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## UNIT-III : APPLICATION OF PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

### → Solution Of Partial Differential Equations By The Method Of Separation Of Variables

In this method, we assume the solution to be the product of two functions in which each function contains only one variable.

The following example explains the method mentioned above.

#### \* Problems :

1. Solve the differential equation:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u$ , given that  $u(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x}$

→  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x}$

Dependent variable:  $u$  Independent Variables:  $x, t$

In the given differential equation, dependent variable is 'u' and independent variables are 'x, t'.

Therefore, assume the solution as:  $u = XT$

where:  $X = X(x)$ ,  $T = T(t)$

Then,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = X'T$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = XT'$

Substituting the values in the above equation, we have

$$X'T = 2XT' + XT$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X'}{X} = \frac{(2T' + T)}{T}$$

Since L.H.S. is function of 'x' and R.H.S. is function of 't' and both are equal, therefore

$$\frac{X'}{X} = \left( \frac{2T' + T}{T} \right) = \lambda \text{ (say)}$$



$$\frac{x'}{x} = \frac{(2T' + T)}{T} = k \text{ (say)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x'}{x} = k, \quad (2T' + T) = kT$$

$$\Rightarrow x' = xk, \quad (2T' + T) = kT$$

$$\Rightarrow x' - xk = 0, \quad 2T' + T - kT = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x' - xk = 0, \quad 2T' + T(1-k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} = kx = 0, \quad 2\frac{dT}{T} + (1-k)T = 0$$

The above two differential equations are ordinary differential equations whose auxiliary equations are given by:

$$m - k = 0, \quad 2m + (1-k) = 0$$

$$\therefore (D - k)y = 0, \quad (2D + (1-k))T = 0, \quad D = \text{Derivating}$$

$$m = k, \quad m = \frac{(k-1)}{2}$$

$$x = C_1 e^{kx}, \quad T = C_2 e^{\left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right)t}$$

Then, its complete solution is given by:

$$u = C_1 e^{kx} + C_2 e^{\left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = C_1 C_2 e^{kx + \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right)t}$$

$$\therefore u = A e^{kx + \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right)t}$$

Substituting the given condition  $u(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x}$

i.e. when  $t = 0$ ,  $u = 6e^{-3x}$  [ $\because u = u(x, t)$ ]

in the above equation, we have

$$6e^{-3x} = A e^{kx}$$

$$A = 6, \quad k = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow u = A e^{kx} = 6e^{(-3x - 2t)}$$

$$\text{Ans.: } u = 6e^{-(3x + 2t)}$$

## Solution of One Dimensional Wave Equation

The differential equation:  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  is called

is called one dimensional wave equation.

Solution:

In the above differential equation,  $u$  is a dependent variable;  $x, t$  are independent variables.

Therefore,  $u = u(x, t)$  is a solution of equation (1).

(It is known as displacement function)

Assume the solution of equation (1) as:  $u = XT$  (2)

$$\text{Then, } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''T, \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = XT''$$

Substituting these values in equation (1), we have

$$XT'' = c^2 X''T$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{c^2 T} = k \text{ (say)}$$

$$\Rightarrow X'' - kX = 0, \quad T'' - k^2 T = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } (D^2 - k)X = 0, \quad (D^2 - k^2)T = 0$$

Its auxiliary equations are given by:

$$m^2 - k = 0, \quad m^2 - k^2 = 0$$

Here,  $k$  is a constant, it may be zero

or may be positive or may be negative

Case (i): When  $k = 0$

Auxiliary equations are:  $m = 0, 0$  (for  $X$ );  $m = 0, 0$  (for  $T$ )

Solutions are:

$$X = C_1 + C_2 x, \quad T = C_3 + C_4 t$$

$$m = m_1, m_2, \quad \text{C.F.} = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

$$m = m_1, m_2, \quad \text{C.F.} = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x}$$

$$m = \alpha \pm \beta i, \quad \text{C.F.} = e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x)$$



Case (ii): When  $K$  is positive

Say  $K = p^2$

Then, auxiliary equations are:

$$m^2 - p^2 = 0; \quad m^2 - p^2 c^2 = 0$$

$$m = \pm p; \quad m = \pm pc$$

Solutions are:  $X = c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}$ ;  $T = c_3 e^{pct} + c_4 e^{-pct}$

