

★ Steady-State Temperature & Laplace's Equation

I. Motivation:

1D Heat Eqn: $u_t = k u_{xx}$

1D Wave Eqn: $u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx}$

We want to extend this to 2D (x and y)

2D Heat Eqn: $u_t = k (u_{xx} + u_{yy})$

2D Wave Eqn: $u_{tt} = a^2 (u_{xx} + u_{yy})$

$$\nabla^2 u = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) u$$

↑
Laplacian

Goal: want to know the steady state solution
 ($u_t = 0$ or $u_{tt} = 0$)
 solution no longer changing in time

2D Heat Eqn steady state

$$u_t = 0 = k \nabla^2 u$$

2D Wave Eqn steady state

$$u_{tt} = 0 = a^2 \nabla^2 u$$

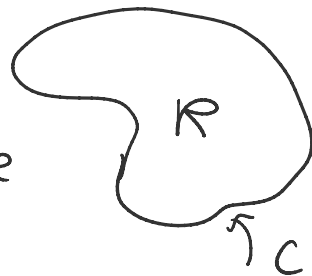
Steady state when

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 u = 0}$$

Laplace's Equation

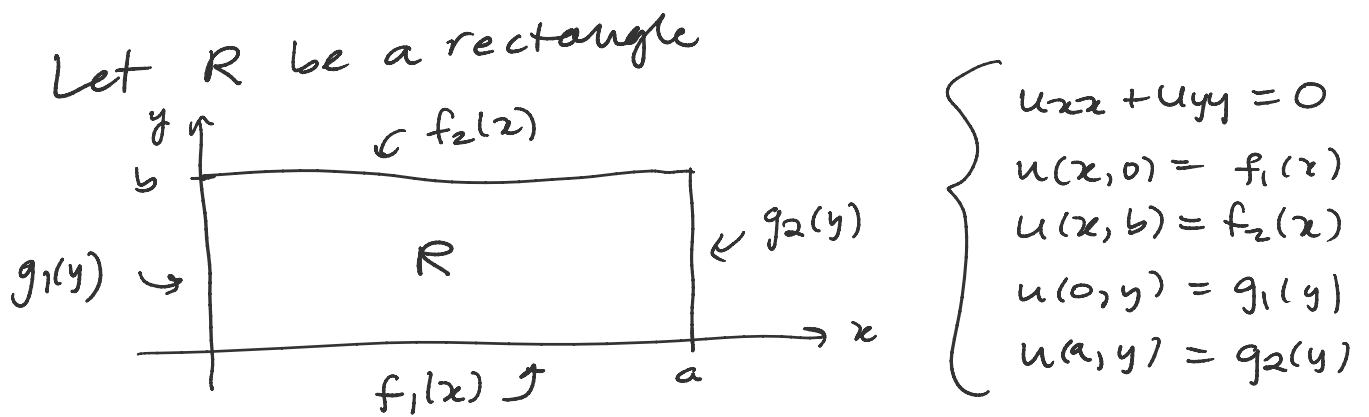
II. Dirichlet Problems

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{on region } R \\ u(x,y) = f(x,y) & \text{on curve } C \end{cases}$$



This is called a Dirichlet Problem

If $f(x,y)$ and the curve C are "nice" then there is a unique solution $u(x,y)$



To solve this, use separation of variables.

Ex:

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

Here $g_1 = g_2 = f_2 = 0$ $f_1(x) = f(x)$

Separation of Variables

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

$$u_{xx} = X''Y \quad u_{yy} = XY''$$

$$X''Y + XY'' = 0$$

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = -\lambda \quad \leftarrow \text{Separation Constant}$$

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

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

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

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

$$-\frac{1}{Y} = -\lambda$$

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

Evaluate the BC

$$u(0, y) = 0 = X(0)Y(y) \quad \longrightarrow \quad X(0) = 0$$

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

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

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

Solve X eqn first

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

$$X(0) = X(a) = 0$$

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

eigenfunction

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{a^2} \text{ eigenvalue}$$

Solve the Y eqn

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

$$Y(b) = 0$$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{a^2}$$

$$Y_n'' - \left(\frac{n^2\pi^2}{a^2}\right) Y_n = 0$$

since this coeff is neg
soln is cosh and sinh

$$Y_n = C_1 \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) + C_2 \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

$$Y_n(b) = 0 = C_1 \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) + C_2 \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)$$

$$C_2 = -\frac{C_1 \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)}$$

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

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

use a subtraction formula for hyperbolic trig fns

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

$$\text{Here } \alpha = \frac{n\pi b}{a} \quad \beta = \frac{n\pi y}{a}$$

$$Y_n(y) = \underbrace{\frac{C_1}{\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)}}_{C_n} \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}(b-y)\right)$$

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

so full solution

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

Now, let's use the last BC

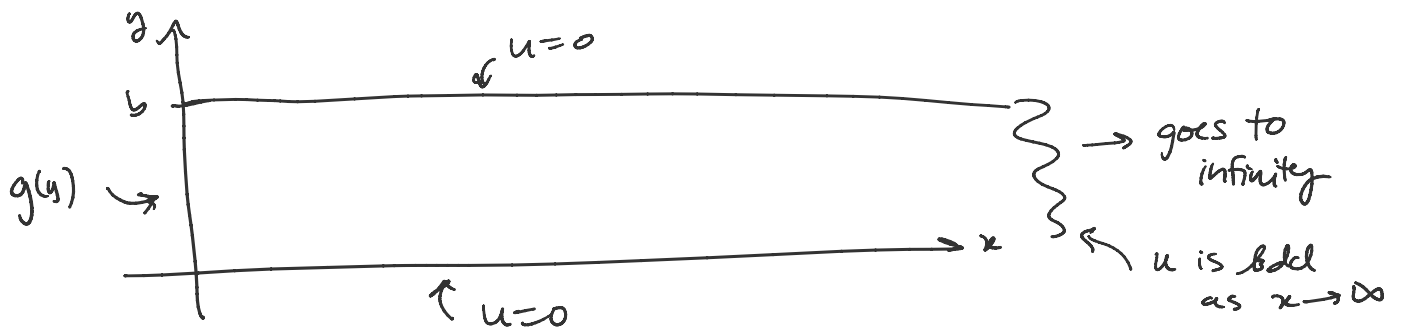
$$u(x,0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[C_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \leftarrow \text{Fourier sine series}$$

