

# MATH 400 Homework 2

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**Question 1.** Let  $u(r, \theta, t) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)T(t)$ . Then the ODE becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 u = u_{tt} &\implies \frac{1}{r}(ru_r)_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} = u_{tt} \\ &\implies \frac{\Theta T}{r}(rR_r)_r + \frac{RT}{r^2}\Theta_{\theta\theta} = R\Theta T_{tt} \\ &\implies \frac{T_{tt}}{T} = \frac{R_r + rR_{rr}}{rR} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\Theta_{\theta\theta}}{\Theta} = -\lambda.\end{aligned}$$

Since both sides are dependent on separate terms  $\lambda = \omega^2$  is a constant. Thus we arrive at two more differential equations:

$$T_{tt} = -\lambda T \implies T = A \sin(\omega t) + B \cos(\omega t) \text{ or } T = Cx + D \text{ if } \lambda = 0,$$

$$\frac{r(rR')'}{R} + \lambda r^2 = -\frac{\Theta_{\theta\theta}}{\Theta} = m^2.$$

Again since the two sides have different dependence there is a separation constant  $m^2$ . Then we get:

$$\Theta_{\theta\theta} = -m^2\Theta \implies \Theta = A \sin(m\theta), m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Note we applied boundary conditions to get that only sin terms are possible here. Finally, this leaves us with the radial equation:

$$(rR')' + \lambda rR - \frac{m^2}{r}R = 0.$$

This is a Sturm-Liouville equation with  $p(r) = r$  and  $\sigma(r) = r$  which are both greater than or equal to 0.  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue here, so it forms an increasing sequence, call them  $\lambda_n$ . Expanding the equation and multiplying by  $r$ :

$$r^2 R'' + rR' + (\lambda r^2 - m^2)R = 0 \implies r^2 R'' \left( \frac{r}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) + rR' \left( \frac{r}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) + (r^2 - m^2) R \left( \frac{r}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) = 0.$$

This is Bessel's equation, so the solutions are  $R(r) = J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$  and  $R(r) = Y_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$ . Since only the  $J$  solutions are regular the  $Y$  solutions are impossible. Also to satisfy the boundary conditions  $z_n^m = \omega_n^m = \sqrt{\lambda}$  where  $z_n^m$  are the zeros of  $J_m$ . Thus the general solution before applying initial conditions:

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^m J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_n^m} r) \sin(m\theta) (B_n \sin(\omega t) + C_n \cos(\omega_n^m t)).$$

Applying the initial conditions, then  $B_n = 0$ , so combine  $C_n$  and  $A_n^m$  (i.e. assume  $C_n = 1$ ). We still must find  $A_n^m$  in terms of  $f(r)$ , but so far we have

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^m J_m(\omega_n^m r) \sin(m\theta) \cos(\omega_n^m t).$$

To find  $A_n^m$ , first expand  $f(r, \theta) = f(r)$  from  $[0, \pi]$  with its odd extension to  $[-\pi, 0]$ . Next expand it to be  $2\pi$  periodic over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Multiply by  $\sin(m\theta)$  and integrate over  $\theta$ :

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(m\theta) f(r) d\theta = -2 \frac{(-1)^m - 1}{m\pi} f(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^m J_m(\omega_n^m r).$$

Using Sturm-Liouville theory to solve for the remaining:

$$A_n^m = \left( \int_0^1 J_m(\omega_n^m) \frac{1 - (-1)^m}{m\pi} 2f(r) r dr \right) \left( \int_0^1 J_m(\omega_n^m r)^2 r dr \right)^{-1}.$$

**Question 2a.** Let  $u(r, \theta, t) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)T(t)$ . Then separating:

$$(ru_r)_r + \frac{1}{r}u_{\theta\theta} = u_t + u_r$$

$$\implies \frac{T'}{T} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} + \frac{(rR')'}{R} - \frac{R'}{R} = -\lambda.$$

Since the two sides are dependent on different variables  $\lambda$  is constant. Therefore:

$$T' = -\lambda T \implies T = e^{-\lambda t},$$

$$-\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = r \frac{(rR')'}{R} - \frac{rR'}{R} + r\lambda = m^2.$$