Case (iii): When  $K$  is negative

Say  $K = -p^2$

Then, auxiliary equations are:

$$m^2 + p^2 = 0; \quad m^2 + p^2 c^2 = 0$$

$$m = \pm pi; \quad m = \pm pci$$

Solutions are:  $X = c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px$ ;  $T = c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct$

Substituting these values in equation (2), we have:

$$u = (c_1 + c_2 x)(c_3 + c_4 t) \quad (3)$$

$$u = (c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px})(c_3 e^{pct} + c_4 e^{-pct}) \quad (4)$$

$$u = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)(c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct) \quad (5)$$

From these three solutions, we have to choose a solution which is suitable to the physical nature of the problem.

Since we are dealing with a problem on vibrations, i.e., one dimensional wave equation, therefore the solution must contain periodic functions, i.e., sine and cosine terms. Hence, the solution of one dimensional wave equation is:

$$u = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)(c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct)$$

## Initial and Boundary Conditions:

Fix a string having elastic property between two poles, i.e.,  $x=0$  and  $x=l$ . At  $x=0, x=l$ , displacement  $= 0$

For the given string

$u(0, t) = 0$  - (7)  
 $u(l, t) = 0$  - (8) } one boundary conditions

$u(x, 0) = f(x)$  - (9) } are known as initial conditions  
 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$  at  $t=0$  - (10)

Applying boundary condition (7), i.e.,  $u(0, t) = 0$ , i.e., when  $x=0$ ,  $u=0$ . On equation (6), we have

$$u = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)(c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = c_2 \sin px (c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct) \Rightarrow 0 = (c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct) c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$u = c_1 \cos px (c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct) \quad (11)$$

Applying boundary condition (8), i.e.,  $u(l, t) = 0$ , i.e.,  $u=0$  when  $x=l$  on equation (11) is:

$$0 = c_1 \cos pl (c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct)$$

If  $c_2 = 0$ , then the solution is  $u=0$ , which is known as trivial solution.

We need to calculate a non-trivial solution. Therefore,  $c_2 \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow pl = 0 \Rightarrow \sin n\pi \Rightarrow pl = n\pi \Rightarrow p = n\pi/l$$

Substituting this value in equation (11), we have

$$u = c_1 \sin n\pi x \left[ c_3 \cos n\pi ct + c_4 \sin n\pi ct \right]$$

Since  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are arbitrary constants, replacing  $c_2 c_3$  by  $b_n$  and  $c_2 c_4$  by  $a_n$ , we have

$$u = \sin n\pi x \left[ b_n \cos n\pi ct + a_n \sin n\pi ct \right]$$



Adding all these solutions for different values of 'n', we have:

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} (b_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + a_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L}) \quad (4)$$

is also a solution of equation (1)

Here,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are unknown numbers

To apply initial condition (3), differentiating equation (4) partially w.r.t.  $t$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$  at  $t=0$

$$\text{we have: } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} (-b_n n\pi c \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + a_n n\pi c \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L})$$

Substituting  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$ ,  $t=0$  in the above equation, we have:

$$0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} (a_n n\pi c)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 0 \quad \forall n$$

Substituting this value in equation (4), we have:

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \quad (5)$$

Applying another initial condition,

$u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ; i.e.,  $u = f(x)$ ,  $t=0$  in equation (5) we have:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \quad ; [0, L]$$

which is half range sine series, in the

interval  $[0, L]$ : Therefore,  $b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$

Hence, solution of equation (1) is:

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L}$$

where  $b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$

Example Problems:

1. A lightly stretched string with fixed end points  $x=0$  and  $x=L$  is initially in a position given by:  $u = u_0 \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{L}$ . Then, it is released from rest. Then, find the displacement of the string at any point 'x' at any time 't'.

