

# 1 9/5 PDE terminology & philosophy

PDE: equation for a multivariate function that involves its partial derivatives.

Example:  $u_y = x$ .

Example:  $(yu)_y = 1$ .

General solution of a PDE.

Formally: PDE:  $F(u, x_i, u_{x_i}, u_{x_i x_j}, \dots) = 0$

Order of a pde

Linear PDE.

Linear homogeneous PDE.

What are the order and linearity of the following PDEs?

$u_x + u_{yyx} = 1$ ,  $uu_x + u = 0$ ,  $u_x + (x^2 + y^2)u_{yy} = 1$ .

Some PDEs we will focus on later:

Heat:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ : (heat transmission, diffusion)

Laplace:  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ : (static electric field, Newton's gravity, equilibrium of random walk)

Wave:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ : (sound wave, other waves in physics)

Other important linear PDEs:

Dispersive wave equations:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} - ku_{xxxx}$  (stiff string)

Cauchy-Riemann equation:  $u_x = v_y$ ,  $u_y = -v_x$

Non-linear PDEs you may see in later classes:

Navier-Stokes

Nonlinear Schrodinger:  $iu_t = -\Delta u + k|u|^2u$

KdV:  $u_t + u_{xxx} + 6uu_x = 0$ , etc.

Example: growth of bacteria. Baseline: GMCF (geodesic mean curvature flow)  $u_t = A \frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|} \cdot \nabla u + B|\nabla u| \nabla \cdot \frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|}$ .

Types of problems:

Evolution model (with time): Boundary condition. Initial condition. Initial value problem. Initial-boundary value problem.

Steady state model (no time): boundary value problem.

Typical questions in the theory of PDE:

Existence

Uniqueness

Regularity

Continuous dependency on boundary

Typical strategy: integral transform:  $(Tu)(y) = \int u(x)K(x,y)dx$ , then  $T(u_x) = \int u_x(x)K(x,y)dx = -\int u(x)K_x(x,y)dx$ , assume some decay conditions on the boundary (or infinity).

Problem: Is such a transform well defined?

Connection with harmonic analysis.

Use of symmetry (method of mirror images, spherical symmetry etc.)

Example: solve  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 1$ , where  $u = 0$  on the unit circle.

Example:  $u_x = u_t$ ,  $u_x = u_t + 1$ .

## 2 9/7 Review of ODE, Advection and Diffusion

Review of ODE & multivariable calculus topics:

- $u' + p(t)u + q(t) = 0$
- $u''' + Au'' + Bu' + Cu = 0$
- Chain rule: Example:  $u_{xx} = u_{tt}$ , what happens with change-of-variable  $y = x + t$ ,  $w = x - t$ ?
- Fubini's theorem.
- Differentiating an integral. Example:  $\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{t^2} \sin(ts) ds$ .  
Solution: Let  $x = t$ ,  $y = t$ , then  $\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{t^2} e^{-ts^2} ds = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{x^2} e^{-ys^2} ds = (\int_0^{x^2} e^{-ys^2} ds)_x + (\int_0^{x^2} e^{-ys^2} ds)_y = 2x \cdot e^{-y(x^2)^2} + \int_0^{x^2} (e^{-ys^2})_y ds = 2xe^{-y(x^2)^2} - \int_0^{x^2} s^2 e^{-ys^2} ds = 2te^{-t^5} - \int_0^{t^2} s^2 e^{-ts^2} ds$ .
- Example:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$ ,  $u(x, y, t) = \sin(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta + t)$  are solutions, hence  $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta + t) d\theta$  is also a solution.

PDE from conservation laws, 1-dimensional case:

Consider the flow of some material whose total quantity remain unchanged, along a thin tube with section area  $A(x)$ . Then, conservation means:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b u(x, t) A(x) dx = A(a) \phi(a, t) - A(b) \phi(b, t) + \int_a^b f(x, t) A(x) dx$$

$\phi$ : flux.  $f$ : source.

Differentiate w.r.t.  $b$  one gets:  $Au_t = -A\phi_x - A'\phi + fA$ .

- $\phi = u$ : e.g. cars which travels at the same speed, age distribution etc.
- $\phi = -u_x$ : heat conduction etc.
- $\phi = u - u_x$ : contaminated flow etc.
- $f = -u$ : decay.

Relationship with random motion: see  $u(\cdot, t)$  as the probability distribution.

Example:  $u_t = u_x - u$ . Decay vs. "widening".

Example:  $u$  has two components (e.g. mass, momentum): wave equation.

### 3 9/12 Method of characteristics

Question: first order linear PDE in 2 dimension:  $u_t + fu_x + gu + h = 0$

First consider the case when  $g = h = 0$ . Recall that for 1st order ODE, there is a concept of *first integral*: the solution of  $x'F_x + F_t = 0$  are the level curves of  $F(x, t)$ . Hence, the level curves of  $u$  are exactly the solutions of  $x' = f$ , which are called *characteristics*.

Example:  $u_t = xu_x - u$ .

Example:  $u_t = u_x + u_y$ .

Example:  $u_t = \sin t u_x + 1$ .

Non-linear advection:  $u_t = f(u)u_x$ : level curves are straight lines of slope  $f(c)$ . Breaking time.

