# Math 531 - Partial Differential Equations PDEs - Higher Dimensions Vibrating Circular Membrane

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# Vibrating Circular Membrane

Vibrating Circular Membrane: The PDE satisfies:

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

**BC**: Homogeneous Dirichlet BC:

$$u(a, \theta, t) = 0,$$

#### Implicit BCs:

Periodic in  $\theta$  (2 BCs) and Bounded

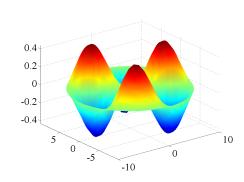
IC: Specify initial position:

$$u(r, \theta, 0) = \alpha(r, \theta),$$

Specify initial velocity:

$$u_t(r, \theta, 0) = \beta(r, \theta).$$

Solve with **Separation** of Variables.



## Vibrating Circular Membrane - Separation

Consider the Vibrating Circular Membrane equation:

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

Assume separation of variables with  $u(r, \theta, t) = h(t)\phi(r)g(\theta)$ , then the PDE becomes:

$$h''\phi g = c^2 \left( \frac{hg}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} h\phi g'' \right).$$

Extracting the t-dependent part of the equation gives:

$$\frac{h''}{c^2h} = \frac{1}{r\phi} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 g} g'' = -\lambda.$$



## Vibrating Circular Membrane - Separation

The time-dependent ODE is:

$$h'' + c^2 \lambda h = 0.$$

The spatial equation can be separated:

$$\frac{g''}{g} = -\frac{r}{\phi} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) - \lambda r^2 = -\mu.$$

The  $\theta$ -dependent part satisfies the **implicit periodic BCs**, so

$$g'' + \mu g = 0$$
,  $g(-\pi) = g(\pi)$  and  $g'(-\pi) = g'(\pi)$ .

The r-dependent part has an **boundedness BC** at r = 0 and satisfies:

$$r\frac{d}{dr}\left(r\frac{d\phi}{dr}\right) + (\lambda r^2 - \mu)\phi = 0, \qquad \phi(a) = 0.$$



## Vibrating Circular Membrane - Sturm-Liouville

Two Sturm-Liouville problems for  $g(\theta)$  and  $\phi(r)$ .

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sturm-Liouville problem in  $\theta$  is:

$$g'' + \mu g = 0$$
,  $g(-\pi) = g(\pi)$  and  $g'(-\pi) = g'(\pi)$ .

This has been solved before and has *eigenvalues*:

$$\mu_m = m^2, \qquad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

with corresponding *eigenfunctions*:

$$g_0(\theta) = a_0$$
 and  $g_m(\theta) = a_m \cos(m\theta) + b_m \sin(m\theta)$ .



## Vibrating Circular Membrane - Sturm-Liouville

The  $2^{nd}$  Sturm-Liouville problem in r is:

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(r\frac{d\phi}{dr}\right) + \left(\lambda r - \frac{m^2}{r}\right)\phi = 0,$$

with the **BCs** 

$$\phi(a) = 0$$
 and  $|\phi(0)|$  bounded.

This is a *singular SL problem* with p(r) = r,  $\sigma(r) = r$ , and  $q(r) = \frac{m^2}{r}$ .

- $\bigcirc$  The **BC** at r=0 is not the correct form.
- 2 p(r) and  $\sigma(r)$  are **zero** at r=0, hence not positive.
- 3  $q(r) \to \infty$  as  $r \to 0$ , so is not continuous at r = 0



## Vibrating Circular Membrane - Sturm-Liouville

The singular Sturm-Liouville problem:

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(r\frac{d\phi}{dr}\right) + \left(\lambda r - \frac{m^2}{r}\right)\phi = 0, \qquad \phi(a) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |\phi(0)| \text{ bounded.}$$

still has the properties of the **regular Sturm-Liouville** problem. Significantly,