→ The given problem is one dimensional wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

Then, its solution is given by:

$$u = (c_3 \cos pt + c_2 \sin pt)(c_1 \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} + c_4 \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}) \quad (2)$$

For the given problem,

boundary conditions are:

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad (3), \quad u(L, t) = 0 \quad (4) \quad x=0 \quad x=L$$

Applying the boundary condition (3) on equation (2), we have:

$$0 = c_1(c_3 \cos pt + c_2 \sin pt) \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

Substituting this value in equation (2), we have:

$$u = c_2 \sin pt (c_3 \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} + c_4 \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}) \quad (5)$$

Again applying another boundary condition (4) on (5), we have:

$$0 = c_2 \sin pt (c_3 \cos \pi + c_4 \sin \pi) \Rightarrow \sin \pi = 0 \Rightarrow \sin n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow p = n\pi$$

Substituting this value in equation (5) and replacing  $c_2 c_3$  by  $b_n$  and  $c_2 c_4$  by  $a_n$ , we have:

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

Adding all these solutions for different values of 'n', we have:

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

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For the given problem, the initial conditions are:  
 $u(x,0) = u_0 \sin^3 \pi x$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t=0) = 0$

Differentiating equation (6) partially w.r.t. 't':  
 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n\pi x}{l} \left( -b_n \sin n\pi c \sin n\pi ct + a_n n\pi c \cos n\pi ct \right)$

Applying the initial condition  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t=0) = 0$  in above equation:  
 $0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n\pi x}{l} (a_n n\pi c)$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 0$$

Substituting this value in equation (6), we have

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n \sin n\pi x}{l} \cos n\pi ct \quad (9)$$

Applying another initial condition  $u(x,0)$  on equation (9), we have:

$$u(x,0) = u_0 \sin^3 \pi x \text{ on equation (9), we have:}$$

$$u_0 \sin^3 \pi x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n \sin n\pi x}{l}$$

$$\sin 3A = 3 \sin A - 4 \sin^3 A \Rightarrow \sin 3A = (3 \sin A - \sin 3A)/4$$

$$\Rightarrow u_0 \left[ \frac{3 \sin \pi x}{4} - \frac{\sin 3\pi x}{4} \right] = \frac{b_1 \sin \pi x}{l} + \frac{b_3 \sin 3\pi x}{l} + b_5 \sin 5\pi x + \dots$$

Equating co-efficients of like terms on both sides

$$b_1 = \frac{3u_0}{4}; b_2 = 0; b_3 = -\frac{u_0}{4}; b_4 = b_5 = b_6 = \dots = 0$$

Substituting these values in equation (9), we have:

$$u = \frac{3u_0}{4} \frac{\sin \pi x}{l} \cos \pi ct - \frac{u_0}{4} \frac{\sin 3\pi x}{l} \cos 3\pi ct$$

$$\text{Ans: } u = \frac{3u_0}{4} \frac{\sin \pi x}{l} \cos \pi ct - \frac{u_0}{4} \frac{\sin 3\pi x}{l} \cos 3\pi ct$$

Solve the boundary value problem:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}; u(0,t) = 0, u(l,t) = 0, u(x,0) = x, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$\text{ANS: } u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2x}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\sin n\pi x}{l} \cos n\pi ct$$

A tightly stretched flexible string, as fixed between  $x=0$  and  $x=l$ . At time  $t=0$ , the string is given a shape  $\delta(x) = lx(1-x)$  where  $l$  is constant and then released. Then, find the displacement of the string at any point 'x' at any time 't'.

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} u &= \delta(x) = lx(1-x) \\ u(x,t) &= \frac{4ll^2}{\pi^3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1-(-1)^n)}{n^3} \frac{\sin n\pi x}{l} \cos n\pi ct \end{aligned} \right]$$

Case (ii): When  $k$  is positive

Say  $k = p^2$

Then, the auxiliary equations are:

$$m^2 - p^2 = 0, \quad m - p^2 c^2 = 0$$

$$m = \pm p; \quad m = p^2 c^2$$

Then, the solutions are:  $X = c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}$ ,  $T = c_3 e^{c^2 p^2 t}$

Case (iii): When  $k$  is negative

Say  $k = -p^2$

Then, the auxiliary equations are:

$$m^2 + p^2 = 0; \quad m^2 + p^2 c^2 = 0$$

$$m = \pm ip; \quad m = -p^2 c^2$$

Then, the solutions are:  $X = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)$ ,  $T = c_3 e^{-p^2 c^2 t}$

Substituting all these solutions in equation (2), we have

$$u = (c_1 + c_2 x) c_3 - (3)$$

$$u = (c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}) (c_3 e^{p^2 c^2 t}) - (4)$$

$$u = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px) (c_3 e^{-p^2 c^2 t}) - (5) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Time} \\ \text{Temp} \end{array} \right]$$

are the possible solutions of one dimensional heat equation.

