

Assignment 4 & 5 MC : 406 Partial Differential Eqs.

1. Solve the differential equations $u_t - \alpha^2 u_{xx} = 0$, for the conduction of heat along a rod subject to the following conditions:

(a) u is not infinite for $t \rightarrow \infty$

(b) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$, for $x=0$ and $x=l$

(c) $u = lx - x^2$ for $t=0$, between $x=0$ and $x=l$

1. Given equation, $u_t - \alpha^2 u_{xx} = 0$

On substituting, $u = X(x)T(t)$, we get

$$X T' = \alpha^2 X'' T \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{\alpha^2 T} = -K^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + K^2 X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dT}{dt} + K^2 \alpha^2 T = 0 \quad (1)$$

Solutions are,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X &= C_1 \cos Kx + C_2 \sin Kx \\ T &= C_3 e^{-K^2 \alpha^2 t} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

If K^2 is changed to $-K^2$ solutions are
 $X = C_4 e^{Kx} + C_5 e^{-Kx}$, $T = C_6 e^{K^2 \alpha^2 t} \quad (3)$

If $K^2 = 0$, solutions are

$$X = C_7 x + C_8, \quad T = C_9 \quad (4)$$

In eqn (3), $T \rightarrow \infty$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$, thus $u \rightarrow \infty$ i.e. the given condition (a) is not satisfied. So, solution (3) is rejected, while (2) & (4) satisfy this condition.

applying condition (b) to eqⁿ (4), we get

$$C_7 = 0$$

$$\therefore u = XT = C_3 C_9 = a_0 \quad (5)$$

from eqⁿ (2), $\frac{du}{dx} = (-C_1 \sin kx + C_2 \cos kx) K C_3 e^{-k^2 x^2}$

applying the condition (b), we get $C_2 = 0$ &

$$-C_1 \sin kl + C_2 \cos kl = 0$$

i.e. $C_2 = 0$ & $kl = n\pi$

$$u = C_1 \cos kx C_3 e^{-k^2 x^2 t}$$

$$= a_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \frac{e^{-n^2 \pi^2 x^2 t}}{l^2} \quad (6)$$

Thus, the general solution is the sum of eqⁿ (5) & (6)

$$u = a_0 + \sum a_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \frac{e^{-n^2 \pi^2 x^2 t}}{l^2} \quad (7)$$

now, using condition (c), we get

$$lx - x^2 = a_0 + \sum a_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{l} \right)$$

This being the expansion of $lx - x^2$ as a half-range cosine series in $(0, l)$, we get

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l (lx - x^2) dx = \frac{1}{l} \left[\frac{lx^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^l = \frac{l^2}{6}$$

$$\text{and, } a_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l (lx - x^2) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{l} \left((lx - x^2) \frac{l}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right)$$

$$= -(l - 2x) \left(\frac{-l^2 \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l}}{n^2 \pi^2} \right) +$$

$$+ (-2) \left(\frac{-l^3 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}}{n^3 \pi^3} \right) \Big|_0^l$$

$$= \frac{2}{l} \left[0 - \frac{l^3}{n^2 \pi^2} (\cos n\pi + 1) + 0 \right] = -\frac{4l^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \\ \text{otherwise it is zero} \end{array}$$

Hence, taking $n = 2m$, the required solution is

$$u = \frac{l^2}{6} - \frac{l^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2} \cos\left(\frac{2m\pi x}{l}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{2m\pi}{l}\right)^2 y^2}$$

6. An infinitely long plane uniform plate is bounded by two parallel edges and an end at right angle to them. The width is π , this end is maintained at a temperature u_0 at all points and other edges are 0 temperatures. Determine the temperature at any point of the plate in the steady state.

