$ :

$$f'(a) = c_1 \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} J'_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}a) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_{mn} = \left( \frac{z_{mn}}{a} \right)^2$$

where  $z_{mn}$  represents the  $n^{th}$  zero of  $J'_m(z)$ .

(a) If we let  $\lambda = 0$ , we get the following:

$$h(t) = c_1 t + c_2 \rightarrow h(0) = c_2 = 0 \rightarrow h(t) = c_1 t$$

(b) If we let  $\lambda > 0$ , we get the following:

$$h(t) = c_1 \cos c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}t + c_2 \sin c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}t \rightarrow h(0) = c_1 = 0 \rightarrow h(t) = c_2 \sin c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}t$$

Thus we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
u(r, \theta, t) &= c_1 t + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \cos(m\theta) \left( B_{mn} \sin c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \sin(m\theta) \left( D_{mn} \sin c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right) \\
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, t) &= c_1 + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \cos(m\theta) \left( B_{mn} c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} \cos c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \sin(m\theta) \left( D_{mn} c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} \cos c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Notice the boundary condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, 0) &= \beta(r) \cos 5\theta = c_1 + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \cos(m\theta) \left( B_{mn} c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \sin(m\theta) \left( D_{mn} c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

From here, we can see that:

$$\beta(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_5(\sqrt{\lambda_{5n}} r) \left( B_{5n} c\sqrt{\lambda_{5n}} \right)$$

With this, we can solve for the following coefficient:

$$B_{5n} = \frac{\int_0^a \beta(r) J_5(\sqrt{\lambda_{5n}} r) r dr}{c \int_0^a J_5^2(\sqrt{\lambda_{5n}} r) r dr}$$

Thus we get:

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_5(\sqrt{\lambda_{5n}} r) \cos(5\theta) \left( B_{5n} \sin c\sqrt{\lambda_{5n}} t \right)$$

**Excercise 7.9.1c:** Solve Laplace's equation inside a circular cylinder subject to the boundary conditions

$$u(r, \theta, 0) = 0, \quad u(r, \theta, H) = \beta(r) \cos 3\theta, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(a, \theta, z) = 0$$

Let the following be true:

$$u(r, \theta, z) = f(r)g(\theta)h(z)$$

From this, and our original equation, we get the following:

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dz^2} = \lambda h \quad \frac{d^2 g}{d\theta^2} = -\mu g \quad r \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{df}{dr} \right) + (\lambda r^2 - \mu) f = 0$$

Solving the second ODE, we get the following eigenvalues and eigenfunctions:

$$\mu_m = m^2 \quad g(\theta) = a_m \cos m\theta + b_m \sin m\theta$$

Now we consider the third ODE, we use the product rule, substitute our value of  $\mu_m$  and then using a simple scaling transformation ( $z = \sqrt{\lambda}r$ ):

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dz^2} + z \frac{df}{dz} + (z^2 - m^2) f = 0$$

This is the Bessel's Differential Equation with solution:

$$f(z) = c_1 J_m(z) + c_2 Y_m(z) \implies f(r) = c_1 J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r) + c_2 Y_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$$

We know that  $|f(0)| < \infty$  and that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} Y_m(z) = \pm\infty$ , we have that  $c_2 = 0$ . Now we use the fact that  $f'(a) = 0$ :

$$f'(a) = c_1 \sqrt{\lambda_{0n}} J'_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{0n}}a) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_{mn} = \left( \frac{z_{mn}}{a} \right)^2$$

where  $z_{mn}$  represents the  $n^{th}$  zero of  $J'_m(z)$ .

(a) If we let  $\lambda = 0$ , we get the following:

$$h(z) = c_1 z + c_2 \rightarrow h(0) = c_2 = 0 \rightarrow h(z) = c_1 z$$

(b) If we let  $\lambda > 0$ , we get the following:

$$h(z) = c_1 \cosh(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}z) + c_2 \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}z) \rightarrow h(0) = c_1 = 0 \rightarrow h(z) = c_2 \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}z)$$

Thus we get the following:

$$u(r, \theta, z) = c_1 z + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \cos m\theta \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} z) \\ + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{mn} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \sin m\theta \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} z)$$

Notice the boundary condition:

$$u(r, \theta, H) = \beta(r) \cos 3\theta = c_1 H + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \cos m\theta \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} H) \\ + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{mn} J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \sin m\theta \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} H)$$

From here we can see that:

$$\beta(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{3n} J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r) \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} H)$$

With this, we can solve for the following coefficient:

$$A_{3n} = \frac{\int_0^a \beta(r) J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r) r dr}{\int_0^a J_3^2(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r) r dr}$$

Thus we get:

$$u(r, \theta, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{3n} J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r) \cos 3\theta \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} z)$$

**Excercise 7.9.2b:** Solve Laplace's equation inside a semicircular cylinder, subject to the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(r, \theta, 0) &= 0, & \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}(r, \theta, H) &= 0, & u(r, 0, z) &= 0, \\ u(r, \pi, z) &= 0, & u(a, \theta, z) &= \beta(\theta, z) \end{aligned}$$

Let the following be true:

$$u(r, \theta, z) = f(r)g(\theta)h(z)$$

From this, and our original equation, we get the following:

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dz^2} = -\lambda h \quad \frac{d^2 g}{d\theta^2} = -\mu g \quad r \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{df}{dr} \right) - (\lambda r^2 + \mu) f = 0$$

Solving the second ODE, we get the following eigenvalues and eigenfunctions with the boundary condition of  $g(0) = g(\pi) = 0$ :

$$\mu_m = m^2 \quad g(\theta) = b_{mn} \sin m\theta$$

Notice the solution for  $h(z)$ :

(a) If we let  $\lambda = 0$ , we get the following:

$$h(z) = c_1 z + c_2 \rightarrow h(0) = c_2 = 0 \quad h'(z) = c_1 \rightarrow h'(H) = c_1 = 0 \rightarrow h(z) = 0$$

(b) If we let  $\lambda > 0$ , we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} h(z) &= c_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} z + c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} z & h'(z) &= -c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} z + c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} z \\ h(0) &= c_1 = 0 \rightarrow h'(H) = c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} H = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_n = \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2H} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Notice the Modified Bessel's Differential Equation with solution:

$$f(r) = c_1 K_m \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi r}{2H} \right) + c_2 I_m \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi r}{2H} \right)$$

We know that  $K_m$  is singular at  $r = 0$  and that  $I_m$  is not, we have that  $c_1 = 0$ .

$$f(r) = c_2 I_m \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi r}{2H} \right)$$

Thus, we get the following:

$$u(r, \theta, z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{mn} I_m \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi r}{2H} \right) \sin m\theta \sin \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi z}{2H} \right)$$

Now we can use our other boundary condition:

$$u(a, \theta, z) = \beta(\theta, z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{mn} I_m \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi a}{2H} \right) \sin m\theta \sin \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi z}{2H} \right)$$

Using orthogonality of sines we get the following coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^H \int_0^\pi \beta(\theta, z) \sin m\theta \sin \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi z}{2H} \right) d\theta dz \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{mn} I_m \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi a}{2H} \right) \int_0^\pi \sin^2 m\theta d\theta \int_0^H \sin^2 \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi z}{2H} \right) dz \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{mn} I_m \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi a}{2H} \right) \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \left( \frac{H}{2} \right) \\ B_{mn} &= \frac{4}{\pi H I_m \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi a}{2H} \right)} \int_0^H \int_0^\pi \beta(\theta, z) \sin m\theta \sin \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi z}{2H} \right) d\theta dz \end{aligned}$$