

MthSc 208, Fall 2010 (Differential Equations)

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HW 21

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- (1) Which of the following functions are harmonic?

- (a) $f(x) = 10 - 3x$.
- (b) $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$.
- (c) $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$.
- (d) $f(x, y) = e^x \cos y$.
- (e) $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy^2$.

- (2) (a) Solve the following Dirichlet problem for Laplace's equation in a square region: Find $u(x, y)$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ such that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad u(0, y) = u(\pi, y) = 0,$$
$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, \pi) = 4 \sin x - 3 \sin 2x + 2 \sin 3x.$$

- (b) Solve the following Dirichlet problem for Laplace's equation in the same square region: Find $u(x, y)$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ such that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(\pi, y) = y(\pi - y),$$
$$u(x, 0) = u(x, \pi) = 0$$

- (c) By adding the solutions to parts (a) and (b) together (superposition), find the solution to the Dirichlet problem: Find $u(x, y)$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ such that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(\pi, y) = y(\pi - y),$$
$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, \pi) = 4 \sin x - 3 \sin 2x + 2 \sin 3x.$$

- (d) Sketch the solutions to (a), (b), and (c). *Hint: it is enough to sketch the boundaries, and then use the fact that the solutions are harmonic functions.*

- (e) Consider the heat equation in a square region, along with the following boundary conditions:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}, \quad u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(\pi, y) = y(\pi - y),$$
$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, \pi) = 4 \sin x - 3 \sin 2x + 2 \sin 3x.$$

What is the steady-state solution? (Note: This will *not* depend on the initial conditions!)

- (3) Consider the following initial/boundary value problem for the heat equation in a square region, and the function $u(x, y, t)$, where $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ and $t \geq 0$.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$
$$u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = 0$$
$$u(x, y, 0) = 2 \sin x \sin y + 5 \sin 2x \sin y.$$

- (a) Briefly describe, and sketch, a physical situation which this models. Be sure to explain the effect of the boundary conditions and the initial condition.
- (b) Assume that the solution has the form $u(x, y, t) = f(x, y)g(t)$. Find u_{xx} , u_{yy} , and u_t .

- (c) Plug $u = fg$ back into the PDE and divide both sides by fg (i.e., “separate variables”) to get the *eigenvalue problem*. Briefly justify why this quantity must be a constant. Call this constant λ . Write down an ODE for $g(t)$, and a PDE for $f(x, y)$ (the *Helmholtz equation*). Include four boundary conditions for $f(x, y)$.
- (d) Solve the Helmholtz equation and determine λ . You may assume that $f(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$.
- (e) Solve the ODE for $g(t)$.
- (f) Find the general solution of the boundary value problem. It will be a superposition (infinite sum) of solutions $u_{nm}(x, y, t) = f_{nm}(x, y)g_{nm}(t)$.
- (g) Find the particular solution to the initial value problem that additionally satisfies the initial condition $u(x, y, 0) = 2 \sin x \sin y + 5 \sin 2x \sin y$.
- (h) What is the steady-state solution? Give a mathematical *and* intuitive (physical) justification.
- (4) Consider the following initial/boundary value problem for the heat equation in a square region, and the function $u(x, y, t)$, where $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ and $t \geq 0$.

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

$$u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, y, 0) = (7 \sin x) y(\pi - y).$$

Since the only difference between this problem and the previous one is in the initial condition, steps (b)–(f) are the same and need not be repeated. Briefly describe, and sketch, a physical situation which this models, and then carry out steps (g) and (h), given this new initial condition.

- (5) Consider the 2D heat equation

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

subject to the boundary conditions

$$u(x, 0, t) = u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, \pi, t) = x(\pi - x).$$

- (a) What is the steady-state solution, $u_{ss}(x, y)$? [Hint: Look at a previous problem on Laplace’s equation]. Sketch it.
- (b) Write down the general solution to this boundary value problem by adding $u_{ss}(x, y)$ to the general solution of a related *homogeneous* boundary value problem [Hint: Look at a previous problems on the 2D heat equation].
- (6) Solve the following initial value problem for a vibrating square membrane: Find $u(x, y, t)$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ such that

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

$$u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, y, 0) = p(x)q(y), \quad u_t(x, y, 0) = 0.$$

where

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi/2, \\ \pi - x, & \text{for } \pi/2 \leq x \leq \pi, \end{cases}, \quad p(y) = \begin{cases} y, & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq \pi/2, \\ \pi - y, & \text{for } \pi/2 \leq y \leq \pi. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Briefly describe a physical situation which this models. Be sure to explain the effect of the boundary conditions and the initial condition. Sketch the initial displacement, $u(x, y, 0)$.

- (b) Assume that the solution has the form $u(x, y, t) = f(x, y)g(t)$. Find u_{xx} , u_{yy} , u_t , and u_{tt} .
- (c) Plug $u = fg$ back into the PDE and divide both sides by fg (i.e., “separate variables”) to get the *eigenvalue problem*. Briefly justify why this quantity must be a constant. Call this constant λ . Write down an ODE for $g(t)$, and a PDE for $f(x, y)$ (the *Helmholtz equation*). Include four boundary conditions for $f(x, y)$ and one for $g(t)$.
- (d) You may assume that $\lambda = -(n^2 + m^2)$, and that the solution to the Helmholtz equation is $f(x, y) = b_{nm} \sin nx \sin my$. Solve the ODE for $g(t)$, using the initial condition.
- (e) Find the general solution of the boundary value problem. It will be a superposition (infinite sum) of solutions $u_{nm}(x, y, t) = f_{nm}(x, y)g_{nm}(t)$.
- (f) Find the particular solution to the initial value problem that additionally satisfies the initial condition $u(x, y, 0) = p(x)q(y)$.
- (g) What is the long-term behavior of $u(x, y, t)$, i.e., as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Give a mathematical *and* intuitive (physical) justification.