

Diffusion equation on the whole real line or plane (2)

$$\begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi(x) & \text{IC} \\ \text{(no BCs!)} \end{cases}$$

Solution obtained using Green's functions

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x-y, t) \varphi(y) dy$$
$$G(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} e^{-x^2 / (4kt)}$$

Same works for wave equation also with a different G but because of the simple form of G it becomes identical to d'Alembert's formula.

$$G_{tt} = \nabla^2 G$$

$$G(x, 0) = \delta(x) \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{radially} \\ \text{symmetric} \end{array}$$


Import: Easy to generalize to 2D/3D (3)

In 2D: (separation of x and y)
 $u = X(x, t) Y(y, t)$

$$G(x, y, t) = G(x, t) G(y, t)$$

(recall midterm!)

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi kt} e^{-(x^2 + y^2)/(4kt)} \equiv$$

$$G(r, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi kt} e^{-r^2/(4kt)}$$

Formula is the same but now integral is over the whole plane:

$$u(x, y, t) = \int_{x'=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{y'=-\infty}^{\infty} G(x-x', y-y', t) \psi(x', y') dx' dy'$$

Obvious generalization to 3D/ n

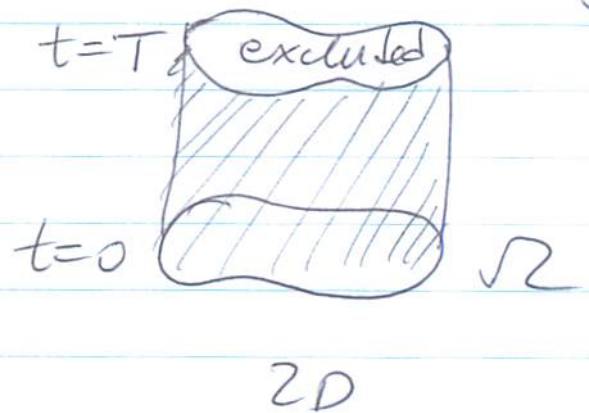
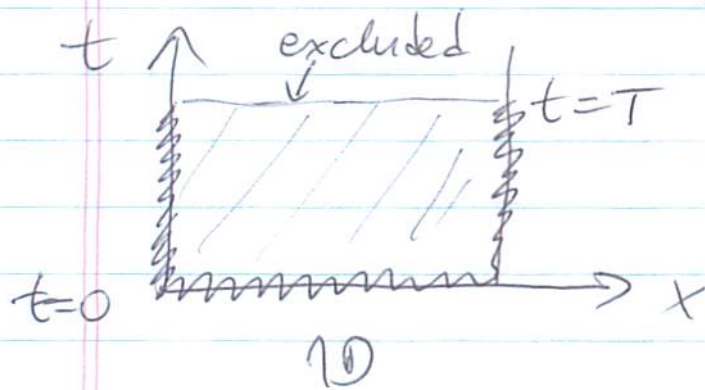
Green's function difficult to figure out in general

Maximum principle

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For both the heat equation and the Laplace equation, an extremum principle applies.

For heat, the extremum is achieved on one of the boundaries of the space-time domain excluding $t=T$ boundary



For Laplace, the extremum is achieved on the boundary of the domain $\partial\Omega$

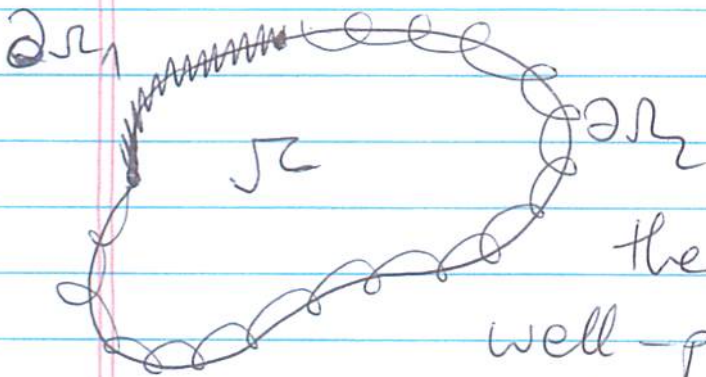
Bounded domains

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General ∇^2 problem:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_t = \Delta u + f(\vec{x}, t) \\ \text{for } \vec{x} \in \Omega \\ \\ u(\vec{x}, t=0) = u_0(\vec{x}) \quad \text{IC} \\ \\ u(\partial\Omega_1) = \psi(\vec{x} \in \partial\Omega_1, t) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{none for} \\ \text{Laplace/} \\ \text{Poisson} \end{array} \right) \\ \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} \cdot \vec{n}(\partial\Omega_2) = \gamma(\vec{x} \in \partial\Omega_2, t) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Dirichlet} \\ \text{Neumann} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\partial\Omega_1 \cup \partial\Omega_2 = \partial\Omega$$



Note

Neum: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \gamma(y)$
 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \gamma(x)$

In order for the problem to be well-posed, depending on the equation and BCs, f and g may need to satisfy additional cond.