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

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III. Infinite strip:

Let R be the "semi-infinite" strip



$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 & \text{in } R \\ u(x, 0) = u(x, b) = 0 & 0 < x < \infty \\ u(x, y) \text{ is bounded as } x \rightarrow +\infty \\ u(0, y) = g(y) \end{cases}$$

Separation of variables:
 $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$

Look at BC

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) = 0 &= X(x)Y(0) \rightarrow Y(0) = 0 \\ u(x, b) = 0 &= X(x)Y(b) \rightarrow Y(b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So write

Since Y has endpoint conditions $\rightarrow \frac{Y''}{Y} = -\frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$

$$Y'' + \lambda Y = 0$$

$$Y(0) = Y(b) = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{b^2} \text{ eigenvalue}$$

$$Y_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) \text{ eigenfcn}$$

Solve the X eqn.

$$X'' - \lambda X = 0$$

Solve the X eqn.

$$X_n'' - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{b^2} X_n = 0$$

We can write either

$$X_n = C_1 \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{b}\right) + C_2 \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi x}{b}\right)$$

or we can write

$$X_n = D_1 \exp\left(\frac{n\pi x}{b}\right) + D_2 \exp\left(-\frac{n\pi x}{b}\right)$$

$$\left(\text{since } \cosh(z) = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2} \quad \sinh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2} \right)$$

Choose the exponential form because its easier to apply the boundedness condition

$$\exp\left(-\frac{n\pi x}{b}\right) \text{ is bounded as } x \rightarrow \infty \quad (D_1 = 0)$$

$$\text{so } X_n = \exp\left(-\frac{n\pi x}{b}\right)$$

so the solution

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

use the last BC

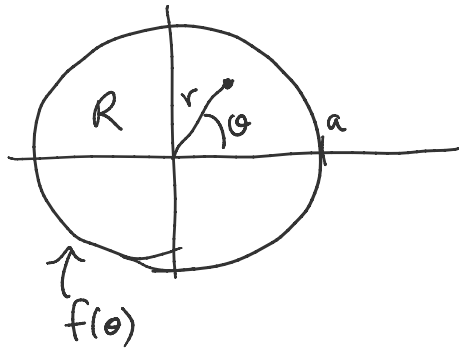
$$u(0, y) = g(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right)$$

← Fourier sine series

$$b_n = \frac{2}{b} \int_0^b g(y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) dy$$

IV. Circular Domain:

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use polar coordinates (r, θ)

Laplace's Equation in polar coordinates

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$$

$$u(r, \theta) = u(r, \theta + 2\pi) \text{ - periodicity}$$

continuous at $r=0$

Solve using Separation of Variables

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

$$R'' \Theta + \frac{1}{r} R' \Theta + \frac{1}{r^2} R \Theta'' = 0$$

$$\frac{r^2 R'' + r R'}{R} = - \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = \lambda$$

$$r^2 R'' + r R' - \lambda R = 0$$

$$\Theta'' + \lambda \Theta = 0$$

Solve the Θ eqn first

$$\Theta'' + \lambda \Theta = 0$$

$$\Theta(\theta) = A \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \theta) + B \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \theta)$$

Apply the periodicity condition

$$u(r, \theta) = u(r, \theta + 2\pi)$$

$$\Theta(\theta) = \Theta(\theta + 2\pi)$$

$$\cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \theta) = \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} (\theta + 2\pi))$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} 2\pi = n 2\pi$$

$$\lambda = n^2$$

$$\Theta_n(\theta) = A \cos(n\theta) + B \sin(n\theta)$$

Note: its possible $\lambda = 0$

$$\Theta'' = 0$$

$$\Theta = A + B\theta \rightarrow \text{not periodic} \quad B=0$$

$$\text{when } \lambda = 0 \quad \Theta_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}$$

Now lets solve the R equation

$$r^2 R_n'' + r R_n' - n^2 R_n = 0$$

$$\lambda = n^2$$

Try $R_n = r^k$ for some integer k

$$R_n' = k r^{k-1} \quad R_n'' = k(k-1) r^{k-2}$$

$$r^2 k(k-1) r^{k-2} + r k r^{k-1} - n^2 r^k = 0$$

$$(k(k-1) + k - n^2) r^k = 0$$

$$k^2 - k + k - n^2 = 0$$

$$k^2 = n^2$$

$$k = \pm n$$

$$R_n(r) = C_n r^n + \frac{D_n}{r^n} \quad (\text{when } n=0 \quad R_0 = c_0)$$

continuity at $r=0$

$$R_n(0) = C_n(0) + \frac{D_n}{0} \quad D_n = 0$$

$$R_n(r) = C_n r^n$$

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$\rightarrow n$

$$K_n(r) = r^n$$

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta)) r^n$$

Use the last BC

$$u(a, \theta) = f(\theta) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta)) a^n$$

$$\text{so } a^n a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi a^n} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta$$

Similarly

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi a^n} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) d\theta$$