

Week 2**Lecture 1**

- Hand out Problem Set 1.
 - ODEs in cartesian, polar and spherical coordinates; TAs will discuss some solutions in the tutorials. Discuss how to obtain solution of homogeneous ODE in spherical coordinates. Use Maple to obtain the solution.
 - Boundary Conditions (BCs). There are three types:
 - (i) BC of the First Kind or Dirichlet BC. u is specified at points on the boundary.
 - (ii) BC of the Second Kind or Neumann BC. $\partial u/\partial n$, gradient of u normal to boundary is specified at points on the boundary.
 - (iii) BC of the Third Kind or Robin BC. Linear combination of Dirichlet and Neumann BCs is specified at points on the boundary: $a\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + bu = 0$; where the parameters: a, b are positive physical parameters.
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Lecture 2

- Makeup Lecture 1.
- Error and complementary error functions. See Spiegel Handbook, 35.1 – 35.6, Page 183.
- Definitions

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-\beta^2} d\beta \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{erfc}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_x^\infty e^{-\beta^2} d\beta$$

where β is a dummy variable.

- Relations and Properties.

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) + \operatorname{erfc}(x) = 1$$

$$\operatorname{erf}(0) = 0, \quad \operatorname{erfc}(0) = 1$$

$$\operatorname{erf}(\infty) = 1, \quad \operatorname{erfc}(\infty) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{erf}(-x) = \operatorname{erf}(x)$$

$$\frac{d \operatorname{erf}(x)}{dx} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d \operatorname{erfc}(x)}{dx} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-x^2}$$

Demonstrate that the function: $u = C \operatorname{erf}(\eta)$ where C is an arbitrary constant satisfies the ODE:

$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\eta^2} + 2\eta \frac{du}{d\eta} = 0$$

This is an important second-order ODE.

- How to generate PDEs. See Chapter 12, first section. We will not spend much time on this topic. Demonstrate that given $u(x, y) = yf(x)$ where $f(x)$ is an arbitrary function of x , elimination of $f(x)$ gives the first-order PDE: $u = y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$.

- Also demonstrate that $u(x, y) = f(x + y) + g(x - y)$ satisfies the PDE: $u_{xx} = u_{yy}$, where $f(x + y)$ and $g(x - y)$ are arbitrary functions. Here are two examples:

$$u(x, y) = \sin(x + y) + e^{x-y}$$

and

$$u(x, y) = (x + y)^3 + \tan(x - y)$$

- Separation of Variables Method (SVM). See Problem 7 of Problem Set 1. There are several examples given.

- Separate the 2-D Laplace equation in cartesian coordinates: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ into three sets of independent ODEs. Let $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$ where $X(x)$ and $Y(y)$ are independent functions and substitute into the PDE.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(XY)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(X)}{\partial x} Y + X \frac{\partial(Y)}{\partial x} = X'Y$$

because $\partial Y / \partial x = 0$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial(X'Y)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(X'')}{\partial x} Y + X' \frac{\partial(Y)}{\partial x} = X''Y$$

Similarly we find

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = XY''$$

The given PDE becomes

$$X''Y + XY'' = 0$$

Next we divide through by the assumed solution XY which gives separated relation:

$$\frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = 0$$

The numerator and denominator of the first term depends on x only. Also the numerator and denominator of the second term depends on y only. Demonstrate that both terms are constants by taking the derive with respect to x and then with respect to y . The two terms must be constants. There are three options for the constants:

$$\begin{aligned} i) & \quad 0, \quad 0 \\ ii) & \quad -\lambda^2, \quad +\lambda^2 \\ iii) & \quad -\lambda^2, \quad +\lambda^2 \end{aligned}$$

where the parameter $\lambda > 0$ is the separation constant. Each of these options will give two independent ODEs. They are respectively

$$\begin{aligned} i) & \quad X'' = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Y'' = 0, \\ ii) & \quad X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Y'' - \lambda^2 Y = 0, \\ iii) & \quad X'' - \lambda^2 X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Y'' + \lambda^2 Y = 0, \end{aligned}$$

These are second-order ODEs with constant coefficients.