Use superposition to split into subproblems that may be easier to solve. (6)

(P1) Steady-state problem (elliptic) no time!
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla^2 \psi = 0 \\ + \text{BCs for } \psi \end{array} \right.$ are the same

This handles the inhomogeneous BCs for us (so skip if homogeneous)

If ψ and ψ do not depend on t , then

$\psi \equiv \psi(\vec{x})$ only depends on \vec{x}

In general

$\psi \equiv \psi(\vec{x}; t) \equiv \psi(\vec{x}, t)$

depends on t , but t is only a parameter for the

solution since ∇^2 only involves spatial derivatives

$\psi = \psi + \psi$

Note: In some problems, $\textcircled{7}$
it may be simple to solve

$$\mathcal{L} \vartheta = -f \quad \text{directly}$$

If so, this will speed up
the process (recall problem in
homework $u'' = Q$).

$$u_t = \mathcal{L}u + f \quad u = v + w$$
$$w_t + v_t = \mathcal{L}w + \mathcal{L}v + f$$

P2

$$w_t = \mathcal{L}w + f - \vartheta_t$$

$$w(\partial\Omega_1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \vec{n}} \cdot \vec{n}(\partial\Omega_2) = 0$$

} homogeneous
BCs

$$w(\vec{x}, t=0) = u_0(\vec{x}) - \vartheta(\vec{x}, 0)$$

This problem we solve via
the method of separation
of variables, which here becomes
the method of orthogonal series

$$\boxed{u = \vartheta + w}$$

Superposition

Note: If the original ⑧
problem was not a heat
equation but rather Poisson,
the process would be the same

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}u = f \\ + \text{BCs} \end{cases}$$

however, not
necessary to split

$$P1: \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}v = 0 \\ + \text{BCs} \end{cases}$$

$$P2: \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}w = f \\ + \text{homogeneous} \\ \text{BCs} \end{cases}$$

and again $u = v + w$

For final, do not try to
memorize this. I will require
you to show that indeed you
have used the superposition

correctly, i.e., to prove that
 $u = v + w$ solves the original BVP

Key idea: Handle inhomogeneous
BCs first, then solve the rest
with homogeneous BCs

Separation of variables

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Consider first solving the Laplace equation with inhomogeneous BCs

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 \text{ (or } \neq) \\ u(\partial R_1) = \varphi \\ \partial_n u(\partial R_2) = \psi \end{cases} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{If 1D} \\ \text{it is easy} \\ \text{to solve} \\ \text{(ODE!)} \end{array}$$

This is solvable on a rectangular domain in 2D/3D using separation of variables

Assume separable solution

$$u = \underline{X}(x) \underline{Y}(y)$$

and plug into equation, then separate x and y pieces to get:

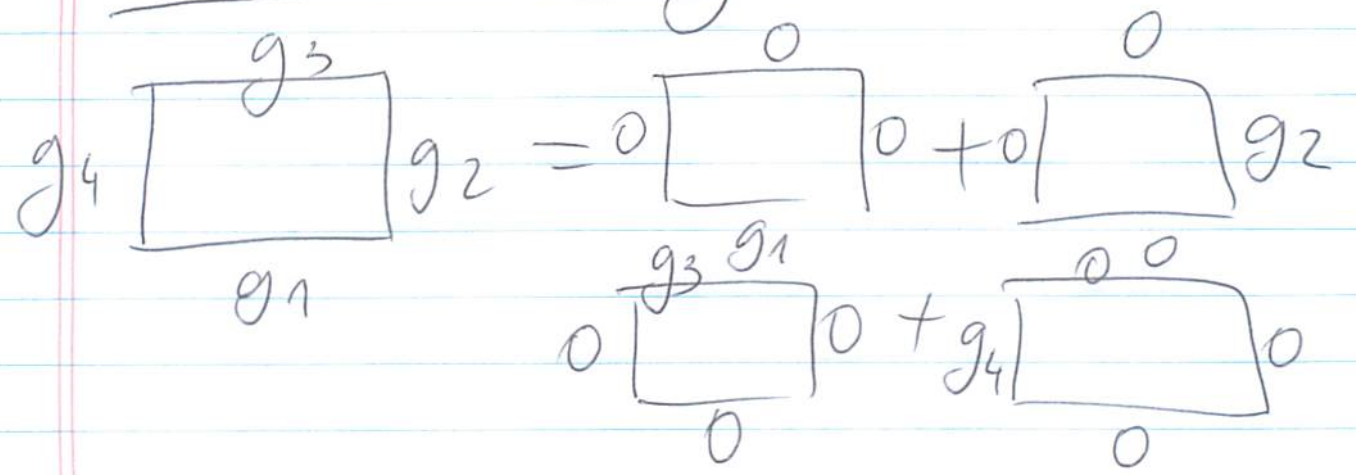
$$F(x) = G(y) = \text{const} = \lambda$$