- There are infinitely many eigenvalues,  $\lambda_{nm}$ , for m = 0, 1, 2, ... and n = 1, 2, ... with  $\lambda_{nm} > 0$ .
- 2 The eigenvalues are unbounded for each m as  $n \to \infty$ .
- **1** There are corresponding *eigenfunctions*,  $\phi_{nm}(r)$ , for each  $\lambda_{nm}$ .
- **4** For each fixed m, the **eigenfunctions** are **orthogonal** with respect to the weighting function  $\sigma = r$ , so

$$\int_0^a \phi_{nm}(r)\phi_{km}(r)r\,dr = 0, \qquad n \neq k.$$



We can rewrite the **singular Sturm-Liouville problem** as

$$r^{2}\frac{d^{2}\phi}{dr^{2}} + r\frac{d\phi}{dr} + (\lambda r^{2} - m^{2})\phi = 0.$$

Make the change of variables  $z = \sqrt{\lambda}r$ , then

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

This equation has a **regular singular point** at z = 0, so can be solved by the **Method of Frobenius**, where we try solutions of the form:

$$\phi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{r+n}, \qquad \phi'(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n) a_n z^{r+n-1},$$
  
$$\phi''(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n)(r+n-1) a_n z^{r+n-2}.$$



When the power series,  $\phi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{r+n}$ , is substituted into

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

we obtain:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n)(r+n-1)a_n z^{r+n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n)a_n z^{r+n}$$
$$-m^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{r+n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{r+n+2} = 0.$$

For n = 0, we find that

$$a_0(r^2 - m^2)z^r = 0,$$

which gives the *indicial equation* and shows that  $r = \pm m$ .



Suppose m = 0, so  $r_{1,2} = 0$ . Shifting the index on the last term, we find the series above becomes:

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

or

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 a_n z^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} z^n = 0.$$

From this we obtain that  $a_0$  is arbitrary and  $a_1 = 0$ .

Also, we find the *recurrence relation*:

$$a_n = -\frac{a_{n-2}}{n^2}.$$

It follows that

$$a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{2^2}, \qquad a_4 = \frac{a_0}{2^2 2^4}, \quad ..., \quad a_{2k} = \frac{(-1)^k a_0}{2^{2k} (k!)^2}.$$



With  $a_0 = 1$ , the series solution gives the Bessel function of the first kind of order zero:

$$J_0(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k z^{2k}}{2^{2k} (k!)^2}, \qquad z > 0.$$

By the *Method of Frobenius*, since the value of r=0 is a repeated root, the second solution has the form

$$Y_0(z) = cJ_0(z)\ln(z) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n.$$

With some work, it can be shown that Bessel function of the second kind of order zero is

$$Y_0(z) = J_0(z)\ln(z) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} H_k z^{2k}}{2^{2k} (k!)^2},$$

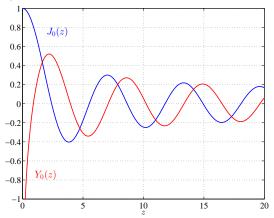
where

$$H_k = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k}.$$



# Bessel's $J_0(z)$ and $Y_0(z)$

Below shows a graph of the **Zeroth order Bessel functions of the** first and second kind. Note the many zero crossings separated by approximately  $\pi$ .





# Bessel's $J_0(z)$ and $Y_0(z)$

MatLab code to graph Bessel functions.

```
1 % Bessel functions J_0(z) and Y_0(z)
2
3 z = linspace(0,20,500);
4
5 j0 = besselj(0,z);
6 y0 = bessely(0,z);
7
8 plot(z,j0,'b-','LineWidth',1.5);
9 hold on
10 plot(z,y0,'r-','LineWidth',1.5);
```

There is a hyperlink to Maple code for solving Bessel's equation.