Lecture 3

- 1-D Diffusion Equation. $u(x, t)$.

$$u_{xx} = \frac{1}{\alpha} u_t, \quad t > 0, \quad 0 < x < L$$

where $\alpha > 0$ is a thermophysical paramter. Let $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$. Substitute into the PDE to get

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{T'}{T}$$

The LHS and RHS must be equal to the same constant. There are three options:

$$\begin{aligned} i) & \quad 0, \quad 0 \\ ii) & \quad -\lambda^2, \quad -\lambda^2 \\ iii) & \quad +\lambda^2, \quad +\lambda^2 \end{aligned}$$

The three options lead to the three sets of independent separated ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned} i) \quad X'' &= 0 & \text{and} & \quad T' = 0 \\ ii) \quad X'' + \lambda^2 X &= 0 & \text{and} & \quad T' + \lambda^2 \alpha T = 0 \\ iii) \quad X'' - \lambda^2 X &= 0 & \text{and} & \quad T' - \lambda^2 \alpha T = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The three sets of solutions are

$$\begin{aligned} i) \quad X(x) &= C_1 x + C_2 & \text{and} & \quad T(t) = C_3 \\ ii) \quad X(x) &= C_1 \cos \lambda x + C_2 \sin \lambda x & \text{and} & \quad T(t) = C_3 e^{-\lambda^2 \alpha t} \\ iii) \quad X(x) &= C_1 \cosh \lambda x + C_2 \sinh \lambda x & \text{and} & \quad T(t) = C_3 e^{\lambda^2 \alpha t} \end{aligned}$$

The first solution is independent of time. The second solution has a negative exponential in time which goes to zero for very large times, and the third solution has a positive exponential in time which becomes unbounded at very large times. The second solution is

$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t) = C_3 e^{-\lambda^2 \alpha t} [C_1 \cos \lambda x + C_2 \sin \lambda x]$$

Discuss heating and cooling problems which are identical when the temperature difference $\theta(t)$ is introduced. For both problems the temperature difference $\theta(t)$ is initially $\theta(0) = \theta_i > 0$, and $\theta(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. The form of the solution must be of the form

$$\frac{\theta(t)}{\theta_i} = e^{-\text{constant } t}, \quad t > 0$$

The constant will be found later.

- Use SVM on the 1-D Wave Equation where $u(x, t)$ to find the three sets of separated ODEs. The 1-D wave equation is

$$u_{xx} = \frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt}, \quad t > 0, \quad 0 < x < L$$

where $c > 0$. The time equations will be second-order in time.

Lecture 4

- Classification of Linear Second-Order Partial Differential Equations. The two-dimensional PDE where $u(x, y)$ has the general form:

$$\boxed{A u_{xx} + B u_{xy} + C u_{yy} + D u_x + E u_y + F u = G}$$

where the coefficients A, B, C, D, E, F , and G are functions of x and y or they can be constants. The PDEs can be classified as:

1. Hyperbolic if $B^2 - 4AC > 0$
2. Parabolic if $B^2 - 4AC = 0$
3. Elliptic if $B^2 - 4AC < 0$

- The PDEs are defined to be *homogeneous* if $G = 0$, otherwise they are defined to be *nonhomogeneous*.

- The PDEs are defined to be *nonlinear* if they contain terms like

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x}$$

- Examples of Hyperbolic, Parabolic and Elliptic types.

- Diffusion equation: $u_{xx} = u_t$.

Here we have $x = x, t = y$. Comparing given equation with general equation shows that: $A = 1, B = 0, C = 0, D = 0, E = -1, F = 0, G = 0$. Therefore $B^2 - 4AC = (0)^2 - (4) \times (0) \times (0) = 0$. For all values of x and t the diffusion equation is parabolic type.