and then solve ODEs

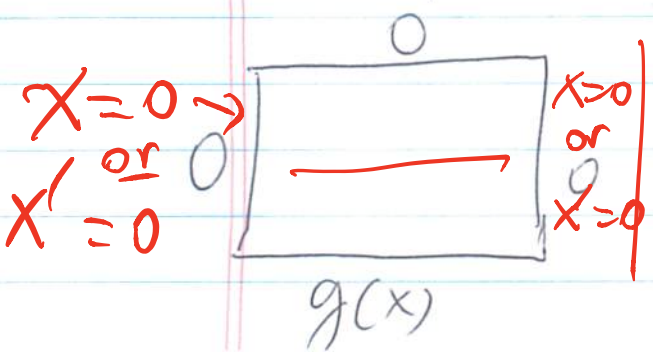
$$\begin{cases} F(x) = \lambda \\ G(y) = \lambda \end{cases}$$

one by one, starting from the simplest one. To obtain possible values of λ , use BCs as follows.

First, split problem so that inhomogeneous BC is on only one boundary




First, solve ode along homogeneous (or periodic) direction, e.g., for



$$X'' = \lambda X$$

solve with BCs

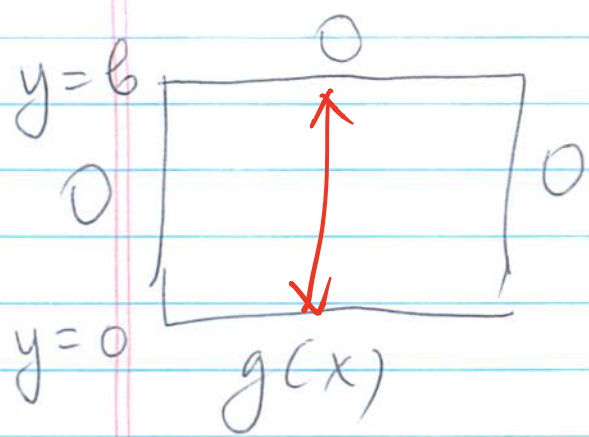
$F(x) = \lambda$
homogeneous first

Periodic: $\longleftrightarrow \rightarrow$  topologically circle

no boundary

this will determine λ (along with its sign) (11)

then, solve along the other direction, putting homogeneous BC along homogeneous boundaries, and 1 (unity) along others



Solve $G(y) = \lambda$

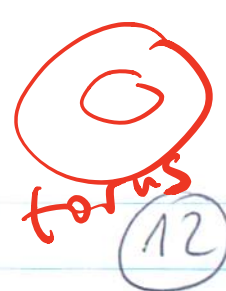
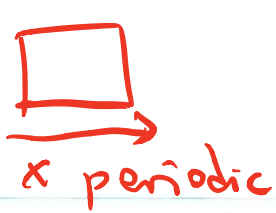
$Y(0) = 1, Y(b) = 0$

Once you get $\underline{X}(x)$ and $Y(y)$, write solution as a superposition of separable solutions $\checkmark u_t = \lambda u$

$u = \sum_n a_n X_n(x) Y_n(y)$ $u = \sum a_n X_n Y_n$
 $u_t = \sum a_n X_n Y_n$
 $= \lambda u$

and plug into BC, e.g. $u(x, y=0) = g(x)$

Periodic
in 2D:



to get

$$\sum a_n X_n(x) = g(x)$$

Fourier
series

which we need to solve for
the coefficients a_n .

