

Non-homogeneous Equations / Non-homogeneous Boundary Conditions

1D heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \phi(x, t) \quad 0 < x < L, t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = A(t) \quad u(L, t) = B(t) \quad u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

Option 1 let $u(x, t) = v(x, t) + r(x, t)$
 where $r(x, t)$ satisfies $r(0, t) = A(t)$ $r(L, t) = B(t)$;
 $v(x, t)$ satisfies $v(0, t) = v(L, t) = 0$

$$\text{Then } v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \quad (\text{fast convergence})$$

$$b_n'(t) + \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 k b_n(t) = \bar{g}_n(t)$$

Option 2 let $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{b}_n(t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$

with slow convergence

Without term-by-term spatial differentiation, we can derive:

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$$\tilde{b}_n'(t) + \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 K b_n(t) = g_n(t)$$

$$-K \frac{2}{L} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right) [B(t)(-1)^n - A(t)] = \tilde{g}_n(t)$$

These terms come from boundary terms following the integration by parts

Option 1

Pros: * differentiation term by term allowed
* fast convergence

Cons: * Need the reference function $v(x, t)$

Option 2

Pros: * no reference function necessary

Cons: * no term by term differentiation allowed; need integration by parts instead

* slow convergence

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What if we change the type of non-homogeneous boundary conditions?

e.g. $\frac{du}{dx}(0,t) = A(t)$ $\frac{du}{dx}(L,t) = B(t)$

or $\frac{du}{dx}(0,t) = A(t)$ $u(L,t) = B(t)$

etc. ?

Option 1 and Option 2 same as before

with different (appropriate) eigenvalues/eigenfunctions

e.g. For $\frac{du}{dx}(0,t) = A(t)$ $\frac{du}{dx}(L,t) = B(t)$

Option 1 $v(x,t) = \dots$ with

$$\frac{dv}{dx}(0,t) = A(t) \quad \frac{dv}{dx}(L,t) = B(t)$$

$$v(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(t) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

Option 2 $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$

More abstractly, we are always using

$$v(x,t) = \sum_{\lambda} a_{\lambda}(t) \phi_{\lambda}(x) \quad \text{or}$$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{\lambda} a_{\lambda}(t) \phi_{\lambda}(x)$$

Now we can generalize Option 1, 2 to higher dimensions / different geometries / different operators

E.g. Vibrating Membranes given by the Non-homogeneous Wave Equation in 2D

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u + \phi(x,t) \quad u = u(x,t)$$

Keep the physically relevant zero-displacement boundary condition

$$u|_{\Omega} = 0$$

Initial displacement / velocity :

$$u(x,0) = \alpha(x) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = \beta(x)$$

Two methods to proceed

① Plug in $u(x,t) = \sum_i A_i(t) \phi_i(x)$ and differentiate term by term; ok because of the zero boundary condition.

② Integrate by parts

Here both methods yield the same result because of the zero boundary condition, but method 2 can be used for non-zero b.c.s

In both cases $\phi(x,t) = \sum_i q_i(t) \phi_i(x)$

Let's compare Methods 1, 2 for 2D Cartesian; then



$\sum_i A_i(t) \phi_i(x)$ is shorthand for

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn}(t) \sin \frac{m\pi y}{H} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

Method 1

$$\sum_i \frac{d^2 A_i(t)}{dt^2} \phi_i(x) = c^2 \sum_i (-\lambda_i) A_i(t) \phi_i(x) + \sum_i q_i(t) \phi_i(x)$$

Following from $\nabla^2 \phi_i(x) = -\lambda_i \phi_i(x)$

Use orthogonality: $\int \phi_i \phi_j dx = \int \phi_i^2 \delta_{ij} dx$

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{d^2 A_i(t)}{dt^2} + c^2 \lambda_i A_i(t) = q_i(t) \quad \boxed{\text{solve}}$$

where $q_i(t) = \frac{\int q \phi_i dx}{\int \phi_i^2 dx}$

$$\lambda_i = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m\pi}{H}\right)^2$$

Method 2

$$\sum_i \frac{d^2 A_i(t)}{dt^2} \phi_i(\underline{x}) = c^2 \nabla^2 u(\underline{x}, t) + \sum_j q_j(t) \phi_j(\underline{x})$$

Use orthogonality $\iint \phi_i \phi_j^* d\underline{x} = \iint \phi_i^2 \delta_{ij} d\underline{x}$

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{d^2 A_i(t)}{dt^2} = \frac{\iint c^2 \nabla^2 u \phi_i^* d\underline{x}}{\iint \phi_i^2 d\underline{x}} + q_i(t)$$

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Now integrate by parts twice

$$\iint \nabla^2 u \phi_i d\underline{x} = \iint u \nabla^2 \phi_i d\underline{x}$$

$$+ \oint \phi_i \nabla u \cdot \hat{n} dS - \oint u \nabla \phi_i \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

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boundary terms

here they are zero, but if not we may proceed ...

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$$A_i''(t) = \frac{\int c^2 u \nabla^2 \phi_i \, d\underline{x}}{\int \phi_i^2 \, d\underline{x}} + q_i(t)$$

$$= \frac{\int c^2 u (-\lambda_i) \phi_i \, d\underline{x}}{\int \phi_i^2 \, d\underline{x}} + q_i(t)$$

$$= -\lambda_i c^2 A_i(t) + q_i(t)$$

since $u(\underline{x}, t) = \sum_i A_i(t) \phi_i(\underline{x})$ and

$$A_i(t) = \frac{\int u \phi_i \, d\underline{x}}{\int \phi_i^2 \, d\underline{x}}$$

$A_i''(t) + \lambda_i c^2 A_i(t) = q_i(t)$ is the same
as Fr Method 1