Math 300: Advanced Boundary Value Problems

Week 9

1.1 Sturm-Liouville Theory

1. Example 4.11 Summary of standard Sturm-Liouville problems.

Model Type	S-L Problem	Spectrum	Eigenfunctions
Homogeneous Dirichlet B.C.	$\phi''(x) + \lambda \phi(x) = 0$ $\phi(0) = \phi(l) = 0$	$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2$ $n = 1, 2, \cdots$	$\phi_n = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ $n = 1, 2, \cdots$
Homogeneous Neumann B.C.	$\phi''(x) + \lambda \phi(x) = 0$ $\phi'(0) = \phi'(l) = 0$	$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2$ $n = 0, 1, \dots$	$\phi_n = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ $n = 0, 1, \dots$
Mixed Type I	$\phi''(x) + \lambda \phi(x) = 0$ $\phi(0) = \phi'(l) = 0$	$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2l}\right)^2$ $n = 1, 2, \dots$	$\phi_n = \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l}$ $n = 1, 2, \dots$
Mixed Type II	$\phi''(x) + \lambda \phi(x) = 0$ $\phi'(0) = \phi(l) = 0$	$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2l}\right)^2$ $n = 1, 2, \dots$	$\phi_n = \cos \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l}$ $n = 1, 2, \dots$

1.2 Two-Dimensional Heat, Wave and Laplace Equations

1. Exercise 14.13.

Solve the problem for a vibrating square membrane with side length 1, where the vibrations are governed by the following two-dimensional wave equation:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < y < 1, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0,y,t) &= u(1,y,t) = 0, \\ u(x,0,t) &= u(x,1,t) = 0, \\ u(x,y,0) &= \sin \pi x \sin \pi y, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,y,0) &= \sin \pi x. \end{split}$$

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- 2. Heat, Wave and Laplace equations on the rectangle
 - (a) Heat equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = k \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad 0 < x < a, \quad 0 < y < b, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, y, 0) = f(x, y).$$

(b) Wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad 0 < x < a, \quad 0 < y < b, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, y, 0) = f(x, y),$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, y, 0) = g(x, y).$$

(c) Laplace equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\right) = 0, \quad 0 < x < a, \quad 0 < y < b,$$

3. Big picture

1.3 Polar coordinates

1. Given a point P with Cartesian coordinates $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$, the polar coordinates of P are (r, θ) , where

$$x = r \cos \theta,$$

$$y = r \sin \theta.$$

The Jacobian determinant for the transformation is

$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(r,\theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta & -r\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & r\sin\theta \end{vmatrix} = r.$$

2. The **disk of radius** a is defined by

$$D(a) = \{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \le a^2\} = \{(r,\theta) \mid 0 \le r \le a, -\pi \le \theta \le \pi\}.$$

3. The Laplacian in polar coordinates is

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

4. Example 6.1. (Potential in a Disk) Summary.

The Dirichlet problem for Laplace's equation in a disk in polar coordinates is

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0, \quad 0 < r < a, \quad -\pi < \theta < \pi, \\ &u(r, -\pi) = u(r, \pi), \\ &\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}(r, -\pi) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}(r, \pi), \\ &\lim_{r \to 0^+} u(r, \theta) = u(0, \theta), \\ &u(a, \theta) = f(\theta). \end{split}$$