From these solutions, we need to choose a solution which is suitable to the physical nature of the problem.

Since the problem is one dimensional heat equation therefore as the time increases, temperature of the body should decrease.

The suitable solution for one dimensional heat equation is:

$$u = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px) (c_3 e^{-p^2 c^2 t})$$

Since  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are arbitrary constants,

therefore replacing  $c_1 c_3$  by  $C_1$  and  $c_2 c_3$  by  $C_2$ , the solution of one dimensional heat equation is:

$$u = (C_1 \cos px + C_2 \sin px) (e^{-p^2 c^2 t})$$

\* Problems:

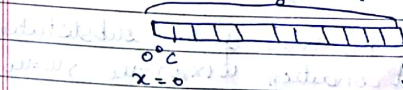
1. A rod of length 'l' with insulated sides is initially at a uniform temperature  $u_0$ . Its ends are suddenly cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and are kept at that temperature. Find the temperature function  $u(x, t)$ .

→ The problem is on one dimensional heat equation.

Consider one dimensional heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - (1)$$

Its solution is given by:  $u = (C_1 \cos px + C_2 \sin px) (e^{-p^2 c^2 t})$  - (2)



Since the ends of the rod  $x=0$  and  $x=l$  are cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and kept at that temperature throughout.



therefore the boundary conditions are:

$$u(0, t) = 0^\circ\text{C} \text{---} (3), \quad u(l, t) = 0^\circ\text{C} \text{---} (4)$$

When time 't' is 0, temperature of the rod is ' $u_0^\circ\text{C}$ '

Therefore, the initial condition is:  $u(x, 0) = u_0$  (5)

Applying the boundary condition (3), i.e.,  $u(0, t) = 0$

on equation (2), we have:  $[x=0 \Rightarrow u=0]$

$$0 = c_1 e^{-p^2 c^2 t} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \quad [\because e^{-p^2 c^2 t} \neq 0]$$

Substituting this value in equation (2), we have:

$$u = c_2 \sin px e^{-c^2 p^2 t} \text{---} (6)$$

Applying another boundary condition (4), i.e.,  $u(l, t) = 0$

on equation (6), we have:  $[x=l \Rightarrow u=0]$

$$0 = c_2 \sin pl e^{-c^2 p^2 t} \Rightarrow \sin pl = 0 = \sin n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{n\pi}{l} \quad [c_2 \neq 0, \text{ if } c_2 = 0 \text{ trivial solution}]$$

~~Substituting~~

Substituting this value in equation (6) and

replacing  $c_2$  by  $b_n$ , we have

$$u = b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 c^2 \pi^2 t}{l^2}}$$

Adding all the solutions for different values of 'n' we have:

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{(n^2 c^2 \pi^2 t)}{l^2}} \text{---} (7)$$

To get the value of  $b_n$ , substituting the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = u_0 \Rightarrow u = u_0, t = 0$  in (7)

$$u_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

which is Half Range Sine Series in the interval  $[0, l]$ .

$$\text{Therefore: } b_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l u_0 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx = \frac{2u_0}{l} \left[ -\cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right]_0^l$$

$$= \frac{2u_0}{l\pi} [1 - \cos n\pi] = \frac{2u_0}{l\pi} [1 - (-1)^n]$$

Substituting this value in equation (7), we have:

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2u_0}{l\pi} [1 - (-1)^n] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 c^2 \pi^2 t}{l^2}}$$

Ans.: The required solution is:

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2u_0}{l\pi} [1 - (-1)^n] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{n^2 c^2 \pi^2 t}{l^2}}$$