

Case 1:  $\lambda = 0$  In this case

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$$F'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = Ax + B, F'(x) = A$$

$$F(0) = F(l) \Rightarrow B = Al + B$$

$$\Rightarrow Al = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0 \quad (l \neq 0)$$

$F'(0) = F'(l)$  does not give any further information.

$F(x) = B$  corresponds to  $\lambda = 0$ .

Case 2  $\lambda > 0$ . In this case we take

$\lambda = k^2$ ,  $k$  real. Then

$$\frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = k^2 \quad \text{or} \quad F''(x) - k^2 F(x) = 0$$

$$m^2 - k^2 = 0, \quad m = \pm k \quad \text{and so}$$

$$F(x) = C_1 e^{kx} + C_2 e^{-kx}$$

$F(0) = F(l)$  gives

$$C_1 + C_2 = C_1 e^{kl} + C_2 e^{-kl}$$

$F'(0) = F'(l)$  gives

$$kC_1 - kC_2 = kC_1 e^{kl} - kC_2 e^{-kl}$$

These two equations can be written as

$$(1) \quad C_1(1 - e^{kl}) + C_2(1 - e^{-kl}) = 0$$

$$\text{and} \quad C_1(1 - e^{kl}) - C_2(1 - e^{-kl}) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$C_1(1 - e^{kl}) - C_2(1 - e^{-kl}) = 0 \quad (6)$$

(5) and (6) can have non-trivial solutions only if  $k = 0$  (case 1)

# Wave Equation, Vibration of string

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PDE:  $u_{xx} = \frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt}, \quad 0 < x < l, t > 0 \quad (1)$

Boundary Conditions:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} u(0, t) = u(l, t), t > 0 \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(l, t), t > 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{Periodic B.C.'s.} \quad (2a)$

Initial Conditions:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \end{array} \right\} 0 < x < l \quad (2b)$

[For variety, we have chosen to solve the wave equation under a different set of boundary conditions.]

## Solution

I Let us assume  $u(x, t) = F(x) G(t)$

Then  $u_{xx} = F''(x) G(t)$

$$u_{tt} = F(x) G''(t)$$

$$\text{PDE} \Rightarrow F''(x) G(t) = \frac{1}{c^2} F(x) G''(t)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{G''(t)}{G(t)} = \lambda (\text{say}) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Boundary Conditions} \Rightarrow u(0, t) = u(l, t) \Rightarrow$$

$$F(0) G(t) = F(l) G(t) \Rightarrow F(0) = F(l)$$

$$u_x(0, t) = u_x(l, t) \Rightarrow F'(0) G(t) = F'(l) G(t) \quad (4)$$

$$(\because \text{As } G(t) \neq 0) \Rightarrow F'(0) = F'(l)$$

Case 3  $\lambda = -k^2$  ( $\lambda < 0$ ) (21)

In this ~~is~~ case we obtain

$F''(x) + k^2 F(x) = 0$  corresponding auxiliary equation has roots  $m = \pm ik$  which gives

$$F(x) = A \cos kx + B \sin kx$$

$$F'(x) = -Ak \sin kx + Bk \cos kx$$

$$F(0) = F(l) \Rightarrow A = A \cos kl + B \sin kl$$

$$\text{or } (1 - \cos kl)A - B \sin kl = 0 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$F'(0) = F'(l) \Rightarrow -Ak \sin kl + Bk \cos kl = Bk$$

$$\text{or } (-\sin kl)A + (\cos kl - 1)B = 0 \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

For non trivial solutions of (7) and (8)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \cos kl & -\sin kl \\ -\sin kl & \cos kl - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow -(1 - \cos kl)^2 - \sin^2 kl = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 - \cos^2 kl + 2 \cos kl - \sin^2 kl = 0$$

$$\text{or } \cos kl = 1 \Rightarrow kl = 2n\pi, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\text{or } k_n = \frac{2n\pi}{l}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (\text{label with})$$

[If we combine case (i) case with it ( $k=0$ ), we may write  $k_n = \frac{2n\pi}{l}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ]

$$F_n(x) = A_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} x + B_n \sin \frac{2n\pi}{l} x.$$

Choosing  $A_n = 0, B_n = 1$  and then  $A_n = 1, B_n = 0$  we get two eigenfunctions corresponding to  $k_n = \frac{2n\pi}{l}$

$$\sin \frac{2n\pi}{l} x \quad \text{and} \quad \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} x.$$

We can either write

$$F_0 = 1, \quad F_n = A_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} x + B_n \sin \frac{2n\pi}{l} x$$

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

or  $F_n = A_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} x + B_n \sin \frac{2n\pi}{l} x$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Usually first way of writing is preferred.