Example:  $u_t = (1 - u)u_x$ .

### 4 9/14 Diffusion, fundamental solutions

Review of method of characteristics:  $u_t + cu_x = x$ .

Fick's law:  $\phi = -Du_x$ , which results in  $u_t = Du_{xx}$ . Simple observation:

1. Steady state solution:  $u = ax + b$ .
2. Loss of information: should study initial value problem:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  on region  $t > 0$ .
3. Time scale: remains unchanged under  $t = c^2t'$ ,  $x = cx'$ .
4. Conservation of the "total heat":  $\int u dx$  remain unchanged.

One could expect solution whose "shape" remain unchanged as one scales as in (3). However the integral in (4) changes under this scaling, so one should expect a factor of  $t^{-1/2}$ . Let  $u = t^{-1/2}v(x^2/t)$ , then  $v$  can be chosen as  $v = Ce^{-s/4}$ . One can normalize it into  $u = \frac{1}{4\pi Dt} e^{-x^2/4t}$ .

This is called the *fundamental solution* of heat equation in one dimension.  $\delta$  distribution.

Alternative interpretation of the fundamental solution: discretize, then use central limit theorem. General solution: Convolution.

Fundamental solution of heat equations in higher dimensions?

$$u_t = u_x + u_{xx}$$

Method of mirrors: IBV problem.

### 5 9/18 Wave equation

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx}$$

Model 1: String vibration:  $u_{tt}$  proportional to force which is characterized by  $u_{xx}$ .

Model 2: Sound wave in 1-dimension:  $\rho_t = -(\rho v)_x$ ,  $(\rho v)_t = -(\rho v^2)_x - p_x$ ,  $p = k\rho^\gamma$ .

Review: general solution.

Solution for initial value problem.

Sound speed.

Initial-boundary value problems with one boundary (mirror), initial-boundary value problems with 2 boundaries, periodicity.

(Optional) Spherical waves in higher dimensions.

## 6 9/21 Wave equation, boundary conditions, review of multivariable calculus

Correction: derivation of the general solution of 1-D wave equation:

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx} \\(\partial_t + c\partial_x)(\partial_t - c\partial_x)u &= 0 \\(\partial_t + c\partial_x)u &= f(x + ct) \\u &= G_1(x - ct) + \int_0^t f(cs + (x - ct) + cs)ds \\F_1' &= f\end{aligned}$$

$$u = G_1(x - ct) + (F_1(x + ct) - F_1(x - ct))/c = (G_1 - F_1/c)(x - ct) + (F_1/c)(x + ct)$$

Now let  $G = G_1 - F_1/c$ ,  $F = F_1/c$ .

Boundary conditions: Dirichlet, Neumann, Robin.

Homogeneous boundary condition.

Example:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u_x(1, t) = 0$ , general solution?

Example: non-homogeneous boundary and non-homogeneous equations

Example:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} + \sin x$ .

Vector field in 3 dimension:  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ . *grad*, *div* and *curl*. Stokes theorem in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## 7 9/26 Heat equation in high dimension, Laplace equation

Mass balance in high dimension:  $u_t + \text{div}\phi = 0$ . Heat:  $\phi = -k\text{grad}(u)$ .

Steady-state: Laplace equation.

Maximal principle, uniqueness.

Example of solutions. Fundamental solution.

Variational principle.

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Laplacian in spherical coordinates. Spherical harmonics.

## 8 9/28 Types of PDEs

Consider 2nd order equation  $Au_{xx} + Bu_{xy} + Cu_{yy} + f(u, u_x, u_y, x, y) = 0$ . It is called elliptic/parabolic/hyperbolic iff  $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2$  is positive or negative definite/degenerate/indefinite.

Canonical forms:  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + \dots = 0$ ,  $u_{xy} + \dots = 0$ ,  $u_{xx} + \dots = 0$

Example: different types at different places.

Example: type remains unchanged under coordinate change: polar coordinate.

## 9 10/3 Heat equation

Formula for the Green's function/fundamental solution  $G(x, t)$ .

Properties:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x, t) dx = 1$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{|x| > c > 0} G(x, t) dx = 0$ ,  $G_t = kG_{xx}$ .

Poisson integration formula: is a solution: linearity; initial condition: the properties above.

Non-uniqueness of the solution: Tychonov 1935

Higher dimension.

Theorem (Poisson integration): If  $f$  is a bounded continuous function, then a solution of  $u_t = ku_{xx}$  when  $t > 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  is:

$$u = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y) G(x - y, t) dy$$

Proof: By computation we know that:

1.  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} G(x, t) dx = 1$
2. For any  $c > 0$ ,  $\int_{x \notin [-c, c]} G(x, t) dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .
3.  $G_t = kG_{xx}$

$u_t = ku_{xx}$  follows from 3. and the fact that all infinite integrals involves converges absolutely. Now we need to show the initial condition, i.e. that  $u(x, t) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ . Let  $M$  be a bound of  $|f(x)|$ .