Again both are dependent on different variables, so  $m$  is constant. Thus:

$$\Theta'' = -m^2 \Theta \implies \Theta = \begin{cases} A \sin m\theta + B \cos m\theta & \text{if } m \neq 0 \\ C & \text{if } m = 0 \end{cases}.$$

By the periodic boundary terms there can't be a linear  $\theta$  dependence. Finally the radial term:

$$r \frac{(rR')'}{R} - \frac{rR'}{R} + \lambda r = m^2$$

$$\implies (rR')' - R' + \left( \lambda - \frac{m^2}{r} \right) R = 0$$

$$\implies r^2 R'' + (\lambda r - m^2) R = 0.$$

This is the Sturm-Liouville form of the equation with  $p = 1$ ,  $\sigma = \frac{1}{r}$ ,  $q = -\frac{m^2}{r^2}$ . This is also a general Bessel equation with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\omega = 2\sqrt{\lambda}$  and  $\nu = \sqrt{4m^2 - 1}$ . Therefore we can order the eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  in increasing order and the solutions are  $R(r) = \sqrt{r} J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}(2\sqrt{\lambda}r)$  (there's also a  $Y_m$  term but it's not regular so we can discard it). To satisfy the boundary conditions we must have that  $2\sqrt{\lambda} = z_n^m \implies \lambda = \left( \frac{z_n^m}{2} \right)^2$  where  $z_n^m$  is the  $n$ th zero of  $J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}$  (NOTE: I'm defining

this differently then they're defined in the book to make my indexing easier). Thus the general solution before invoking initial conditions is:

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} B_n^0 \sqrt{r} J_1(z_n^0 \sqrt{r}) e^{-(z_n^0)^2 t/4} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sqrt{r} J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}(z_n^m \sqrt{r}) e^{-(z_n^m)^2 t/4} (A_n^m \sin m\theta + B_n^m \cos m\theta) \right) \right].$$

To invoke the initial conditions, first note that because  $f$  is  $2\pi$  periodic in  $\theta$ , we can write it as a combination of sines/cos. Set  $t = 0$ , multiply both sides by  $\sin m\theta$  or  $\cos m\theta$  and integrate over  $\theta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin m\theta f(r, \theta) d\theta &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^m \sqrt{r} J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}(z_n^m \sqrt{r}) \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos m\theta f(r, \theta) d\theta &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^m \sqrt{r} J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}(z_n^m \sqrt{r}). \end{aligned}$$

Applying Sturm-Liouville theory to get the final coefficients, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} A_n^m &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \int_0^1 J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}(z_n^m \sqrt{r})^2 dr \right)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 f(r, \theta) \sin(m\theta) J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}(z_n^m \sqrt{r}) r^{-1/2} dr d\theta. \\ B_n^m &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \int_0^1 J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}(z_n^m \sqrt{r})^2 dr \right)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 f(r, \theta) \cos(m\theta) J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}(z_n^m \sqrt{r}) r^{-1/2} dr d\theta \end{aligned}$$

**Question 2b.** When there is no angular dependence,  $A_n^m = B_n^m = 0$ , so the decay of  $u$  over time is controlled by  $z_n^0$ , i.e. the smallest zero of  $J_1(r)$  (recall I defined  $z_n^m$  to be the  $n$ th zero of  $J_{\sqrt{4m^2+1}}$ ). Checking the table this is 3.832, so the coefficient in the exponent is  $(z_n^m)^2/4 = 3.67$ , which is why the solutions appear to decay with this rate. Since all the other terms are killed by the lack of angular dependence, this term dominates.

**Question 2c.** The only term that corresponds to  $\sin \theta$  is  $m = 1$ , so the only term that doesn't vanish is  $A_n^1$ . Thus the series becomes

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{r} J_{\sqrt{5}}(z_n^1 \sqrt{r}) e^{-(z_n^1)^2 t/4} A_n^1 \sin \theta.$$

The coefficients can be numerically found by the following:

$$A_n^1 = \left( \int_0^1 J_{\sqrt{5}}(z_n^1 \sqrt{r})^2 dr \right)^{-1} \int_0^1 e^r J_{\sqrt{5}}(z_n^1 \sqrt{r}) dr.$$