- Wave equation: $u_{xx} = u_{tt}$.

Here we have $x = x, t = y$. Comparing given equation with general equation shows that: $A = 1, B = 0, C = -1, D = 0, E = 0, F = 0, G = 0$. Therefore $B^2 - 4AC = (0)^2 - (4) \times (1) \times (-1) = 4 > 0$. For all values of x and t the wave equation is hyperbolic type.

- Laplace equation: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$.

Here we have $x = x, y = y$. Comparing given equation with general equation shows that: $A = 1, B = 0, C = 1, D = 0, E = 0, F = 0, G = 0$. Therefore $B^2 - 4AC = (0)^2 - (4) \times (1) \times (1) = -4 < 0$. For all values of x and t the Laplace equation is elliptic type.

- Wave Equation Appears in Several Physical Problems such as:

- 1. Vibrating Strings and Membranes (rectangular, circular)
- 2. Transverse Vibrations of Beams
- 3. Longitudinal Vibrations of Elastic Bars

- 4. Torsional Vibrations of Elastic Rods
- 5. Sound Waves in Tubes or Pipes
- 6. Transmission of Electricity Along an Insulated, Low-Resistance Cable
- 7. Long Water Waves in a Straight Canal
- 8. Linearized Supersonic Air Flow
- 9. Many other examples from physics and engineering

- Vibrating String With Several Forces.

- String length is L . One end is fixed at $x = 0$ and the other end is fixed at $x = L$. The tension in the string is T and its linear mass density is ρ . The displacement of the string from its equilibrium position is $y(x, t)$. The displacements occur in the xy -plane, and the displacements are small, i.e. $|y(x, t)| \ll L$. The local slope of the string is also small, therefore $dy/dx \ll 1$.

- Forces acting on the element of arclength ds .

$$ds = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx \approx dx$$

- Tension Forces

At x , the vertical component of the tension force

$$T \sin \theta \approx T \tan \theta = T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$$

acts in the negative y -direction.

At $x + dx$, the vertical component of the tension force is using the Taylor series approximation:

$$T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right) dx$$

acts in the positive y -direction. The net vertical component of the tension force is

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(T \frac{dy}{dx} \right) dx$$

acting in the positive y -direction.

- Body Force due to gravity is $\rho g dx$ acting in the negative y -direction.
- Friction damping force in negative y -direction is related to the string velocity; it is $k_1 \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} dx$.

- Retarding force in negative y -direction is related to the string displacement from equilibrium; it is $k_2 y dx$.
- External Periodic Force is $F \cos(\omega t) dx$.
- Newton's Law of Motion applied to the string element gives:

$$\sum \text{Forces}_y \text{ direction} = (\text{mass}) \times (\text{acceleration})$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right) dx + F \cos(\omega t) dx - k_1 \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} dx - k_2 y dx - \rho g dx = \rho \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} dx$$

Dividing through by the mass of the element ρdx and assuming that the tension is constant, we obtain the general wave equation for a string:

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{F}{\rho} \cos(\omega t) - \frac{k_1}{\rho} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} - \frac{k_2}{\rho} y - g = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}, \quad t > 0, \quad 0 < x < L$$

where $c^2 = T/\rho$ and $c = \sqrt{T/\rho}$ is the wave propagation velocity.

- Free Vibrations of a String.

Here we set $F = 0, k_1 = 0, k_2 = 0$ and ignore the gravitational force. The general wave equation becomes

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}, \quad t > 0, \quad 0 < x < L$$

or

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}, \quad t > 0, \quad 0 < x < L$$

or

$$y_{xx} = \frac{1}{c^2} y_{tt} \quad t > 0, \quad 0 < x < L$$

This linear homogeneous PDE will be solved for a number of initial conditions. At $t = 0$, the initial displacement from equilibrium is $y(x, 0) = f(x)$, and the initial velocity is $\frac{\partial y(x, 0)}{\partial t} = g(x)$ where both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are arbitrary functions.
