

Section 9.7: Steady-State Temperature and Laplace's Equation Pt 1

So far, we have solved

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{1D Heat Egn} & u_t = k u_{xx} \\ \text{1D Wave Egn} & u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} \end{array}$$

We can extend these to 2D.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{2D Heat Egn} & u_t = k(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) \\ \text{2D Wave Egn} & u_{tt} = a^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) \end{array}$$

So looking at the 2D PDEs

$$u_t = k(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) \text{ and } u_{tt} = a^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$$

We see they both have $u_{xx} + u_{yy}$ this is called the Laplacian.

Notation: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \nabla^2 u = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) u$

First thing we want to do in this section is find the steady state solution (which happens when $u_t = 0$ or $u_{tt} = 0$)

↓
Heat

↓
Wave

So 2D Heat Egn Steady State is
 $u_t = k(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$

and $u_t = 0$ when $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$

Similarly 2D Wave Egn Steady State is
 $u_{tt} = a^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$

and $u_{tt} = 0$ when $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$

Hence both of these satisfy the Laplace Egn

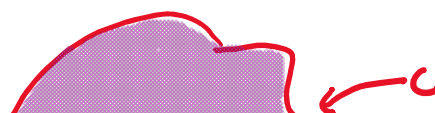
$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

To understand the steady state solution, it is enough to understand the Dirichlet problem, and solve it.

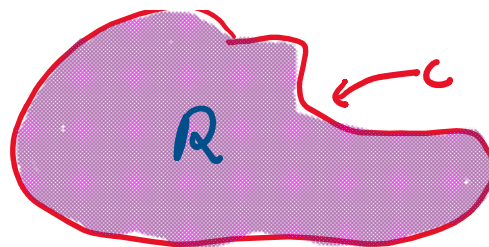
Dirichlet Problem helps find a solution to Laplace's equation

in a region R with given boundary values on a curve C .

... on C



values on a curve C .
 region R (2D)
 Curve C (1D)

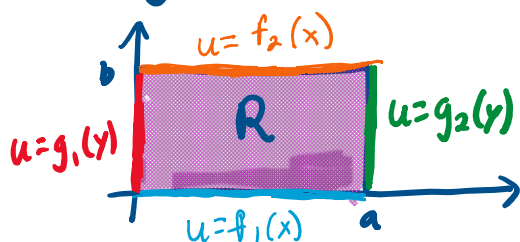


Dirichlet Problem is the following

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{for } (x,y) \text{ in region } R \\ u(x,y) = f(x,y) & \text{for } (x,y) \text{ in curve } C \end{cases}$$

Rectangular Domain R Case

Let region R be a rectangular.



The curve C is
 a set of 4
 straight lines

Dirichlet Problem on the Rectangle

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \\ u(x,0) = f_1(x) \\ u(x,b) = f_2(x) \\ u(0,y) = g_1(y) \\ u(a,y) = g_2(y) \end{cases}$$

To solve this,
 we use Separation
 of Variables.

Ex 1: $\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \\ u(0,y) = u(a,y) = u(x,b) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = f(x) \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq b$

Note: $f_1(x) = f(x)$ and $f_2 = g_1 = g_2 = 0$

So again Separation of Variables, we assume the solution is

$$u(x,y) = X(x)Y(y)$$

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Plug this into PDE: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$

$$X''(x)Y(y) + X(x)Y''(y) = 0$$

Separate X terms and Y terms

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{-Y''}{Y} = -\lambda \rightarrow \text{separation constant}$$

So we get 2 ODEs.

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0$$

Characteristic Eqn

$$r^2 + \lambda = 0$$

$$r = \pm i\sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$X(x) = c_1 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + c_2 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$\frac{-Y''}{Y} = -\lambda$$

$$Y'' - \lambda Y = 0$$

Characteristic Eqn:

$$r^2 - \lambda = 0$$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$Y(y) = c_3 e^{\sqrt{\lambda}y} + c_4 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}y}$$

Now let's look at the boundary conditions

$$u(0,y) = 0 = X(0)Y(y) \rightarrow X(0) = 0$$

$$u(a,y) = 0 = X(a)Y(y) \rightarrow X(a) = 0$$

$$u(x,0) = f(x) = X(x)Y(y) \quad \text{pin this for later}$$

$$u(x,b) = 0 = X(x)Y(b) \rightarrow Y(b) = 0$$

Remember $Y(y)$ or $X(x) \neq 0$ b/c then we get the trivial solution to the PDE.

So our ODEs become

$$\begin{cases} X'' + \lambda X = 0 \\ X(0) = 0 = X(a) \end{cases}$$

which we found to be

$$X(x) = c_1 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + c_2 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$\begin{cases} Y'' - \lambda Y = 0 \\ Y(b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

which we found to be

$$Y(y) = c_3 e^{\sqrt{\lambda}y} + c_4 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}y}$$

$$X(x) = c_1 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + c_2 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

