

## Unit 8

### LOS 1. Solve the Laplacian problem using the radial functions in the separation ansatz

Global problem:

- Problem:

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= \Delta u \\u_t(x, 0) &= \phi(x) \\u(x, 0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Translation by fixing at  $x_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{u}_{tt} &= \Delta \tilde{u} \Leftrightarrow u_{tt} = \Delta u \\\tilde{u}(x, t) &= u(x + x_0, t) \\\tilde{\psi}(x) &= \psi(x + x_0)\end{aligned}$$

- Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}u(0, t) &= t \int_{S^{3-1}} \psi(ty) d\sigma(y) \\u(0, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ t \int_{S^{3-1}} \phi(ty) d\sigma(y) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}u(x_0, t) &= \tilde{u}(0, t) = t \int_{S^{3-1}} \tilde{\psi}(ty) d\sigma(y) \\&= t \int_{S^{3-1}} \tilde{\psi}(x_0 + ty) d\sigma(y)\end{aligned}$$

Local problem:

- Problem contained at domain  $D$ :

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= \Delta u \\u|_{\partial D} &= \phi \\u_t|_{\partial D} &= \psi\end{aligned}$$

- The Laplace operator is self-adjoint  $\Rightarrow$  it has an ONB of eigenvalues  $V_n$ .

- By separation Ansatz:

$$u(t, x) = \sum_n a_n \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n} t) V_n(x) + \sum_n b_n \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n} t) V_n(x)$$

$$u(0, x) = \sum_n a_n V_n(x)$$

$$a_n = \frac{(\phi, V_n)}{V_n, V_n}$$

- Issue: we only have information on boundary  $u|_{\partial D}$ , but we need to evaluate  $u(0, x)$ , which is inside the boundary.
- Solution:

$$\text{Find harmonic solution to } \Delta \varphi = 0$$

$$\varphi|_{\partial D} = \phi$$

**LOS 2. Understand how to solve the Euler and Bessel equations**

**LOS 3. Understand the importance of Harmonic function in solving PDEs**

**LOS 4. Solve the Laplace equation with harmonic boundary condition using separation of variables**

Sub-problem:

$$\Delta u = -\lambda u$$

$$u(ae^{i\theta}) = f(\theta)$$

When  $\lambda = 0$ :

- Problem:

$$\Delta u = 0$$

$$\Delta u = u_{rr} + \frac{u_r}{r} + \frac{u_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} = 0$$

- Separation Ansatz:

$$\begin{aligned}
u(r, \theta) &= R(r)\Theta(\theta) \\
\Theta R_{rr} + \frac{\Theta R_r}{r} + \frac{R\Theta_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} &= 0 \\
r^2 \frac{R_{rr}}{R} + r \frac{R_r}{R} &= -\frac{\Theta_{\theta\theta}}{\Theta} = K \\
R_{rr} + \frac{R_r}{r} - \frac{KR}{r^2} &= 0 \tag{1} \\
\Theta_{\theta\theta} &= -K\Theta \tag{2} \\
\Theta_n = e^{\pm iK\theta} &= \begin{cases} \cos n\theta \\ \sin n\theta \end{cases} \quad K = n^2
\end{aligned}$$

- Euler differential equation (1):

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{rr} + \frac{R_r}{r} - \frac{KR}{r^2} &= 0 \\
R(r) &= r^\alpha \\
\alpha(\alpha - 1)r^{\alpha-2} + \frac{\alpha r^{\alpha-1}}{r} - K \frac{r^\alpha}{r^2} &= 0 \\
\alpha(\alpha - 1) + \alpha - K &= 0 \\
\alpha^2 - K &= 0 \\
\alpha &= \pm\sqrt{K}
\end{aligned}$$

- Assuming we want a continuous solution (no singularities), choose only positive values:

$$\begin{aligned}
a &= \sqrt{K} \\
\therefore R_n(r) &= r^n
\end{aligned}$$

- Going back to initial problem, assume  $a = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
u(e^{i\theta}) &= f(\theta) \\
u_n(r, \theta) &= R(r)\Theta(\theta) \\
&= r^n e^{\pm in\theta} \\
u(r, \theta) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} r^{|n|} a_n e^{in\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

- When  $r = 1$ :

$$u(1, \theta) = f(\theta) = \sum_n a_n e^{in\theta}$$

$$\therefore a_n = \hat{f}(n)$$

When  $\lambda \neq 0$ :

- Problem:

$$\Delta u = -\lambda u$$

$$\Delta u = u_{rr} + \frac{u_r}{r} + \frac{u_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} = 0$$

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

$$\Theta R_{rr} + \frac{\Theta R_r}{r} + \frac{R\Theta_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} = -\lambda R\Theta$$

$$\Theta R_{rr} + \frac{\Theta R_r}{r} + \lambda R\Theta = -\frac{R\Theta_{\theta\theta}}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{r^2}{R} R_{rr} + r \frac{R_r}{R} + r^2 \lambda = -\frac{\Theta_{\theta\theta}}{\Theta} = -K$$

$$R_{rr} + \frac{R_r}{r} + \left( \lambda - \frac{n^2}{r^2} \right) R = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\Theta_{\theta\theta} = -K\Theta \quad (2)$$

$$\Theta_n = e^{\pm iK\theta} = \begin{cases} \cos n\theta \\ \sin n\theta \end{cases} \quad K = n^2$$

