

Re-cap of L16: basics of Sep of Vars for multi-dimensional PDE problems

2-D heat eqn, cold hom BC's  $u = 0$ , hot IC  $u = F(x, y)$  problem:

$$u_t = u_{xx} + u_{yy} \quad 0 \leq x \leq L \quad 0 \leq y \leq H$$

0. Problem is homogeneous, don't need to cut anything, and will be able to use shortcut (no PDE-projection or IBP part needed)
1. SV trial solution  $u_k(x, y, t) = f(x)g(y)h(t)$ , separate variables
2. First, got  $h(t) = ce^{-\lambda t}$  (no info on  $\lambda$  yet)
3. Next, can separate  $x$ 's from  $y$ 's, get  $f_k(x)$  eig-fcns and  $\mu_k = (k\pi/L)^2$
4. Finally, got eig-fcns for  $g_m(y)$  and  $\gamma_m = (m\pi/H)^2$
5. Then combining separation constants, get  $\lambda_{k,m} = \mu_k + \gamma_m$  and overall soln is

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_k \sum_m c_{k,m} e^{-\lambda_{k,m} t} \sin(k\pi x/L) \sin(m\pi y/H)$$

6. Last step: apply IC at  $t = 0$  to pick  $c_{k,m}$  coefficients

$$F(x, y) = \sum_k \sum_m c_{k,m} \sin(k\pi x/L) \sin(m\pi y/H)$$

## Multi-D expansion coefficients: version 1.0

1-D nested expansions: sum of sums, one variable at a time

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= \sum_m \left( \sum_k c_{k,m} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{H}\right) \\ &= \sum_m A_m(x) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{H}\right) \quad A_m(x) = \sum_k c_{k,m} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L}\right) \\ &= \sum_m \left( \frac{2}{H} \int_0^H F(x, \tilde{y}) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi \tilde{y}}{H}\right) d\tilde{y} \right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{H}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$A_m(x) = \sum_k c_{k,m} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L}\right) \quad c_{k,m} = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L A_m(x) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$c_{k,m} = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \left( \frac{2}{H} \int_0^H F(x, y) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{H}\right) dy \right) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$c_{k,m} = \frac{4}{LH} \int_0^L \int_0^H F(x, y) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{H}\right) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L}\right) dy dx$$

For 3-D, it would be like

$$F(x, y, z) = \sum_n \left( \sum_m \sum_k c_{k,m,n} \sin(k\pi x) \sin(m\pi y) \right) \sin(n\pi z)$$

with  $A_n(x, y)$  and  $B_{mn}(x)$

**Multi-D expansion coefficients:** version 2.0 (MUCH better/shorter)

Multi-D eigenfcn expansion perspective: no need for slicing/nesting

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= \sum_m \sum_k c_{k,m} \underbrace{\sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{H}\right)} \\ &= \sum_{km} c_{km} \phi_{k,m}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

usual expansion, now with double integrals...

$$\begin{aligned} c_{km} &= \frac{\langle\langle F(x, y), \phi_{km} \rangle\rangle}{\langle\langle \phi_{km}, \phi_{km} \rangle\rangle} \\ &= \frac{1}{||\phi_{km}||^2} \int_0^L \int_0^H F(x, y) \phi_{km}(x, y) dy dx \end{aligned}$$

With separation of variables,  $\phi_{km}(x, y) = f_k(x)g_m(y)$  then

$$||\phi_{km}||^2 = ||f_k||^2 ||g_m||^2 = \frac{L}{2} \frac{H}{2}$$

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Today's theme: SV can give single-variable ODE probs, but multi-var calc will give us powerful tools and a better handle on the bigger picture....

## Overview: basics of Sep of Vars for multi-dimensional PDE problems

1. SV for PDE problems with  $N$ -independent variables yields solns with  $N - 1$  separation constants
2. CANNOT make an eigenvalue problem in time:  $t$  has only IC's not BC's  
**[space-time sep const (and dynamics) controlled by spatial eigenmodes]**
3. Sums will only use the indices for spatial modes  $(f_n, g_m)$
4. Shortcut: If  $\sigma \equiv 1$  then Strict (one var at a time) SV  $\implies$  “simultaneous SV”:

$$\text{If can write separated PDE} \implies H(t) = F(x) + G(y) + E(z)$$

Then can write each term as a sep const,  $H = \lambda, F = \alpha, G = \beta, \dots$

5. For directions/variables with homogeneous BC's, pick sep const to make the separated ODE BVP an eigenvalue problem to determine specific  $\alpha_n$  eig-values

$$\frac{L_x f(x)}{\sigma_x(x) f(x)} = \alpha \implies L_x f_n = -\lambda_n \sigma_x f_n \quad \text{for } \alpha = -\lambda$$

6.  $u = \sum_k c_k \phi_k$ ,  $c_k$  const coeffs determined by orth projection of IC's onto  $\phi_k$ 's

$$c_k = \frac{\langle \langle F(x, y), \phi_k \rangle \rangle_\sigma}{\langle \langle \phi_k, \phi_k \rangle \rangle_\sigma} = \frac{1}{\|f_n\|_{\sigma_x}^2 \|g_m\|_{\sigma_y}^2} \iint_D F f_n g_m \sigma_x \sigma_y dy dx$$