For any  $c > 0$ ,

$$|u(x, t) - f(x)|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left| \int_{x-c}^{x+c} f(x)G(x-y,t)dy - f(x) \right| + \left| \int_{x-c}^{x+c} (f(y) - f(x))G(x-y,t)dy \right| + \left| \int_{y \notin [x-c, x+c]} f(y)G(x-y,t)dy \right| \\ &\leq |f(x)| \int_{y \notin [-c, c]} G(y,t)dy + \sup_{x-c < y < x+c} |f(y) - f(x)| + M \int_{y \notin [-c, c]} G(y,t)dy \end{aligned}$$

Now, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $c$  be small enough so that  $\sup_{x-c < y < x+c} |f(y) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2$ ,  $t$  be small enough so that  $\int_{y \notin [-c, c]} G(y,t)dy < \epsilon/4M$ , then  $|u(x,t) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ . Hence  $u(x,t) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Furthermore, because any continuous function is absolutely continuous when restricted to a bounded closed neighborhood, the convergence is uniform when  $x$  is restricted to any bounded interval. Hence  $u$  is continuous on  $t = 0$ .

## 10 10/5 Examples, Poisson problem for wave equation

$$u_t = u_{xx}, u(x, 0) = \chi_{[-1,1]}$$

$$u_t = u_{xx}, u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2}$$

$$\text{erf function: } \text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

d'Alembert from change of variable:  $u_{tt} = k^2 u_{xx}$ ,  $p = x + kt$ ,  $q = x - kt$ , then  $u_{pq} = 0$ ,  $u = F(p) + G(q)$ . Now  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$ , which in  $p, q$ -coordinate means  $F(x) + G(x) = f$ ,  $kF'(x) - kG'(x) = g$ . Solve for  $F$  and  $G$  then one gets the d'Alembert formula.

Negative and positive characteristics, domain of influence and domain of dependence

## 11 Review for Midterm I

The following may appear in the first midterm:

- Simplify PDE by substitution
- Prove properties of the solution by chain rules, fundamental theorem of calculus, and divergence theorem
- Solve PDE by reducing it to ODE either through restriction to a curve or through the use of symmetry.
- Obtain particular solution from the general solution by applying boundary condition.
- Method of characteristics
- General solution of 1-dimensional wave equations
- Poisson integration representation for initial value problem of the heat equation
- Can recognize elliptic, parabolic and hyperbolic 2nd-order equations

Practice problems:

1. Solve the initial value problem  $u_t + \sin t u_x = 1$ ,  $u(x, 0) = \sin x$ .

Solution: By method of characteristics, the general solution is  $u(x, t) = t + F(x + \cos t)$ , so  $u(x, t) = t + \sin(x + \cos t - 1)$ .

2. Find the steady state solution of  $u_t = u_{xx} + xu_x$ .

Solution: The steady state solution satisfies  $u_{xx} + xu_x = 0$ , hence  $u = A \int_0^x e^{-t^2/2} dt + B$ . You can also write it using the *erf* function.

3. Consider the equation:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$ . If a solution satisfy  $u = \sin tv(x, y)$ , what is the PDE  $v$  satisfies? Can you find a solution when  $v$  depends only on  $y$ ?

Solution: By product law, we get  $v_{xx} + v_{yy} + v = 0$ . If  $v$  depends only on  $y$  then  $v = A \cos y + B \sin y$ .

4. Consider the boundary value problem  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} - u_t$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ . Show that the function  $\int_0^1 u_t^2 + u_x^2 dx$  is decreasing. What's the limit of  $u$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?

Solution:  $\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 u_t^2 + u_x^2 dx = \int_0^1 2u_t u_{tt} + 2u_x u_{xt} dx = 2(u_t u_x)|_0^1 - 2 \int_0^1 u_t^2 dx \leq 0$ . As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , the energy  $\int_0^1 u_t^2 + u_x^2 dx$  will decay towards 0, and the limit will be 0.

## 12 10/10 Well posed problem, review

Some known solutions of IVP:

- $u_t = u_x, u(x, 0) = f(x)$   
Answer:  $u(x, t) = f(x + t)$ .
- $u_{tt} = u_{xx}, u(x, 0) = f(x), u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$   
Answer:  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x + t) + f(x - t)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} g(s) ds$ .
- $u_t = u_{xx}, u(x, 0) = f(x), u$  bounded. (or  $\leq Ce^{Cx^2}$ )  
Answer:  $u(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) G(x - s) ds$ .

In all cases, we have: (1) solution exist. (2) solution is unique. (3) solution depends on the initial condition continuously. Hence we call them **well posed** problems.

Example of non-well-posed problems:

Nonlinear advection.

Reverse heat equation.

$$u_{xx} + u_{tt} = 0.$$

Review:

1.  $u_t = tu_x, u(x, 0) = x^2$ .

2.  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} - u$ : steady state?

## 13 10/17 Semi-infinite domain, Dahamel's Principle

Example 1:  $u_t = u_{xx}, u(x, 0) = f, u(0, t) = 0$ :  $u = \int G(x - y, t) \phi(y) dy$ , so  $\phi(x) = f(x)$  when  $x > 0$  and  $-f(-x)$  when  $x < 0$ .

Example 2:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}, u(x, 0) = f, u_t(x, 0) = g, u_x(0, t) = 0, x \geq 0, t \geq 0$ :  $u = \frac{1}{2}(\phi(x - t) + \phi(x + t)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \psi(s) ds$ . So  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are even extension of  $f$  and  $g$  respectively.