## Bessel's Equation - Asymptotic Properties

### Bessel's Equation of Order m is

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

which has the general solution:

$$\phi(z) = c_1 J_m(z) + c_2 Y_m(z).$$

 $J_m(z)$  is Bessel's function of the first kind of order m.  $Y_m(z)$  is Bessel's function of the second kind of order m.

Asymptotically, as  $z \to 0$ ,  $J_m(z)$  is bounded and  $Y_m(z)$  is unbounded.

$$J_m(z) \sim \begin{cases} 1, & m = 0, \\ \frac{1}{2^m m!} z^m, & m > 0, \end{cases}$$

and

$$Y_m(z) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \ln(z), & m = 0, \\ -\frac{2^m (m-1)!}{\pi} z^{-m}, & m > 0. \end{cases}$$



## Bessel's Equation - Identities

There are many useful *identities*, which have been found for Bessel functions. Below is a small list of some important ones:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^{-\mu} J_{\mu}(x)) = -x^{-\mu} J_{\mu+1}(x).$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{\mu}J_{\mu}(x)\right) = x^{\mu}J_{\mu-1}(x).$$

$$\int x^{\mu} J_{\mu}(x) x \, dx = x^{\mu} J_{\mu-1}(x).$$



## EV Problem with Bessel's Equation

Our *singular Sturm Liouville problem* was given by

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(r\frac{d\phi}{dr}\right) + \left(\lambda r - \frac{m^2}{r}\right)\phi = 0,$$

with boundary conditions

$$\phi(a) = 0$$
 and  $|\phi(0)|$  bounded.

The change of variables  $z = \sqrt{\lambda r}$  converts this to **Bessel's equation**:

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

Thus, the solution to the **Sturm-Liouville problem** is

$$\phi(r) = c_1 J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r) + c_2 Y_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r).$$

The boundedness at r = 0 implies that  $c_2 = 0$ , so

$$\phi(r) = c_1 J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r).$$



## EV Problem with Bessel's Equation

The boundary condition  $\phi(a) = 0$  means that our *eigenvalues* satisfy the equation:

$$J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}a) = 0.$$

Since  $J_m(z)$  has infinitely many zeroes, Let  $z_{mn}$  designate the  $n^{th}$  zero of  $J_m(z)$ , then the **eigenvalues** are

$$\lambda_{mn} = \left(\frac{z_{mn}}{a}\right)^2.$$

with corresponding *eigenfunctions* 

$$\phi_{mn}(r) = J_m(z_{mn}r/a), \qquad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Numerically, we find that:

$$z_{01} \approx 2.40483$$
,  $z_{02} \approx 5.52008$ ,  $z_{03} \approx 8.65373$ ,

which are approximately  $\pi$  apart.



## EV Problem with Bessel's Equation

Recall that the **Sturm-Liouville problem** was

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(r\frac{d\phi}{dr}\right) + \left(\lambda r - \frac{m^2}{r}\right)\phi = 0, \qquad \phi(a) = 0,$$

which has *eigenvalues* and *eigenfunctions*;

$$\lambda_{mn} = \left(\frac{z_{mn}}{a}\right)^2, \quad \phi_{mn}(r) = J_m(z_{mn}r/a), \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $z_{mn}$  is the  $n^{th}$  zero satisfying  $J_m(z_{mn}) = 0$ .

Since this is a *Sturm-Liouville problem*, we have the following *orthogonality* condition:

$$\int_0^a J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mp}}r)J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mq}}r)r\,dr = 0, \quad p \neq q.$$



## Fourier-Bessel Series

Fourier-Bessel Series: The eigenfunctions from Bessel's equation form a complete set.

Take any **piecewise smooth** function,  $\alpha(r)$ , then

$$\alpha(r) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r),$$

which from the *orthogonality* gives the Fourier coefficients:

$$a_n = \frac{\int_0^a \alpha(r) J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r) r \, dr}{\int_0^a J_m^2(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r) r \, dr}.$$



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with **BC**:  $u(a, \theta, t) = 0$ . Implicit **BCs** are

$$u(r, -\pi, t) = u(r, \pi, t), \qquad \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(r, -\pi, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(r, \pi, t),$$

and  $|u(0, \theta, t)|$  bounded.