II. Corresponding to  $k_n = \frac{2n\pi}{l}$ , we get

$$G_n''(t) + \frac{4n^2\pi^2}{l^2} G(t) = 0 \quad \text{giving us}$$

$$G_n(t) = C_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} t + D_n \sin \frac{2n\pi}{l} t$$

$$G_n'(t) = -\frac{2n\pi}{l} C_n \sin \frac{2n\pi}{l} t + \frac{2n\pi}{l} D_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} t$$

$$G_n'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow D_n = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } G_n(t) = C_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} t$$

$u_n = F_n(x) G_n(t)$  gives

$$u_n(x, t) = \left( A_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} x + B_n \sin \frac{2n\pi}{l} x \right) C_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} t$$

$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

so

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} x + b_n \sin \frac{2n\pi}{l} x \right) \cos \frac{2n\pi}{l} t$$

( $n=0$  value have been separated from  $\Sigma$ )

We can now determine  $a_0, a_n, b_n$  using the remaining initial condition and integration

III Using  $u_n(x, 0) = f(x)$  we get (23)

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + b_n \sin \frac{2n\pi x}{l} \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

Integrating it from 0 to l

$$\int_0^l f(x) dx = a_0 \int_0^l dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ a_n \int_0^l \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx + b_n \int_0^l \sin \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx \right\}$$

$$\text{or } a_0 = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l f(x) dx \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

(other integrals are zero)

Multiply (10) by  $\cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l}$  and integrate from 0 to l (term by term inside  $\Sigma$ ). All integrals are zero except  $a_m$  ( $n \leftrightarrow m$ ) which

can give us 
$$a_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx$$

Similarly 
$$b_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx$$

This completes the solution.

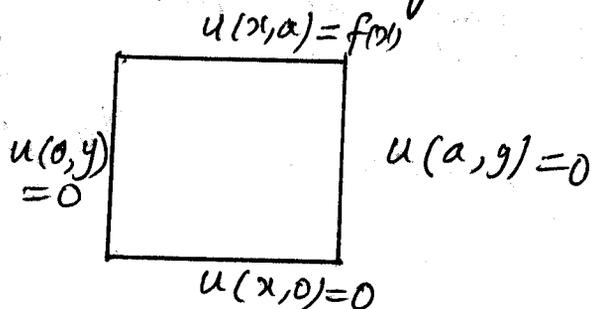
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(24) Laplace Equation:

Steady State Heat Equ in a plate

Consider a plate  $0 \leq x \leq a$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq b$ .

When no sources are present, steady state heat equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$



We assume that three sides of the plate ( $x=0$ ,  $x=a$  and  $y=0$ ) are kept at zero temperature. The temperature at  $y=a$  is assumed to be prescribed.

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq a$$

$$u(a, y) = 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq a$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq a$$

$$u(x, a) = f(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq a.$$

Assume  $u(x, y) = F(x)G(y)$

$$u_{xx} = F''(x)G(y)$$

$$u_{yy} = F(x)G''(y)$$

$$\text{PDE} \Rightarrow F''(x)G(y) = -F(x)G''(y)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = \frac{G''(y)}{G(y)} = \lambda \text{ (say)}$$

$\lambda = 0$  case can be seen to lead to trivial case. We shall consider  $\lambda = -k^2$  (negative).

This gives  $\frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = -\frac{G''(y)}{G(y)} = -k^2$

Boundary conditions give

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u(0, y) = F(0)G(y) = 0 &\Rightarrow F(0) = 0 \\ u(a, y) = F(a)G(y) = 0 &\Rightarrow F(a) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} G(y) \neq 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow F(x)G(0) = 0 \Rightarrow G(0) = 0$$

Now  $\frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = -k^2$  gives

$$F''(x) + k^2 F(x) = 0$$

which leads to

$$F(x) = C \cos kx + D \sin kx$$

$$F(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$F(a) = 0 \Rightarrow D \sin ka = 0$$

$$\text{For } D \neq 0, \sin ka = 0 \Rightarrow ka = n\pi$$

$$\text{We write } k_n = \frac{n\pi}{a}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Correspondingly

$$F_n = D_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

II G-Equation:

$$\frac{G''(y)}{G(y)} = -\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{a^2} \quad \left( \text{As } k = \frac{n\pi}{a} \right)$$

$$a G''(y) - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{a^2} G(y) = 0$$

The auxiliary equation gives (26)

$$m = \pm \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

We write the general solution as

$$G_n(y) = E_n \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} y + F_n \cosh \frac{n\pi}{a} y$$

( $n$  due to dependence on  $n$ )

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) G(0) = 0 \Rightarrow G(0) = 0 \quad (F(x) \neq 0)$$

Thus we get  $F_n = 0$

$$G_n(y) = E_n \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} y$$

$$u_n(x, y) = D_n E_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} y$$

By superposition principle

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} y$$

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

III Using  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  we get

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x$$

To get  $M_n$ , multiply by  $\sin \frac{m\pi}{a} x$  and integrate, then change  $m$  to  $n$

$$M_n = \int_0^a f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x \, dx$$