Solving hom wave eqn on  $LH$  rectangle with hom Dirichlet BC's (H Ch 7.3)

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} + u_{yy} \quad \rightarrow \quad fgh'' = f''gh + fg''h$$

Separate variables

$$\frac{h''}{h} = \frac{f''}{f} + \frac{g''}{g} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} = \alpha h, \quad \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -\beta f, \quad \frac{d^2 g}{dy^2} = -\gamma g.$$

Solve ODE BVP eigenvalue problems

$f_n(x) = \sin(n\pi x/L)$  with  $\beta_n = (n\pi/L)^2$ , then

$g_m(y) = \sin(m\pi y/H)$  with  $\gamma_m = (m\pi/H)^2 = -\alpha - \beta$

Then get  $\alpha_{n,m} = -\beta_n - \gamma_m < 0$ . Let  $\alpha = -\omega^2$  for

$$h_{nm}(t) = A_{nm} \cos(\omega_{nm}t) + B_{nm} \sin(\omega_{nm}t)$$

So re-assembled full soln is

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_n \sum_m [A_{nm} \cos(\omega_{nm}t) + B_{nm} \sin(\omega_{nm}t)] f_n(x) g_m(y)$$

Then use IC's

$$\text{IC: } u(x, y, 0) = F(x, y) = \sum_{n,m} A_{nm} \phi_{nm} \quad \rightarrow \quad A_{nm} = \frac{\langle F, \phi_{nm} \rangle}{LH/4}$$

$$\text{IC: } \partial_t u(x, y, 0) = G(x, y) = \sum_{n,m} \omega_{nm} B_{nm} \phi_{nm} \quad \rightarrow \quad B_{nm} = \frac{\langle G, \phi_{nm} \rangle}{\omega_{nm} LH/4}$$

## More background for multi-dimensional PDE problems

- A linear homogeneous PDE for  $u(x, y, t)$  is separable if substituting

$$u_k(x, y, t) = f(x)g(y)h(t)$$

separates the PDE into three ODE's for  $f(x)$ ,  $g(y)$ , and  $h(t)$   
then the equation(part 1) is separable (formally separable).

- Separable BC's(part 2) depend on having separable domains, where each part of the boundary has one variable being constant on each edge.
- The whole problem is a fully separable PDE problem if the equation and the BC's are separable to give ODE sub-problems with simple BC's for each of the ODE problems.

Example: Solving  $u_t = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$

The PDE is formally separable since

(with  $\alpha = -\beta - \gamma$ )

$$\frac{h'}{h} = \frac{f''}{f} + \frac{g''}{g} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha h, \quad \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -\beta f, \quad \frac{d^2 g}{dy^2} = -\gamma g.$$

But this soln also depends on the shape of the  $(x, y)$  domain of the problem...

Ex: Here we used rectangle  $[0 \leq x \leq L] \times [0 \leq y \leq H]$  being separable.

## Background for multi-dimensional PDE problems (cont)

- Even if full separation is not possible, partial separation can still work.  
Can try to separate time from space variables (Haberman Chapter 7.2):

$$u_k(x, y, t) = \phi(x, y)h(t)$$

- Example: Solving  $u_t = \nabla^2 u$  becomes

$$\phi(x, y) \frac{dh}{dt} = h(t) \nabla^2 \phi(x, y)$$

$$\frac{1}{h(t)} \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{\nabla^2 \phi(x, y)}{\phi(x, y)} = -\lambda$$

so separation yields the ODE in time  $t$  [space-time sep const  $\lambda$  = PDE eigval]

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\lambda h \quad \rightarrow \quad h(t) = C e^{-\lambda t}$$

and PDE problem:  $\boxed{\nabla^2 \phi = -\lambda \phi}$  called the  $\boxed{\text{Helmholtz}}$  (eigenvalue) eqn.

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**Brief intro to Dynamics**: If ANY  $u_k$  mode present in soln has  $h(t)$  that grows in time, then system is unstable. If ALL  $h(t)$ 's decay then sys is stable.

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If the domain is separable, then solns can be worked out in formulas, but what's always true: linear theory framework still applies even if  $\phi(x, y)$  eigenfunctions have to be computed numerically...

**The Helmholtz eigenvalue PDE  $\nabla^2 \phi = -\lambda \phi$**

Problems leading to the Helmholtz equation:

- Multi-D version of  $\mathbf{L}u \equiv d^2u/dx^2$  operator and  $\phi''(x) = -\lambda \phi(x)$  eigen eqn
- Separation of space/time variables  $u(\vec{x}, t) = \phi(\vec{x})h(t)$  in the heat equation (Haberman 7.2) and wave equation (H 7.2, H 8.5)

$$\partial_t u = \nabla^2 u + S(\vec{x}, t) \quad \partial_{tt} u = \nabla^2 u + S(\vec{x}, t)$$