IC: Specify initial position, and for simplicity let it start at rest:

$$u(r, \theta, 0) = \alpha(r, \theta)$$
 and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, 0) = 0$ .



**Separating Variables:**  $u(r, \theta, t) = h(t)\phi(r)g(\theta)$ , which gave the two Sturm-Liouville problems:

 $1^{st}$  SL problem in  $\theta$ :

$$g'' + \mu g = 0$$
, with  $g(-\pi) = g(\pi)$  and  $g'(-\pi) = g'(\pi)$ .

This had *eigenvalues* and associated *eigenfunctions*:

$$\mu_m = m^2$$
,  $g_0(\theta) = a_0$ ,  $g_m(\theta) = a_n \cos(m\theta) + b_n \sin(m\theta)$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, ...$ 

 $2^{nd}$  SL problem in r:

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(r\frac{d\phi}{dr}\right) + \left(\lambda r - \frac{m^2}{r}\right)\phi = 0, \qquad \phi(a) = 0, \quad |\phi(0)| < \infty,$$

which has *eigenvalues* and *eigenfunctions*;

$$\lambda_{mn} = \left(\frac{z_{mn}}{a}\right)^2, \quad \phi_{mn}(r) = J_m(z_{mn}r/a), \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $z_{mn}$  is the  $n^{th}$  zero satisfying  $J_m(z_{mn}) = 0$ .



From before,  $\lambda_{mn} > 0$ , so the solution of the t-equation:

$$h'' + c^2 \lambda_{mn} h = 0,$$

satisfies:

$$h(t) = c_{mn} \cos \left( c \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right) + d_{mn} \sin \left( c \sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t \right).$$

The simplifying assumption that  $u_t(r, \theta, 0) = 0$ , allows us to omit any term with  $\sin(c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}t)$ .

The superposition principle with our product solution gives:

$$u(r,\theta,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{0n} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0n}}r) \cos\left(c\sqrt{\lambda_{0n}}t\right) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(A_{mn}\cos(m\theta) + B_{mn}\sin(m\theta)\right) J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r) \cos\left(c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}t\right).$$

From the **IC**  $u(r, \theta, 0) = \alpha(r, \theta)$ , we have

$$\alpha(r,\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{0n} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0n}}r) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_{mn} \cos(m\theta) + B_{mn} \sin(m\theta)) J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r).$$

This produces a standard Fourier series in  $\theta$  and a Fourier-Bessel series in r.

Orthogonality gives the coefficients:

$$A_{0n} = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{a} \alpha(r,\theta) J_{0}(\sqrt{\lambda_{0n}}r) r \, dr \, d\theta}{2\pi \int_{0}^{a} J_{0}^{2}(\sqrt{\lambda_{0n}}r) r \, dr},$$

$$A_{mn} = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{a} \alpha(r,\theta) \cos(m\theta) J_{m}(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r) r \, dr \, d\theta}{\pi \int_{0}^{a} J_{m}^{2}(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r) r \, dr},$$

$$B_{mn} = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{a} \alpha(r,\theta) \sin(m\theta) J_{m}(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r) r \, dr \, d\theta}{\pi \int_{0}^{a} J_{m}^{2}(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r) r \, dr}.$$



Easier notation:

$$\alpha(r,\theta) = \sum_{\lambda} A_{\lambda} \phi_{\lambda}(r,\theta),$$

where

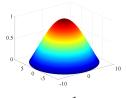
$$A_{\lambda} = \frac{\iint_{R} \alpha(r, \theta) \phi_{\lambda}(r, \theta) dA}{\iint_{R} \phi_{\lambda}^{2}(r, \theta) dA},$$

with  $dA = r dr d\theta$ .