This is quite generally an
orthogonal series, e.g., a
Fourier series, since $X_n(x)$
were solutions of an equation
of the form e.g. $X_n'' = -\lambda_n X_n + \text{BCs}$.

$$\mathcal{L}u = -\lambda u + \text{homog. BCs}$$

where \mathcal{L} was a self-adjoint
operator. This implies that
Eigenfunctions are orthogonal
and eigenvalues are real

(L_2) Dot product (inner product):
 $(f, g) = \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$
or more generally

$$(f, g) = \int_{\Omega} f(\vec{x}) \overline{g(\vec{x})} d\vec{x} \quad (13)$$

$\Omega \leftarrow$ over domain

It is true that

$(\overline{X}_n, \overline{X}_m) = 0$ if $n \neq m$
 then the X_n 's form an
 orthonormal basis and

$\sum a_n X_n(x)$
 is an orthogonal series.

How to solve

$$\sum a_n X_n(x) = g(x) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{(dot product)} \\ \text{Multiply} \\ \text{by } X_m(x) \end{array} \right.$$

$$(X_m, \sum_n a_n X_n) = (X_m, g) =$$

$$\sum_n a_n \underbrace{(X_m, X_n)}_{\neq 0 \text{ only for } n=m} = a_m (X_m, X_m)$$

$\neq 0$ only for $n=m$

$$a_m = \frac{(X_m, g)}{(X_m, X_m)} \quad \checkmark$$

Examples

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Fourier sine series

$$\underline{X}'' = -\lambda \underline{X}, \quad \underline{X}(0) = \underline{X}(a) = 0$$

Fourier cosine series

$$X'' = -\lambda X, \quad X'(0) = X'(a) = 0$$

Mixed series

$$X'' = -\lambda X, \quad X(0) = 0, \quad X'(a) = 0$$

Periodic boundaries

(not really boundaries - domain is topologically a circle or a torus $\cup_m \mathbb{Z}p$)

$$X'' = -\lambda X, \quad X(-l) = X(l) \\ X'(-l) = X'(l)$$

How to think about this geometrically?

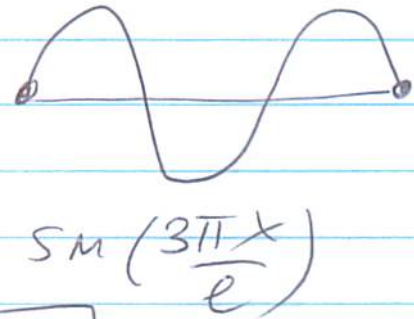
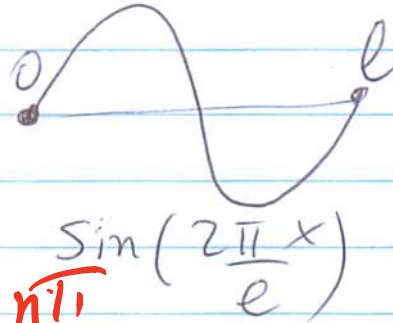
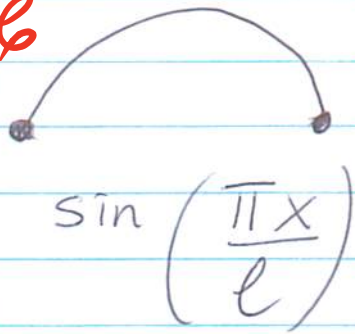
We know solutions are sine and cosine

Basis functions are trig functions
 $\sin(\alpha x + \beta)$

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Dirichlet BCs

Replace x by $(x-a)$ and $l = b-a$



$\alpha_n = \frac{n\pi}{l}$

Neumann BCs

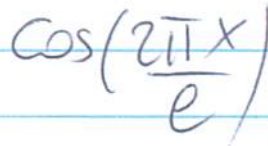
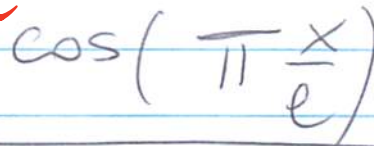
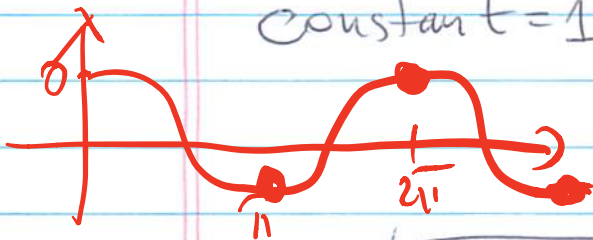
$\cos(\alpha x)$

