

Quote of Homework Five

And the feeling is that there's something wrong, 'cause I can't find the words, and I can't find the songs.

Radiohead : Stop Whispering (1993)

1. CONSERVATION LAWS IN ONE-DIMENSION

Recall that the conservation law encountered during the derivation of the heat equation was given by,

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\kappa \nabla \cdot \phi = -\kappa \operatorname{div}(\phi),$$

which reduces to

$$(2) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\kappa \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R}$$

in one-dimension of space.<sup>1</sup> In general, if the function  $u = u(x, t)$  represents the density of a physical quantity then the function  $\phi = \phi(x, t)$  represents its flux. If we assume the  $\phi$  is proportional to the negative gradient of  $u$  then, from (2), we get the one-dimensional heat/diffusion equation.<sup>2</sup>

1.1. **Transport Equation.** Assume that  $\phi$  is proportional to  $u$  to derive, from (2), the convection/transport equation,  $u_t + cu_x = 0 \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

1.2. **General Solution to the Transport Equation.** Show that  $u(x, t) = f(x - ct)$  is a solution to this PDE.

1.3. **Diffusion-Transport Equation.** If both diffusion and convection are present in the physical system then the flux is given by,  $\phi(x, t) = cu - du_x$ , where  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Derive from, (2), the convection-diffusion equation  $u_t + \alpha u_x - \beta u_{xx} = 0$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

1.4. **Convection-Diffusion-Decay.** If there is also energy/particle loss proportional to the amount present then we introduce to the convection-diffusion equation the term  $\lambda u$  to get the convection-diffusion-decay equation.<sup>3</sup>

1.5. **General Importance of Heat/Diffusion Problems.** Given that,

$$(3) \quad u_t = Du_{xx} - cu_x - \lambda u.$$

Show that by assuming,  $u(x, t) = w(x, t)e^{\alpha x - \beta t}$ , (3) can be transformed into a heat equation on the new variable  $w$  where  $\alpha = c/(2D)$  and  $\beta = \lambda + c^2/(4D)$ .<sup>4</sup>

2. ONE DIMENSIONAL HEAT EQUATION WITH SOURCE TERM

Given,

$$(4) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + F(x, t),$$

where  $x \in (0, L)$  and  $t \in (0, \infty)$ , subject to

$$(5) \quad u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(L, t) = 0,$$

and

$$(6) \quad u(x, 0) = g(x).$$

<sup>1</sup>When discussing heat transfer this is known as Fourier's Law of Cooling. In problems of steady-state linear diffusion this would be called Fick's First Law. In discussing electricity  $u$  could be charge density and  $q$  would be its flux.

<sup>2</sup>AKA Fick's Second Law associated with linear non-steady-state diffusion.

<sup>3</sup>The  $u_{xx}$  term models diffusion of energy/particles while  $u_x$  models convection,  $u$  models energy/particle loss/decay. The final term should not be surprising! Wasn't the appropriate model for radioactive/exponential decay  $Y' = -\alpha^2 Y$ ?

<sup>4</sup>This shows that the general PDE (3), which models can be solved using heat equation techniques.

2.1. **Cosine Half-Range Expansion.** Let  $F(x, t) = e^{-t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}x\right)$  be the heat generation function. Find the Fourier cosine half-range expansion of  $F$ .

2.2. **General Solution.** Using the previous result, solve for  $G_n(t)$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  assuming that  $u(x, t) = G_0(t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) G_n(t)$ .

2.3. **Fourier Coefficients.** Assuming that  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2k}{L}x, & 0 < x < \frac{L}{2}, \\ \frac{2k}{L}(L-x), & \frac{L}{2} < x < L \end{cases}$ , solve for any unknown constants associated with the general solution.