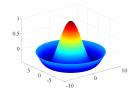


#### Vibrating Membrane - Fundamental Modes: m = 0

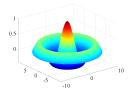
$$J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0n}}r)$$



$$n = 1$$



n=2

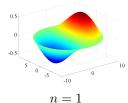


$$n = 3$$

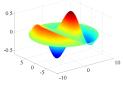


#### Vibrating Membrane - Fundamental Modes: m = 1

$$J_1(\sqrt{\lambda_{1n}}r)\cos(\theta)$$









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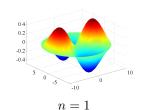
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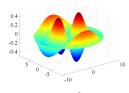


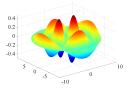
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### Vibrating Membrane - Fundamental Modes: m = 2

$$J_2(\sqrt{\lambda_{2n}}r)\cos(2\theta)$$







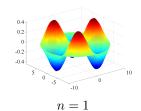
$$n=2$$

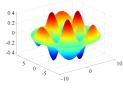


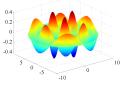


### Vibrating Membrane - Fundamental Modes: m = 3

$$J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}}r)\cos(3\theta)$$







$$n=2$$



Consider the vibrating membrane, where the region is circularly symmetric, u = u(r, t):

**PDE:** 
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{c^2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right),$$

**BCs:** 
$$u(a,t) = 0$$
, (and  $|u(0,t)| < \infty$ ,)

ICs: 
$$u(r,0) = \alpha(r), \qquad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r,0) = \beta(r).$$

**Separation of Variables**: Let  $u(r,t) = \phi(r)h(t)$ , then

$$\phi h'' = \frac{c^2 h}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right)$$
 or  $\frac{h''}{c^2 h} = \frac{1}{r\phi} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) = -\lambda.$ 

Time-dependent equation: This gives:

$$h'' + c^2 \lambda h = 0.$$



**Sturm-Liouville Problem**: The spatial BVP is:

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(r\frac{d\phi}{dr}\right) + \lambda r\phi = 0, \qquad \phi(a) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |\phi(0)| < \infty.$$

This is Bessel's equation of Order Zero, m = 0, so

$$\phi(r) = c_1 J_0 \left( \sqrt{\lambda} r \right) + c_2 Y_0 \left( \sqrt{\lambda} r \right),$$

which by boundedness of the solution at r = 0 gives  $c_2 = 0$ .

The **eigenvalues** satisfy  $\lambda_n$ , such that

$$J_0\left(\sqrt{\lambda_n}a\right) = 0,$$

with corresponding **eigenfunctions**:

$$\phi_n(r) = J_0\left(\sqrt{\lambda_n}r\right) = 0.$$



The solution of the *time-dependent problem* is:

$$h_n(t) = a_n \cos\left(c\sqrt{\lambda_n}t\right) + b_n \sin\left(c\sqrt{\lambda_n}t\right).$$

The superposition principle gives:

$$u(r,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cos \left( c \sqrt{\lambda_n} t \right) + b_n \sin \left( c \sqrt{\lambda_n} t \right) \right) J_0 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_n} r \right).$$

The **initial position** gives:

$$u(r,0) = \alpha(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n J_0\left(\sqrt{\lambda_n}r\right),$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{\int_0^a \alpha(r) J_0\left(\sqrt{\lambda_n}r\right) r \, dr}{\int_0^a J_0^2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_n}r\right) r \, dr}.$$



The **initial velocity** gives:

$$u_t(r,0) = \beta(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n c \sqrt{\lambda_n} J_0\left(\sqrt{\lambda_n}r\right),$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{\int_0^a \beta(r) J_0\left(\sqrt{\lambda_n}r\right) r dr}{c\sqrt{\lambda_n} \int_0^a J_0^2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_n}r\right) r dr}.$$