The graphs of the results can be seen in figures 1 and 2. The (Python) code used to produce the graph is here:

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import numpy as np
from scipy.special import jv, jn_zeros
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

zn = np.array([5.4336, 8.7388, 11.9533, 15.1365, 18.3053])
r = np.linspace(0, 1, 1000)
Jr = np.array([jv(np.sqrt(5), z*np.sqrt(r)) for z in zn])
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An = np.trapz(np.exp(r)*Jr, r) / np.trapz(Jr**2, r)
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for t in [0, 0.01, 0.03, 0.1]:
    u = sum([ Jr[i] * An[i] * np.sqrt(r) * np.exp(-zn[i]**2 * t / 4) for i in range(5)

    plt.plot(r, u, label=f"t={t}")
plt.legend()
plt.xlabel("r")
plt.ylabel("u(r,t)")
plt.show()

for r in [1/4, 3/4]:
    t = np.linspace(0, 0.7, 1000)
    Jr = np.array([jv(np.sqrt(5), z*np.sqrt(r)) for z in zn])
    u = sum([ Jr[i] * An[i] * np.sqrt(r) * np.exp(-zn[i]**2 * t / 4) for i in range(5)

    plt.plot(t, u, label=f"r={r}")

plt.legend()
plt.xlabel("t")
plt.ylabel("u(r,t)")
plt.show()
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In comparison to the numerical solutions given in the problem statement, the graphs exhibit more oscillatory behavior, especially for  $t = 0$ . This is because each of the individual solutions fulfills the boundary condition of  $u = 0$  at  $r = 1$ , so to fulfill the initial condition of  $u \neq 0$  a large number of terms in the sum are required to converge. Since we truncate after the first 5 our graphs aren't as smooth as the true one. For later  $t > 0$  the solutions start to appear more similar.

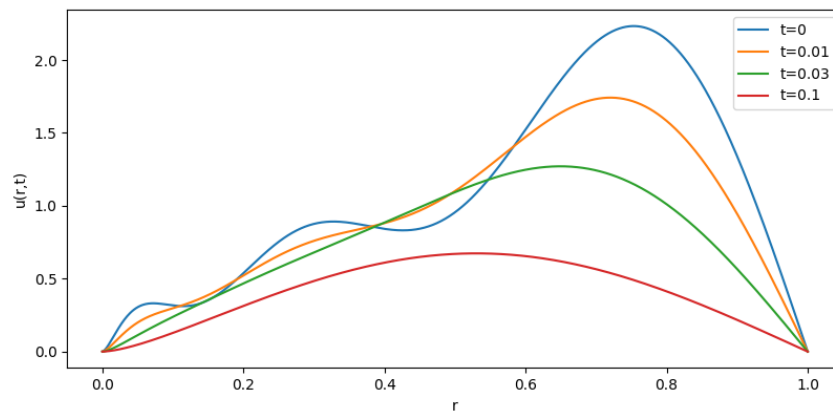


Figure 1: Graph of first 5 terms over position

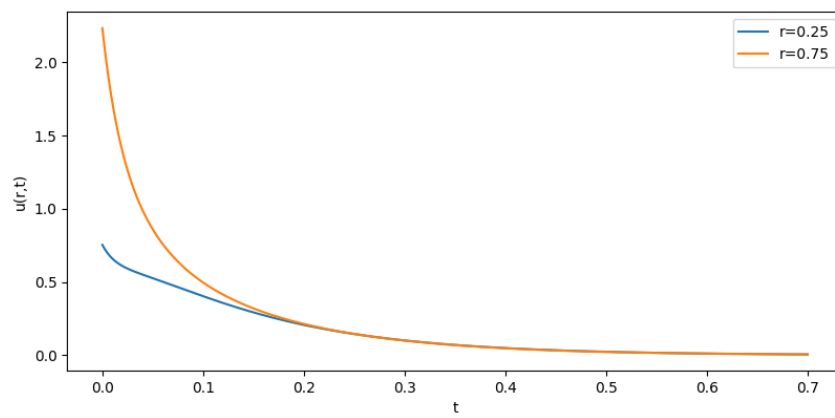


Figure 2: Graph of first 5 terms over time