- Bessel equation from (1):

$$\text{Let } \rho = \sqrt{\lambda}r \rightarrow r = \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$R_r = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} R = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} = R_\rho \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$R_{rr} = \lambda R_{\rho\rho}$$

$$\lambda R_{\rho\rho} + \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{R_\rho}{\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}}} + \left( \lambda - \frac{n^2}{\frac{\rho^2}{\lambda}} \right) R = 0$$

$$R_{\rho\rho} + \frac{R_\rho}{\rho} + \left( \lambda - \frac{n^2}{\rho^2} \right) R = 0$$

- Solution to Bessel (Power series):

$$R = \rho^\alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \rho^k$$

$$[\alpha(\alpha - 1) + \alpha - n^2]a_0 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha^2 = n^2$$

$$[(\alpha - 1)\alpha + (\alpha - 1) - n^2]a_1 = 0$$

$\rightarrow$  Let odd coefficient 0,  $a_1 = 0$

$$[(\alpha + k)(\alpha + k - 1) + (\alpha + k) - n^2]a_{k-2} + a_k = 0$$

$$a_k = -\frac{a_{k-2}}{(\alpha + k)^2 - n^2}$$

- Facts:

$$J_n(\rho) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho\right)^{n+2j}}{j!(n+j)!}$$

$$\text{Behaves like } \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\rho}} \cos\left(\rho - \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + O(\rho^{-\frac{3}{2}})$$

$J_n$  has countably many zeros

- Continuation on solution:

We want to satisfy  $u|_{\partial D} = 0$

$$\therefore J_n(\rho) = J_n(\sqrt{\lambda}a) = 0 \text{ (zero at the boundary)}$$

We must have

$$\sqrt{\lambda}a \in \{\rho \mid J_n(\rho) = 0\}$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda}a = \{\gamma_{nm} \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

Assume  $a = 1$

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n,m} J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r)(a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta)$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}} = \gamma_{nm}$$

$$\lambda_{nm} = \frac{\gamma_{nm}^2}{a^2}$$

We only need  $J_0$  for the solution

- Final answer:

$\forall n$  let  $(\gamma_{mn})_{m=1}^{\infty}$  the zeros of  $J_n(\gamma_{mn}) = 0$

We need

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}a &= \gamma_{mn} \\ \lambda_{mn} &= \frac{\gamma_{mn}^2}{a}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore u(r, \theta) = \sum_{mn} C_{mn} e^{in\theta} J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}}r)$$

General solution:

- Problem:

$$u_{tt} = \Delta u \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2$$

- Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}u(r, \theta) &= \phi(r, \theta) \\ &= \sum_{n,m} C_{nm} e^{in\theta} J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}u(r, \theta, t) &= \sum_n C_{nm} e^{in\theta} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r) \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}t) \\ &\quad + \sum_n D_{nm} e^{in\theta} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r) \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}t)\end{aligned}$$

$$u(r, \theta, 0) = \sum_n D_{nm} e^{in\theta} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r) \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}t)$$

$$u_t(r, \theta, 0) = \sum_n C_{nm} e^{in\theta} J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r) \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}t) \sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{where } C_{nm} &= \int_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\theta} \frac{J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r)}{J_{nm}} \phi(r, \theta) r dr \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = \frac{(V_{nm}, \phi)}{V_{nm}, V_{nm}} \\ J_{nm} &= \int J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r) J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r) dr\end{aligned}$$

- Conclusion: if radius changes, frequency changes

Extension to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

- Problem:

$$u_{tt} = \Delta u \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Separation Ansatz:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= T(t)V(x) \\ T''V &= T\Delta V \rightarrow \frac{T''}{T} = -\lambda = -\gamma^2 \\ T'' &= -\lambda T \\ \Delta V &= -\lambda V \end{aligned}$$

- Sub-problem:

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= R(r)\alpha(\theta, \varphi) \\ \Delta V &= V_{rr} + \frac{2}{r}V_r + \frac{\Delta_{\theta, \varphi}(u)}{r^2} \\ \Delta_{\theta, \varphi}(u) &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta}V_{\theta\varphi} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta}(\sin \theta V_{\theta})_{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

- Use change of variable:

$$w = \sqrt{r}R(r)$$

## LOS 5. Understand the conditions required for the Fourier series expansion

Theorem:

Every function in  $L_2(D_a)$  has a Fourier series decomposition

$$\phi(r, \theta) = v(r, \theta) = \sum_{n,m} C_{nm} e^{in\theta} J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r)$$

For fixed n :

$$m \neq m' \quad \int J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm}}r) J_n(\sqrt{\lambda_{nm'}}r) r dr = 0$$

Radial function :

$$u(r) = \sum_n C_m J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_{0m}}r)$$