

Vibrating String Eqn: string of length L .

$$\begin{cases} y_{tt} = a^2 y_{xx} & 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 \\ y(0,t) = y(L,t) = 0 & \leftarrow \text{fix ends} \\ y(x,0) = f(x) & \text{(non-homog. initial cond)} \\ y_t(x,0) = 0 & \text{(homog. initial cond.)} \end{cases}$$

Call sol'n y_A

Found: $y_A(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi a t}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$ *

w/ $A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) dx$ \leftarrow F. sine series coef.

Trig. identity:

$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)}{2}$$

Combine w/ *

$$\begin{aligned} y_A(x,t) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \left(\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}(x+at)\right) + \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}(x-at)\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}(x+at)\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}(x-at)\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Note: $f_{\text{odd}}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$ (bec. A_n coef. of F. sine series)

So: $y_A(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} (f_{\text{odd}}(x+at) + f_{\text{odd}}(x-at))$

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wave traveling left w/ speed a
wave traveling right w/ speed a

D'Alembert formula

w/ non-homog. initial velocity

$$\begin{cases}
 y_{tt} = a^2 y_{xx} & 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 \\
 y(0,t) = y(L,t) = 0 \\
 y(x,0) = 0 \\
 y_t(x,0) = g(x)
 \end{cases}$$

w/ separation of variables

Sol'n: $y_B(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{\alpha n \pi}{L} t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n \pi}{L} x\right)$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{n \alpha \pi} \int_0^L g(x) \sin\left(\frac{n \pi}{L} x\right) dx$$

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 not same as F. sine series
 coef. of $g(x)$.

Ex:

$$y_{tt} = 4y_{xx}$$

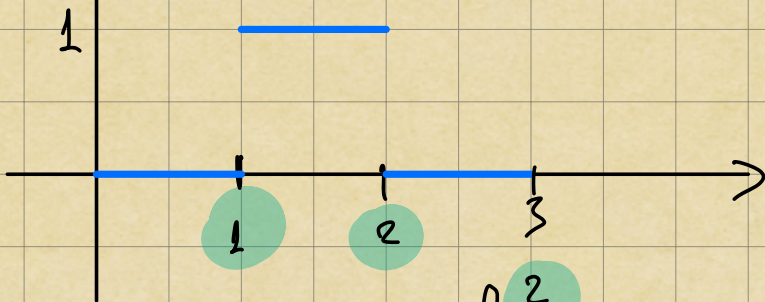
$$0 < x < 3, t > 0$$

$$y(0, t) = y(3, t) = 0$$

$$y(x, 0) = 0$$

$$y_t(x, 0) = g(x)$$

$g(x):$



$$B_n = \frac{2}{n \cdot 2\pi} \int_1^2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi n} \cdot \frac{3}{\pi n} \left(\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{3}\right) \right)$$

So: $y_B(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{3}t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}x\right)$

w/ B_n we found.

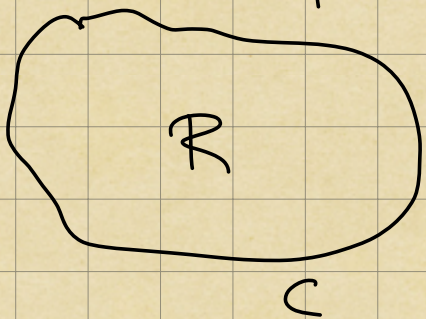
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Rmk: $y = y_A + y_B$ solves

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9.7 Laplace Eq'n

Setting: thin 2-dim'l plate (lamina).
Occupies domain R in the
plane



C : boundary of domain
(nice)

Faces of lamina are
insulated (heat can flow
in and out only from
the boundary)

Model temperature $u(x, y, t)$
 \downarrow \rightarrow time.
 (x, y) coord. of
a point

u satisfies the heat equation in 2 dims:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \nabla^2 u} \quad (*)$$

