

## Problem Set 8 (4.3, 4.4)

Due: 4.3: 1, 5, 12(a) and 4.2: 1,4

Remember to use our form of the solution:

$$\begin{array}{ll} y'' + \omega^2 y = 0 & y'' - \omega^2 y = 0 \\ y(t) = C_1 \cos(\omega t) + C_2 \sin(\omega t) & y(t) = C_1 \cosh(\omega t) + C_2 \sinh(\omega t) \end{array}$$

4.3.1 Solve Laplace's equation:

$$\begin{array}{ll} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 2 \\ u(x, 0) = 0 & \\ u(x, 2) = 10 & \\ u(0, y) = 0 & \\ u(1, y) = 0 & \end{array}$$

SOLUTION: Separate variables and get the eigenfunctions. Because we have  $X(0) = 0$  and  $X(1) = 0$ , we'll take the eigenfunctions in  $X$ .

$$X''Y + Y''X = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{X''Y + Y''X}{XY} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = -\lambda$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{array}{ll} X'' + \lambda X = 0 & Y'' - \lambda Y = 0 \\ X(0) = X(1) = 0 & \end{array}$$

For the BVP in  $X$ , we know that  $\lambda_n = n^2\pi^2$  and  $X_n(x) = \sin(n\pi x)$ .

Now that we have  $\lambda$ , solve for  $Y$ :

$$Y'' - n^2\pi^2 Y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y_n(y) = c_n \cosh(n\pi y) + d_n \sinh(n\pi y)$$

Putting our solution together,

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x) [c_n \cosh(n\pi y) + d_n \sinh(n\pi y)]$$

That takes care of everything except for the initial condition. Recall that  $\cosh(0) = 1$  and  $\sinh(0) = 0$  so that  $Y_n(0) = c_n$ :

$$u(x, 0) = 0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin(n\pi x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_n = 0$$

That simplifies our solution so far to:

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n \sin(n\pi x) \sinh(n\pi y)$$

The last boundary condition will define  $d_n$ :  $u(x, 2) = 10$ , so expand 10 in a Fourier sine series in  $x$  (with  $0 < x < 1$ ).

$$d_n \sinh(2n\pi) = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 10 \sin(n\pi x) dx = \left( \frac{-20}{\pi n} \cos(n\pi x) \right) \Big|_0^1 = -\frac{20}{\pi n} ((-1)^n - 1) = \begin{cases} 40/n\pi & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Don't forget to divide by the hyperbolic sine! Using only the odd indices then  $n = 2k - 1$ , we get

$$u(x, y) = \frac{40}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1) \sinh(2n\pi)} \sin((2k-1)\pi x) \sinh(n\pi y)$$

4.3.5 Solve Laplace's equation:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} + u_{yy} &= 0, & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 2 \\ u(x, 0) &= 0 \\ u(x, 2) &= 0 \\ u(0, y) &= y \\ u(1, y) &= 2y \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION: Separate variables and get the eigenfunctions. Because we have  $Y(0) = 0$  and  $Y(2) = 0$ , we'll take the eigenfunctions in  $Y$ .

$$X''Y + Y''X = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{X''Y + Y''X}{XY} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{Y''}{Y} = -\frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} Y'' + \lambda Y &= 0 & X'' - \lambda X &= 0 \\ Y(0) = Y(2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For the BVP in  $Y$ , we know that  $\lambda_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{4}$  and  $Y_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}y\right)$ .

Now that we have  $\lambda$ , solve for  $X$ :

$$X'' - \frac{n^2\pi^2}{4}X = 0 \Rightarrow X_n(x) = c_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) + d_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right)$$

Putting our solution together,

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}y\right) \left[ c_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) + d_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \right]$$

That takes care of everything except for  $u(0, y) = y$  and  $u(2, y) = u(2, y)$ . These are similar formulas:

$$u(0, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}y\right) = y \Rightarrow c_n = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 y \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}y\right) dy$$

We'll compute that at the end, but consider  $c_n$  as “computed”. Continuing:

$$u(1, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}y\right) \left[ c_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + d_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}y\right)$$

where

$$K_n = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 2y \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{2}\right) dy, \quad \text{so that } K_n = 2c_n$$

Continuing to solve for  $d_n$ , we have

$$K_n = 2c_n = c_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + d_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

Therefore,

$$d_n = \frac{2 - \cosh(n\pi/2)}{\sinh(n\pi/2)} c_n$$

Lastly, computing  $c_n$  uses integration by parts:

$$c_n = \frac{4}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1}$$

4.3.12(a) We want to consider how to use the solutions to the previous two PDEs,

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \begin{array}{l} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(x, 2) = 10 \\ u(0, y) = 0 \\ u(1, y) = 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 2 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(x, 2) = 0 \\ u(0, y) = y \\ u(1, y) = 2y \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 2 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \end{array}$$

To solve the PDE:

$$\begin{array}{l} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(x, 2) = 10 \\ u(0, y) = y \\ u(1, y) = 2y \end{array} \quad 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 2$$

SOLUTION: If  $u_1$  solves the upper left PDE and  $u_2$  solves the upper right PDE, then the overall solution is the sum:

$$u(x, y) = u_1(x, y) + u_2(x, y)$$

We note that both  $u_1, u_2$  solve the homogeneous PDE  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ , so by the superposition principle, so does  $u_1 + u_2$ . The only thing left is to check that the sum satisfies the boundary conditions:

$$\begin{array}{l} u(x, 0) = u_1(x, 0) + u_2(x, 0) = 0 + 0 = 0 \\ u(x, 2) = u_1(x, 2) + u_2(x, 2) = 10 + 0 = 10 \\ u(0, y) = u_1(0, y) + u_2(0, y) = 0 + y = y \\ u(1, y) = u_1(1, y) + u_2(1, y) = 0 + 2y = 2y \end{array}$$

Therefore, the sum of the solutions satisfies all boundary conditions.

