

partial differential equations

types of partial equations

Heat Equation

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

v=constant

- Describes the temp distribution in a thin rod
- The 3D equation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = v \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$ describes the distribution in 3D objects
- Aka. Diffusion Equation

Wave Equation

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

- Describe the movement / vibration (of a string) / propagation of signals (in a coaxial cable)
- In 3D the equation; $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$ describes *electromagnetic waves and water waves*.

~These equations are linear, homogeneous, and second order.
 ~They have constant coefficients
 ∴ We can add two solution to get another

separation of variables

Heat Equation

1. Need to know initial temperature distribution, and temperature boundaries.

$$u(x, 0) = 1 \quad \text{initial condition}$$

$$u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0 \quad \text{boundary conditions}$$

2. Principal of Superposition

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} = v \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} = v \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x^2}$$

(add these two equations...)

$$\frac{\partial (u_1 + u_2)}{\partial t} = v \frac{\partial^2 (u_1 + u_2)}{\partial x^2}$$

($u_1 + u_2$ is also a solution... need to look for solutions that we can add in such a way that the boundary and initial conditions will both be satisfied)

$$\text{let } u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = XT'$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''T$$

$$XT' = vX''T$$

$$\frac{1}{v} \frac{T'}{T} = \frac{X''}{X} = k$$

k = constant of separation

3. Ordinary Differential Equations

$$T' - vkT = 0$$

$$X'' - kX = 0$$

4. 'k' - 3 Cases

i.

k > 0
let $k = q^2$ $X(x) = Ae^{qx} + Be^{-qx}$

boundary conditions
 $X(0) = 0 \rightarrow A + B = 0$
 $X(l) = 0 \rightarrow Ae^{ql} + Be^{-ql} = 0$
 $A = B = 0$
 ∴ Solution is trivial ∴ No good.

ii.

k = 0
 $X(x) = Ax + B$
 $A = B = 0$
 ∴ Solution is trivial ∴ No good.

iii.

k < 0
let $k = -p^2$ $X(x) = A \cos px + B \sin px$

boundary conditions
 $X(0) = 0 \rightarrow A = 0$
 $X(l) = 0 \rightarrow B \sin pl = 0$
 ∴ Solution is non-trivial ∴ Good!

$$\sin pl = 0$$

$$pl = \frac{n\pi}{1}$$

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

$$k = -p^2 = -\frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2}$$

$$X_n = B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

5. Use k value to find corresponding value of T_n

$$T' - vkT = 0$$

$$\dot{T}_n + \frac{v n^2 \pi^2}{l^2} T_n = 0$$

$$\dot{T}_n + \lambda_n^2 T_n = 0$$

$$\text{So } T_n = A_n e^{-\lambda_n^2 t}$$

6. Sub values for X_n and T_n back into first $u(x,t)$ equation

$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$$

$$u_n(x, t) = B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\lambda_n^2 t}$$

7. Satisfy Initial Conditions

$$u(x, t) = \sum_n u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} e^{-\lambda_n^2 t}$$

$$u(x, 0) = 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

- i. Use 1/2 Range Fourier Series to find B_n for the function $f(x) = 1$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{n\pi} & (n \text{ odd}) \\ 0 & (n \text{ even}) \end{cases}$$

8. Plug B_n value into sum equation + work out series

$$u(x, t) = \sum_n u_n(x, t)$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{l} e^{-\frac{(2n-1)^2\pi^2}{l^2} t}$$

Note: as $t \rightarrow 0, u \rightarrow \infty$. For large values of t, the temp is roughly proportional to $\sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$, as this part of the solution decays least rapidly.

Wave Equation

1. Initial and Boundary Conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad \text{initial conditions}$$

$$u_x(x, 0) = g(x)$$

$$u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0 \quad \text{boundary conditions}$$

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4. 'k' - 3 Cases

$$k = -\frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2}$$

$$X_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

5. Use k value to find corresponding value of T_n

$$T' - \lambda_n^2 T = 0 \quad \lambda_n = \frac{c n \pi}{l}$$

$$T_n = A_n \cos \lambda_n t + B_n \sin \lambda_n t$$

6. Sub values for X_n and T_n back into first $u(x,t)$ equation

$$u_n(x, t) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} (A_n \cos \lambda_n t + B_n \sin \lambda_n t)$$

7. Satisfy Initial Conditions

$$u(x, t) = \sum_n u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} (A_n \cos \lambda_n t + B_n \sin \lambda_n t)$$

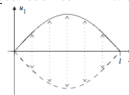
i. $u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$
 → hence, A_n is the coefficient of the 1/2-rang Fourier sine series of $f(x)$

ii. $u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} (-A_n \lambda_n \sin \lambda_n t + B_n \lambda_n \cos \lambda_n t)$

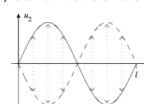
$$u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \lambda_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

→ hence, $B_n \lambda_n$ is the coefficients of the 1/2-rang Fourier sine series of $g(x)$

Note: each term in the series for $u(x,t)$ is a harmonic of the motion



n=1



n=2