where

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

Laplace
operator /
Laplacian

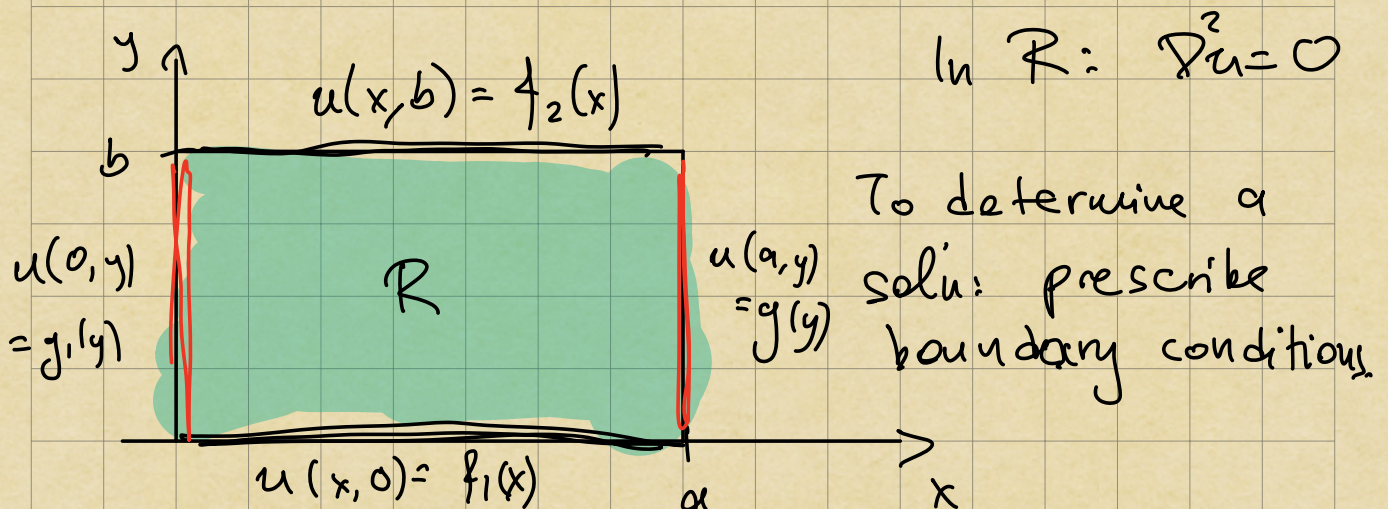
Another notation: Δu

k : thermal diffusivity.

We will look at the case where u const. in time.

$$(*) \Rightarrow \nabla^2 u = 0 \quad \text{Laplace eq'n. (potential eq'n)}$$

Domain will be a rectangle.



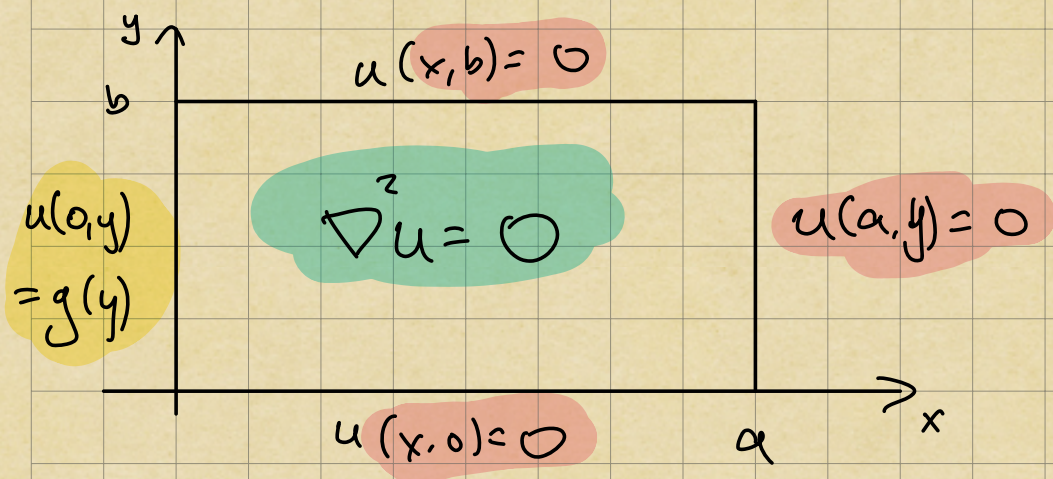
Terminology:

A problem of the form

$$\nabla^2 u = 0 \text{ in } R$$

w/ values of u prescribed in the boundary of R is called a Dirichlet problem. If boundary & boundary values are nice, it has unique sol'n.

Start w/ Dirichlet problem with only one non-homog. condition.



Seek sol'n in form $\sum c_n u_n(x, y)$.

Assume: $u_n(x, y) = X_n(x) Y_n(y)$. \triangle

Want:

$$\nabla^2 u_n = 0 \quad \textcircled{i}$$

$$u_n(x, 0) = u_n(x, b) = u_n(a, y) = 0$$

Take Δ , plug into \square : separate variables (x on one side, y on the other).
Find dif. eq's satisfied by X_n, Y_n .

$$\nabla^2 u_n = 0 \Rightarrow X_n'' Y_n - X_n Y_n'' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X_n''}{X_n} = - \frac{Y_n''}{Y_n} = -\lambda$$

depends only on x depends only on y

both const.

$$\begin{cases} X_n'' = -\lambda X_n \\ Y_n'' = \lambda Y_n \end{cases}$$