$\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right)$

$n = 1, 2, \dots$
 not $n = 0$

constant = 1

$\alpha = \frac{n\pi}{l}$



$\alpha = 0$

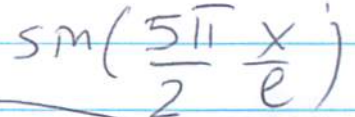
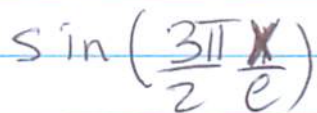
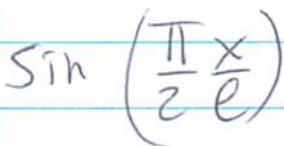
$\Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Mixed BCs

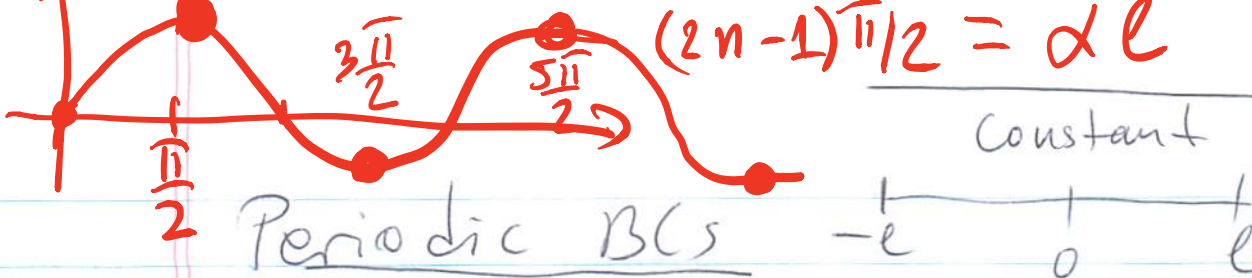
$x(0) = 0, x'(l) = 0$

Dirichlet

Neumann

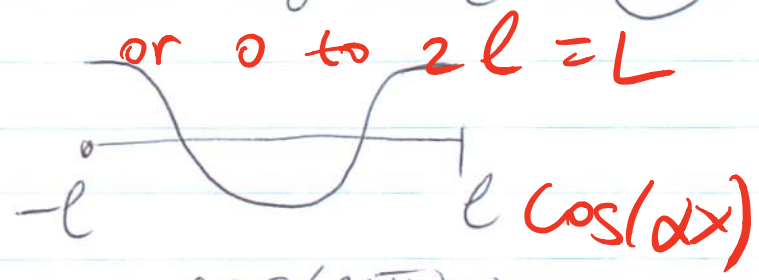
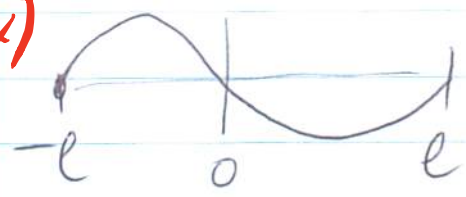


$\sin\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2l}\right), n = 1, 2, \dots$



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$\sin(\alpha x)$



$2l = \pi n$
 $\alpha = n\pi/l$

$\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right)$

$\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right)$

Any sine or cosine that has periodicity of $2l$ works.

Best basis for calculations is complex one:

$\exp\left(i\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right), n = -\infty, \dots, 0, \dots, +\infty$

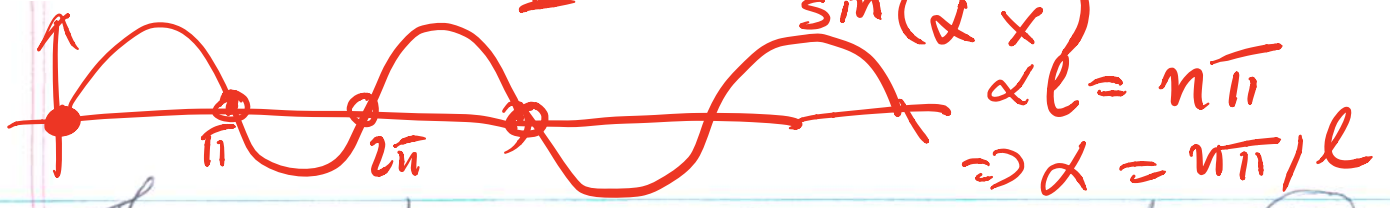
In all cases the functions are orthogonal, so, for example