Example 3:  $L$  linear operator in the space of functions on  $x$ .  $u_t = Lu, u(0) = \alpha$  has solution  $u(t, \alpha)$ . Then,  $u_t = Lu + f(t), u(0) = \alpha$  has solution  $u(t) = u(t, \alpha) + \int_0^t u(s, f(t - s)) ds$ .

Example 4:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} + \sin(x + t), u_t(x, 0) = u(x, 0) = 0$ . Let  $U = [u, u_t]^T$ , use the principle above.

Example 5:  $u_t = u_{xx}, u(0, t) = t$ . Solution: combine ideas from problem 1 and 3.

## 14 10/19 Laplace Transform and Fourier Transform

Review: Homogeneous boundary: mirroring; Non-homogeneous equation:  $w(t, \alpha)$  being the solution of  $w_t = Tw, w(0) = \alpha$ , then  $u_t = Tu + f(t), u(0) = b$  has solution  $u = w(t, b) + \int_0^t w(t - s, f(s)) ds$ . Hence, to solve non-homogeneous equations, first solve for  $w$  then put it in the formula.



Laplace transform:  $L(f) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$ .

Properties:  $L(f') = sL(f) - f(0)$ ,  $L(f * g) = L(f)L(g)$ . Here  $f$  and  $g$  are 0 on  $(-\infty, 0)$ .

$L(f) = 0$  iff  $f$  a.e. 0. When  $f$  is analytic,  $L^{-1}(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} f(s)e^{st} ds$ , but we won't use this.

Formulas we will use:

$$(1): L\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-a^2/(4t)}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4s}} e^{-|a|\sqrt{s}}.$$

$$(2): L\left(\frac{a}{2t^{3/2}} e^{-a^2/(4t)}\right) = \sqrt{\pi} e^{-a\sqrt{s}}.$$

Example 1:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $f$  compactly supported (or have similar decay condition)

$sL(u) - f(x) = (Lu)_{xx}$ , hence  $(Lu)(x, s) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}} \left( e^{-\sqrt{s}x} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{\sqrt{s}r} f(r) dr + e^{\sqrt{s}x} \int_x^\infty e^{-\sqrt{s}r} f(r) dr \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4s}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-\sqrt{s}|x-r|} f(r) dr = L\left(\int_{-\infty}^\infty G(x-r, t) y(r) dr\right)$ . Here we use (1), and also the formula for solving non-homogeneous 2nd order ODE:  $y = y_2 \int_a^x (y_1 f/W) ds - y_1 \int_a^x (y_2 f/W) ds$ .

Example 2:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(0, t) = f(t)$ .

$$sL(u) = (Lu)_{xx}, \text{ so } (Lu)(x, s) = L(f)e^{-\sqrt{s}x} \text{ so } u = L^{-1}(L(f)) * \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi t^3}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} = \int_0^t f(\tau) \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi(t-\tau)^3}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4(t-\tau)}} d\tau.$$

How about  $f = 1$ ?

## 15 10/24 Laplace and Fourier transform

Steps for solving PDEs using integration transform:

1. Do transform, turn it into ODE.
2. Apply initial/boundary conditions.
3. Solve ODE, take the inverse transform.

Example 1:  $u_t = u_x$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ , use Laplace transform on  $t$ .

$sLu - f(x) = (Lu)_x$ , so  $Lu = F(s) + \int_x^\infty f(r)e^{s(x-r)} dr = F(s) + L(f(x+\cdot))$ . So  $u = L^{-1}(F) + f(x+t)$ , by initial condition  $F = 0$ .

Example 2: (PIP)  $u_t = Ku_{xx}$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(0, t) = f$ , find  $K$  from  $u_x(t, 0)$ .

$u = \int_0^t f(\tau) \frac{x}{\sqrt{4K\pi(t-\tau)^3}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4K(t-\tau)}} d\tau = -2K \int_0^t G_x(x, t-\tau) f(\tau) d\tau = -2 \int_0^t G(x, t-\tau) f'(\tau) d\tau = \dots$ . Do everything for  $x$  small then take limit.

Fourier transform:  $F(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ist} f(t) dt$ . Properties:  $F(f') = -isF(f)$ .  $F^{-1}(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-ist} f(t) dt$ .  $F(f * g) = F(f) * F(g)$ .  $(F^{-1}(f * g)) = \frac{1}{2\pi} F^{-1}(f) F^{-1}(g)$

Example 3:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f$ .  $F$  on  $x$ :  $(Fu)_t = -y^2(Fu)$ ,  $Fu = e^{-ty^2} F(f)$ ,  $u = F^{-1}(e^{-ty^2}) * f = \dots$ . Here, one uses that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{(-x+iy)^2} dx$  does not depend on  $y$ .

## 16 10/26 Fourier transform

Review: Definition, derivatives, convolution, inverse.

Example 1:  $u_{tt} = 4u_{xx} + f(x, t)$ ,  $u(x, 0) = g(x)$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$ .