So when $X(0) = 0$

$$0 = X(0) = c_1 \sin(0) + c_2 \cos(0)$$

$$0 = c_2$$

$$\text{So } X(x) = c_1 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

When $X(a) = 0$

$$0 = X(a) = c_1 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} a)$$

$$\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} a) = 0 \quad \text{b/c if } c_1 = 0$$

then trivial solution
 $\sqrt{\lambda} a = n\pi$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2 \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{with } X_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} x\right)$$

$$Y(y) = c_3 e^{\sqrt{\lambda} y} + c_4 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda} y}$$

$$\text{with } \lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2$$

$$Y(y) = c_3 e^{\pi n y / a} + c_4 e^{-\pi n y / a}$$

Note: for rectangular regions we want to use $\sinh$ and $\cosh$ instead of e^{ry} , e^{-ry} .

$$\text{Recall: } \cosh(t) = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}$$

$$\sinh(t) = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{2}$$

$$Y = c_3 e^{ry} + c_4 e^{-ry}$$

$$= B_1 \left(\frac{e^{ry} + e^{-ry}}{2} \right) + B_2 \left(\frac{e^{ry} - e^{-ry}}{2} \right)$$

$$= B_1 \cosh(ry) + B_2 \sinh(ry)$$

$$\text{where } B_1 + B_2 = c_1$$

$$B_1 - B_2 = c_2$$

$$\text{So } Y = c_3 \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) + c_4 \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

Now let's use $Y(b) = 0$

$$0 = c_3 \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) + c_4 \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)$$

Solve for c_4 .

$$c_4 = -\frac{c_3 \cosh(n\pi b/a)}{\sinh(n\pi b/a)}$$

$$\text{So } Y = c_3 \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) - \frac{c_3 \cosh(n\pi b/a)}{\sinh(n\pi b/a)} \cdot \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

$$\text{Let's pull } \frac{c_3}{\sinh(n\pi b/a)}$$

$$Y = \frac{c_1}{\sinh(n\pi b/a)} \left[\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) - \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \right]$$

$$y = \frac{C_1}{\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \left[\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) - \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \right]$$

Hyperbolic Trig Identity

$$\sinh(\alpha - \beta) = \sinh(\alpha) \cosh(\beta) - \cosh(\alpha) \sinh(\beta)$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \frac{n\pi b}{a} \quad \beta = \frac{n\pi \gamma}{a} \Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = \frac{n\pi}{a} (b - \gamma)$$

$$\text{So } Y_n = \frac{C_1}{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}(b-y)\right)$$

Just a constant
So call it C_n

$$Y_n = C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}(b-y)\right)$$

Since our family of solutions is $u_n = \underline{X}_n(x) Y_n(y)$ and the Principle of Superposition:

$$u(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}(b-y)\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

BUT we aren't done. We need to use that last condition.

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

$$u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \cdot b\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) = f(x)$$

Not quite a Fourier series but think of $\underbrace{c_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \cdot b\right)}_{b_n}$ as a constant that it is. Now we have a Fourier

sine series

$$C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) = b_n^2 \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow C_n = \frac{2}{a \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \int_0^a f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx$$

$\neq 0$ if $\lambda = 0$ namely when the other sides are nonzero

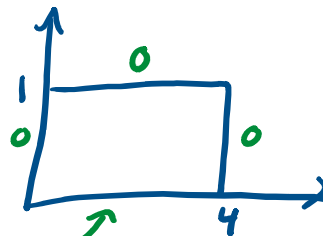
To do the other cases, namely when the other sides are nonzero you repeat the process.

Ex 2: Let $a=4, b=1$

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

$$u(0,y) = u(1,y) = u(4,y) = 0$$

$$u(x,0) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 4-x, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$



So the general solution is

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,y) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}(b-y)\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}(1-y)\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now find } C_n = \frac{2}{a \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \int_0^a f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{4 \sinh(n\pi/4)} \int_0^4 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \sinh(n\pi/4)} \left[\int_0^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) dx + \int_2^4 (4-x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) dx \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} u & dv \\ x & \sin(n\pi x/4) \\ 1 & \downarrow -\cos(n\pi x/4) \cdot \frac{4}{n\pi} \\ 0 & \downarrow -\sin(n\pi x/4) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} u & dv \\ 4-x & \sin(n\pi x/4) \\ -1 & \downarrow -\cos(n\pi x/4) \cdot \frac{4}{n\pi} \\ 0 & \downarrow -\sin(n\pi x/4) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2 \sinh(n\pi/4)} \left[\left(-x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{4}{n\pi} + \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} \right) \Big|_0^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(-(4-x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{4}{n\pi} - \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} \right) \Big|_2^4 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \sinh(n\pi/4)} \left[-2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{4}{n\pi} + \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} - \left(0 + \sin(0) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sinh(\frac{n\pi}{4})} \left[\cancel{-2\cos(\frac{n\pi}{2}) \cdot \frac{4}{n\pi}} + \cancel{\sin(\frac{n\pi}{2}) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2}} - \left(\cancel{0 + \sin(0) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2}} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \left(\cancel{-0 - \sin(n\pi) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2}} \right) - \left(\cancel{-2\cos(\frac{n\pi}{2})} - \sin(\frac{n\pi}{2}) \cdot \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} \right) \right]$$

Note: $\cos(\frac{n\pi}{2}) = 0$ b/c $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$\sin(\frac{n\pi}{2}) = (-1)^{n+1}$ b/c $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sinh(\frac{n\pi}{4})} \left[\frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} (-1)^{n+1} + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{16}{n^2\pi^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{16 \cdot (-1)^{n+1}}{n^2\pi^2 \sinh(\frac{n\pi}{4})}$$