- Poisson equation (Haberman 8.6)

$$\nabla^2 u = S(\vec{x})$$

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Extension of linear operator theory to 2-D (a brief review of multi-variable calculus)<sup>a</sup>

$$L^2 \text{ inner product (in 2-D) : } \langle f(x, y), g(x, y) \rangle \equiv \iint_D f(x, y)g(x, y) dy dx$$

1-D domain: interval  $a \leq x \leq b$

boundary = endpoints:  $x = a, x = b$

2-D domain: region  $D$  in  $xy$  plane

boundary = closed curve  $C$  (counter-clockwise)

3-D domain: region in  $xyz$  space

boundary = closed surface  $S$

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<sup>a</sup>Also see the Vector Calculus review sheet



**Definition of the adjoint operator** (adjoint relation)

$$\langle v, \mathbf{L}u \rangle = \langle \mathbf{L}^*v, u \rangle$$

1-D via Integration by Parts and eliminating the boundary terms

$$\int_a^b v u'' dx = (v u' - v' u) \Big|_a^b + \int_a^b v'' u dx$$

Q: 2-D equivalent of IBP for  $\mathbf{L} = \nabla^2$ ?      A: Derived from the Divergence Theorem

**Divergence Theorem**: For any smooth vector fcn  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P(x, y)\mathbf{i} + Q(x, y)\mathbf{j}$

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds = \iint_D \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dA = \iint_D \left[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \right] dy dx$$

where  $C$  is the boundary curve around domain  $D$  and

$\mathbf{n}$  is the unit-vector  $\perp C$  pointing out of  $D$  (the unit outer normal)

1. Pick  $\mathbf{F}_1 = v(x, y)\nabla u(x, y)$ , then  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_1$  on the RHS is

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_1 = \nabla \cdot (v \nabla u) = \underline{\nabla v \cdot \nabla u} + v \nabla^2 u$$

2. Pick  $\mathbf{F}_2 = u(x, y)\nabla v(x, y)$ , then  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_2$  on the RHS is

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_2 = \nabla \cdot (u \nabla v) = \underline{\nabla u \cdot \nabla v} + u \nabla^2 v$$

3. Pick  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_1 - \mathbf{F}_2$  and plug into Div Thm:

to get what is called “Green’s second identity” (Haberman eqn 7.5.7, p 289):

$$\oint_C (v \nabla u - u \nabla v) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = \iint_D (v \nabla^2 u - u \nabla^2 v) \, dA$$

Re-arrange, IBP-like and match up to adjoint relation for  $\mathbf{L} \equiv \nabla^2$ :

$$\underbrace{\iint_D v \nabla^2 u \, dA}_{\langle v, \mathbf{L}u \rangle_2} = \underbrace{\oint_C (v \nabla u - u \nabla v) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds}_{\text{boundary terms}} + \underbrace{\iint_D u \nabla^2 v \, dA}_{\langle u, \mathbf{L}^*v \rangle_2}$$

Conclusion #1: The Laplacian operator is formally self-adjoint.

Boundary terms:  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla f$  is the directional derivative in the normal direction, also called

the “Neumann derivative”:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial n} \equiv \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla f$ , so bdry terms  $\oint_C \left( v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \right) ds$ .

Conclusion #2:  $\nabla^2$  with hom. Dir./Neu./Rob. BC’s is fully self-adjoint on any  $D$ .

Sturm-Liouville-type results for  $\nabla^2 \phi = -\lambda \phi$  on any finite domain  $D$

1.  $\lambda$ 's are real
2.  $\lambda_k$  are discrete and  $\lambda_k \rightarrow \infty$  (multiple roots possible (symmetry of  $D$ 's shape))
3.  $\phi_k(x, y)$  are a complete self-orthogonal basis in weighted inner prod with  $\sigma \equiv 1$

$$F(x, y) = \sum_{\text{"k"}} c_k \phi_k(x, y) \quad c_k = \frac{\langle F, \phi_k \rangle_\sigma}{\|\phi_k\|_\sigma^2} \quad \text{"k" multi-index} = (m, n)$$

4. To show  $\lambda \geq 0$ , take inner product of  $\nabla^2 \phi = -\lambda \phi$  with  $\phi$

$$\langle \phi, \nabla^2 \phi \rangle = -\lambda \langle \phi, \phi \rangle$$

$$\iint_D \phi \nabla^2 \phi \, dA = -\lambda \|\phi\|^2 \quad \text{product rule}$$

$$\underbrace{\iint_D \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \phi) \, dA - \iint_D \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \phi \, dA}_{\text{product rule}} = -\lambda \|\phi\|^2 \quad uv' = (uv)' - u'v$$

$$\oint_C \phi (\nabla \phi \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, ds - \|\nabla \phi\|^2 = -\lambda \|\phi\|^2 \quad \text{Div. Thm.}$$

$$\boxed{\left( \|\nabla \phi\|^2 - \oint_C \phi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \, ds \right) / \|\phi\|^2} = \lambda \quad \underline{\text{Rayleigh quotient}}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda \geq 0} \text{ for Dirichlet } (\phi = 0) \text{ or Neumann } (\partial \phi / \partial n = 0) \text{ BC's} \quad (\text{H, Ch 7.6})$$