Fourier transform on  $x$ ,  $v = F(u)$ :  $v_{tt} = -4s^2v + F(f)$ ,  $v(s, 0) = Fg$ ,  $v_t(s, 0) = 0$ . So  $v(x, t) = (Fg)(s) \cos(2st) + \int_0^t \frac{1}{2s} \sin(2s(t-r))(Ff)(s, r)dr$ . Now by the inverse formula, we have  $F^{-1}(\cos(2st) \cdot Fg)(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(g(x-2t) + g(x+2t))$ , and  $F^{-1}(\frac{1}{2s} \sin(2s(t-r)) \cdot Ff) = F^{-1}(\frac{1}{4is}(F(f(x+2t-2r, r) - f(x-2t+2r, r)))) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{x-2t+2r}^{x+2t-2r} f(y, r)dy$ . Hence the solution is  $u = \frac{1}{2}(g(x-2t) + g(x+2t)) + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^r \int_{x-2t+2r}^{x+2t-2r} f(y, r)dy$ .

Example 2:  $u_{tt} + u_{xx} = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u$  bounded on  $t > 0$ . (a model for electric potential, current field, Newtonian gravity etc.)

Fourier transform on  $x$ :  $v = F(u)$ , then  $v_{tt} = s^2v$ ,  $v(s, t) = F(f)(s)e^{-|s|t}$ ,  $u = F^{-1}(F(f)(s)e^{-|s|t}) = f * \frac{t}{\pi(t^2+x^2)}$ .

Example 3: 3-dimensional wave equation:  $u_{tt} = \Delta u$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ .

Multi-variable Fourier transform on  $x$ ,  $v = F(u)$ , we get  $v_{tt} = |s|^2v$ .  $v = \frac{\sin(|s|t)}{|s|}F(f)$ . Calculate  $\frac{F^{-1}(\frac{\sin(|s|t)}{|s|})}{|s|}$  in coordinate system  $(r, h, \theta)$  where  $h = s \cdot x$ , one gets that it is a distribution concentrated at  $|x| = t$ . Huygen's principle.

Example 4:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} - u_t$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

Do Fourier transform in  $x$  direction, one gets  $\hat{u} = -\hat{f}(s) \cdot (1-4s^2)^{-1/2}(e^{-\frac{1+\sqrt{1-4s^2}}{2}t} - e^{-\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4s^2}}{2}t})$ . So  $u = f * \Phi$ ,  $\Phi(x, t) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1-4s^2)^{-1/2}(e^{-\frac{1+\sqrt{1-4s^2}}{2}t} - e^{-\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4s^2}}{2}t})e^{-isx}ds$ .

## 17 10/31 Solving IBVP with Fourier series

Example:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

Method 1: expand  $f$  into  $\phi(x) = \begin{cases} f(x-2n) & 2n < x < 2n+1 \\ f(2n-x) & 2n-1 < x < 2n \end{cases}$ . So  $u = \int_0^1 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(y)(G(x+2n-y, t) - G(x+2n+y, t))dy$ , where  $G(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}}e^{-x^2/4t}$ .

Method 2: Note that  $u(x, t) = e^{-n^2\pi^2 t} \sin(n\pi t)$  satisfies both the equation and the boundary condition. Try to build the solution by linear combinations of such solutions. Suppose  $f(x) = \sum_n c_n \sin(n\pi x)$ . Then,  $c_n = 2 \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y)dy$ . So,  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2e^{-n^2\pi^2 t} \left( \int_0^1 f(y) \sin(n\pi y)dy \right) \sin(n\pi x)$ .

One can show that they are the same by Poisson summation formula. One needs only to show:  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-n^2\pi^2 t + inx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-\frac{(x+2n)^2}{4t}}$ . This is by using Poisson summation formula  $\sum_n F(n) = \sum_n \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(x)e^{2\pi inx} dx$ , on function  $F(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}}e^{-\frac{(x+2y)^2}{4t}}$ .

Example 2: same, for Neumann boundary condition.

## 18 11/2 Fourier series

$L^2(M)$ :  $L^2$  integrable functions on  $M$  (defined up to measure 0 set). Inner product:  $(u, v) = \int u\bar{v} \leq (\int |u|^2 \int |v|^2)^{1/2}$ .

Complete orthonormal system:  $\{f_n\} \in L^2(M)$ , orthonormal, and  $(g, f_n) = 0$  for all  $n$  implies  $g = 0$ . Then,  $g = \sum_i (g, f_i) f_i$ , (in  $L^2$  sense),  $\sum |(g, f_i)|^2 = \|g\|^2$  (Parseval's equality).

Other convergence: reduce to the periodic case. It can then be upgraded to uniform when  $g \in C^1$ , and pointwise when there is Dini criterion ( $\int_0^{L/2} |\frac{g(x_0+t)+g(x_0-t)}{2} - l|\frac{dt}{t} < \infty$ ).

Some complete orthonormal systems for  $L^2([0, l])$ :  $\{\sin(2n\pi x/l), \cos(2n\pi x/l)\}$ ,  $\{\sin(2\pi x/l)\}$ ,  $\{\cos(n\pi x/l)\}$ ,  $\{e^{2in\pi x/l}\}$ .

Example:  $\sin(\pi x)$  expand under  $\cos(n\pi x)$ .