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{i n \pi x / l} = \psi(x)$$

complex conjugate

$$\Rightarrow c_n = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^l \psi(x) e^{-i n \pi x / l} dx$$

Since denominator $\int_{-l}^l e^{-i n \pi x / l} e^{i n \pi x / l} dx = 2l!$



The most general case of (17) a 1D eigenvalue problem is the Sturm-Liouville:

$$\lambda u = \mathcal{L}u = - (p(x)u'(x))' + q(x)u$$

$p(x) > 0$ and differentiable

$q(x) > 0$ and continuous

Eigenfunctions are orthogonal

Eigenvalues are positive

$$0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots$$

This means we can expand functions (e.g., unknown solution) as a series of such orthogonal functions.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Practice: } u'' - u = -\lambda u \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

or even $\mathcal{L} = 3u'' - 2u' + u$

$$u_t = k u_{xx} + \underline{r u} \iff w = e^{-rt} u$$

$$w_t = k w_{xx} \text{ or } \text{keep } r u$$

Basic idea in all cases: (12)

- Expand solution in series of eigenfunctions.
- Find eigenfunctions in 2D by using separation of variables
- Find $u = \bar{X}(x) \bar{Y}(y)$
 - $X'' = -\lambda X$
 - $Y'' = (\lambda - \lambda_x) Y$
- to convert (to two one-dimensional eigenvalue problems, which are easy to solve as ODEs.

$\sum_{n,m}$

Example

Heat equation $\lambda_{n,m} = \lambda_x + \lambda_y = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m\pi}{l_y}\right)^2$ with source and initial condition

(PL)
$$\begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u + f \\ u(\partial\Omega) = 0 \\ u(t=0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

Step 1:
Find eigenfunctions of Δ

$$u(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_n a_n(t) u_n(\vec{x})$$

↑
ODE for?

$\Delta u_n = \lambda_n u_n + \text{BCs}$

∴ Poisson no time dependence

$$f(\vec{x}, t) = \sum f_n(t) u_n(\vec{x}) \quad (19)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_n(t) = \frac{\int f(\vec{x}, t) u_n(\vec{x}) d\vec{x}}{\int |u_n(\vec{x})|^2 d\vec{x}}$$

Since u_n are orthogonal eigenfunctions

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L} u_n = \lambda_n u_n}$$

Plug back into PDE $u_t = \mathcal{L}u + f$

$$u_t = \sum a_n' u_n$$

$$\mathcal{L}u = \sum a_n (\mathcal{L}u_n) = \sum a_n \lambda_n u_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum a_n' u_n = \sum a_n \lambda_n u_n + \sum f_n u_n$$

\Rightarrow (since u_n linearly independent)

$$\boxed{a_n' = \lambda_n a_n + f_n(t)} \quad \text{ODE to solve}$$

\square Poisson $0 = \lambda_n a_n + f_n \Rightarrow a_n = -f_n / \lambda_n$

This ODE can be solved using Duhamel's principle

First solve $a_n' = \lambda_n a_n \Rightarrow$

$$a_n(t) = a_n(0) e^{\lambda_n t}$$

and thus

$$a_n(t) = a_n(0) e^{\lambda_n t} + \int_0^t f_n(\bar{t}) e^{\lambda_n(t-\bar{t})} d\bar{t}$$

How to determine $a_n(0)$?

Go back to initial conditions

$$u_n(x, t=0) = \sum a_n(0) u_n(x) = u_0(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n(0) = \frac{\int u_0 u_n dx}{\int |u_n|^2 dx}$$

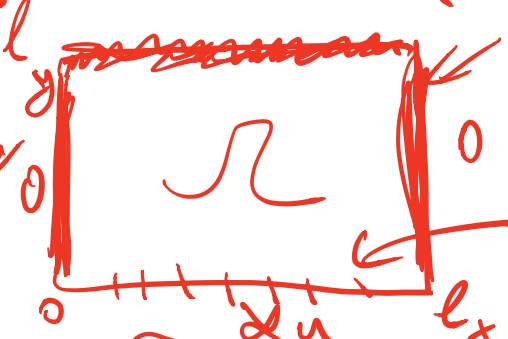
Same ideas just recycled over and over again!

