

# Math 23, Spring 2007

## Lecture 26

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# Material from last class

The heat equation

$$\alpha^2 u_{xx} = u_t$$

1. with conditions  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$ :  
Fourier sine series
2. with conditions  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u_x(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0$ :  
Fourier cosine series

The wave equation

$$a^2 u_{xx} = u_{tt}$$

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 $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x/L) (a_n \cos(n\pi t/L) + b_n \sin(n\pi t/L))$$

# Laplace's equation

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$$\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

on a region  $\Omega$ .

Steady state for heat equation.

Heat equation in 2-d:  $\alpha^2 \Delta u = u_t$

Wave equation in 2-d:  $a^2 \Delta u = u_{tt}$

Boundary conditions:

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# Rectangular regions

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$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, b) = 0, \quad 0 < x < a$$

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(a, y) = f(y), \quad 0 < y < a$$

# Dirichlet boundary conditions

Laplace's equation in polar coordinates:

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} = 0$$

Boundary condition:  $u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$  Separation of variables yields:

$$\Theta'' + \lambda\Theta = 0$$

$$r^2 R'' + rR' - \lambda R = 0$$

Note:  $\Theta$  must be periodic with period  $2\pi$ .

$$\lambda > 0 \implies \Theta = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}\theta) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\theta)$$

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Solution to

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Use series solutions!

Problem:  $x = 0$  is not an ordinary point.

Alternative method: guess  $R = r^s$

$$s = \pm \frac{\sqrt{4\lambda}}{2}$$

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# Putting this together

Most general solution so far:

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n (c_n \sin(n\theta) + k_n \cos(n\theta))$$

At  $r = a$ ,

$$u(a, \theta) = f(\theta) = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n (c_n \sin(n\theta) + k_n \cos(n\theta))$$

So,

$$c_n = \frac{1}{a^n \pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta$$

$$k_n = \frac{1}{a^n \pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta$$

# Work for next class

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- ▶ Read 10.5,10.7,10.8
- ▶ Homework 9 assigned but is not due! These are practice problems for the final.