Application: Poisson summation formula:  $F(x) = \sum_n f(x+n)$ , do Fourier expansion on  $[0, 1]$  using  $e^{2in\pi x}$ ,  $F(x) = \sum_n \int_0^1 \sum_n f(y+n) e^{-2in\pi y} dy e^{2in\pi x} = \sum_n \int_0^1 \sum_n f(y+n) e^{-2in\pi(y+n)} dy e^{2in\pi x}$ . Let  $x = 0$ .

Example of solving PDE with Fourier series:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u_x(1, t) = f(t)$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ :  $v = u - \frac{x^2}{2} f(t)$ , then  $v(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $v_t + \frac{x^2}{2} f'(t) = v_{xx} + f(t)$ . Let  $v(x, t) = \sum_n v_n(t) \cos nx$ , then  $v'_n + C_n f'(t) = v_n + D_n$ , where  $C_n = \frac{1}{n\pi} (-1)^n - \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} (-1)^{n-1}$  when  $n > 0$ ,  $C_0 = \frac{1}{6}$ ,  $D_n = 0$  for  $n > 0$ ,  $D_0 = 1$ .

## 19 11/7 Review for Chapter 2 & 3

The Heaviside function  $H$  is defined by  $H(x) = 1$  when  $x \geq 0$  and  $0$  when  $x < 0$ .

The Dirac mass  $\delta$  is defined by  $\int \delta(x)f(x)dx = f(0)$ . Hence,  $\delta * f = f$  for any  $f$ .

$\chi_A$ : characteristic function of  $A$ .

The solution of IVP for 1-d wave equation can be written as  $\frac{1}{2}(\delta_{ct} + \delta_{-ct}) * f + \frac{1}{2c}\chi_{[-ct,ct]} * g$ .

Effect of translation and scaling for  $L$  and  $F$ .

Reason for odd/even extension.

Example 1:  $u_t = u_{xx} - u + f(x)$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $t > 0$ .

Solution 1: Change of variable  $u = e^{-t}v$ , then  $v_t = v_{xx} + e^t f(x)$ ,  $u = \int_0^t e^{\tau-t} \int_{\mathbb{R}} G(x-y, t-\tau) f(y) dy d\tau$ .

Solution 2: Fourier transform in the  $x$  direction:  $v = Fu$ ,  $v_t = -s^2v - v + F(f)$ ,  $v(s, t) = F(f)(e^{-(s^2+1)t} - 1) \frac{1}{1+s^2}$ ,  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(f * e^{-t}G - f) * (e^{-|x|})$ .

Example 2:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ ,  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $x > 0$ ,  $t > 0$ .

Solution 1: Even extension:  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(f(|x+t|) + f(|x-t|))$ .

Solution 2: Laplace transform in  $t$  direction:  $v = Lu$ , then  $s^2v - sf = v_{xx}$ ,  $v_x(0, s) = 0$ . So  $v(x, s) = \int_0^x \left( \frac{f(r)}{2}(e^{s(x-r)} - e^{-s(x-r)}) \right) dr + C(s)(e^{sx} + e^{-sx}) = \int_0^x \left( \frac{f(x-r)}{2}(e^{sr} - e^{-sr}) \right) dr + C(s)(e^{sx} + e^{-sx})$ . Here  $\int_0^x \left( \frac{f(x-r)}{2}(e^{sr} - e^{-sr}) \right) dr = \frac{1}{2}(e^{xs}L(\chi_{[0,x]}f) - L(f(\cdot)))$ . Let  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $C(s) = -\frac{L(f)}{2}$ . Now take  $L^{-1}$  one gets the solution.

Example 3:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ ,  $u_x(0, t) = u_x(2, t)$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(2, t)$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

Solution 1: Do periodic extension:  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x+t-2[\frac{x+t}{2}]) + f(x-t-2[\frac{x-t}{2}]))$ .

Solution 2: Fourier series expansion.  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 f(s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^2 f(s) \cos(n\pi s) ds (\cos(n\pi(t+x)) + \cos(n\pi(t-x))) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^2 f(s) \sin(n\pi s) ds (\sin(n\pi(t+x)) + \sin(n\pi(x-t)))$ .

Example 4:  $iu_t = u_{xx}$ .

## 20 Review for Midterm 2

Topics that will be covered in the second midterm:

- Definitions of Laplace and Fourier transform.
- Use odd/even extension for boundary-value problems
- Dahamel's principle
- Solving PDE on bounded domain using Fourier (sine, cosine etc.) series.

The Heaviside function  $H$  is defined by  $H(x) = 1$  when  $x \geq 0$  and  $0$  when  $x < 0$ . The Dirac mass  $\delta$  is defined by  $\int \delta(x)f(x)dx = f(0)$ . Hence,  $\delta * f = f$  for any  $f$ .

Practice problems:

(1) Find the Laplace transform of  $f(x) = x^{-1/2}$ .

$$\text{Solution: } \int_0^\infty x^{-1/2} e^{-sx} dx = \frac{2}{\sqrt{s}} \int_0^\infty s^{-sx} ds^{1/2} x^{1/2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}.$$

(2) If  $f$  is continuous with bounded support defined on  $(0, \infty)$ , find bounded solution of  $u_{xx} + u_{tt} = 0$ ,  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ , on the region  $\{x, t : x > 0, t > 0\}$ .