### 3. TIME DEPENDENT BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

It makes sense to consider time-dependent interface conditions. That is, (4) and (6) subject to

$$(7) \quad u(0, t) = g(t), \quad u(L, t) = h(t), \quad t \in (0, \infty)$$

Show that this PDE transforms into:

$$(8) \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - S_t(x, t) \quad ,$$

$$(9) \quad x \in (0, L), \quad t \in (0, \infty), \quad c^2 = \frac{\kappa}{\rho\sigma}.$$

with boundary conditions and initial conditions,

$$(10) \quad w(0, t) = w(L, t) = 0,$$

$$(11) \quad w(x, 0) = F(x),$$

where  $F(x) = f(x) - S(x, 0)$  and  $S(x, t) = \frac{h(t) + g(t)}{L}x + g(t)$ .<sup>5</sup>

### 4. COORDINATE SYSTEMS, MULTIVARIATE CHAIN RULE AND THE LAPLACIAN

Recall that the Laplacian,  $\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz}$ , was a general term in the heat equation in  $\mathbb{R}^{3+1}$ . This is especially nice in Cartesian coordinates but if you change coordinates then the multivariate chain rule must be used to convert the associated derivatives. For example in polar coordinates  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $u_r(x, y) = u_r r_x + u_r r_y$ . For this reason the Laplacian changes form in cylindrical and spherical coordinates.

4.1. **Laplacian in Cylindrical Coordinates.** Show that if  $x = r \cos(\theta)$  and  $y = r \sin(\theta)$  then  $\Delta u = u_{rr} + r^{-1}u_r + r^{-2}u_{\theta\theta} + u_{zz}$ .

4.2. **Laplacian in Spherical Coordinates.** Show that if  $x = \rho \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi)$ ,  $y = \rho \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi)$  and  $z = \rho \cos(\phi)$  then  $\Delta u = u_{rr} + 2r^{-1}u_r + r^{-2}u_{\phi\phi} + r^{-2} \cot(\phi)u_\phi + r^{-2} \csc^2(\phi)u_{\theta\theta}$

### 5. STURM-LIOUVILLE PROBLEMS

A Sturm-Liouville eigenproblem is given by,

$$(12) \quad Lu = \frac{1}{w(x)} \left( -\frac{d}{dx} \left[ p(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right] + q(x)u \right) = \lambda u, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

whose nontrivial eigenfunctions must satisfy the boundary conditions,

$$(13) \quad l_1 u(a) + l_2 u'(a) = 0$$

$$(14) \quad r_1 u(b) + r_2 u'(b) = 0.$$

5.1. **Orthogonality of Solutions: Special Case.** Let  $l_2 = r_2 = 0$ ,  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \pi$ ,  $w(x) = 1$ ,  $p(x) = 1$  and  $q(x) = 0$  and show that (12) with (13)-(14) defines a set of an orthogonal functions.

5.2. **Orthogonality of Solutions: General Case (Extra Credit).** Let  $(\lambda_1, u_1)$  and  $(\lambda_2, u_2)$  be two different eigenvalue/eigenfunction pairs. Show that  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are orthogonal. That is, show that  $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = 0$  with respect to the inner-product defined by  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx$ .

5.3. **Bessel's Equation.** Show that if  $p(x) = x$ ,  $q(x) = \nu^2/x$  and  $w(x) = x/\lambda$  then (12) becomes  $x^2 u'' + x u' + (x^2 - \nu^2)u = 0$ , which is known as Bessel's equation of order  $\nu$ .

<sup>5</sup>A similar transformation can be found for the wave equation with inhomogeneous boundary conditions. The moral here is that time-dependent boundary conditions can be transformed into externally driven (AKA Forced or inhomogeneous) PDE with standard boundary conditions.

5.4. **Fourier Bessel Series.** A solution to Bessel's equation is for  $\nu = n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(15) \quad J_n(x) = x^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+n} m! (n+m)!}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

which is called Bessel's function of the first-kind of order  $n$ . Since these functions manifest from a SL problem they naturally orthogonal and have an orthogonality condition,

$$(16) \quad \langle J_n(xk_{n,m}), J_n(xk_{n,i}) \rangle = \int_0^R x J_n(xk_{n,m}) J_n(xk_{n,i}) dx = \frac{\delta_{mi}}{2} [R J_{n+1}(k_{nm}R)]^2.$$

Using this show that the coefficients in the Fourier-Bessel series,

$$(17) \quad f(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m J_n(k_{n,m}x),$$

are given by,

$$(18) \quad a_i = \frac{2}{R^2 J_{n+1}^2(k_{n,m}R)} \int_0^R x J_n(k_{n,i}R) f(x) dx, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$