6. In steady state, the temperature $u(x, y)$ at any point $P(x, y)$ satisfies the equation, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ (1)

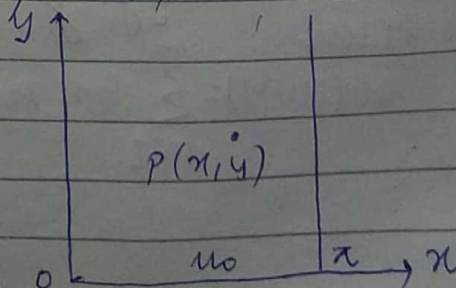
The boundary conditions are,

$$u(0, y) = 0, \text{ for all values of } y \quad (2)$$

$$u(\pi, y) = 0 \text{ for all values of } y \quad (3)$$

$$u(x, \infty) = 0, \text{ in } 0 < x < \pi \quad (4)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0, \text{ in } 0 < x < \pi \quad (5)$$



The possible solutions for eqⁿ (1) are,

$$u = (C_1 e^{px} + C_2 e^{-px}) (C_3 \cos py + C_4 \sin py) \quad - (6)$$

$$u = (C_5 \cos px + C_6 \sin px) (C_7 e^{py} + C_8 e^{-py}) \quad - (7)$$

$$u = (C_9 x + C_{10}) (C_{11} y + C_{12}) \quad - (8)$$

now, we have to choose a suitable solution.

Solution (6) cannot satisfy condition (2)

for $u \neq 0$ for $x=0$ for all values of y .

Solution (8) can not satisfy condition (4).

Thus, the only possible solution is (7) i.e.,

$$u(x, y) = (C_1 \cos px + C_2 \sin px) (C_3 e^{py} + C_4 e^{-py}) \quad - (9)$$

from (2), $u(0, y) = C_1 (C_3 e^{py} + C_4 e^{-py}) = 0$ for all y .

Hence, $C_1 = 0$ and (9) reduces to

$$u(x, y) = C_2 \sin px (C_3 e^{py} + C_4 e^{-py}) \quad - (10)$$

By (3), $u(\pi, y) = C_2 \sin p\pi (C_3 e^{py} + C_4 e^{-py}) = 0$

This requires $\sin p\pi = 0$, i.e. $p\pi = n\pi$ ($C_2 \neq 0$)

$p = n$ (integer)

also, to satisfy condition (4)

i.e. $u = 0$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$, $C_3 = 0$

Hence, u takes the form

$$u(x, y) = b_n \sin nx \cdot e^{-ny}$$

(where, $b_n = C_2 C_4$)

\therefore The solution satisfying (2), (3) & (4) is of the form

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx \cdot e^{-ny} \quad - (11)$$

putting $y=0$,

$$u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx \quad (12)$$

In order that the condition (5) may be satisfied, (5) and (12) must be same. This requires the expansion of u as a half-range Fourier sine series in $(0, \pi)$. Thus,

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx \quad \left(\text{where, } b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} u \sin nx \, dx \right)$$

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

i.e., $b_n = 0$ if n is even
($b_n = 4u_0/n\pi$ if n is odd)

Hence, eqⁿ (11) becomes,

$$u(x,y) = \frac{4u_0}{\pi} \left[e^{-y} \sin x + \frac{1}{3} e^{-3y} \sin 3x + \dots \right]$$

8. Solve the Laplace equation

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

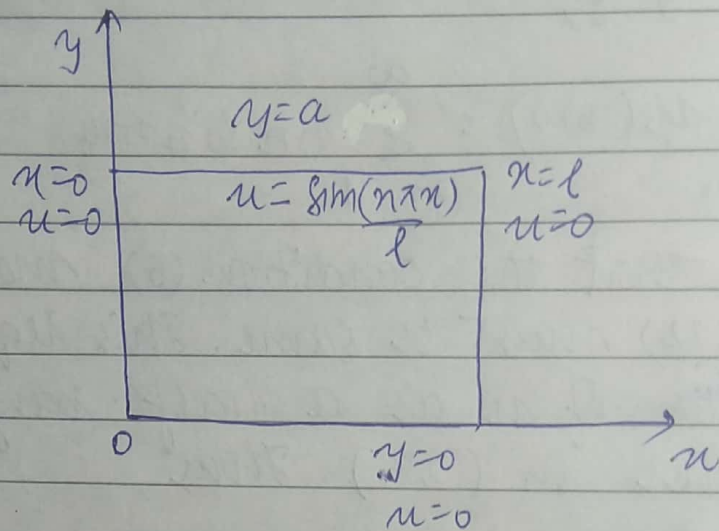
subject to the conditions $u(0,y) = u(\pi,y) = u(x,0) = 0$ and $u(x,\pi) = \frac{\sin nx}{e}$.