Solution: Because  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ , the problem can be reduced to  $u_{xx} + u_{tt} = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(|x|)$ ,  $t > 0$ . So the solution is  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{t}{\pi((x-r)^2+t^2)} f(|r|) dr$ .

(3) Find the bounded solution of  $u_{xx} + u_{tt} = 1$ ,  $u(x, 0) = u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ , on the region  $\{x, t : t > 0, 0 < x < 1\}$ .

Solution: Do sine expansion, we have  $u(x, t) = \sum_n C_n(t) \sin(n\pi x)$ , and  $C_n'' - n^2\pi^2 C_n = \frac{1-(-1)^n}{2n\pi}$  so  $C_n(t) = \frac{1-(-1)^n}{2n^3\pi^3} e^{-n\pi t} - \frac{1-(-1)^n}{2n^3\pi^3}$ , and  $u(x, t) = \sum_n \sin(n\pi x) \left( \frac{1-(-1)^n}{2n^3\pi^3} e^{-n\pi t} - \frac{1-(-1)^n}{2n^3\pi^3} \right)$ .

## 21 11/14 Review of separation of variables

Example 1:  $u_t = ku_{xx} - hu$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

Example 2:  $u_t = ku_{xx} - hu$ ,  $u(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

Example 3:  $u_t = ku_{xx} - hu$ ,  $u(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

## 22 11/16 Sturm-Liouville problems

$Lu = -(p(x)u')' + q(x)u$ ,  $p$  non-zero.

Regular SLP:  $Lu = \lambda u$ ,  $\alpha_1 u(a) + \alpha_2 u'(a) = \beta_1 u(b) + \beta_2 u'(b) = 0$ .

Periodic SLP:  $Lu = \lambda u$ ,  $u(a) = u(b)$ ,  $u_x(a) = u_x(b)$ .

$\lambda$  such that there is non-zero solution: eigenvalues, non-zero solution: eigenfunction.

For both SLPs:

Discrete eigenvalues: theory of compact operators.

Eigenvalues are real, eigenfunctions orthogonal: self adjoint under  $L^2$ :  $\int f \overline{Lg} = \int f \overline{-(pg')' + (qf)\overline{g}} = \dots$

For regular SLP:

Eigenspaces have dimension 1: theory of ODE.

Signs of eigenvalues:  $\lambda = (u, Lu)/(u, u)$ , hence when  $p > 0$ ,  $q > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ .

Example 1:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) + u_x(1, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

Example 2:  $u_{yy} + u_{xx} = u$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) + u_x(1, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

## 23 11/21 SLP cont.

1. Symmetric boundary conditions: if  $y_1, y_2$  both satisfy the condition, then  $p(y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2)|_a^b = 0$ . Energy argument: show that  $(u, Lv) > 0$ .

2. Weighted SLP:  $Lu = \lambda r u$ , then inner product should be taken as  $(u, v) = \int u r \bar{v}$ .

Example 1:  $u_t = u_{xx} + u_x$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

3. Singular SLP:  $p = 0$  Example 2: Bessel's eq:  $-(xu')' = \lambda x u$ ,  $u(0)$  bounded,  $u(1) = 0$ .

4. SLP on infinite interval: Example 3:  $-u'' = \lambda u$ ,  $u(0) = 0$ ,  $u$  bounded at  $\infty$ : Fourier sine transform (i.e. Fourier transform after an odd expansion)

Example 4:  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $x > 0$ .

In the case when both sides are unbounded, this becomes Fourier transform.

Example 5:  $-u'' = \lambda u$ ,  $u$  bounded at  $\infty$ ,  $u(0) - u'(0) = 0$ .

Solution: The expansion is  $f(x) = \int_0^\infty g(s)(\sin(sx) + s \cos(sx))ds$ . To get  $g$  from  $f$ , first solve ODE  $h + h' = f$ , then do odd extension for  $h$  and do inverse Fourier transform.

## 24 11/28 Laplace on disc

Review: solve pde with separation of variables:

Step 1: write  $u$  as product form, make ODEs.

Step 2: apply boundary condition, get SLP in one or more directions.

Step 3: solve ODEs with eigenvalues.

Step 4: write solution in infinite series.

$$\Delta = \partial_r^2 + \frac{1}{r}\partial_r + \frac{1}{r^2}\partial_\theta^2.$$

Example 1:  $u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} = 0$ ,  $u(1, \theta) = f(\theta)$ ,  $r < 1$ .

Solution:  $u = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(s)ds + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_n r^n \int_0^{2\pi} f(s) \cos(n(\theta - s))ds = \frac{1}{2\pi} f * \left( \frac{1}{1-re^{i(\theta-s)}} + \frac{1}{1-re^{-i(\theta-s)}} - 1 \right)$ .  
Poisson's integral formula, Poisson's kernel. Fundamental solution.

Example 2: same as above but  $r > R$ , bounded solution.

Solution:  $u = \frac{1}{2\pi} f * \left( \frac{1}{1-(R/r)e^{i(\theta-s)}} + \frac{1}{1-(R/r)e^{-i(\theta-s)}} - 1 \right)$ .

Example 3:  $u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} = f(r, \theta)$ ,  $u(1, \theta) = f(\theta)$ ,  $r < 1$ .

