

# Chapter 7: High dimensional PDEs

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## Section 7.2: Separation of time variable d-D

We have solved 1D equations. Will everything work for 2D& 3D?

**1D**

HE  $\partial_t u = \partial_{xx} u$

WE  $\partial_{tt} u = \partial_{xx} u$

BC  $u(a, t), \partial_x u(a, t), /mixed$   
( $a = 0, L$ )

**2D & 3D: ?**

$\partial_{xx} u \rightarrow ?$

**2D:**

**3D:**

**d-D:**

Second order PDEs

$$\phi''(x) = -\lambda\phi$$

BC:  $\phi(a), \phi'(a), /mixed$

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2,$$

$\phi_n(x) = \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x, \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$  or both

Sturm-Liouville:

$$(p\phi')' + q\phi = -\lambda\sigma\phi$$

## Separate time variable

Consider (WE)

$$\partial_{tt}u = c^2(\partial_{xx}u + \partial_{yy}u)$$

$$u(x, y, 0) = \alpha(x, y); \partial_t u(x, y, 0) = \beta(x, y);$$

BC: next section

(HE): Similar

Seek  $u(x, y, t) = h(t)\phi(x, y)$ :  
from the equation, we have

$$h''(t)\phi = c^2(\partial_{xx}\phi + \partial_{yy}\phi)h$$

$$\frac{h''}{c^2h} = \frac{\partial_{xx}\phi + \partial_{yy}\phi}{\phi} = -\lambda$$

How do we solve

$$\partial_{xx}\phi + \partial_{yy}\phi = -\lambda\phi? \text{ (Sec.7.4)}$$

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## 7.3 Vibrating Rectangular Membrane

BC:

$$u(0, y, t) = 0 = u(L, y, t);$$

$$u(x, 0, t) = 0 = u(x, H, t);$$

Simulation video: 5:50

Eigenvalue problem

$$\partial_{xx}\phi + \partial_{yy}\phi = -\lambda\phi;$$

$$\phi(0, y) = 0 = \phi(L, y);$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = 0 = \phi(x, H); \nearrow$$

Separation of variables (again)

$$\phi(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$$

$$\frac{f''}{f} = -\lambda - \frac{g''}{g} = -\mu$$

$$\lambda_{n,m} = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m\pi}{H}\right)^2,$$

$$\phi_{n,m}(x, y) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{H}y\right)$$

Back to the equation,

$$\partial_{tt}u = c^2(\partial_{xx}u + \partial_{yy}u)$$

$$\text{IC: } u(x, y, 0) = \alpha(x, y); \partial_t u(x, y, 0) = \beta(x, y);$$

BC: ...

$$\text{SoV: } u(x, t) = h_{n,m}(t)\phi_{n,m}(x, y)$$

To determine  $h_{n,m}(t)$ :

$$h''(t) = -\lambda_{n,m}c^2h,$$

IC =

$$h_{n,m}(t) = a_{n,m} \cos(c\sqrt{\lambda_{n,m}}t) + b_{n,m} \sin(c\sqrt{\lambda_{n,m}}t)$$

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$$\text{General solution (MEE): } u(x, t) = \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} h_{n,m}(t)\phi_{n,m}(x, y)$$

Orthogonal? Complete?



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## 7.4 The eigenvalue problem

### 1D Sturm-Liouville Theorem

$$(p(x)\phi')' + q(x)\phi = -\lambda\sigma\phi$$

$$\beta_1\phi(a) + \beta_2\phi'(a) = 0;$$

$$\beta_3\phi(b) + \beta_4\phi'(b) = 0;$$

regular **SLEP**  $\{(\lambda_n, \phi_n)\}$  s.t.

1-2  $\{\lambda_n \uparrow \infty\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  strictly

3  $\phi_n$  is unique to  $\lambda_n$ ;  
 $\phi_n$  has  $n - 1$  zeros

4  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is complete.

5  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are orthogonal

6 Rayleigh quotient  $\lambda_n = -\frac{\langle L\phi_n, \phi_n \rangle}{\langle \phi_n, \phi_n \rangle_{\sigma}}$ ;

### 2D& 3D Helmholtz Eq.

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\lambda\sigma\phi$$

$$a\phi + b\nabla\phi \cdot \mathbf{n} |_{\partial\Omega} = 0;$$

$$\nabla \cdot (p\nabla\phi) + q\phi = -\lambda\sigma\phi$$

1-2  $\{\lambda_n \nearrow \infty\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , may repeat

3  $\lambda_n = \lambda_{n+1}$ : multiple eigen-fun

4  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is complete.

5  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are orthogonal  
(Gram-schmidt orthogonalization)

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## 7.5: Green's formula

Orthogonality of eigenfunctions:

$$\begin{aligned}L\phi &= \nabla^2\phi = -\lambda\phi && \text{in } \Omega \\ a\phi + b\nabla\phi \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega\end{aligned}$$

### Green's formula

$$\int_{\Omega} (uLv - vLu) dx = \oint_{\partial\Omega} (u\nabla v - v\nabla u) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$

### Self-adjoint operator

$$L = L^*: \langle u, Lv \rangle = \langle L^*u, v \rangle$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (uLv - vLu) dx = 0$$

$L$  is self-adjoint on the function space

- ▶  $\{w : w \in C^2(\Omega), w|_{\partial\Omega=0}\}$
- ▶  $\{w : w \in C^2(\Omega), \nabla w \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\partial\Omega=0}\}$

## Green's formula: application

**Orthogonality of eigenfunctions**  $L$  self-adjoint

Let  $\{\lambda_i, \phi_i\}$  and  $\{\lambda_j, \phi_j\}$  be two eigen-pairs,  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$ . Then  $\langle \phi_i, \phi_j \rangle = 0$ .