Example

- ① separ. of variables
 - ② superposition
 - ③ Fourier series
- superposition

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \lambda u + f \\ u(\partial\Omega) = f(x,t) \\ u(x,t=0) = u_0(x) \end{cases}$$

Dirichlet



$u(x,y,t)$
Neumann
 $f(x)$

$$u_t = 2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) - u + \sin(5\pi x/l_x)$$

$$\begin{cases} u(x=0, y) = u(x=l_x, y) = 0 \\ u_y(x, y=0) = 0 \\ u(x, y=l_y, t) = x e^t \end{cases}$$

or try y is periodic

$$u(x, y, t=0) = \sin(15\pi x/l_x) y$$

Step 1:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}u = 2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) - u = \lambda u \end{cases}$$

+ BCs

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{homogeneous} \\ \text{+ BCs} \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{rectangle} \\ u=0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left. \left. \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{L} u_n = \lambda u_n + \text{hom. BCs} \\ \text{not, no inhom. BCs} \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

$$u_n(x, y) = \underline{X}(x) \underline{Y}(y)$$

$$\frac{2X''}{X} - \lambda = \mu$$

$$-2Y'' - Y = \lambda Y \quad \checkmark$$

$$2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) - u = \lambda u$$

$$\frac{2X''Y + 2XY'' - XY}{XY} = \frac{\lambda XY}{XY}$$

$$2 \frac{x''}{x} + 2 \frac{y''}{y} - 1 = \lambda$$

$$f(x) = g(y) = \mu$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{2x''}{x} - \lambda}_{\mu} = \underbrace{-\frac{2y''}{y} - 1}_{\mu}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x'' - \lambda x = \mu x \quad (1) \\ 2y'' - y = \mu y \quad (2) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x'' = \frac{(\lambda + \mu)}{2} x \quad (1) \\ y'' = -\frac{(\mu + 1)}{2} y \quad (2) \end{array} \right.$$

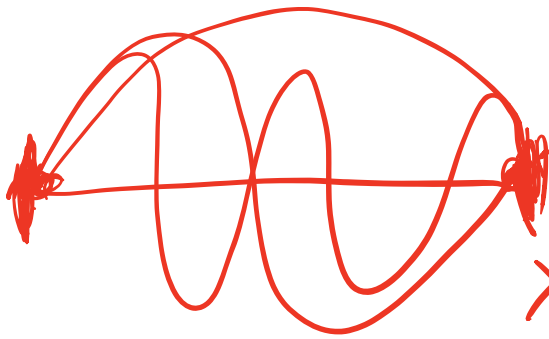
$$\begin{cases} X'' = \lambda X \\ Y'' = \lambda Y \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{we've} \\ \text{already} \\ \text{seen} \end{array}$$

BCs:

$$u(0, y) = u(l_x, y) = 0$$

$$u = XY$$

$$\begin{cases} X(0) = X(l_x) = 0 \\ X'' = \lambda X \end{cases}$$

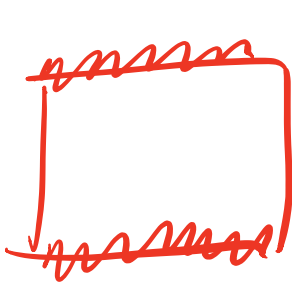


$$X = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l_x}\right)$$

$$X'' = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{l_x}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l_x}\right)$$

$$X'' = \tilde{\lambda} X$$

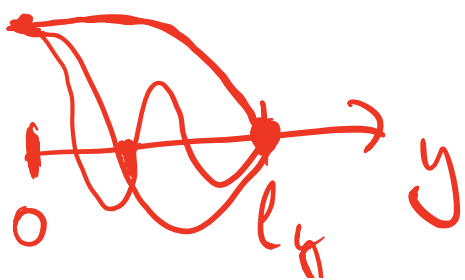
$$\tilde{\lambda} = - \left(\frac{n\pi}{e_x} \right)^2 = \lambda + \mu$$



$$\begin{cases} u(x, l_y) = 0 & (\text{Dirichlet}) \\ u_y(x, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