Solution:  $f(r, \theta) = \sum_n f_n(r) \cos n\theta + \sum_n g_n(r) \sin n\theta$ , where  $f_0(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(r, s)ds$ ,  $f_n(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(r, s) \cos ns ds$  when  $n > 0$ , and  $g_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(r, s) \sin ns ds$ . Then,  $u(r, \theta) = \sum_n A_n(r) \cos n\theta + \sum_n B_n(r) \sin n\theta$ . The functions  $A_n$ , and  $B_n$  satisfies:  $A_n'' + \frac{1}{r}A_n' - \frac{n^2}{r^2}A_n = f_n$ ,  $B_n'' + \frac{1}{r}B_n' - \frac{n^2}{r^2}B_n = f_n$ .

Now we solve  $A_n'' + \frac{1}{r}A_n' - \frac{n^2}{r^2}A_n = f_n$ .  $(r^{2n+1}(r^{-n}A_n))' = (-nr^nA_n + r^{n+1}A_n')' = -n^2r^{n-1}A_n + r^nA_n' + r^{n+1}A_n'' = r^{n+1}f_n$ , so  $(r^{-n}A_n)' = r^{-2n-1} \int_0^r s^{n+1}f_n(s)ds$ ,  $A_n = -r^n \int_r^1 h^{-2n-1} \int_0^h s^{n+1}f_n(s)dsdh$ . Similarly,  $B_n = -r^n \int_r^1 h^{-2n-1} \int_0^h s^{n+1}g_n(s)dsdh$ .

### 24.1 General theory of Laplace equation (for any dimension)

Divergence theorem:  $\int_\Omega \text{div} \phi dV = \int_{\partial\Omega} \phi \cdot n dA$ .

Green's identities:  $\int_{\partial\Omega} u \text{grad} u \cdot n dA = \int_\Omega u \Delta u dV + \int_\Omega \|\text{grad} u\|^2 dV$   
 $\int_\Omega u \Delta v dV = \int_\Omega v \Delta u dV + \int_{\partial\Omega} (u \text{grad} v - v \text{grad} u) \cdot n dV$ .

Uniqueness for Dirichlet problem: Green's first identity.

Dirichlet's principle for Dirichlet problem: Green's second identity.

## 25 11/30 More example on non-homogeneity. Heat equation on balls

Example 1:  $u_t = u_{rr} + \frac{d-1}{r}u_r$ ,  $u_r(0, t) = u(1, r) = 0$ ,  $u(r, 0) = f(r)$ .

$d = 3, d = 2$ .

Example 2:  $u_{tt} = c^2(u_{rr} + \frac{2}{r}u_r)$ .

Example 3: parameter identification:  $\lambda_n R_n = c(r)^2(R_n'' + \frac{2}{r}R_n')$ ,  $R_n(1) = 0$ .  
 $\lambda_n(rR_n) = c^2(rR_n)''$ , so  $\lambda_n \int_0^r c^{-2}sR_n(s)ds = (rR_n)'$ , ...

## 26 12/5 Poisson equation

Example 1:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(0, t) - \sin kt = u_x(1, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = u_t(x, 0) = 0$ .

$\Delta u = \lambda u$ , Dirichlet/Neumann boundary, then there is a orthogonal basis formed by eigenvectors.

Example 2:  $\Omega$  be the region  $[0, a] \times [0, b]$ ,  $\Delta u = f$  on  $\Omega$ ,  $u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ .

Example 3:  $u_{rr} + 1/ru_r + u_{\theta\theta} = f$ ,  $u(1, \theta) = 0$ .

Fredholm alternative.

Green's function.

Example 4: upper half space.

Example 5:  $[0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$ .

## 27 Final review

Types of equations: advection, heat, wave, laplace, Poisson, linear, linear homogeneous.

Solution methods: method of characteristics, Poisson integration for heat equation, D'Alembert solution for 1-D wave equation

Method of mirror image, Duhamel's principle

Fourier and Laplace transform

Fourier method.

Exercises:

1. Solve the equation  $u_t = u_{xx} + f(x)$ ,  $u_x(0, t) = u(2, t) = u(x, 0) = 0$  on  $0 < x < 2, t > 0$ .

Solution:  $u = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n\pi/2 + \pi/4)^2} \left( \int_0^2 f(s) \cos((n\pi/2 + \pi/4)s) ds \right) (1 - e^{-(n\pi/2 + \pi/4)^2 t}) \cos((n\pi/2 + \pi/4)x)$ .

2. Find bounded solution of  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ ,  $u_y(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u_x(0, y) = u_x(1, y) = 0$  on  $0 < x < 1, y > 0$ . Note that  $f$  has to satisfy some other constraint for such a solution to exist.

Solution: The constraint is that  $\int_0^1 f(s) ds = 0$ .  $u = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^1 f(s) \cos(n\pi s) ds e^{-n\pi y} \cos(n\pi x)$ .



3. Find the general solution of  $0 = (x\partial_t + \partial_x)(\partial_t - \partial_x)u = xu_{tt} + (1-x)u_{xt} - u_{xx}$ .  
 $u_t - u_x = F(t - x^2/2)$ ,  $u = G(x+t) + \int_0^t F(s - (x+t-s)^2/2)ds$ .