## 4.4

4.4.1 In this case, we don't want to solve the PDE, we just want to "convert" the PDE into one with homogeneous BCs.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= u_{xx}, & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\u(x, 0) &= f(x) \\u_t(x, 0) &= g(x) \\u(0, t) &= T \\u(L, t) &= T\end{aligned}$$

In this case, let  $u(x, t) = w(x, t) + T$ . Since  $u_{tt} = w_{tt}$  and  $u_{xx} = w_{xx}$ , then  $w$  would solve the wave equation. Note that  $w(x, t) = u(x, t) - T$ , so the boundary conditions on  $w$ :

- $w(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - T = f(x) - T$
- $w_t(x, 0) = u_t(x, 0) - 0 = g(x)$
- $w(0, t) = u(0, t) - T = T - T = 0$
- $w(L, t) = u(L, t) - T = T - T = 0$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= u_{xx}, & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\u(x, 0) &= f(x) \\u_t(x, 0) &= g(x) \\u(0, t) &= T \\u_x(L, t) &= a\end{aligned}$$

In this case, the helper function should satisfy the conditions  $v(0) = T$  and  $v'(L) = a$ . This is a line:  $v(x) = ax + T$ .

Now let  $u(x, t) = w(x, t) + ax + T$ . Since  $u_{tt} = w_{tt}$  and  $u_{xx} = w_{xx}$ , then  $w$  would solve the wave equation. Note that  $w(x, t) = u(x, t) - ax - T$ , so the boundary conditions on  $w$ :

- $w(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - ax - T = f(x) - ax - T$
- $w_t(x, 0) = u_t(x, 0) - 0 = g(x)$
- $w(0, t) = u(0, t) - a(0) - T = T - T = 0$
- $w_x(L, t) = u_x(L, t) - a = a - a = 0$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= u_{xx}, & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\u(x, 0) &= f(x) \\u_t(x, 0) &= g(x) \\u_x(0, t) &= a \\u(L, t) &= T\end{aligned}$$

In this case, the helper function should satisfy the conditions  $v'(0) = a$  and  $v(L) = T$ . This is a line:  $v(x) = ax + (T - aL)$ .

Now let  $u(x, t) = w(x, t) + ax + (T - aL)$ . Since  $u_{tt} = w_{tt}$  and  $u_{xx} = w_{xx}$ , then  $w$  would solve the wave equation. Note that  $w(x, t) = u(x, t) - ax - T + aL$ , so the boundary conditions on  $w$ :

- $w(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - ax - T + aL = f(x) - ax - T + aL$
- $w_t(x, 0) = u_t(x, 0) - 0 = g(x)$
- $w_x(0, t) = u_x(0, t) - a = a - a = 0$
- $w(L, t) = u(L, t) - ax - T + aL = T - aL - T + aL = 0$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} &= u_{xx}, & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) &= g(x) \\ u_x(0, t) &= a \\ u_x(L, t) &= a \end{aligned}$$

In this case,  $v'(0) = v'(L) = a$ , so we can just make  $v(x) = ax$ .

Let  $u(x, t) = w(x, t) + ax$ . Since  $u_{tt} = w_{tt}$  and  $u_{xx} = w_{xx}$ , then  $w$  would solve the wave equation. Note that  $w(x, t) = u(x, t) - ax$ , so the boundary conditions on  $w$ :

- $w(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - ax = f(x) - ax$
- $w_t(x, 0) = u_t(x, 0) - 0 = g(x)$
- $w_x(0, t) = u_x(0, t) - a = a - a = 0$
- $w_x(L, t) = u_x(L, t) - a = a - a = 0$

4.4.4 Solve the nonhomogeneous heat equation below:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} + x, & 0 < x < \pi, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= \sin(2x) \\ u(0, t) &= 0 \\ u(\pi, t) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION: Because we have  $X(0) = 0$  and  $X(\pi) = 0$ , the eigenfunctions will be in  $X$ :

$$\lambda_n = n^2 \quad X_n(x) = \sin(nx)$$

Now we write the solution as:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \sin(nx)$$

We also have  $F(x, t) = x$ , or

$$F(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n(t) \sin(nx) \quad \text{where } F_n(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} F(x, t) \sin(nx) dx$$

In our case, we have no time dependence, so

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \sin(nx) \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx$$

so that  $F_n = \frac{2}{n}(-1)^{n+1}$ . Putting these expressions back into the heat equation, we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b'_n(t) \sin(nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -n^2 b_n(t) \sin(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 2}{n} \sin(nx)$$

Before we write out the ODEs, let's use the initial condition:

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(2x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(0) \sin(nx)$$

Therefore,  $b_n(0) = 0$  except for  $b_2(0) = 1$ . Now, the ODEs:

For  $n \neq 2$ , we have

$$b'_n(t) = -n^2 b_n(t) + \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 2}{n}, \quad b_n(0) = 0$$

As in class, given  $y' = -ky + b$  with  $y_0 = 0$ , then

$$y(t) = \frac{b}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$$

Now backsubstituting with  $b = (-1)^{n+1} 2/n$  and  $k = -n^2$ , we get

$$b_n(t) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 2}{n^3} (1 - e^{-n^2 t})$$

In the special case  $n = 2$ , we have

$$b'_n = -4b_n - 1, \quad b_2(0) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_2(t) = \frac{5}{4} e^{-4t} - \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} (1 - e^{-4t}) + e^{-4t}$$

With this, we can now write our solution as:

$$u(x, t) = e^{-4t} \sin(2x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 2}{n^3} (1 - e^{-n^2 t}) \sin(nx)$$