8. The possible solutions of $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ (1)

$$u_1 = (c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}) (c_3 \cos py + c_4 \sin py) \quad (2)$$

$$u = (c_5 \cos px + c_6 \sin px) (c_7 e^{py} + c_8 e^{-py}) \quad (3)$$

$$u = (c_9 x + c_{10}) (c_{11} y + c_{12}) \quad (4)$$



we have to solve eqⁿ (1) satisfying the following boundary conditions,

$$u(0, y) = 0 \quad (5) \quad u(l, y) = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \quad (7) \quad u(x, a) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \quad (8)$$

Using (5) and (6) in (2), we get

$$C_1 + C_2 = 0 \quad \& \quad C_1 e^{p_l} + C_2 e^{-p_l} = 0$$

on solving these, we get $C_1 = C_2 = 0$
(trivial solution)

using (5) and (6) in (4) gives a trivial solution

Hence, suitable solution is (3)

using (5) in (3) we have,

$$C_5 (C_7 e^{py} + C_8 e^{-py}) = 0, \quad \text{i.e. } C_5 = 0$$

\therefore eqⁿ (3) becomes $u = C_6 \sin p x (C_7 e^{py} + C_8 e^{-py})$ (9)

using (6), we have $C_6 \sin p l (C_7 e^{py} + C_8 e^{-py}) = 0$

\therefore either $C_6 = 0$ or $\sin p l = 0$

if $C_6 = 0$, we get a trivial solution

Thus, $\sin p l = 0$, $p = \frac{n\pi}{l}$, where $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Eq. (9) becomes,

$$u = C_6 \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) (C_7 e^{n\pi y/l} + C_8 e^{-n\pi y/l}) \quad (10)$$

(8)

using (7), we have,

$$0 = C_6 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \cdot (C_7 + C_8) \quad \text{i.e. } C_8 = -C_7$$

Thus, solution is,

$$u(x, y) = b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} (e^{n\pi y/l} - e^{-n\pi y/l}) \quad \text{where } b_n = C_6 C_7$$

Using condition (8), we have,

$$u(x, a) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

$$\text{we get, } b_n = \frac{1}{(e^{n\pi a/l} - e^{-n\pi a/l})}$$

Hence, the required solution is,

$$u(x, y) = \frac{e^{n\pi y/l} - e^{-n\pi y/l}}{e^{n\pi a/l} - e^{-n\pi a/l}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

or,

$$u(x, y) = \frac{\sinh(n\pi y/l)}{\sinh(n\pi a/l)} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

3. State and prove a maximum principle for solutions of an initial boundary value problem for $u_t = k \Delta u$, where Δ is the Laplacian in R .

3. we know heat equation,

$$u_t - k \Delta u = 0, \quad k > 0$$

This equation is also known as diffusion equation.

Let D be region in R^n .

Let $x = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T$ be a vector in R^n .

Let $u(x, t)$ be the temperature at point x , time t , and let $H(t)$ be the total amount of heat contained in D . Let c be the specific heat of the material and ρ its density. Then

$$H(t) = \int_D c \rho u(x, t) dx$$

Therefore, the change in heat is given by

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \int_D c \rho u_t(x, t) dx$$

Fourier's law says that heat flows from hot to cold regions at rate $k > 0$ proportional to the temperature gradient. The only way heat will leave D is through the boundary. That is,

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \int_{\partial D} k \nabla u \cdot n ds$$

where ∂D is the boundary of D , n is the outward unit normal vector to ∂D and

ds is the surface measure over ∂D . Therefore, we have

$$\int_D c \rho u_t(x, t) dx = \int_{\partial D} \kappa \nabla u \cdot n ds$$

Recall that for a vector field F , the Divergence theorem says

$$\int_{\partial D} F \cdot n ds = \int_D \nabla \cdot F dx$$

Therefore, we have

$$\int_D c \rho u_t(x, t) dx = \int_D \nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla u) dx$$

This leads us to the partial differential equation,

$$c \rho u_t = \nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla u)$$

If c, ρ and κ are constants, we are led to the heat equation

$$u_t = K \Delta u$$

where, $K = \kappa / c \rho > 0$ and $\Delta u = \sum_{i=1}^n u_{x_i x_i}$

Hence, Proved.