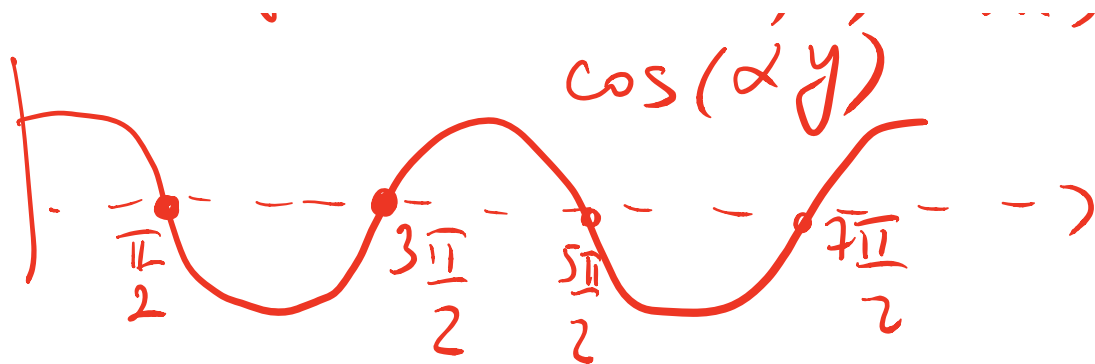
$u = X Y$

$$\begin{cases} Y(l_y) = 0 \\ Y'(0) = 0 \\ Y'' = \tilde{\lambda} Y \end{cases}$$



$$Y = \cos\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2} \frac{y}{e_y}\right)$$

$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$



$$(2n+1) \frac{\pi}{2} = \alpha l_y$$

$$\alpha = \frac{(2n+1) \pi}{2 l_y}$$

$$Y = \cos\left(\frac{2n+1}{2} \frac{\pi y}{l_y}\right)$$

$$Y'' = -\left(\frac{2n+1}{2} \frac{\pi}{l_y}\right)^2 Y$$

$$\lambda = -\left(\frac{2n+1}{2} \frac{\pi}{l_y}\right)^2 = -\frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$u = \dots$$

$$v = \dots$$

$$u_{n,m} = X_n Y_m = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l_x}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2m+1}{2} \pi \frac{y}{l_y}\right)$$

Superposition

(P1) + (P2)
↑ inhomog. bcs.
↑ everything else

$$u = \underbrace{v}_{P1} + \underbrace{w}_{P2}$$

↑
particular solution

~~P1:~~

$$\Delta v = 2(\partial_{xx} + \partial_{yy})v - v = 0$$

no v_t - Poisson eq.

$$v(0, y) = v(l_x, y) = 0$$

no t

$$v_y(x, 0) = 0$$
$$v(x, l_y) = x e^t$$
$$v = X(x)Y(y)$$

P2 Everything that remains
 $u_t = \lambda u + f$
 inh BCs
 $u(t=0) = u_0$

P1
 \Rightarrow
 $u = v + w$
 P2

P1 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 = \lambda v \\ \text{inh BCs} \end{array} \right. \leftarrow$

P2 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} w_t = \lambda w + f - v_t \\ \text{hom BCs} \end{array} \right. \leftarrow$

P \rightarrow $w(t=0) = u_0 - v(t=0)$
 Eigenfunctions of λ

$$w(x, y, t) = \sum_{n, m} a_{nm}(t) X_n(x) Y_m(y)$$

$\cos \rightarrow Y_m(y)$

ODE for a_{nm}

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \omega t = \lambda t = \lambda x + \lambda y - \lambda t \\
 & \sum_{n,m} a'_{nm}(t) X_n(x) Y_m(y) = \\
 & = \sum_{n,m} \lambda_{n,m} X_n(x) Y_m(y) \\
 & \quad + \underbrace{\sin\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L_x}\right) - \varphi_t(x,y)}_{=}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n,m} b_{nm}(t) X_n(x) Y_m(y)$$

$$\begin{cases}
 a'_{nm} = + \lambda_{n,m} a_{nm} + b_{nm}(t) \\
 a_{nm}(t=0) = \overset{c_{nm}}{\text{initial conditions}} \\
 \text{of PDE}
 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, y, t=0) = \sin\left(\frac{15\pi x}{l_x}\right) y$$

$$= \sum_{n, m} C_{n, m} X_n(x) Y_m(y)$$

$$\implies \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l_x}\right) \cos\left(\frac{(2m+1)\pi y}{2l_y}\right)$$

$$C_{n, m} = ?$$

$C_{n, m} \neq 0$ only if $n=15$

$$f(y) = \underline{y} = \sum_{15, m} C_{15, m} \cos\left(\frac{(2m+1)y}{2l_y}\right)$$

$$C_{15, m} = \frac{\int y \cos\left(\frac{(2m+1)y}{2l_y}\right) dy}{\int \cos^2\left(\frac{(2m+1)y}{2l_y}\right) dy}$$