Proof:

Question: How about  $\phi_i$  and  $\phi_j$  for  $\lambda_i = \lambda_j$ ?

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## 7.6: Rayleigh Quotient and Laplace's Equation

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Application 1.  $L = \nabla^2$ . Suppose:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2\phi &= -\lambda\phi && \text{in } \Omega \\ \phi &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega,\end{aligned}$$

show that  $\lambda > 0$ .

( $\Rightarrow$  all eigenvalues  $> 0$ )

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Application 2. Heat equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u &= \nabla^2 u \text{ in } \Omega \\ u(t, \cdot) &= 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega, \\ u(0, x) &= f(x)\end{aligned}$$

1. show that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t, x) = 0, \forall x$ .

Method1: solution &  $\lambda > 0$ ;

Method2: energy  $E(t) = \int u^2 dx$ .

2. If insulated BC:  $\nabla u(t, \cdot) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ ?

Thermal energy:  $\int u dx$

Divergence theorem

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{A} dx = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$

$$\int_{\Omega} u \nabla^2 u dx = - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \oint \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$



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$$u(r, \theta, 0) = \alpha(r, \theta), \partial_t u(r, \theta, t) = \beta(r, \theta)$$

### Simulation video

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#### 2. Solve the eigenvalue problem

$$\nabla^2\phi = -\lambda\phi + \text{BC}$$

- ▶ complete and orthogonal

#### 3. Eigenfunction expansion

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} h_n(t)\phi_n(r, \theta)$$

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2. Solve the eigenvalue problem

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\lambda \phi, \quad r \in (0, a), \theta \in (-\pi, \pi)$$

$$\phi(a, \theta) = 0, \quad \theta \in (-\pi, \pi)$$

Seek  $\phi(r, \theta) = f(r)g(\theta)$ :

► Eigenvalue Problem A:

$$g''(\theta) = -\mu g, \quad \theta \in (-\pi, \pi)$$

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► Eigenvalue Problem B:

$$r(rf')' + (\lambda r^2 - \mu)f = 0, \quad r \in (0, a)$$

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Eigenvalue Problem A:

$$\mu_m = m^2, m \geq 0;$$
$$g_m(\theta) = \sin m\theta, \text{ or } \cos \theta.$$

Eigenvalue Problem B: SLEP?

$$(rf')' - \frac{m^2}{r}f = -\lambda rf, \quad r \in (0, a)$$

Still valid: singular SLEP.

## Bessel functions

Eigenvalue Problem B:

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$$r^2 f'' + rf' + (\lambda r^2 - m^2)f = 0$$

A change of variables (will  $\lambda = 0$ ?)

$$z = \sqrt{\lambda r} \rightarrow$$

$$z^2 f'' + zf' + (z^2 - m^2)f = 0$$

(Bessel's DE of order  $m$ )

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$$f'' + z^{-1}f' + (1 - m^2 z^{-2})f = 0$$

non-singular / singular;

- ▶ non-singular  $z \geq \epsilon > 0$ : OK
- ▶ singular point  $z = 0$

Near  $z = 0$ :

- ▶  $m \neq 0$ :  $z^2 \ll m^2$   
 $f$  bounded  $\rightarrow z^2 f \ll m^2 f$   
 $f', f''$  can be large: keep them

$$z^2 f'' + zf' - m^2 f \approx 0$$

Solution  $f(z) \approx z^m$  or  $z^{-m}$

- ▶  $m = 0$ :  $f(z) \approx 1$  or  $\ln z$

## Bessel functions

First kind of order  $m$  (well-behaved)

$$J_m(z) = \begin{cases} 1, & m = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2^m m!} z^m, & m > 0 \end{cases}$$

2nd kind of order  $m$  (singular)

$$Y_m(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \ln z, & m = 0 \\ -\frac{2^m (m-1)!}{\pi} z^{-m}, & m > 0 \end{cases}$$

Eigenvalue Problem B:

$$f(r) = c_1 J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r) + c_2 Y_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$$

- ▶  $f(0)$  bounded  $\rightarrow c_2 = 0$ .
- ▶  $f(a) = 0 \rightarrow$  determine  $\lambda_{n,m} = (z_{n,m}/a)^2$ : zeros of  $J_m(\sqrt{\lambda}r)$ .

Eigenfunctions:  $J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,m}}r)$ ; complete and orthogonal  $\sigma(r) = r$

## back to the Vibrating Circular Membrane

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$$J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,m}}r) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(m\theta) \\ \sin(m\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(c\sqrt{\lambda_{n,m}}t) \\ \sin(c\sqrt{\lambda_{n,m}}t) \end{pmatrix}$$