8. Derive Poisson integral formula of Laplace equation.

9. Dirichlet problem for a circle of a radius a .
The problem is to solve for u from

$$\nabla^2 u = u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} = 0 \quad r < a \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

subject to boundary condition,

$$u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$$

Eg. (i) is linear and homogenous, we assume a variable separable solution of the form

$$u(r, \theta) = R(r)H(\theta)$$

The equation (i) yields

$$\frac{r^2 R''}{R} + \frac{r R'}{R} = -\frac{H''}{H} = \lambda$$

where, λ is a constant. This implies,

$$r^2 R'' + r R' - \lambda R = 0$$

$$H'' + \lambda H = 0$$

$\lambda < 0$ doesn't give any acceptable solution, since $H(\theta + 2\pi) = H(\theta)$ is not met in this case,

$\lambda = 0$ gives the solution in the form,

$$u(r, \theta) = (A + B \log r)(C\theta + D)$$

The periodicity of u gives $C=0$. $r=0$ is a point in the domain and since u must be bounded there, we must have $B=0$. Therefore, in this case, $u = \text{constant}$

let $\lambda > 0$. Assume $\lambda = \alpha^2$. Then

$$u(\theta) = A \cos \alpha \theta + B \sin \alpha \theta$$

The periodicity condition implies $\alpha = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Then

$$R(r) = C r^\alpha + D r^{-\alpha}$$

Since, $r^{-\alpha} \rightarrow \infty$ as $r \rightarrow 0$, D must be zero. Thus, the boundary conditions $u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$ gives

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \cos n\theta d\theta, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \sin n\theta d\theta, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

By the very definition, a_n and b_n are bounded. Choose M such that $|a_n| \leq M$ and $|b_n| \leq M$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Since

$$u_n(r, \theta) = r^n (a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta), \quad r = r/a$$

we have

$$|u_n| \leq 2r^n M, \quad 0 \leq r \leq r_0 < 1.$$

Hence, in any closed circular region inside the open unit disc, the series converges

uniformly.

also observe,

$$\left| \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial r} \right| = \left| \frac{n}{a} \rho^{n-1} (a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta) \right|$$

$$< \frac{2n}{a} \rho_0^{n-1} M$$

consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 u &= \underbrace{\Delta u}_0 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^2} u}_{\nabla^2 u} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^{n-2}}{a^2} (a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta) [n(n-1) + n - n^2] \\ &= 0, \quad 0 \leq \rho \leq \rho_0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus u is harmonic in the region $0 \leq \rho < 1$
consider

$$\begin{aligned} u(\rho, \theta) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(r) dr \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho^n \int_0^{2\pi} f(r) [\cos n\theta \cos nr + \sin n\theta \sin nr] dr \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho^n \cos n(\theta - r) \right] f(r) dr \end{aligned}$$

Hence, due to the uniform convergence of the series, the interchange of summation & integration is allowed.

for $0 \leq \rho < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho^n \cos n(\theta - \alpha) \right] &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\rho^n e^{in(\theta - \alpha)} + \rho^n e^{-in(\theta - \alpha)} \right] \\
 &= 1 + \frac{\rho e^{i(\theta - \alpha)}}{1 - \rho e^{i(\theta - \alpha)}} + \frac{\rho e^{-i(\theta - \alpha)}}{1 - \rho e^{-i(\theta - \alpha)}} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \rho^2}{1 - \rho e^{i(\theta - \alpha)} - \rho e^{-i(\theta - \alpha)} + \rho^2} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \rho^2}{1 - 2\rho \cos(\theta - \alpha) + \rho^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$u(\rho, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 - \rho^2}{1 - 2\rho \cos(\theta - \alpha) + \rho^2} f(\alpha) d\alpha$$

which is called Poisson integral formula.